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SUPER SPRING TRIANGLE May 2023

HI STARE GAZERS I'M TRACE! YOU'VE SPIED THE SUMMER TRIANGLE, PEEPED FALL'S HEAVENLY G AND GLIMPSED WINTER'S GIANT RUPEE, BUT HAVE YOU SPOTTED THE SUPER SPRING TRIANGLE?! LET'S COMPLETE THIS SET!

EVERY SPRING THREE BRIGHT STARS ARE EASY TO FIND – HIT THE DARKNESS AT 11 PM, LOOKING WEST NIGHT THIS WEEK – BUT THIS ASTERISM IS SO BIG WE HAVE TO USE THE WIDE ANGLE.

START WITH REGULUS, A BRIGHT, BLUE-WHITE STAR IN THE CONSTELLATION OF LEO THE LION. THIS IS THE LOWER POINT OF OUR SUPER TRIANGLE.

NEXT LOOK UP AND LEFT TO ARCTURUS. IT'S THE BRIGHTEST STAR IN BOOTES FROM TWO WEEKS BACK. LOOK CAREFULLY. CAN YOU SEE THAT ARCTURUS IS ORANGE? A VERY DIFFERENT COLOR THAN REGULUS!

NOW HEAD DOWN AND LEFT AND FOR SPICA; THE BRIGHTEST STAR IN VIRGO THE MAIDEN. SPICA IS THE DIMMEST OF THE THREE AND THE BLUEST TOO!

THE SUPER SPRING TRIANGLE. THREE CONSTELLATIONS, ONE ASTERISM. BEHOLD IT'S MAJESTY – AND KEEP LOOKIN 'UP