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LOVE IT OR
LEAVE IT!

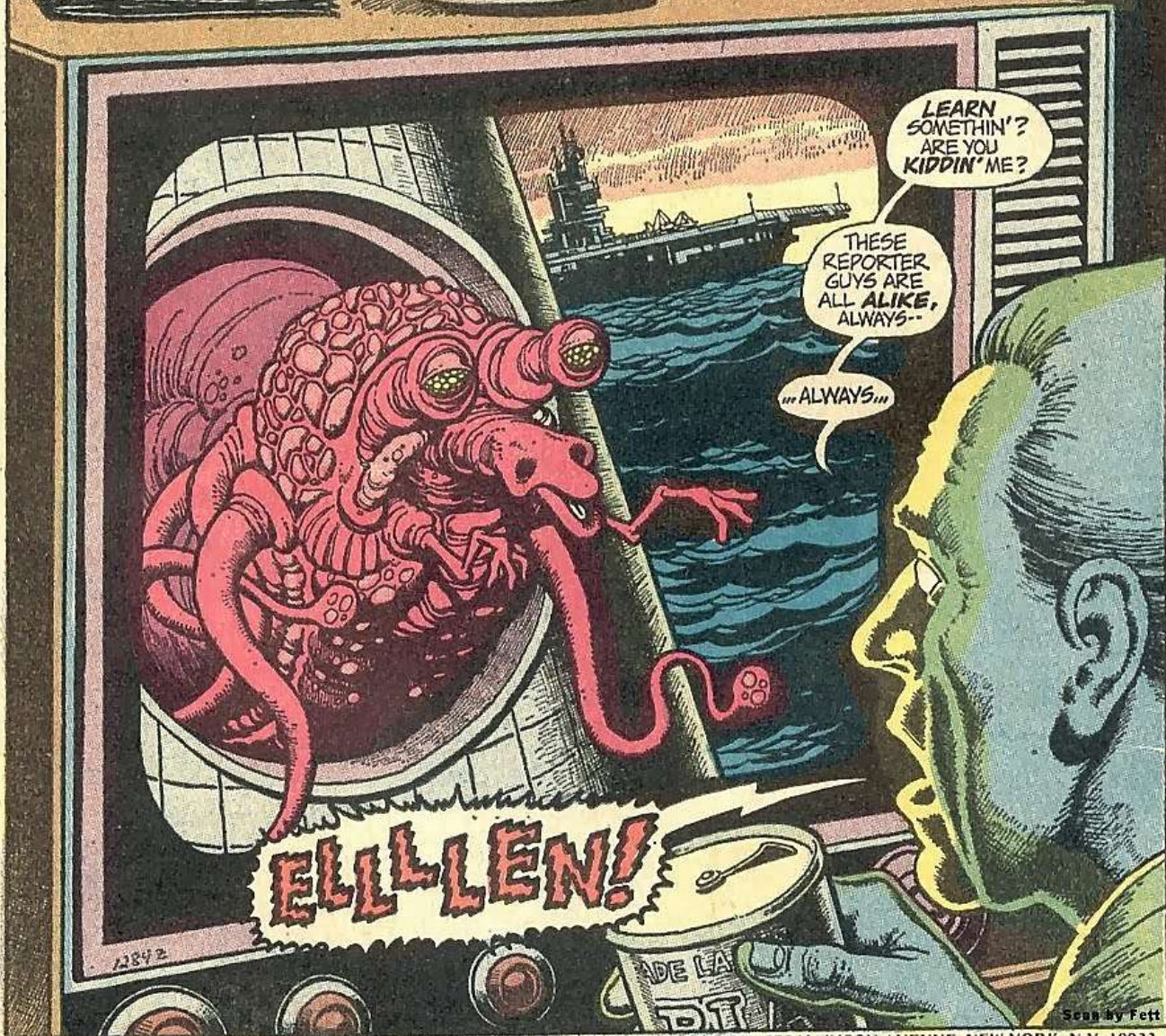
...DIRECT FROM THE CAPE, THE
FINAL WORD ON THE FIRST **MANNED**
MARS FLIGHT RETURNING NOW
TO TOUCHDOWN IN THE SOUTH
ATLANTIC...



CRIPES, ELLEN... IT'S
ANOTHER BLASTED
NEWS SPOT!

WHAT ABOUT
THE CRUMMY
BASEBALL?

LISTEN
TO IT, HARRY...
YOU MIGHT
LEARN
SOMETHING!



LEARN
SOMETHIN'?
ARE YOU
KIDDIN' ME?

THESE
REPORTER
GUYS ARE
ALL **ALIKE**,
ALWAYS--

...ALWAYS...

ELLEN!

MR. MANDALA HAD **MISS**ED THE EXCITEMENT WITH THE MARTIANS. BECAUSE HE'D BEEN ASLEEP. AT FIRST HE'D THOUGHT IT WAS A **JOKE**... THEN, THAT IT DIDN'T REALLY **MATTER**. WHO **CARED**, ANYWAY?



The Day After The Day The **MARTIANS** Came!

