

THE MEN OF ZONE X WAGE A GRIM BATTLE AGAINST THE MEN FROM MARS!

THE CRIMSON COMET

THE Earth was in danger of colliding with the Crimson Comet, a runaway astral body which was hurtling through space. The general public knew nothing of the danger.

My name is John Jackson and I had become involved in the work of Zone X, a remote district in Wales where an electronic apparatus known as Force 21 was being used to draw the Earth out of its natural orbit. We were moving towards Mars and therefore out of the path of the Comet. Force 21 had pulled down many strange things from space.

Along with Gavin Hamilton, the head astronomer, and Colonel Brownlow, the Zone commander, I watched tensely as a huge space craft from some unknown planet appeared.

LOOK! THERE'S A LADDER BEING LOWERED! THE CREW OF THE SPACE-SHIP ARE PREPARING TO LAND!

WHAT CAN WE EXPECT? WHAT WILL THE CREW BE LIKE?

Strange beetle-like creatures approached us!

WE ARE CONVERSING WITH YOU BY THOUGHT TRANSFERENCE! WE HAVE COME FROM MARS. THE POWER YOU ARE USING FROM THIS PLACE IS UPSETTING LIFE ON OUR PLANET!

OUR RULER, UR, HAS SENT US HERE TO WARN YOU TO SWITCH OFF YOUR APPARATUS! YOU HAVE UNTIL SUNDOWN! IF YOU DO NOT OBEY US, WE WILL DESTROY THE APPARATUS AND YOU WITH IT!

YOU CANNOT DO THAT! WE MUST KEEP FORCE TWENTY-ONE WORKING FOR AT LEAST TWO DAYS MORE! CAN YOU NOT GIVE US THAT TIME? OTHERWISE, EARTH WILL BE DESTROYED!

YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED! YOU HAVE UNTIL YOUR NIGHTFALL TO DECIDE!

BEETLE MEN, FROM MARS! IT'S FANTASTIC!

WE'LL NEED TO CONTACT HIGHER AUTHORITY! COME, COLONEL, THERE'S NO TIME TO WASTE—

The heads of the Government advised the group at Zone X to drive the space-ship away.

THE TROOPS ARE GETTING READY TO ATTACK. WE'LL RUN THE RISK OF BEING BOMBED IF THE SPACE SHIP TAKES OFF

I THOUGHT SO—THEY'RE TAKING OFF! I'LL GRAB A RIFLE!

EVERYONE DOWN THERE SEEMS TO BE DEAD! AND I'M POWERLESS TO DO ANYTHING!

THEY'RE DROPPING SOME TYPE OF GAS BOMBS! I'LL HEAD FOR HIGHER GROUND!

NOW THEY'RE RELEASING SOME KIND OF INSECTS. THAT MUST BE TO WIPE OUT ALL THE VEGETATION.