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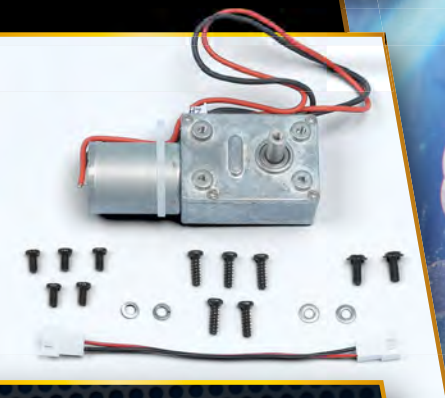
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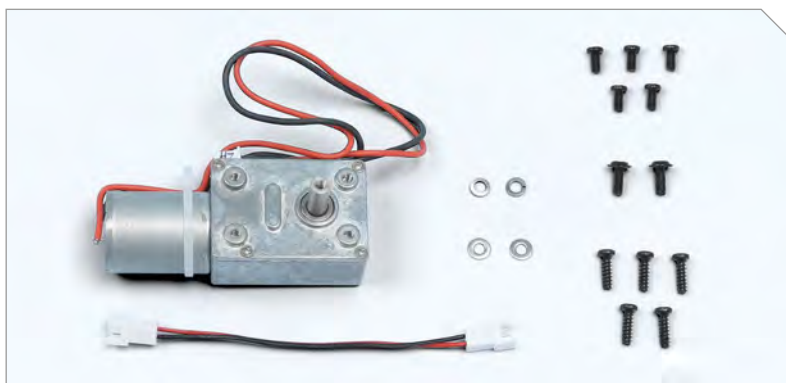
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## THE DALEK CHRONICLES

## THE ROGUE PLANET

**The Zerovians attempt to prevent war between the Daleks and Mechanoids.**

TV Century 21  
Issues: 59-69

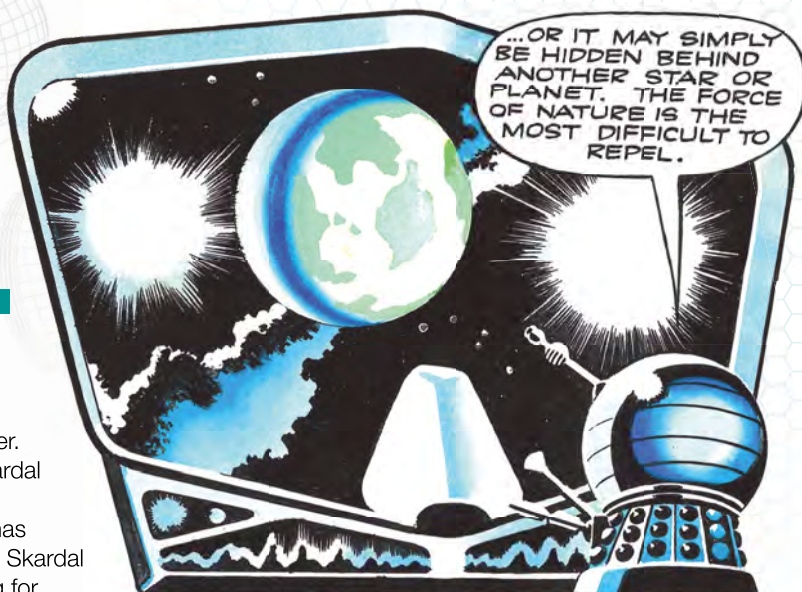
The Astrodalek observes a new planet in the 84th galaxy. The Emperor watches as it hurtles into a sun, but instead of being destroyed, the planet smashes through the star unharmed and gains power. The Emperor names it Skardal. It vanishes from the Daleks' cosmoscopes. The Emperor commands all Daleks to think of ways to destroy it. Skardal resurfaces when it collides with the uninhabited planet Omega Three. Skardal is knocked onto a different course – it is now heading directly for Skaro.

The Emperor is told of a meteorite swarm that will cut across Skardal's path before it reaches Skaro. A few days later a fleet of Dalek ships is launched with a special mission. "You are ordered to succeed!" the Emperor commands. The ships have been fitted with Magray Ultimate. It is fired at the meteorites, giving them enhanced

magnetic power. They draw Skardal off its course. The Emperor has calculated that Skardal is now heading for Mechanus, the world of the Daleks' enemies, the Mechanoids. "Daleks! Prepare for war!" it cries.

