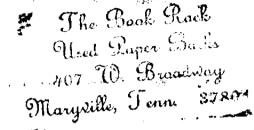


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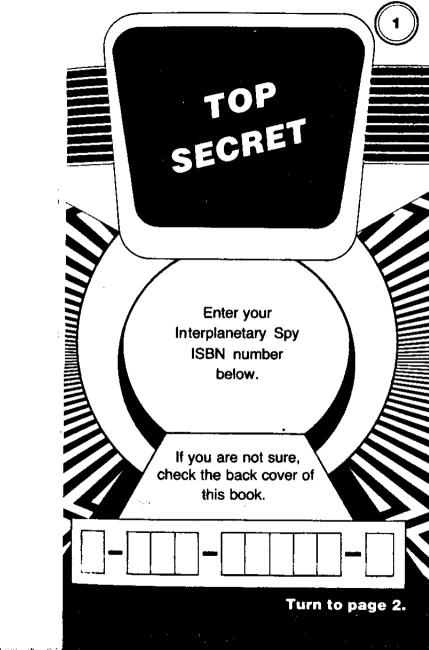
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You are an interplanetary Spy. You are about to embark on a dangerous mission. On your mission you will face challenges that may result in your death.

You work for the Interplanetary Spy Center, a far-reaching organization devoted to stopping crime and terrorism in the galaxy. While you are on your mission, you will take your orders from the Interplanetary Spy Center. Follow your instructions carefully.

You will be traveling alone on your mission. If you are captured, the interplanetary Spy Center will not be able to help you. Only your wits and your sharp spy skills will help you reach your goal. Be careful. Keep your eyes open at all times.

If you are ready to meet the challenge of being an interplanetary Spy, turn to page 1.



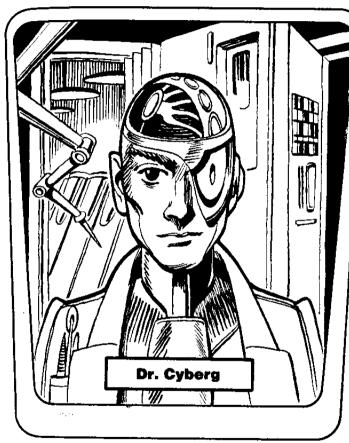
You are in a class M starship returning from a mission on the planet Parno when you receive an urgent message from Spy Center.



"This is Agent Tavro. Behind me is a group of colonists from the planet known as Robot World, in Sector 33. They were found shipwrecked in space and seem to have been brainwashed. Using mind probes, we have learned part of their story."

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"The colonists' leader was a computer genius \named Dr. Cyberg. He and the colonists set up Robot World to see if robots could be used to help settle an uncharted planet.



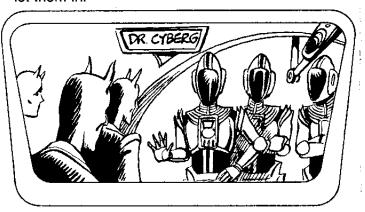
"Soon after arriving on Robot World, Dr. Cyberg was injured in an explosion. To save his life, he had to replace one of his eyes and other body parts with machinery. He became part robot himself—a cyborg!"

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"After he recovered, Dr. Cyberg and the colonists began their experiment. They used robots to make barren lands useful. Cities were built by the robots. Farms were established.

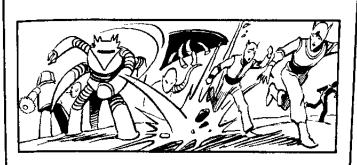


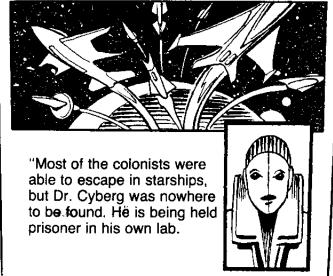
"Then one day a change came over the robots. They stopped following the colonists' orders. When a group of colonists went to the Marox Swamp, where Dr. Cyberg's lab was, the robots would not let them in."



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"That's when the robot rebellion began. 'Humans are not perfect,' the robots declared. 'They must be destroyed.' The robots began to attack the colonists.





"Stand by for orders from Spy Center. This is Agent Tavro, beaming out."

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As Tavro's picture fades, you receive your mission from Spy Center: Travel to Robot World and stop the robot rebellion.

To do this, you must find Dr. Cyberg. He is the key

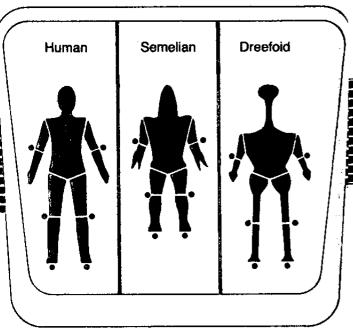
to bringing Robot World back under the colonists'

control.

The outside of your disguise will look like a robot, but the inside shape must match the shape of your own body.

> disquises with the following three inside shapes:

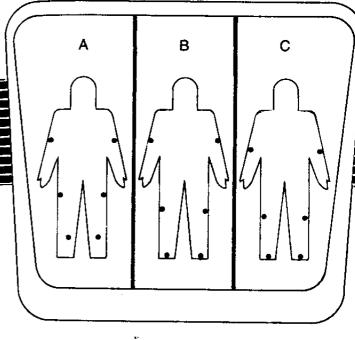
> The costuming machine can make robot



The robots of Robot World will destroy anyone who is not a robot. For your mission, the ship's costuming machine will manufacture a robot disguise.

To begin your mission, find your body pattern among the three shown above.

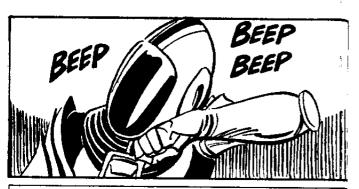
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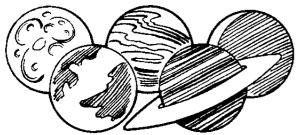
Which one will fit the shape of your body?

Pattern A? Turn to page 10. Pattern B? Turn to page 12.

Pattern C? Turn to page 16.



Your wrist scanner starts beeping. The beeps are in code. You listen carefully. It is a message from Spy Center. You must stop : your mission to Robot World.

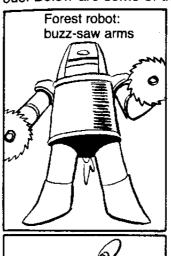


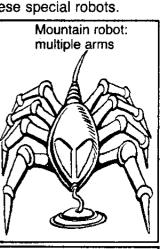
An even greater emergency has come up. You must travel to the other side of the galaxy. The Space Olympics are about to begin. You are needed to stop Gresh, the evil master spy!



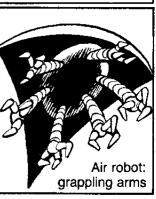
Your computer is activated. You must remain in disguise for your entire mission. Your life will be in immediate danger if the robots discover you are human.

To allow you to move around freely, your disguise looks like a general worker robot. Many other robot types were built to handle the different environments of the planet. They were designed for peaceful purposes, but they can be quite dangerous. Below are some of these special robots.

