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**THE SMALL WORLD
OF LEWIS STILLMAN**



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EEYAAUGH!



THUD



BANK



UUNGH!



CRASH!

AAAUGH!

SNAP



OH MY GOD! YOU'RE NOT ONE OF THEM. WHY DID YOU JUMP ME? I MIGHT HAVE KILLED YOU.

STAY AWAY FROM ME!



I SWEAR I WON'T HARM YOU!

HERE ... IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME, TAKE THIS!



WHO ARE YOU? HOW DID YOU ESCAPE?

I'M LEWIS STILLMAN— AND I —



WHAT?

SSHI



THEY'VE HEARD US! ... QUICK, THE REAR DOOR!



K-KRASH
BOMP



COME WITH ME.
YOU'LL BE SAFE.
I HAVE FOOD.

YOU LIVE IN
THE SEWER?



IT'S NOT BAD.
YOU'LL SEE.



WERE YOU
MARRIED?

SEPARATED... WHEN I
LEFT MY TEACHING JOB
IN NEW YORK SHE STAYED
THERE. I CAME TO L. A.
ALONE.



TO TEACH?

NO, I HAD ENOUGH OF
TRYING TO RAM SOME SENSE
INTO TWELVE YEAR OLDS
WHO HATED SCHOOL.

I GOT INTO CONSTRUCTION...
WORKED ON A NEW DRAIN
SYSTEM... THAT'S WHY
I SURVIVED.



I WAS DOWN HERE IN THE
L-TEN SECTION WHEN THE
ALIEN SHIPS ATTACKED.

WHAT ABOUT YOU?
I DON'T EVEN KNOW
YOUR NAME!

KATHY ANDARS. MY
FATHER WAS A GEOLOGY
PROFESSOR AT BERKELEY.
I WAS GATHERING ROCK
SAMPLES IN A CAVE...
WHEN ...



BEING UNDERGROUND ...
THE WAY YOU WERE...
I GUESS THAT
SAVED ME.

DADDY AND ALL
THE OTHERS ...

THEY DIED.

I'M SORRY.



I- I WANT TO TRUST YOU, LEWIS ... BUT... THE OTHER MEN WERE LIKE ANIMALS!

YOU CAN TRUST ME. I'M JUST... GRATEFUL HAVING YOU HERE.

I'D NEVER HURT YOU.



YAAAAAARRRR

GOD! WHAT WAS THAT?

THEY'VE KILLED SOMETHING... CAT OR DOG, PROBABLY.

DAMN THEM!



WHY DID THIS HAPPEN? ... WHY WOULD CREATURES FROM ANOTHER SOLAR SYSTEM WANT TO DESTROY US? ... EARTH WAS NO THREAT TO THEM.

WE REACHED THE MOON. MAYBE THEY FIGURED WE'D REACH THE STARS SOMEDAY, SO THEY CAME TO MAKE SURE WE'D NEVER GET THERE...

-A KIND OF PREVENTIVE WARFARE.



THERE'S ... A THING I'VE BEEN PLANNING, BUT I KNEW I COULDN'T DO IT ALONE...

NOW THAT I'VE MET YOU, I THINK WE CAN WORK IT OUT, TOGETHER.



TOGETHER... THAT'S A WORD I LIKE... AFTER FIVE YEARS ALONE... I LIKE THAT WORD VERY MUCH...

"THERE'S AN OLD HILLTOP HOUSE ON MULHOLLAND... WITH AN ATTIC FULL OF BOOKS. TWO OF *THEM* HAVE BEEN GOING THERE EVERY DAY... TO THE BOOKS. THEY'RE GENUINELY CURIOUS, LEWIS... ABOUT OUR WORLD... THE WAY IT USED TO BE."

"THESE BOOKS CAN BE A BRIDGE TO THEM... THE TWO OF THEM... TO TEACH THEM, HUMANIZE THEM! WE'D HAVE TO CARRY THEM OFF, AWAY FROM THE OTHERS... HEAD UP INTO THE HILLS ALONG THE COAST."

"THESE TWO ARE DIFFERENT."



"YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS!... THEY'D RIP US APART!"

"DIFFERENT, HELLI... THEY'RE ALL KILLERS... MONSTERS!"

"LOOK... YOU DIDN'T CHOOSE ME, AND I DIDN'T CHOOSE YOU. WE WERE BROUGHT TOGETHER FOR A PURPOSE, TO DO THIS."

