

IAN WAS DESTINED TO SPEND HIS LIFE RUNNING! THERE WAS NO PLACE ON EARTH FOR THE MARTIAN YOUTH...UNTIL HE FOUND THE OWNER OF THE OTHER HALF OF A STRANGE GOLD COIN!

# FLEE FOR YOUR LIFE!



IAN'S FATHER LEFT WITH VAL, AND RETURNED ALONE! THAT NIGHT HE STOPPED A FARMER AND HIS WIFE...

IT DOESN'T SEEM RIGHT, ABNER, ADOPTIN' A BOY LIKE THAT...FROM A STRANGE MAN WHO STOPS US IN THE DARK! WHY HE DOESN'T EVEN SPEAK OUR LANGUAGE!

IT'S CLEAR THE MAN WAS HIS FATHER, AND WANTED US TO HAVE HIM!

IAN DIDN'T REMAIN LONG WITH THE WATKINS...

AT FIRST I THOUGHT I IMAGINED IT, AMELIA! BUT THE BOY'S HAIR IS GROWING IN GREEN!

THAT MAN YOU ADOPTED IAN FROM WAS THE MARTIAN EVERYBODY'S HUNTIN' FOR! AND IAN IS HIS SON!

I TOLD YOU IT WAS A MISTAKE ADOPTIN' HIM, ABNER!

I'M GOING TO TAKE HIM TO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE! LET HIM FIND SOME WAY TO GET IAN BACK TO MARS!

ONE THOUGHT REPEATED ITSELF IN IAN'S MIND...

THE MARTIAN IS ESCAPING, AMELIA! STOP HIM!

FATHER SAID MARS IS AN EVIL PLACE! I MUST NOT GO BACK THERE!

IAN RETURNED TO THE CAVE, LONELY AND BEWILDERED...

FATHER IS GONE! I'LL WAIT HERE! WHEN HE COMES BACK I'LL NEVER LEAVE HIM!

HIS FATHER NEVER RETURNED! SOMEHOW IAN SURVIVED THRU THE YEARS! BUT HE WAS CONSTANTLY ON THE RUN...

THERE'S THE GREEN-HAIRED ONE! THE MARTIAN THIEF!

LIVING BY HIS WITS, HE GREW TO MANHOOD, BUT THERE WAS NO PLACE ON EARTH WHERE HE WAS NOT KNOWN AND PURSUED!

IF I'M CAUGHT, IT'LL MEAN YEARS IN PRISON... OR THEY'LL DEPORT ME TO MARS!





IT'S SO LONELY HERE ON EARTH! IF I COULD ONLY FIND MY BROTHER! BUT THERE'S NO HOPE OF THAT! IF VAL WERE STILL ON THIS PLANET, I'D HAVE HEARD OF HIM BY NOW!



I'M SICK OF BEING HUNGRY! IF I CAN SELL THIS GOLD, I'D HAVE ENOUGH MONEY FOR FOOD!



THRU DARK ALLEYS, IAN MADE HIS WAY TO A JEWELRY STORE ...

ONLY YESTERDAY GOVERNOR DEREK BROUGHT IN SUCH A GOLD HALF-COIN! HE ASKED ME IF I KNEW ITS ORIGIN! WHERE DID IT COME FROM, SIR?

VAL HAS KEPT THE WORLD FROM KNOWING HE'S A MARTIAN! HE MUST KNOW ABOUT ME!



VAL COULD HAVE HELPED ME! WELL, MY DEAR BROTHER, YOU WILL HELP ME, OR ALL THE WORLD WILL KNOW YOU'RE A MARTIAN, TOO!

I THOUGHT I RECOGNIZED THAT FACE! HE'S THE MAN FROM MARS!



THEY'RE ALWAYS WATCHING FOR ME!

STOP THE MARTIAN!



PHILIP DEREK, THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE... MY OWN BROTHER! WELL HE'S GOING TO HAVE A VISITOR!



By the next night he was in the state capital and made his way into the governor's mansion...

'WHAT IS THIS?'

DON'T TOUCH THAT BUTTON, OR YOU'LL REGRET IT FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE!



YOU RECOGNIZE ME, EH? I'VE BEEN HAVING A TOUGH TIME, MY DEAR BROTHER! YES, I SAID **BROTHER!** YOU HAVE THE OTHER HALF OF THIS GOLD MARTIAN COIN!