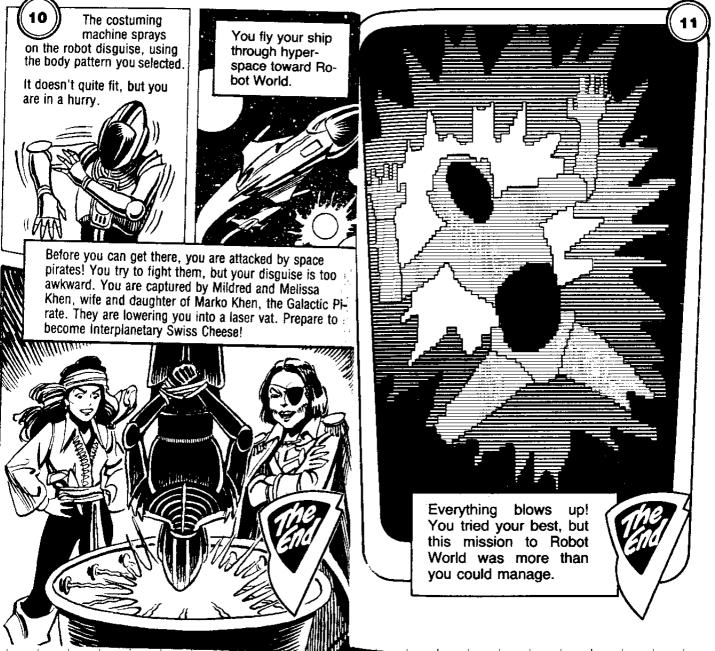


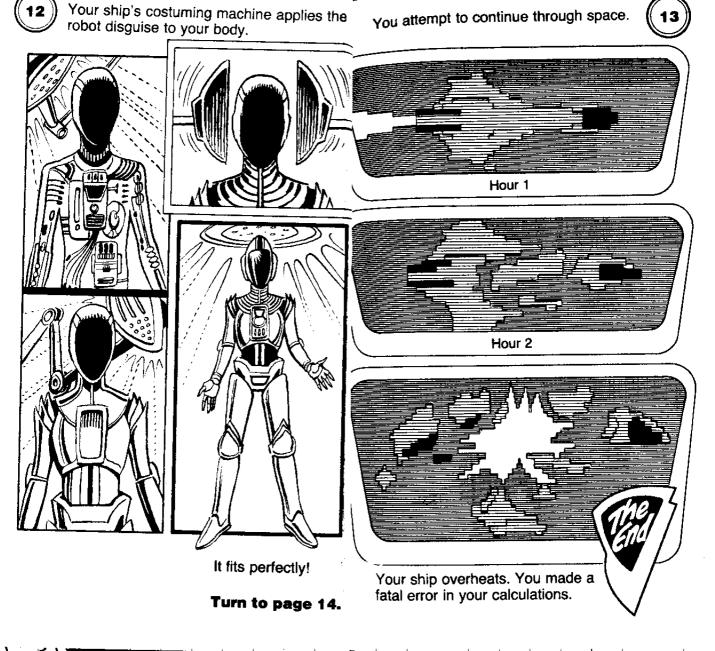


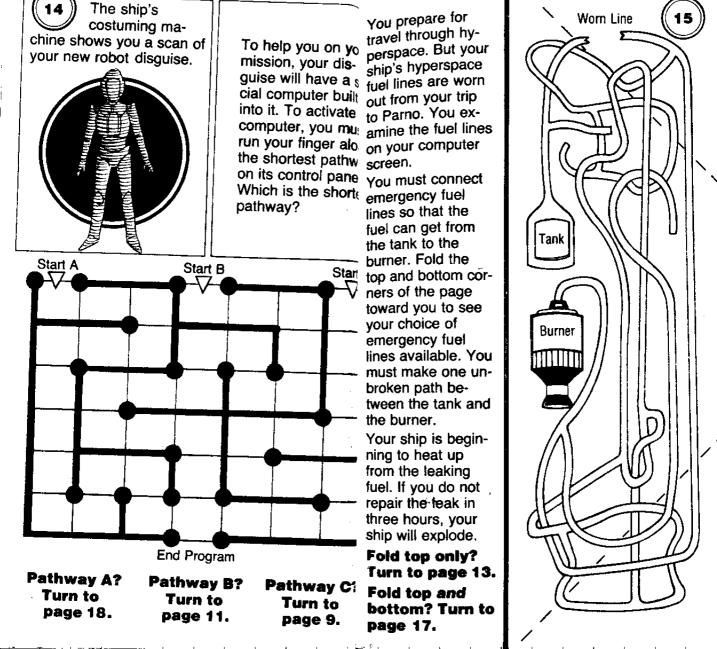


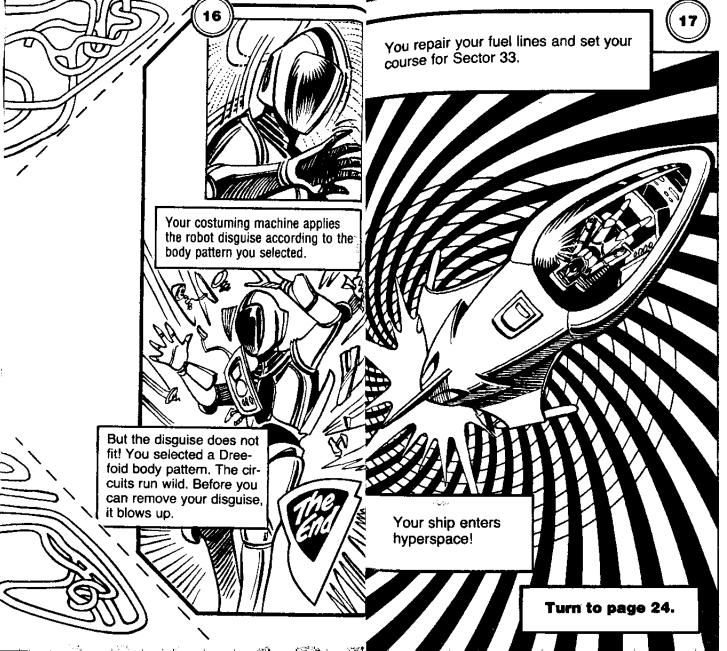


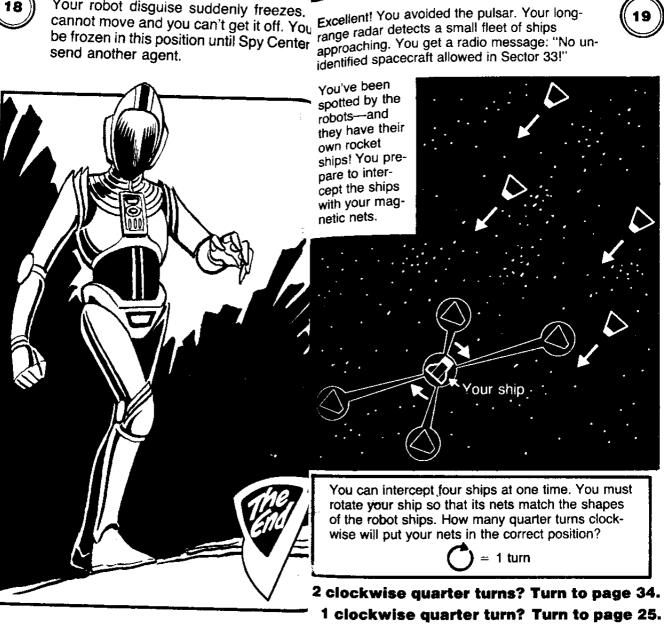
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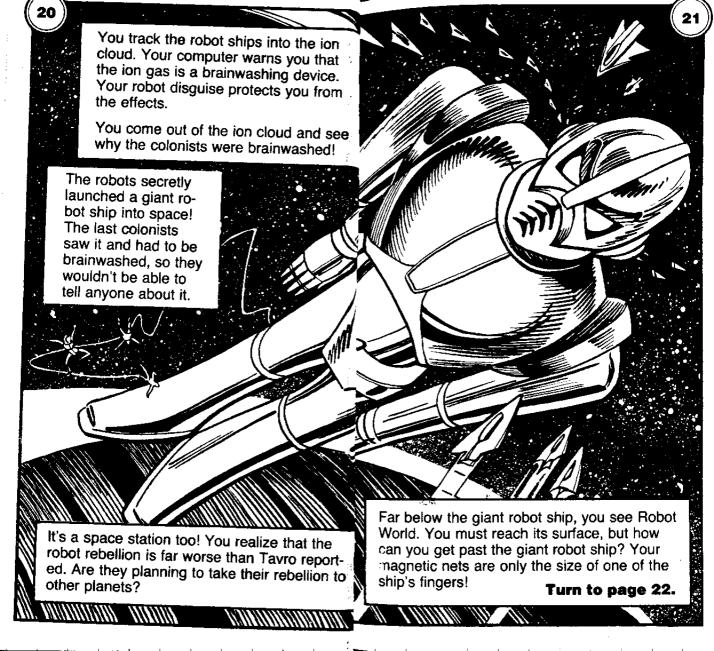












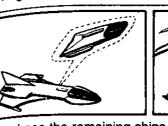
You must dodge the flying finger ships

You start to fly past the giant robot

Your ship comes out of hyperspace. You see a pulsar in your path! The pulsar is a star that expands over a period of

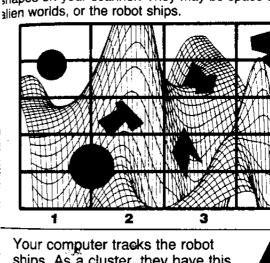
three hours then contracts again. You must get past it to reach Robot World. Your computer shows you the pulsar's size during the next three hours. There are two paths your ship can take to get past The position of your ship is shown at each hour for

Good! You rotate your ship correctly and grab four robot rocket ships with your magnetic nets. Then you blast them!

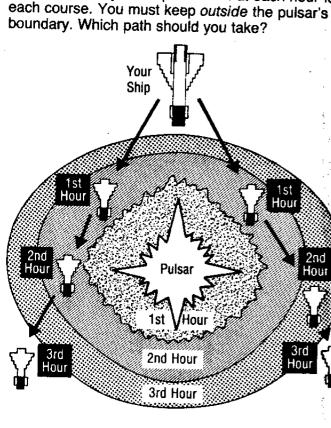




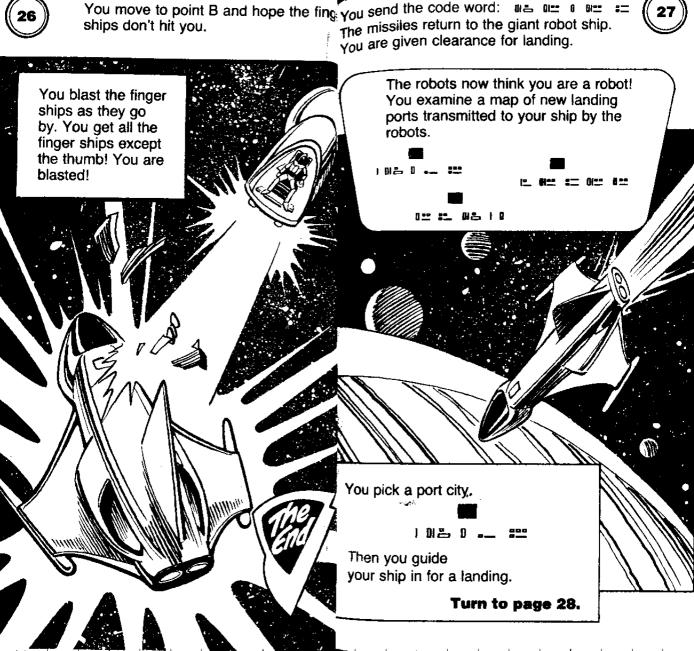
YOU chase the remaining ships, but they release a strange loud of ion gas. Your computer indicates that Robot World s somewhere on the other side of that cloud. You must rack the ships through the ion gas. You see several shapes on your scanner. They may be space stations,



ships. As a cluster, they have this shape on the screen: Can you find them in the ion gas? Enter their coordinates:



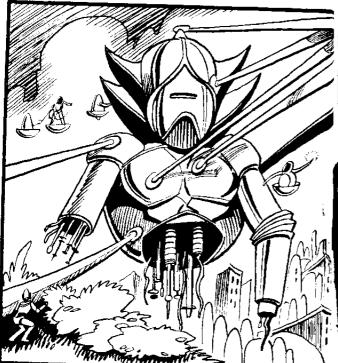
Left path? Right path Turn to page 13. Turn to page 19. Are they B-3? Turn to page 20. Are they C-2? Turn to page





You descend quickly, but you crash into a waste dump! It looked just like a landing port. Your ship damaged, but your first concern is to find Dr. Cyberg. You climb out of the hole.

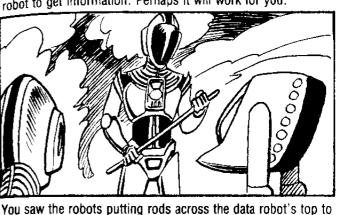
In the distance you see robots building a second giant robot ship!



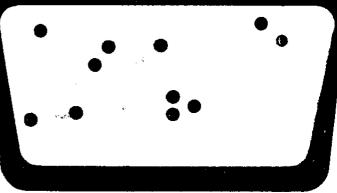
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You must find Dr. Cyberg. You know his laboratory is in the Marox Swamp, but you do not know where that is.

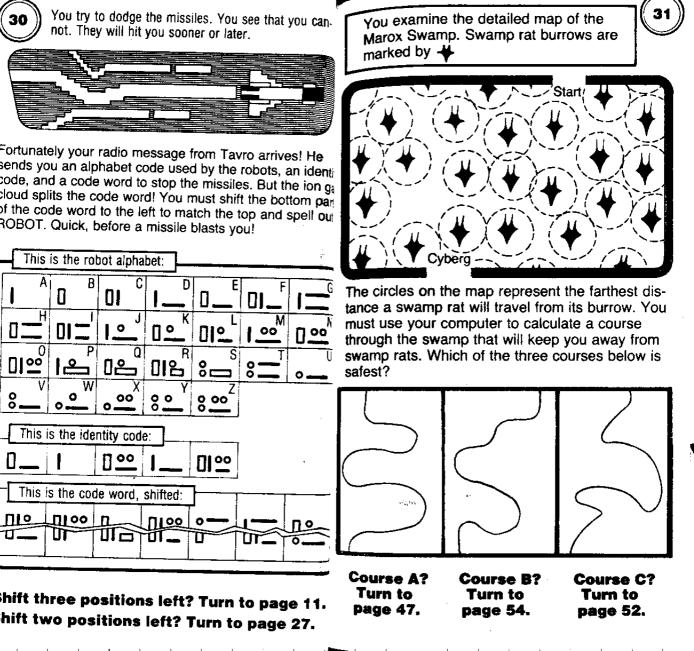
You see many soldier and general worker robots. Luckily for you, your disguise seems to be working. You approach the area where the giant robot is being built. You watch the robots going about their tasks. Some of them are using a special data robot to get information. Perhaps it will work for you.

