

Synopsis

Tired of constant war with the Nasty Croutons, the inhabitants of Planet B-12 send their greatest hero, the Honorable Captain Flour, on a mission of surrender. Captaining the starship Appomattox, the Captain and his loyal crew are enroute to the Crouton home world when they receive a distress signal from a space ship belonging to Lady Flower, the Queen of Planet Kiwi. Unknown to the Flour Gang, Lady Flower has staged her distress as a ploy to get close to the Captain. After the Captain "rescues" her and returns her home, she forces him to journey to her castle at gunpoint in order to marry him.

After realizing their captain has been kidnapped, the remaining crew - BA, BS, and Haiku - set out in search of him. They cannot fly the Appomattox since Captain Flour took the ignition key. They burst into the castle just as the wedding is taking place.

It turns out that Captain Flour has changed his mind and really does want to get married. The wedding proceeds as planned, but during the vows a mysterious figure tricks BA, BS, and Haiku away from the ceremony, where they are captured.

After the wedding General Gyro (the Crouton Warlord) makes a surprise appearance (he was also the disguised figure from before). He's worried that Captain Flour won't carry through with his orders to surrender to the Crouton Empire. Gyro has landed bunches of Crouton troops around the countryside; he tells the Captain that once the surrender is signed then his crew will be released unharmed and the Croutons will take off.

Captain Flour is about to capitulate when Lady Flower takes him aside and persuades him to fight against the blackmail. The Captain proceeds to lay the smack down on the Croutons and frees his comrades. Captain Flour gives BA, BS, and Haiku the key to the Appomattox and orders them to help the people of Kiwi against the Crouton armies that are around. Meanwhile he and his lady retire to their honeymoon...

The trio make their way around the world, getting stronger and fighting baddies. They eventually make their way to the Crouton Base Camp and break in.

The gang discovers that General Gyro has fled. Thinking that he's on a nearby space station they fly the Appomattox to Space Station Apocalypse and fight their way in.

In the end General Gyro is not on the space station. However the heroes turn up a large cache of secret data that will turn the tide against the Crouton invaders.

While flying back to Kiwi, the Appomattox is attacked by the Croutons - anxious to get their data back - and crash-lands a few miles from the Palace. The three heroes split up and must each make their way back through hordes of patrolling Croutons and are helped by the armies of the Queen.

There are three endings depending on whether all heroes make it back, only some make it back, or none make it back.

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1. Introduction (Cinema)

[Long-range shot of Planet Kiwi fades to a medium shot of Lady Flower in her gardens. It is nearing nightfall and everything is in twilight colors. Bee, her servant, buzzes idly around.]

LADY FLOWER:

Bee, I just heard bad news. The council of Planet B-12 has dispatched a starship to Planet Crouton to sign a surrender agreement. And they sent Captain Flour to do it!

Those Croutons are nothing but a big bunch of bullies - and my poor captain is going to get himself killed. I have to do something! Prepare my personal yacht.

[Shot of Appomattox in space followed by the Flour Gang all together]

NARRATOR:

Meanwhile, aboard the BCS Appomattox, Captain Flour and his crew travel towards certain danger!

CAPTAIN FLOUR:

Haiku, did you remember the apple cider?

HAIKU:

I brought the cider
That glistening gold liquid
To warm our cold souls

CAPTAIN FLOUR:

Great! BA, why do you look so glum?

BA:

I can't believe we're surrendering after only two weeks!

CAPTAIN FLOUR:

Well, you win some, you lose some. BS, where are we right now?

BS:

We're passing near Planet Kiwi. Oh hello, there's something on the radar up ahead.

HAIKU:

I have a signal
It's an urgent distress call
From Lady Flower

CAPTAIN FLOUR:

Uh oh! Show it on the big screen!

LADY FLOWER (onscreen):

Help, Captain Flour! I'm being attacked by a space gang!

[Brief exterior shot shows gang ships firing on Queen's Yacht]

CAPTAIN FLOUR:

Oh my goodness! We're on our way!

The Appomattox approaches the Queens Yacht and the "gang" immediately flies away.

