

BRACE YOURSELVES FOR THE STARTLING WIND-UP
TO THIS SCIENCE-FICTION YARN!

INFILTRATION



A SCIENCE-FICTION SUSPENSORY

WHEN I ARRIVED IN WASHINGTON, D.C., I REPORTED DIRECTLY TO COLONEL WAYNE SHAW IN THE PENTAGON BUILDING! HE READ MY LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION CAREFULLY... THEN LOOKED ME OVER...

HMMM! YES! WELL, I THINK YOU'LL DO *NICELY*, MISS CURTISS! I'VE BEEN *NEEDING* A *PRIVATE SECRETARY* FOR SOME *TIME* NOW, AND YOU'RE *JUST* THE ONE TO *FILL* THE *JOB*!

THANK YOU, COLONEL! CAN YOU *BRIEF* ME ON JUST WHAT WORK THE GROUP HAS *ACCOMPLISHED* SINCE...

COLONEL SHAW GLANCED AROUND UNCOMFORTABLY AS I QUESTIONED HIM! HE BECKONED TO ME AND I DREW CLOSER...

WE'VE GOT TO BE *VERY CAREFUL*, MISS CURTISS! ALL OF THE WORK WE'VE *DONE*... ALL OF OUR *PROGRESS TO DATE*... IS IN *GREAT DANGER*! I *SUSPECT* THAT OUR *GROUP* HAS BEEN *INFILTRATED*!

YOU... YOU MEAN THAT THERE IS AN *ALIEN* AMONG US?





EXACTLY! SO YOU MUST BE ON GUARD AT ALL TIMES!

I UNDERSTAND, COLONEL!

THIS MAY COME AS A COMPLETE SURPRISE TO YOU, BUT DO YOU KNOW THAT THERE IS A GOVERNMENT BUREAU, WORKING IN COOPERATION WITH THE ARMY, NAVY, AND F.B.I., SPECIFICALLY FORMED FOR THE PURPOSE OF INVESTIGATING AND FERRETING OUT MARTIAN INVADERS? COLONEL SHAW HEADS THAT BUREAU...

AND NOW, MISS CURTISS, IF YOU'LL COME WITH ME, I'LL INTRODUCE YOU AROUND!

THANK YOU, SIR!



IT IS A *SMALL* GOVERNMENT AGENCY...*TOP SECRET!* WITH THE APPEARANCE OF THE FLYING SAUCERS, THE THOUGHT THAT POSSIBLY AN UNDERCOVER INVASION WAS TAKING PLACE PROMPTED FORMATION OF THE BUREAU...

GENTLEMEN... THIS IS THE BUREAU'S NEW SECRETARY! MISS CURTISS!

HY, MISS CURTISS!

GLAD TO MEET YOU, MA'AM!



MR. BRADY! I WONDER IF YOU WOULD BE KIND ENOUGH TO GIVE MISS CURTISS A BRIEF RESUME OF THE BUREAU'S HISTORY...

GLAD TO, COLONEL! WILL YOU COME WITH ME?

LEAD THE WAY, MR. BRADY!

AS MR. BRADY LED ME INTO THE FILE ROOM, I REMEMBERED COLONEL SHAW'S WARNING ABOUT BEING ON GUARD AT ALL TIMES! I RESOLVED TO MEASURE EVERY WORD I SPOKE...

AS YOU KNOW, MISS CURTISS, THE ARMY BELIEVES THAT FLYING SAUCERS MAY BE BRINGING MARTIANS TO EARTH AND LANDING THEM HERE!

...AND THAT THEY MAY BE INFILTRATING GOVERNMENT, POLITICS, AND BUSINESS! YES... I KNOW THAT...



... THAT THEY ARE COMPLETELY ALIEN IN FORM BUT, DUE TO A PROTECTIVE HYPNOTIC SCREEN WHICH THEY SURROUND THEMSELVES WITH, APPEAR AS HUMAN BEINGS!

MR. BRADY! I'VE BEEN THROUGH BASIC TRAINING! WHAT ABOUT THE AGENCY'S PROGRESS?

THESE ARE THE FILES OF ALL REPORTS DIRECTED TO THIS BUREAU CONCERNING POSSIBLE MARTIAN INVADERS! EACH REPORT IS CAREFULLY CHECKED!

AND SO FAR, NO PROOF HAS BEEN FOUND THAT MARTIANS EXIST?





CORRECT! EACH REPORT HAS BEEN FOLLOWED... ANALYZED... THE SUSPECTED INDIVIDUAL CHECKED... AND CLEARED!

SO WE ARE COMPARATIVELY SAFE...



SAFE, MISS CURTISS? NO! I DON'T THINK SO!

BUT YOU SAID ALL SUSPECTS HAVE BEEN CLEARED! DOESN'T THAT MEAN WE'RE SAFE?



THEY'RE CLEVER, MISS CURTISS! VERY CLEVER! WHY, I SUSPECT ALIENS HAVE INFILTRATED THIS VERY ORGANIZATION!



I'D BEEN ON GUARD! NOW, I BREATHED A SIGH OF RELIEF...

YES! I KNOW!

YOU KNOW? BUT HOW COULD YOU?



