

There are those who believe that life here began out there.

Far across the universe, with tribes of humans who may have been the forefathers of the Egyptians, or the Toltecs, or the Mayans.

They may have been the architects of the Great Pyramids or the lost civilization of Atlantis.

Some believe that there may yet be brothers of man who, even now, fight to survive somewhere beyond the heavens...

BUT SOMETIMES, THE FIGHT FOR SURVIVAL OCCURS IN THE MOST UNLIKELY PLACES: THE OFFICERS CLUB OF THE BATTLESTAR GALACTICA...

OH, YES! I LOVE IT WHEN A PLAN COMES TOGETHER!

I'LL RAISE YOU UPSTANDING CITIZENS ONE HUNDRED CUBITS!

I'M OUT! WHOSE IDEA WAS IT THAT WE PLAY PYRAMID WITH THIS CARD SHARK ANYWAY?

THAT'S IT FOR ME, TOO. LOOKS LIKE I'LL BE ON LIVING ON RATIONS FOR ANOTHER CYCLE THANKS TO YOU!

JUST A MICRON THERE, HOTSHOT! I'M STILL IN, SO DON'T START COUNTING YOUR WINNINGS JUST YET!

WELL, NOW, I SEE YOU'VE DECIDED TO MAKE THIS LITTLE CONTEST MORE INTERESTING. WHAT DO YOU SAY WE RAISE THE STAKES A BIT HIGHER THEN?

OKAY, STARBUCK, YOU'RE ON! OH, AND BY THE WAY, UNLESS YOUR HOT LITTLE HAND CAN BEAT A FULL PYRAMID, YOU CAN GO TO THE BAR AND GET YOUR BOSS ANOTHER AMBROSA. ON YOU, OF COURSE!

IF YOU WIN, I'LL BE YOUR PERSONAL ASSISTANT FOR A COMPLETE SECTOR. ANYTHING YOU NEED, I'LL GET FOR YOU. IF I WIN, YOU AGREE TO ACCOMPANY ME TO A, ER, SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT OF MY SELECTION.



OH, STARBUCK, ONE MORE THING BEFORE YOU GO...



IT'S NOT PROPER TO HIT ON YOUR COMMANDING OFFICER'S LOVE INTEREST.



YES, LIEUTENANT.



I THINK THAT'S THE FIRST TIME THAT I'VE EVER KNOWN STARBUCK TO BE AT A LOSS FOR WORDS.

SORRY IF I SCARRD HIS EGO, CAPTAIN. WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO MAKE IT UP TO HIM BY GOING TO HIS "SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT"?

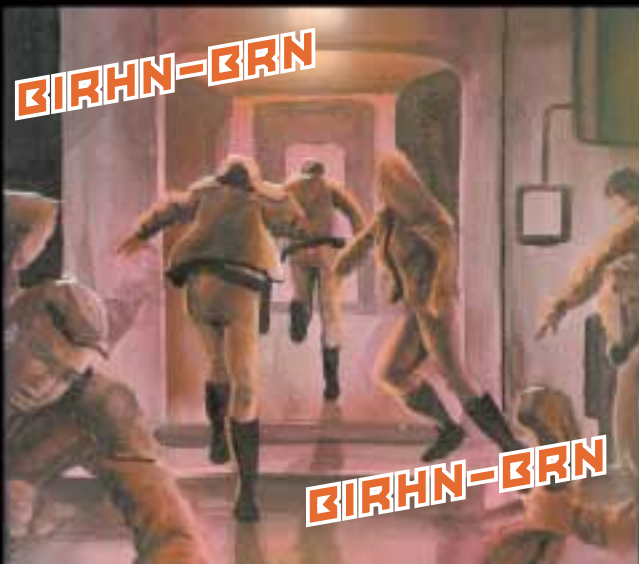


OH, MY, LOOK AT THE TIME! I'M SUPPOSED TO BE SHOWING JOLLY HOW TO REVIRE HIS VIPER SEAT CONTROL...



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SECTION TWELVE, LAUNCH BAY ALPHA, STANDBY BY TO LAUNCH INTERCEPT VIPERS! ACKNOWLEDGE!

BLUE LEADER, ACKNOWLEDGING!



ON THE BRIDGE OF THE GALACTICA, COMMANDER ADAMA AND COLONEL TIGH ASSESS THE SITUATION WITH PRACTICED EFFICIENCY.

STATUS REPORT, COLONEL?

SIR, BLUE SQUADRON WAS THE FIRST TO LAUNCH AND INTERCEPT THE TARGETS...



GALACTICA, THIS IS CAPTAIN APOLLO, BLUE SQUADRON IS IN POSITION. WE HAVE VISUAL CONTACT AND ARE MOVING TO INTERCEPT.

...AND NOW THEY'RE OUTNUMBERED NEARLY THREE TO ONE!





BLUE SQUADRON THIS
IS THE GALACTICA,
ENGAGE THE ENEMY
AT WILL!



BOOM!