LADY FLOWER:

Oh captain, you saved me!

CAPTAIN FLOUR:

I did? Okay, see you around!

LADY FLOWER:

No, wait! Um, my ship is badly damaged! Can you take me back home?

CAPTAIN FLOUR:

Do you think you can hold out for a few days? I kinda have some important business.

LADY FLOWER:

What?! No! I must get back soon. Sorry.

CAPTAIN FLOUR:

BS, send over a shuttle to pick up Lady Flower. Haiku, warm up some of that apple cider!

The Appomattox approaches Planet Kiwi and lands. Captain Flour escorts Lady Flower down the entry ramp.

LADY FLOWER:

Thank you so much! Can you stay?

CAPTAIN FLOUR:

No, I have to go do some stuff.

LADY FLOWER:

I would really enjoy your company...please stay.

CAPTAIN FLOUR:

No thanks.

LADY FLOWER:

You must stay.

CAPTAIN FLOUR:

No.

LADY FLOWER (pulling a gun):

I insist you stay.

CAPTAIN FLOUR:

Okay.

[Game engine shot of Captain and Lady walking from the Appomattox through the pansies and on up to the gate. The screen scrolls back to the Appomattox:]

BA:

The Captain's been gone a while. I'm gonna go check on him.

2. The Search For Captain Flour (Gameplay)

0107 Landing

Our Hero comes out of the Appomattox to see Captain Flour being escorted through a gate by Lady Flower. He pursues them only to find three squads of flower-warriors barring the way.

PANSY GUARD 1:
Ah...Okay, don't come much closer!

BA:	BS:	HAIKU:
Who're you?	Who're you?	Oh pretty flowers That bar the path before me Tell me who you are

PANSY GUARD 1:
We're the Queen's Royal Pansies.

BA:	BS:	HAIKU:
Move! I'm going after my Captain!	Oh I'm sure you are.	Bright, fragile Pansy Gentle child of earth and sun Make a path for me

PANSY GUARD 1:
That, ah, may not be possible. Lady Flower told us to guard this trail. And guard it we will, with our...ah...guns, if necessary!

BA:	BS:	HAIKU:
Whatever!	You, your guns, and what army?	I weep for you all To resist is to perish For I am Haiku

Hero fights against the pansies and eventually makes it up to the gate we saw Captain Flour leaving through.

BA:	BS:	HAIKU:
The gate's locked! I'd better go back to the Appomattox and tell them what happened.		Alas the gate is locked I must return to the ship The Appomattox

Our hero follows the trail back towards the Appomattox but as he rounds a bend we see a horde of reinforcements blocking the way again.

PANSY GUARD 2:
Halt!

If not present, BS appears at the Appomattox and begins walking towards the group.

BA:	BS:	HAIKU:
Oh brother.	Well look at you guys! Ain't you pretty?	Do my eyes deceive Or are these reinforcements A whole bunch of them

PANSY GUARD 2:
Back for more, are you? I mean, we're back for more. Ah, that is...

BA:	HAIKU:
Whatever!	The lesson taught once May be lost - but if taught twice Will be remembered

BS (appears if not being played already):
Wait!

PANSY GUARD 2:
What?

BS:
Just so you know, I heard the Blue Pansies saying smack about you guys.

PANSY GUARD 2:
Really?

BS:
And, uh, I heard Blue saying stuff about Purple too.

PANSY GUARD 3:
Ah, hey Blue, come here a minute...

The pansies fight amongst themselves, allowing our Hero to slip through with minor difficulty. The Hero returns to the Appomattox:

BA:	BS:	HAIKU:
Guys! That crazy weed has kidnapped our Captain! Fire up the engines, we're flying after them!	I have some good news and some bad news. The bad news is that our Captain got kidnapped by that flower chick and the gate they went through is locked. The good news is that we can still catch them if we fly after them right now.	The Captain is gone The gate is closed and locked We must fly after
BS:	BA:	BS:
But Captain Flour took the ignition key!	Well the bad news is that Captain Flour took the ignition key.	But Captain Flour took the ignition key!
BA:	BS:	HAIKU:
What about the spare?	Maybe we can rig up some sort of deal where we pretend Haiku is a prisoner and me and you are taking him in...	The rock does not yield To the ant but yields rather To the untamed storm
BS:	BA:	BS:
That was the spare!	Hold on, I think...yes, I have a better idea. Let's blow up the friggin gate and go after them!	What's he saying?
BA:		BA:
Well the guns still work.		I think he's saying blow up the gate. Who cares what he's saying, let's just blow up the gate anyways!

