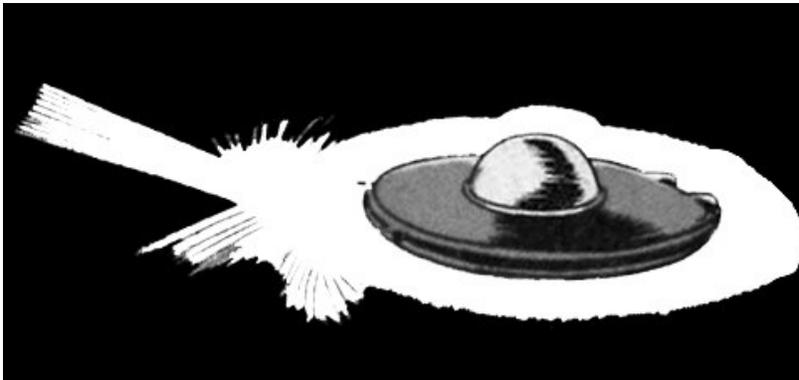


NEW SCIENCE POLICE DEFEAT "BRAINIAC" ALIEN ABOVE PARIS

Invading Alien and Spaceship Destroyed in Aerial Dogfight Above Famed City of Lights



Artist's conception of alien spacecraft resisting Science Police's force rays.

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— by Lois Lane.

A disaster of planetary proportions was averted this afternoon by the World Council of Nations' new Science Police, as the fledgling corps of world peacekeepers faced its first major challenge.

From the depths of outer space it came, a spacecraft looking much like the descriptions of "flying saucers" that have been reported worldwide the past decade.

The intruder was first sighted by this reporter, aboard the maiden flight of the U.S. rocket-ship "Columbus," early this morning. The disc-shaped ship began to fire strange rays at our spacecraft. We immediately swooped back into Earth's atmosphere, alerting the Science Police on their special waveband.

Only two minutes later, sky-cars had risen into the skies. They ordered the intruder from space to surrender. Instead, a visual and audio reply was broadcast from the saucer. A strange human-looking creature with green skin and a bald head criss-crossed with wires said in a distorted machine-sounding voice, "Surrender to me, puny insects! Brainiac requires more trophies for his world!"

When lasers fired from the S.P. sky-cars failed to penetrate the "ultra-force barrier" surrounding Brainiac's ship, Science Police Commander Hal Jordan fired a new, experimental particle-beam weapon at the enemy. This desperate action succeeded in breaching the alien's defenses, totally destroying his spaceship.

When asked to comment on this, Earth's first confrontation with an invader from space, Commander Jordan said, "All in a day's work, Ma'am. Wasn't scared a bit."

Lady Lara, when reached for comment, released this statement: "So shall perish all enemies of Earth's new order. Never again need a planet suffer because its scientists refused to take action."

Sir Kal chose instead to speculate on the alien's origins. "We don't know where he came from, or what he meant by the term 'trophy.' Perhaps aboard his ship were wonders of technology or treasures from other worlds. Now we'll never know."

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