

# JASON OF STAR COMMAND

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CHAPTER FOUR:

CRY FOR HELP

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FADE IN:

D1 OMIT

D1

D1A EXT. SPACE - DRAGON SHIP

D1A

Floating against the stars.

\* D1B INT. DRAGON SHIP - CONTROL ROOM

D1B

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Dragos at his controls. Jason is held by two aliens.  
Dragos smiles evilly.

DRAGOS

Now, Jason. You shall see my  
powers. The clone of your Commander  
will soon make the Academy defenseless.

He walks to an intercom, switches on the viewscreen.

D1C EXT. SPACE - THE ACADEMY (MINIATURE)

D1C

It is hardly moving -- just drifting among the stars.

D1D INT. ACADEMY - STAR COMMAND

D1D

Parsafoot is alone at a console. There is a SOUND. SHOT  
WIDENS. Parsafoot whirls around as the False Commander rushes  
in, picks up Parsafoot's energy rod from the console.

\* D1E ANGLE

D1E \*

As the False Commander holds the rod in one hand and reaches  
for the Defense Shield button with the other.

PARSAFOOT

Don't do that! The Academy will  
be defenseless.

\* D1F OMIT

OMIT

D1F

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\* D1G ~~ANOTHER ANGLE~~

D1G

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FALSE COMMANDER

Perfect! Then my master, Dragos,  
can attack.

D2 OMIT

D2

\*D2A ANGLE - FALSE COMMANDER

D2A\*

A radio speaker crackles to life.

DRAGOS (O.S.)

This is Dragos! Are you in control?

D3 ANGLE ON THE FALSE COMMANDER D3  
 It looks subserviently toward the speaker box.

FALSE COMMANDER  
 Yes, master.

D4 SHOT - FALSE COMMANDER AND PARSAFOOT D4  
 DRAGOS (O.S.)  
 Complete your mission!!

FALSE COMMANDER  
 Yes, master, yes. Immediately!!

\*D5 SHOT - FALSE COMMANDER \*D5  
 As it turns to the Defense Shield control, pushes the  
 outer cover buttons, then staggers.

\*D6 ANGLE \*D6  
 The image of the false Commander suddenly disappears,  
 then reappears.

FALSE COMMANDER  
 Master! Dragos! My energy is going!

D7 SHOT - PARSAFOOT D7  
 Parsafoot watches, fascinated.

\*D8 SHOT - FALSE COMMANDER D8\*  
 His image disappears and reappears several times.

\*D8A ANGLE - FALSE COMMANDER D8A\*

DRAGOS (O.S.)  
 Fool! What are you waiting for!

The false Commander shakes his head, revives himself.

FALSE COMMANDER  
 Master! Dragos! I'm trying. I have  
 no strength!

D8B WIDEN SHOT TO INCLUDE PARSAFOOT D8B  
 Parsafoot moves toward the false Commander, but not in time to  
 prevent the energy-clone from pressing the Defense Shield button.

D8C

ANGLE

D8C

CAMERA SHAKE as the room vibrates from the shock of the false Commander's action.

D9

EXT. SPACE - THE ACADEMY (MINIATURE)

D9

It is enveloped in a color halo that shifts through the spectrum from infra-red to infra-violet.

D9A

INT. ACADEMY - STAR COMMAND

D9A

Parsafoot is thrown to the floor by the jolt. He tries to get to his feet -- to reach for the false Commander.

\*D9B

ON FALSE COMMANDER

D9B\*

Somehow bracing himself, despite the vibrations of the room.

FALSE COMMANDER

Master, master!! I am going...

Suddenly, he is surrounded by a green halo, then VANISHES.

FALSE COMMANDER (cont'd) (O.S.)

My energy is gone.

D9C

EXT. SPACE - DRAGON SHIP (MINIATURE)

D9C

In space.

\*D9D

INT. DRAGON SHIP - CONTROL ROOM

D9D\*

Dragos smiles as he presses a button. A high energy HUMMING SOUND, as Jason watches and reacts.

DRAGOS

You have served your purpose.

I have no more need of you...

(to Jason)

The Academy is defenseless, Jason.

Now see my power!

(into intercom)

Neutron jammers!

Disable the Academy. Immediately!!

He punches another button.

D9E

EXT. SPACE - DRAGON SHIP (MINIATURE)

D9E

As a thin green beam shoots out from it.

D9F

EXT. SPACE - ACADEMY (MINIATURE)

D9F

As the green beam strikes, surrounds it with a green aura.