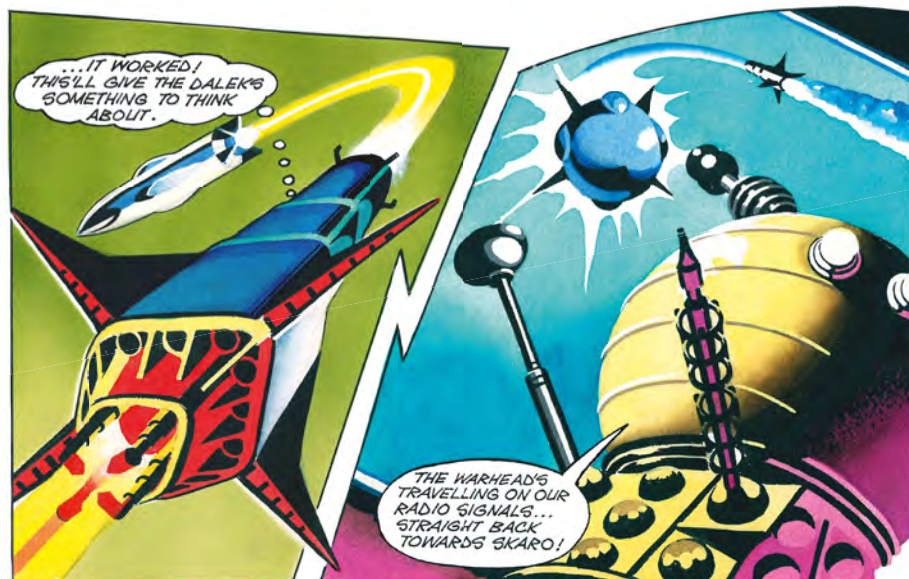
A grim meeting is held on the advanced world Zeros. The Zerovians' leader Gry is aware of the terrible war that is approaching between the Daleks and the Mechanoids. He knows that whoever wins will almost certainly turn on Zeros. He plans to interfere in their conflict and make sure that neither side is successful. Others believe this task to be impossible for any Zerovian agent. "If he is captured, his blue skin alone will tell them where he comes from," one of them remarks. The scientist Aun replies, "Did I say we will send a Zerovian?" A silvery grey figure emerges from a capsule. He is identified as robot agent 2K.

2K arrives on Skaro in a small craft, but its presence is still detected. A Dalek



hoverbout patrol discovers 2K's tracks in the desert and deduces that someone is approaching the Dalek city. 2K makes his way to the Information Chamber and hears the Emperor describing his plan to use Skardal as the first weapon in an assault on Mechanus. "They will be so occupied with it, we can attack and destroy them," the Emperor says. 2K realises he has to find a way to stop the rogue planet.

Two Daleks on hoverbouts discover 2K and demand he identify himself. 2K is positioned between them. He uses his rocket pack to blast off, and the Daleks accidentally fire on each other. "My own spaceship is too slow to catch that rogue planet," 2K thinks. "I'll have to steal a ship from the Daleks." Two more Daleks find their destroyed comrades and assume the Mechanoids have invaded Skaro. They spot 2K in the sky.





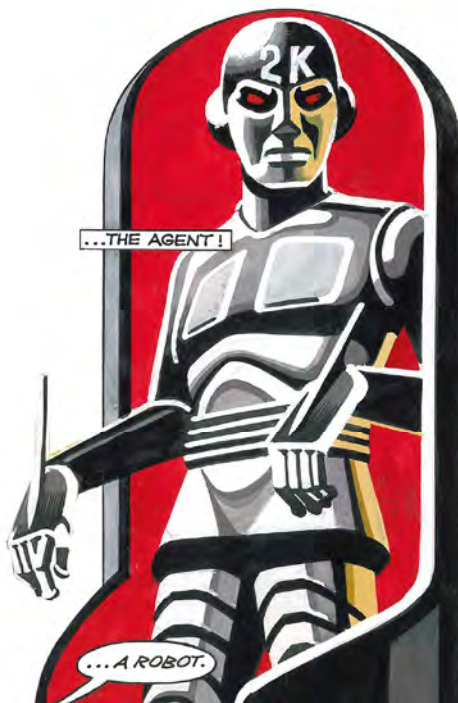
2K heads for the Daleks' spacefield, but he is suddenly dragged downwards by a Magnetrap. 2K's head separates into pieces, becoming a powerful drill. The robot agent flies downwards, drills through the ground, and escapes the Daleks. 2K finds himself in an underground silo. He commandeers a rocket and blasts off.

The Daleks observe the rocket heading for Mechanus, unaware that 2K is inside it. 2K makes some adjustments, and the rocket's warhead separates, heading back towards Skaro. "Fire anti-missile rockets! Destroy that warhead!" the Emperor commands.

2K lands on Mechanus in the detached rocket. He sets up a scanner. The Mechanoids confront him. "Before you destroy me... watch something I have travelled through space to show you," 2K says. The Mechanoids see the Daleks' missiles in space. They hit the warhead and also disintegrate Skardal.

On Skaro, the Daleks are relieved that the warhead has been destroyed. "We have not attacked the Mechanoids as we planned – but danger is averted," the Emperor states.

