

CHARLTON COMICS GIVE YOU MORE!

# The **FIRST MARTIAN BOMB**

THE MARTIAN SPACE SHIP, 10,000 FEET LONG, HONORED OVER THE SMALL MIDWESTERN CITY... ATTACKS BY OUR INFERIOR SPACE SHIPS FAILED... ARTILLERY, ATOMIC MISSILES, ALL WERE UNABLE TO SAVE THE CITY...



THE BOMB WAS DROPPED...

**WHO OOOOMMM!**



THE MARTIAN'S TERRIBLE WEAPON DESTROYED EVERY BUILDING, EVERY BLADE OF GRASS, SHRUB OR TREE, AND ALL THE PEOPLE IN A FIVE HUNDRED MILE RADIUS! NO, NOT QUITE ALL... DIRECTLY UNDER THE SHIP, THERE WAS A SURVIVOR... A WAILING TEN YEAR OLD BOY...

"WE'LL GET EVEN SOME DAY! JUST WAIT... WE'LL FIX YOU FOR WHAT YOU DID!"



# SPACE WAR

OF THE 2,500,000,000 INHABITANTS ON EARTH, ONLY 50,000 SURVIVED. THESE FORTUNATE FEW FORGOT THEIR DIFFERENCES OF NATIONALITY AND RACE AND UNITED TO REBUILD THEIR RUINED WORLD...

WE WILL ENDEAVOR TO REBUILD, MAKE A BETTER WORLD, BUT WE WILL LIVE UNDERGROUND, LIKE MOLES AND EARTHWORMS. IF THE MARTIANS RETURN, THEY WILL SEE NOTHING!

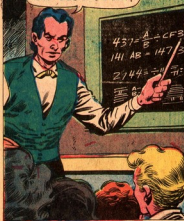


YOU WILL BE TAUGHT MANY THINGS, BOY! YOU MUST WORK HARD AND LEARN WELL BECAUSE THE FUTURE OF OUR WORLD DEPENDS ON SUCH AS YOU AND THE CHILDREN NOT YET BORN!



THE SURVIVORS WORKED HARD... EMPHASIS WAS PLACED UPON PLANNING AND BUILDING WISELY... AND MORE EMPHASIS WAS GIVEN TO TRAINING THE LEADERS OF THE FUTURE...

YOU CAN SOLVE THIS EQUATION, I AM SURE! I'VE FOUND TEXTBOOKS DEALING WITH NUCLEAR MATH WHICH WE WILL SOON BEGIN TO STUDY!



THE CHILDREN CAUGHT THE FERNOR FROM THE ADULTS... THEY WORKED FOR THE FIFTEEN YEARS, STUDYING ALL THE SCIENCES, ADVANCING MORE IN THAT SPAN THAN ALL MANKIND HAD IN 1,000 YEARS BEFORE...

THE ATOMIC REACTORS YOU BUILT WORK FINE. JOHNNY DAVE! WHAT'S THAT?

ATOMIC ENERGY LIQUID TO BE USED IN THE SPACE SHIP GAI TAL IS BUILDING!



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WITH THIS, WE WILL DESTROY MARS JUST AS SHE DESTROYED US ONCE!



THINK OF PEACE AND USEFUL WORK, JOHNNY! DO NOT THINK IN TERMS OF WAR AND DESTRUCTION!

I CAN'T, SIR! I'VE TRIED BUT I HATE THE MARTIANS FOR WHAT THEY'VE DONE AND SHALL HATE THEM TILL I DIE!

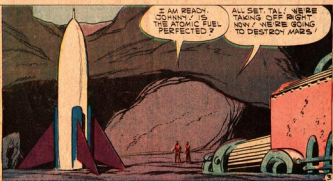


VERY WELL, JOHNNY, I SHAN'T ARGUE! ARE YOU READY? I STILL DON'T TRUST THESE TRAVEL CAPSULES YOU DESIGNED!

THEY'RE SAFE ENOUGH! CLOSE AND LOCK THE HATCH AND TRIGGER THE LAUNCHER!



A MALIAN SCIENTIST JOHNNY'S AGE WAS THE SPECIALIST IN SPACE SHIP CONSTRUCTION... AND HE HAD THE PROTOTYPE READY...



I AM READY, JOHNNY! IS THE ATOMIC FUEL PERFECTED?

ALL SET, TAL! WE'RE TAKING OFF RIGHT NOW! WE'RE GOING TO DESTROY MARS!

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IT WAS A YOUNG SPACE FLIGHT TEAM... JOHNNY DONE, GAI TAL AND A SPANISH PHYSICIST... YOUNG, BRILLIANT, AND FEMALE ...

WE'VE GOT ENOUGH FUEL FOR A TRIP TO MARS AND RETURN, DHALMA! DID YOU PERFECT THE INSTRUMENTS YOU ANNOUNCED WOULD BE READY?

THEY ARE READY, SENOR DONE! AND I AM READY, TOO!



WE CAN'T TAKE YOU, DHALMA! YOU'RE A GIRL AND THIS TRIP...