D9G

OMIT

D9G

D9H OMIT

D9H

D9I OMIT

D9I

D9J INT. ACADEMY - PARSAAFOOT

D9J

A grim-faced reaction. He punches control buttons tensely-- shakes his head.

D10 OMIT

D10

D11 INT. DRAGOS' STARSHIP - THRONE-CONTROL ROOM

D11

Dragos stands very tall, his half-metal face gleaming, then he LAUGHS. Jason angrily breaks loose from the alien's grip, moves toward Dragos.

D12 ANGLE

D12

Dragos pushes a button on his console. The floor beneath Jason's feet suddenly gives way - and he plummets from sight!

\*D12A INT. CHUTE (WELL)  
TILT CAMERA to show Jason falling through chute

D12A:

\*D13 INT. DRAGOS' PRISON CELL

D13\*

The room is furnished with a mound of furs for a bed and a stone ledge on which sits a jug of water and a strangely designed cup. On the floor, a small creature is sprawled. Jason drops INTO SHOT and lands on the mound of furs. The creature springs up, growls.

D14 ANOTHER ANGLE

D14

Jason stands up, looks up and O.S. and shakes his head.

JASON  
(spots the small creature)  
Oops - company!

D15 ANGLE

D15

He straightens, warily. The creature stares at him, then up at the opening, then back at Jason.

\*D16 OMIT

D16\*

\*D16A ANGLE - JASON AND THE CREATURE

Facing each other tentatively. The creature GROWLS again, takes a swipe at Jason, which is easily sidestepped.

JASON

Take it easy, friend. We're both in the same boat.

\*D17 OMIT

D17\*

\*D17A ON THE CREATURE

D17A

As it pauses, looks curiously at Jason for a moment, then clutches, as though in some discomfort, at a gold band around its neck. It GROWLS again.

\*D18 OMIT

D18

\*D18A WIDEN - INCLUDE JASON

He pauses, looks closely at the creature.

JASON

You're trying to tell me something.

The creature GROWLS, less angrily this time, and paws again at the gold around its neck.

\* D19 OMIT

D19

\*D19A TWO SHOT - FAVOR JASON

D19A

He moves toward the creature.

JASON

It's that gold band, isn't it?  
You want me to --

The creature, frightened, swipes at Jason and GROWLS. Jason leaps back lightly.

JASON

Hey, nothing to be afraid of!

The creature hesitates, then moves closer to Jason, but with great caution.

\*D20 ANOTHER ANGLE

D20\*

JASON

You want that gold band off, don't you.

The little creature GROWLS softly, moves closer to Jason.

\* D21

ANOTHER ANGLE

D21 \*

JASON  
In that case...

He reaches out for the gold band.

JASON  
Brace yourself!

D22

D22

OMIT

D23 \*

\* D23

OMIT

D24 \*

\* D24

OMIT

D25 \*

\* D25

TWOSHOT

Jason, using both hands, grabs the band and, with a sharp yank, snaps it in two, pulling it away from the creature's neck.

JASON  
There - that better...?

Then he jerks back.

D26

SHOT - LITTLE CREATURE

D26

The strange little creature has begun to glow, to become iridescent - until its body is just a glowing silhouette.

D27

REACTION SHOT - JASON

D27

Staring at the little creature.

D28

SHOT - LITTLE CREATURE

D28

The glowing silhouette darkens, solidifies, and the creature's shape is replaced by a small greenish-skinned boy who looks up at Jason, and smiles.

D29

TWOSHOT

D29

Jason stares in surprise then recovers his composure.

JASON  
Who are you?

LARGO  
I am Largo, heir to the throne of Klavu.

JASON  
And Dragos?

LARGO  
He was my father's Prime Minister.  
When my father died, Dragos was  
determined to take over.

JASON  
So he transformed you into a creature?

Largo nods.

LARGO  
Me, as well as all of my followers.

D30 WIDEN SHOT

D30

THERE IS THE SHARP HISSING OF GAS and, jets of CO2 vapor  
begin to fill the room. Largo whirls about, staring,  
then looks helpless at Jason.

LARGO  
Dragos! He will change us to beasts!

ANOTHER ANGLE

D30A Jason looks around, then upward toward the passageway that  
he fell through. He frowns.

D30A

JASON  
What we need is a way out of this  
haunted castle...!

LARGO  
We could get one of the Mini Cat  
escape pods. But they're controlled  
from Dragos' throne room.