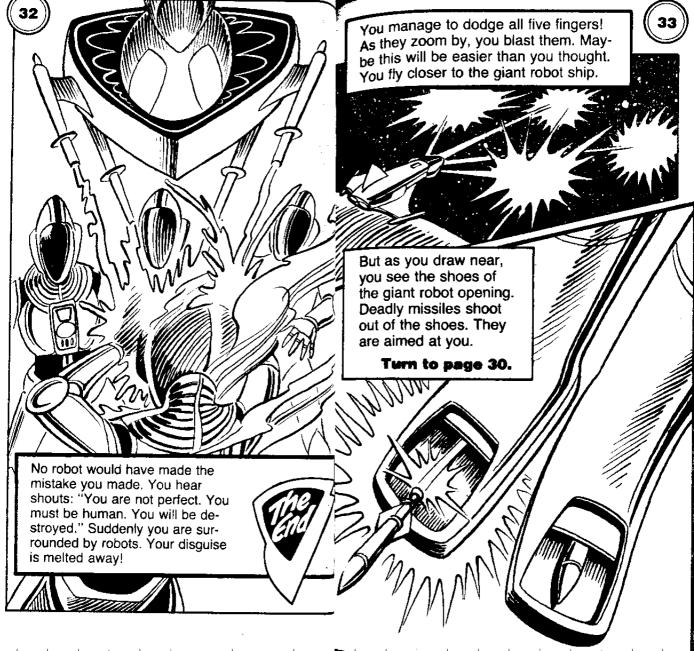


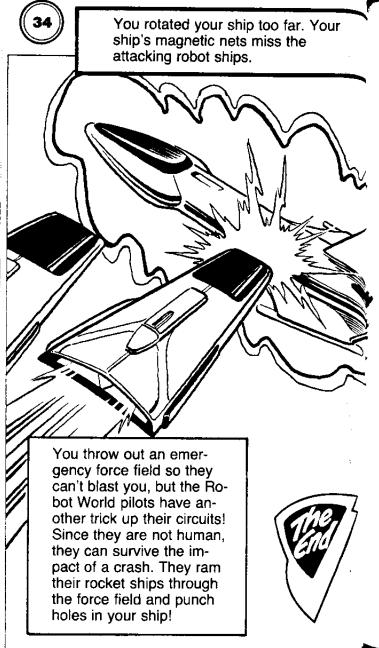
You saw the robots putting rods across the data robot's top to connect data points. What is the fewest number of rods that will connect all of the data points?



Four rods? Turn to page 41.
Three rods? Turn to page 32.



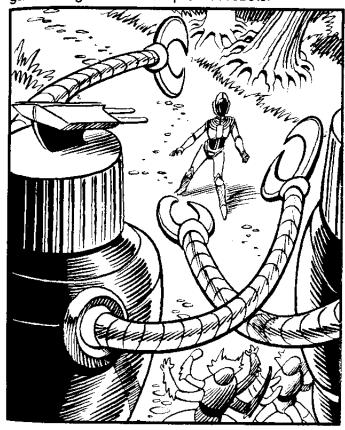




You go through the teleport station doorway. Instantly you are transported to the Zetan River.



Before you can go very far, you come to a giant gate. The gate is made up of . . . robots.

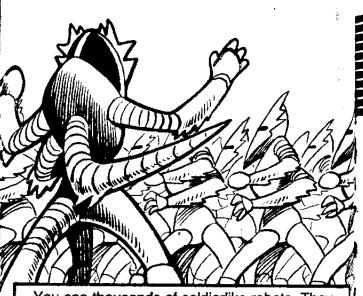


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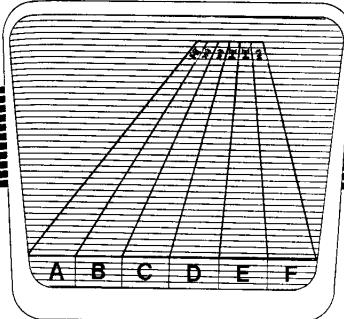
The robot gate protects a military base. No robot would be here unless they were part of the army. Before you can escape, you are carriect inside the base!

You are taken to a room in the base for training to be a robot soldier. Your first order is to practice on a video game. If your reflexes aren't as good as a robot's, you will give yourself away. In the game, human and robot shapes come at you. You must shoot the humans but *not* the robots. The robots are training for war . . . against humans!



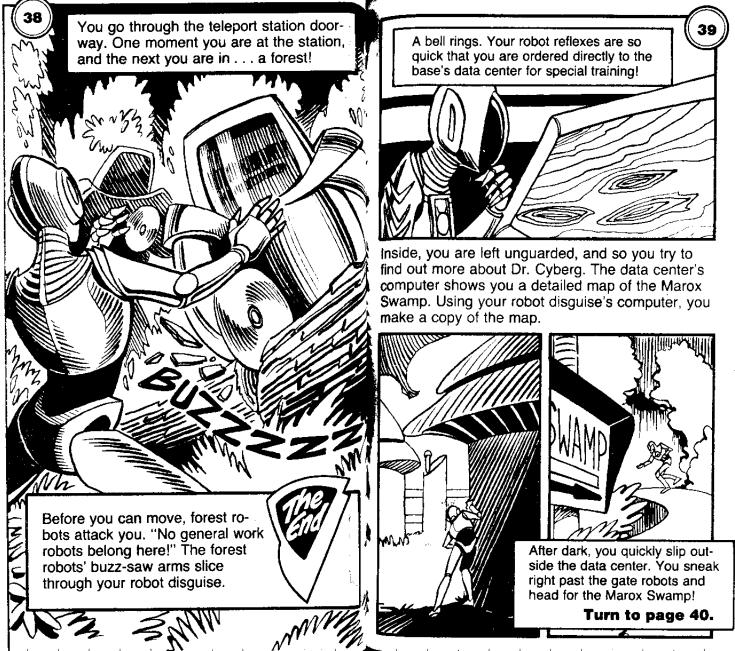
You see thousands of soldierlike robots. They seem to be training for war. Is this the next step in the robot rebellion? The situation on Robot World is worse than you thought.

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These are human shapes:

Fire at tracks A-D-E? Turn to page 48. Fire at tracks B-C-F? Turn to page 39.

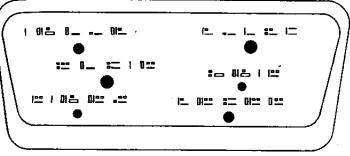






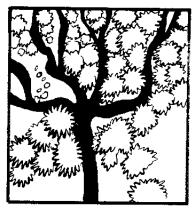
You connect the data points correctly with four rods.

The computer screen lights up. You ask for information about the Marox Swamp.

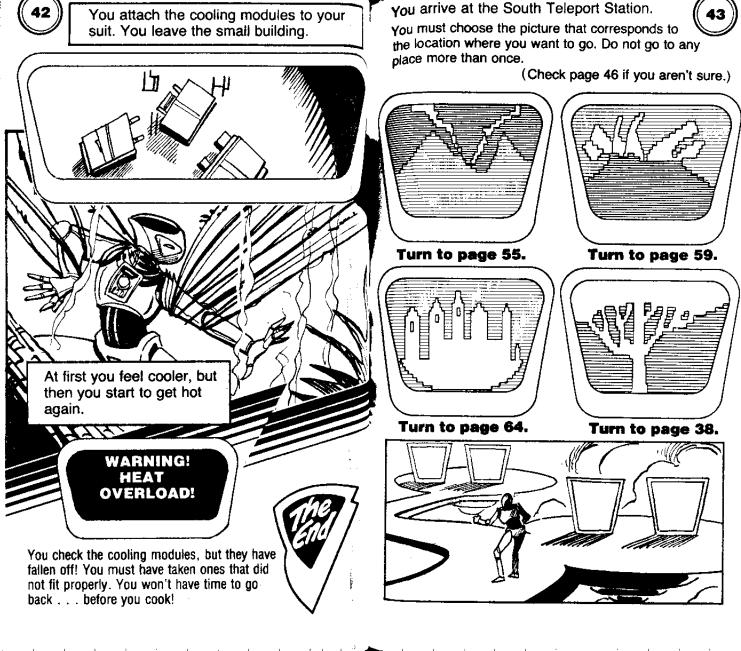


Words appear. They must be names of places. You ask the data robot for clarification.

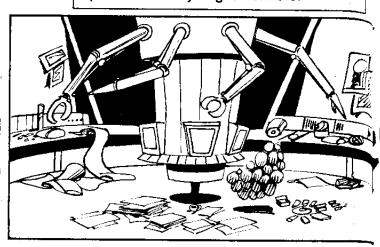
The data robot tells you to go to the North Teleport Station nearby. The teleport system can take you to the Zetan River Station, near Marox Swamp. The data robot shows you a detailed picture of the Zetan River.



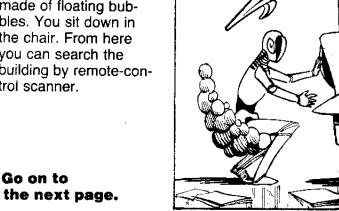
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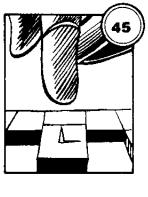
You made it past the automatic lasers! You go through a large door and enter what looks like the main control room of Dr. Cyberg's lab. You have not seen any robots in or around the lab, and you suspect that Dr. Cyberg is not here.



You see the control chair that Dr. Cyberg probably used. It is made of floating bubbles. You sit down in the chair. From here you can search the building by remote-control scanner.



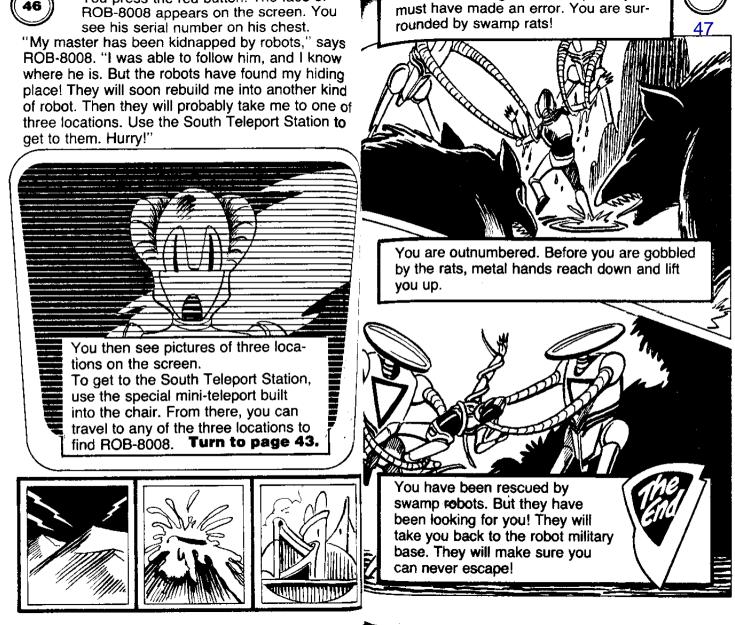
The scanner shows you that the entire building is empty. YOU see a strange button on the control panel. You push it. A probe pricks through vour robot disguise to your finger. Then you hear a musical tone and see a video screen coming out of the wall. You see and hear the image of Dr. Cyberg!

