

TARA



Strange wanderer of dark and limitless space... **TARA** and her gallant band flash across the starry heavens to crush evil and bring justice to those who are in need! Read, then, this amazing story of a beautiful girl who took a terrible oath and became "The **OUTLAW** of the **UNIVERSE!**"

HOMeward BOUND TO EARTH...



MY LAST TRIP TARA... TAKE THE WHEEL, MATE AND KEEP HER ON THE SAME COURSE!

AYE, AYE, SIR! STEADY AS SHE GOES!

TIME FOR US TO PACK, DAD!



IT'S SAYING GOODBYE TO OUR HOME, TARA. I'VE BEEN OWNER AND MASTER OF THIS SHIP FOR SO MANY YEARS... YOU WERE BORN HERE.

I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL. BUT IT'S TIME YOU RETIRED FROM INTER-PLANETARY SAILING!



A SUDDEN BUZZ FROM THE RADARVISION SCREEN...

THE SPACE ROVER HAS BEEN HOME AND SCHOOL TO ME! — **NO! THE RADAR WARNING!**

JETBLAST THEM! A SHIP APPROACHING WITHOUT RADAR SIGNALS! SOMETHING'S WRONG, TARA!

AIM WELL, YOU SPACSWINE! WE'RE BOARDING HER—FOR BOOTY AND SLAVES!

AYE, CAPTAIN ATTO!



AND AT THAT VERY MOMENT ABOARD THE STRANGE SPACE SHIP, SINISTER PREPARATIONS ARE BEING COMPLETED!



SPLIT SECONDS LATER!

THEY'RE FIRING AT US! **SPACE PIRATES!**

AYE, TARA! 'TIS A BLOODY FIGHT WE FACE!



STAND BY TO REPEL BOARDERS! THEY'RE PUTTING OUT THEIR MAGNETGRAPPLERS!

OUR FORWARD GUNS ARE SHOT AWAY, SIR!



AS HUGE MAGNETS DRAW THE TWO SHIPS TOGETHER...

GIVE THEM NO QUARTER!

CUT THE GRAPPLERS!

TOO LATE!

YOU'LL ... NEVER TAKE ... MY SHIP! JETBLAST YOUR PIRATE HIDE!

NO! NO! I'LL TAKE YOUR SHIP!

... AFTER MY ATOMSWORD FINISHES YOU!

FATHER!

THE SHIP IS OURS, CAPTAIN ATTO! NOT MANY LEFT ALIVE...

THROW THE PRISONERS IN THE BRIG WITH THE OTHERS WE CAPTURED THIS TRIP!

OH, FATHER... THEY DIDN'T GIVE YOU A CHANCE!

ALL RIGHT ALL RIGHT! MARCH ALONG TO THE BRIG!

GOODBY, FATHER... I SWEAR I'LL AVENGE YOUR DEATH! GOODBY...

ANOTHER VICTORY FOR CAPTAIN ATTO!

WE'LL NEVER BE FREED!

CURSE THE SPACE SCOUNDRELS! IT'S THE SLAVE COLONIES ON VENUS FOR US NOW...

SOON... ON VENUS, PIRATE HAVEN...

THIS WAS A PROFITABLE TRIP. HMMM...
BOOTY AND PRETTY GIRLS TO SPARE!
I DIDN'T NOTICE THAT ONE
WHEN I CAPTURED HER...



AH, MY PRETTY ONE! I
REMEMBER YOU NOW...
THE **SPACE ROVER** WAS
YOUR SHIP! ARE YOU
DREAMING OF A WAY OUT
OF MY LITTLE PARADISE?

LET GO MY
ARM! SWINE
OF THE
UNIVERSE—
I'LL...



YOU'LL DO WHAT,
PRETTY ONE?



SUDDENLY...

YOU HEARD WHAT SHE SAID
SCOUNDREL OF SPACE! DO
YOU HAVE TO BE TAUGHT
YOUR MANNERS?



I, TOO, AM A PRISONER HERE—OR I
WOULD HAVE TORN HIS EVIL HEART
OUT AND PLACED IT AT YOUR FEET!



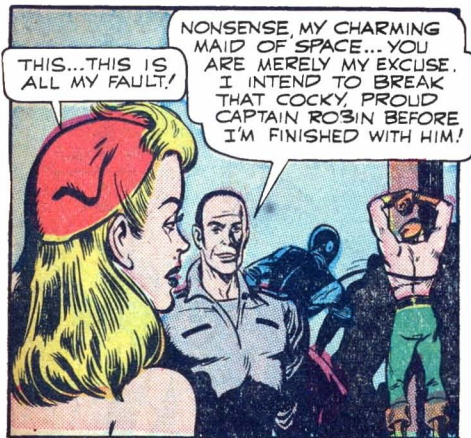
VERY GALLANT, CAPTAIN
ROBIN! AND NOW I'LL
SHOW YOU WHO IS
MASTER HERE!

FOR CAPTAIN ROBIN—20 LASHES!
AND GIVE ANOTHER 20 TO HIS
FAITHFUL MALO... FOR BEING SO
LOYAL TO HIS CAPTAIN!



