

CHARACTERS: COMMODORE WACKEY  
CDR VESSEL  
CDR BENT-OVER  
FREDDY REDTAIL

SCENE: AFWR BRIEF ROOM

COMMODORE: MEN-I THINK YOU ALL KNOW THE REASON WE HAVE CALLED THIS CONFERENCE-- WE HAVE A BIG, BIG EXERCISE COMING UP ABOUT A YEAR FROM NOW, WHICH WE WERE LUCKY ENOUGH TO HAVE SCHEDULED FOR NEXT DECEMBER 25th, AND WE WANT TO BE SURE WE HAVE A GOOD HANDLE ON THE TILIAR, SO TO SPEAK.-FIRST OF ALL, CDR VESSEL, JUST HOW BIG, IN FACT, WILL THIS EXERCISE BE?

CDR VESSEL: WELL SIR, I DON'T HAVE THE ENTIRE READOUT YET, BUT ALL MY EVIDENCE POINTS TO AT LEAST 2 DRONES, ONE BANNER TOW.

CDR BENT-OVER: A TURKEY SHOOT

CDR VESSEL: AN EGG THROWING CONTEST

CDR BENT-OVER: A THREE-LEGGED RACE

EVERYBODY: "AND A PARTRIDGE IN A PEAR TREE"

COMMODORE: WELL THAT'S JUST WONDERFUL, WONDERFUL-DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW MANY SHIPS WILL BE PARTICIPATING?

CDR VESSEL: YES SIR BUT AT THE MOMENT THAT'S HIGHLY CLASSIFIED AND I'VE BEEN ASKED BY THE OFFICERS WIVES CLUB NOT TO DIVULGE THAT INFORMATION UNTIL AFTER THE EXERCISE. I WILL TELL YOU THOUGH, THAT THE USS KILLION WILL BE SHOOTING. ALSO, I MIGHT ADD THAT THIS OPERATION HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS LANT JERKEX II CODE NAME: CLUSTER.

COMMODORE: GREAT, GREAT-GLAD TO SEE EVERYONE'S ON THE BALL AND WE ALL HAVE A GOOD HANDLE ON IT. CDR BENT-OVER, WHERE WILL THIS EXERCISE TAKE PLACE AND DO YOU SEE ANY RANGE SCHEDULING PROBLEMS?

CDR BENT-OVER: NOOOO PROBLEM! NO PROBLEMS AT ALL. I PUT OUR REQUEST IN THROUGH SPECIAL SERVICES TO RESERVE COMMUNITY BEACH FOR THE ENTIRE EXERCISE AND RIGHT NOW IT LOOKS LIKE WE'LL BE ABLE TO USE ALL THE WATER CLEAR OUT TO THE SHARK FENCE! THE CULEBRANS HAVE ALSO BEEN NICE ENOUGH TO GRANT US PERMISSION TO OVERFLY THEIR ISLAND AT 40,000 FEET DURING THE EXERCISE-- PROVIDING THEY GET SOMETHING BESIDES STUFFED DOLLS FOR CHRISTMAS.

COMMODORE: SUCH A DEAL, SUCH A DEAL! WHAT DID WE HAVE TO DO TO GET THAT CONCESSION?

CDR BENT-OVER: SIMPLE-WE AGREED TO STOP SHOOTING-AT THE SKEET RANGE! AND WE ALSO AGREED TO USE PUBLIC WORKS AS A TARGET FOR THE NEXT EXERCISE.



COMMODORE: NOT MUCH OF A CONCESSION THERE--PUBLIC WORKS HAS BEEN A TARGET EVER SINCE I'VE BEEN HERE--ANY OTHER BIG PROBLEMS?

CDR VESSEL: THERE ARE A COUPLE OF THINGS COMMODORE WACKEY. AS YOU KNOW WE'VE HAD A REAL HARD TIME KEEPING THE AIRCRAFT CONTROLLERS AWAKE DURING OUR DRONE EXERCISES--SO WE CONTACTED THE SKIPPER OF THE NAVAL STATION ABOUT SOME POSSIBLE ENTERTAINMENT IDEAS DURING THE PERIOD WE HAVE TO CONTROL THE PLANES AND SHIPS AND DRONES--HE SUGGESTED MAYBE A LITTLE SKIN FOR THE BOYS. IN FACT, HE'S ALREADY LINED UP SOME TOPLESS GO-GO GIRLS AND A LINGERIE SHOW.

