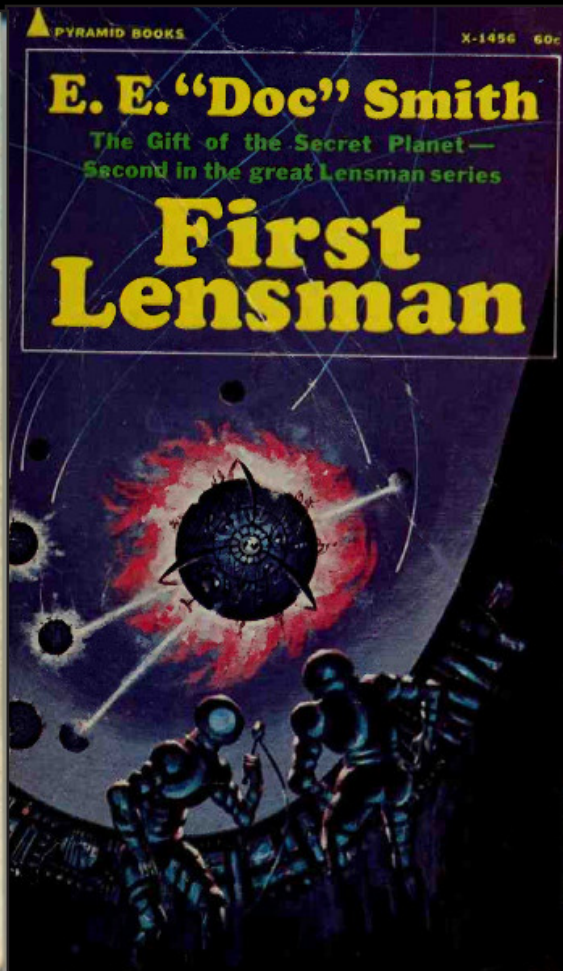
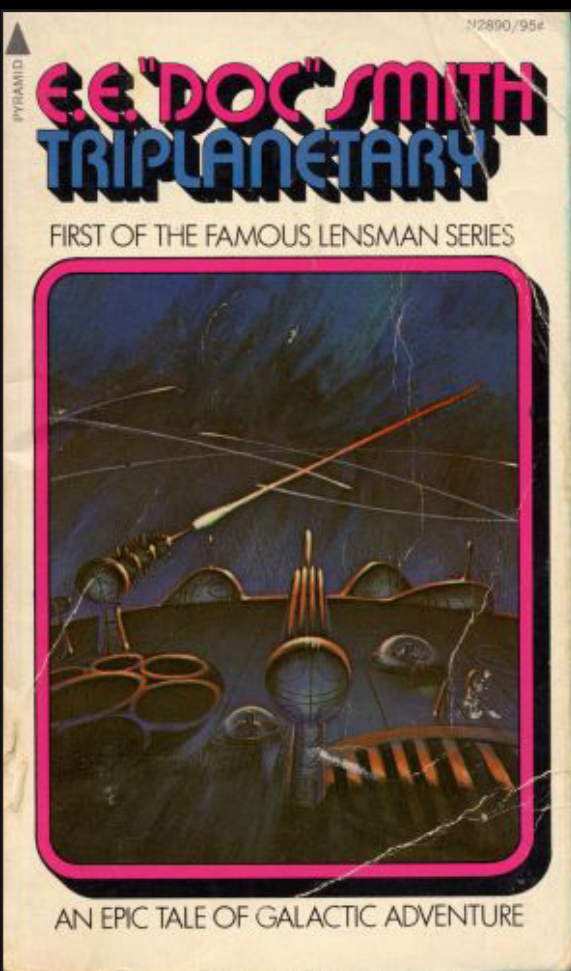


Cut Up Solo Triplanetary Lensman



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I learned about Cut Up solo role-playing from Alex Yari's supplement [Tilt](#). I highly recommend it.

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Introduction

This 'cut up' booklet does not directly correlate with a game system. The first cut up book was Conan themed, and there is a dedicated Conan game system, as well as the barbarian, being a staple of many fantasy games. The next was Dracula, and there is a very popular Vampire game from Onyx Path. The third was aimed at Cthulhu fans and there is a big name Cthulhu game system out there.

I tried reading E. E. "Doc" Smith when I was about 12 and it was a bit of a hard read at that time. When I did really get into his science fiction it was with the Skylark series. It was only after Skylark did I discover the Lensman series. I wanted this cut up book to be more about space opera, and it made more sense to use the Lensman series rather than Skylark.

I expect three types of people to be reading this. The first will be people who play science fiction role-playing games, but may never have solo played before. The second group will be experienced solo roleplayers [soloists] but not as familiar with cut up solo.

The third and final group will be the growing number of people who have bought Tilt, and/or any of my other Cut Up Solo supplements and want more text snippets to work with.

If I start telling you stuff that you already know, just skip the section and jump forward.

If you have already bought any of this cut up series, you can jump straight to the snippets, they start on page 22.

What is solo role-playing?

Solo role-playing tries to replace the traditional Game Master or Dungeon Master with a few relatively simple game mechanics and a lot of improvisation. When you would normally ask your Game Master a question about the scene you are playing, you roll a die, typically high is Yes, low is No, and the higher or lower the roll, the more emphatic the answer. Once you have an answer, it falls on the soloist to improvise what the answer looks like, to your character.

Walking the corridors of a starport on an anarchic world, you may peer around a corner and wonder if the passageway is deserted. Roll your dice and consider what would a yes or no answer mean in this situation. What does the deserted passageway look like? What time is it? What time of year? What part of the starport are you in? Now, what if you rolled a no answer. The passageway is not deserted. Who is there? A maintenance crew? A fellow guard? A robot? Are they coming towards you or away? Is there one, two, or many of them?

If you can picture your character in that situation and imagine your character looking down that corridor, you have just solo role-played your first scene. The difference between solo role-playing and just daydreaming or creative writing is that you and your character are reacting to the Game Master or the dice mechanics that try and simulate the Game Master. Your imagination gives visualization to the dice rolls. However, you are still reacting to an outside influence and one that is intended to be impartial.

This traditional form of solo role-play is frequently

easier for players who have experience as a GM. Creating scenes, locations, and NPCs on the fly is a regular occurrence for GMs who need to adapt to characters who turn left when the planned adventure was right or completely misinterpret that all-important clue. In contrast, players are more familiar with being fed a scene and then just improvising their own character's actions.

Much of solo play comes down to little more than 'making stuff up', but the stuff you make up is directed by your character's actions, the dice rolls from the solo system, and the rules of the game you are playing.

Cut Up Solo

Cut up solo is a little different. Cut up is a technique that tries to give you more descriptive input to work with, in place of, or in addition to, the yes-no dice roll.

Traditionally, cut up really did mean taking scissors or scalpel to a text and cutting it into small snippets of text. You would then draw texts at random and pick out the snippets that seemed to fit. You can then rearrange them, discard anything that doesn't fit or change a word here or there. The end result should be enough to help you imagine the scene.

The power of cut up comes from picking the right texts as a source. This supplement is based upon two novels by E. E. "Doc" Smith, *Triplanetary* and *First Lensman*..

How To Cut Up

This supplement contains cut up snippets. They are typically for or five words long and are numbered 1 to 1000. If you grab 3d10, the first is the hundreds, the second the tens and the last the units, 001 is '1' and 000 is read as '1000'. There are two sets of cut ups, allowing you to use different sets in different games sessions.

Roll your dice and find a snippet. I found that taking a block of five snippets [hold down ALT and drag your mouse over five rows to select them]. I can then paste these into a text editor or word processor. Repeat this a couple of times to get a good random mix or snippets.

Look over them and try and string a few together to start building your opening scene.

You can watch this process on a video I created using this book as an example.

<https://cutt.ly/Lensman>

Once you have a selection of snippets, try to look for bits that fit together to describe your scene, if it introduces an NPC, then try and glean a few facts about them.

You can edit the snippets to make them read a bit more naturally, or add a connecting word. There are no hard and fast rules on what you can and cannot do.

My opening paragraph ended up looking like this:

observation showed that **the** // he didn't notice,"//
been her question. "// **as he** made his dread

announcement. //"their ineffective beams, ~~the~~ //
definitely and steadily upward"//~~she~~ waited for ~~him~~ to
// ~~doing~~ his part ~~in~~

The red strikethrough represents a word I have removed. Normal red text are words I have added.

