

A Submariner's GENESIS I:I¹

In the beginning there was **COB**². And COB was all alone in the world with the sand crabs. There were no Submarines or sub-sailors and the oceans of the world were ruled by **SKIMMERS**³.

So COB decided that he needed company and a purpose, so he snapped his fingers and the first Submarine slid off the ways (Turtle), and COB said "Hey, this is good!"

And deciding that he needed help to make his submarine go, he snapped his fingers again, and the salty air and **amine solution**⁴ was breathed by the first sub-sailor.

About this time COB passed a little gas, and life was breathed into the first '**O'Ganger**⁵ (**YEA TEAM!**). COB decided that there was no sense in crying over a spilt coolant and put them in charge so that they could be out of the way.

And so COB and his submarine put to sea.

COB was a fair individual and appointed quarters for everybody, the Enlisted men got a large berthing area where they would always be surrounded by their friends, also they were appointed a large messing facility where they could eat in comfort, not to mention the library/lounge they were given so they could read and relax as sailors do.

The 'O'Gangers were given a small cramped quarters and a small messing facility that COB called "the Wardroom" so they would not know they were getting a bum deal. And for years everyone was happy.

Then one day a rogue 'O'Ganger went **U/A**⁶ to Nuc Engineering school

¹(an excerpt from the GOSPEL according to STSCS WILSON, a copy of which is kept under his pillow)

²Chief Of the Boat - The senior Enlisted man on a submarine.

³Skimmer - Navy surface ship. Submarine speak for "TARGET!"

⁴Amine solution is used in air cleaning apparatus.

⁵An 'O'Ganger is a Submarine Office. YEA TEAM!

⁶U/A is Navy for Unauthorized Absence. Sort of like desertion but not as serious.

and came back full of foolish and crazy ideas.

COB, being a good and kind COB, accepted the Crackpot back into the fold figuring he would settle down.

In the meantime many more submarines were built and COB appointed his Apostles as COB's of all the other boats, and for awhile all was well. But, one day the COB opened his **puka**⁷ and there was a pile of paperwork. COB was astonished! The Crackpot had torn out the perfectly good diesel engines and replaced them with some gosh-awful contraption that was obviously evil in every respect.

The Crackpot whom we will call **HYMIE**⁸ had grown very evil and started to take over all the submarines. HYMIE managed to send almost all of the other 'O'Gangers to Nuc school behind COB's back. COB was very displeased that HYMIE, whom he had trusted, had stabbed him in the back.

"COB!" said HYMIE, "I'm taking over!"

"NEVER!" Cried COB, and COB drove HYMIE back into the Engineering spaces and tried to stop the flow of **Creeping Nucism**⁹, but it was too late and COB only managed to barely contain it.

So COB appointed one of his trusted Apostles to serve in his place and retreated to the last remaining diesel boat to gather his forces to him.

COB has said that in the latter days before he drives out the forces of Nuclear Evil there will be strife and paperwork and an **EDOP**¹⁰ for everything and this tells us that we are in the latter days. **HE WILL RETURN!!**

⁷A Puka is a place to store things, like a box on a desk.

⁸Hyman Rickover, the father of the Nuclear Navy, especially the Nuclear Submarine Service.

⁹Creeping Nucism is where no one is allowed to think for themselves. If it isn't written down in a procedure, you can't do it!

¹⁰EDOP - Engineering Department Operating Procedure