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CAPTAIN MIDNIGHT

ADVENTURE: The Perada Treasure

1940 Flight Patrol Application

4 Total

**CHARACTERS**

*Announcer*

Captain Midnight

Chuck Ramsay

Juan Perada

Group # 1



SOUND        1        REPEATING GONG AND AIRPLANE

ANNCR:        2        The Skelly Oil Company presents...Captain-n-n-n Midnight.

SOUND        3        GONG AND PLANE DIVE

ANNCR:        4        Captain Midnight...brought to you everyday, Monday through

5        Friday, at the same time...by the Skelly Oil Company, Skelly

6        Jobbers and Dealers.

1 (PAUSE)

2 Fortune...good and bad is helping and hurting Captain  
3 Midnight and his friends.

4 (PAUSE)

5 In the upper end of the valley, on the outskirts of the vast  
6 Perada estate, now controlled illegally by Ivan Shark,  
7 Captain Midnight and Chuck Ramsay rescued a hard-pressed  
8 fugitive from his pursuers, who, after he was revived,  
9 whispered that his name is Juan Perada.

10 (PAUSE)

11 Our scene today is again with Perada, shortly after he  
12 regained consciousness. Chuck is speaking...

CHUCK: 13 Juan Perada?

PERADA: 14 Si, señor. I am Juan Perada.

MIDNIGHT: 15 Juan Perada? I see it, Chuck. I see the whole thing now.

PERADA: 16 You are Major Barry Steele?

CHUCK: 17 Red! He must know Major Steele.

MIDNIGHT: 18 No he doesn't, Chuck, or he wouldn't ask. You, uh...you were  
19 expecting Major Steele?

PERADA: 20 No, señor. I did not hope for such good luck.

MIDNIGHT: 21 But you knew his name?

PERADA: 22 I do not understand?

MIDNIGHT: 23 Well...do you know, of him?

PERADA: 24 Si, señor. Major Steele, he was good friend  
25 to my wife, Señora Perada.

CHUCK: 26 That's what Major Steele told us...

MIDNIGHT: 27 (INTERRUPTS) But, Señor Perada, why did you mention Major

1 Steele's name?

PERADA: 2 My daughter, Dolores...she wanted to write letter to Major  
3 Steele. But then...I do not see her any more.

MIDNIGHT: 4 Well, what happened to her?

PERADA: 5 I do not know, Señor. I am very much afraid I will never see  
6 her again.

CHUCK: 7 Gosh, Red. That's terrible!

MIDNIGHT: 8 Well, we've got to get his story, Chuck, but I'm afraid he's  
9 too weak to tell it!

PERADA: 10 What you say, señor?

MIDNIGHT: 11 Oh, uh...listen, Señor Perada...my friend and I wish to help  
12 you.

PERADA: 13 That is good, señor. I need help very much.

CHUCK: 14 I'm afraid he's going to faint, Red. He doesn't look very  
15 well.

MIDNIGHT: 16 Yes.

PERADA: 17 I feel very sick, señor. My lips, they are so dry. Please, a  
18 little more water.

MIDNIGHT: 19 Yes...quick Chuck, give him some more water. Tip your helmet  
20 up there so he can drink. Hurry.

CHUCK: 21 There you are señor.

PERADA: 22 (DRINKS) Ahh, that is so good.

CHUCK: 23 Gee, Red. That's helped him a lot!

MIDNIGHT: 24 Yes, you bet it is...uh, some more water, Señor?

PERADA: 25 Please, a little bit more.

CHUCK: 26 There you are.

PERADA: 27 (DRINKS)

MIDNIGHT: 1 Is that enough?

PERADA: 2 That is plenty.

MIDNIGHT: 3 Oh wait, don't throw that water away, Chuck. I'm going to  
4 ring my handkerchief in it and wipe his face.

CHUCK: 5 OK, Red. Here you are.

MIDNIGHT: 6 Hold it there.

