

# CREATE A COMIC

In 1978, young pilot Frederick Valentich vanished over a notorious stretch of water. Recreate his last words drawing what YOU think he saw.

The following is an edited extract from a voice transmission between Frederick Valentich (DSJ) and Steve Robey, Melbourne Air Traffic Control Flight Service (FS)

## EXTRACT

AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL (FS): Delta Sierra Juliet, what type of aircraft is it?

FREDERICK VALENTICH (DSJ): I cannot confirm. It has four bright lights, seems to me like landing lights.

(DSJ) As it's flying past it's a long shape

(FS) Roger. How large would the - er - object be?

(DSJ) The thing is just orbiting on top of me ... It's got a green light, sort of metallic like, it's all shiny on the outside.

(DSJ) The engine is rough idling. It's hovering on top of me again. It's not an aircraft.

(FS) Delta Sierra Juliet?

(DSJ) [open microphone records 17 seconds of metallic sounds]



Three large empty rectangular boxes with black outlines, intended for drawing a comic strip based on the transcript. The top row contains two boxes, and the bottom row contains one wide box.



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# DIG UP A STORY



Write an article for the *Pirate News* using the facts in the left-hand column. Give it a catchy headline and put what's newsworthy first.

## Pirate News

Thursday, July 2nd, 1931

2:30 PM

# EXTRA! EXTRA!

### Facts

- Summer 1931
- Four children, on vacation, play on a beach near Moore River
- They follow fox tracks to a patch of sand between dunes
- Names: Fred, Don, Dan, Madge
- Fred finds two silver coins from 1615
- Madge finds corroded metal - it might be a hinge
- There is a long strip of silver sticking out of the sand
- They take their father to the place and find more coins
- 45 silver pieces in total
- They date from 1618 to 1648
- Some have foreign writing on them
- Some have what looks like a man's head
- They name the area 'the money desert'



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