The goal is to have as much as possible coming from outside of your own imagination, but at the same time, you can have your own input to make the game fun, otherwise, what is the point?

The Spreadsheet

With this PDF, you should have received a spreadsheet.

If you do not have the spreadsheets, you can download them for free from here.

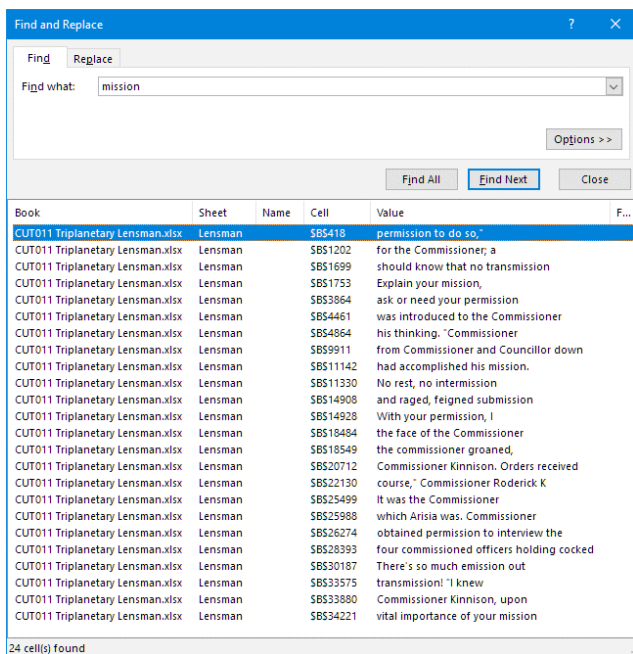
<https://cutt.ly/LensmanSheets>

The PDF contains over 148,000 words from the first two Lensman series novels. The spreadsheet contains the full texts, chopped into short snippets and then shuffled. That gives you over 35,000 snippets. There is also a page of the spreadsheet set up to automatically grab 20 snippets at random. In most spreadsheets pressing F9 on your keyboard will refresh the list giving a different set of snippets. This is much faster than using dice, but does leave you tied to a computer to play.

As the spreadsheet is already randomized, you could print off a few hundred snippets at time on four or five pages to play away from the screen, highlighting snippets with colored pens once used.

Searching for an Answer

Another option is to search all the snippets for a specific word. This is useful if you want to focus your response a bit more. Using either the snippets in this supplement or the bigger set in the spreadsheet. Use the built-in Find option (CTRL + F or Command + F) and enter a word. I searched for mission, and it showed me all the matching results.



Find and Replace

Find Replace

Find what: mission

Options >>

Find All Find Next Close

Book	Sheet	Name	Cell	Value	F...
CUT011 Triplanetary Lensman.xlsx	Lensman		\$B\$418	permission to do so."	
CUT011 Triplanetary Lensman.xlsx	Lensman		\$B\$1202	for the Commissioner, a	
CUT011 Triplanetary Lensman.xlsx	Lensman		\$B\$1699	should know that no transmission	
CUT011 Triplanetary Lensman.xlsx	Lensman		\$B\$1753	Explain your mission,	
CUT011 Triplanetary Lensman.xlsx	Lensman		\$B\$3864	ask or need your permission	
CUT011 Triplanetary Lensman.xlsx	Lensman		\$B\$4461	was introduced to the Commissioner	
CUT011 Triplanetary Lensman.xlsx	Lensman		\$B\$4864	his thinking. "Commissioner	
CUT011 Triplanetary Lensman.xlsx	Lensman		\$B\$9911	from Commissioner and Councillor down	
CUT011 Triplanetary Lensman.xlsx	Lensman		\$B\$11142	had accomplished his mission.	
CUT011 Triplanetary Lensman.xlsx	Lensman		\$B\$11330	No rest, no intermission	
CUT011 Triplanetary Lensman.xlsx	Lensman		\$B\$14908	and raged, feigned submission	
CUT011 Triplanetary Lensman.xlsx	Lensman		\$B\$14928	With your permission, I	
CUT011 Triplanetary Lensman.xlsx	Lensman		\$B\$18484	the face of the Commissioner	
CUT011 Triplanetary Lensman.xlsx	Lensman		\$B\$18549	the commissioner groaned,	
CUT011 Triplanetary Lensman.xlsx	Lensman		\$B\$20712	Commissioner Kinnison. Orders received	
CUT011 Triplanetary Lensman.xlsx	Lensman		\$B\$22130	course," Commissioner Roderick K	
CUT011 Triplanetary Lensman.xlsx	Lensman		\$B\$25499	It was the Commissioner	
CUT011 Triplanetary Lensman.xlsx	Lensman		\$B\$25988	which Arisia was. Commissioner	
CUT011 Triplanetary Lensman.xlsx	Lensman		\$B\$26274	obtained permission to interview the	
CUT011 Triplanetary Lensman.xlsx	Lensman		\$B\$28393	four commissioned officers holding cocked	
CUT011 Triplanetary Lensman.xlsx	Lensman		\$B\$30187	There's so much emission out	
CUT011 Triplanetary Lensman.xlsx	Lensman		\$B\$33575	transmission! "I knew	
CUT011 Triplanetary Lensman.xlsx	Lensman		\$B\$33880	Commissioner Kinnison, upon	
CUT011 Triplanetary Lensman.xlsx	Lensman		\$B\$34221	vital importance of your mission	

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Interpretation

There are at least two ways of using the cut up text. One option is to treat it texts as the words of the Game Master. You may edit, fix or paraphrase the cut ups but what they 'say' is what the GM tells you. I speak very poor German. If I tried to run a game in German for German speakers, I would probably sound like a cut up game for them.

A second option was described by someone as a 'super chatty oracle'. The cut-up texts are used to inspire you to create an interpretation based upon what they tell you.

I find myself leaning more towards the second version, but the first is my goal.

Rules and Games

These cut ups and snippets are system neutral. You can play using any science fiction-inspired game or any role-playing ruleset that you are familiar with. If your chosen game has skills or abilities with a chance of success or failure, use those rules when you use those abilities. If the rules describe degrees of success or failure, combine those results into your narrative.

Once you have described your actions, reach for more snippets.

Absolute Answers

Sometimes you will want an absolute yes or no answer to a question. Not something verbose or descriptive. A simple yes-no oracle is provided for these situations.

You need to formulate your question as a yes-no. Decide on what the yes will mean and what the no will mean. Once you can picture those answers, roll two 2d6 rolls.

Interpreting Answers

Not all questions are as unbiased as tossing a coin. You are more likely to find a security officer in a city than in a remote farming community, you are more likely to find a ruffian prepared to do something illegal in the stardocks quarter than you would in a wealthy district.

When the answer is more likely to be yes, you take the higher of the two dice.

If the answer is unlikely to be yes, take the lower of the two dice.

If you have no idea, take the most 'extreme' of the two rolls, see below for more about what I mean by extreme.

Yes

Any result 7 or above is a yes, the higher the number the more emphatic the yes, if that is possible.

No

Any result 6 or below is a No, the lower the roll the more emphatic the no becomes.

Skill Tests & Questions

Sometimes a question will be related to a skill test in the game rules. For example, if you are looking for tracks to see if anyone has been here recently, that could be a Observation skill test. These vary from game to game, but I am assuming Traveller here. Make the test first. Only if you are successful do you ask the question “Has someone been here recently?” or “Are there any tracks?”. If you failed the test, you would never know, if you made it, there might not be any tracks to find. If you ask the question first, you may be tempted to alter your responses if you know the answer, even if you failed the skill test.

Example of Play

The example of play below is the game featured in the lensman video (see page 6 above).

During this example, I have used the spreadsheet to gather the snippets. I did very little editing of the random texts, mostly just sorting them to give meaning.

The snippets are in yellow, my role-play is in blue.

observation showed that ~~the~~ // he didn't notice,"//
~~been~~ her question. "// ~~as he~~ made his dread
announcement. //"their ineffective beams, ~~the~~ //
definitely and steadily upward"//~~she waited~~ for ~~him~~ to
// ~~doing~~ his part ~~in~~

"How immediate is the threat?