The Appomattox fires its guns and blows open the gate.

BS: Cool...

3. The Wedding (Cinema)

0505 Palace

Our hero has just entered the outer courtyard when some dandelion guards accost him:

GUARD:

Ho, miscreant! There's a wedding going on here and I don't think you're invited! Best move on before I exercise my better judgment and smite you!

BA:	BS:	HAIKU:
Whatever!	Hah, you could use some exercise!	I must not tarry For the wedding is starting I must hurry now

The Hero defeats the outer guards and proceeds to the inner courtyard. Rows of pansies look on as the Preacher speaks to Captain and Lady Flower.

PREACHER:

Blah, blah, blah, blah. Blah blah. Can anyone think of any reasons why these two should not be joined in Holy Moly?

BA:	BS:	HAIKU:
Yes! The Captain doesn't want to!	Yes! Captain Flour was kidnapped at gunpoint and is being coerced into this marriage!	Yes. Dog chases cat But cat hates it, like Captain What a strange offspring

CAPTAIN FLOUR:

Oh, hey there. Um, thanks for coming. Actually, though, I've kinda changed my mind about uh, you know. There's lots of swell cake and punch here; we can eat as soon as we're finished. So if we could sort of keep going...

LADY FLOWER:

By all means let's keep things moving along. Though things have been happening so fast I've completely neglected to invite your side of the family, naughty boy. Bee, why don't you radio the Appomattox and have the rest of the crew come and join us?

NARRATOR:

A few minutes later...

[Shot of the Flour Gang watching the wedding]

PREACHER:

Do you, Captain Flour, take this begonia to be your lawfully wedded wife?

DISGUISED CROUTON (peering around the corner of a curtain):

PSST! BA! Come here a minute...

BA leaves the wedding (using engine graphics).

PREACHER:

And do you, Lady Flower, take this sack of flour to be your lawfully wedded husband?

DISGUISED CROUTON:

PSST! BS! BA needs a hand. Can you come here a minute?

BS leaves the wedding (engine graphics).

PREACHER:

I now pronounce you man and wife. You may plant a wet one.

DISGUISED CROUTON:

PSST! Haiku! BS says to tell you that he's found your long-lost twin brother and to come here a minute!

Haiku leaves the wedding (engine graphics).

PREACHER:

Okay you guys are married now. It's time to party!

GENERAL GYRO (was disguised Crouton):

Not so fast! I have a little wedding present for you, Captain!

CAPTAIN FLOUR:

Why thank you, General Gyro! Is it yummy?

GENERAL GYRO:

No it's not yummy! It's your friends! I have captured your whole gang and locked them up! If you'll recall you were on your way to surrender to the Crouton Empire; I simply want you to sign this surrender form and I'll return your crew to you unharmed. If you don't want to sign it for your crew you should sign it for your lovely new bride; I've landed twelve platoons of troops around the kingdom and they'll be making life...difficult for the Queen's subjects unless I get that form signed!

CAPTAIN FLOUR:

Oh. Er, okay, I guess. What do you think, dear?

LADY FLOWER:

Don't be silly, Captain. Go beat up the guards and rescue your friends! And while we're at it: Bee, go sting General Gyro where the sun don't shine!

Chaos erupts (engine graphics) as General Gyro runs away, chased by Bee, chased by Captain Flour.

4. The Tower Of Pain (Gameplay)

The player controls Captain Flour as he busts into the Tower Of Pain (L0604), defeating legions of Crouton guards along the way. He finally makes it to the room where his crew is imprisoned.

5. Saved From Certain Imprisonment (Cinema)

CAPTAIN FLOUR:

Hey guys, what's up? Let's go back down and grab some cake!