On Mechanus, 2K explains that the missiles and warhead were built by the Daleks. He claims that the Daleks have saved Mechanus from destruction deliberately. "War in space is unthinkable," 2K says. "The Daleks have shown some responsibility. The Mechanoids must also." The Mechanoids are deceived and agree to halt their plans for war. His mission a success, 2K heads back to Zeros.

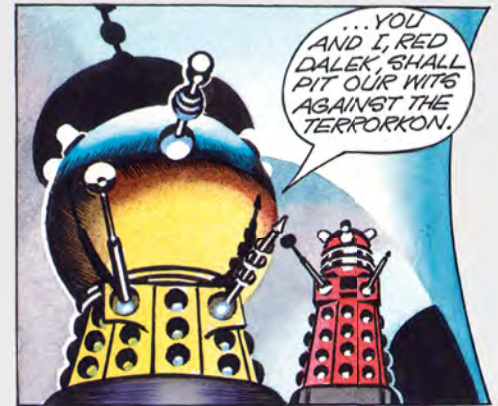


# THE TERROR

**A ferocious Terrorkon steals a deadly missile that could destroy the entire Dalek city.**

TV Century 21 Issues: 70-75

Following their encounter with the rogue planet, the Daleks prepare to replenish the rocket supply that makes up their underwater defence system. New rockets are lowered into the Lake of Mutations near the Dalek city. One of the Terrorkons – gigantic two-headed reptiles that dwell in the lake – draws closer. "Turn on electric barrier," a Dalek on a hoverbout orders. The Voltastream pushes the Terrorkon back. Beneath the lake's surface, Daleks piloting special underwater craft place the rockets in their launching pads. The huge creature watches the activity. "The Terrorkons are becoming more adventurous," a Dalek comments. The electric force field suddenly fails. The Terrorkon attacks the underwater Daleks, crushing one in its claws. "Emergency! Surface immediately," a Dalek commands. The Dalek in the hoverbout is plucked from the sky by the creature. A lakeside Dalek is unable to harm it with its firepower and attempts to escape. It sends an emergency message to the Central Controlist just before it is crushed. The Emperor Dalek and the Red Dalek observe the Terrorkons interfering with the rockets on a scanner scope. "Let



us explode the rockets and destroy the Terrorkons!" the Red Dalek suggests. "It would damage our city," the Emperor replies. "I have considered poisoning the lake, but the Terrorkons are an important part of our defence system."

Some time later, two Daleks lower an electronic attractor into the lake. It draws most of the Terrorkons away from the rockets. The Daleks move to reclaim them but realise that one of them is missing. "The Terrorkons have taken one!" a Dalek exclaims. The Terrorkons are trapped inside a Voltoscope field, but a metal scan shows no sign of the





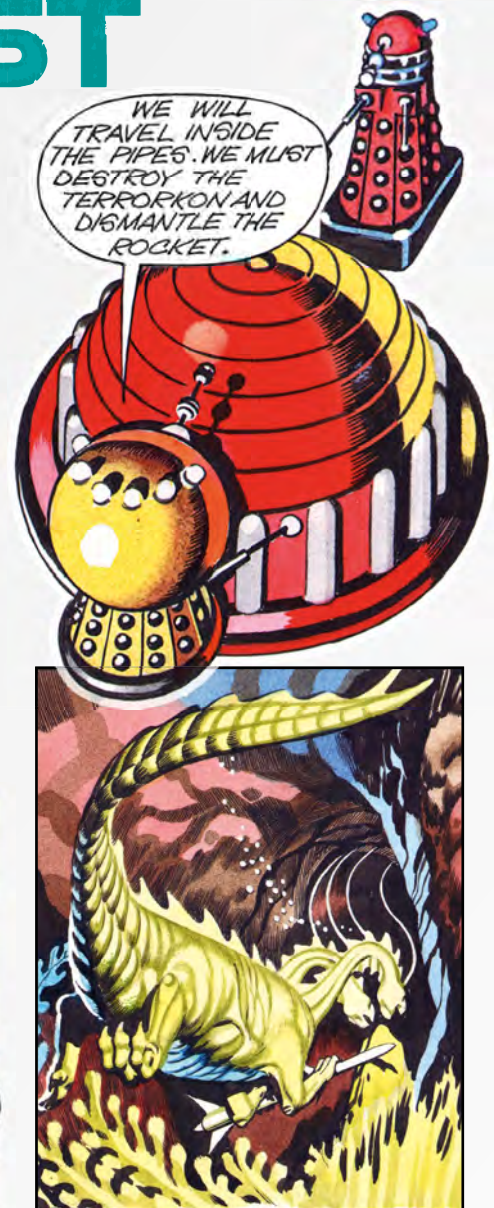
# KON HARVEST

rocket. The Dalek in Hoverbout Y9 reports another Terrorkon holding a large mass of metal. The Dalek is smashed to pieces by the Terrorkon's tail, and the monster escapes into an underwater cavern inside the mountain. The Emperor is informed that the rocket has been damaged by a rockfall. The Daleks' leader knows that the explosive power of the rocket could destroy their entire city and gives the order to evacuate.

