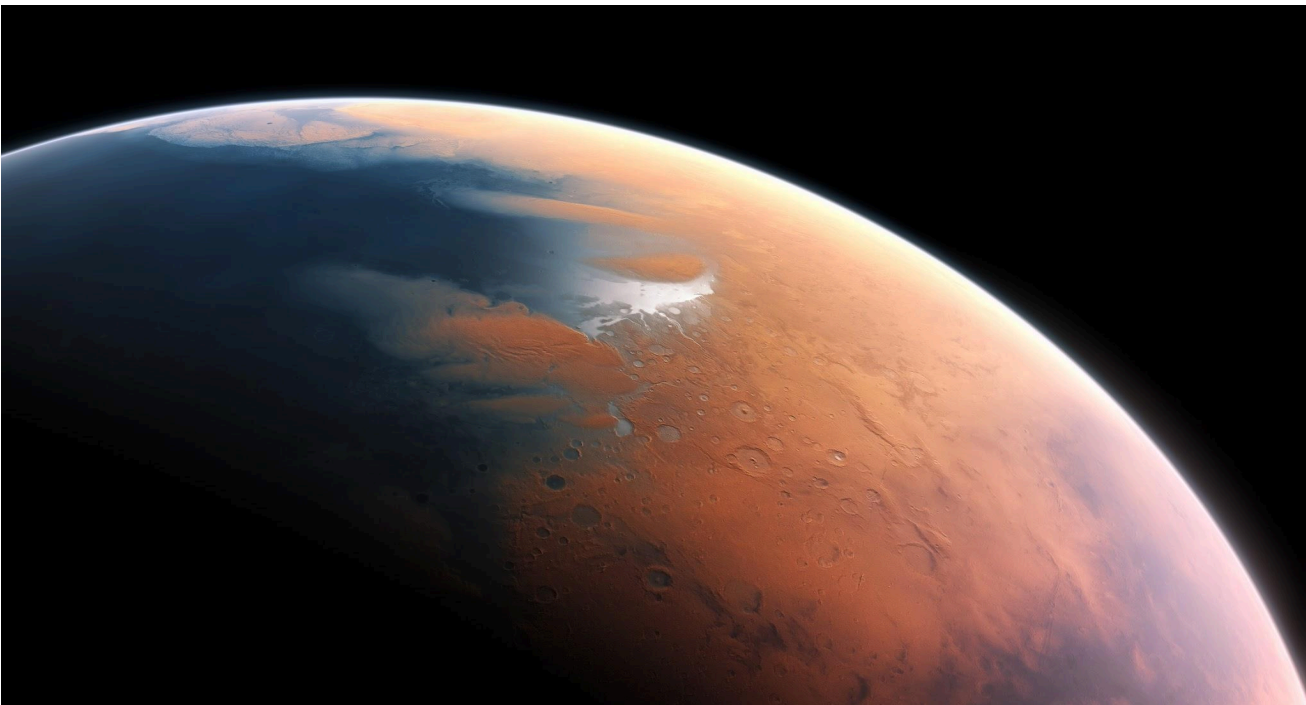


# Journey to Mars

By Barry Komsky



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## Introduction by Bruce Callow

Embark on a thrilling journey to Mars with Barry Komsky's imaginatively epic tale that takes you beyond the limits of our current space technology. In *Journey to Mars*, we follow the adventures of the Marz 2.1 spaceship and its crew as they encounter unexpected challenges and strive to overcome the odds to achieve their mission; the first human landing on Mars.

From a crash landing on the Martian moon Deimos to the discovery of ancient fossils, this exciting story weaves together elements of science fiction, humor, and suspense. Join Commander Pilot Roberto Spanio, 1st Officer Mamo Juliana, Chief Engineer Babo Komskia and the rest of the crew as they face the unknown, unravel secrets, and ultimately navigate their way back to Earth. Get ready for a cosmic escapade filled with bravery, human error and a touch of the unexpected in *Journey to Mars* by Barry Komsky.

## Chapter 1: The Crew

Hello readers, I will be telling you a story about a mission to Mars. This is make believe, it is not real. So here we go. There was a spaceship called Marz 2.0 that was on its way to Mars and it crashed into Earth's moon because the people who built it were lunatics. But then NASA built a spaceship called Marz 2.1 and the crew was made up of the following people: Roberto Spanio, Commander Pilot from Barcelona Spain.

His favorite movie is Robots. Mamo Juliana, 1st Officer/ Geologist from Moscow, Russia. Her favorite books are the Harry Potter series. Babo Komskia , Chief Engineer from Rome, Italy. He likes all types of art including painting. Perry Berry, Botanist/ Food Manager from Beijing, China. His favorite food is spicy noodles and finally Bob Crowly, the Science/Medical Officer from Tokyo Japan who likes building mechanical devices.

