

FREEDOM FOR ALL

YES, I WAS ONE OF THEM, SON, ONE OF THE FIRST MEN TO LAND ON MARS! WE EARTHMEN BY THE YEAR 2025, HAD SEEN OUR DREAM COME TRUE ON EARTH... FREEDOM FOR ALL! AND WE WISHED TO BRING THAT WAY OF LIFE TO THE STARS! BUT, WHEN WE LANDED ON MARS THEY CAME AT US, FIGHTING... THE BUG CREATURES OF MARS...

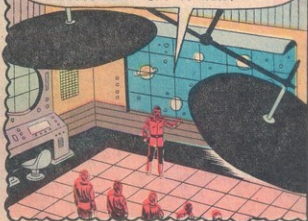


CHARLTON COMICS GIVE YOU MORE!

IT SEEMS SO LONG AGO, NOW! I WAS YOUNG THEN... A COMMANDER... COMMANDER COOKE! I CAN REMEMBER THAT LAST BRIEFING BEFORE WE TOOK OFF...



YOU SIX MEN ARE THE COMMANDERS OF THE SIX SHIPS THAT WILL VERY SHORTLY TAKE OFF IN MAN'S FIRST MAJOR STEP INTO SPACE... THE FLIGHT TO MARS!



WE SUSPECT LIFE ON MARS, WHAT KIND WE DON'T YET KNOW! YOU WILL FIND OUT! YOUR SHIPS ARE EQUIPPED WITH THE LATEST WEAPONS SCIENCE HAS DEVISED! USE THEM TO DEFEND YOURSELF IF NEED BE! YOU MUST BRING TO THE PLANETS IN SPACE THE SLOGAN OF EARTH... FREEDOM FOR ALL! GOOD LUCK!



"THE COUNTDOWN BEGAN! MY SHIP WAS THE THIRD TO BLAST OFF..."



"THE SPIRITS OF THE MEN WERE HIGH AND, WHEN MARS HOVE INTO SIGHT IN THE INFINITY OF SPACE THERE WAS GREAT REJOICING ON BOARD!"



Mysteries of UNEXPLORED WORLDS

"ALL SIX SHIPS LANDED WITHOUT MISHAP!"



"OUR FIRST FEW DAYS WE STAYED CLOSE TO THE SHIPS MAKING MANY KINDS OF TESTS!"



SOMEONE'S COMING! I CAN HEAR THEM...

MEN, STAND BY FOR ACTION! WE DON'T AS YET KNOW WHAT KIND OF LIFE MAY EXIST HERE!

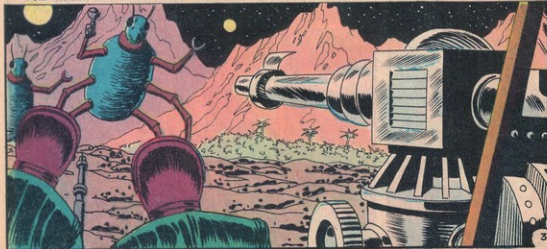


"THE GUNNERS STOOD BY THEIR ATOMIC CANNON! WE WERE READY WITH NUCLEAR BAZOOKAS, MACHINE AND HAND GUNS! TRULY, IN THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD, THERE HAD NEVER BEEN A GROUP OF MEN ARMED WITH SUCH DEADLY WEAPONS AS OURS!"

DON'T SHOOT, NO MATTER WHAT THEY ARE, UNTIL THEY MAKE AN ANTAGONISTIC MOVE!



"AND THEN OUR SOULS REVOLTED AS THE MASTERS OF MARS CAME INTO VIEW..."



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"THEN, AS WE STOOD FROZEN IN DISGUST, THEIR LEADER SPOKE IN A STRANGE, CLICKING VOICE...SPOKE IN EARTH LANGUAGE!"

EARTHMEN, GO HOME! WE DO NOT WISH YOU TO COME HERE! IF YOU DO NOT DEPART IMMEDIATELY WE WILL KILL YOU AND SMASH YOUR SHIPS!



"I WAS THE HIGHEST RANKING OFFICER AND SO IT WAS I WHO GAVE THE MARTIAN ANSWER!"

WE HAVE COME AND WE WILL STAY! AND, IF BY CHANCE YOU CONQUER US, MORE EARTHMEN WILL COME AND IN THE END YOU WILL BE DEFEATED!



THIS IS OUR FIRST STEP INTO SPACE! WE WILL NOT BE STOPPED FOR WE MUST BRING OUR MOTTO AT ALL PLANETS... FREEDOM FOR ALL!

I KNOW WHAT WILL BE THE EARTHMEN'S FREEDOM FOR ALL! SO YOU WILL NOT GO! THEN HEAR ME...



WE HAVE SPACE SHIPS GREATER THAN YOURS! THERE IS BUT ONE WAY TO KEEP YOU FROM DESTROYING THE PEACE OF SPACE...WE WILL FIRST DEAL WITH YOU, THEN IN A SHORT TIME, DESTROY EARTH AND STOP THE THREAT TO SPACE BEFORE IT BEGINS!



"IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT THEY DIDN'T UNDERSTAND AND SO THERE WAS BUT ONE THING TO DO! I SMILED AS I GAVE THE COMMAND, FOR WE ALL HAD THE UTMOST CONFIDENCE IN OUR MAGNIFICENT ARMAMENT!"

FIRE!



Mysteries of UNEXPLORED WORLDS

"THE SMOKE AND DUST CLEARED AND THE SMILES FROZE ON OUR FACES...FOR THE DEADLIEST WEAPONS THAT MAN HAD EVER DEvised HAD NOT HARMED THE MARTIANS AT ALL!"

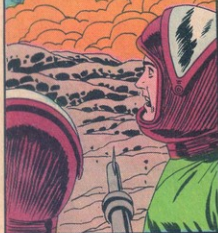


"YOU SEE, EARTHMEN YOU CANNOT KILL US WITH YOUR WEAPONS! NOW, FIRST WE SHALL DESTROY YOUR SHIPS..."

"THEY TURNED THEIR STRANGE WEAPONS AGAINST OUR SHIPS...AND WE SAW THEM DEMOLISHED IN A SECOND...TURNED TO METALLIC JUNK!"



"AND THEN THE FEAR CAME TO US AND WE RAN...RAN LIKE MADMEN INTO THE MARTIAN JUNGLE TO ESCAPE THE DEATH WE KNEW WOULD SURELY COME TO US..."



"SOMEHOW WE SURVIVED THERE IN THE JUNGLE... SURVIVED LIKE THE PRIMITIVE SAVAGES WE HAD SPRUNG FROM! WE HID IN CAVES AND CAUGHT TINY MARTIAN CREATURES TO STILL THE HUNGER CRAVINGS THAT WERE ALWAYS WITH US!"

"I SAW THEM...SIX MORE SHIPS FROM EARTH! THE SAME THING HAPPENED AS HAPPENED TO US!"



"WE'LL HAVE TO FIND THE MEN WHO ESCAPED AND HELP THEM!"

"WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO US? WHAT WILL THE END BE?"



Mysteries of UNEXPLORED WORLDS

I DON'T KNOW! PROBABLY WE WILL MEET THE SAME FATE THAT ALL MEN WILL MEET AT THE HANDS OF THESE ALIENS! REMEMBER WHAT THEIR LEADER SAID... THAT THEY WILL BRING A SPACE SHIP TO EARTH AND WIPE OUT MANKIND!

AND MAN HAS NO WEAPON THAT CAN STOP THEM!



"IT WAS DURING THE SECOND MONTH, THAT WE DISCOVERED THEIR AIRBASE!"

LOOK AT THOSE SHIPS! HUGE! AND WITH THEIR STRANGE AND DEADLY WEAPONS OUR PEOPLE ON EARTH WON'T HAVE A CHANCE!



COMMANDER, MAYBE IN THE SPACE SHIPS OF OURS THEY BLASTED ONE OF THE INTER-PLANETARY RADIOS WILL STILL BE WORKING...



SO WE CAN WARN EARTH! IT'S WORTH A CHANCE! BESIDES, WE MAY FIND SOME SUPPLIES UNCONTAMINATED... PERHAPS EVEN SOME OF OUR WEAPONS WHICH WILL SIMPLIFY OUR HUNTING!



"SO WE MADE OUR WAY STEALTHILY TO THE DEBRIS OF THE SHIPS AND SEARCHED AMONG THE RUINS..."

NOTHING... NOTHING WE CAN SALVAGE OF ANY VALUE!

LOOK, OF ALL THINGS... THE ONLY ARTICLES LEFT WHOLE ARE THESE CANS OF INSECT REPELLENT! WHAT IRONY!



LOOK OUT... THE BUGS, THE MARTIANS!



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"THEN, IT HAPPENED! AS THE MARTIANS CAME AT US THE MAN HOLDING THE CAN OF D.D.T., IN HIS FEAR, PRESSED THE TRIGGER-TOP THAT RELEASED THE SPRAY...!"



AND SO WE FOUND THE ULTIMATE WEAPON...BUG SPRAY! WITH EVEN THE SMALL SUPPLY WE FOUND IN THE WRECKED SPACE SHIP WE CONQUERED THE PLANET AND STOPPED THE MARTIANS FROM COMING AND CONQUERING EARTH!

AND WHAT ABOUT VENUS AND SATURN, GRANDFATHER?



"THE VENUSIANS WE CONQUERED WITH A METHANE SPRAY AND THE SATURNIANS WITH A FLOWER-BUG REPELLENT SPRAY! WE HAD LEARNED OUR LESSON ON MARS WELL!"



AND NOW IT IS TIME FOR LUNCH, MY BOY!



"BRING US OUR LUNCH?"

YES, SIRE!



AND SO, MY SON, YOU SEE BELOW YOU THE CITIES OF FREE MEN!