The Emperor and the Red Dalek travel inside the extractor pipes that their ancestors placed inside the mountain. "We must destroy the Terrorkon and dismantle the rocket," the Emperor says. The Terrorkon reaches a cave deep inside the mountain range. It examines the rocket and finds that it is not edible.

It throws it against a cave wall in disgust. The explosive begins its reaction.

A huge mutated eel enters the cave, unnoticed by the Terrorkon. The Red Dalek and the Emperor burn their way through the extractor pipe and see that the rocket has been activated – time is short. They race towards it, but the Terrorkon sees them. Before it can attack, it is surprised by the eel. The monster wraps itself around both of the Terrorkon's necks. The Red Dalek manages to defuse the rocket before it explodes. The two Daleks watch as the eel wins the battle, killing the Terrorkon and dragging it below the water's surface. "Our city is saved, but let us search our planet and discover all its dangers," the Emperor says.



## DALEK ARTIST



Ron Turner (1922-1998) was a British artist who developed a love for science-fiction in his youth, reading the novels of H.G. Wells, Jules Verne and Edgar Rice Burroughs, and also the British sci-fi magazine *Scoops*. Turner first became known in the 1950s for his striking cover illustrations for science-fiction novels, notably the Vargo Statten (a pseudonym for John Russell Fearn) range published by Scion. Turner also illustrated covers for other publishers, including Hamilton, Milestone, John Spencer and Edwin Self. He painted dozens of covers for Newnes' *Practical Mechanics* magazine from 1954 to 1962 and spent several years producing paintings of animals and landscapes for Craftmaster's 'Paint by Numbers' kits. His work on *The Daleks* is widely considered to be the finest in the strip's TV Century 21 run. Turner's other comics work includes *Rick Random*, *Dan Dare* and *Nick Hazard*. A biography and collection of his work, *The Fantastic Art of Ron Turner* by John Lawrence, is available from Telos Publishing.



# THE DALEK WORLD

In 1964, *The Dalek Book* had been a big success for its publisher, Souvenir Press, and a second hardcover annual, *The Dalek World*, followed in 1965

*The Dalek World* had the same format: a mixture of comic strips, prose stories and features. It was written by Terry Nation and *Doctor Who*'s first script editor, David Whitaker. The art was by A.B. Cornwell, Richard Jennings, W Wiggins and John Woods. In keeping with its predecessor's epic scale, *The Dalek World* takes place 200 years after the events of *The Dalek Book*. A mechanical planet is terrorising worlds, and the authorities of the solar system reluctantly allow the Daleks to rearm themselves to destroy it. With that feat accomplished, the Emperor reveals the biggest difference between Daleks and humans: "It is eternal patience. For 200 years we have waited! Warn Earth! Warn all the planets in every sky! The Daleks will come to conquer them!"

*The Secret Struggle* is a short story told in the form of a report made by Unispace Security agent Arthur Lippert. Arthur is

surrounded by men with Terry Nation-esque names like 'Tal Yorke' and 'Merik Scrivener'. He helps foil a Dalek plan to replace a politician with a robot double. One of Arthur's allies is a young woman simply named Brit. She's the star of the next comic strip, *Treasure of the Daleks*. Two criminals, Borg and Zemmer, steal Brit's spaceship and make a daring raid on Skaro to steal precious jewels from the Daleks. We learn that Skaro has two suns. Borg and Zemmer meet their end, but Brit escapes, taking with her a "million-pound diamond!"

After a photo feature on the *Dr Who and the Daleks* film, the next prose story is *The Five-Leaf Clover*. It's a comedic tale where the Emperor Dalek falls victim to an Irish conman named Kelly who uses reverse psychology. Kelly is eventually sent on his way with a consignment of valuable five-leaf clovers which grow naturally on Skaro.

*The Invisible Invaders* is a comic strip that sees the Daleks battling a sinister



avian species that uses "Infralux rays" to become unseen. Following that is a cut-out image of a Skaro Saucer with detailed information on its technology. More Dalek machines are also revealed, including a "Repro-Trimensional Mirror" which the Daleks use to duplicate humans. Young readers are later warned to be careful: "Your best friend could be a Dalek robot spy." No doubt some of the more impressionable ones were sent into a spiral of paranoia.

*The Log of the "Gypsy Joe"* is another prose story told as a report. Captain Rod Marlow encounters an Orbitus, a small repair robot created by the Daleks. Rod reprograms it, and it destroys the Daleks' Interferer Beams. In the comic strip *The Orbitus*, Rod returns to Earth and gives the robot to his son Roger as a birthday present. Twelve years before the arrival of K9, the Orbitus proves to be a boy's best friend when it rescues Roger from some kidnappers.

