



• In the desert Mr. Bethuram met the lady from outer space. He decided he should tell his wife . . . now they're divorced.

3138 Woman of his dreams

Visitors from interplanetary space are every day affairs for Mr. Truman Bethuram.

Last night he told the UFO Investigation Centre of his 11 encounters with the lady captain of a flying saucer from a planet called Clarion.

UFO? To the uninitiated it means unidentified flying object, spacecraft, or just plain FLYING SAUCER.

Mr. Truman Bethuram? Mr. Bethuram is a journeyman engineer and his home is in the States.

Queer desert lady

UFOIC, at Esperanto Hall, Milsons Point, last night heard a tape-recording of a telecast he did for the National Broadcasting Corporation.

Mr. Bethuram staggered the commentator for the NBC by describing how he had actually been on board a flying saucer.

What happened, he said, was this:

Looking for shells for his wife one day in the Arizona desert he fell



Mr. Bethuram meets Lady Aurora.

asleep. He woke to find two strange characters addressing him in an even stranger tongue.

When he looked blank they switched to perfect English and added that language had no barriers to them at all.

Saucer hovered

He looked apprehensively over his shoulder and saw a huge flying saucer, gently hovering a few feet from the ground.

"Can I speak to the captain?" he inquired.

"Certainly," they said.

As they approached, the saucer, seemingly of its own volition, lowered and tilted, and in they went downhill as into a theatre.

There he met the captain. But no ordinary captain. It was a lovely woman who stood up and smiled.

"I tried to speak," he said, "but couldn't. She smiled again, 'Speak up, friend.'"

"I thought it was a gag," Mr. Bethuram said.

"I asked, 'Are you a Russian or something?'"

"No," she replied, "we travel interplanetary."

"Impossible," he said.

"You'll find everything I say is true," rejoined Lady Aurora, for that it turned out, was her name.

1000 yrs. old

It also turned out that she had a couple of children and a couple of grandchildren and was 1000 years old.

"She was about 4ft 6in high and just like we are, with an olive complexion—something like a young Italian girl."

She came, she said, from the planet Clarion, which is not visible from the earth, just as the earth is not visible from Clarion.

The people on earth, she added with another smile, were the lowest and newest form of humanity.



The other "man"

Her age up in the air

Mr. Bethuram told how he had had nine or 10 other encounters with the Lady Aurora.

The tape recording ended there and the meeting, Dr. P. Clifford, chairman of the UFOIC called for comments and questions.

Mrs. A. Short read a letter addressed to her husband from Mr. Truman Bethuram in which

he described how Lady Aurora had twice since visited him in his room and told him there never could be a nuclear or a thermo-nuclear war on earth if intelligence prevailed.

She advised him to buy a block of land and set up a "country of thought" where people, without distinction of class, caste or creed could meet and discuss all things amicably.

Mr. Bethuram explained in his letter that he had acquired a block of 60 to 70 acres in Prescott National Forest —

BUT WAS SHORT OF FUNDS.

Mr. Short moved and it was seconded and passed that the members of the UFOIC should send donations to Bethuram for his Arcadia.

Mr. Bethuram's letters to Mr. Short told how his friends had chaffed him about seeing flying saucers, and he had tried hard to keep the whole thing to himself.

It took him quite a while to make up his mind to tell his wife that the lass he was meeting in the desert was from interstellar space, and that in any case, she was 1000 years old.

Mr. and Mrs. Bethuram are now divorced.

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