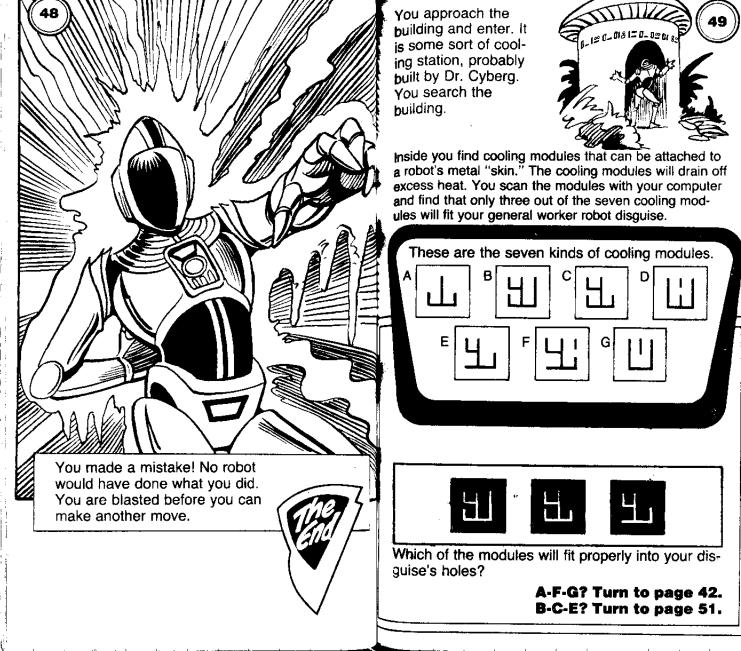




So that's why your finger was pricked! The tape continues: "My house is surrounded by robots. They will capture me at any moment. There is only one robot still loyal to me, ROB-8008. Summon him by pressing the red button." The picture fades. Turn to page 46.

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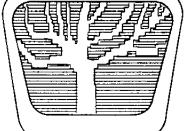


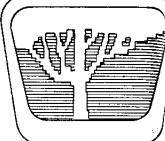
You walk to the North Teleport Station.

From here you can travel instantly to many different locations on Robot World. You must

travel to the Zetan River.

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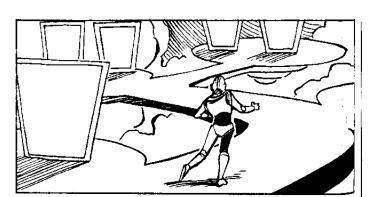




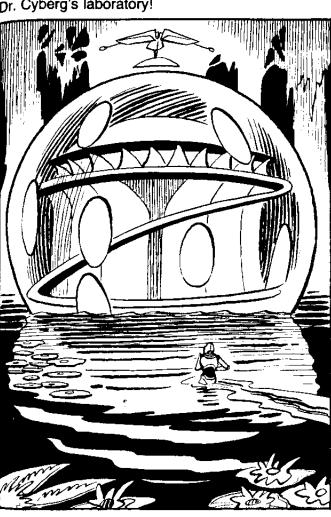
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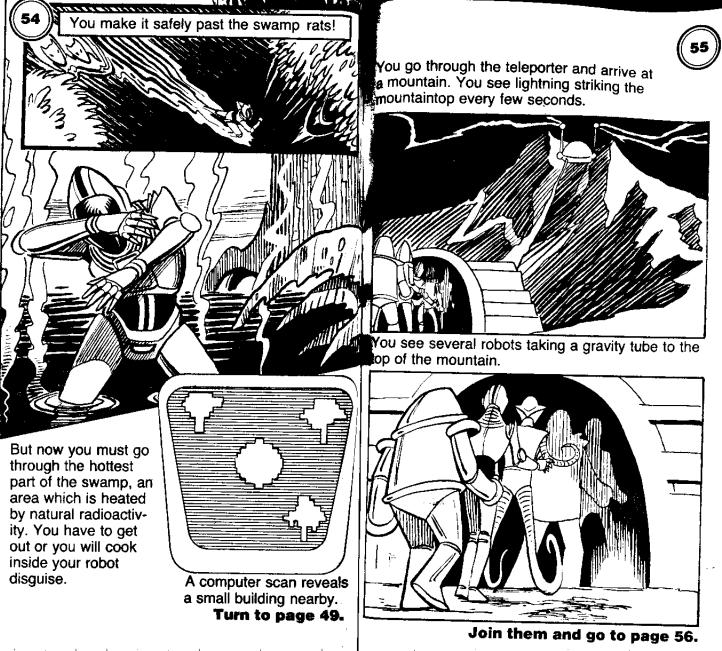


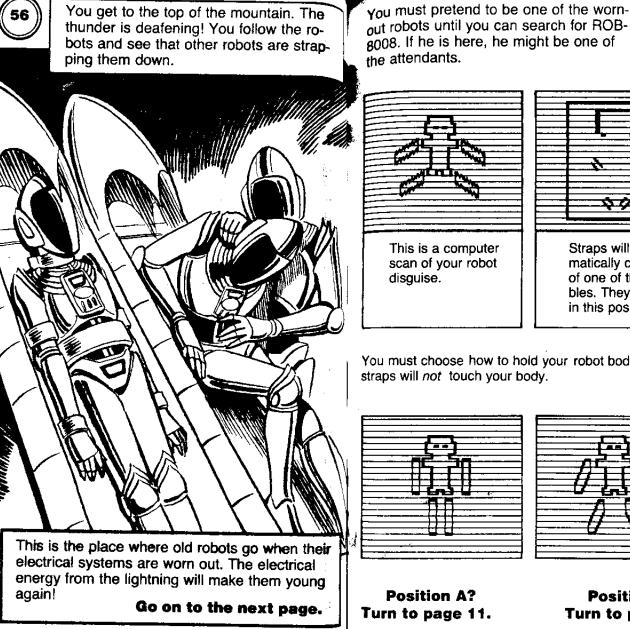
You put on the cooling modules and feel cooler immediately. You continue your journey through the rest of the swamp until you come to a building which is enclosed in a large, slowly rotating bubble. This must be Dr. Cyberg's laboratory!



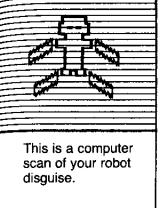
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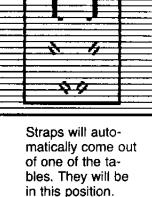




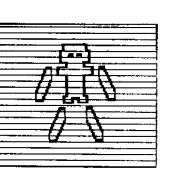


out robots until you can search for ROB-8008. If he is here, he might be one of

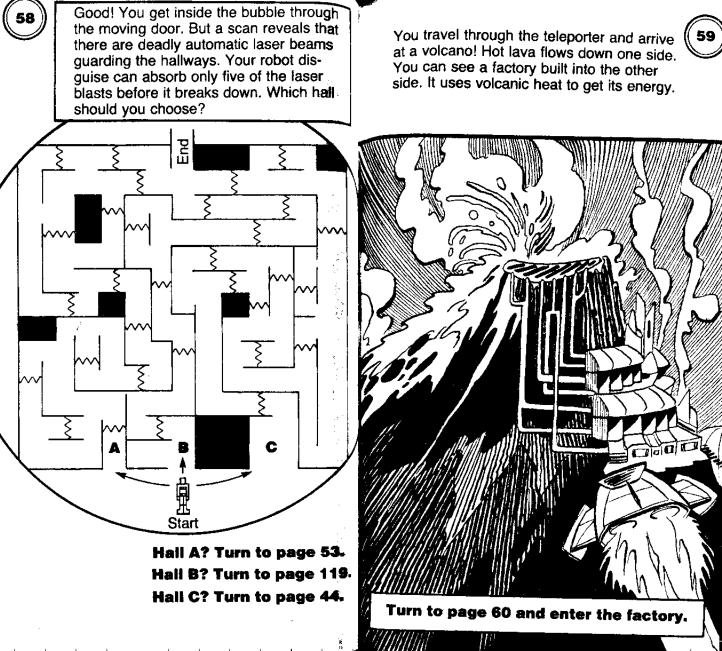




You must choose how to hold your robot body so the straps will not touch your body.



Position B? Turn to page 80.

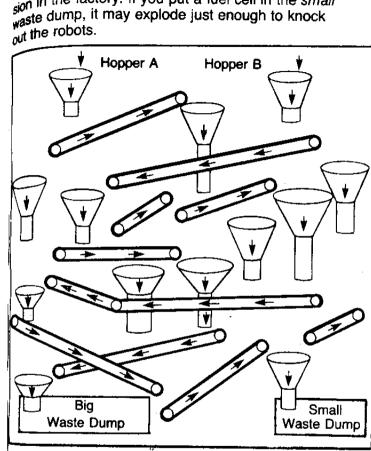


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Inside the factory, fuel cells for the giant orbiting robot are being manufactured. One of the workers may be ROB-8008.

Before anyone gets suspicious, you find a place on the assembly line.

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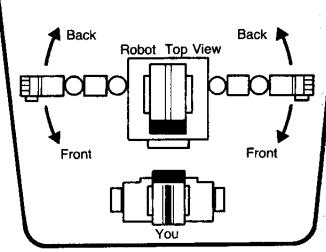
you need a diversion to give you a chance to look for ROB-8008. You decide to make a small explo-

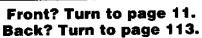
ion in the factory. If you put a fuel cell in the small

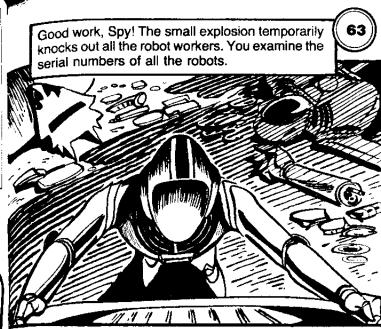
You are working at the top of the factory. If you put a fuel cell into one of the two hoppers, the conveyor belts and other hoppers will carry it to the waste dumps. Careful! If it goes to the big dump, you've had it!

Hopper A? Turn to page 63. Hopper B? Turn to page 106. Your computer scans the attacking robot. You discover that it has weak points in its front and back. If you can touch both of its wrists together at the panels on either the front or back, you can stop it cold.







