

# The Golden Record

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## A DAN BROWN SPACE ADVENTURE

BACK IN 77', WE LAUNCHED THE VOYAGER 1. ATTACHED TO ITS HULL WAS THE GOLDEN RECORD, WHICH CONTAINED GREETINGS OF PEACE FROM THE PLANET EARTH.



WE LOST TOUCH WITH THE VOYAGER ONCE IT PASSED BEYOND OUR SOLAR SYSTEM. I ALWAYS WONDERED WHERE IT LANDED.

THIS PLANET WAS LISTED AS A POSSIBLE CRASH SITE, SO I THOUGHT WE'D TAKE A LOOK. I DIDN'T KNOW SUZETTE WOULD RAISE SUCH A FUSS OVER LOOKING FOR IT.



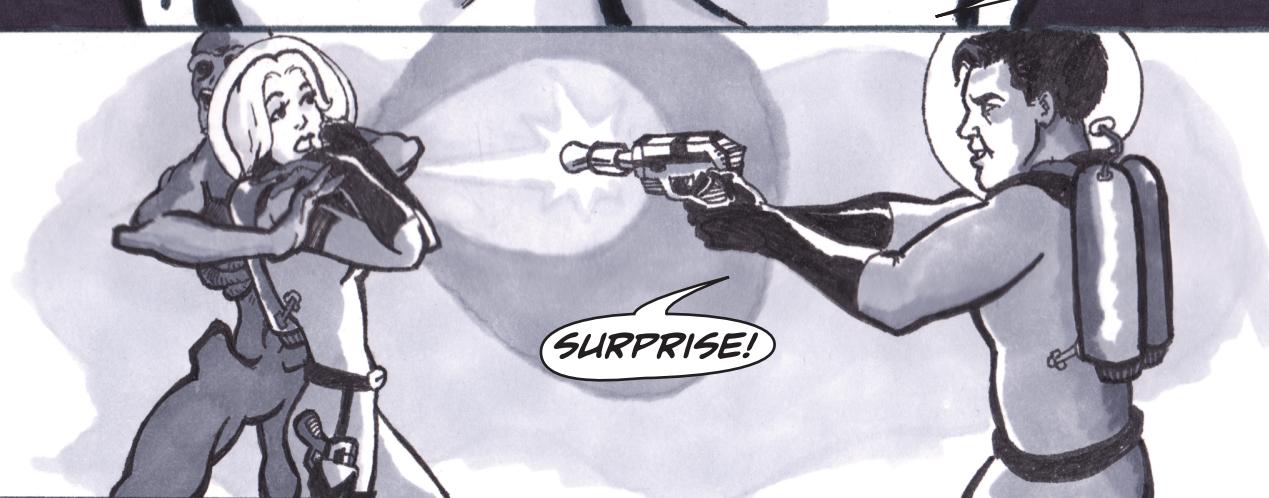
JUST WHAT WILL YOU DO WITHOUT HURTING YOUR FEMALE? WE STUDIED YOUR HISTORY DISC FROM THE DEAD ROCKET, LAUGHING AT YOUR CUSTOMS, YOUR PITIFUL MUSIC. YOU ARE NOTHING - INSECTS SMASHED UNDER OUR HEELS!

NOW, LOWER YOUR PATHETIC WEAPON OR I'LL PULL HER LIMBS FROM HER PLINY FRAME.

I'D LIKE TO KEEP MY LIMBS INTACT, IF IT'S ALL THE SAME TO YOU!

SO THEY DID FIND IT...

YOU LISTEN TO ONE LOUSY RECORD AND YOU THINK YOU'VE FIGURED US OUT, IS THAT RIGHT?



YOU SACRIFICE YOUR OWN KIND? I DON'T UNDERSTAND...

YOU'RE ABOUT TO UNDERSTAND PLENTY.

THAT PEACE MESSAGE IS A RUSE. WHEREVER MANKIND GOES, WE CONQUER WHOEVER GETS IN THE WAY, PLANTING OUR FLAG IN THE ASSES OF OUR ENEMIES. WARN YOUR PEOPLE: PRAY WE DON'T COME BACK TO DRAIN YOUR RESOURCES.



I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE YOU SHOT ME, YOU UNBELIEVABLE BASTARD.

YEAH, I'LL ADMIT, THAT WAS KIND OF RUDE. STILL, IT BEATS THE ALTERNATIVE.

ALTERNATIVE? CHOOSE YOUR NEXT WORDS WISELY.

THAT RECORD COULDN'T HAVE FALLEN INTO WORSE HANDS. THEY SAW US AS PREY, NOTHING MORE. IF I DIDN'T SHOW OUR FANGS, WE'D HAVE ENDED UP ON EXAMINATION TABLES, DISSECTED INTO TINY BITS. AFTER THAT LITTLE STUNT, THEY SEE ANOTHER HUMAN, THEY'LL RUN LIKE HELL.

I DON'T CARE IF YOU'RE RIGHT, MY SHOULDER BURNS LIKE HELL AND YOU'RE STILL A BIG JERK!

SNAP

DAN BROWN RETURNS NEXT MONTH WITH CHAPTER 4 OF HIS THRILLING SPACE ADVENTURE!