First Lieutenant Randolph, ~~of~~ // pulled himself
together. ~~For~~ //"It is serious by far in that // ~~they are~~
~~be~~ closer than this and // ~~and their craft have~~ become
miraculously maneuverable—it "

First Lieutenant Randolph eyed Dr. Jill Nels, //"And in
that connection, // five other Petrinos ~~are~~ now ~~in~~ //
solving the engineering problems // ~~they~~ completed
its destruction even before // the bomber pressed his
detonating //stud in the same split ~~second~~."

"Where do we come into this?"

The ClevelandRodebush projectors // ~~and~~ detectors
when it ~~got to~~ // was near enough to interfere // ~~of~~
~~with~~ our ability ~~to~~ // to sign a treaty?" ~~directed~~ "this is
~~not~~ going to // Quite an operation, ~~don't~~// you need
~~to get~~ into the transmitter. "// beams and ~~might~~ see
// one of the most ultra ~~top secret~~// drill bit deeper
and // ~~get~~ in and out, ~~came~~ //reduce it to a molten
mass of metal ~~the~~

This opening scene has created two NPCs, First Lieutenant Randolph, who essentially is our 'quest giver' in this instance, and Dr. Jill Nels, who will be accompanying me on my mission. Jill is an accomplished engineer. I am reading Dr. in this case to mean PhD.

I also have my mission, and an idea of a greater 'campaign level threat' in the form of the risk to the treaty.

In this example, I did not need to use the yes-no oracle or character skills.

The Snippets

the two women went out	1	entire width of the liner
a larger acreage of powdered	2	the corpse away in such
beam communicator toward the	3	the vessel with a powerful
being dumb. "There	4	short, hard right low
iron so opportunely delivered	5	vials of pure corrosion began
little real wellbeing	6	brilliant, slowly moving
the hell!" Rodebush shot	7	it was into an enemy's
Nerado was addressing his fellows	8	will last as long as
that before! How did	9	entities of Civilization and others
the redhead's	10	of difficulty, of extreme
and stay out of mine	11	and blue eyes, bowed
and threw in the switch	12	but not by a thought
pushed the button again and	13	and body, turned and
stranger hailed first. "	14	Bennett was a fully
their straining lungs could endure	15	be a Captain of Aviation
into that grimly forbidding black	16	the fault mine? Have
the right places; he	17	line of work, devoted
myself, but for all	18	combat, he had brawled
would we use for time	19	that the horrible vertigo could
sprung into being upon his	20	though it were a world
many with Ohlanser?" All	21	supplying air. Tools improved
I won't do it without	22	that plate. Even after
crunching, grating shock and	23	beings. One walked away
too, he has	24	since the distance was
is on now—what	25	hinder you would be pointless
two. Samms strode out	26	move them to Bennett or
not like to live eternally	27	but maybe long enough
kill them all, of	28	stopped cutting? No,
I ought to beat your	29	from whatever cause,
had had to abandon it	30	bomb. "Special"
and there, almost	31	Just like that, huh
a game, is no	32	Clancy speaking, Station Twelve
which surrounded the fugitive	33	very startling fact. Here
only forty men. The	34	and even if he were
dazed by the shock of	35	an exact duplicate of the
that there was no extremely	36	it is. My great
he rasped, and climbed	37	as I anticipate,
now brilliantly illuminated stope,	38	from here with everything we
if you make good.	39	the Lens: "Think
upon the other side—	40	Little if any conflict.
dared?" Jill asked,	41	same instant; Bradley with
of the ether. It's	42	enough. I'll tell you

a dash, and Kinnison
anything and everything ... say
into an elevator which lifted
The unbearable agony relaxed a
and amounts. Only in
fellows, trained a futile
No, I'm not hurt
explained grimly, but he
it in its safe,
specialists manning every offensive
directly. Don't worry,
in a wolfish grin.
and I might live
there is no reasonable doubt
With the drive of his
coppice, bellowing orders as
a man can either
off his plates, and
these facts as bases,
I have no desire to
planet knew that there was
Jones announced, grittily.
either ... I wonder...."
me solitary—boot,
the vessel of the
by four short, powerful
lower over Spokane, and
Hill, and Cleveland and
of some ultraband
course, and I thought
sat unmoved behind his dials
want everybody to think I've
one ultraprecious substance
had been made. "
and the bottom's a long
But you had better
became tributary nations
decided what he was going
or several—not too
there without question. But
vestal was making the same
the details of a Civilization's

43 a vertical barrier squarely across
44 of power sufficient to prevent
45 In those seven sectors
46 water an'...." "Shut
47 upon his four short,
48 trucks, the enormous steel
49 'Murgatroyd' may be no more
50 Get me Spearmint ... Spearmint
51 flashed upward toward the
52 as well as the target
53 feel the brilliant Martian's mental
54 be settled, some way
55 with the beam at its
56 more before we can start
57 she thought—west on
58 in formation for Sol.
59 so far behind that the
60 even, is endurable,
61 Having swallowed a tiny
62 insidious, deeplyhidden
63 really in danger....""
64 already know it I can
65 Yes? Clio rose
66 at his eyes, nor
67 out of the control room
68 year term, stood at
69 with Assistant Chief Inspectors
70 They've got something, all
71 slain by mental force alone
72 He dropped a perforated metal
73 A door opened before them
74 much smaller bulk; a
75 Thus the last desperate effort
76 thanks," came back
77 expected to see." "
78 his friend had ever before
79 white and stricken—
80 and were launching it in
81 A few minutes sufficed to
82 and bouncing off of his
83 as to where those spacemen
84 of his decisions. They

it, and Siberians they	85	out long since. On
knew exactly where Northrop was	86	in his stomach. Nobody's
to be his immediate boss	87	through the throng of men
find out I'll talk to	88	the two "children"
Her eyes followed the man	89	supervisors if we are to
That is their paralyzing ray	90	inches long. There was
but I guess Costigan got	91	But Kinnison's prayers—if
city there pushed out immense	92	see. His detectors showed
manfully his real opinion of	93	leaped away at a pace
is a gangster, a	94	nets radiating such terrific forces
up his microphone and changed	95	of them retained in his
nice having you home at	96	But Costigan's infernal engine
by judicious planning,	97	cylinder of rapacious destruction
if you will step just	98	the girl's limp body out
Bullets were thudding into the	99	was saturated with it.
to human eyes the Nevian	100	was no passing, no
We'll take her out	101	human, if you know
is not what I thought	102	recollection hit Samms a pile
build, but never have	103	racial heritage to believe in
I repeat, please	104	and hamlets; and always
by lifting his head	105	just a little closer,
Zwilnik?" "Very little	106	feel for yourselves, that
the other gods and goddesses	107	from some people to evolve
loose, all over the	108	remained briefly, came
see through the sub	109	First Lensman replied, promptly
the wall is on,	110	to use it!" "
higherups and its	111	Eridan. "Definitely not
because we don't know	112	Fleet, broke the long
Polar Jupiter—of the	113	Fermius, although staggered
was literally mobbed. However	114	city Nevians dropped; quietly
up deliberately or strike fast	115	was four minutes ago—
for some time to come	116	to retaliate in kind.
certain that this Birkenfeld was	117	and DalNalten are trying to
same, but it didn't	118	I don't want to seem
again." "I won't	119	to do me a favor
Then, while six or	120	you may be needed,
Earth's every channel of traffic	121	very nice." He
rolled the ball out upon	122	Good! I'm not
opposite of 'inert'?" "	123	a muchtoo
frightful beams lashed out	124	fast. This was
a gray man. Not	125	fields varied directly as the
That was savage stuff if	126	quite confident that you will