SOUND 7 HANDS SOAKING HANDKERCHIEF IN WATER

MIDNIGHT: 8 OK, Chuck. You can throw the rest away now.

CHUCK: 9 Right!

10 (PAUSE)

PERADA: 11 Ah, señor. Now I feel better.

CHUCK: 12 Gee, he's coming along swell.

MIDNIGHT: 13 Yes, you bet. Do you feel like sitting up?

PERADA: 14 Si, señor.

CHUCK: 15 Let's move him back a little so he rest against the trunk of  
16 the tree.

MIDNIGHT: 17 All right, that's the ticket. Here, uh...get on this other  
18 side...

CHUCK: 19 OK, (WITH EXERTION) I'm ready.

MIDNIGHT: 20 (WITH EXERTION) Easy now.

SOUND 21 LIFTING AND MOVING

MIDNIGHT: 22 Ehhh...there now.

PERADA: 23 (RELIEVED) There, thank you so much. I feel much better now!

MIDNIGHT: 24 Do you feel like talking, Señor?

PERADA: 25 Si, Señor. I will be myself very soon.

MIDNIGHT: 26 I, uh...I couldn't help seeing your back, Señor. You have  
27 been wounded.

PERADA: 1 You see my back? Then you can guess.

MIDNIGHT: 2 They look like the marks of a whip!

PERADA: 3 Si, señor. I have been whipped. Just like you would whip some  
4 beast. But they have not broken me. They can never break the  
5 spirit of the Perada... (CUT OFF)

MIDNIGHT: 6 (INTERRUPTS) I can see that, señor. But, uh, tell me why you  
7 were beaten?

PERADA: 8 It is a long story, señor. (SUSPICIOUSLY) I do not know...

MIDNIGHT: 9 (INTERRUPTS) Now, wait...we are friends of Major Barry  
10 Steele. We're here to help you. You mustn't be afraid to tell  
11 us your troubles.

PERADA: 12 Tell me, what do you call yourselves? What are your names?

MIDNIGHT: 13 My young friend here is Chuck Ramsay. As for me my name  
14 doesn't matter.

PERADA: 15 But, señor, how should I address you?

MIDNIGHT: 16 I am known as Captain Midnight.

PERADA: 17 (ELATED) El Capitan Midnight! The blackness of the night.  
18 What a strange name?

MIDNIGHT: 19 It is not one of my own choosing, señor.

PERADA: 20 The name, it does not matter. The man, he counts very much.

MIDNIGHT: 21 You, you will trust us then?

PERADA: 22 Si, I will trust you. But I must warn you we are all in  
23 danger. Enemies surround us.

MIDNIGHT: 24 Yes. We found that out all right. And let me  
25 remind you, Chuck. Keep your eyes open.

CHUCK: 26 I'm watching all around us, Red.

MIDNIGHT: 27 Good.

PERADA: 1 Your young friend, Chuck...he is very much on the alert.

MIDNIGHT: 2 Yes, señor. And Chuck has keen eyes. He'll see any enemies  
3 which may approach.

PERADA: 4 Good. Then I will begin.  
5 (PAUSE)  
6 My name is Perada, señor. And my family have lived in this  
7 valley for many years. Close to my hacienda, there is a small  
8 chapel and a graveyard. And on one stone, which is crumbling  
9 with age, you will see the numerals - 1 - 6 - 5 - 1.

CHUCK: 10 Blazing beacons! The year 1651!

PERADA: 11 Si. In that grave lie the bones of señor Francisco Perada,  
12 who was a mighty general in The Imperial Army of Spain. This  
13 land were given him by the king.

MIDNIGHT: 14 An original Spanish land grant, huh?

PERADA: 15 That is right, señor. The Perada family owns this valley and  
16 many others nearby.

MIDNIGHT: 17 It's a beautiful place, señor.

PERADA: 18 No where in the world is there such a valley, señor. I love  
19 it as my family before it loved it.

MIDNIGHT: 20 Well, uh...when did the present trouble start?

PERADA: 21 A month ago, señor, but I wish to explain some.

