

# Smack in the Zaknob



Meptang had, of course, been on dates with person-females before, but he had always worn his environmental suit, which cloaked the worst of his unhumanoid features. But now he was preparing to ask Gloria for her hand in marriage – and it was *only* her hand that he wanted, for there was no tastier morsel in the whole galaxy than a human palm and fingers deep-fried in blammo! Anyway, before he decreased her typing speed by approximately one half, he felt she deserved to see him the way other Zontamkians did. But as he later tried to explain to his jeering Zon-mates, it was pure luck that her reflex action caught him smack in his zaknob, incapacitating him and his romantic advances for the remainder of his surveillance shift on Earth.