MARTIAN COIN! MY WIFE HAS IT ...THE COIN IS **HERS!**



MY WIFE IS UPSTAIRS! PERHAPS SHE CAN TELL US HOW SHE GOT IT!

TRY ANY TRICKS AND THE WHOLE WORLD WILL KNOW YOU'RE MY BROTHER!

IN A FEW MINUTES THE GOVERNOR'S WIFE AND SON ENTERED...



WILL YOU TELL HER ABOUT YOUR GREEN HAIR, OR SHALL I?

THIS MAN CLAIMS I'M HIS BROTHER... BECAUSE OF YOUR GOLD HALF-COIN!



THEY FIT! MY FATHER GAVE HALF TO ME, HALF TO MY BROTHER!

I DON'T KNOW HOW I CAME BY IT! I'VE ALWAYS HAD IT, AS LONG AS I CAN REMEMBER!



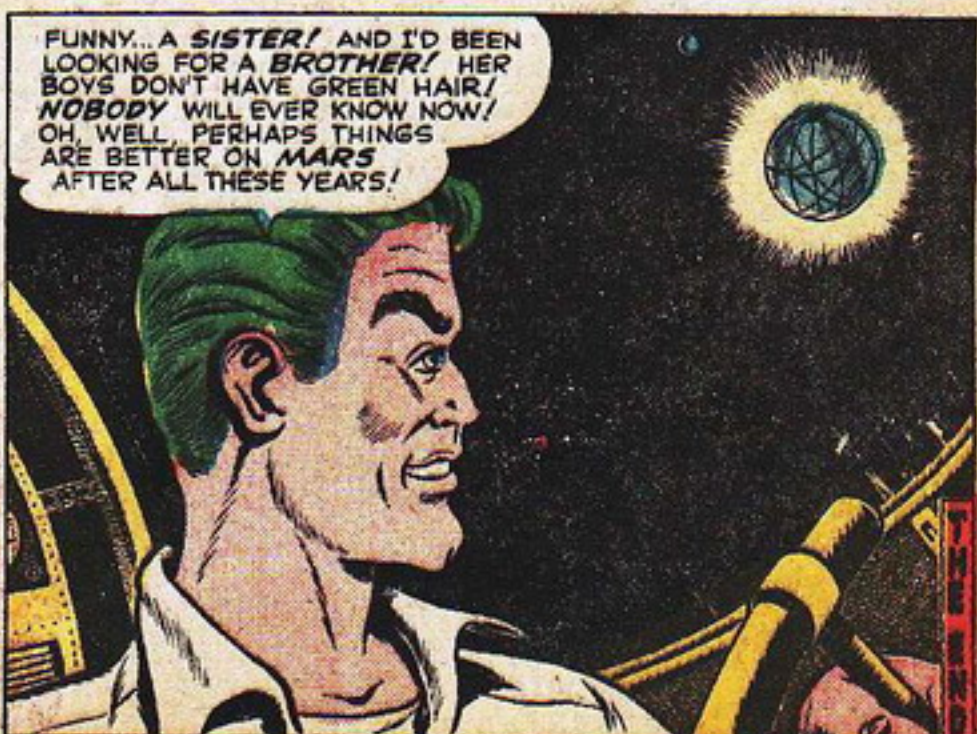
WELL, MARTIN, ARE YOU GOING TO CHANGE YOUR STORY NOW?

THEN SHE...NO! YOUR WIFE'S WORD IS GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME! I'M GOING... AND I'LL NEVER BOTHER YOU AGAIN!

HE WENT BACK TO THE CAVE... THE FLYING SAUCER WAS STILL THERE, THE SIMPLE MECHANISM FUNCTIONING PERFECTLY...



AFTER ALL THESE YEARS I FINALLY FOUND VAL! BUT I JUST COULDN'T BRING MYSELF TO RUIN HER LIFE!



FUNNY... A SISTER! AND I'D BEEN LOOKING FOR A BROTHER! HER BOYS DON'T HAVE GREEN HAIR! NOBODY WILL EVER KNOW NOW! OH, WELL, PERHAPS THINGS ARE BETTER ON MARS AFTER ALL THESE YEARS!