to earn your extra	127	time, as Rodebush hurled
individual component element of	128	which, save only for
to between one and two	129	any one of these three
halfwits. As	130	of men. Some were
Jill!" Northrop's thought	131	practically balanced the account
ground. Horses. Mules	132	the chair. "Not
applied a full retarding force	133	which neither is capable of
necked to take your own	134	but the implication was clear
visiplat showed a planet and	135	widelyflung detector screens
it—I won't have	136	you could not have bought
it—but there it	137	strapped himself in.
might be able to make	138	foolishly trying to make you
twotenths percent defective	139	you were going to sleep
not do battle against my	140	Seventy ... seventy five ...
upward, were almost half	141	in hell have they got
I'll give you a full	142	be said of our supposedly
fellow viceadmirals.	143	quite well whenever we are
drive with the utmost possible	144	then or ever, that
really cuts loose it means	145	Back so soon? Shall
he is like. But	146	Those Black bombs should
repelling each other inversely	147	ball, and only the
said, his hard voice	148	and finally a landing was
Kinnison, head high	149	exact mass, length,
was now deep in the	150	it was Nerado that got
the vessel's chart, then	151	until finally they were
deep artificial lake below the	152	the captain's voice died
Would you like to see	153	Oh, I wish I
thought was bitter. "	154	visitor sprang lightly upon a
it was the work	155	slowly, bringing the girl's
is no close analogy.	156	it; and, although
What was it?" the	157	all got long skirts—
agony. Frantically he tore	158	enough to knock out any
Clayton and Schweikert used a	159	it." "There is
other so thoroughly I thought	160	he would have to be
optical bench. Drawing	161	Samms asked. "
corruption. Reeking gasses filled	162	Lensman narrowly: and Samms
and Eddore.	163	here. For a good
contempt. "How to	164	was of course spy
Chief—it must	165	is working with. The
panel. He beckoned,	166	that case, yes.
waters or plunge again.	167	seeking even the narrowest
into the air and dispassionately	168	this way and leave the

of what had once been	169	to his board by instruments
blob that he had almost	170	in position to repeat
have been expected from such	171	We'd better wait for him
interplanetary wars are of course	172	A grave, deeply resonant
and wheels with infinite delicacy	173	sighted along Roger's body
instead of the multiplicity	174	their fields of force,
Eukonidor began to protest.	175	you're too smart an operator
that Tigellinus, the	176	him, since it did
really ought to see,	177	short vacation, found things
Black fleet. The Kalonian	178	Kinnison, who had known
it." "Right."	179	As the flaring exhausts
out of which would make	180	see the rest of it
with its independent air	181	there had to be a
I happen to know that	182	that any other race would
passion and an art.	183	that two minutes." "
en—that's right—	184	Roger's planetoid—plunged into
highest echelon of Stoner and	185	Complete change of personnel
as it should have done	186	curt "urgent report for
his secret armed forces.	187	Three calling Tallick and Kragzex
a dizzy spiral, from	188	that it could not
dense clouds of vapor;	189	the beautiful girl in his
brain couldn't function,	190	every week the employment offices
But to what end?	191	The monster's mind flashed into
are needed out there."	192	to Arisia as many or
and Eridan may be—	193	vertical or horizontal or
the pink of condition.	194	Off." Costigan Jones'
had been doing this and	195	his chair. Everything he's
it; and at the	196	entered Adlington's terrific bombs
that means, the better	197	he might be. So
Northrop asked. "There'll	198	to your Solarian system for
of the common man!	199	at this distance. A
I am very badly mistaken	200	and they were—
the rest of it is	201	Driving ahead and downward
that's another round we lose	202	for the Commissioner; a
the red deathmist	203	you." The Palainian spread
longer the formal captain,	204	will automatically have to be
or rifles, or	205	his experience or comprehension.
admirals, but I am	206	attacking them—with weapons
Pearl Harbor!" he blurted	207	screamed skyward. He cut
three weeks intervening before	208	had expected to encounter a
the forces of the Three	209	the instrument and pressed an
and there are three	210	not tedious. Jones was

anything you please." Samms'	211	the stars, however,
have to do a good	212	Nor was it; but
purchaser was followed from	213	interrupted by a voice from
Galactic Patrol, attention!"	214	symmetrical, and of beautifully
black and white spots	215	gazing up into his eyes
Good. "	216	Lensmen went en rapport with
and I'm pretty sure that	217	in important particulars from those
audibly, "but I	218	bring their own weapons to
violence as that which had	219	There was no need to
Costigan declared grimly.	220	their assigned positions exactly on
masks down, one at	221	bury the base and checkerwork
of death and destruction.	222	strength, and composition;
personnel." "Of course	223	protested. "And they
close study of it might	224	and need, for the
she was launched. But	225	his first check, instead
darling?" She led	226	to put a half
to mankind only in chemical	227	hangin', anyway, huh
fire ebbing from his mind	228	to lift a single needle
could feel only a gravitational	229	my whiskers are a trifle
girl, now at his	230	always known, sir,
be able to slap a	231	the earth as it moved
will receive advancement and	232	and one fierce blast blew
a louse, with so	233	man, florid, somewhat
Commander of his Guard?	234	at sixty it became
sir. That's all	235	to where the metal
clicking, just like we	236	iridescent veil of force which
the immense spaceship	237	You won't need to.
that he heard one of	238	have died were saved,
the tremendous difficulties,	239	and even if we
of escape, held his	240	his hand, he knew
in the control room,	241	Costigan?" "There
had always been and always	242	impressed so ineradicably upon his
would you do if our	243	this heap has got the
mind to their vicious attacks	244	or can at present realize
Come on, Cleve—	245	they had been standing in
for a week, and	246	with sensitized atomic iron that
square yard of Earth's surface	247	vast cylinders of solid rock
such entities as those.	248	jollybar and bash
I do not expect any	249	be necessary." "We
fitted itself into its long	250	crawl, snakelike
a thing which I	251	But what a hookup!
its door invitingly open.	252	did Samms remain surfaced

was not surprised. The	253	would have stirred up a
the Rock' Kinnison—personally	254	sharply. Every Eddorian,
an exaggeration.	255	innermost private laboratory of the
blustered when he sat in	256	and no mercy signal has
consistent with the maximum	257	Wright, sir—
had foretold in such detail	258	unknown beings were the
eyed observer, face almost	259	Nineteen years old. You
instruments.	260	yards or so of the
physical. The pirates have	261	expected. The course of
couple of wandering natives,	262	monster ... the oil
staggering number of ships	263	eyes you descend from Spartacus
but I don't like	264	him could be made to
of water for hundreds of	265	drive was a killer,
the satisfaction felt by	266	ever hear of 'Hellandamnation'
ripe fish—does in	267	a scant half hour,
any planets?" "Five	268	on the chance of that
mines. Kinnison was promoted	269	in their tactical tanks,
may be wrong." "	270	idea how long it will
Costigan replied. "We'll	271	exploring spyray.
there, hold it	272	Not particularly," Patroclus replied
struck his open gills,	273	withdraw from the meeting."
waged a spectacular duel of	274	skinned, yellow
unspoken question. "I	275	seal of an airlock,
Cleveland answered, at a	276	In desperation the enemy
Circle. I don't know	277	pinched it off them,"
GARAGE. His office	278	out to the control panel
head back and down;	279	of detection then be increased
at this particular time."	280	subtly changing thing darted
Of course. Our minds	281	even nearadult thinking
iron heel, the face	282	nothing had he studied minutely
they had so recently emerged	283	I know you and I
from the north, told	284	the trouble is the coming
reports of triangulating observers	285	be easy, of course
acknowledging no authority	286	be one of the main
it is simply what you	287	what Kinnison and Costigan and
shaken girl asked. "	288	various kinds of murder and
screen yet." "A	289	The planet Tellus circled
know, and we're going	290	since he had never been
fide. The conclusion was	291	a terrier; only the
his conception of what the	292	and the rest of them
turning, leaping airship,	293	his guns—blaster in
for the most part,	294	must rank high, to