'TIS NOT THE FIRST
TIME WE HAVE FELT
THE WHIP, EH, MALO?

AYE, CAPTAIN!



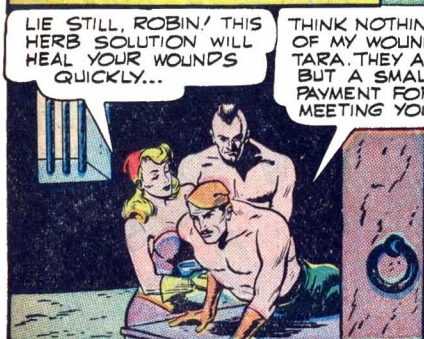
THIS...THIS IS ALL MY FAULT!

NONSENSE, MY CHARMING MAID OF SPACE... YOU ARE MERELY MY EXCUSE. I INTEND TO BREAK THAT COCKY, PROUD CAPTAIN ROBIN BEFORE I'M FINISHED WITH HIM!



YOU'LL PAY FOR THIS, CAPTAIN ATTO... FOR EVERY STROKE!

AFTER THE WHIPPING...INSIDE THE PRISONERS' HONELS...



LIE STILL, ROBIN! THIS HERB SOLUTION WILL HEAL YOUR WOUNDS QUICKLY...

THINK NOTHING OF MY WOUNDS, TARA. THEY ARE BUT A SMALL PAYMENT FOR MEETING YOU!

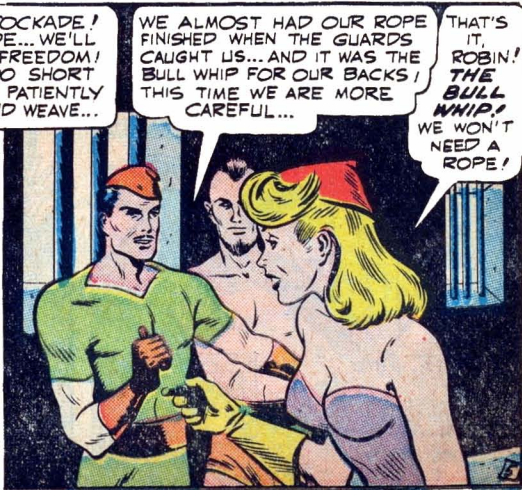
THIS IS AN EVIL PLACE TO MEET, ROBIN! ARE WE DOOMED TO REMAIN SLAVES HERE?

THE PRISON TO HOLD ROBIN HAS NOT BEEN BUILT IN THIS UNIVERSE, TARA! MALO AND I HAVE PLANS!



A ROPE! WHAT GOOD WILL THAT DO?

TO SCALE THE STOCKADE! AND ONCE OUTSIDE... WE'LL WIN OUR WAY TO FREEDOM! BUT IT IS MUCH TOO SHORT YET. MALO AND I PATIENTLY GATHER VINES AND WEAVE...

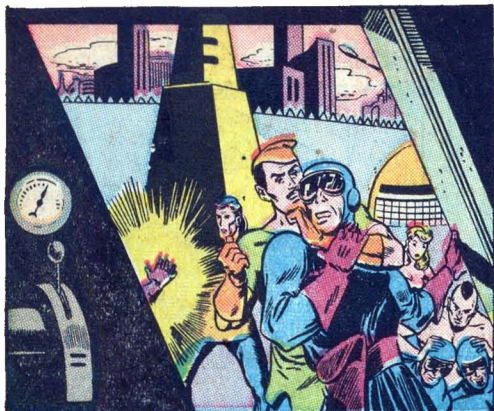


WE ALMOST HAD OUR ROPE FINISHED WHEN THE GUARDS CAUGHT US... AND IT WAS THE BULL WHIP FOR OUR BACKS! THIS TIME WE ARE MORE CAREFUL...

THAT'S IT, ROBIN! THE BULL WHIP! WE WON'T NEED A ROPE!





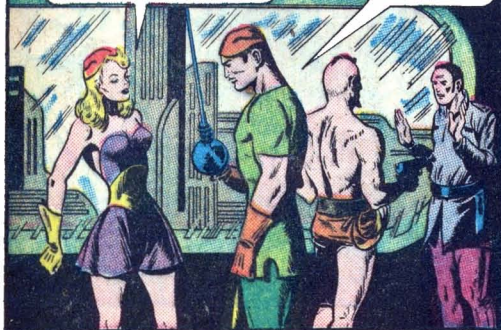


I'M MASTER OF THIS SHIP, CAPTAIN ROBIN! THERE'LL BE NO NEEDLESS BLOODSHED HERE! CAPTAIN ATTO WILL FACE THE WORLD COURT FOR HIS CRIMES!

AVE, TARA.... YOU ARE RIGHT. WE'D BEST DEPART FROM HERE, QUICKLY!

THE SHIP IS OURS, CAPTAIN ROBIN...

FULL POWER ON THE LAUNCHING JETS, ENGINEMAN! WE'RE HOMEWARD BOUND FOR EARTH!



