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CHAPTER I...The Visitors.

Max Rex the well known world aviator and gentleman walked into his hangar at the Istanbul airport. For 1938, the airport was rather large and several planes from many countries arrived on a weekly basis. Lufthansa had a rather large operation but Air France flew in twice a week giving the Germans tough competition. Other European airlines had filed their papers in order to get into this market. Max heard the engines of the French Farman landing and turned around to look at the beautiful airplane as it touched the field.

Two hours later after finishing the installation of a new radio transmitter in his DC-5 one of his mechanics came over to the plane and said.

"Captain there is a lady and a gentlemen waiting for you in your office, they just arrived in the French plane a few hours ago".

"Ok Abdul, I'll be right over once I finish this job" answered Max as he finished the radio installation.

Ten minutes later Max walked into his office to find the two visitors. The man was about sixty and the woman, obviously his daughter, was so beautiful that Max was astounded at the sight of such a woman.



"Good Morning, welcome to Istanbul and my humble office", said Max staring at the visitors but specially at the woman. "What can I be of use to you?" finished the pilot sitting at his desk.

" Thank you very much for receiving us Captain Rex, we knew we could count on you" said the man standing up. "My name is Colonel Evers Swells retired and explorer of deserts and mountains" continued the man. "This is my daughter Lila, archeologist and my trusted companion."

"We would like to see if you are available since we must cover some territory here in Turkey for the next coming days, you are well known for carrying expeditions all over this planet of ours" said the colonel looking at Max straight in the eyes.

"How long would this expedition last and where would you like to go?" asked Max turning to the man.

"We need to go to a place called Kiziltepe" answered Lila, getting up from where she was sitting and walked toward Max with a map on her hand.

"This map shows the location, but once there we will need to fly to other probable places which I can't tell you until we visit this place". Said the woman taking a cigarette from her bag and placing it in her red lips. Max placed his lighter in front of it and she took a puff as he took the map and looked at it.

"It's by the Syrian Border, a very long way off" he said pointing with his index finger at the location.

"I know," answered the woman with a smile. "how much would you charge us for this trip and finally back to Istanbul?" said the Colonel lighting his pipe.

" I would think that fourteen thousand american dollars would cover the trip" answered Max looking again at the woman.

"Its a deal said Lila" pulling a checkbook out of her purse.

" When would you like to start this expedition?" asked Max looking at her writing the check.

"We need to meet two more scientists which will be traveling with us tomorrow at our hotel, so two days from today would be fine Captain" answered the man with a smile in his face.

"Ok, my plane is ready, I only have to fill it up tomorrow and I will take the day to figure out the best route for the flights" said Max looking at the large map of Turkey in the side wall.

"What are you looking for at that place?" asked Max turning and receiving the check which Lila was giving him.

" If you join us for dinner at the Husbarid International Hotel tonight I'll tell you the complete plans of our expedition Captain and you will be very surprised." answered Lila picking up her bag and starting to walk toward the door.

"Yes, sir, you will be very surprised" said the Colonel and followed his daughter. Max walked toward the door and opened for them saying "dinner will be fine I will be at your hotel at eight o'clock sharp."

As the couple left toward a waiting taxi Max looked at the check and smiled. At the same time he looked at the visitors thinking to himself " I wonder what the outcome of this will be". Saw the taxi drive away from the hangar and walked to the DC-5.



CHAPTER II..Where and why?

Max arrived at the Wells Hotel at eight sharp in his best uniform to find Lila and her father waiting for him at a table in the dining room.

Lila was wearing a red dress with a white long strip of shiny silk which made her look like a real princess, her beauty mesmerized Max. He was sure that he had never seen such a beautiful woman. Her father with his old army uniform looked like a regular soldier of the Queen.

"Sit down, please Captain" said Lila pointing to the chair beside her.

"Please call me Max, otherwise I'll leave" said Max smiling at her.

"Ok, Max, and you call me Lila" said the woman smiling back "am sure that we will be good friends before the end of this incredible expedition".

"I am sure we will for it sure is a long way where you want to go" said Max as he sat by her and kissed her hand.

" Yes, it is far" said the Colonel. " but if we find what we are looking for we will shock

the world" finished off taking a bottle of wine and filling Max's glass.

"Ok, now Lila, do tell our new friend what this is all about" finished the old man sipping his wine.

"Max, what you are about to hear, not many souls in this earth know about or are aware off" said Lila drinking her wine and lookin at Max.

Her stare made Max tremble with excitement.

" Father and I have been studying many places on earth where we believe history was changed but that it was also lost." started Lila, with not a loud voice.

" We believe and have much data that tells us that in the place we are going we will find a clue to another place where thousands of years ago, probably before man existed on the planet, someone place a strange apparatus which has been called the " Uktu". This apparatus, in some legends, it is said that it warped time and allowed civilizations millions of years old to travel through space. One such civilization apparently stayed on earth and never left. So if this is true, and the volumes of information we have gathered through years of research practically certify it, we are the descendants of that civilization".

