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**STORY SO FAR...**

After a disastrous recon mission in 1962, Martian scout Zar has returned to Earth; a half-century later as a general with an invasion force in tow, the likes of which have never been seen by humanity...

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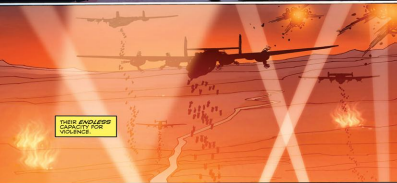
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ELYX WAS WARNED  
ABOUT THE SAVAGERY  
OF HUMANS.



THEIR *ENDLESS*  
CAPACITY FOR  
VIOLENCE.



AND HOW THE RELENTLESS  
CRUELTY AND REBECITY OF  
THE EARTHINGS *JUSTIFIED*  
THE MARTIAN INVASION.



AND, YET, BLYK  
HAD DOUBTS.

HE DID NOT  
FORCE THEM--



--NOT WHEN HE RECEIVED  
HIS ASSIGNMENT AS UNIT  
COMMANDER BY MARTIAN  
HIGH COMMAND.



NOT WHEN HE WAS SENT TO  
EARTH ON PRE-INVASION  
RECONNAISSANCE MISSIONS.

NOT EVEN WHEN, DURING  
THOSE MISSIONS, HE SAW  
THE SURPRISING THINGS  
HE SAW.





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**GRANDMA GETS A GIFT!**

IT MADE BLYX WONDER IF AN  
ENTIRE RACE COULD BE SO  
THOROUGHLY DESERVING OF ERADICATION.





DID THE HUMANS  
TRULY DESERVE THIS?





AND TAYLOR WAS RIGHT ABOUT THE TIME BLYX WAS ASSIGNED A MISSION WITH RAY DELVECHIO.

OKAY, SO  
TAYLOR IS HOW  
IT'S GONNA  
WORK!

YOU GUYS  
LET ME LIVE, AND  
TAKE CARE OF MY  
ENEMIES.

AN' I HELP  
YOU TRACK  
DOWN THE HUMAN  
SCIENTIST WHO  
BUILT THAT PULSE  
WEAPON--

--THE ONE  
CAPABLE OF  
WRIN' ALL YOU  
GODDAMN  
GREENIES OFF  
THE MAP.

WE GOT  
A DEAL,  
RIGHT?

BLYX WONDERED IF  
THIS WOULD BE A  
TURNING POINT.

A SMALL STEP TOWARD  
COOPERATION AND  
UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN THE TWO RACES.



BLYN HAD SEEN THE HUMAN'S EXPERIMENTAL PULSE WEAPON DETONATED ABOVE THE CITY.

HE WAS FAR ENOUGH AWAY TO SURVIVE ITS DEADLY EFFECTS.

BUT MANY IN HIS PLATOON WERE NOT.

BLYN SHUDDERED, IMAGINING IF THE HUMANS WERE ABLE TO MASS-PRODUCE ANY OF THESE WEAPONS.





THE DEVASTATION  
IT COULD CAUSE  
THE MARTIANS.

THE DESTRUCTION  
IT COULD CAUSE TO  
MARS.



AND NOW THIS HUMAN, RAYDLYVKO, HAD VOLUNTAREED TO FIND THE WEAPON.

LOOK HERE, BUTTRACES, AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, YOU NEED ME A LOT MORE THAN I NEED YOU--

--WHICH MEANS I'M IN CHARGE, CARGO?

RAYDLYVKO'S TRANSLATION DEVICE WAS IMPERFECT--

--AND THE HUMAN SEEMED TO UNDERSTAND THE MARTIANS FAR BETTER THAN THE MARTIANS UNDERSTOOD THE HUMAN.



I A'NEW SOMEBODY WOULD FIND ME AN' DROP DIME, EVEN LAYIN' LOW IN A DUMP LIKE TORTILLA FLATS.

SO THE GOFATHER PUT A SIX-FIGURE CONTRACT OUT ON ME, AND SENT HIS HEAVIEST HITTERS HERE TO WHACKA ME.

BLIX DIDN'T UNDERSTAND WORDS LIKE "WISSGUY" OR "GOFATHER," "WHACKING" OR "HITMEN."

BUT BLIX GOT THE GIST OF IT.

MARTIAN INVASION OR NOT, THEY'RE NOT GONNA STOP UNTIL ONE OF 'EM CLIPS ME.

EVEN THOUGH SOME VERY BAD HUMANS WERE DETERMINED TO STOP HIM--



--RAYDLYVKO WANTED TO SAVE THE MARTIANS.

THAT'S WHERE YOU GUYS COME IN.

IF YOU WANT ME TO HELP TRACK DOWN THAT PULSE WEAPON DOOHICKEY, THAT IS.



AND THE THOUGHT, ONCE UNTHINKABLE, CROSSED BLYX'S MIND.

MAYBE THE DESTRUCTION OF EARTH AND ITS INHABITANTS DID NOT HAVE TO BE THE ANSWER.

IF ONLY MORE HUMANS WERE LIKE RAYDLYVKO, PERHAPS THE MARTIANS DID NOT HAVE TO WAGE WAR.

PERHAPS MASS DID NOT HAVE TO ATTACK.