COLONEL SHAW WARNED ME THAT AN ALIEN WAS AMONG US! I'M SO GLAD IT'S NOT YOU, MR. BRADY! I...

PHIL! CALL ME PHIL! I... I'D LIKE TO TAKE YOU OUT TONIGHT, MISS CURTISS ...IF YOU'RE NOT BUSY...



NOT MISS CURTISS, PHIL! BETTY! WHY... I'M NOT BUSY AT ALL TONIGHT! MAYBE WE CAN GO SOMEWHERE QUIET... AND... YOU KNOW... LET DOWN OUR HAIR A LITTLE!

SAY... I'D LIKE THAT! FRANKLY, I'VE BEEN ON EDGE LATELY! I DON'T KNOW WHY!



I UNDERSTAND! IT'S THIS CONSTANT PRESSURE! IT'LL DO YOU GOOD TO RELAX A LITTLE! NOW, HOW ABOUT GOING ON WITH THE BRIEFING!

SURE, BETTY! BUT THERE'S NOT MUCH MORE TO IT! THAT'S ABOUT THE WHOLE WORKS!

THE BRIEFING OVER, I LEFT MR. BRADY AND RETURNED ONCE MORE TO COLONEL SHAW'S OFFICE...

WELL, MISS CURTISS? WHAT DO YOU THINK OF OUR MR. BRADY?

HE'S NICE, COLONEL! OF COURSE I DON'T KNOW HIM THE WAY I'D LIKE TO.



I DON'T THINK YOU'D LIKE TO KNOW HIM AT ALL, MISS CURTISS!

HE SEEMS NICE! HE ASKED ME OUT TONIGHT!



DID YOU NOTICE ANYTHING STRANGE ABOUT BRADY, MISS CURTISS?

STRANGE? NO! OH... HE DID MENTION THAT HE KNEW OF THE ALIEN IN OUR MIDST!



HAH! THAT'S A LAUGH! HE SHOULD KNOW! HE'S THE ONE! HE'S THE ALIEN!

BRADY?! OH, NO! I... I HOPE I DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING! BUT... THEN THEY KNOW ABOUT OUR ORGANIZATION!



BRADY IS WORKING ALONE, MISS CURTISS! THEY DON'T KNOW ABOUT OUR ORGANIZATION, YET! YOU SAY THAT HE SUSPECTS THERE IS AN ALIEN IN OUR MIDST?

YES! THAT'S WHAT HE SAID! I...I... THAT'S RIGHT! HE DID SAY THAT!



WE'VE GOT TO WORK FAST, MISS CURTISS! HE KNOWS SOMETHING! WE'VE GOT TO BRING THIS THING TO A SHOWDOWN... TONIGHT!

I'M GOING OUT WITH HIM TONIGHT!



GOOD! NOW THIS IS WHAT WE'LL DO! YOU ACT AS THOUGH YOU TRUST HIM... GO OUT WITH HIM! THEN... TOWARDS MIDNIGHT...



THAT NIGHT...ALTHOUGH I WAS EXTREMELY NERVOUS...I WENT OUT WITH OUR 'ALIEN MR. BRADY'...

IT'S...ALMOST MIDNIGHT, PHIL! HOW ABOUT GOING BACK TO MY PLACE?

SOUNDS SWELL TO ME, BETTY! I'LL HAIL A CAB...



THE CAB TOOK US ACROSS WASHINGTON TO MY APARTMENT HOUSE! AS I UNLOCKED MY APARTMENT DOOR...

SAY! NICE PLACE YOU'VE GOT HERE, BETTY!

I LIKE IT...FOR AN EARTH APARTMENT!



EARTH APARTMENT? WHAT'S THE GAG, HON?

YOU KNOW WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT, MR. BRADY! YOU'RE NOT ONE OF US! YOU'RE ONE OF THEM...ONE OF THE ALIENS...



HE STARED AT ME FOR A MOMENT...

WHAT A FOOL I'VE BEEN!

YES, MR. BRADY! A FOOL! OH, I WOULDN'T TRY ANYTHING! THIS IS A VERY POTENT EARTH AUTOMATIC!



I SHOULD HAVE REALIZED, WHEN YOU TOLD ME THAT COLONEL SHAW SUSPECTED AN ALIEN AMONG YOU... I SHOULD HAVE REALIZED THAT HE MEANT ME!

YES, MR. BRADY! YOU WEREN'T VERY CLEVER! WE REASONED EXACTLY THE SAME WAY!



COLONEL SHAW CAME OUT OF THE BEDROOM...

ONLY WE REASONED FIRST, MR. BRADY! TOO BAD!

HE'S ALL YOURS, SIR!

WHAT...WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO TO ME?





MR. BRADY STARED IN HORROR, AS FIRST COLONEL SHAW ...



... AND THEN I... DROPPED OUR HYPNOTIC SCREENS...



... AND THEN THE COLONEL EMPTIED THE EARTH AUTOMATIC INTO THE ALIEN EARTH-MAN'S QUIVERING BODY...



... AND LATER... IN A SECRET MEETING PLACE... WE REPORTED TO THE REST OF THE MARTIAN PERSONNEL OF THE SMALL GOVERNMENT AGENCY COMPLETELY IN CHARGE OF FERRETING OUT MARTIAN INVADERS...

