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OBVIOUSLY, BUZ, SOMEBODY'S OUT TO GET YOU. THEY PUT A BOMB IN YOUR DESK DRAWER, TAMPERED WITH YOUR CAR BRAKES, TRIED TO STAB YOU....
 BUT WHO? THE COMMIES?

C.I.A. DOESN'T THINK SO. COULD IT BE SOMEONE OUT TO AVENGE PANCHO'S DEATH?
 NOT LIKELY! I HAVE MY OWN HUNCH.

THERE'S ONE MAN IN THIS WORLD — HARRY SPARROW — WHO TRIED TO KILL ME AND DID CAUSE MY WIFE'S DEATH. HE PROBABLY FEELS HE'D BETTER GET ME BEFORE I GET HIM.

HARRY SPARROW HASN'T BEEN SPOTTED IN PANAZUELA IN MONTHS, BUZ. HIS VILLA IS CLOSED, DESERTED EXCEPT FOR A CARETAKER.
 JUST THE SAME, I WANT YOU TO GO THERE AND KNOCK ON THE DOOR.

LUIS CLANKS THE HEAVY KNOCKER ON SPARROW'S MASSIVE OAK DOOR. NO ANSWER... HE KNOCKS AGAIN.
 HMM... WAS THAT A RUSTLING I HEARD INSIDE?... OR JUST AN OLD HOUSE CREAKING?

THERE WAS NO SIGN OF LIFE, BUZ. POSSIBLY MY IMAGINATION, BUT I'D SWEAR I HEARD A RUSTLING INSIDE. AND I HAD THE FEELING SOMEBODY WAS WATCHING ME.
 VERY INTERESTING! WE'LL FIND OUT.

A PANEL TRUCK "BREAKS DOWN" ACROSS FROM THE HARRY SPARROW HOUSE.
 HMM! I'LL HAVE TO GET A MECHANIC TO FIX THIS!

INSIDE THE "STALLED" TRUCK, BUZ WATCHES THE HOUSE FOR HOURS. FINALLY A STOOPED FIGURE WITH A RAKE APPEARS.

POSSIBLY THE CARETAKER... OLD, BIG CHIN, ROMAN NOSE, WHITE HAIR. CERTAINLY NOT HARRY SPARROW.

SEE ANY SIGN OF LIFE AT SPARROW'S HOUSE, BUZ?
 AN OLD TROLL OF A CARETAKER — COULDN'T POSSIBLY BE HARRY SPARROW.
 LUIS RETURNS TO THE "STALLED" TRUCK, REPLACES THE SPARK PLUG AND DRIVES OFF.

BY THE WAY, WE HAVE OUR FIRST PROSPECT TO BUY A PLANE. GUY NAMED DARIO GRACOS IN SAN MATEO.
 SOUNDS GREEK.

WANTS SOMEBODY TO FLY DOWN TOMORROW AND GIVE HIM A DEMONSTRATION.
 FINE, I'LL TRY OUT MY SALES ABILITY.

BUZ FLIES A DEMONSTRATOR TO SAN MATEO, BUT FINDS NO PROSPECT NAMED DARIO GRACOS TO MEET HIM.

FINDING HIM UNLISTED IN THE PHONE BOOK, HE ASKS QUESTIONS.
 DARIO GRACOS?... NEVER HEARD OF HIM.
 NOBODY OF THAT NAME AROUND HERE.

STRANGE INDEED!.. WHAT'S THE MEANING OF IT? SOMEBODY PLAYING A JOKE?
 MYSTIFIED, BUZ FLIES BACK TO CIUDAD GRANDE.

RETURNING TO CIUDAD GRANDE, BUZ SEEMS TO HAVE THE AIR TO HIMSELF. THEN SUDDENLY A PLANE OVERTAKES HIM, DROPS DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF HIM.
 IDIOT!

SUDDENLY — HE CAN'T BELIEVE HIS EYES! — FROM THE BOTTOM OF THE PLANE TUMBLES A FLOCK OF GESE!