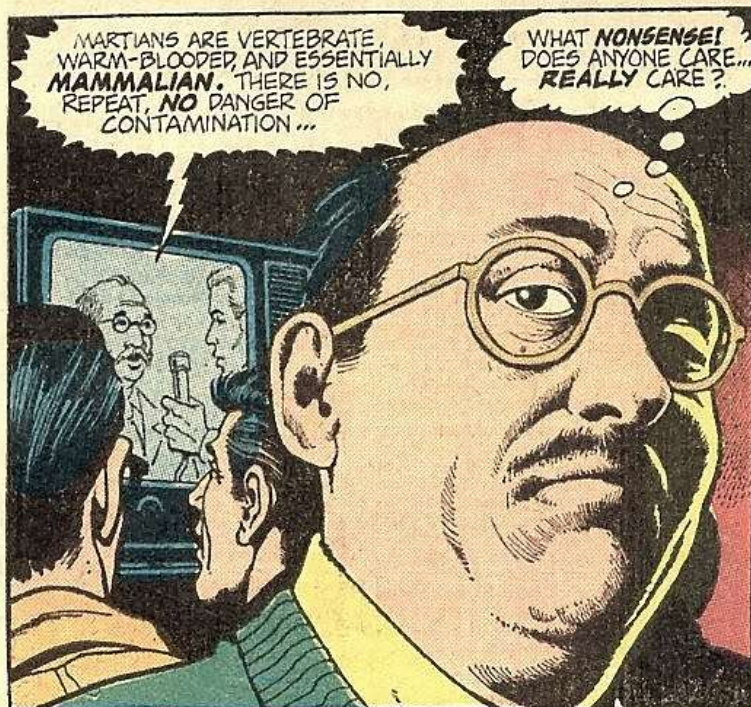
STAN LEE * GERRY CONWAY * RALPH REESE * ADAPTED FROM THE STORY BY *
PRESENTS * SCRIPTER * ARTIST * FREDERIK POHL *

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ACCORDING TO THE RESERVATION SLIPS, THEY WERE NEARLY ALL FROM NEWSPAPERS, WIRE SERVICES, RADIO, AND TV. ALL WAITING FOR THE MORNING **BRIEFING** AT CAPE KENNEDY.



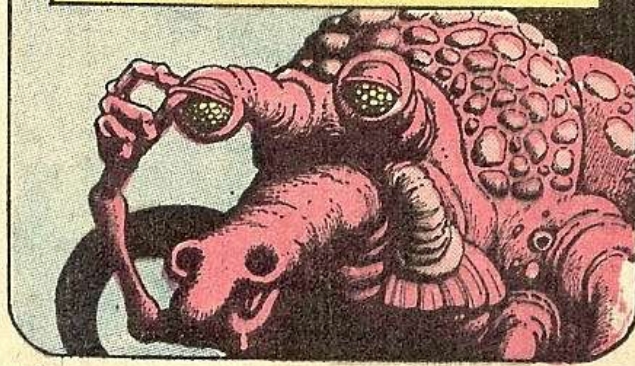
ONE OF THE MEN PLAYING POKER
STIRRED... GLANCING FROM THE
TELEVISION TO THE **OTHERS**
AROUND HIM...



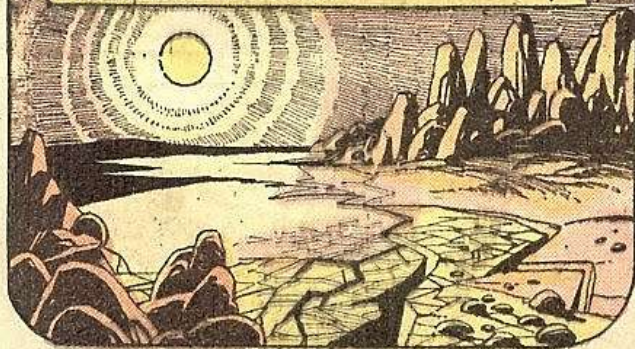
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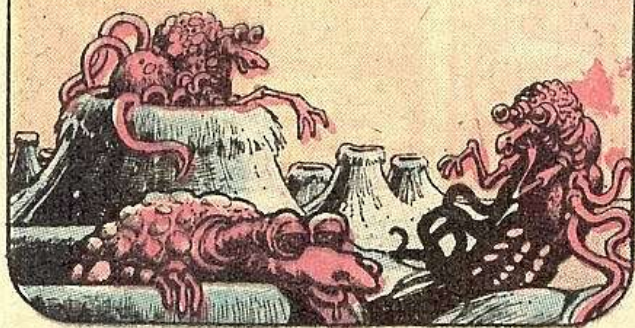
"...SUPERFICIAL EXAMINATION REVEALS A GENERALLY **LOW** RATE OF METABOLISM, THOUGH DR. BACHE FEELS THAT THIS MAY BE DUE TO THEIR **CONFINEMENT** DURING..."



"...137,000,000 MILES OF SPACE FROM THEIR **NATIVE LAND**. AS THESE PHOTOGRAPHS SHOW, MARS IS GENERALLY **DRY**, IN POINTS AS ARID AS THE **CENTRAL SAHARA**..."



"...RUDIMENTARY FORM OF **CIVILIZATION**... ESSENTIALLY VAST **MOLEHILLS**. THE MARTIAN 'ENCLAVE' SEEMS TO REPRESENT THE BEGINNINGS OF..."



"...FOUND BY COLONEL **RAYMOND M. CUMMINS**, COMMANDER OF THE ALGONQUINN-NINE SPACE PROBE TO MARS, AND **CHARLES CHRISTOPHER ALDISS**, THE PROBE'S SPACE BIOLOGIST..."



LISTEN... HOW MANY **MARTIANS** DOES IT TAKE TO SCREW IN A **LIGHT BULB**?

FIVE... ONE TO HOLD THE BULB, AND FOUR TO TURN THE **LADDER**!



HEY... HOW DO YOU TAKE A **MARTIAN CENSUS**?

I GIVE **NOW**?

COUNT THE NUMBER OF EYES AND DIVIDE BY **SIX**!

YEAH? WHAT DO YOU CALL A MARTIAN WHO MARRIES A **FUNGUS**?



YOU GOT ME, **MAC**...

A **SOCIAL CLIMBER**!

CRIPES, **EVERYBODY** KNOWS THAT!