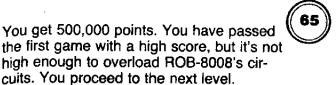


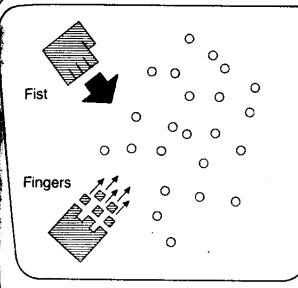
None of the robots is ROB-8008. You must try another location by using the South Teleport Station. Search for ROB-8008 at one of these two places, if you have not already been there:





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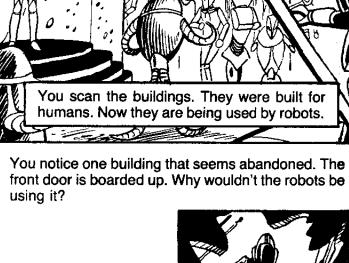




In game two, you must shoot the human ships in the center of the screen. Should you use your entire fist (top), or should you use fingers only (bottom)? This antihuman game is not to your liking!

Fist? Turn to page 11. Fingers? Turn to page 72.

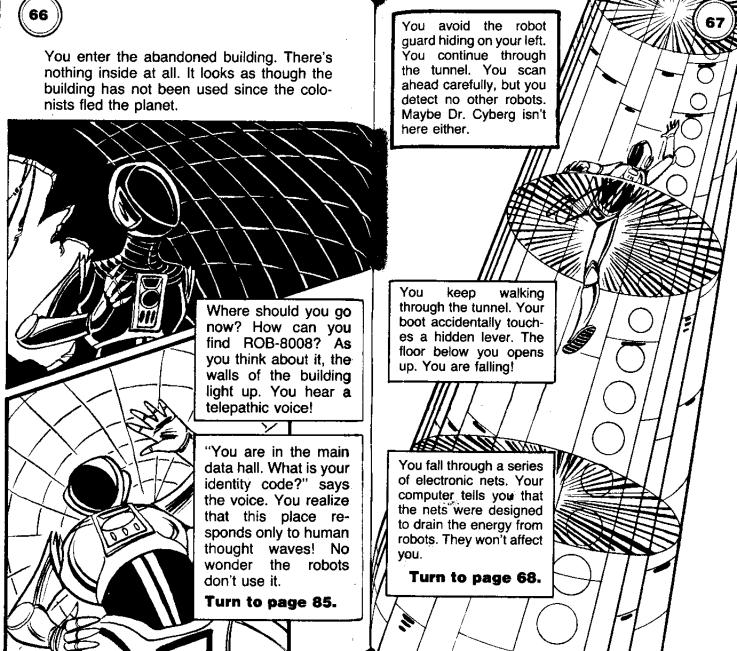
You arrive at a floating city. You are on one of the teleportation platforms.

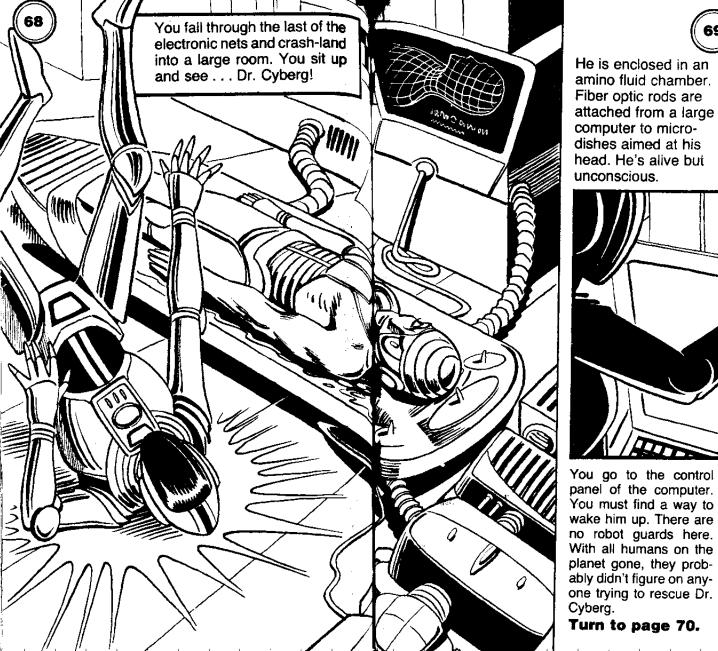


You go around to the back door. An explosion has damaged the barricade. You slip inside.

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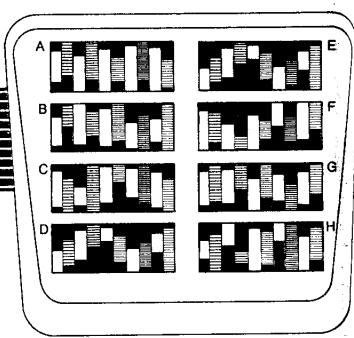






You examine the computer. Dr. Cyberg's brain waves are being tapped by the microdishes. You must program the computer to use the microdishes to wake up Dr. Cyberg. Here are the computer's circuits for brain wave interference. Connect two matching circuits to cause the microdishes to arouse Dr. Cyberg.

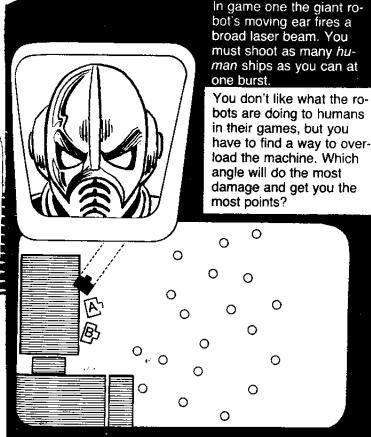
Warning! Incorrect connections may cause the whole computer system to blow up.



Match A-C? Turn to page 106. Match D-E? Turn to page 74.

him so he can tell you where Dr. Cyberg is. Perhaps you can find a way to overload ROB-8008's circuits so that he'll need repairs. Then you can get past his automatic anti-tamper mechanism. You press the start button and see a game based on the giant robot ship.

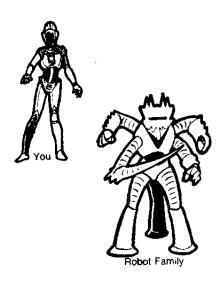
AOB-8008 cannot talk to you in his present form. You must find a way to rewire

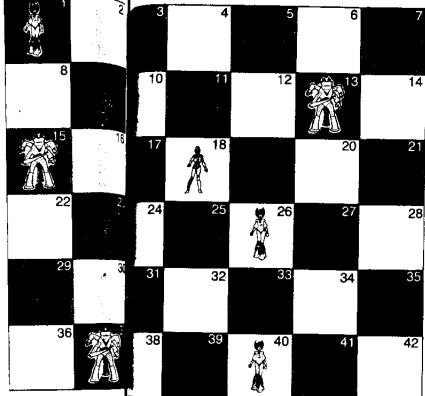


Ear angle A? Turn to page 110. Ear angle B? Turn to page 65. You get 1,000,000 points! You are on your way to a top score. There is one more game to play. If you do it well enough, you may be able

In game three humans have overrun Robot World. Your mission is to protect the last robot family. You can blast the humans one at a time. But after each blast, each remaining human can move. You and the other robots cannot move.

to overload the machine.







diagonally, sideways, up, or down. They will always move toward you or another robot, whichever piece is closest to them. If they touch you or another robot, you lose.

The humans can move one square at a time,

You get to shoot first. What is the correct order in which to blast the humans?

Squares 26-8-38? Turn to page 83. Squares 26-40-1? Turn to page 110.



You did it! The computer uses the microdishes to wake up Dr. Cyberg.

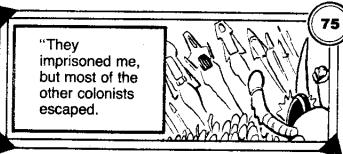
"This robot suit is a disguise," you explain. "I am here from Interplanetary Spy Center to stop the rebellion."



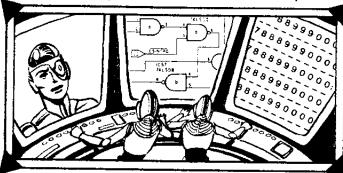
"It's all my fault," answers Dr. Cyberg. "I programmed the robots to make things perfect, but they discovered humans were not perfect. They tried to get rid of all humans to make Robot World perfect."



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"The robots tapped my brain to learn how to run Robot World by themselves. I could not stop them.

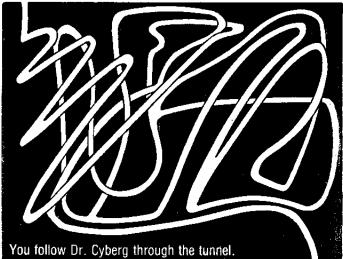


"They plan to build a fleet of giant robots to reach other planets. They have already used one to try and stop the last colonists from escaping, but they failed!"



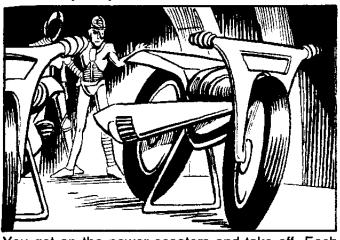
As Dr. Cyberg tries to stand up, you hear a crash! You turn quickly to see robots charging into the room. Dr. Cyberg blasts them with his cybernetic eye. "It sends out a laser to control the robots," he explains, "but it's only strong enough to stun them temporarily.

"We must get to my private scooter dock," says Dr. Cyberg. He activates a secret door. "Follow me," he says, "I know these tunnels better than the robots do!"

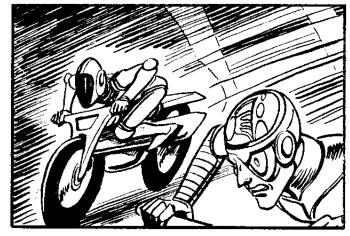


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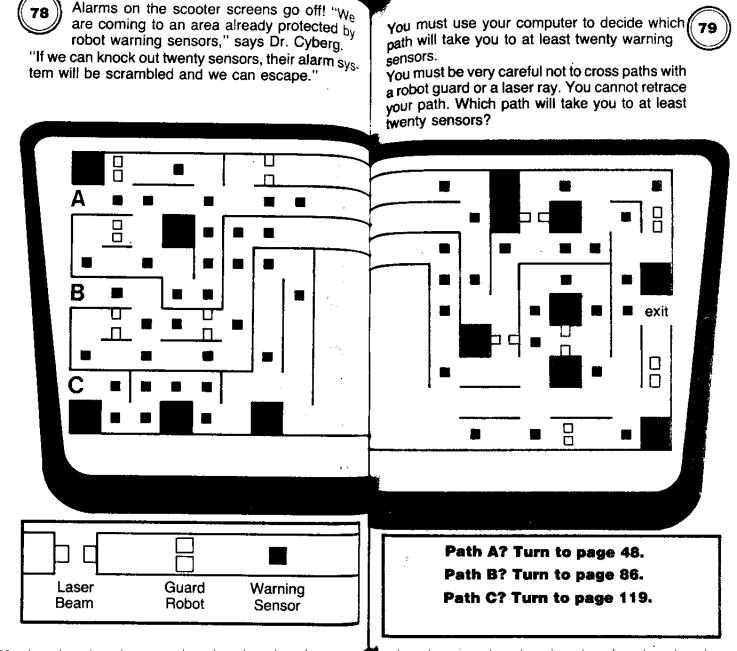
You go through the tunnels for a short distance. Dr. Cyberg presses a hidden switch. Two power scooters appear. "We must go to my secret laboratory, hidden in the caves. The robots don't know it exists. If we're lucky, they won't be able to follow us."