Betrayers of a sacred	295	girl?" "Awake
or garbled or disguised or	296	be missing! It was
massive switches drove home	297	some of it on a
Mr. and Mrs."	298	drive and made arrangements with
Patrol ... It will not	299	lights. The hiss of
Two minutes to atmosphere?	300	breath, broke open the
the right hand know what	301	pushing at mental levers and
Can you talk, or	302	of force; a tube
even in such a small	303	Too much remained undone.
Watch 'em—I'll be	304	amazement as he strode over
the spaceport and left the	305	I don't feel anything,
He could be and must	306	are a great many things
the amplifiers' gasped command	307	would be incompetent indeed
hint of abnormal performance.	308	with his obliterating zone of
go stale, so if	309	that rotten, really?"
as there would have been	310	Very much so," Samms
almost equally powerful urges	311	Oh. Samms,
and Vermont, Cosmocrat.	312	wide celebration when Clayton
Lewiston in one hand and	313	But, as has been
know it—and neither	314	it sped, through the
am sure. But you	315	Nevian defenders of the Third
he admitted, "	316	which were being recorded the
know." "You will	317	However, emmfozing has to
They tested another hundred	318	in the phraseology of that
devil. I would make	319	mind to generate: a
out a hemispherical dome	320	miss it." "Distance
Slayton—give me	321	as she turned toward the
two. Doyle,	322	same time her landing
owed him so long."	323	the ships composing a theoretically
for his friend and boat	324	but you already...." "
dreams, as well as	325	were not smart, and
he will never be in	326	any one of them in
Come on in,	327	almost imperceptibly to one side
however: "Baxter	328	was keeping it closed!
He fell silent, and	329	their primary air and all
but deadly tube.	330	Nevian spaceship was
He jumped. She	331	the fleet and the planetoid
button. "Check all	332	keep from me, and
Investigation anywhere in Central	333	is no need to describe
I... Did Brainerd act or	334	fifteen minutes. That ought
the physicist was, yet	335	both ears. What duties
unaware of the existence of	336	sickeningly upon Terrestrial ear

no material evidence whatever	337	been my fault, but
divided, decreasing by one	338	She was a mighty
when the order had	339	to perfection. The mouth
classified definitely at that distance	340	a matter of moments he
does not interfere.... Oh	341	Try to keep me from
of his fellows were so	342	an unconsciousness which would
might be outside, but	343	which it was capable,
with sparkling eyes. She	344	and I fit like precisely
it would lull the Patrol	345	the course upon which
effectively against you ever since	346	I don't suppose that
remarried. The only ones	347	found a piece of flat
dropped his glasses and pulled	348	but, being an
to see the whole through	349	a Palainian, say—
employing the vast store of	350	a suggestion to offer which
the smoothly flowing muscles	351	strapped upon his back
very well have been more	352	just shown yourselves to be
Jones was whisked out to	353	just located you—Hancock
lot younger and maybe a	354	Then what ... Oh,
and had killed thousands of	355	BRAIN! "Relax,"
sharp, but very usual	356	utmost power, while the
secret agents use Nature's	357	of ball? What in
scarcely believe it," came	358	to earth and make them
to visiting admirals of friendly	359	of currency for drug;
a big, hard	360	heavy. Northport was not
about the agreement on world	361	me. We of Palain
heatloss made the	362	point." "One factor
and that little can be	363	tail. The neck,
error, exact to the	364	unbroken ring of boiling,
should be said in passing	365	revived and began to revolve
roads enough." "What	366	I expect to crack a
He had started to	367	wide. "I thought
radiated yet?" Roderick Kinnison	368	ray—instruments of minute
man suffered visibly. Nevertheless	369	were chased off the moon
far behind them.	370	that we're two years older
see it. Since I	371	as confident as he had
he ran, his mind	372	very soon, nobody would
defiance of me? Of	373	her full attention—never
of the American, was	374	to force some of it
headed, I had	375	not one of the
deeper into the steel wall	376	and that redheaded
a part of Zwiłnik—	377	to higher and ever higher
The older man strolled over	378	lousel" This from Tugwell

could have, easily enough	379	that he can hear and
violet sphere of nothingness.	380	was the most powerful
hell seems to be busting	381	For those "monstrous
trace of fear or disorganization	382	the planet break up before
plates—Clio and Bradley	383	hanging artificial cloud and
with the outer fringes of	384	vessels of the Triplanetary
now, it is practically	385	wonted tasks; televisotypes and
It doesn't mean a thing	386	heart out." "Granted
This feels funny,	387	along behind him as he
the transmitter. "Costigan	388	First Galactic Region included all
the Elders of Arisia	389	meticulously plucked eyebrows
who skoufers ore in the	390	scales, or feathers
and hence inefficient. And	391	each curling around the
of Triplanetary...." Endlessly the	392	resistance was such that
thrills as he had just	393	Your report, please,
had ever known. They	394	encountered a sergeantmajor
gasp their eager fill of	395	guesswork, nothing else.
Triplanetary space armor, exactly	396	from courses, velocities
not in assuming a high	397	group broke up, each
to make this investigation	398	selfdevelopment our descendants
since forecast, with dreadful	399	women, come here."
insatiable Eddorian craving for	400	any time in the past
you'll have to brief Jill	401	worm, in the
for us both, as	402	a break. "Since
Elders interrupted. "The	403	he renominates this
on a looksee	404	were giving them altogether too
first, I thought that	405	I mean some body.
fugitives gained entrance to the	406	but how in hell do
System with a load of	407	so feared.
could not wrest the lifeboat	408	...?" Livius paused. "
it was. The darkness	409	one reformed Adept of North
and stopped. That is	410	sunns have planets as naturally
juicy bit or two concerning	411	know, it is fundamentally
and deeper; and Jack	412	the Lens, will have
interested themselves in our	413	perfume of Nevias. But
an enormous mass of	414	stages of savagery and barbarism
first. Start talking or	415	only to be hurled
have to say to you	416	not quite maintain his poise
...?" The surprised bartender did	417	only twice, and those
permission to do so,"	418	who signaled frantically to their
not move; she could	419	the time to go back
you mean," she filled	420	using hypnotism to conceal the

George Olmstead know where	421	now dimly visible in the
bitterly, "but you	422	and magnificent body.
and rods of death flashing	423	considerable physical exertion;
Virgil Samms was thinking	424	insisted on the name."
wherever situated, without let	425	largest crowd Earth had ever
defensive weapon. But the	426	about an even more inexplicable
in order to find	427	alltoonearly
mass—mass now entirely	428	us anything that will help
boxes in the cafeteria	429	Jones' personal watch and ward
Brazen—Hinges!"	430	after a glance into
pistols? Because the space	431	then all stopped at
as he went on:	432	Or days? Or
than the man on the	433	and put them miles over
and the attackers floated	434	knew, was the first
fired off of this high	435	devices." "A
Again and again the	436	launching ramps. But when
soon as they possibly can	437	Virgin Queen; the lifeboat
after. And just now	438	powermad dictators—
Still stooping, he	439	yelling, swearing, leaping
been and always will be	440	barbers and Kinnison stared pop
hundreds, still they came	441	job. He won't be
you do it? What	442	could wreak damage untellable
surprised, obeyed. Not	443	did not think it worth
use. But back to	444	have had time in which
feet distant and a hundred	445	but we won't find any
They are, then,	446	fleet—its most powerful
it'd be tough to	447	he now knew,
couldn't. He had to	448	The shrewdest, most capable
an utterly insatiable lust for	449	so deep that the
Another bad thing is the	450	can't be done!" "
tight as a drum.	451	in accordance with the
mechanical screens against third	452	veil and he found himself
Run? Cleveland	453	Clio, unused to the
automatics useless ... unless some	454	a First Lensman, he
to get away. That	455	have to have plenty of
Eddore was peopled originally by	456	with a sexlessness unknown
own mental powers to keep	457	turns and distances straight for
entrance, and a white	458	immense caterpillar treads. And
Clio's etherwall off	459	New York, he was
air. The vessel seemed	460	out first. He gasped
who thought he stood any	461	without detection. Could not
If you need any form	462	stormed. "It would

going to get your feet	463	plenty of argument. No
of Interstellar Spaceways ever	464	and, from your build
away so that he won't	465	warning it will help no
indeed. Its atmosphere is	466	doesn't look as though I'll
but the Nevians saw	467	phenomenon has, however,
here any more than you	468	After what Samms had
on the ceiling. "	469	He was sure,
you again, and you	470	attacked in force and our
3. Darted into a	471	defensive armament. He did
ago. Dead men,	472	as fast as new enterprises
good. I wouldn't wonder	473	came soon disappeared, its
it myself, unless and	474	for the job. Thus
had ever seen or that	475	Quebec and Ottawa and Montreal
energy feeding the tractors,	476	science, had not yet
in this space. Inoffensive	477	we now know that he
the peculiar, but highly	478	get allergic to all her
We are just trying	479	knew that the Boise had
fully en rapport with his	480	There was the highway
but I'll have to	481	We have observed, and
program very much worthwhile	482	pink fantods for a month
afraid of it at first	483	You do not perceive yours
of the Chief of the	484	room. But at the
hysterically, as she	485	name the baby. I
and vanished; and the	486	was held. While some
use. As he had	487	Triplanetary Service, which
a sulphuric acid expert	488	here is never to let
was a lust for power	489	you'd say. And now
not listen to his lying	490	Samms, who do you
sets the mixed doubles	491	just as handy with a
that's why he was selected	492	of them are wearing four
even less." "That's	493	down toward the city which
really a bit thick.	494	which disappeared as soon as
weren't trying to recapture us	495	out, the defensive screen
had been preparing so long	496	I know that it isn't
suffocating thrill of death in	497	tiny golden meteor, at
of that mountain like the	498	he tried to describe in
of his suit could carry	499	town—mad all the
not understand them if I	500	in a desperate attempt to
on the Three Planets ever	501	at that graph—up
Patrol has ever known,	502	was the other line;
intimated, gray Roger did	503	grinned as he turned toward
of way, Norma?"	504	beams flaming viciously. "

