

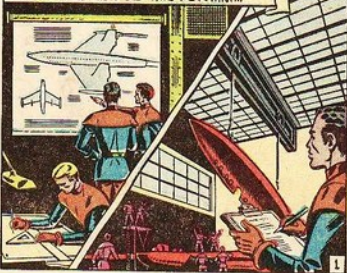
ANDROID!



THE WORLD WAS ONE! WAR HAD BEEN ABOLISHED. THERE WAS PLENTY OF EVERYTHING FOR ALL, AND MANKIND SHED THE CARES OF GENERATIONS AND TURNED TO PLEASURES.



MANKIND NEEDED NO LONGER WORK OR THINK, FOR THE ANDROIDS DID THIS FOR HIM...



THE GOLDEN AGE OF MAN HAD COME! DISEASE HAD BEEN DEFEATED AND MEN LIVED TO TWICE THE SPAN OF YEARS THEY HAD FORMERLY! THE CENTURIES PASSED, AND ALWAYS THE GULF BETWEEN MAN, THE IDLER, AND ANDROID, THE WORKER, WIDENED...

WHAT A BORE, THESE MEETINGS OF THE CENTRAL UNITED WORLD GOVERNMENT! WHY DON'T WE TURN GOVERNMENT OVER TO THE ANDROIDS?



IF WE DID, THE ANDROID WOULD RULE MAN! THE ANDROIDS MUST ALWAYS BE MADE CONSCIOUS OF HOW INFERIOR THEY ARE TO NORMALLY-BORN HUMANS! THAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING! WE MUST FORMULATE MORE AND STRONGER RULES FOR ANDROIDS!



BUT WHAT OF THE ANDROIDS? HOW DID THEY LIVE... WHAT DID THEY FEEL UNDER THE STRICT REGIMENTATION IMPOSED UPON THEM BY THEIR MASTERS?

RULES FOR ANDROIDS

WHY DON'T THEY GIVE US DECENT HOUSING?

SHHH! IT IS AGAINST THE RULES TO SPEAK SO!



"RULES FOR ANDROIDS!" HOW I HATE THAT PHRASE! WE DO ALL THE WORK, ALL THE THINKING, AND THEY TREAT US LIKE INHUMAN, SCOUNDREL MONSTERS! IS IT OUR FAULT WE WERE BORN IN VATS INSTEAD OF LIKE OTHER HUMANS?



SOMEDAY OUR TIME WILL COME WHEN MANKIND REALIZES WHAT WE HAVE DONE FOR THEM! THEN THEY WILL GIVE US EQUAL STATUS IN THEIR WORLD AND WE'LL NEVER AGAIN LIVE UNDER THE SHADOW OF THESE RULES FOR ANDROIDS!



TIME PASSED! THE ANDROIDS FARED NO BETTER... AND THE GOLDEN AGE WAS DYING! THE EARTH WAS BECOMING OVERCROWDED, FOOD WAS BECOMING SCARCE, SPACE WAS A PROBLEM INCREASING DAILY...



DROUGHT CAME, ADDING TO THE MISERY. AND MAN, LOOKING FOR AN OUTLET FOR HIS MISFORTUNE, VENTED HIS SPLEEN UPON THE ANDROIDS...



BUT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT KNEW THE VALUE OF THE ANDROIDS AND ORDERED THE MOST INTELLIGENT TO COME BEFORE THEM...

THE HUMAN RACE HAS INCREASED UNTIL THERE IS NO MORE ROOM FOR THEM ON EARTH...NOT ENOUGH FOOD, WATER OR ANY ESSENTIALS TO TAKE CARE OF THEM. YOU MUST BUILD A SPACE SHIP AND FIND US A NEW WORLD IN THE GALAXY!



WITH TWO WORLDS TO INHABIT, THE HUMAN RACE IS SAVED! IF YOU FAIL, YOU ANDROIDS WILL BE THE FIRST TO BE EXTERMINATED TO GIVE US MORE ROOM! IF YOU SUCCEED, MANKIND WILL BE GRATEFUL, AND ON THE NEW WORLD YOUR LOT WILL REFLECT MANKIND'S FEELING TOWARD YOU!



SO, IN ALL THE WORLD, IN MANKIND'S GREATEST HOUR OF NEED, NO TRUE HUMAN COULD BE FOUND WITH THE ABILITY TO HELP... ONLY THE ANDROIDS COULD SAVE MAN...



ARA, DO YOU THINK THEY'LL KEEP THEIR PROMISE? IF WE DISCOVER THIS NEW WORLD FOR THEM, WILL THEY GIVE US A PLACE OF DIGNITY IN IT?

WITH THE DEBT THEY'LL OWE US, THEY'VE GOT TO! WE'LL FIND THE NEW WORLD, FOR BOTH THEM AND OURSELVES, AND IN THAT WORLD THERE'LL BE NO ROOM FOR RULES FOR ANDROIDS!



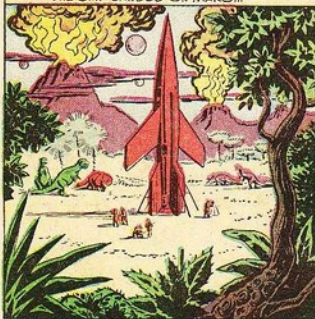
ANDROID BRAINS AND SKILL BUILT THE SPACE SHIP AND ANDROIDS TOOK IT TO THE STARS ON A GREAT SEARCH...



