



WASHINGTON,
D.C.!

ZARKOV,
HOW'D YOU
DO IT?!



YOU REMEMBER MY
BREAKTHROUGH WHEN
WE WERE TRAPPED ON
THE SPACE PLANT.

BUT I *TRULY*
STARTED PUTTING
IT ALL TOGETHER
AFTER THE CAPTURE
BY THE SKYRENS.

THAT INTERLUDE
GAVE MY BRAIN THE
BREAK IT NEEDED.



PRETTY SURE
WE'LL BE SHOT
AT IF WE KEEP
FLYING AROUND
THE CAPITOL...



...SO I'M
LANDING ON
THE NATIONAL
MALL!

STUFF OF LEGEND

PARKER / SHANER / BELLAIRE / BOWLAND / COSBY



In the US Capitol the world is stunned by the return of three astronauts no one expected to see again—science reporter Dale Arden! Physicist Hans Zarkov! And pilot Alex “Flash” Gordon!

The trio were last seen flying through the portal to Mongo and were presumed successful at removing the quantum crystal on that planet to prevent alien access to Earth.

By now almost everyone who can read has been taking in the excerpts of Dale Arden’s journal and its amazing insights into the colonial empire of Mongo and the fascinating worlds under Ming’s tyrannical rule.

The descriptions of the forest planet ARBORIA and the floating continents of SKY WORLD and their people capture the imaginations of the masses.



The public is still most focused on the exploits of Gordon, whose adventures would sound far-fetched had not his skill and drive from his earlier thrill-seeking days on Earth been widely corroborated.

The heroic crew agree to a parade tour of the major cities, helping boost the morale of a world working to rebuild.



A community of scientists set back decades by the invasion, drink in the details of how Dr. Zarkov smashes the boundaries of human knowledge.

Who is this man singularly despised by the most feared Conqueror in the galaxy? Why does he shun the public and avoid the press?

And maybe in fact we should ask, hasn't he earned that privacy and the right to not be questioned for a while...



...YET HE HAS AGREED TO APPEAR WITH ZARKOV AND ARDEN ON THE NATIONAL MALL IN WASHINGTON, D.C. WHERE THEIR ROCKET HAS REMAINED ON DISPLAY THESE PAST WEEKS, FOR A PRESIDENTIAL CEREMONY HONORING THEIR VOYAGES.



WE NEED THIS AREA CLEARED OUT AND FENCED OFF.

NO MORE PICTURES, MOVE ALONG--

CORDON OFF THIS PATH, THE THREE AMIGOS WILL BE COMING FROM THE SMITHSONIAN.



AREN'T THEY GOING TO GIVE US A SCRIPT OR SOMETHING TO GO OFF?

I THINK THE PRESIDENT IS GIVING US SERVICE MEDALS AND THEN ANNOUNCING THE MAJOR OVERHAUL OF THE SPACE PROGRAM.



I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE YOU ACCEPTED THE POSITION... HEAD OF AEROSPACE.

I GAVE THEM A LIST OF DEMANDS I THOUGHT THEY'D NEVER AGREE TO...AND THEN THEY DID.



THE PARTNER NATIONS CAN STAY BUSY REPLACING ALL THE SATELLITES WE LOST.

I'M GOING RIGHT TO BUILDING THE MOON BASE AND NEW SPACE DEFENSE STATION.



STILL, NO ONE WILL PAY ATTENTION IF THEY DON'T GET AN APPEARANCE FROM--

--AH. HE LIVES.

