

**The Space Invaders by Geoffrey Matthews****1**

- 1 A crystal – one of the most valuable crystals in the Universe.
- 2 There were guards waiting for him at his spaceship.
- 3 (a) A robot. (b) Omega. (c) Because he knew that the guards on Zeron did not use robots. He did not think there were any robots on Zeron.
- 4 He had disappeared.

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- 1 He saw a picture on a screen in his room. He could see thousands of stars and planets. He could see the planet Zeron. That was where he had met the robot. Now he could see the planet Zeron from space.
- 2 He had been teleported by the robot.
- 3 In an air vent. It was behind a grille in the wall.
- 4 He had a metal tool with him. He pointed it at the wall. A door in the wall slid to one side.
- 5 (a) To teleport Varon back to Zeron. (b) Because he was not able to harm a human being. And Varon would die if Omega sent him back to Zeron. (c) Because he did not want to go back to Zeron to die.
- 6 Because he wanted to get back to Earth.
- 7 A laser gun.

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- 1 (a) The metal tool. (b) He said it was a sonic key. (c) It could open almost anything.
- 2 They had killed him.
- 3 Miranda said that she and Garth were successful thieves. She thought that Varon was not a successful thief.
- 4 That a Zeron crystal was the most valuable thing in the Universe.
- 5 The newest and most powerful computer. And the spaceship.
- 6 They had to hide the computer on Earth. They had not sold it yet.
- 7 He said that they would all be rich, but only when they got back to Earth.

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- 1 That their spaceship had crashed on the Moon.
- 2 'The Earth police have stopped looking for you. They believe that this ship crashed on the Moon. They think that the ship was completely destroyed and that both of you are dead.'
- 3 He said that Varon was the only person who knew that he and Miranda were still alive. If they took Varon back to Earth, he could tell the police.
- 4 She wanted to find out what Varon had stolen on Zeron.
- 5 (a) He could not close them. (b) He said they would never get back to Earth.

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- 1 (a) The Zeron guards. (b) Because the guards wanted Varon. They did not know about Garth and Miranda. (c) He said it was too late. The ship was in danger and they had to leave in fifteen seconds.
- 2 (a) Each swallowed a blue capsule. (b) The door of the safety room closed and they became unconscious.
- 3 (a) They would lie in the safety room for ever. (b) He was a robot. He could not harm a human being.

- (c) The three humans woke up and the door of the safety room slid open.
- 4 The escape from Zeron used up all the power.
- 5 The humans would die and Omega would be left in the spaceship for ever.
- 6 He could put the crystal he had stolen into the spaceship's power banks.

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- 1 He wanted to steal another crystal.
- 2 She wanted to steal three crystals, so the humans would have one each.
- 3 He said, 'There is great danger on Zeron. Death is waiting there for you.'
- 4 (a) He knew that death was waiting on Zeron and he could not send a human being to his death. (b) He said he might be able to change the controls on the teleporter. Then they would be able to teleport themselves down to Zeron.
- 5 They were beginning to weaken. They were at danger level.

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- 1 (a) On Omega's right side. (b) With his sonic key. (c) He was to unlock the switch and set it to the "off" position. (d) The Zeron crystal.
- 2 (a) He had made the owner program Omega to obey Garth and Miranda's commands. (b) He had turned the switch to the "on" position.
- 3 She said that it could not tell lies and it could not do harm to human beings.
- 4 Because it was programmed to Varon's fingerprints.
- 5 He thought that if he didn't kill Garth, Garth would kill him.
- 6 (a) 'It's beautiful.' (b) 'And it is valuable.' (c) Because the crystal was his and he was losing it.

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- 1 (a) It had become harder and colder. (b) The door of the compartment in his side had disappeared.
- 2 He was the only person who could use the sonic key.
- 3 (a) That Omega could hear them and see them. (b) He could hear everything. He could see everything. He could do everything.
- 4 He believed they would destroy each other.

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- 1 (a) Varon. (b) She said they should kill him.
- 2 She said they could sell the crystals and the computer and share the money.
- 3 Because Omega was recharging the power banks and waiting to obey orders.
- 4 He planned to kill Varon and Miranda.
- 5 She emptied it into some water, then she poured the liquid into an injection gun.

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- 1 She said Garth would kill Varon and he would kill her.
- 2 She said she didn't know what help Omega could give. But she said he would think of something. Then she asked Omega to give Varon something that would stop Garth using his laser gun.
- 3 (a) He was going to give it more power. (b) It would knock his laser gun to the floor. (c) She said she would

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pick up the laser gun so Garth could not do her and Varon any harm.

- 4 (a) The order to teleport them back to the spaceship. (b) 'I am the only person who has been in the Zeron strong-room. I will know first if the Zeron guards learn that we are there. It will be safer if I am able to give the order to teleport us back to the ship.' (c) She thought that if she agreed, Varon would trust her. Then she could kill him more easily. (d) He said they would all be dead.

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- 1 (a) He said that a robot was not permitted to steal. (b) He said, 'We have to go into the Zeron strong-room. I have to open the compartments. And you have to help me.' He said that Garth and Miranda had to watch the door. And they had to know where the alarms were so they did not touch them. And he said that the sonic key needed recharging.
- 2 (a) It would stop the guards on the Zeron ships seeing them. (b) No more than seven minutes.

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- 1 They moved into the teleporter and Garth touched the switch with his foot.
- 2 (a) A Zeron crystal. (b) A voice from the alarm system. (c) Varon pointed the sonic key at his hand and pressed the button. The gun fell from Garth's hand. (d) She picked up the gun and pointed it at Garth. She fired it at him.
- 3 She had fired the injection gun at his neck as soon as he had taken the crystal.
- 4 (a) Whether to leave Varon on Zeron. (b) He decided to take Varon with him.