

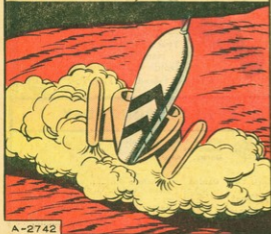
Mysteries of UNEXPLORED WORLDS

THERE HAD BEEN AN EXPLOSION POPULATION ON THE PLANET EARTH AND HUMAN PILOTS WERE SHOT INTO SPACE TO FIND NEW STARS TO COLONIZE! THIS IS THE STORY OF ONE SUCH PILOT WHO FOUND A PLANET READY FOR COLONIZATION BY HIS FELLOW BEINGS...HE THOUGHT! BUT HE DIDN'T HEAR THE LAUGHTER...THE SILENT LAUGHTER!

THEY WATCH... THEY WAIT!



THE SHIP FROM EARTH LANDED ON THE PLANET MARS...



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THE PILOT, CAPTAIN CARVETH, PLANTED THE FIRST HUMAN FOOT ON THE RED PLANET!

LOOKS DESERTED! PROBABLY THE SCIENTISTS WERE RIGHT... THEY SAID THAT, IN ALL PROBABILITY, MARS IS A DEAD PLANET WITHOUT LIFE!



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WELL, I'LL HAVE TO CHECK THE PLANET OUT THOROUGHLY. LACK OF AIR MIGHT BE A PROBLEM... BUT CITIES CAN BE BUILT UNDER AIR-TIGHT DOMES AND HUMANS LIVE JUST AS THEY DO ON EARTH... BUT WITHOUT CROWDING...



MEANWHILE, BEYOND THE SIGHT OF THE EARTHMAN, ANOTHER SHIP LANDED... A VENUSIAN SHIP FROM THE PLANET VENUS!



AND THE FIRST VENUSIAN TO EVER SET FOOT UPON THE SURFACE OF THE PLANET MARS, DISEMBARKED FROM HIS SHIP!



LOOKS DESERTED, WITHOUT LIFE! PROBABLY THE SCIENTISTS WERE RIGHT WHEN THEY SAID MARS IS A DEAD PLANET! I HOPE SO! WITH THE OVERCROWDED CONDITIONS ON VENUS WE DESPERATELY NEED NEW PLANETS ON WHICH TO EXPAND...

WELL, I'D BETTER START EXPLORING! MOST OF THE PLANETS CAN'T SUPPORT OUR KIND OF LIFE... I'M SURE MARS CAN!



THE VENUSIAN MOVED ACROSS THE PLANET UNTIL HIS SHIP WAS OUT OF SIGHT... THE EARTHMAN, EXPLORING THE PLANET, DID THE SAME!



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NEITHER ONE SAW THE EYES THAT WATCHED FROM THE SHADOWS, THE BESTIAL, SOULLESS EYES...



NEITHER SAW THE SILENT, SLUGGISH MOVEMENT OF MONSTROUS, ALIEN FORM-LESS SHAPES...WATCHING...WAITING/



SOMETHING MOVED OUT THERE! IS IT POSSIBLE THERE CAN BE LIFE HERE?



SOMETHING MOVED OUT THERE...I'M POSITIVE I SAW SOMETHING!



THE EARTHMAN WAITED, TENSE, ALERT, WAITED FOR THE NEXT MOVE FROM WHATEVER IT WAS THAT WAS WAITING AHEAD...AND HE WAS COMPLETELY UNAWARE OF THE MOVEMENT BEHIND HIM, THE TENTACLES OF THE VORACIOUS TREE THAT REACHED FOR HIM HUNGRILY...



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THE ROOTS OF THE TREE MOVED EXPOSING THE HUGE AND HUNGRY MAN TOWARD WHICH THE BRANCH TENTACLES INEXORABLY PULLED THE FRANTICALLY STRUGGLING BARTHMAN!



CAPTAIN CARVETH WAS HELPLESS AND FACED HORRIBLE; ALIEN DEATH IN MINUTES...

IT'S A BIPED, A HUMANOID LIKE ME! I CAN'T LET HIM BE DEVoured BY THAT HORRIBLE, SNAKE-LIKE TREE...



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THE EARTHMAN, FREE OF THE TENTACLES, TURNED TO HELP THE OTHER HUMANOID...



UNDER THE SMASHING FIRE THE TREE SUCCUMBED!



EXHAUSTED BY THEIR LEFTHAL ORDAL THE TWO HUMANOIDS SANK DOWN TO REST FACING EACH OTHER...AND THEY SMILED AT EACH OTHER AND A WORDLESS BOND WAS FORGED BETWEEN THEM!



I GUESS YOU CAN'T UNDERSTAND MY LANGUAGE BUT... THANKS! YOU SAVED MY LIFE!

YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND ME BUT, THANKS!

AND THE AWFUL SHADOWY THINGS, THE NATIVES OF THIS PLANET, SWAYED IN THE DARKNESS CHUCKLING... IF SUCH THINGS OF HORROR CAN KNOW HUMOR!



SO THERE IS LIFE ON MARS...AND A VERY HIGH FORM OF HUMANOID LIFE!



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THE SCIENTISTS WERE WRONG! A VERY HIGH FORM OF HUMANOID LIFE IS NATIVE TO THIS PLANET! OUR PEOPLE COULD GET ALONG WELL WITH SUCH NATIVES AS THIS MARTIAN!



A PLEASANT, DECENT SORT, THIS MARTIAN! I'M SURE OUR EARTH PEOPLE CAN LIVE IN PEACE AND TRANQUILITY WITH HIS RACE, AND EARTHMAN AND MARTIAN CAN HELP EACH OTHER!



AND SO THE TWO HUMANOIDS SAID THEIR SMILING GOODBYES AND WENT BACK TO THEIR HIDDEN SHIPS, AND SENT THE GOOD NEWS THROUGH DEEP SPACE BACK TO THEIR HOME PLANETS...



MARS INHABITED BY HIGH FORM OF HUMANOID LIFE... DECIDEDLY NOT HOSTILE... VERY FRIENDLY... NICE... RECOMMEND IMMEDIATE

COLONIZATION... MARTIAN NATIVES AND VENUSIANS WILL FIND MUCH IN COMMON... BUILD FINE CIVILIZATION TOGETHER, WORKING SIDE BY SIDE!

THE EARTHMAN SLEPT... AND WHILE HE SLEPT THE VENUSIAN BLASTED OFF TO RETURN TO HIS HOME PLANET! SIX HOURS LATER CAPTAIN CARVETH LEFT MARS TO RETURN TO EARTH WITH THE GOOD NEWS...



AND IN THE SHADOWS THE MONSTROUS MARTIANS WATCHED... AND WAITED, AND FILLED THE NIGHT WITH FEROCIOUS, SILENT LAUGHTER! THEY WAITED... THEY WAIT!