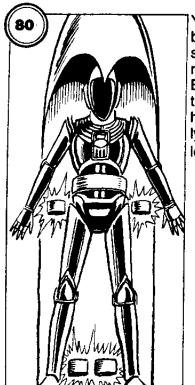


You get on the power scooters and take off. Each scooter is equipped with its own video screen.



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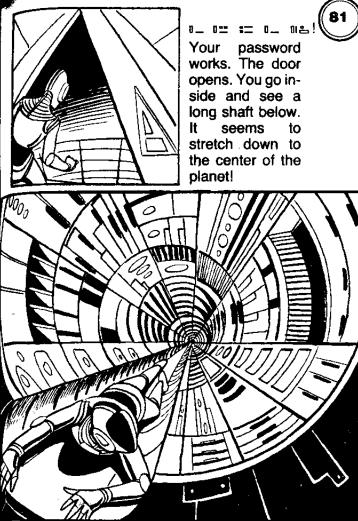
You lie down on the table. The automatic straps cannot quite reach. You're safe! Electricity zaps through the table but does not harm you. While you are lying on the table, you look at all the robots.

None of them has the serial number ROB-8008. You must go back to the South Teleport Station and look for Dr. Cyberg's loyal robot at one of these two places, if you haven't been there before:



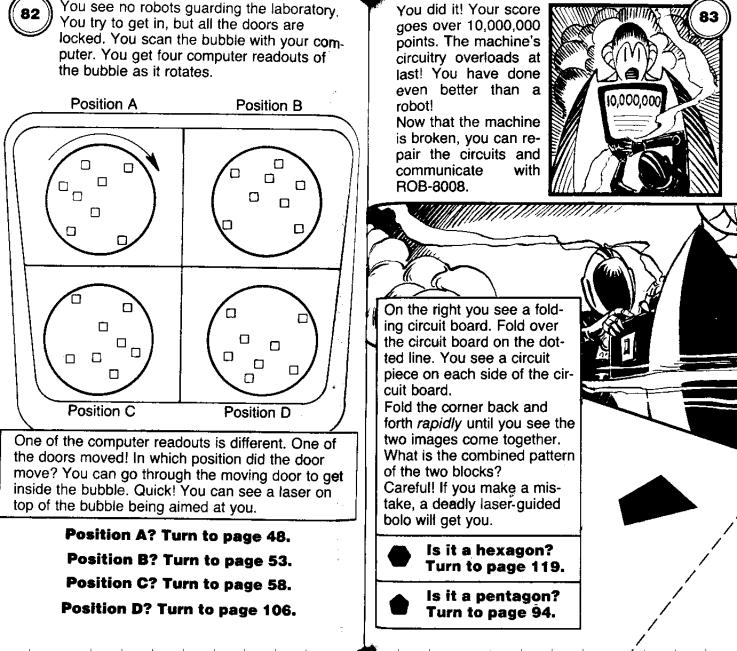


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You wonder why there are no robot guards. There were none at Dr. Cyberg's lab either. Either Dr. Cyberg isn't here, or the robots do not expect any Interplanetary Spies! Since you have no other clues, you begin climbing down the shaft.

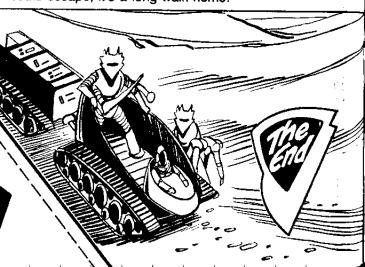
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Before you know what is happening, robot guards surround you! They do not suspect you are a spy. However, since you do not seem to have a job, they will take you to a desert solar energy station.

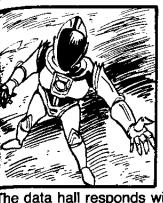


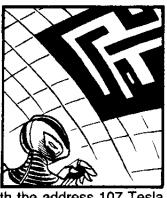
On the way there, the robot carrier breaks down in the desert. The guards decide they will use you as an alternate power source for their carrier. When they plug you into the generator, your disguise will be uncovered. Even if you could escape, it's a long walk home!



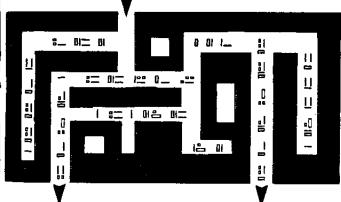
You tell the data hall computer the identity code that Tavro sent you, which was used by the colonists: □ □ □ □□ □ □□ .

Then you ask for recent data on ROB-8008.



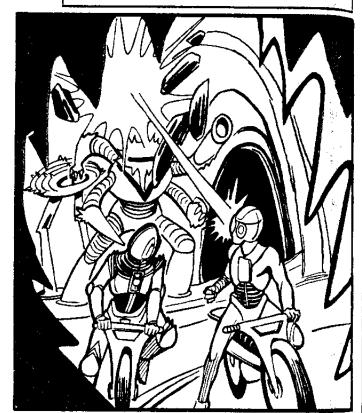


The data hall responds with the address 107 Tesla Street. Then it shows you a map of the city. Use the lobot code to read the map. (See page 30.) Which way should you go?



Tesia Street? Turn to page 108. Tesla Street? Turn to page 32. 86 <u></u>

You made it! You managed to knock out at least twenty warning sensors, but a few guard robots have picked up your trail. "My eye is fully recharged now," says Dr. Cyberg. However, instead of blasting the oncoming robots, he directs his cybernetic eye at the cave ceiling.

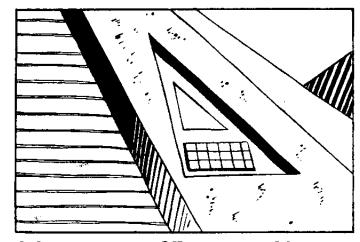


The guard robots are caught in a cave-in!
They will soon dig their way out of it. "The
next part of our journey will be very dangerous," says Dr. Cyberg. "We must go through
the Diamond Caverns." **Turn to page 91.**

guards around, but the entrance is locked.

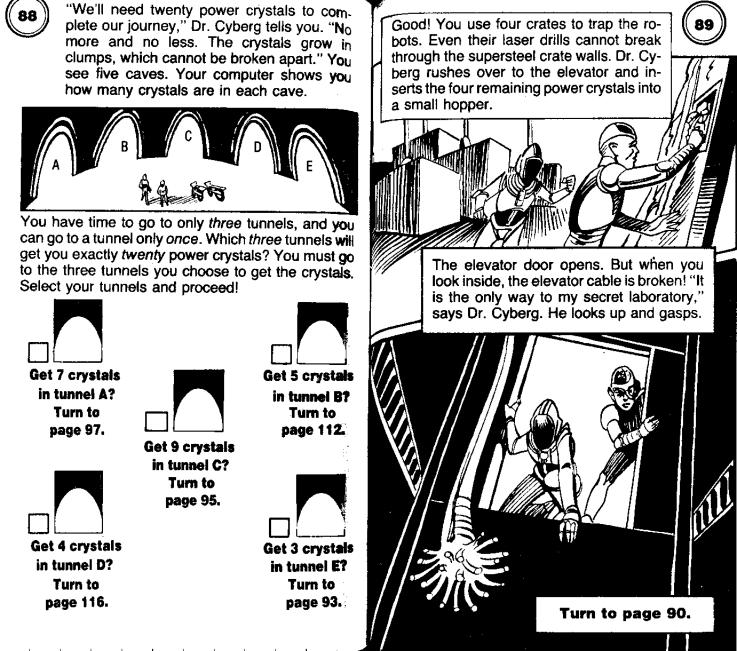
You arrive at the ice dome. There aren't any

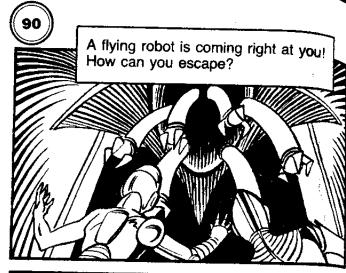
You notice a keyboard at the door. Enter the password ROB-8008 gave you on page 94.



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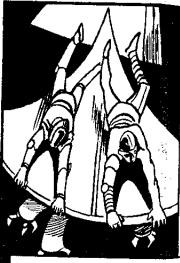
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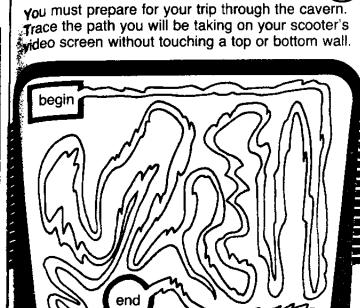
Dr. Cyberg uses his cybernetic eye to bring the flying robot under control.





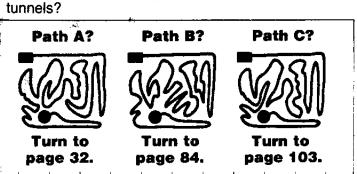
You and Dr. Cyberg grab on to the flying robot and ride it down the elevator shaft.

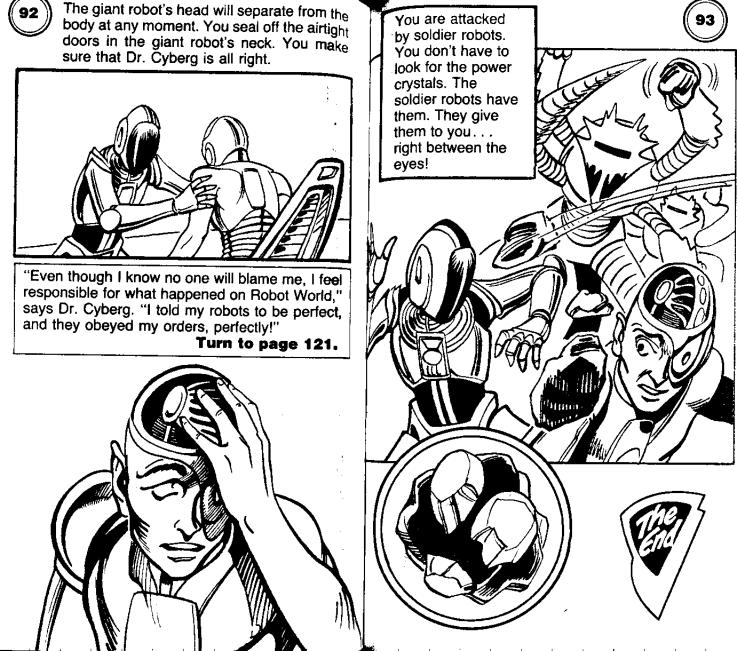
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The Diamond Caverns' walls are very sharp.