Jason Nods.

JASON  
One problem at a time.  
(he looks up at the opening)  
This is going to be a climb!  
Let's go!

D31 ON JASON

D31

Jason backs across the room, takes a short run, lands atop the bed and springs upward. His hands grip the edge of the opening, and he swings up and OUT OF SHOT.

D32 WIDER SHOT - JASON IN CHUTE OPENING

D32

Below him, Largo hops up onto the bed, reaches up, Jason smiles, and leans down, catches the boy's hands - and swiftly draws him upward, as the colored mists swirl over the floor below.

D33 OMIT

D33

\*D33A EXT. SPACE - THE ACADEMY (MINIATURE)

D33A

It drifts at an unusual angle. Intermittent bursts of blue flame form halos around its edges.

\*D33B INT. ACADEMY - STAR COMMAND CONTROL

D33B

Parsafoot stands intently over a control console. On it a variety of RED LIGHTS BLINK ominously and we can hear the SOUND OF WARNING KLAXONS.

PARSAFOOT  
(into intercom)  
Damage control -- report!

VOICE (O.S.)  
Defense shields inoperative, sir!

PARSAFOOT  
What about our control system?

VOICE (O.S.)  
Knocked out, sir. It's directly  
tied to the defense shields.

\*D33C INSERT - SPACE - THE ACADEMY

D33C

As it drifts helplessly toward a fiery star. PULL BACK to show that we are watching it on a video monitor.

\*D33D SHOT - DRAGOS WATCHING MONITOR

D33D

DRAGOS  
Jason can help you no more, my  
friends. Let us see if your  
puny science can save you --  
in the heart of an exploding  
sun!!

He LAUGHS -- malevolently, and EXITS .

\*D33E EXT. SPACE - STARFIRE (MINIATURE)

D33E\*

Moving across the stars.

\*D33F INT. STARFIRE

D33F\*

~~Nicole is alone at the controls, anxiously examining the instruments.~~

NICOLE

Strange. No sign of the Dragon Star --  
or Jason -- in Red Sector Seven.  
That's where they were last seen...

\*D33G EXT. SPACE - STARFIRE (MINIATURE)

D33G\*

Continuing through space.

D34 DRAGON SHIP - THRONE-CONTROL ROOM - ANOTHER ANGLE

D34

A panel slides aside and Jason pokes his head in, looks around. Lights blink and shine on the strange console; in the niche in the wall, the glowing mist obscures the figure of the energy-clone Jason. The big room is empty. Jason moves in, followed by Largo. The panel slides back into place behind them.

LARGO

There! The controls!

Jason nods, and they hurry across to the console.

D35 CLOSER ANGLE

D35

At the console, Jason looks up at the glowing clone-chamber containing his clone likeness. Largo sees it -- reacts.

LARGO

It...It's you!

Jason shakes his head.

JASON

No, it's an energy-clone -- another one of Dragos' tricks. Our first job is to get rid of it.

D36 WIDER ANGLE D36

He punches in buttons. THERE IS A SOUND OF CRACKLING ENERGY - and the chamber with the clone Jason suddenly SHINES BRIGHTER.

D37 INSERT - CLONE CHAMBER D37

A bright glow, which then fades away, and the chamber is empty. Jason's clone image has vanished.

D38 SHOT - JASON D38

Looks toward the clone chamber, shakes his head.

JASON

That's one view of myself I can do without!

And he punches more buttons.

LARGO

There - the Mini Cat!

D39 INSERT - VIEWSCREEN D39

We see the sleek, double-hulled Mini Cat ship.

\*\*D39A BACK ON JASON AND LARGO D39A\*\*

JASON

(at console)

Automatic relays to launch the ship -- got 'em!

\*\* He punches in a combination of buttons and the entire throne control room FLASHES RED. RAUCOUS ALARM HORNS SOUND. A door opens and two of Dragos' creatures enter. They go for Jason. \*\*

JASON

\*\* Uh, oh. We've got company. Let's go! \*\*

\*\*D40 ANGLE D40\*\*

\*\* As Jason and Largo run for an exit door, dodging the creatures, they EXIT just as Dragos comes through the other doorway. \*\*

DRAGOS

Stop them!

D40A INT. DRAGON SHIP CORRIDOR D40A

As Jason and Largo run through - LIGHTS FLASH RED, ALARMS SOUND. HOLD as creatures follow through in pursuit.

