

financial contribution, one company produces the necessary bombs, another one makes gas masks against LPK and Julia gives a fund raising party. On old maps of Switzerland they try to find UniComp's site. Karl does research on the exact location of the tunnel through which the computer was transported into the mountain. On two nights a week the group is taught various fighting techniques. All in all it takes them almost a year to get ready. Before the party gets under way, Lilac gives birth to baby that they call Jan.

On Christmas day 171 Y.U. they go on land. As soon as they have the chance they steal some bikes and ride to Eur91770. At the airport they succeed in getting on a plane by causing confusion with one of their bombs. The plane takes them to EUR00020, where they obtain bicycles again and start riding in the direction of '001. When approaching '00013, there are signs of posts ahead checking bracelets. Chip sends Dover out to find out. Suddenly Jack and Ria, refusing to take orders any longer, cycle away, and there is nothing Chip can do to stop them, because there are other members on the path. Dover tells him there is a whole medicentre on the road. From a hill they see Jack and Ria cycling towards the barrier, unable to turn back. Jack's blows himself up to escape arrest, but Ria is caught. Chip decides that Buzz should go back, leaving traces of the retreat in order to deceive UniComp. The others will hide for two weeks before carrying on.

After Buzz has left, Chip says that they will continue their mission in four days. He has given Buzz false information on purpose. Finally they reach the Mountain of Love, which is quite close to '001. They start climbing the mountain, looking for an entrance to the tunnel. At the second presumed location they find an unprotected opening. It makes them suspicious, but they enter the tunnel all the same. After three hours they reach a steel door, where Dover suddenly orders them to put their hands on their heads. He orders them on, until they reach a room with a lot of people in it, who all applaud when they enter. Dover tells them that these are the programmers of UniComp, and that they too will become programmers. Chip thinks he recognizes one of the men present as Wei. The man tells him that he really is Wei, at least the head. The rest of the body used to belong to a strong athlete. Wei tells them that the islands are wildlife preserves, where natural leaders can emerge. They are given luxurious rooms, where young girls are ready to serve them.

The next day Dover tells Chip that waiting for and following the groups that are trying to destroy UniComp is a great game. But he also says that there will be no chance to leave, because the computer needs untreated programmers, who will have every luxury that existed in pre-U times. Later on Chip discusses with Wei the theories and practices on which the Family is built. Wei tells him that science has come so far that Chip's generation of programmers will never die.

Chip's days settle into a routine. In the evenings there are discussions with Wei, which Chip sometimes attends. Wei himself gives him a tour of UniComp and of the refrigerating plant. Nine months after his arrival, a new group is reported to be on its way, this time from the Andaman Islands. Chip is also applauding when the three members who make it to '0001 are led into the main lounge. Chip offers the traitor in their group a hand with their kits, but he knocks her unconscious outside the room. In the kits he finds the bombs the group was carrying, which he takes down the stairs which he remembers from the visit with his grandfather. Suddenly

he is grabbed from behind by Wei, who proves surprisingly strong. Using all the fighting techniques he has learned, Chip manages to beat Wei, who falls down into a pit, severely wounded. Chip hurls the bombs down at the computer, but they do not work. Wei laughs at him, commending him for his strength and informing him that he will now have to use Chip's body below his head. But Chip leaps down on Wei, and wrangles the gun from his hand. Then one of the bombs suddenly explodes. Chip shoots the gun at other bombs, so that slowly the whole structure collapses. Finally he also shoots Wei.

The members meet outside. Most of them are so angry with Chip that he is advised to leave. He figures out how to fly a helicopter in order to return to Majorca.

III SUGGESTION FOR FURTHER READING

The Boys from Brazil (1976)

In this novel Ira Levin has used a factual background of real persons events and situations (the nazi hunter Simon Wiesenthal who has been hunting war criminals from his headquarters in Vienna since World War II), and to this he has added fictional elements, in this way creating an alternative history. In the novel Wiesenthal is represented by Yakov Liebermann. One of his main targets has been Dr Mengele. Unknown to Liebermann, Mengele in this novel has been working on a diabolical plan to create a second Hitler by means of mononuclear reproduction. Mengele hopes in this way to establish the Fourth Reich. Mengele thinks it is important for the ninety-four Hitler replicas to grow up in circumstances practically identical to those in which Adolf Hitler grew up. For this reason their fathers, all civil servants, are to be killed at the age of about sixty-five, because Hitler's father died at that age.

But the room in which these plans are discussed is bugged, and Liebermann receives the information that ninety-four men are going to be killed by Nazis, but he has no idea who these men are or why they are to be killed. When Liebermann visits some of the widows he discovers that their sons are exact replicas of each other. After talking to a biology professor Liebermann concludes that Mengele has succeeded in 'kloning' human beings. As it is difficult to convince the authorities of what is going on Liebermann calls in the help of the Young Jewish Defenders led by rabbi Gorin (in reality the Jewish Defence League and rabbi Kahane) to stop the nazis. But Mengele is determined to frustrate Liebermann's plans. At the house of one of the civil servants Liebermann is confronted by Mengele, who plans to shoot him, but he is saved by one of the Hitler replicas who sets his dogs on Mengele.