After a few schematics of anti-Dalek weapons comes some dubious info in *According to the Daleks*. Did you know a Dalek only weighs two and a half Earth pounds? That's what they say, anyway. *The Dalek Defence Drill* provides far more helpful advice, such as "Never try to escape from a Dalek by running in a straight line. Weave and zigzag."

In the comic strip *The World That Waits*, the Daleks learn that the mechanical planet from the opening story was an

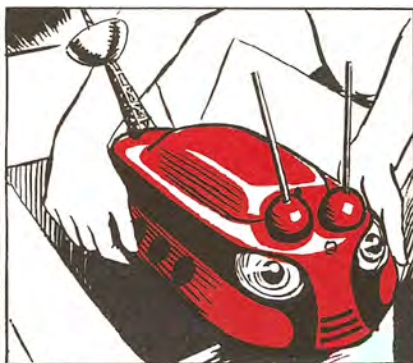






invention of the Mechanoids. They attack Mechanus but are lured into a trap by a Dalek facsimile. The Daleks ultimately win, but, in the best 1960s *Doctor Who* tradition, a single Mechanoid emerges from the wreckage after they depart.

A Q&A section includes the query, "What does a Dalek look like?" The answer is, "No words can ever describe its terrifying ugliness. There is one photograph in existence but we dare not print it."



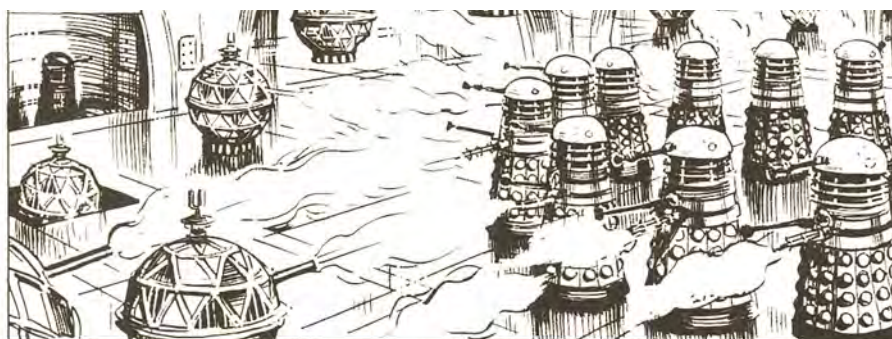
The standout short story of the book is *Manhunt*, which sees Meric Scrivener and four other space captains placed in torture chambers by the Daleks. The Daleks wish to test the humans' capacity for hope, and learn how they can crush it. The Daleks' methods are shockingly cruel, but Meric manages to escape.

In the *Masters of the World* comic strip, Meric and Brit team up. They uncover a plot to use Dalek duplicates of the world



presidents. They escape and destroy some Daleks in space.

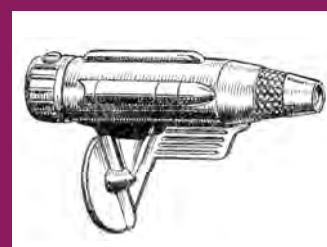
*The Dalek World* doesn't quite reach the high standards of *The Dalek Book*. The art isn't as polished and there's much repetition in the stories with the Daleks' frequent use of humanoid duplicates. Despite its flaws, it's still an enjoyable, inventive, and highly imaginative volume that introduces plenty of new and fascinating pieces of Dalek lore.



## THE DALEK POCKETBOOK AND SPACE-TRAVELLERS GUIDE



*The Dalek Pocketbook and Space-Travellers Guide* was a small paperback published by Souvenir Press in October 1965. It was an in-universe book, one that treated the Daleks as real creatures, not fictional creations. "There's a very wise old saying – Know Your Enemy," Terry Nation writes in the introduction. There's a question-and-answer section where Nation describes the events of *The Dalek Invasion of Earth*. He makes the observation that, "To the Daleks, man is no more than a work machine. A simple, unreliable insect." It's possible, however, that this section was actually written by David Whitaker as it greatly references Whitaker's work on *The Daleks* comic strip in *TV Century 21*. Zeg's battle with the Emperor is covered, as are



