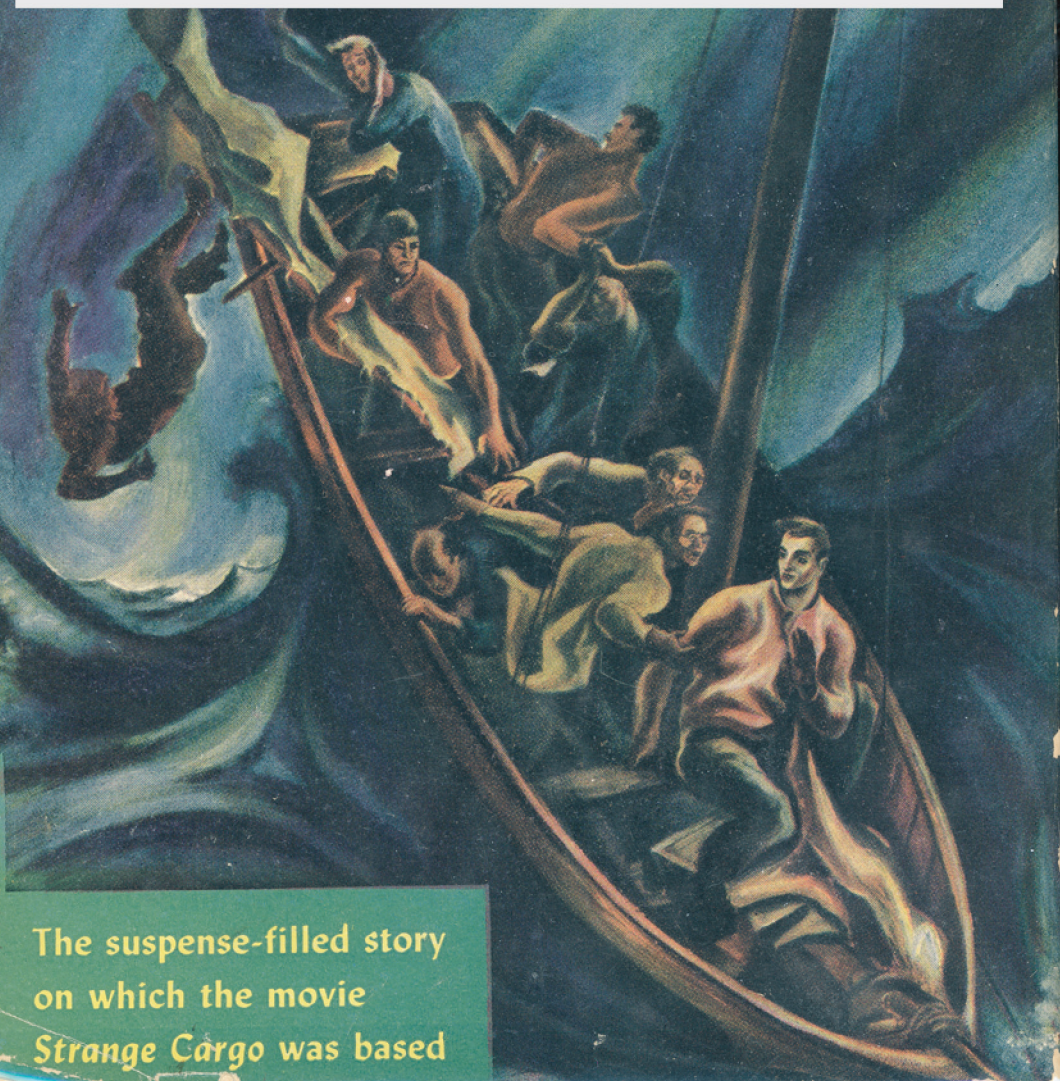


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The Redemption of Dr. Clay Koza, an influential icon buried beneath
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To my family

Amy, Janet, and Laura

FORWARD

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THE EMERGING TECHNOLOGY TEAM

DR. CLAY KOZA. Nobel Prize winning physicist, inventor, and leader of the Emerging Technology Team. Inside CyberLegions, he marries nano-technology computers with AI and genetics to create artificial life.

KEN KOZA. Nuclear engineer, Dr. Clay Koza's trusted advisor, and Nuclear Regulatory Commission whistle blower, blacklisted from America's nuclear industry. CyberLegions' pragmatic CFO navigating challenges for growth inside the defense industry.

DR. GRAHAM HIGGINS. Dedicated Medical Doctor prioritizing safety in advanced emerging technology systems and responsible for characterizing the adverse impacts of Poly on the human body.

MAJOR GENERAL LINDA SCOTT. Military technology czar and Poly Program Director.

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STU KELCOURSE. Jeppy Polito's right hand man in his former life at the Seaview Nuclear Power Plant. Loyal, anxious safety advocate from the Navy.

JEPPY POLITO. CyberLegions Plant Manager and cleanup man for Dr. Clay Koza. Navy veteran, safety advocates against corporate greed; the narrator,

and
JESSE CALDWELL

THE SENIOR STEERING STAFF FOR THE DIAMOND DUST PROGRAM

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SENATOR MADISON THORNDYKE. Self-serving senator prioritizing political gain over defense reform.

HUNTER LARSEN. Pompous, manipulative defense industry lobbyist resisting ethical reform.

PART ONE