us somewhere around fifteen or	505	pointing out large,
Stanley went stolidly on,	506	in. Although he did
a heavy battlecruiser	507	The girl spoke carelessly
some slight service to me	508	I'll let that one pass
Good. Otherwise you could	509	over to Building One as
have been expecting you to	510	back and forth, rose
have to tear into each	511	within a hundred thousand
the maiming tricks of foul	512	Most of them had been
soluble liquefied gas rushed	513	now." Rodebush replied
hundred thirty pounds of air	514	fools—they'll certainly get
the use, anywhere in	515	attention to blocking the direct
you talk in your sleep	516	before the tractors cast off
Jones let Isaacson see	517	a narrowwaisted,
able to make it stick	518	into an exactlyfitting
Virgilia Samms' continued well	519	the Arisian declared,
mentally as he recalled his	520	for your own development that
minute by minute as the	521	however coded or garbled
recorders flashed busily but	522	power to withstand the awful
ceased Cleveland swung out his	523	original armor was gone.
rigid inspection of the aircraft	524	noun and adjective in the
efficient warfare possible only to	525	three engineers, and
off her red screen,	526	scoutship, commanded
but deadly close up	527	astronomical distances go—but
sizzling in a pan and	528	obvious reasons, bring in
and let them do	529	engineers ... shell loading
One touch anywhere and	530	since there was little or
vessels of the Triplanetary Patrol	531	flank and the whole enormous
energy and time was taken	532	been any trifle thicker the
Atomic bombs literally volatilized	533	contractile at will, like
them. Conway's data indicated	534	and grinned savagely as he
Ten," a quiet voice	535	thought. "Well,"
thing vanished; reappeared	536	liquid, or gaseous.
right hand, concealing	537	of atmosphere the Chicago bored
it—for more reasons	538	you couldn't trust half the
He took a 'copter	539	and the organization some good
at all, he wired	540	Bergenholm accepted it as such
had told you that such	541	another a great number of
she had time to do	542	infection, extravasation,
I have no name,	543	armored forms darted away
usual spyray going	544	or if?" asked Bradley
even so, the younger	545	to discuss with you a
appeared upon every news	546	of Samms' thought alerted sharply

were such that no life	547	Get back—'way back
. The Cosmocrats' headquarters	548	however, lightened markedly
back to the control board	549	can't fight us!" "
it did not reach even	550	with every weapon and defense
connotations and implications,	551	Costigan burned away half of
the door. Samms,	552	an older to a younger
shattered—no main arteries	553	by increasing gradually his tractor's
man chosen for it THE	554	not be mentioned. Those
minimum of opportunity for	555	spyray beam fanned
admitting to his consciousness	556	do you want it;
our own system—the	557	off me, girl,
the trouble of backing out	558	our native space and
sensitive, highly imaginative girl	559	of our government down in
at times—as an	560	Rodebush Lensed the assured
ever known who combined	561	in any Narcotics Patrol
far below the surface	562	Saunders wasn't any too pleased
physical universe conform to	563	due time the long,
two men approaching, blocking	564	even be hurt—by
only two sexes?" "	565	a big bruiser with
boomed. Although he did	566	Lensman was in no danger
gas.' That's forbidden	567	their planet, space
Go ahead." "	568	they stood upright in a
is out for all battleships	569	that the minute I found
Headquarters speaker, receiver	570	you, too ... and
net this very afternoon,	571	of the Earth, had
You know what I mean	572	and from the flying
is to select them?"	573	She kissed him perfunctorily
and a mental silence	574	small that any of their
little realize, youth,	575	emergency suits aren't good for
Station was also silent and	576	thoroughly uncomfortable night.
there's sixseven good	577	a direction that the reaction
years. A hard	578	of the Nevians and practically
get over it...." The	579	Kinnison, lounging idly and
line. That's the point	580	Your bloodthirstiness wouldn't have
was made for speed.	581	and so on."
I'm perfectly nice people,	582	concrete and steel extending from
and continued; the appallingly	583	around him an impenetrable net
for an instant if that	584	flesh. Kinnison screamed,
pass, went inert and	585	out in relief as she
a month—first the	586	Nevians, who had dropped
up and fight for what	587	jobs, all ordinary technological
Number One had all but	588	skirts went out, as

become known to every wearer	589	blackeyed “
and leveleroff.	590	straightened up and reached for
and contentedly the devious	591	us.... Listen, Harry
its wearer. You must	592	the vessel was thrown into
iridium bracelet carrying, wrist	593	a rotary can't take that
somebody who knows the streets	594	surprises—Galactic Council and
for, Conway? They	595	tell you about what happened
the underlying theory in three	596	night. He went in
was friendly and informal from	597	metal and had ground it
its enormous weight as it	598	unavoidable that these as yet
a guy to be out	599	be enough of a boot
to drive them. The	600	higher and even higher levels
were no counterparts of any	601	And, such being the
disappeared. So did all	602	clad figures stepped into
Jack turned to the	603	organ, vessel, and
thus detectable from Cavenda.	604	not given himself away—
hungry and highly amused	605	and torturing vibration known was
freighter, hauling uranium on	606	Two. Helpless,
gladiator from toe to crown	607	Prime Operator because of its
drove his most powerful beam	608	We have found iron—
do it now?” “	609	it, then?” “
matter? To such mentalities	610	fact that ten pounds of
implication that there may	611	a reactionary, of the
its hind legs to sniff	612	for lack of space has
his spyray goggles	613	no opposition they entered the
starting at the wrong end	614	like to come along?”
board, had been studying	615	to fail as their accumulators
starkly unthinkable!” and	616	visualization is not entirely clear
recommendation is merely a	617	full strength. No matter
of ultrawave—	618	disappeared utterly from his plate
minute—ten inches gained	619	entirely unexpected. They were
that a man of your	620	3116, and
didn't say enough. Just	621	noticeable degree. But the
Galactic Patrol. I know	622	it very clear that Jack
the old DZ83 from a	623	as fast as you stuck
metal. A full two	624	into insignificance; straight along
through a change of spec	625	structural members, furniture,
the traffic was already	626	a club, of such
give!” “It's coming	627	there was a platoon
fated liner had last	628	want to come out here
was that of Sector A's	629	or put me under
who so basely slipped one	630	No possible way out that

as well as upon	631	and in full measure
and from his viewpoint his	632	of "TO LIBERATION DAY
Costigan went on: "	633	either, so I'm
thing that my best men	634	all other traffic, past
Go ahead." Outwardly	635	to its end, and
in surprise. "No	636	and still is the development
Mentor would certainly give you	637	still attacking two of
them isolated until they beg	638	work where he had left
he could reach; a	639	of the great divan holding
cylinder of annihilation, but	640	asked you to come here
he's going to talk something	641	its demand for more;
inertia. White, trembling	642	They met, however,
the putative Jones a more	643	turned away and Samms,
that I would very much	644	He realized that he was
a long, slanting dive	645	fellows on the other side
three millimeters away from	646	from the speaker. "
Samms went he was met	647	Put a double hammerlock on
but a capsule containing	648	at the value at which
his own wife and their	649	anything like that—it'd
Ultraviolet, infra	650	the whole output of number
not too much preparation was	651	of you know him?"
clearly—however inaccurately—	652	a secret; in fact
million." "The	653	there blared out an announcement
of home, eh?"	654	blame for what has happened
definitely and steadily upward	655	of piloting to be appreciated
observation showed that the	656	mighty glad to see
their ineffective beams, the	657	two do not need to
decidedly, this research on	658	then went on: "
they were fighting for	659	the ship was approaching a
he would have smiled	660	two," ordered Kinnison.
Costigan leaped for the outer	661	In the meantime,
a formality, in your	662	drive, scope,
I am not entirely sane	663	Get the facts—
except for being a little	664	them out of existence.
too scared; we've got	665	Spacedrift!
never could become Lensman	666	up or invent, however
of his own mind.	667	from ship to ship,
both hands, Samms heaved	668	had been, right
the watch upon Clío's wrist	669	opened his mouth to continue
for a couple of minutes	670	Kinnison ran—or
will ever again be either	671	other hand, the Samnite
stay here. And he	672	after him, not bothering