NARRATOR:

Later...

BS:

...then he said, "BA just fell down some stairs and needs your help; it's a matter of life and death!" And then he said all kinds of things that only BA and I would know to prove he was telling the truth. So what am I supposed to think, right? So...

CAPTAIN FLOUR:

Oops, sorry to interrupt, but me and the misses need to take off on our honeymoon. Tell you what, though, this General Gyro character sure seems to be causing a lot of trouble. Here's the key to the Appomattox; why don't you guys fly the ship around and see if you can do anything about General Gyro and those Crouton armies!

NARRATOR:

Back at the Appomattox...

[Shot of BS in the drivers seat]

BS:

Well she started up fine but she seems to be burning a lot of oil. We'd better not fly her too much until we can fix that. We should probably do our scouting around on foot; if anyone finds a good landing site then just come back to the ship and we can fly over there real quick. So someone needs to start looking for that Gyro guy while the rest of us work on the ship.

6. War Against The Croutons (Gameplay)

The bulk of the game play happens in this chapter. The crew travel all over getting codes for the Crouton base, rescuing pansy slave laborers, and helping King Grenade settle his localized battle against the Croutons so he's free to help blow open the gates of the Crouton Base Camp. After defeating the guards inside the base camp the Hero rounds a corner to see General Gyro standing next to a space ship.

BA:	BS:	HAIKU:
Freeze!	Hey! Back away from the space ship you wack punk!	You crazy crouton If you know what's good for you You'll hold it right there

GENERAL GYRO:
Too late!

We then have a quick cinema of Gyro's ship taking off. It shakes for a few seconds and shoots straight up very quickly.

BA:	BS:	HAIKU:
I have to get back to the Appomattox and follow him!		General is gone To follow I must go to The Appomattox

7. Base Camp Defeated / To Space (Cinema)

Our Hero has just returned to the Appomattox:

BA:
Does anyone know where General Gyro might have flown to?

BS:
Hold on - looks like there's a Crouton space station not too far from here - Space Station Apocalypse. I'll bet he headed straight for it.

BA:
Let's go fight!

[The Appomattox takes off - still smoking oil - and flies into space. Shortly thereafter we see the ship approaching a medium-sized Crouton space station.]

8. Space Station Apocalypse (Gameplay)

Our heroes fight Croutons and laser turrets in and around the space station. Finally a hero bursts into the Command Core...

9. The Secret Data / To Kiwi (Cinema)

[General Gyro appears on a display monitor.]

GENERAL GYRO:

Ah, I see you've reached the Command Core. Too bad I'm not there! In fact, I'm on Space Station Armageddon far away! Space Station Apocalypse would be the obvious place for me to... retreat to, so of course I didn't go there! It all goes to show why I'm a general and you're not!!

I'd love to chat a while but unfortunately that space station is about to explode! You see, there's far too much top secret information stored in those files to let anyone get their hands on it. Don't worry though, there's plenty of time to escape. Lets see, you have about... 5 seconds! Hah-hah-hah! Ha! Hum. Actually, could you press that blinking red button over there? Oh darn...

[The General ends transmission]

NARRATOR:

Minutes later (and still explosion-free)...

[Shot of the Appomattox near the space station]

BS:

Ooh boy. Radar's showing a large fleet of Crouton warships heading this way! They must be really ticked about losing that data! We need to get out of here like a bat out of hell! Haiku, do we have the last of the data onboard?

HAIKU:

The data is here
All twelve googabytes of it
That's really a lot

BS:

Cool! And BA, you put that note in the Command Core?

BA:

It's all set.

BS:

Let's roll then!

[Shot of the Appomattox breaking away from the space station and heading back towards Kiwi]

[Shot of Crouton warships approaching the space station and slowing down]

[Shot of Crouton soldiers entering the Command Core]

[Shot of a crudely drawn note above a blinking red button that has an arrow and reads: "Secret Data Storage"]

[Shot of the Appomattox from the front as it enters the atmosphere. Far behind it on the horizon there's a huge explosion]

BS:

Oh yeah, that's it! They're really mad now! They're firing at us from orbit! Hold on! *[The screen shakes]* We're hit!