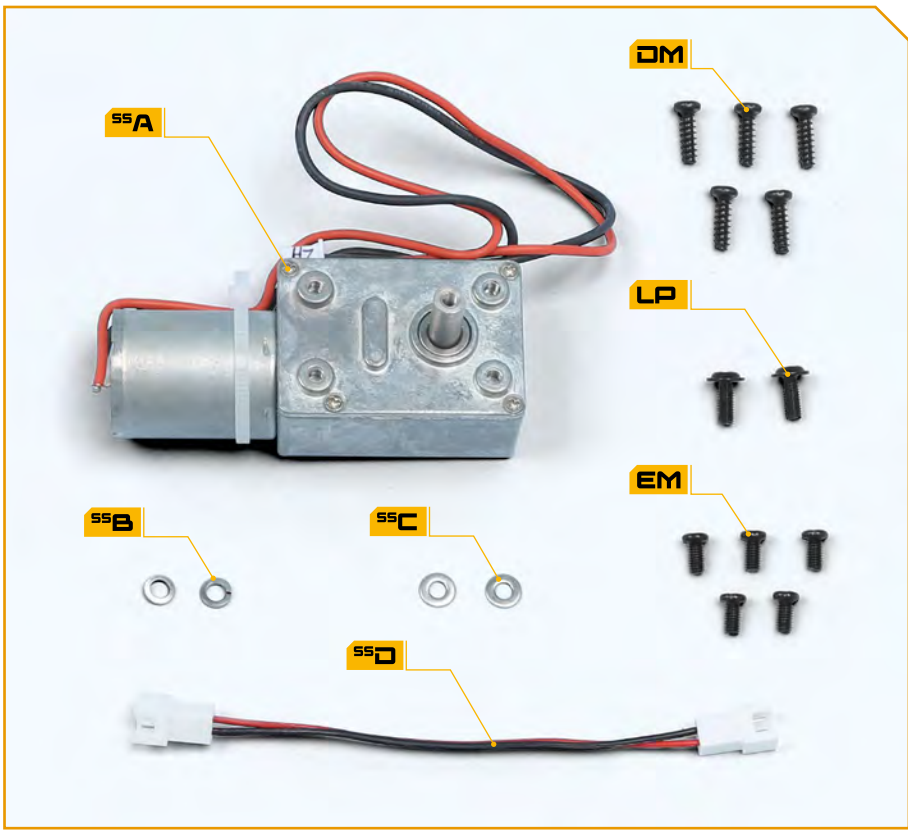
Yarvelling and Zolfian, the two men who built the first Dalek war machines. *The Dalek Pocketbook* recycled most of its material

from *The Dalek Book*; its comic-strip excursion to the Dalek city was adapted here into a prose feature. The second half of *The Dalek Pocketbook* shifts gears: it includes factual astronomy content suggesting usefulness for space-travellers, blending speculative fiction with educational material.



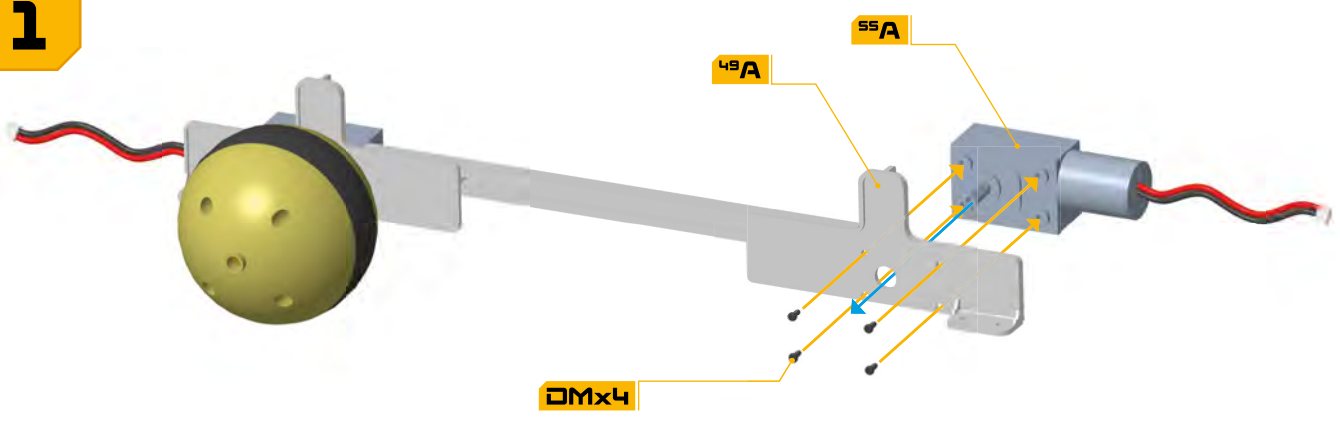
# SKIRT SECTION

## ROLLER ASSEMBLY



| COMPONENTS OF<br>ISSUE 55 |                                      |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 55A                       | MOTOR FOR BASE<br>MARKED ZH          |
| 55B                       | TWO SPLIT RING<br>WASHERS (1 SPARE)  |
| 55C                       | TWO FLAT<br>WASHERS (1 SPARE)        |
| 55D                       | TEST CABLE                           |
| DM                        | FIVE 3 X 6MM<br>PM SCREWS (1 SPARE)  |
| LP                        | FIVE 3 X 10MM<br>PB SCREWS (1 SPARE) |
| EM                        | TWO 3 X 8MM PWM<br>SCREWS (1 SPARE)  |