She stopped and almost laughed at Max's face. His eyes were wide open together with his mouth.

Max noticed she was about to laugh and said.

" You mean we are aliens?" and continued " Never had I thought of such a thing and you will forgive me but I am sure that is just a story or legend".

"We will see if it so" continued the Colonel.

"This can be the greatest find or discovery in the history of man, but at the same time it is dangerous. if it is true, the creators of such a civilization could return at any time, that is, asumming the Uktu still works" finished the colonel as the first plates of fresh salad and soup were being served.



As Max was finishing his fish soup Lila continued her story.

" From ancient Mayan texts we have found that they believed that some of their Gods, were from a planet called Ishtak. The Istakis told of thier planet being in our solar system but unlike other planets in the system it has an elliptical orbit. They said that because of its elliptical orbit, it took 73000 years to orbit the sun. They said that

on one of its previous orbits it had collided with and destroyed another planet that had been in our solar system, that planet now made up the asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter. They also mention, which is very strange, that on the "other side of the world" the Istakis had settled and formed a colony near a place called Tepketep. Our studies show that this place is probably here in Turkey, in Gobliki-Tepe, where you will be flying us".

"So the Mayans are the ones who have sent you here" said Max with a strange expression in his face.

"Yes, maybe they have" answered the Colonel having more wine.

"Most of these stories are believed to be merely myths and some have been proven to be just that. However, there are that many stories and it would only need for one to be based on fact, for it to mean that we have been visited by aliens at some time." said Lila serving some smoked fish to her father and Max.

"What is of the most importance in our expedition is to find in Gobliki-Tepe some sign or writing which will show us where to find the Uktu and hopefully, if its true, to find it in working order, that is our main goal" finished Lila as several plates of roasted pork and pheasant was brought to the table.

As the servants in the dining room brought the famous coffee of the land, the visitors and Max smoked and started to feel how tired they were.

" Well my friends, you really have me interested in this voyage but now I must retire and start making the route plan. It will be a series of flights some longer than others but eventually we will get to our target. I thank you for the wonderful evening and will see you tomorrow for lunch, when we can make our final plans for the trip." said Max getting up and kissing Lila's hand bowed to the colonel and left the dinning room and hotel.



CHAPTER III...FIRST FLIGHTS

Max spent the next day preparing for the flight and supervising the fueling of the plane, but most importantly setting up the flight plan. After a while he came out with

the following schedule....

Waypoint	Description	Heading °M	Time	Dist (nm)	Track °M
LTBA	Ataturk	357°	0	0	000°
LTAC	Esenboga	100°	118	197.3	100°
LTAR	Sivas	092°	108	180.6	092°
LTCE	Erzurum	082°	118	196.6	082°
LTCK	Mus AB	158°	46	76	158°

The Swells spent their day getting the final supplies they would need for the extensive expedition as well as picking up at the port Dr. Alfonze Furnier and his wife Dr. Martha Vuelivuas Furnier who arrived from Paris on the SS Montpellier steamer. These last two archeologists would go on the expedition since they were considered the best on Turkish ruins and history.



Max walked in the the hangar at six thirty in the morning to find his mechanics had the Ford Trimotor warming its engines and all set to go. Ten minutes later the expeditionaries came with a truck full of supplies and their personal gear. After loading the Tin Goose and Max checking that everything concerning weight and balance was in order Max asked them to take their seats. Twenty minutes later Max pulled the yoke and the trimotor rose slowly into the cloudy sky. He checked his bearings and turned 100 Deg toward Esenboga airfield in Ankara, their first stop, a distance of 198 NM. He figured that they would take around two to two and a half hours if winds were favorable.

Lila sat on the co-pilot's seat and Max could see she was enjoying the trip by asking many questions about the airplane and the weather. He enjoyed her questions and was happy that the weather collaborated to make the ride rather smooth except for one or two scattered showers which made them bounce only for a few minutes. The rest of his passengers sat with the freight and seem to be making the best of the flight.

Time passed and Max saw the airfield on his left wing as he took the plane down for his landing. One hour later they were at the Languat International Hotel having lunch and discussing the continuation of the flight.



At two forty five once again Max took the freighter up to six thousand feet for their last leg of the day to Sivas, the city in mid Anatolian region of Turkey. After a few minutes Lila turned to him and asked.

"How long have you been flying Max?"

" Quite a few years my lady, I think its been around eighteen counting the war years."

"Do you think war is coming again to Europe?" she asked with a perturbed face.

"Yes I do, and this time it will be many times worse than the last" answered Max frowning and continuing.

"The lights will be out for many years once it starts and many millions will loose their lifes. The German midget will get himself and his country complete destroyed but he will cause much damage and destruction to many others. It is hard to understand so many following his stance in Europe today, one of agression which will do no good in this century again." finished the pilot looking at his female companion.

"Will you fight again?" she asked with sad eyes.

