

# Veni, Vidi, Vici



“Veni, Vidi, Vici” – I came, I saw, I conquered – is a phrase attributed to Roman Emperor Julius “Salad” Caesar, but it could just as easily have been the rallying cry for an invading army of querulous Martians in 1949, save for two things: (1) The Martians’ protective goggles, which filtered out the Earth’s harmful W-rays, inadvertently filtered out everything else, rendering the invaders sightless; and (2) unable to see, the Martians couldn’t conquer anything. In fact, alienologist Erno Dinklaker single-handedly rounded up the rascally invaders, stripped them of their armor and armament, and subjected them to years of embarrassing experiments. They were eventually released in return for writing an explicit “How To Build A Spaceship” manual that, because it infringed on the State Secrets Privilege, never saw the light of day.