"JUST HOW LONG CAN YOU GO ON LIVING LIKE AN ANIMAL IN A HOLE?... CRINGING AT EVERY SOUND, EVERY SHADOW,... LIVING IN DARKNESS,... AFRAID TO WALK IN THE SUN."

"WE CAN DO IT LEWIS! OTHERS CAN BE CHANGED TOO. SOMEDAY WE MAY EVEN BE ABLE TO LIVE AMONG THEM."

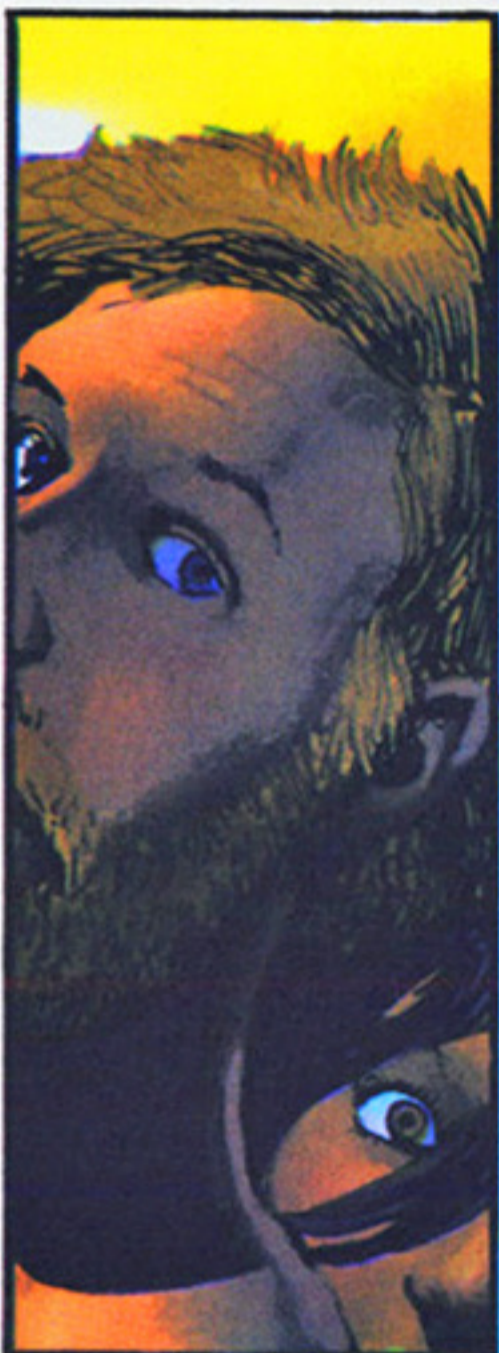
I WON'T BE PART OF SUCH A LIFE!"



"YOU'RE RIGHT... I HAVE BEEN EXISTING WITHOUT PRIDE."

"WHEN THEY REALIZE THAT WE POSE NO THREAT TO THEM."







WE CAN'T USE CHLOROFORM ON THEM!



DON'T BE AFRAID... WE'RE FRIENDS.

WE'RE HERE TO HELP YOU.



MAMA... MAMA... MUMMY!

HE'S SO SWEET.



WILL YOU COME WITH US? WE WANT TO TEACH YOU AND BE YOUR FRIENDS.

LIKE... DADDY AN MAMA?

YOU CAN EACH TAKE YOUR FAVORITE BOOK ALONG.



SPACE PEOPLE... DEY CUM DOWN FUM SKY... DEY KILL... MUMMY... MY DADDY!

THEY KILLED ALL THE ADULTS AND ALL THE OLDER CHILDREN, EVERYONE ABOVE THE AGE OF FIVE... THEIR PLAN WAS TO KEEP US FROM EVER GOING INTO SPACE... TO TURN EARTH SAVAGE!



IT'S WORKING, LEWISI! WE CAN CHANGE THINGS... HELP MORE OF THEM, SO THEY'LL HELP OTHERS.



PURTY BOOK, EH?

POKEY, THINK FASI!



SNAP



THOK!

HA, HA, HAI POKEY KILL BOOKI



WE WATCH YOU WATCH US!

NOW, LISTEN, BOTH OF YOU. WE WON'T PUT UP WITH—



AAIIIEEE!!

WE KNOW YOU CUM SOON... SILLY TEACHER!



NO GUN NOW! ... NO TUNNELS TO HIDE IN... NO PLACE TO RUN!

