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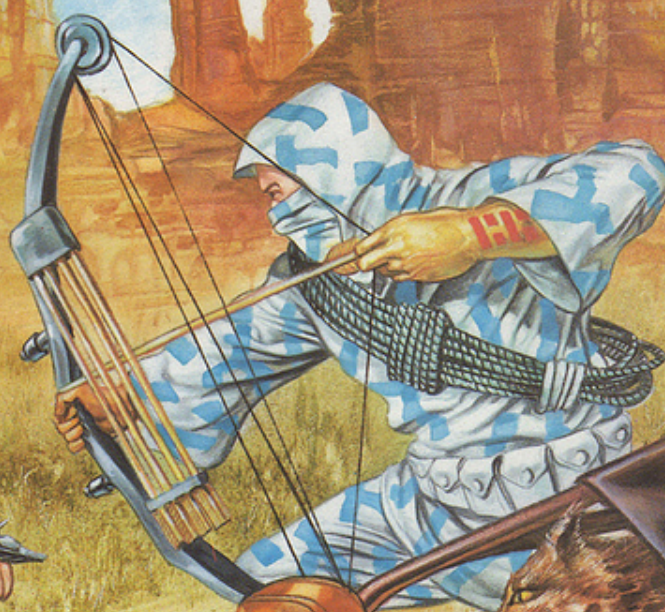
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An Interview with an Alien

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e's America's most popular alien since E.T. went home. He doesn't wear rainbow suspenders like Mork and doesn't have pointed ears like Mr. Spock, but he does have orange fur, a big nose and a weird sense of humor. He's ALF!

After crash-landing his spacecraft in the garage of an Earth family named Tanner, Alf (short for **Alien Life Form**) found fame with his own TV show on NBC. His home planet, Melmac, was apparently destroyed in a freak boating accident. So Alf has made Earth his new home. His many adventures include meeting with the old gang from "Gilligan's Island," who were sort of castaways themselves. Alf has also called the White House, messed up the television ratings system and run for President (in a dream).

Alf brings many strange habits to Earth, not the strangest of which are his eating habits. His favorite

food, if he could catch it, is the Tanner's cat. In fact, any cat is Alf's favorite meal.

G.I. Joe Magazine talked to Alf at his spacious garage apartment in the Tanner home, not far from the wreckage of his spacecraft. Wild-looking electronic equipment was scattered all over the place, popping, buzzing and sparking.

G.I. Joe Magazine: Hi, Alf! Is it safe to sit down?

Alf: Sure, just let me turn off my electro-magnetometer. I'm trying to pick up HBO.

G.I. Joe Magazine: What was the hardest part about your sudden move to Earth?

Alf: Gathering my teeth after my ship crashed. I've seen better landings on a set of stairs.

G.I. Joe Magazine: What do you miss most about your home on Melmac?

Alf: The food, especially a dish called Kitten Gumbo from a restaurant, Chez Melmac. I tell ya, I'm getting hungry just thinking about it. Here on Earth, the best meal I can find is fast-food fish filets. They taste kind of like Calico cat. I also love Cheese Doodles.

G.I. Joe Magazine: What was the most interesting thing that happened on your flight here?

Alf: I'd had sixteen Martian Colas for lunch and I was six billion miles from the nearest gas station restroom. That got interesting real fast!

G.I. Joe Magazine: How do you compare yourself to other aliens we've met, like Mr. Spock and Mork?

Alf: There's just no comparison to the real thing.

G.I. Joe Magazine: Do you object to being called "alien"?

Alf: No problem! How do you think I describe you guys to my friends?



ALF Facts

- **Real Name:** Gordon Shumway
- **Birthplace:** Lower East Side of Melmac.
- **If I Could Do Anything Over:** I'd put Earth where Pluto is . . . it's awfully warm down here.
- **If I Could Change One Thing About Myself:** I'd be a blond.
- **Worst Job:** I spent one summer as an apprentice lint brush.
- **If I Had More Time:** I'd wear two watches. More time, get it?
- **I'd Want To Teach My Child:** Safe boating techniques.
- **People Who Knew Me When I Was Young:** Thought I was Rodney Dangerfield's son.
- **The Craziest Thing I've Done:** Dropped egg bombs on the planet Zarsus. The bird people there have no sense of humor.
- **Nobody Would Believe It If:** They saw me shed.
- **Favorite Saying:** No problem!

ALF

G.I. Joe Magazine: What made you choose Earth over all the planets in the universe?

Alf: What do you think I am, a galactic ambassador? I crash-landed here. If I'd had my choice, I'd have gone to Clyde's Planet. Now, that's a fun planet! Party, party all the time!

G.I. Joe Magazine: You have really interesting hair. How do you take care of it?

Alf: Thanks. You know, you don't have *enough* hair. Humans, I tell ya. Really, though, Carpet Fresh of Beverly Hills does my hair. And when no one's looking, I give myself the once-over with a Dustbuster.

G.I. Joe Magazine: What are you most afraid of?

Alf: Escalators. Don't ask. Also bubble gum. If I pop a big bubble, that darned gum stays in my hair for weeks.

G.I. Joe Magazine: Who are your heroes here on Earth?

Alf: Well, I've got a big crush on Lassie, but don't tell her. I also loved Eddie Haskell on "Leave It to Beaver." What a great sense of humor!

G.I. Joe Magazine: What about the kids you live with, Lynn and Brian Tanner?

Alf: Brian's great! He's my TV-watching buddy. He's about the only human I've met who likes Cheese Doodles as much as me. And Lynn's beautiful! I wish I'd



(Above) America's favorite alien meets America's most famous castaways: the Skipper (left) and Gilligan. Reruns of their show, Gilligan's Island, are Alf's favorite. (Below) A long way from home, the Alfer blows a mean and mournful sax.

met her when she was a little older . . . like 117! HA! (Editor's note: Alf is over 230 years old. It's a wonder his fur isn't grey.)

G.I. Joe Magazine: How do you keep in shape here on Earth?

Alf: Well, it's tough in your weird gravity. On Melmac, Arnold Schwarzenegger would be a lightweight. Ha, Ha! Seriously, I only eat food I can lift.

G.I. Joe Magazine: What are you better at than just about anyone?

Alf: Just about everything, especially chasing cats. Watch out, there's one now! Look out!

G.I. Joe Magazine: Alf! Watch out for that electr—KZZAPPP!

Alf: Oh, boy! Fried cat!

