

**Martians, Hyrcanian & Reptids – The Martian War Machine, The origins & distinctions of the 'Slave' Races and the impact of Earth life to come.**

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Following the proper integration and resultant mixed public opinion on our new allies, this article is intended to liberate the mind of fears and mysteries regarding those that have arrived from Mars.

To clarify for those of a less erudite standpoint, MARTIAN refers to the aggressors in the tripods, the gangly creatures that are incased in masks and armour, those that brought bloody ruin upon the Earth and Humanity. HYRCANIANS, often referred to as "*Martian Cat People*" are the furry humanoids that somewhat resemble our native felines. REPTIDS are the humanoid lizards that were brought over with the Martian war machines. Both Hyrcanians and Reptids have integrated with the nations of Earth despite uneducated fears.

It has been difficult to establish the cultural hierarchy within Martian society. Their relationship to the Hyrcanians & Reptids is very clear. These were (and most likely still are) slaves who's wills have been dominated to the Martian cause. It is most probable, that the leaders of the Martians have not stepped foot on Earth sending their soldiers and subordinates in their stead. We have seen no indication of rank as yet on the corpses recovered, as they almost all share red markings. There were few notable exceptions to this, mainly around the red zones, where some of the

markings also contain black or green. These are so few however, that it is either an indication of a higher rank or a different purpose. Whether these were handpicked elites, eager volunteers or conscripted felons sent to cleanse Earth for their betters, we simply do not know. It is also reasonable to conclude that the Martians have some sort of engineers who oversee or create the war machines and vessels that delivered them here.

What we do know of the Martian war machine is that they favour the dreaded Tripod. Immortalized in etchings and paintings and burnt into the memories of the survivors of battles, the Tripod strikes fear into those who gaze upon it, and not without good reason. The Tripod is not hindered by terrain and able to cross hill, fen, city and river with little difficulty. Wherever they journey to, death is their constant companion, in the form of at least one heat ray gun and clad in armour crafted of the resilient red steel. From the ashes of our victories, we learned that these were piloted by between three and nine Martians (depending on the size of the Tripod). They were seemingly invincible - the only tried and tested methods of bringing them down, to immobilize them, either with a lot of strong chains and rope around the legs, or quicklime mortar shells in the joints beneath the main body - both tactics which required getting very close and well within the killing range of the rays.

General Napoleon at the battle of Waterloo was heard to say of the tripods. "These machines are the most terrifying force in the history of war, and the worst led. We will match them with our wits and cannon. Prepare lime and chain shot, we will show them what

it is to look death in the eye and overcome it.”

That was then, and this is now, do not dismay! It is not merely cannon and black powder that now defends the earth. Recent advances around the globe have brought powerful aether cannons, gauss artillery and more! No doubt we would be able to repel these once dreaded foes with conviction rather than hope, should they ever be foolish enough to return to Earth!

The Martian foot soldier was a particularly rare site and when they were seen, they were accompanied by Tripods. There is no record to show that these invaders used any sort of melee weapon, always being armed with their deadly heat rays. Whether they think it beneath them or unnecessary to use a close combat weapon when equipped with such powerful equipment, we do not know. Any close quarters combat however, would have been carried out by the Hyrcanian legions under the direction of their Martian overlords.

Hyrcanians were mostly seen in regiments of close quarter's fighters. They would use a sword or spear and clear out fortifications and bunkers that had not yet fallen to the heat rays. They are ferocious in battle and if disarmed, would rely on tooth and claw. In combat, it seems that the Martians regard them as vicious but expendable as it was noted that they were targeted by heat rays if they were in the way of a Martian advance.

Reptids however, were rarely seen before the Martian defeat. They were kept back to maintain and repair Tripods and the other artefacts that landed with the invasion. No doubt they undid humanities hard fought victories during the war, but only, we believe, because they had little choice.

The two newly liberated races do not share much in common with their former overseers. The Reptids have told us that slaves are kept very much segregated from their Masters and they were forced to live in slums around the great machines of Mars, trodden upon by their Masters. Martians evidently decide that an overseer must keep the slaves in order, though we are given no indication if this is considered a lower position or one of status.

From what we have been told, we know that the Reptids mostly lived around the machines, away from the sky, with a few notable exceptions around the equatorial regions. Hyrcanians however, lived varied lives ranging from miners, warriors, servants and herders of Reptids. They survived from the Polar Regions to the tropics. The two races are very different, Reptids are akin to very advanced specimens of the lizards we see on Earth, and highly intelligent. Hyrcanians are less suited to more cognitive tasks but certainly better at the physical.

Given the nature of Hyrcanians, it may well be that they are natives to Mars, especially the mountainous regions. Reptids appear to be much closer to Martians in appearance when compared to the Hyrcanians, though it seems unlikely that they would have thrived from the way they describe the planet now. Indeed the Martians may well have bred these slaves the same way humans have bred sheepdogs and shire horses. It could be hypothesized that the Martians have already conquered another planet and brought them back to Mars - which may have been a fate for humans should we have lost the war.

**On Unsoundness of Mind in its Medical and Legal Considerations.**

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Before proceeding to notice this recently published volume, we may observe that its contents have, for the most part, already appeared in our pages, in the form of distinct essays. Now, however, that they have been collected together, revised, and added to, we feel bound to offer our opinion as to their merits.

The author has, we observe, very appropriately and with good taste, inscribed his book to Dr. Winslow, so eminent for superior attainments in his specialty, and "whose close investigation of the jurisprudence of insanity and of mental diseases generally," as Dr. Williams justly states in his Dedication, "has pre-eminently contributed to the present position of British psychological medicine."

Five distinct essays are comprised in this valuable book of Dr. Williams. In the first are discussed the essential difference between Medicine and Law in their estimate of insanity and crime; the diversity of legal opinion respecting what constitutes irresponsibility; conflicting views on the pathology of mental diseases; value of pathological changes; views of Ellis, Willis, Winslow, and Cheyne; errors of the Bar respecting medical opinions, &c, &c. In the second essay of the series monomania in its protean forms is fully and ably considered. The third essay is devoted to moral insanity, and its several intricate phases. Essay the fourth treats upon "impulsive insanity," in which the