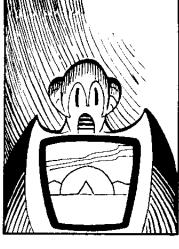
Once you have traced your path, you must set your scooter's autodrive pattern. Which of the three patterns below will match your path through the



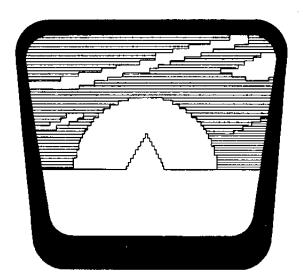


Excellent. You see a pentagon! You are able to repair ROB-8008's circuits. He cannot speak, but at least he can show you pictures.

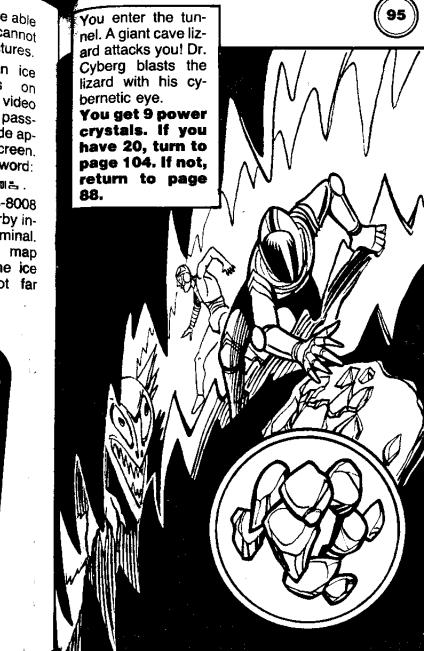
A picture of an ice dome appears on

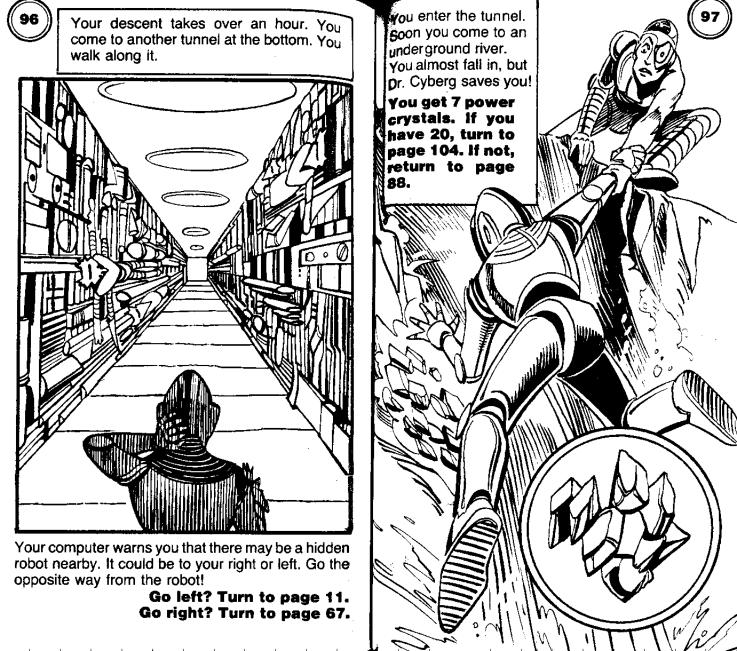


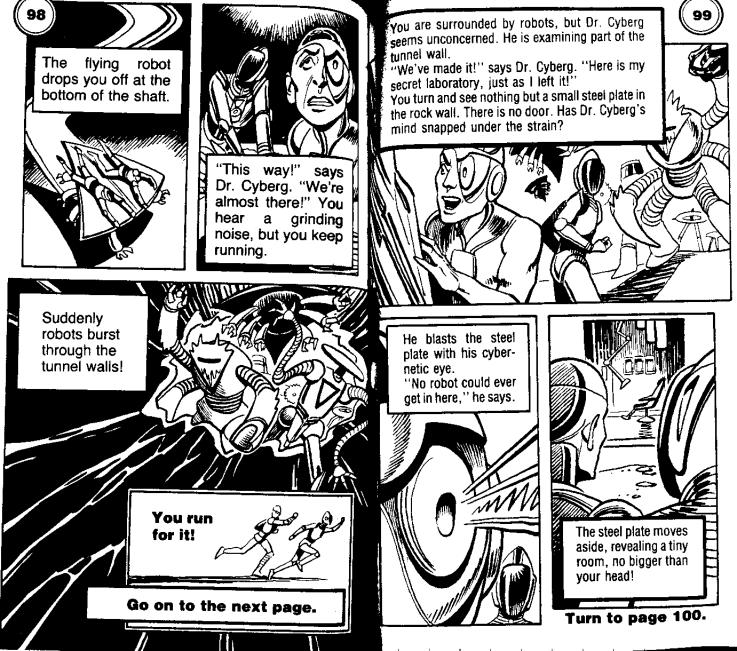
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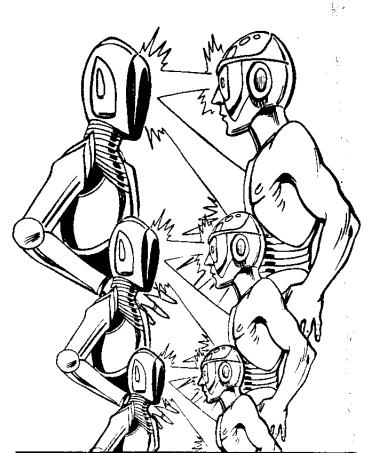
Travel to page 87.







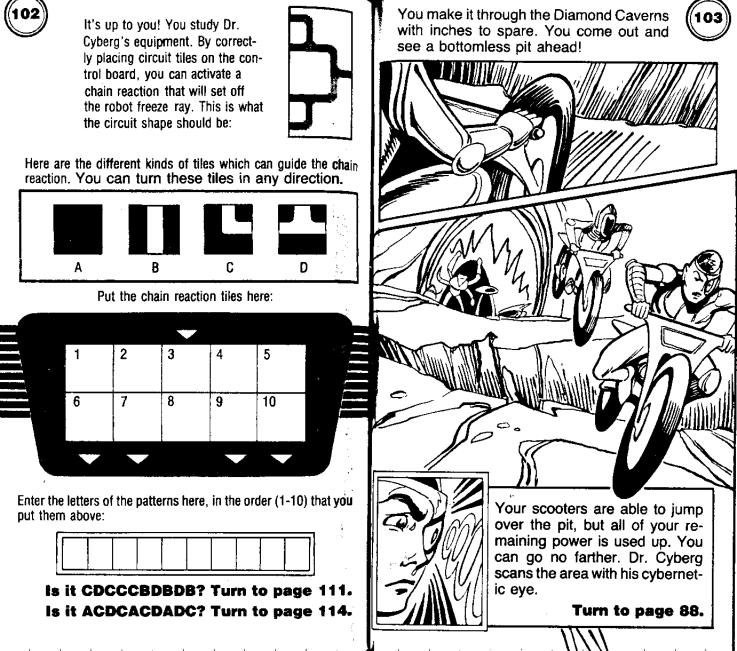
Dr. Cyberg smiles and turns his cybernetic eye on *you!* A beam of ruby light strikes you, but it does not hurt. The light bounces back and hits Dr. Cyberg.

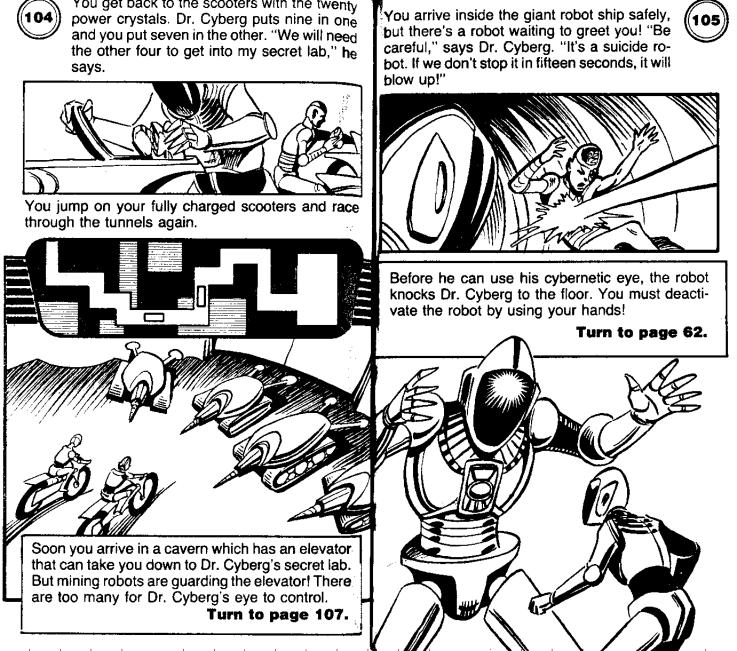


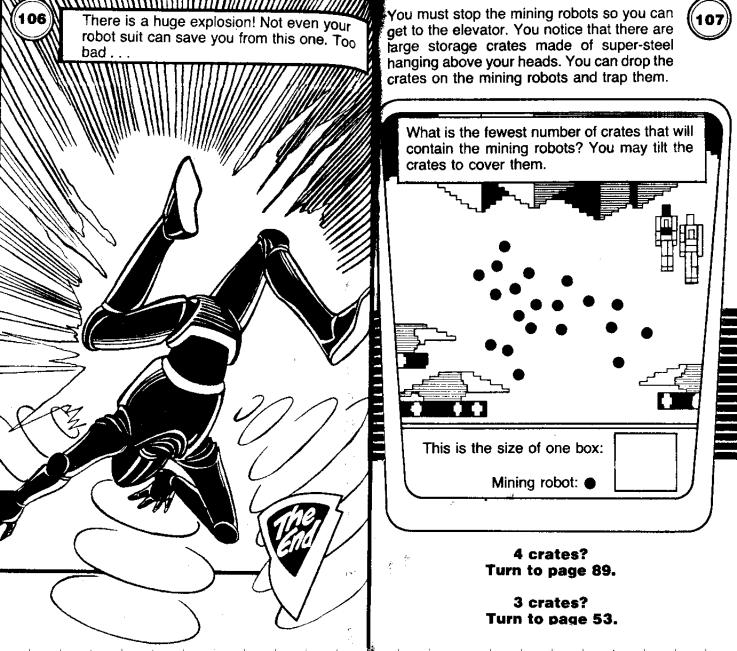
You and Dr. Cyberg start to shrink! He jumps into the tiny room behind the steel plate and says, "Follow me!"