## Chapter 2: Training For The Big Mission!

The astronauts needed to go through very tough training but managed to succeed. They trained for three years at NASA's Johnson Space Center. There were 1,098,972 candidates who had applied to go on the mission. But only 5 could go. NASA was looking for brave, strong and emotionally stable candidates. Bob Crowley had a little trouble in training but still managed to be among the best five. They had to prepare themselves for the diet of frozen food that they would eat on the journey to Mars and on the planet too. Further into training they had a nagging feeling but the feeling was fine. The spaceship was built perfectly except for one minor mistake which was neglected.

## Chapter 3: The Flight Begins

The astronauts put on their space suits but they decided they did not want to go on the mission. But the engineers assured the crew that the spaceship was fine and then reminded them that the mission would **ONLY** be four years. And then the astronauts boarded the spaceship and sat down in their seats.



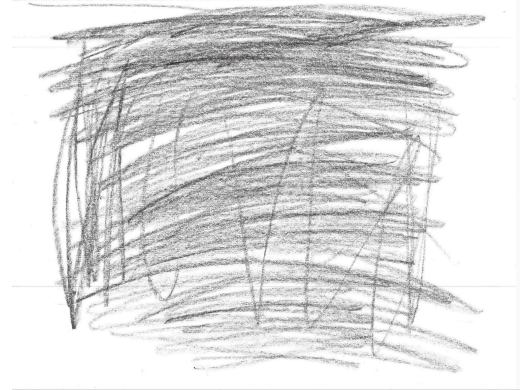
After that, the mission controllers began the countdown and the spaceship launched into the sky and at that moment some expected stuff happened. But also at that moment there was a weird sound and something *unexpected* happened. **OH NO!**

Everything worked fine during the first seven months of the flight but on the last day of the seventh month the communications system broke down. All the astronauts and mission controllers failed to fix the communication

problem but they eventually figured out what the weird sound they had heard at the launch was...

## Chapter 4: Unexpected News

It turned out that one of the engines had gotten badly burnt during launch which created a big problem for the mission because it damaged the navigation system. This problem would cause them to crash land on the moon Deimos which wasn't going to be fun. The crew was eating a lunch of frozen pizza and ice cream when they realized that the crash was going to happen, which was three days in advance. The crew felt terrified about this news because their spaceship did not have any safety measures for this type of landing.



## Chapter 5: The Crash Landing



The crew did the best they could to prepare for the crash landing on Deimos but there was not much they could do. They knew that they would be 3,270 times lighter on Deimos than on Earth. They didn't like that idea too much because they wanted to focus on fixing the ship. But because there is little gravity on Deimos it might decrease the damage during the crash landing. The ship approached Deimos and suddenly they felt an insanely loud BANG which meant that they had landed. The crash

landing was worse than they had thought because half of the ship broke off. The ship got broken into two pieces because it landed on a huge jagged stone.

Fortunately no one died or was injured in the crash because the crew control room was located in the part of the ship that was not damaged.