D40B INT. DRAGON SHIP - SPACE LOCK - MINI CAT D40B

Jason and Largo run in, go to open hatch, enter, pull hatch shut.

D41 EXT. SPACE - DRAGON SHIP (MINIATURE) D41

As the small Mini Cat BLASTS AWAY

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D42 EXT. SPACE - MINI CAT D42  
 Through the tiny cockpit windows Jason looks out intently.

JASON  
 Now, my young friend - maybe we've  
 got a chance...!

\*D42A EXT. SPACE - MINICAT (MINIATURE) \*D42A  
 As it moves through space.

\*D42B EXT. SPACE - MINICAT \*D42B  
 We see Jason and Largo through the cockpit windows.

LARGO  
 Jason! Look!

D43 EXT. SPACE - LARGO'S POV THROUGH MINI CAT WINDOWS - DRAGON SHIP D43  
 Dragos' Dragon Ship swings around, its great jaws open.

D44 EXT. SPACE - MINI CAT D44

JASON  
 If we can find a place to set down...

D45 EXT. SPACE - MINI CAT AND LARGO'S PLANETOID (MINIATURE) D45

JASON (V.O.)  
 There! That'll do.

D46 SHOT - LARGO'S PLANETOID (MINIATURE) D46  
 Glowing, moving through space. The Mini Cat moves INTO  
 SHOT, moves down toward planetoid surface.

\*D47 EXT. LARGOS' PLANETOID (MINIATURE) \*D47  
 As the Mini Cat moves down INTO SHOT blotting out CAMERA.

\*D48 EXT. LARGOS' PLANETOID SURFACE \*D48  
 The hatch pops open and Jason and Largo climb out.

JASON  
 Let's hope Dragos didn't see us. This  
 Mini Cat ought to give him something  
 to chew on -- while we get away!

D49 OMIT D49

D50 OMIT D50

D50A EXT. LARGO'S PLANETOID SURFACE

D50A

Largo and Jason run into SHOT, move behind a large rock and look out.

\*D51 EXT. SPACE -- LARGO PLANETOID (MINIATURE)

D51\*

The Dragon Star moves close to Largo's planetoid. As the tiny Minicat ship lifts off, the gigantic maw of the Dragon Star closes on it, then moves off into the darkness of space.

\*D51A EXT. LARGOS PLANETOID

D51A

CAMERA SHAKES as Jason and Largo run across the shaking ground dodging loose stones and boulders.

ALLEGRA

Jason! Jason! What's happening?

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\*D52 OMIT

\*D52

\*D53 OMIT

\*D53

\*D54 OMIT

\*D54

\*D55 OMIT

\*D55

\*D56 EXT. SURFACE OF PLANETOID - JASON AND LARGO D56\*

Jason, holding Largo's hand, half-stumbles down a rocky slope. THERE IS A TREMENDOUS RUMBLING SOUND, the ground SHAKES, and rocks and dirt plummet around them!

JASON

The Dragon Star came too close! Its thrust was too much for the planetoid-- it's falling apart under our feet!

\*D57 ANGLE D57\*

He raises his arm, speaks into a communicator.

JASON

This is Jason - calling Star Command! May Day! Come in, Star Command!

D57A\* EXT. SPACE - ACADEMY (MINIATURE) D57A\*

As it falls toward the distant fiery sun.

JASON (V.O.)

(filtered through heavy static)

Come in, Star Command! This is Jason. Do you read me?

D57B\* EXT. PLANETOID-- BACK TO JASON D57B\*

JASON

I can't get through --  
Something must be wrong --

D57C\* INT. STARFIRE - COCKPIT D57C\*

Nicole at the controls. SOUND: STATIC, interspersed with Jason's garbled voice. Nicole pushes her intercom.

NICOLE

Jason! Is that you! Repeat message. Jason!

\*D58 PLANETOID - JASON AND LARGO D58\*

Jason and Largo huddle together, the boy gripping Jason's arm. Jason uses his free hand to reach into his pocket, and removes Wicky. The tiny robot's dome light glows brightly.

JASON

It's no good. I can't get through.  
I guess it's going to be up to you, Wicky.

Wicky's ELECTRONIC BEEPING.

JASON  
(smiling)  
I know you'll do your best -- Now  
get some help, and don't waste any time!

He TOSSES Wicky into the air.

\*D59 INSERT - WICKY - (MINIATURE)

D59\*

From the bottom of the tiny robot a sudden burst of flame --  
and the robot soars off, into space!

FADE OUT:

END OF CHAPTER FOUR

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