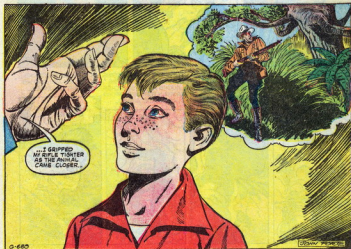
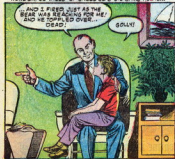


**E**ACH MAN SEES HIMSELF AS A HERO IN HIS OWN MIND! SOME NEVER SPEAK OF IT, BUT OTHERS DO, PRETENDING TO BE SOMETHING MORE THAN THEY REALLY ARE! SUCH MEN WE CALL "BLUFF"! YET, WHO CAN SAY WHICH HAND WAS A BLUFF AFTER THE CARDS HAVE BEEN SHUFFLED?

# UNCLE ED and the MEN from SPACE



WHENEVER UNCLE ED CAME TO VISIT, IT WAS A BIG EVENT IN YOUNG JIMMY'S LIFE! HE'D SIT LISTENING TO THE WONDERFUL TALES OF UNCLE ED'S BIG GAME HUNTS...





WILL YOU TELL ME ANOTHER STORY TOMORROW, UNCLE ED... ABOUT YOUR HUNTING ADVENTURES?

SURE THING! I'LL TELL YOU ABOUT A GORILLA HUNT! NIGHT NOKI, JIMMY!



HE LAY IN HIS BED, GLORIFYING IN THOSE TALES HIS UNCLE TOLD! TO HIM, UNCLE ED WAS A HERO WITHOUT PEER!

SOMEDAY HE'LL TAKE HIS HUNTING WITH HIM! UNCLE ED'S THE GREATEST HUNTER IN THE WORLD!

JIMMY WAS EIGHTEEN WHEN HIS UNCLE KEPT HIS PROMISE! WITH TWO OTHER HUNTERS, JIMMY AND UNCLE ED HEADED FOR MAINE...

YOUNG JIMMY GLOWED WITH PLEASURE AS UNCLE ED TOLD ABOUT OTHER HUNTS HE'D HAD IN MAINE...

JIMMY TURNED TO SEE HOW THE MEN APPRECIATED HIS UNCLE! IT WAS THEN HE CAUGHT THE CYNICAL LOOK THAT PASSED BETWEEN THEM...



YES, SIR, GOT THE BIGGEST GOZZLY I EVER SAW UP IN MAINE. THE GUIDE SAID HE NEVER SAW A MAN COULD TRACK A CRITTER LIKE I COULD!



...AND THIS WILD-EAT CAME OUT OF THAT TREE, SPRINGING RIGHT AT ME! WELL, SIR...



...AND THIS BIG MOOSE CHARGED RIGHT AT ME!

BUT UNCLE ED WAS A GREAT TALKER AND THE MILES TO THE ISOLATED HUNTING CABIN IN MAINE FELT AWAY...



HERE WE ARE!



CAN'T WAIT TO GET IN THE WOODS AND... WHOOP! NOW HOW DID THAT HAPPEN? I TIED THAT WITH A HITCH I LEARNED HUNTING COUGARS IN WYOMING!

JIMMY GATHERED SOME WOOD FOR THE FIRE-PLACE! HIS UNCLE WAS INSIDE... HE HEARD THE OTHER TWO MEN TALKING...



JIMMY'S IDOL WAS CUT DOWN! YET HE RESERVED JUDGMENT, BECAUSE OF THE HERO WORSHIP HE HAD DEVELOPED OVER THE YEARS.



THE NEXT DAY THEY WENT HUNTING! THEY TRACKED A DEER! IT WAS AN EASY SHOT FOR UNCLE ED, BUT...



THIS WAS THE UNCLE HE HAD LOOKED UP TO... THE GREAT HUNTER! HE WAS NOTHING BUT A GREAT BLUFF, TALKING TO COVER HIS FAILINGS...





THE VOICES OF THE VEGETABLE BEINGS WERE ARROGANT! HENNY TRIED AGAIN...

TIME RAN ON, AS THE ALIENS GESTURED AND THREATENED OUTSIDE...



THEY STEPPED OUT OF THE DOOR AND Huddled THERE! JIMMY CLEARED HIS THROAT...



COME HERE, SO WE CAN TAKE A BETTER LOOK AT YOU!

WHY DO THEY THREATEN SO, IF THEY CAN DO THE THINGS THEY SAY... AND WAIT FOR US TO COME OUT, INSTEAD OF FORCING US TO?



WHY DO THEY HAVE TO BOAST HOW GREAT THEIR POWERS ARE? I THINK THEY'RE JUST BLUFFERS, TRYING TO SCARE US!

SHAME, BOY! I THINK YOU'VE GOT SOMETHING THERE! I'M WITH YOU!



LOOK, THEY'RE BACKING AWAY!

TOWARD THEIR SHIP! I'LL CIRCLE AND GET BEHIND THEM!

DROP YOUR WEAPONS OR WE'LL DESTROY YOU! DO YOU HEAR?



KEEP BACK! WE AREN'T GOING TO HURT YOU!



SO YOU'RE TOUGH GUYS, HUH? BLUFFERS, THAT'S WHAT YOU ARE!

DON'T HURT US! PLEASE!



OUR PLANET IS DYING! WE THOUGHT WE COULD BLUFF EARTH INTO LETTING US SETTLE HERE! WE CAN'T HURT YOU... WE ARE WEAKLINGS, WITH NO DEFENSE!

GO BACK TO MARS AN' TELL 'EM WE HAVINGS DON'T BLUFF EASY AND TO STAY AWAY!



THE SPACESHIP WITH ITS FRIGHTENED OCCUPANTS BOARDED QUICKLY UP AND AWAY...

YES, THEY COULDN'T BLUFFED EARTH!

IT WOULDN'T HAVE WORKED! THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THEM AND US IS THAT THEY COULDN'T BACK THEIR BLUFF BUT WE CAN, WHEN THE COLLECTOR'S FACE COMES! BY, UNCLE ED!



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



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