MIDNIGHT: 22 'Kay

PERADA: 23 When I was a young man, I studied in the University in Spain.  
24 And there studying music was a beautiful American girl. I  
25 married her, señor, and brought her back with me to the  
26 valley.

MIDNIGHT: 27 She was a very good friend of Major Barry Steele and his



1 wife. Is that not so?

PERADA: 2 That is true, señor...

MIDNIGHT: 3 I see.

PERADA: 4 I did not have the pleasure of meeting Major Steele and his  
5 señora. To be truthful, I did not like to leave this valley,  
6 but my wife, she had the desire that our daughter should  
7 study in her mother's country. So I sent her to school in  
8 Washington.

MIDNIGHT: 9 And there, she became well acquainted with Major and Mrs.  
10 Steele, huh?

PERADA: 11 Si, señor. She visit at their home many times.

MIDNIGHT: 12 Señor Perada...she's not living now?

PERADA: 13 (SOLEMNLY) No, señor. Two years ago, she died. She go on to  
14 the better world.

MIDNIGHT: 15 I am very sorry, señor.

PERADA: 16 Life is not the same now, señor. But then...we must all be  
17 brave. I still have my beautiful Delores. But now she too is  
18 gone.

MIDNIGHT: 19 (SURPRISED) You...you mean she's dead?

PERADA: 20 I do not know. But if they have made her suffer as I have. I  
21 hope, señor, she is dead.

MIDNIGHT: 22 Well, who do you mean by "they?"

PERADA: 23 I am coming to that. About a month ago we had visitors in  
24 this valley. A thing, which is very rare.

MIDNIGHT: 25 Who were these visitors?

PERADA: 26 They were Americanos, señor, like yourself. But they were  
27 different...(WITH EMPHASIS) very different. You are good and

1        honorable, but they...they are fiends!

MIDNIGHT: 2        Well, uh, just a minute. How did these visitors arrive?

PERADA: 3        They arrive from the air, señor, just as you.

MIDNIGHT: 4        Uh!

PERADA: 5        They had an airplane with a big cabin. And they come down and  
6        land and they say they had the engine trouble.

CHUCK: 7        Uh, oh! They pretended to have a forced landing.

PERADA: 8        Si. That is the name they call it. So, since they say they  
9        are Americanos, I make them come into my hacienda. I treat  
10       them as the honored guests.

MIDNIGHT: 11       What were their names?

PERADA: 12       Their names, señor? I remember that very well. There was a  
13       father and his daughter. He says his name is Señor Douglas  
14       Chadwick and she is the Señorita Chadwick.

CHUCK: 15       Blazing beacons, Red! That was Ivan Shark and his daughter  
16       Fury!

MIDNIGHT: 17       Yes, Chuck, I'm sure of it.

PERADA: 18       When I see who fly the black plane, I am very much afraid! I  
19       do not think you will help me. But then, when you fire the  
20       gun at my enemies...my hope becomes very strong!

MIDNIGHT: 21       Well, you see, señor, this black plane is not the one we came  
22       in. (PAUSE) Uh, but never mind I'll explain that to you L  
23       later.

PERADA: 24       Very good, señor. I will go ahead with my story...

MIDNIGHT: 25       Yes, please do.

PERADA: 26       I raise the very big herds of cattle. Thousands upon  
27       thousands. This Señor Chadwick...he becomes very much

1 interested in my cattle, and he likes this valley very much.

CHUCK: 2 The dirty crook.

PERADA: 3 We always have some trouble, señor. There are bad men in  
4 these mountains...and they sometimes stealing my cattle. So,  
5 señor Chadwick, he tells me I should guard my cattle with  
6 airplanes.

MIDNIGHT: 7 So, you bought some airplanes?

PERADA: 8 Si. This señor Chadwick, he says he has the connections. He  
9 can buy the airplanes for me. So I signed a contract with  
10 him. Also this señor Chadwick, he has the radio in his  
11 airplane, he send the order for me.