SPACE DAYS LATER... AT THE WORLD COURT ON EARTH...

THE CHARGES OF MURDER AND PIRACY HAVE BEEN PROVEN AGAINST YOU, CAPTAIN ATTO, AND...

YOUR HONOR, AS AMBASSADOR FROM MARS... I PROTEST AGAINST THIS TREATMENT OF AN OFFICER IN THE MARTIAN SPACE FORCE!

CAPTAIN ATTO WHILE CARRYING OUT HIS DUTY, WAS GUILTY OF MERELY AN ACCIDENT... FOR WHICH WE APOLOGISE! BUT THIS COURT CANNOT PUT ON TRIAL AN OFFICER OF MARS!

DIPLOMATIC TREATIES FORCE ME TO LET CAPTAIN ATTO GO FREE- AND I'M SORRY FOR IT MR. AMBASSADOR!

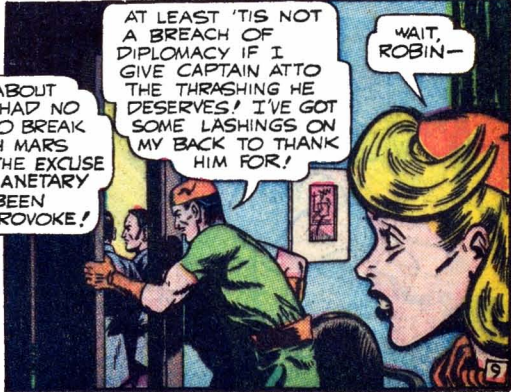


DO YOU CALL THIS JUSTICE? YOU LET THE MURDERER OF MY FATHER GO FREE!

I'M NOT HAPPY ABOUT IT, TARA... BUT I HAD NO CHOICE- EXCEPT TO BREAK OUR TREATY WITH MARS AND GIVE THEM THE EXCUSE FOR THE INTERPLANETARY WAR THEY'VE BEEN TRYING TO PROVOKE!

AT LEAST 'TIS NOT A BREACH OF DIPLOMACY IF I GIVE CAPTAIN ATTO THE THRASHING HE DESERVES! I'VE GOT SOME LASHINGS ON MY BACK TO THANK HIM FOR!

WAIT, ROBIN-



THESE EARTHINGS ARE FOOLS, CAPTAIN ATTO— BUT WE SHALL YET PROVOKE THEM INTO BREAKING OUR TREATY!

AVAST THERE SPACE VILLAIN! WE'VE A SCORE TO SETTLE BETWEEN US TWO!

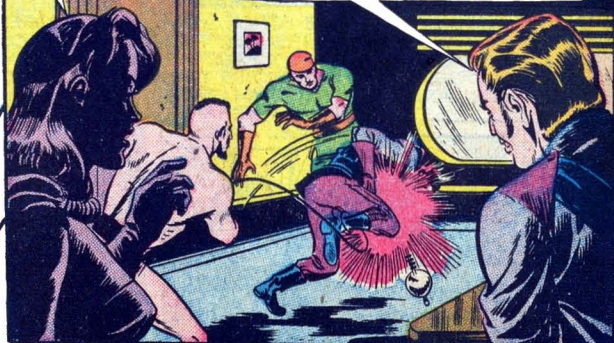
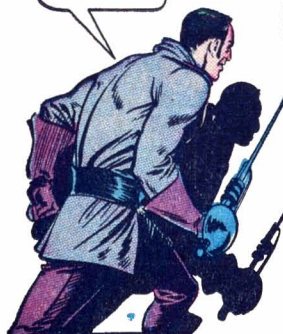
THAT'S FOR THE LASHES ON MY BACK... AND I HAVE MORE FOR YE!



TRUE, WE HAVE A SCORE TO SETTLE — BUT I'LL DO IT MY WAY!

MALO — YOU FOOL!

COLD-BLOODED MURDER OF A MARTIAN OFFICER! MY GOVERNMENT SHALL HEAR OF THIS!



BUT TARA... HE HAD DRAWN HIS ATOMSWORD...

ENOUGH, MALO! THE HARM'S DONE! OUR SAFETY LIES IN MY SPACE ROVER... WE MUST FLEE FROM EARTH — FOR THE PRESENT, ANYWAY!

AND SO... THE SPACE ROVER LEAPS OUT INTO THE DARK, LIMITLESS EXPANSE OF SPACE...

YOU'VE CAST YOUR LIFE WITH MALO AND WITH ME, TARA— AND WE MUST BE WANDERERS IN SPACE FROM THIS TIME ON... WE SHALL BE DECLARED CRIMINALS FOR ATTO'S DEATH!

IT MATTERS NOT, CAPTAIN ROBIN... SPACE SHALL BE OUR HOME!



WANDERERS IN SPACE... OUTLAWED BY THEIR OWN PLANET... WHAT STRANGE ADVENTURES LIE AHEAD FOR TARA AND HER FRIENDS?

DON'T MISS THE NEXT ISSUE OF **WONDER COMICS!** and **TARA!**