

Synopsis: When the inertialess drive was perfected and commerce throughout the Galaxy became commonplace, crime became so rampant as to threaten Civilization. Then came into being the Galactic Patrol-- er, no, that's another story; & a better one!

Our story begins at the age of 11, when I hand-rote 10,000 words of the above title. In the first instalment we found: It is the year 2760. Clair 517C48, scientist & inventor, and his friend Jaims, take off in the first rocket for the Moon. They land on Mars instead. They are confronted by a Basacian (Marsian) who takes them via an underground tube to "The City of Light". Now go on with the story...

When Clair and Jaims stepped out of the car all about them instead of darkness were huge beautiful buildings towering thousands of feet above the moving streets. ((Heinlein's idea of "The Roads Must Roll" was a direct steal from my story, U see. Also, obviously Rocklynne got his plot for "Out of Darkness" from where my characters a couple of minutes ago stepped out of darkness & were surprised to find there was lite. Which is also where Monroe got that title "Let There Be Lite". And, not inTamatating anything, but... Suffice it to say, many great authors boldly have lifted stuff from my story.)) The buildings had large glass windows each window being of a different color. ((What panes they were.))

A-TAL ((the Basacian)) led Clair and Jaims to a high building and when they were inside he led them to a gorgeously furnished apartment.

The Basacian told Clare and James to rest themselves and it ten karkams or two hours Earthly time he would send a tutor to teach them the Basacian language.

Clair was to excited to rest himself and spent most of his time examining the walls, books, and other objects in the room but Jaims was tired and went to sleep.

Two hours later there was a knock at the door and an old man entered and introduced himself as Ka-Kan and said he was their tutor.

Clair and Jaims found the Basacian language rather easy and in one lesson of three hours they knew the alphabet which was composed of thirty one letters and

they also knew the names of book, door, window, house, city, building, animal, etc.

That night while Jaims was sleeping Clair stood looking out of one of the Sansas or windows at the Moons, for while the Earth has only one moon Mars has five. ((Italix myn--FJA '42. I was nothing if not "scientificly accurate" in my childhood, heh?)) The smallest is Esta, then Frasa, Cona, Duba and Mernos which is the largest. ((Lil is noon of these minor worlds, except Cona is bliev'd to be a moonlet composed of frozen lactic acid, & is popularly refer'd to as ice-cream Cona.)) ((Ooh, corny-copia!))

The next morning Clair and Jaims were awakened by some one knocking at the door. Clair opened the door and in walked A-TAL who announced that he would shew them around the Katafex Saranaf or City of Light.

Clair and Jaims dressed and had a breakfast of Rass, Forga and Sifta. (("Eat Rass--never gives gas!")) After their breakfast A-TAL commenced to show them around the City. First he took them inside of a large yellow building composed of Aftanium. Inside were many Basacian Scientists working on many new inventions. A-TAL led Clair and Jaims into a small room and locked the door. Inside was a combination of Telescope, moving picture machine and talking machine. A-TAL turned off the lights, focused the Telescope on the earth, and on the wall be for their eyes the Woolworth Building in Na-Yauk appeared. They could hear everyone talking as plainly as if they had been standing next to them. This explained how the Basacians had learned the English language. This combination of Movie, Talkie, and Telescope was called a Rubiota ((yeah, of Homer Khayyam)) and was the results of years of hard labor on the part of the Basacian Inventors. Next A-TAL showed Clair and Jaims how the Atom Guns were made and presented them each with one.

Weeks passed and Clair and Jaims had mastered the Basacian language sufficiently to become Basacian Layans or Martian Citizens.

A-TAL led them to the layan house where they must answer certain questions before they could become a layan. ((And I'm layan 10-to-1 they never make the \$64 one!)) First they were asked their age and Clair replied thirty five but the judge would not believe him, but then Clair remembered that the Martian year is five times as long as ours ((there goes that Accuracy again!)) and he then answered seven years old which satisfied the Basacian.

The test proved that they had sufficient knowledge of Basac or Mars ((in other words, they had a Basac education)) to become Basacian citizens so five days later they received a paper announcing that they were citizens.

### THE MADMAN

That night Clair and Jaims went to sleep with no thought of what would happen.

Clair and Jaims had been asleep for twenty karkams when they were awakened by shouts of The Madman! The Madman! Run for your Lives! The Madman! ((That MAN is here again.))

Suddenly the door burst open and A-TAL came rushing in ordering Clair and Jaims to get dressed and follow him. Clair and Jaims hurriedly dressed and rushed out of the door after A-TAL. The Basacian led them to a cave in a mountain which was directly behind the city and when he was quiet Clair asked him what the shouts of "The Madman" meant where upon A-TAL told him this strange tale: "One of our greatest scientists AKAL-VANI by name, suddenly went insane several years ago and now that he is mad he seems to want to destroy every human being upon Basac. AKAL-VANI went to Mernos in an airship and built a great labratory there where he has invented many terrible weapons. Five times every year he attacks us and each time he kills millions of people and destroys thousands of homes. Last year - "Look! Look!", burst in Jaims and as Clair and A-TAL turned their gaze in the direction in which Jaims was pointing this is what they saw. High in the sky was a huge, ball shaped airship. Directly in the center of it, a long cannon shaped tube projected and from this tube huge sparks were being emmitted. ((Ho-hum; did U ever see a spark gap?))

As these sparks touched the ground a great explosion would occur destroying as many as thirty buildings at a time, until the whole city was completely demolished.

When the Madman had completed his havoc he went back to Mernos again in his airship.

A-TAL informed Clair that it would be ninety tans (three hundreds days earthly time) before the Madman returned again.

### THE IMPOSSIBLE

During the time the Madman was on Mernos Clair spent his time experimenting in the Basacian labratories with the metals and chemicals which he found on Mars. One

day as he was experimenting with a yellow liquid which was a mixture of Elganine, Sunsa and Indane he accidentally spilled a small quantity of it upon his arm and when he went to wipe it off he found his arm had become invisible. At last! His dream of dreams. He had stumbled upon the liquid which would render anything invisible. (From invisible arm to invisible army.))

His first thought was to have all of the cities painted with this solution so that they would be invisible and the Madman would not know where to direct his destructive electric rays. But on second thought Clair knew that this could not be done because then no one would be able to see their house and would not be able to walk in comfort as they would always be bumping into an invisible house or fence and so he dismissed the matter from his mind. 6("I Don't Wanna Walk without View"))

Several days later while he was working in the laboratory the thought struck him, 'Why not make an Atom Gun as large as a cannon, paint the cannon with the invisible liquid (which he named Claireen) and when the Madman attacked the city again, simply destroy his airship and him with the Atom Cannon? ((Atomicannon))

Clair immediately informed the other scientists of his idea and they decided to try it.....

Ninety tans later when the Madman was due to strike Clair, Jaims, A-TAL and two other scientists stood leaning against apparently nothing. ((Well, this plot isnt based on anything much better.)) It looked that way because the Atom Cannon which they were leaning against had been painted with Claireen.

Suddenly high in the sky a tiny speck appeared which steadily grew larger. The Madman was coming again but this time the people did not flee to the mountains for they were confident that the Atom Cannon would destroy the Madman forever. Finally when the Madman was in range of the Atom Cannon, Clare pressed the button expecting the airship to vanish in a puff of smoke but it came steadily onwards.

It was too late to run for the mountains now and the people were helpless.

--Is it the end for Clair, Jaims, A-TAL & the City of Lite? For the ansr to this & other burning questions...new mysterys...new adventures...do not fail to miss next quarter's instalment of this great post-humorous serial. See U in about 30 tans...!

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