MIDNIGHT: 12 Yeah, this is running true to form, Chuck. Sounds just like  
13 one of Ivan Shark's tricks.

PERADA: 14 And then, very soon, the airplanes arrive. There are very  
15 many pilots and very many mechanos. But these men are very  
16 bad, señor. I look at them and I know, and my heart  
17 becomes very troubled.

MIDNIGHT: 18 And you had good cause to be...Well, then what happened?

PERADA: 19 These señor Chadwick, he's very clever. Some of my people  
20 talk and he finds out I have a fortune, besides the lands and  
21 cattle.

MIDNIGHT: 22 Well, what kind of a fortune? That is, if I may ask?

PERADA: 23 I will tell you, señor, because I can trust you. This fortune  
24 is in precious stones of great richness.

MIDNIGHT: 25 Did Chadwick get hold of 'em?

PERADA: 26 No, señor! That is why you see the marks of the whip upon my  
27 back! He does not know and he never will. But you are my

1 friend, I will tell you...

MIDNIGHT: 2 (INTERRUPTS) No, no, no! Please señor Perada. Don't tell me.  
3 Keep it always to yourself.

PERADA: 4 Si, señor. Perhaps that is better after all.

MIDNIGHT: 5 Now, um, what did Chadwick do? He was your guest. Well, how  
6 did he...

PERADA: 7 That, I will tell you. When I signed the contract with señor  
8 Chadwick, I trust what he says. I do not read all the words  
9 carefully. But after the airplanes arrive, he comes to me  
10 and demands a big sum of money. A hundred times bigger than I  
11 have agreed to. Then he shows me the contract. And I see I've  
12 been tricked.

CHUCK: 13 Can you imagine that?

PERADA: 14 Then I lose my temper. I say, "you dog of an Americano, you  
15 get out! You take your airplanes and you go! And do not come  
16 back again!"

MIDNIGHT: 17 Yes, and then?

PERADA: 18 His men, they seize me. My daughter Delores, she disappeared.  
19 This señor Chadwick, he tells me Delores will be killed  
20 unless I write the letter he demands. (EMOTIONALLY) So I am  
21 beside myself, I do not know what to do. I write the letter.  
22 I ask for Delores, but I do not see her. I'm taken away to  
23 the black cave. They ask me for my jewels, my fortunes! And  
24 when I do not reply, they whip me!

CHUCK: 25 It seems incredible, Red! I just can't believe...

MIDNIGHT: 26 (INTERRUPTS) Just a second, Chuck. Wait a minute...uh, we've  
27 got to act now, and we've got to act quick. Now listen, señor

1 Perada, we must have some help. Are there any of your people  
2 who can help us?

PERADA: 3 Some of my best men have fled to the mountains. But I believe  
4 I can find them.

MIDNIGHT: 5 Aah, that's splendid! We must find them at once.

PERADA: 6 Unless, señor, this Chadwick has found and killed them.

MIDNIGHT: 7 Aah, that fiend of a Shark! I'll...

SOUND 8 IN THE DISTANCE, AN AIRPLANE UP AND OVER

CHUCK: 9 Listen, Red!

MIDNIGHT: 10 What? It's a plane, Chuck! There it is! A black one. Flying  
11 directly this way! Quick, get behind that machine gun in the  
12 rear cockpit and get ready for action!

SOUND 12 PLANE UNDER AND OUT

13 (PAUSE)

ANNCR: 14 Well! Señor Juan Perada has told a pitiful story. The  
15 fiendish Ivan Shark is running true to form. But at the  
16 moment Captain Midnight and his friends are in an extremely  
17 dangerous predicament. It looks as if they'll have enough to  
18 do to save themselves, let alone helping señor Perada.

19 (PAUSE)

20 What will the resourceful Captain Midnight do? Tune in  
21 tomorrow, to Captain Midnight.

SOUND 13 GONG

ANNCR: 14 ...and Happy Landings!

SOUND 15 GONG AND AIRPLANE IN STEEP DIVE UP AND OUT