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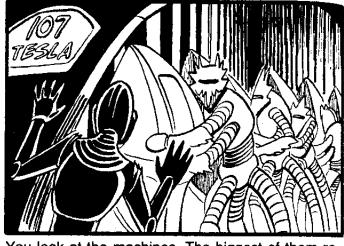








You arrive at 107 Tesla Street. You go inside and discover an arcade! The robots here are using games to sharpen their skills, just like the robots at the military base.

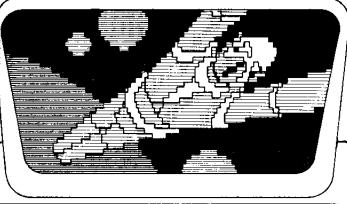


You look at the machines. The biggest of them resembles ROB-8008! His robot body has been converted into a video game.

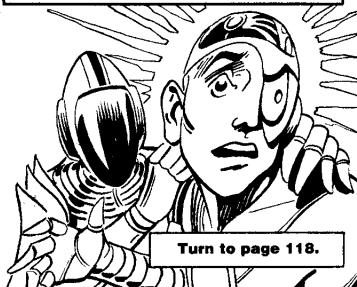


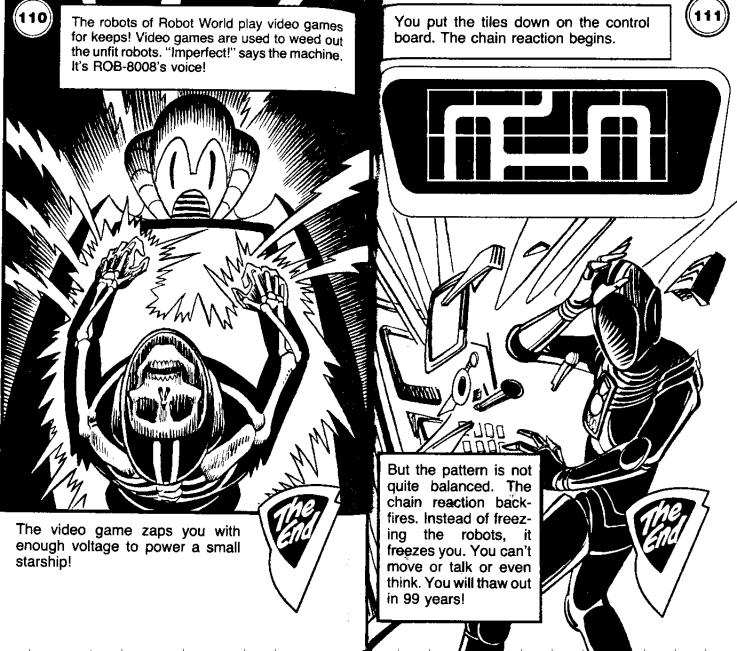
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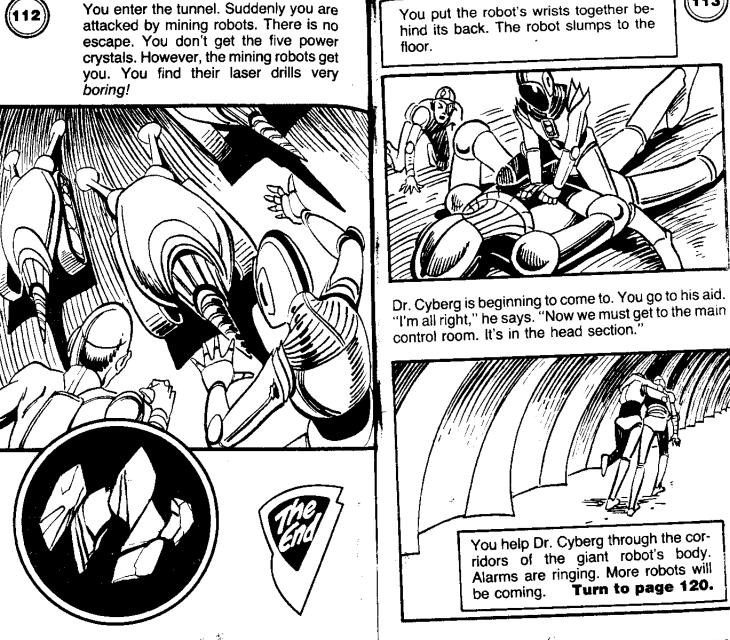
You ask Dr. Cyberg about the giant robot ship orbiting around the planet. Did the robot freeze ray reach it? Dr. Cyberg uses the deep-space scanner.

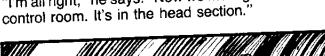


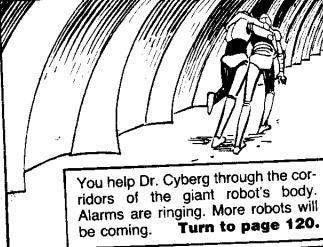
"No," says Dr. Cyberg. "The giant robot is too far out in space to be affected by the ray. We've got to stop it before it can escape to another sector!"

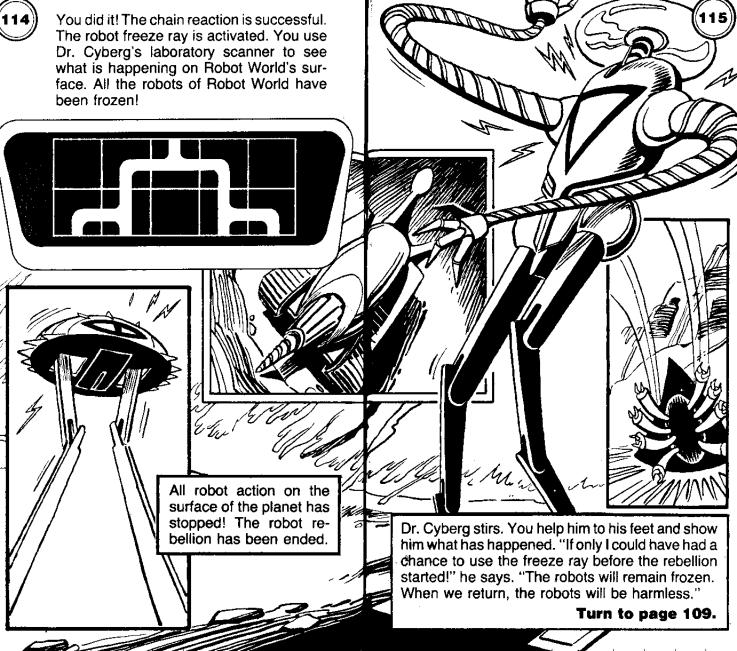


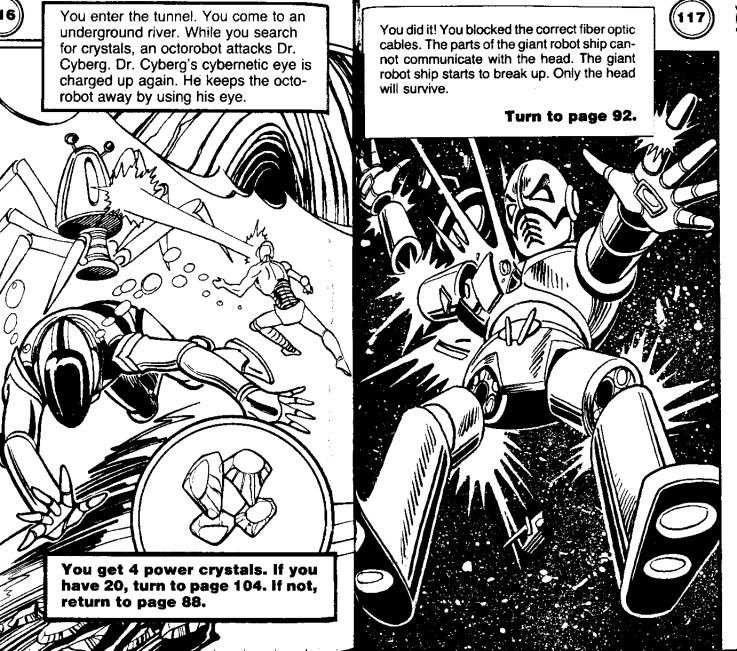


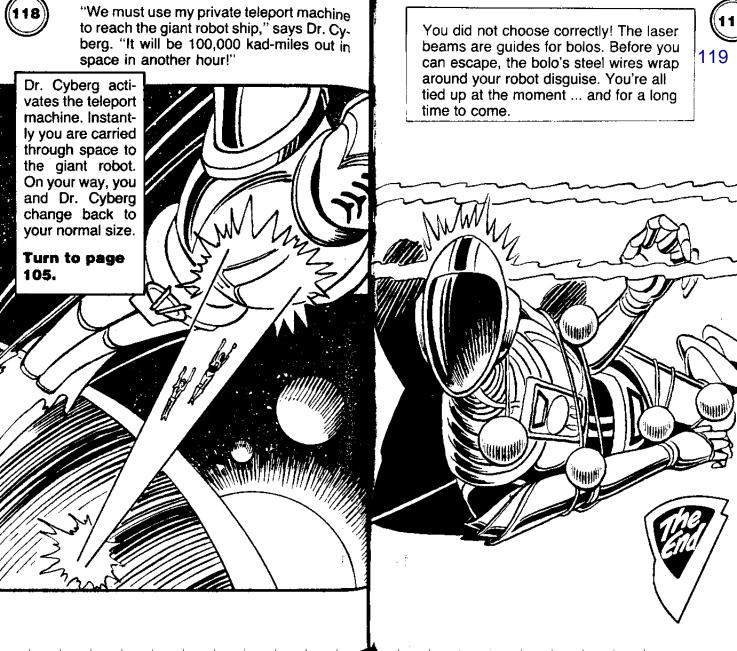












You radio Spy Center and tell them that you and Dr. Cyberg have stopped the robot

rebellion!

You arrive at the control room. Dr. Cyberg seals it off and activates the main readout screen. It shows all the parts of the giant robot. "They tapped my brain to design this ship," says Dr. Cyberg, "I know all its weaknesses," Directions are

sent by fiber op-HEAD tic cables from the head of the giant robot to its other parts. You must block off the cables so that no information can pass from the head to the hands and feet. Without directions, the other parts of the ship will malfunction and break up. You have ten blockers to put at the numbered positions. Where should you put them? മ 13 Hurry! The giant robot ship's defense lasers will activate in fifteen seconds. You only have ten blockers to use.

These: 18, 8, 9, 13, 14, 1, 22, 17, 15, 20? Turn to 🛭 page 53.

These: 1, 17, 20, 3, 13, 12, 6, 8, 16, 10? Turn to page 117.

As you and Dr. Cyberg blast off, you look back at the planet known as Robot World. Dr. Cyberg says, "Robots are useful, but they can never replace people. People are imperfect, but they are better than machines. People think and feel. They are alive!"



mission is a success, Spy!

You have done well.

mission.