

IT WAS A SIGHT NO MAN ON EARTH HAD EVER SEEN BEFORE!  
 AND ERIC LAMONT INSISTED THAT THE WORLD JOIN HANDS  
 IN FRIENDSHIP WITH THE VISITORS FROM OUTER SPACE! BUT  
 AN ALIEN INTELLIGENCE, FAR WISER THAN HIS, UTTERED  
 WORDS OF CAUTION... FOR A MEETING OF THE MINDS,  
 10,000 LIGHT-YEARS APART IS A DANGEROUS  
 GAMBLE, AND THE RESULT COULD MEAN...



THAT STREAKING LIGHT  
 I SAW LAST NIGHT... IT  
 WASN'T A FALLING  
 METEORITE... IT WAS  
 THEM!

# BEDLAM



LAMONT'S BODY TREMBLED WITH A SCIENTIFIC FERVOR! HERE  
 WAS THE CLIMAX TO MAN'S CELESTIAL DREAMS...

CLIPPED, STACCATO WORDS CAME FROM ONE WHO  
 APPEARED TO BE THE LEADER...



ALIEN BEINGS! WHAT  
 WILL THEY THINK...  
 HOW WILL THEY TALK?

SEE!



YOU... HAVE  
 DISCOVERED...  
 US... IT IS  
 UNFORTUNATE!

YOU SPEAK OUR LANGUAGE!  
 WONDERFUL... FANTASTIC! NO.  
 NO, IT IS NOT UNFORTUNATE THAT  
 WE MEET... IT IS A SCIENTIFIC  
 MIRACLE!





Now ERIC'S PLAN BURST LIKE A BOMBHELL IN SCIENTIFIC CIRCLES...

THE FANTASTIC NEWS REACHED WASHINGTON...



Soon, the information leaked out to the public... the first seeds of panic were sown...

Foreign powers became alarmed as the startling facts reached them...



THE PANIC ERUPTED INTO A FOUNTAINHEAD OF ACTION WITHIN DR. MELTON'S LABORATORY.

DR. MELTON, THE ARMY MUST HAVE THAT CREATURE!

NO! SCIENCE MUST HAVE FIRST SAY! WE CANNOT BUNGLE THIS FIRST CONTACT IN SPACE! WE MUST MAKE TESTS... PROTECT HIS HEALTH!



DR. MELTON... THE AMBASSADORS OF SIX NATIONS ARE OUTSIDE... THEY THREATEN TO BREAK IN! THEY CLAIM THE RIGHT TO QUESTION THE MARTIAN!

I MUST SET HIM TO SAFETY!



WHY WON'T THEY REMAIN CALM? CAN'T THEY REALIZE I BRING NO HARM TO THE WORLD?

HURRY... I'LL HIDE YOU OUT IN MY COUNTRY LAB!



THE CITY... THE WORLD HUNG ON THE BRINK OF CHAOS, AS LAMONT SLIPPED FROM THE LABORATORY.



THERE IS NO DANGER! DO NOT EVACUATE THE CITY... DO NOT EVAC...

KEEP YOUR HEAD DOWN...

THIS IS TERRIBLE! I DIDN'T EXPECT THIS!

NATIONS DEMAND AMERICA PRESENT THE MISSING MARTIAN BEFORE A WORLD COURT...

THEY MUST CALM DOWN, UNTIL I FINISH THE TESTS!

IN A FEW DAYS, MY FACE WILL BE NORMAL AGAIN... THERE IS ONLY ONE THING TO DO!



SO IT WAS, THAT TWO WEEKS AFTERWARD, ERIC LAMONT ONCE AGAIN ENTERED THE REMOTE SOUTH AMERICAN JUNGLE, WHERE...

THEY'VE GONE! SOMEHOW, THEY LEARNED WHAT HAPPENED TO ME WHEN I POSED AS ONE OF THEM...



IT WAS THE ONLY THING TO DO! THE MARTIANS WERE RIGHT... IT WILL BE MANY YEARS BEFORE CIVILIZATION HERE CAN ACCEPT THEM... WITHOUT PANIC AND ALARM!