THIS TRIP WILL NOT TAKE PLACE WITHOUT ME, SENOR DONE! I TOO SAW MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS... MY COUNTRY... WIPED OUT WITH A BOMB! I DESIGNED THE WEAPONS WE SHALL USE, ONLY I CAN MAKE THEM WORK!



**BLAST-OFF--** NINE

LOCKED IN CONTOUR SEATS FOR TAKE-OFF! POWER ON!

EIGHT  
SEVEN  
SIX  
FIVE  
FOUR  
THREE  
TWO  
ONE!

POWER ON, CAPTAIN!



**VROOMM!**

THERE GO THE FIRST FLEDGLINGS... BOUND ON A FLIGHT TO MARS WITH ONLY REVENGE IN THEIR HEARTS!

THE BLAST-OFF DIDN'T BOTHER YOU MUCH! I WAS WORRIED...

IT IS MY THEORY THAT WOMEN SHALL MAKE BETTER SPACE CREWMEN THAN MEN! NON, EXCUSE ME, I MUST CHECK MY INSTRUMENTS!



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THE YOUTHFUL SCIENTISTS HAD ADEQUATE WATER SUPPLIES ABOARD AND CONDENSED FOOD RATIONS... THE FLIGHT WAS THE CULMINATION OF TWENTY YEARS OF DEDICATED STUDY... A DEDICATION BASED ENTIRELY ON ONE MOTIVE... REVENGE...



WHEN WE'RE FINISHED WITH THE WAR PLANET, IT'LL LIE DEAD ASTERN... AND I *DO* MEAN DEAD!



I WONDER WHAT THEY'RE LIKE, JOHNNY!

I'VE OFTEN THOUGHT ABOUT IT, DHALMA! WHAT KIND OF PEOPLE DOES IT TAKE TO DROP WITHOUT WARNING INTO THE ATMOSPHERE OF EARTH AND DESTROY EVERYTHING AND EVERYBODY!



A STATE OF WAR DIDN'T EXIST BETWEEN US! WE KNEW NO MARTIANS AND HAD NEVER DONE THEM A WRONG!

WE'D ONLY BUILT A FEW CRUDE SPACE SHIPS! WE EXPLORED THE MOON AND JUPITER IN THE YEARS JUST BEFORE THE MARTIANS ATTACKED!



WE'LL KNOW BEFORE WE DROP OUR BOMBS, JOHNNY! I'VE GOT AN ELECTRONIC SCANNER-SCOPE THAT'LL BRING THEM IN CLOSE ENOUGH FOR US TO COUNT THEIR TEETH! WE'LL KNOW OUR ENEMY BEFORE WE DESTROY HIM!



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THEN, MARS WAS CLOSE ... CLOSER ... ITS BULK FILLING THE UNIVERSE AHEAD OF THEM / IT WAS A MERE 50,000 MILES DISTANT WHEN THE FIRST MARTIAN MONSTER ROARED OUT TO ATTACK THE MUCH SMALLER EARTH SHIP ...

HE'S ALL YOURS,  
DHALMA!



WATCH HIM, JOHNNY! IT'S A HEAT-RAY ...  
WHEN I MOVE IT FROM SIDE TO SIDE  
LIKE THIS ...



... FRIEND MARTIAN WILL BE CUT  
CLEANLY IN TWO!



WITH ONE ENEMY OUT OF THE WAY, THE EARTH  
SHIP MOVED DOWN TOWARD THE UNKNOWN  
PLANET THAT HAD ALL BUT OBLITERATED OUR  
WORLD ...

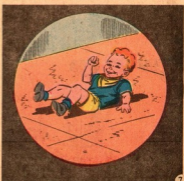
I'M BRINGING THEIR  
SURFACE INTO FOCUS! I CAN  
SEE ... HE ... JOHNNY, LOOK!



GET THIS SCANNERSCOPE OFF THE KIDS!  
FOCUS IT ON ONE OF THEIR SPACEPORTS  
OR THEIR MILITARY INSTALLATIONS!



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FOR A MINUTE... FOR TWO, JOHNNY DORNE LOOKED INTO THE FACE OF THAT MARTIAN BABY, LOOKED AND TRIED TO KEEP HATE ALIVE IN HIS HEART...

"YOU CANNOT ISSUE THE ORDER, JOHNNY..."

"NO... I CAN'T!"



"DHALKA, I GAVE A LIFETIME OF MY PLANS FOR REVENGE. WHAT AM I TO WORK FOR NOW?"



"YOU CAN WORK FOR MANKIND, JOHNNY, FOR OUR WORLD! YOU CAN LEAD US ALL TOWARD A BETTER LIFE. SHOW US HOW TO PROTECT EARTH AGAINST ANOTHER ATTACK!"



"YOU CAN LIVE FOR LOVE, JOHNNY!"



AND SO, LOVE AND HOPE FOR THE WORLD REPLACED THE HATRED THAT HAD ONELLED SO LONG IN THE HEARTS OF THE SURNING CITIZENS OF EARTH. AND HAPPY SMILES REPLACED THE GRIM AND DEDICATED EXPRESSION THAT HAD BEEN SEEN FOR SO LONG IN OUR RANAGED WORLD.

