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any other hazards that you discovered in your studies ? " "Take a look at this photo. You see this dark black cloud hovering over the surface of Earth ? We call this the Consolidated Edison Belt. We don't know what it is made of , but it could give us a lot of trouble and we shall have to make further tests before we send a Venus Being there." "Over here you will notice what seems to be a river , but the satellite findings indicate it is polluted and the water is unfit to drink. This means we shall have to carry our own water , which will add even greater weight to the saucer." "Sir , what are all those tiny black spots on the photographs ? " "We're not certain. They seem to be metal particles that move along certain paths. They emit gases , make noise and keep crashing into each other. There are so many of these paths and so many metal particles that it is impossible to land a flying saucer without its being smashed by one." "What are those stalagmite projections sticking up ? " "They're some type of granite formations that give off light at night. Prof. Glom has named them skyscrapers since they seem to be scraping the skies." "If all you say is true , won't this set back the flying saucer program several years ? " "Yes , but we shall proceed as soon as the Grubstart gives us the added funds." "Prof. Zog , why are we spending billions and billions of zilches to land a flying saucer on Earth when there is no life there ? " "Because if we Venusians can learn to breathe in an Earth atmosphere , then we can live anywhere." PHRASES &

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