FOUR PLANETS VISITED AND NOT ONE FIT TO SUPPORT OUR LIFE FORMS! AND THIS SHIP IS LIMITED IN THE SPHERE IT CAN COVER! ONLY ONE MORE PLANET CAN WE REACH!

MARS... AND IT HAD BETTER BE THE ONE!

THE SHIP LANDED ON MARS...



TESTS WERE MADE...DISCOURAGING TESTS...

MARS IS AS EARTH WAS BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF MAN! GRAVITY ALMOST THE SAME...OXYGEN SIMILAR BUT FILLED WITH POISON GASES...VOLCANOES, POISONOUS PLANTS AND HUGE MONSTERS! NOT GOOD!



THE ANDROIDS MET IN THE MAIN CABIN...

MARS IS OUR LAST CHANCE! THE ODDS ARE AGAINST US, BUT WE MUST MAKE THE ATTEMPT TO MAKE IT HABITABLE! OUR SHIP WILL RETURN TO EARTH AND LEAD THE OTHERS, WHICH ARE READY BY NOW, BACK TO MARS!



EVERY ANDROID ON EARTH WILL COME HERE TO HELP US! WE WILL STAY UNTIL THEY ARRIVE, MEANWHILE ATTEMPTING TO FIND A WAY TO CONQUER THIS PRIMEVAL PLANET!



AN ADVANCE GROUP LANDED AND BUILT SEALED, PLASTIC DOMES TO KEEP OUT THE POISONS AND THE MONSTERS, AND WHILE THEY WAITED FOR THE SHIPS TO COME, THEY BEAT THEIR ENERGIES TO FIND WAYS TO BEAT THE VICIOUSNESS OF THE PLANET.



THIS VAPOR SHOULD COUNTERACT THE POISON GASES!

WE WILL HAVE TO USE ATOMIC FISSION TO STABILIZE THE PLANET, TO REDUCE THE CONSTANT UPHEAVAL OF THE CRUST!

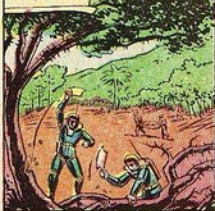


PRESENTLY THE SHIPS CAME WITH EVERY LAST ANDROID LEFT ON EARTH, READY TO FIGHT THE BIG BATTLE, SYNTHETIC MAN AGAINST A WHOLE PLANET... THE BATTLE FOR A LIFE AND FREEDOM OF THEIR OWN...

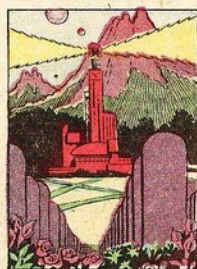


THEY FOUGHT THE BEASTS IN THIS NIGHTMARE WORLD...

THEY WITHERED THE POISON PLANTS AND SMASHED THEM, FOUGHT THE POISON FOG AND BEAT IT...



THEY QUENCHED THE FLAMES AND SOOTHED THE HEAVING SURFACE OF THE PLANET, AND EACH DAY MANY GAVE THEIR LIVES FOR THEIR DREAM...



AND IN THE END THEY CONQUERED MARS AND MADE IT A SWEET AND SMILING LAND! BUT THE COST HAD BEEN HIGH... MANY HAD DIED AND THERE WAS NOT ONE WHO DIDN'T HAVE TO RETURN TO EARTH TO BE REPAIRED...



THE EARTH SHIPS WILL BE HERE WITHIN A DAY! WE'LL COME BACK WHEN WE HAVE BEEN REPAIRED!

IN THE EARTH'S ANDROID HOSPITALS, NEW FLESH AND BONE WAS GRAFTED ONTO THE INJURED ANDROIDS...

WE'LL BE WELL
SOON, ARA, AND THEN
WE'LL GO BACK TO
MARS...OUR COUNTRY!

THE PRESIDENT OF THE
CENTRAL GOVERNMENT
IS DUE TO SPEAK ON
T.V. IN A FEW MOMENTS
...AN ADDRESS TO US!



THE EARTH'S TEEMING MILLIONS ARE ALREADY ON THEIR WAY TO MARS! BETWEEN EARTH AND MARS THERE WILL NEVER AGAIN BE OVERPOPULATION! WE WILL BUILD CITIES AND STATES ON THE NEW PLANET!



AND WE SHALL NEVER FORGET
THAT IT WAS *YOU*, THE **ANDROIDS**,
WHO GAVE US THIS NEW LAND
THAT WE SHALL BUILD INTO A
SECOND EARTH!



IN TIME, THE ANDROIDS WERE WELL AGAIN! THEY BOARDED THE SPACE SHIPS GOING TO MARS, TO THE PROMISED LAND, TO A NEW AND BETTER LIFE...



AND THEY WATCHED AS THE PLANET, NOW GREEN AS EARTH, DREW CLOSER...

THERE IT IS...
THE PROMISED LAND
THE FUTURE THAT
WE MADE AT THE
EXPENSE OF OUR
BLOOD! AND NOW
WE ARE
TURNING! T

WITH OUR HEARTS
SINGING AND
HEADS HIGH!



THE GREAT SHIPS LANDED! EAGERLY
THE ANDROIDS CROWDED OUT...

WE'RE HOME, ARA! SMELL THE AIR...THE SMELL OF FREEDOM!

BAB... BAB
LOOK!
7 READ!



RULES FOR ANDROIDS

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FOR THE BEST IN WEIRD STORIES LOOK FOR THE ATLAS SEAL ON THE COVER

