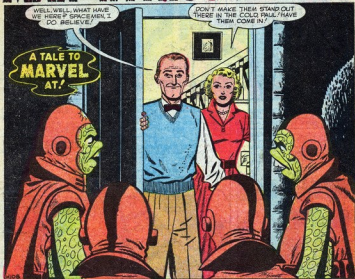


THE STRANGE VISITORS WHO ARRIVED THAT CRISP OCTOBER NIGHT MARVELED AT THE FEARLESSNESS OF THEIR HOST! BUT DID PAUL ABBOT AND HIS WIFE RUTH HAVE SOME SECRET KNOWLEDGE THAT SAVED THEIR PLANET FROM INVASION BY MARTIAN HORDES?

# MAN WITHOUT FEAR



PAUL USHERED THE LITTLE STRANGERS INTO HIS LIVING ROOM AND EYED THEIR GRUFF LEADER WITH AMUSEMENT...

WE HAVE COME FROM THE MIGHTY PLANET MARS!

MARS? SAY, YOU HAVE COME A LONG WAY! RUTH, OFFER OUR MARTIAN GUESTS SOME REFRESHMENTS!



WE'RE GOING TO TAKE YOU BACK TO MARS WITH US! OUR NOBLE KING KAAZ HAS COMMANDED US TO BRING HIM AN EARTHMAN! MAKE NO EFFORT TO RESIST!

OH! I WOULDN'T MESS IT FOR THE WORLD! I'LL BE RIGHT WITH YOU!

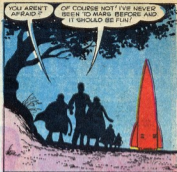


A FEW MOMENTS LATER, THE GRIM-FACED MARTIANS HURRIED PAUL ABBOT OUT INTO THE NIGHT...



NOW DON'T BE TOO LAZE, DEAR!

I WON'T, RUTH... I OUGHT TO BE BACK IN A THOUSAND YEARS OR SO!



YOU AREN'T AFRAID?

OF COURSE NOT! I'VE NEVER BEEN TO MARS BEFORE AND IT SHOULD BE FUN!

PAUL RUSHED THRU THE FIELD WITH THE FERCE MARTIANS AND THEIR LEADER FOLLOWED, FUZZLED...



I'LL SIT BACK WHERE THERE ARE NO WINDOWS... I CAN'T STAND LOOKING DOWN FROM HEIGHTS!

I'M SURPRISED THAT YOU DON'T MIND GOING WITH US! AREN'T YOU AFRAID THAT YOU MAY NEVER RETURN TO EARTH?



IF YOU MARTIANS CAN STAND MY COMPANY FOREVER, I GUESS I CAN STAND YOURS! WELL, DO WE BLAST OFF?

AT A SIGNAL FROM THE LEADER, THE PILOT THREW LEVERS AND PRESSED BUTTONS... THE SHIP LURCHED VIOLENTLY! PAUL ABBOT THREW BACK HIS HEAD AND ROARED WITH LAUGHTER...



OH, THIS IS WONDERFUL!

THE GRIEK OF ROCKETS RENT THE NIGHT, AND BARTH SEEMED TO FALL AWAY FROM THE GUSTING SPACE-SHIP...



AND WHEN THE GREAT SHIP HAD REACHED THE MAXIMUM SPEED IT KNIFED THRU THE BLACK SKY LIKE A GLOWING JEWEL! AND WITHIN THE MASSIVE HULL, PAUL WAS RELAXED, SMILING WITH PLEASURE...



WE'RE TRAVELING A THOUSAND MILES A SECOND! SURELY NO CRAFT ON EARTH TRAVELS THIS FAST!

YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN!

DURING THE HOURS THAT PASSED, WHILE THE ROCKET SHIP HURTTLED THRU SPACE, PAUL LAY BACK, HIS EYES CLOSED, A SLIGHT SMILE ON HIS LIPS...



WE'RE GOING TO LAND! NO TREACHERY NOW, I WARN YOU!

TREACHERY! WITH A RAY-GUN POINTED AT ME?



HEY, THAT PILOT OF YOURS OUGHT TO HAVE HIS LICENSE REVOKED! WHAT A LANDING!



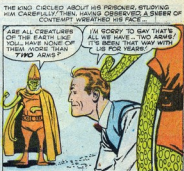
REMEMBER, YOU ARE ON MARS... TRY ANYTHING AGAINST OUR KING, AND IT WILL BE YOUR LAST MOVE!

DON'T WORRY, I'LL BEHAVE AND I'M REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING KING KAAZ!



KNEEL BEFORE HIS MAJESTY, KING KAAZ OF ALL MARS!

AH, YOU'VE BROUGHT ME AN EARTHLING! WELL DONE, GENERAL!



THE KING CIRCLED ABOUT HIS PRISONER, STUDYING HIM CAREFULLY! THEN, HAVING OBSERVED, A SMERF OF CONTEMPT WREATHED HIS FACE...

ARE ALL CREATURES OF THE EARTH LIKE YOU... HAVE NONE OF THEM MORE THAN TWO ARMS?

I'M SORRY TO SAY THAT'S ALL WE HAVE... TWO ARMS! IT'S BEEN THAT WAY WITH US FOR YEARS!



ONLY TWO ARMS, AND NOT ENOUGH INTELLIGENCE TO BE AFRAID! DOESN'T IT FRIGHTEN YOU TO BE HERE, A CAPTIVE ON A STRANGE PLANET?

ADAM! WE EARTH CREATURES ARE A REAL TOUGH LOT! GO ON, PAL, DO YOUR WORST!

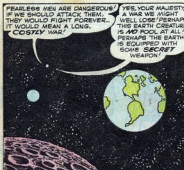


YOU'LL HAVE GOOD REASON TO FEAR ME AND MY ARMIES WHEN WE LAND ON YOUR PUNKY PLANET WITH AN INVASION FLEET OF A THOUSAND ROCKET SHIPS!

SO YOU'RE GOING TO INVAD... THE EARTH... WELL, WE'LL BE GLAD TO TAKE YOU ON!

PALL ABBOT'S DEFIANT STATEMENT STAGGERED KING KAAZ, STUNNED HIM INTO MOMENTARY SILENCE! THEN HE SHOOK WITH RAGE...

THE MAN FROM EARTH WATCHED THE BLACK-CLOAKED MINISTERS RUSH TO THE MONARCH'S SIDE...



A FEW MINUTES LATER, THE SHRILL WHISTLE OF BLASTING ROCKETS AGAIN FILLED THE NIGHT...

AROUND THE MARTIAN ROCKET SHIP PAUL ABBOTT COULD NO LONGER CONTAIN HIS MIRTH...



THE ROCKET CREW LEADER WAS NO LONGER THE MENACING BULLY HE HAD BEEN BY THE TIME THE GREAT SHIP LANDED...

PAUL RAN ALL THE WAY HOME FROM THE FIELD WHERE THE ROCKET HAD LANDED...



FOR THE BEST IN UNUSUAL STORIES LOOK FOR THE ATLAS SEAL ON THE COVER