"You bet, I will join the air force once more and do my duty, it's the only way" answered Max with a straight jaw. "But let's not worry about that now, lets hope we find the strange machine" he smiled back at her.



It was darkening when the trimotor landed smoothly at Sivas.



Here the party went to the Makkann hotel for a good dinner and a refreshing rest. It had been a long day and all were pretty tired. After dinner Max checked his route for tomorrow which would take them to Erzum and the Royal Air Force base of Mus in Eastern Anatolia. It would be here where the real expedition would begin as they would fly to the suspected areas where Dr. Wells thought that they would start to get the information they needed to find the strange machine.

At eight o'clock in the morning Max went to the airport to check on the plane and have it fueled up as well as supervising the placement of two drums of gasoline he would take on the trip. He returned at one and was summoned to Dr. Well's room. Max found the complete party going over maps and documents when he entered the Dr. Room.

"My good friend and pilot do come in" said the Dr. walking toward Max.

" We spent much of the night and today looking over our maps as you can see and have agreed on a very mysterious place we want you to take us as our first stop" said the scientist offering a cup of coffee to Max.

"Good we then have our first target" said Max taking the cup and sipping the hot liquid.

"Yes and I want you to evaluate the route and tell us how much time will it take to get there, it worries me that you will have to look for a place to land, for I can't tell you if there is any" said Dr. Wells with a worried face.

Max looked at the maps and the area the Dr. had shown him.

"Its a mountainous area and very near the border of Syria, I have flown around there two years ago and it is a rough place. We might have to check the area for a while once we get there but I usually have gotten into tight places so I suppose this time it will not be different and we will find somewhere to land, even if you all might have to walk some kilometers to get to the exact spot you are hoping to find".

"We will walk whatever is necessary and are prepared for it" answered the old man with a smile.

"I heard you Max" said Lila walking over to where her father and the pilot chatted.

"Don't you worry too much if you have to land far from the site, we are used to walking since we have done it many times and I would be very scared if you tried to land near the place if there is not a safe place." She finished holding Max's arm.

" I would never put you in danger my beautiful friend" answered Max winking at her.

That night the party had a great dinner since they would be eating out of cans and bottled water for many days. At the end of of it Dr. Fournier stood up and asked everyone to share a bottle of Italian red wine of which he was very fond off.

CHAPTER IV...Leap into the Unknown

At Mus the party was received by the commander of the base who was expecting them since the Prime Minister had personally asked him to receive Dr. Wells an old college friend and famous in the country. The pilots all asked Max for his autograph and rallied around Lila like flies to honey.

Next day Dr. Wells sat with Max at seven and showed him the area he wanted to inspect for the three Temples of "Karkartuk" where he hoped to figure aout where the mystery machine could be.

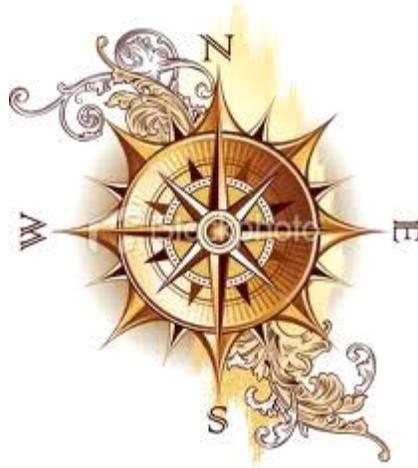
At eight o'clock Max took the trimotor to three thousand feet and started flying on a bearing of 125 degrees hoping that the old doctor was correct and that before the end of the day they would find the so much wanted temples. If he did he would find a spot land and wait patiently until the party decided where they would search for the strange machine.....



IF THEY FIND THE TEMPLES...

**LILA AND THE REST OF THE EXPEDITION PARTY WILL HAVE TO MAKE A
DECISION TO WHERE THEY SHOULD LOOK FOR THE MYSTERIOUS ALLIEN
MACHINE!!!!**

YOU WILL HELP THEM !!!



LOCATION A...

After much discussion Dr. Wells decides that the most probably location according to the old map they found should be:

FLY ON A ROUTE OF **357 DEGREES** UNTIL THE "ROCKY GLOBE" IS REACHED (IF IT EXISTS!!) THEN TURN ON A HEADING OF **66 DEGREES** UNTIL THE UNTIL THE " MYSTERIOUS UKTU IS FOUND "

OR



LOCATION B

The rest of the group contradict Dr. Wells appreciation of the old map and think they should fly the following route:

Take off and fly a bearing of **058 DEG** until Mount "Kurgulog"(the rocky with vegetation hill spoken of in the old map) then turn toward the "statue" of KOLOGOB (the strange stone astronaut figure) where a turn will be made to **144DEG** and fly until the UKTU machine is found or they run out of gas!!!!!!

where will you go..????

INTO THE
**FORBIDDEN
ZONE**



ENJOY YOUR FLIGHT ADVENTURE!!!

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