DRINK 755 COLA! 755 COLA REFRESHES!

VOTE  
HEN  
FOR  
MAYOR

755  
COLA  
REFRESHES!

755  
COLA  
REFRESHES!

DRINKING 755 COLA  
AND KISSING COULD  
LEAD TO PEACE

IT'S A  
COMFORTING  
THOUGHT





AND THAT'S HOW  
THEY SPENT THE DAY.

WORKING  
TOGETHER.

AS ALLIES.

PARTNERS.

AND POSSIBLY, BLYK  
EVEN WONDERED--

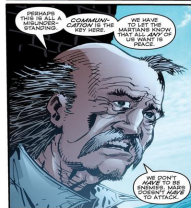
--FRIENDS?

ALRIGHT, S&P-F&G-  
BRAINS. I HOPE  
THAT'S GOTTA  
BE THE LAST  
OF 'EM.









BUT PROFESSOR WALTERS NEVER HAD A CHANCE TO TALK.

THE MARTIANS TOOK HIM TO A BASE, LOCKED UP HIM, AND THEN SPENT THEIR TIME ARGUING HOW BEST TO EXTRACT THE PROFESSOR'S SECRETS.

AND WALTERS DIDN'T NEED A TRANSLATION DEVICE TO KNOW THEY WERE ALSO ARGUING OVER WHAT TO DO ABOUT THE HUMAN THEY CALLED RAYDVVYKO.

목표는 바로  
인간을 잡는  
것을 위해서  
남자 인간  
잡는다는  
것입니다

BUT WALTERS HAD BEEN CORRECT.

COMMUNICATION WAS THE KEY.

AND WHOEVER CREATED THIS TRANSLATOR UNDERSTOOD SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND MARTIANS ALMOST AS MUCH AS PROFESSOR WALTERS.

MUCH OF MARTIAN CONVERSATION WAS IN TONES AND FREQUENCIES HUMAN VOCAL CHORDS WERE INCAPABLE OF PRODUCING, AND HUMAN EARS COULD NOT HEAR—

--PART OF THE REASON THE Z-FREQUENCY PULSE CANNON WAS SO DEADLY TO THEM.

THE TRANSLATOR WAS JUST *SLIGHTLY* OFF FREQUENCY, WHICH IS WHY THE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE MARTIAN AND THE MARTIAN HAD BEEN INEFFECTIVE.

OR MUCH MORE INACCURATELY.

AND WITH JUST A *TINY* ADJUSTMENT, THE TRANSLATOR COULD FUNCTION MUCH MORE ACCURATELY.

IN THE END, THE MARTIANS  
DECIDED TO HONOR  
THEIR AGREEMENT TO LET  
RAYDLVYKO LIVE.

BUT IT WAS BY NO MEANS  
A UNGENTLEMANLY DECISION.

BLVX HAD TO ARGUE HIS CASE  
AGAINST OTHER MARTIANS WHO  
CLAIMED HUMANS HAD NO HONOR--



--ONLY AN ENDLESS,  
RELENTLESS CAPACITY FOR  
FEROCITY AND VIOLENCE.



ALL THE THINGS BLVX HAD  
BEEN TOLD ABOUT  
HUMANS HIS ENTIRE LIFE.



THANKS TO RAYDLVYKO,  
BLVX NOW KNEW THAT  
DIDN'T APPLY. NOT TO  
ALL HUMANS.

AND SO RAYDLVYKO  
WAS RELEASED.

HOLD ON  
A SECOND,  
BLVX.  
I GOT  
SOMETHING  
I WANT TO  
SAY.





OF COURSE, RAY DELVECHIO HAD NO IDEA THAT SOMEBODY WALTERS HAD ALTERED THE FREQUENCY OF THE TRANSLATOR--

--SO THE WORDS RAY SPOKE HAD THE OPPOSITE INTENDED EFFECT.

AND I PROBABLY SHOULDN'T HAVE CALLED YOU ALL THOSE NASTY NAMES THAT I DID.

AFTER BLYX HAD VOUCHERED FOR RAYDELVYKO, TRUSTED HIM, FOUGHT WITH HIM, EVEN SAVED HIS LIFE--

--HERE WAS RAYDELVYKO, UNGRATEFUL AND ARROGANT, HUMILIATING BLYX.

YOU GUYS ARE A BUNCH OF TOWDAY HOMEBRES, AND BLYX IS HERE. WELL, HE'S ONE OF THE REST OF YA.

INSULTING HIM.

YOU'RE LUCKY TO HAVE A FIGHTER LIKE HIM ON YOUR SIDE.

INSULTING HIS PEOPLE.

MAYBE SOMEDAY WE CAN FIND PEACE, BUT IN THE MEANTIME, MAYBE WHAT THE EARTH NEEDS IS A GOOD STOMPIN', AND YOU'RE JUST THE GUYS TO DO IT.

SO HERE'S TO YA!

CURSING THEM.

AND FINALLY BLYX SAW THE TRUTH.



HUMANS WERE EVERY BIT AS AWFUL  
AND TERRIBLE AS BLYK HAD ALWAYS  
BEEN TOLD THEY WERE, AND WORSE.

ALL OF THEM.

AND THEY NEEDED  
TO BE ERADICATED.



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