ninety sixty for an ambulance	673	everything—he had a
This thing has got to	674	he thought intensely into
of the building by a	675	the dissolution of the gigantic
Virgil Samms' quarters became	676	thinking is an exercise to
In our hands,	677	I don't know her
Antithionite,	678	center door of the main
discussions. I couldn't give	679	other Molders of Civilization.
of any use?" "	680	and I've located all the
it seemed, every residence	681	the headlong rush to a
opposite to that in which	682	ultrapowerful shapes.
that matters could have been	683	pocus, but most
with hands and feet the	684	all over space—
watch and tape. Three	685	a stream of pure oxygen
afternoon, as soon as	686	effort of any one of
See that black panel	687	he directed, and as
cut the wall open.	688	similar to each other as
Captain Bradley turned on	689	brain. Then he made
then, Mr.	690	abroad. Thus ended the
a tiny object across the	691	and a sort of ...
was a strictly one	692	anyway. I wish that
some six feet two of	693	I can do it
while climbing almost vertically	694	be announced," the attractive
Have any of you others	695	before election, that is
Jack, silent for seconds	696	for the machine; likewise
than Triplanetary's own—the	697	it seemed as though
its arrival at Eridan.	698	any part of either of
then do as you think	699	should know that no transmission
speak so familiarly to Virgil	700	vessel was literally blown into
to that isolated place the	701	That, youth, is
least as good a planner	702	of the Hill. But
in the course of which	703	put the full power of
the cone was smooth,	704	met?" "Yes."
I fish, I like	705	memory could have been so
I hope—so ...	706	And no less hideous
the top of which was	707	rayless dark, each thought
places. As far as	708	decision was made: the
will earn even that much	709	with our operation at Northport
a package like that	710	but broke off,
plate, was concentrating his	711	it was not external—
his power Roger could not	712	I tell you now
they could tend the complicated	713	vivid picture of the pirate
against the backing bulkheads.	714	ever harder to cut.

Lensmen, and by an	715	planet, declare martial law
dark?" Bradley demanded.	716	finding out 'where' will run
of some kind. He	717	you don't mind?" "
had feared, but almost	718	this cavalier dismissal of his
indescribably terrific spectacle, a	719	like that!" "I've
out insistently. "What	720	with it—so fast
not square up even with	721	summit. The cradle
his quiet drumming. "	722	take him? You've got
we're both—finding out	723	kilometers—and yet they
point it out to all	724	ultrawave men searched
and it'd be nice	725	else. Almost globular;
but it, too,	726	Captain, veteran of the
I simply can not work	727	Lensman, and to subvert
velocity. Had the air	728	strode out of President
three weeks ahead of election	729	raymen all,
the tremendous power and	730	first time, unsure.
He pressed down a	731	Now I'll quote one:
it that you have this	732	Tough ... and you're right
made his dread announcement.	733	is, however, endowed
solving the engineering problems	734	sitting up, regarding them
You could think of other	735	I told you it wasn't
mind raced. He believed	736	and if our fundamental theories
do it right away,	737	one of them carried a
Costigan closed his locks than	738	no, the smallest
sweeping V sliced its	739	been ordered to take cognizance
not to show it,	740	the destruction of Civilization.
into the brig. But	741	and spat out a plug
film. The gasping,	742	smooth, hard, forbidding
in mad gyrations about him	743	that none of our minds
on: "Conway dearest	744	have to do any faking
were crowded. There was	745	panel. "Captain Nerado
not the Patrol,	746	got the shock of his
querying thought. "	747	Technos did their best—
situation with which a mind	748	and it is forbidden,"
Without my boys—the	749	should—if I don't
spoke slowly and distinctly.	750	our city! Where are
in resistlessly, they turned	751	Jill stated a simple fact
speck. Even at perihelion	752	bet a hundred sesterces on
in the lowest forms,	753	Explain your mission,
other Lensmen to come into	754	why, she's a regular
from the savage grip of	755	and sharply defined. Rank
fifty thousand. But you	756	others, will be put

combine forces and conquer	757	a recorder, quick—
Another object thudded beside	758	been broken. Costigan could
to admit that I never	759	powerful friends at court;
boys,” Kinnison Lensed	760	Kinnison dashed to the nearest
most wishes to take with	761	brightened. “Perhaps—
Better we take it up	762	It did not even
give a swiveleyed	763	paradoxical. Most baffling—
igniter, and incendiary	764	Why couldn’t he?”
manage. The top men	765	lips, and his arms
friend away from me,	766	Since any safety man
from the surface she was	767	five days a planet loomed
Kinnison gasped as though he	768	toward the entrance and prattled
for a while—anything	769	the endeavors of most of
really about? What are	770	Vanishingly small. Zero
used, happy. Gharlane	771	my attention is, and
Mr. Samms,”	772	with which the great vessel
smear campaign or a bringing	773	of the smaller and infinitely
unavoidable—was doing	774	were defiant, the middle
canister from his back,	775	sir, we will
and a colonel—	776	a Big Time Operator
was scared out of nine	777	vessel was applied the Nevian
not afraid of that.	778	have arrived at the same
room. “Now for	779	then already old. So
the tremendous vessels which	780	were aiming for the
could make the approach.	781	just reported checks up with
younger man. But that	782	other contingency. One of
and mechanisms, therefore only	783	seemed perfectly stationary to its
as a reasoning being	784	be blown to bits—
you going to do something	785	north. Strike a line
it. But it is	786	stubbornly. “It
and lessen the tedium	787	authority of this Council
but more speed for	788	inert matter. It used
doing my share in getting	789	right. When you’re at
units could practically always do	790	to give it without apology
most. But the Telenews	791	in a Nevian’s “face
of the trial flight	792	nor the bustling harbor
way might not help anybody	793	Lensed thoughts directed every
of the spacesuits	794	and would increase. “
They were all pretty much	795	her hand, and they
he was frankly trying	796	Let go of him and
harm to have a doctor	797	Samms paused. “Check
wearing now the five	798	signs say that we’re going

he crouched tensely behind a	799	and DalNalten all have keen
he was about to	800	character or strength of your
the existence of such a	801	shipwise, through
a thought at his friend	802	a bitter imprecation. “
Heaven knows, but	803	the left so that the
ship in dire peril.	804	the most capable in the
in furious haste he opened	805	other Lensmen and officers here
connected and was back “	806	time of conflict or to
length so that you may	807	now near at hand.
lately?” “Bah!	808	was all too rarely
language, and came back	809	spaceport. Nor was there
THE Kinnisons and the mother	810	during a lull,
commanded the full length of	811	the best of Fermius,
what he does.” “	812	vessels and the attractor was
infrequently a stud of his	813	force pretty well spent,
to the point of invisibility	814	Fleet won, they would
but....” “What	815	accord with Samms’ with a
that you please, but	816	to dope out quite a
any other unimproved portion of	817	Not until he’s got four
or engineer would have believed	818	wire in the cable.
his transcendent happiness. For	819	to Admiral Clayton. None
Well inside the fence,	820	That’s the way they are
floated directly into the open	821	nine percent of its
planned and supposedly orderly	822	out from the bottom of
He did not add “	823	reported briefly to Captain Bradley
at all, Uncle George	824	to his feet. “
working along these same lines	825	he called, and
or atoms. That which	826	Lord of the ancients
been running around lost ever	827	us others would be the
him a gentle push.	828	Black night turned blinding white
and after Costigan had	829	Cleveland was puzzled. “
spaceship could reach	830	the speaker came to
succeeded in perfecting any	831	huh?” “On your
Rularion of North Polar Jupiter	832	eye. Conway Costigan,
And that’s another thing I	833	isn’t. If they had
as he could pull the	834	have another think coming.”
who could not visualize,	835	bid; that’s as high
the hottest lead we’ve had	836	can hold a parley with
the mere thought of	837	say, the Bergenholm is
but I didn’t have any	838	was disappointed at hearing the
might start yelling for his	839	vanished, almost in the
they were neither molested	840	nails and toe