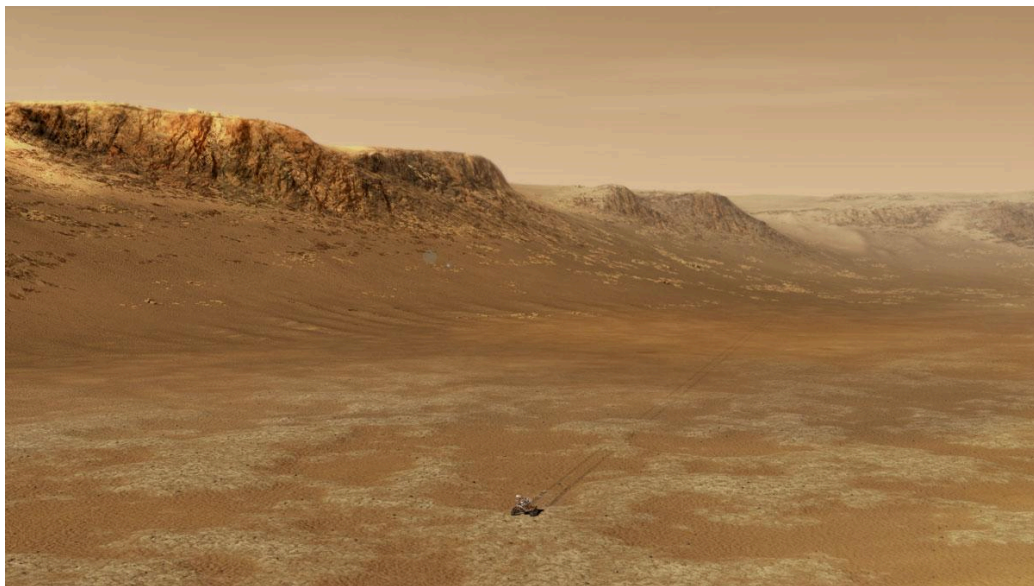


## Chapter 6: Fixing the Ship

The crew inspected the ship and they found that the damage was not as terrible or permanent as they had thought so they tried to fix the ship and got through a lot but did not succeed fully. They were able to take apart the ship and use the broken pieces like the engines and they repaired the ship. The crew did some studies on Deimos by walking around and doing diggings and they collected some Deimos rocks to take back to Earth for further study in a NASA laboratory. Then it was time to voyage to Mars!

## Chapter 7: Landing on Mars

The landing on Mars was very successful and the weak gravity of Deimos allowed them to use minimum fuel to launch the ship towards Mars. As soon as they landed they ate a tasty lunch of frozen ice cream and parfait to celebrate their arrival. What happened in the next few minutes was lost to history because the radio signal with NASA went dead. You are very lucky to be listening to this story because only I know that they crash landed on Deimos, everyone else thought they landed safely on Mars.



## Chapter 8: The Unexpected Boom!

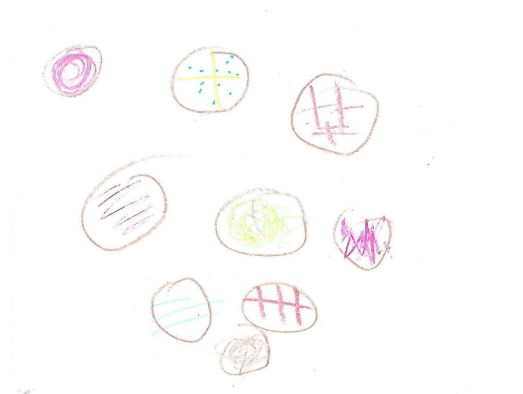
Boom,boom,boom,bang! At that moment an insanely strong marsquake shook the ground ten miles from where the astronauts were having their lunch. NASA had given the crew specific instructions on what to do in this type of situation. The crew ran to the nearest rover. The rover opened up and they climbed in and the rover's doors closed. The inside of the rover was very shock absorbent so when the marsquakes got closer, they were able to survive. After five long hours the marsquake was over, the rover opened up again and the crew got out and had non frozen steak and non frozen broccoli for dinner. Fortunately there had been no damage to any of their equipment.

## Chapter 9: The Search

They began their search for evidence of life on Mars. The crew found no trace of evidence of live animals but they did find fossils everywhere. (You could become a billionaire if you went to Mars and brought back fossils to sell).

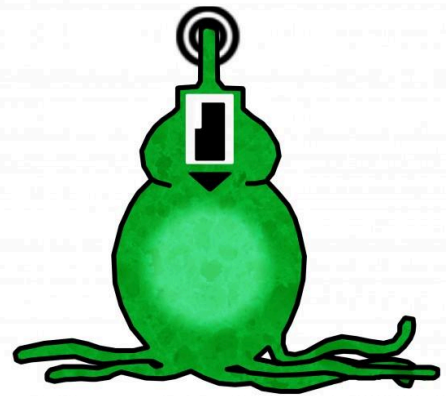
The fossils were much like ones on earth from the Jurassic period. They gathered some fossils into a huge bubble wrap briefcase to take back to Earth.

The crew was excited about the discovery of the fossils which was a huge accomplishment for science.



## Chapter 10: The Journey Home

The crew got into the ship and flew back to Earth. On the way they saw a big space monster and the space monster said, "To get past me you have to give me food!" (The space monster spoke improper English but it could be understood). The crew was very surprised that the space monster could speak English. "Well, you can't judge a book by its cover," commented Perry Berry.



The crew did not want to give the space monster food but did so anyway. They gave it 2000 frozen steaks and then they flew all the way to Earth and landed in the Atlantic ocean near Florida. On their spaceship they had an inflatable boat and they safely sailed to Florida. The crew didn't know how they felt about being back home because the long mission had made them feel a little bit confused.

The mission had caused each astronaut to grow up to four inches. Ten medical doctors ( two for each astronaut) carefully checked their health and did not find any more problems whatsoever.

Everyone on Earth thought the crew had done a good job!!!!

***The End***