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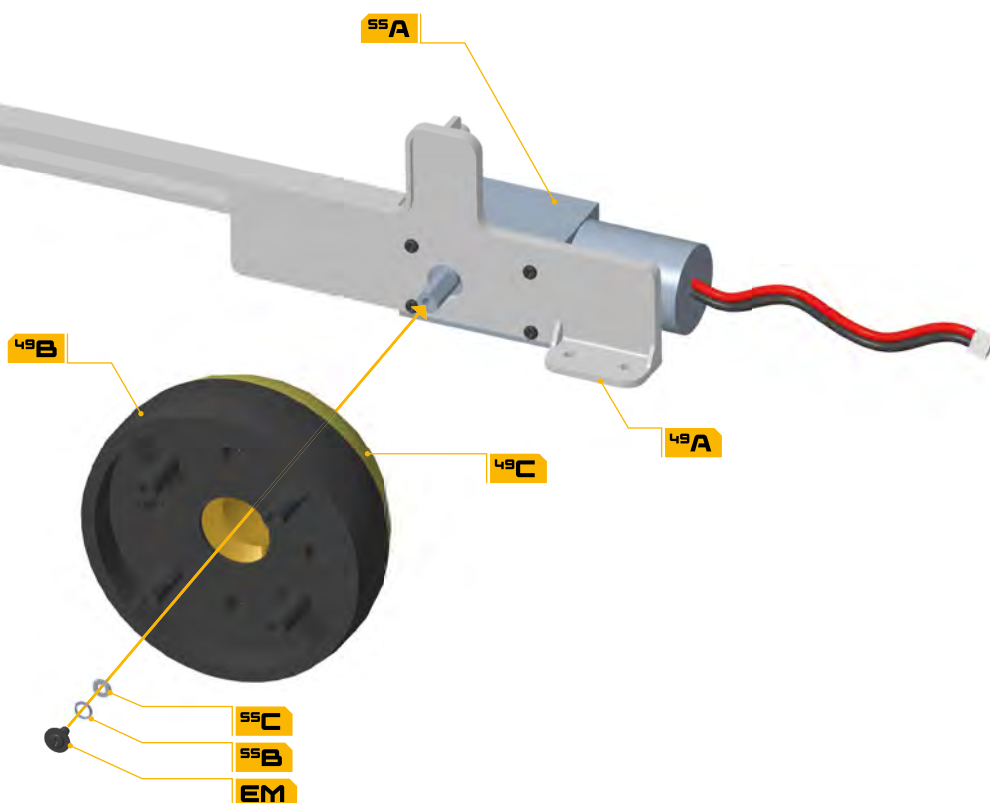
Take the motor **55A** and fit the shaft of the motor **55A** through the hole in part **49A** (marked B), as indicated by the blue arrow. Fix the motor in place with four **DM** screws.



# 2

## #55-02

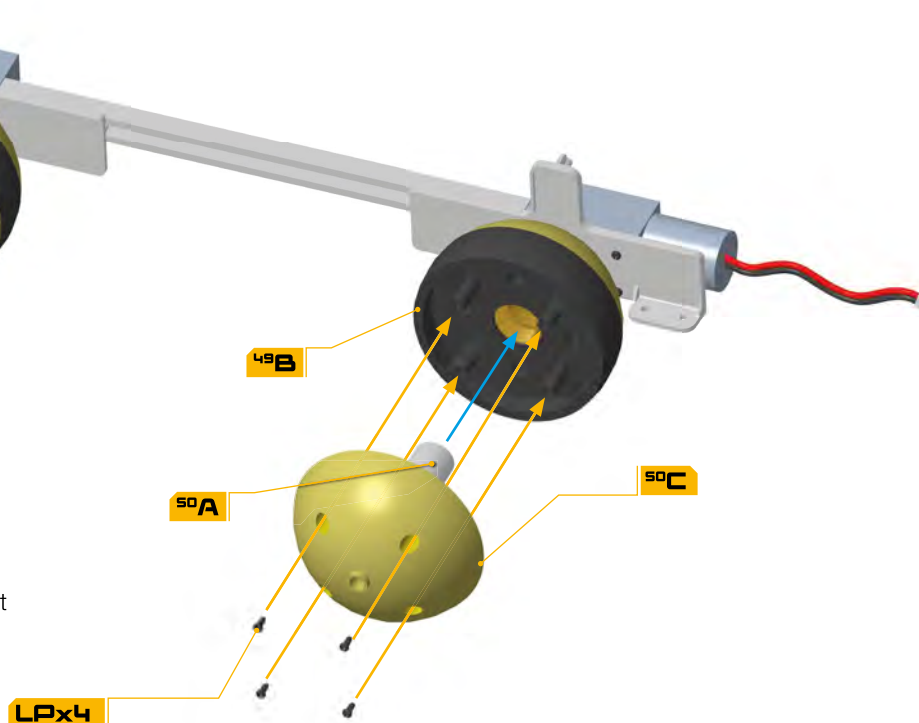
Take the roller assembly from issue 49. Fit the shaft of the motor **55A** into the hole in the centre of the roller part **49C**. Note that the shaft is D-shaped, and fits into a D-shaped hole in part **49C**. Fit a flat washer **55C** into the recess in the centre of part **49C** and then a split ring washer **55B**. Fix the assembly together with an EM screw.



