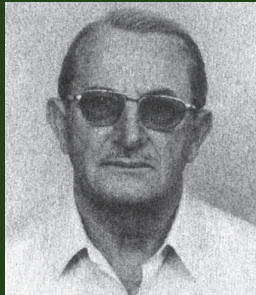


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Yudke slithered down the tunnel with practiced ease. He had done it dozens of times while digging. He knew where all the supports were, where the tunnel twisted and turned. He launched himself forward on his knees and elbows, with eyes almost closed. But even though he knew the way and was in top physical form, he still had difficulty crawling the length of the tunnel, which was about seventy-five meters. It took him a full half-hour to make it to the end. Then he had to break through the "hatch" first opened by Siumke, which of course had been sealed while they completed their preparations...

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