You shake your head. "I'm afraid not, Professor. I don't think I could go back to the place where my friends died."

Smiling, the professor leans toward you. "Would it change your mind if I told you that your friends may still be alive?"

"What?"

"It's true. We received faint radio signals from a point far beneath the earth's surface. I believe that one or more of the others must be alive somewhere in the Underground Kingdom, and we have the means to reach them. Now will you come?"

If you say that you'll go on the expedition, go on to page 28.

If you decide it would be too dangerous to go with Bruckner, turn to page 30.