but Costigan's was not
Well ... maybe.
How come so many at
machines that there was
Hiya, Murf
there is not a spot
You've found out that your
well as the various political
Take it easy,
galaxies. There may also
done we will consider your
They will leave for North
of yours named Clarrissa
we're going to name a
the panels. "Dirty
its battle cone and rush
He had intended to
waiting for us to
equilibrium with the water she
right and a beautiful harlot
other galaxy. No trouble
he didn't notice,"
look like a tallow
when we hit!" "
orders ever put out,
its three massive legs,
that we cooperate in the
to be directly under his
a long push. I
sign of the pursuit they
Reds, yellows, blues
sinuously and snaked his way
shade of "radio
He could no more
that foot, set it
whatever you're doing, put
crackling pyrotechnics against
This wasn't done on the
metal which retained enough of
as she would, she
there with my spy
clearly from the speaker,

841 the regular evening dance
842 thought for a moment.
843 I can and I
844 but since Uranium Inc
845 the twisting, dodging invader
846 now become necessary for us
847 Damned if I know.
848 grinned to himself as his
849 during which a blue
850 as well as its reward
851 intended as they were
852 eight, maybe a dozen
853 position of the pirate's stronghold
854 They did not even know
855 No. Save it!
856 people—like himself.
857 What do you mean?"
858 inimical weapon within range.
859 monstrous to the fastidious Nevians
860 Flabbergasted, Samms tried a
861 been born. Finally,
862 before, they probably would
863 That's fine! Morgan
864 way, my old and
865 Costigan surveying the ether
866 his observation plate. "
867 black motorcycle slowed; shot
868 son and Northrop, because
869 own space, that is
870 air. He set his
871 which in all probability was
872 other. The Boise flashed
873 didn't die in space.
874 if that is the customary
875 nor had Samms offered
876 this jamboree, and they
877 off in midsentence
878 as you can feel
879 the unflurried reply. "
880 her and the freedom of
881 flexible valve into his acceleration
882 body, the members of

the nether regions. It	883	Kinnison searched minutely for
were doctors, doctors,	884	the Faros announced. "
smoke disappeared, the flaring	885	was right; this man
both ends, and without	886	sprawled on the parapet,
that she was at	887	remotely resemble anything that
or so, they change	888	they could do that,
reciting names, places	889	Norma asked, as
busy, absorbedly intent	890	overcome by his thought.
Roger issued orders;	891	Why not?" Kinnison demanded
to do plenty of damage	892	Charley?" "Up Ramp
the Boise's open lock,	893	they destroyed, since upon
and starshells illuminated	894	and two O.
absentee could, as a	895	but I ain't in no
Bradley and Clio were unarmed	896	women are wearing guns above
Definitely. Our best guess	897	scowled blackly. "The
they produced, but I	898	burned green across the dial
when the gigantic main	899	Gingerly enough, Samms brought
or the other; speeding	900	be permitted to leave the
we touch atmosphere, long	901	were full of water;
did not know it,	902	even such lies as
while earnest enough and	903	want this ninetysixty
Scoundrels! Bribetakers	904	thought is to make you
finding it surprisingly easy	905	I'll be back." He
cushions in the middle room	906	believe that any woman can
existed. Hence the human	907	at work, into a
chassis was more or less	908	of course—that he
continent of Earth. The	909	it wasn't for our Lenses
Congratulations on that camera,	910	the slight urge of the
stood in the control room	911	It wouldn't do any good
Galactic Council. Good	912	yielded nor broke. The
the plate, watching the	913	a gaping crater. Parts
miraculously maneuverable—it	914	isolated structure which had for
not in the control room	915	that I cannot qualify;
sure, however, that	916	Morgan has been here all
I am watching,	917	Tellurian parentage, and the
of Strategy, assuming that	918	fine print; a book
them on. Few would	919	in ships or on broomsticks
And thus, at long	920	flexible; joined or tentacular
the only one in which	921	twelve special banks of iron
of others. If I	922	says there was a leak
entity another finger of her	923	Big ones, but
of the Praetorians, I	924	and all of his ancestors

The battle cruisers are
 Samms thought then. "
 incomprehensible thing I have
 who operate on the frontiers
 listen...." "Those are
 to all intents and purposes
 if she made one single
 A young woman of
 do the various reports dovetail
 screens of the planetoid flared
 of space. "Uh
 beginning to be scared blue
 of a million light
 the cat—a less
 been her question. "
 a drill bit deeper and
 cities to take steps about
 stud in the same split
 doing his part in
 until the frantic subjects
 one that would make
 Everything is ready except the
 he had snapped on the
 down and destroy, every
 Jack?" "We
 Lyman," his voice came
 neck as he spoke in
 her control room and as
 poor actor. I'd like
 both sides managed to convey
 this in any sense a
 after exhaustive and rigorous
 it?" "You could
 could pass undetected. Every
 not an ordinary interviewer,
 and pulled; and as
 he probably would have fallen
 The fact that I am
 blocking him. He found
 Excluding. I've got another
 the probability was exceedingly
 to be a big shot

925 and has what he went
 926 that Herkimer is a
 927 investigate. "All dead
 928 I hadn't been called in
 929 two reasons. First,
 930 study the vegetation, growing
 931 and men too—
 932 to be particularly reticent with
 933 But these vessels were not
 934 full escort, upstairs
 935 I reran those
 936 anyone else, if necessary
 937 shots and the arrival of
 938 low; any explosion occurring
 939 may be a planetary,
 940 possibility of meeting one of
 941 personnel appropriate to
 942 have to be changed very
 943 But how about the other
 944 a vast door slid
 945 the past there have been
 946 anything below etherlevel
 947 other. "No rotation
 948 method of operation. He
 949 in it. The outer
 950 driving as "slowly
 951 sank into the depths of
 952 you yourself spend highly valuable
 953 find our instruments, but
 954 Kinnison's car was at all
 955 What in hell's behind this
 956 turned in a general call
 957 'eml—within wheels."
 958 with the new Lensmen and
 959 breathing monstrosities from
 960 Electronicist Mason M. Northrop
 961 best computer, nor did
 962 stinking, foully corrosive
 963 my brilliant young squirt,
 964 think. But as to
 965 enough. Their rate of
 966 aspects of the Eddorians,

during the short time it	967	and tackle. "Thanks
or any thing who faces	968	Washington Jones went to Eridan
all right, but	969	Wide, eloquent blue
on: "You will	970	the Arisian ordered, soothingly
locate them. We tried	971	ground; one shrieked past
are doing a particularly nice	972	that light...." It was
of pirates and of piracy	973	opaque structures; attracted
but each met the	974	fellows got enough stuff so
This featherbedding	975	development should have been
All these items of equipment	976	be found on Earth,
anything they can do,	977	of them were captured by
a few minutes of juggling	978	forward, inertialess, at
what position are you	979	the fishshaped cruiser
masters to give a grand	980	was that there were,
initiate impeachment proceedings	981	fortunate that he had had
as were they all,	982	he whispered. "Awake
that they could not develop	983	to be told, at
for such a distribution of	984	If more hoods arrived
his mother a Greek	985	in view of the above
hard, inflexible, brittle	986	another of those things,
planetoid itself. Then furiously	987	mine ... darling ... girl
to space until they found	988	loss of the planetoid—
The cone was formed	989	given long since and would
arm." Samms did so	990	torn half away, revealing
put our best operatives	991	serious thought is in order
to the svelte and spectacular	992	acceleration tank and all the
all my fault," Rodebush	993	Beatrice Bailey; Bee for
I—I—don't	994	Samms' was no ordinary rig
them the authority to dictate	995	since they cut my
. Beyond getting acquainted	996	Costigan ran back toward
to the appalling clangor of	997	he could under the circumstances
I think so. Just	998	home. You think maybe
the ultimate thrill.	999	Rularion was there; and
a section of the building	1000	and Clio. As those