COMMODORE: WELL THAT WAS REAL NICE OF CAPT CRUMPET--HE'S GOT A HAND IN EVERYTHING, YOU KNOW IT. ANYTHING ELSE?

CDR BENT-OVER: YES COMMODORE--WE'VE HAD A PROBLEM KEEPING THE AFWR DUTY OFFICERS ASLEEP DURING THE ENTIRE EXERCISE--EVERY ONCE IN AWHILE THEY WAKE UP, CALL VC-8 AND LAUNCH FOUR OR FIVE EXTRA PLANES. THIS TIME WE'VE RECEIVED ASSURANCE FROM THE TELEPHONE EXCHANGE THAT NO TELEPHONE COMMUNICATION WILL BE POSSIBLE THROUGHOUT LANTJERKEX II--YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED THAT THEY HAVE RECENTLY BEEN EXPERIMENTING WITH VARIOUS TELEPHONES AROUND THE BASE.

COMMODORE: WELL THAT'S JUST REAL FINE, REAL FINE YOUNG MAN--IT SURE IS A COMFORTABLE FEELING TO HAVE SUCH A COMPETENT STAFF WITH A FINGER ON EVERY PULSE-- I THINK THE PRESIDENT WAS SAYING THE SAME THING JUST THE OTHER DAY...SAY, I THOUGHT WE WERE SUPPOSED TO HAVE REPRESENTATIVES FROM RYAN AND RCA HERE TODAY.

CDR VESSEL: YES SIR THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO MAKE AN APPEARANCE, BUT AS YOU'LL RECALL WE ONLY HAD ONE DRONE LEFT AFTER THE LAST OPERATION AND WE GAVE THAT TO THE AIR STATION SO THAT THEY WOULD HAVE SOMETHING FOR THEIR PILOTS TO FLY.

CDR BENT-OVER: THAT'S RIGHT COMMODORE--RIGHT NOW WE'RE HAVING SOME PROBLEMS ROUNDING UP ANY DRONES--WE'RE STILL WAITING FOR SOME OF THE LOST DRONES FROM LAST EXERCISE TO WASH ASHORE--RCA HAS UNDERBID RYAN FOR MAKING SOME NEW DRONES. UNFORTUNATELY, HOWEVER, THEY HAVEN'T YET COLLECTED ENOUGH BOXTOPS TO SEND AWAY FOR THEIR DRONE STARTER KIT.

COMMODORE: WELL, WHAT ARE THE PEOPLE AT RYAN GOING TO DO?

CDR VESSEL: I'M NOT SURE COMMODORE--I KNOW THERE ARE SOME OPENINGS DOWN AT CAPEMART--AND HOUSING NEEDS A COUPLE ENGLISH-SPEAKING PEOPLE.

COMMODORE: SAY--WHEN IS FREDDY REDTAIL SUPPOSED TO ARRIVE? HAS ANYBODY SEEN.....

FREDDY REDTAIL WALKS IN--DRESSED IN VC-8 TEE-SHIRT, CAPE, HAT & SCEPTRE.

FREDDY: MAY PEACE BE WITH YOU AND MAY ALL YOUR TAILS BE RED--COMMODORE WACKEY, DO YOU HAVE YET ANOTHER OPERATION FOR VC-8 TO PUT ITS BLESSING ON?

COMMODORE: AS A MATTER OF FACT FREDDY WE DO, AND IT LOOKS LIKE WE MIGHT NEED YOUR ENTIRE MUSEUM--IT'S COMING UP IN A YEAR, DO YOU THINK YOU'LL HAVE ENOUGH TIME?



FREDDY: I THINK I CAN BE FAIRLY FIRM ON THAT. COMMODORE--IF WE CAN JUST RECEIVE OUR ORDER OF 100 LBS OF RUBBER BANDS AND 30 MORE YO-YOS WE'LL BE ABLE TO COME UP WITH ANOTHER 100% EFFORT--JUST REMEMBER "WHEN THE MISSION'S ROUGH, THOSE RED TAILS GET TOUGH!"

COMMODORE: THAT'S REAL GREAT TIGER--I GUESS THAT JUST ABOUT WRAPS IT UP FOR THIS YEAR--LET'S GET BACK TO THE BUSINESS AT HAND--DOWN AT THE MARINA. THERE'S NOTHING PRETTIER THAN SETTING SAIL AS THE SUN GOES DOWN.

FREDDY: YEAH--THAT'S WHAT YOU CALL "RED TAILS IN THE SUNSET"

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