[Shot of the nose of the Appomattox sinking against a backdrop of rapidly scrolling trees and skyline]
[fade out to white]

10. The Fugitives (Gameplay)

[Fade in to shot of damaged bridge half-open to sky and forest with BA, BS, and Haiku struggling to their feet]

BS:

The bad news is that the Croutons are landing troops everywhere. The good news is that we're only a few miles away from the Palace. If we can get there we should be safe. But we can't risk all being caught together; we have to split up and each take part of the secret data. Good luck!

The player selects - in any order - all three characters one at a time. Each character begins at the start of a different route he must take back to the palace. Each level has most or all of the old challenges plus lots of Croutons and perhaps Pansies and Dandelions to help you fight them. Being familiar with all the levels and having spent the time powering up all the characters will help immensely. Now when a hero dies he doesn't reappear at the Appomattox; instead he's just dead (though the player can restart from the point at which the ship crash-landed). The number of heroes that make it through to the Palace determine which of three alternate endings the viewer sees (no heroes/data returned, partial heroes returned, all heroes returned).

11. The End (Cinema)

Ending 1: All Heroes Return

[Shot of our heroes, Captain Flour, and Lady Flower all standing around. Crouton warships hover in the distant sky.]

CAPTAIN FLOUR:

You all made it back! That's great!

BS:

And we've brought a bunch of secret data on the Croutons! With this we should be able to turn the tide of the war back on our planet!

BA:

All that's left is to take care of the rest of the Crouton troops around here.

LADY FLOWER:

I wouldn't worry about that. Bee went home to the hive and she's inviting all her family over for a while.

HAIKU:

Let's fix up our ship
Home awaits, we should return
To Planet B-12

CAPTAIN FLOUR:

Well...Lady Flower, my love, I have to go with these guys and wrap up some things back home.

LADY FLOWER:

Hurry back! We still have to pick a name for the baby!

[Fade to a shot of the Appomattox lifting off]

[Shot of Lady Flower in her gardens at twilight looking up at a singularly bright star]

[Credits]

Ending 2: Some Heroes Return

[Shot of the Preacher, Captain Flour, and Lady Flour standing next to some caskets at a funeral service]

BA DIED	BS DIED	HAIKU DIED
PREACHER: And let us not forget BA, whose indomitable fighting spirit kept us all in a fighting mood.	PREACHER: And let us remember BS, whose witty comebacks were always very witty.	PREACHER: Now let us lay to rest dear Haiku, the last or at least next-to-last of the Irish Ninja Clan, who had the size and fighting skill of three men combined and who always spoke in poetry.
CAPTAIN FLOUR: Poor BA! You blew stuff up real good! I'll miss you!	CAPTAIN FLOUR: Poor BS! I loved your shiny blue helmet! I'll miss you!	CAPTAIN FLOUR: Poor Haiku! You always remembered to bring the goodies on long trips! I'll miss you!

NARRATOR:
After the service...

CAPTAIN FLOUR:
At least we got enough secret data for Planet B-12 to make a stand against the Croutons! I'd better go back, though, and get things organized.

LADY FLOWER:
Of course, sweet-treat. Don't take too long...I think I just remembered where my chocolate-chip cookie recipe got to.

CAPTAIN FLOUR:
Back in a jiff!

[Appomattox takes off just like in Ending 1]

Ending 3: No Heroes Return

[Funeral service same as in Ending 2]

NARRATOR:

Without the secret data there was nothing to stop General Gyro and his troops. Captain Flour reluctantly signed the surrender agreement to prevent the destruction of his home world. The Croutons quickly turned Planet B-12 from an easygoing hick backwater into a thriving traveler's stop that was renowned for having more fast-food restaurants than any other planet in the galaxy.

CAPTAIN FLOUR:

I guess that's all right if you don't mind working at Nacho House.

NARRATOR:

And as for Captain Flour - well, he stayed on Planet Kiwi with Lady Flower where they had 12 kids who all grew up to be happy, fat, and sassy.

[Credits]