# 3

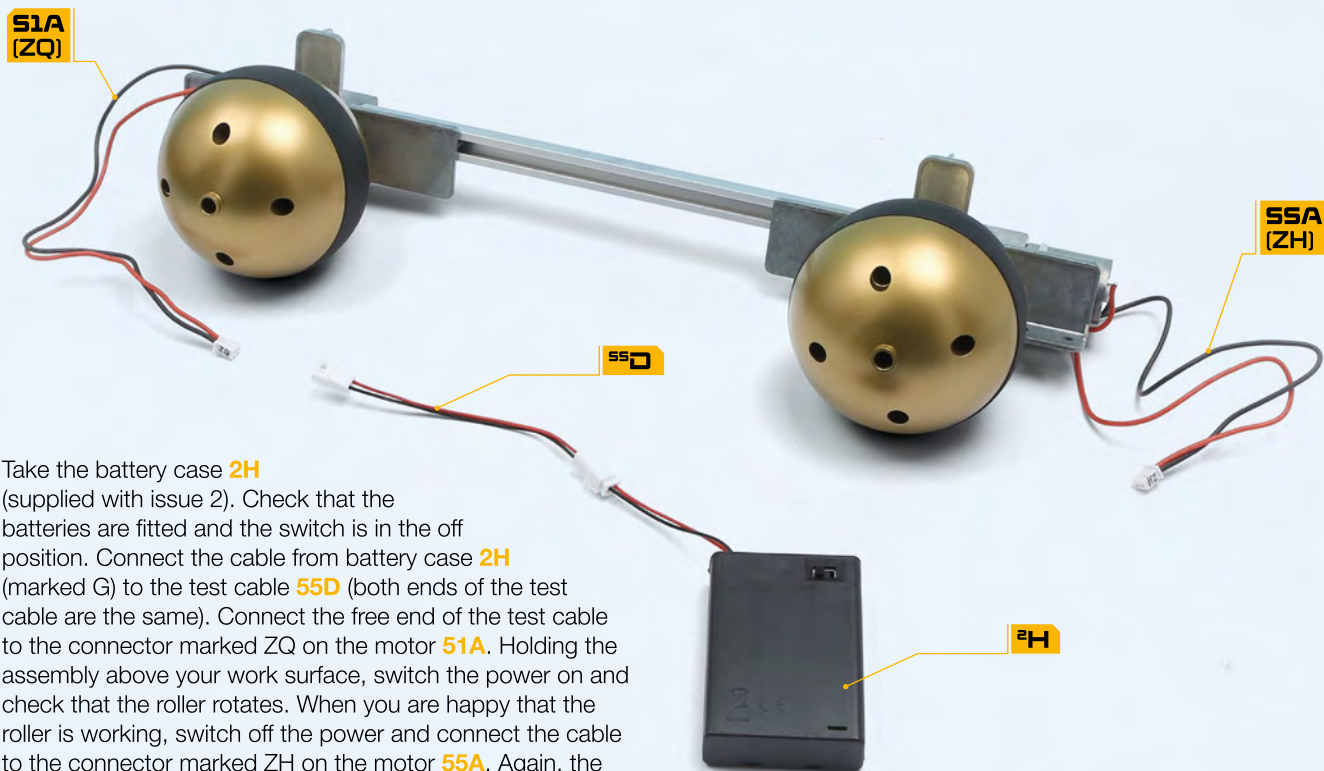
## #55-03

Take the second roller part **50C** and a support **50A** from issue 50. Reassemble the parts if necessary. Fit part **50A** into the centre of part **49B** (blue arrow), arranging part **50C** so that the screw holes align with the raised screw sockets in part **49B**. Fix in place with four LP screws.





## TESTING THE ROLLERS



Take the battery case **2H** (supplied with issue 2). Check that the batteries are fitted and the switch is in the off position. Connect the cable from battery case **2H** (marked G) to the test cable **55D** (both ends of the test cable are the same). Connect the free end of the test cable to the connector marked ZQ on the motor **51A**. Holding the assembly above your work surface, switch the power on and check that the roller rotates. When you are happy that the roller is working, switch off the power and connect the cable to the connector marked ZH on the motor **55A**. Again, the roller should rotate in the same way as the first roller. When you are happy with the movement, switch off the power and disconnect the cables.

## COMPLETED WORK



## #55-COMPLETED WORK

A second motor and roller have been fitted to the motor holder assembly.



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