

## An Alien Encounter

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Jhon was very excited about being chosen to be part of an expedition on Mars, but what he didn't know was that it would become the worst experience of his life. It was January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2045, and he had just gotten on the rocket shuttle after celebrating New Years with his family. The countdown had just started, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, BLASTOFF! Jhon was pushed into his seat as the rocket blasted into space. 5 hours later Jhon and his crew landed on Mars. Dizzy from the ride he stumbled out of his seat and steadied himself on the control panel. All of the sudden there was a loud boom that shook the rocket. After the sound subsided Jhon realized he pushed a button that released a sonic wave. When him and his crew realized everything was alright, they started their expedition. After a hard day of work, they went back to the shuttle for some rest. At about midnight Jhon was awoken by a scream outside of his door. He quietly slipped out of bed and opened the door. In front of Jhon was the most horrifying creature he had seen in his life! It was a tall red creature with 15 bloodshot eyes. It had fins on its back, arms, and legs and had a long pointed tail and an arched head. But the worst part was that it had his crew members. When it spotted Jhon, it lunged at him, but Jhon was quick to think and slashed it with his poison tipped knife. It screeched in pain and dashed out the door with Jhon's crew. He ran out the door and saw a giant flying ship in the sky. Jhon saw the creature limping toward the spaceship with his crew. He dashed toward the beast. When it got to the middle of the ship, the creature was sucked into the ship along with his crew. Jhon ran and jumped to the middle of the ship before it could fly away. As he was sucked into the ship it felt like he was being burned in lava. Suddenly, the pain left, and he was in the ship. Jhon realized that the sonic wave must have alerted some kind of alien. He then noticed a trail of green liquid. His best guess was that it was alien blood. He followed the trail until it ended. Jhon's hunch was right. In front of him was the bloody alien locking his crew up in prison. Jhon snuck around the corner and shot the alien in the head. The alien screeched and exploded, releasing a blast of green goo. Jhon wiped the goo off his helmet, and ran to his crew's prison cell. He grabbed an iron bar and was electrocuted. Jhon couldn't get his crew out. One of his crew members said they saw a generator down the hall, and if Jhon could destroy it the cell might open. Jhon thought that was a great idea and dashed down the hall. The generator was in sight when he heard scuttling in the vents. He stopped in his tracks and looked toward the vent. He saw a pair of glowing red eyes. Just then a giant bug jumped out of the vent and latched itself onto Jhon's chest. As the bug's legs pierced his skin, Jhon crumpled to the floor. Jhon's vision blurred and breathing slowed. Jhon grabbed his knife and stabbed the giant bug. The bug unlatched and scuttled away. Jhon limped toward the generator. He switched a lever, and all the lights went off. Jhon limped back down the hallway and found his crew out of their cell. After Jhon realized his crew was okay, they all went back to where they were sucked into the ship. When they got there, Jhon saw the latch was closed shut. One of his crew members got a laser drill and cut a hole in the floor. One by one they were sucked out of the alien ship. All of the sudden an alien jumped out of the darkness and reached for Jhon. He slashed the alien with his knife and jumped out of the alien ship. Jhon and his crew ran for their rocket ship. When they got inside, Jhon immediately ran to the control panel. Desperate to get off Mars, he set the rocket to take off in 10 seconds. The alien ship started firing lasers at Jhon's rocket shuttle. There was 5 seconds left before liftoff. Right when the alien ship fired exactly at Jhon's rocket, his rocket blasted off of Mars. Jhon was relieved he had lived long enough to get off Mars. After they landed on Earth, Jhon and his crew

told their families what had happened while they were in space. The only thing Jhon's family had to say was that they were overjoyed that Jhon could live to tell the tale.