

# Mars – The Return

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**The Premise**

A joint NASA/S.T.A.R. labs expedition has uncovered the charred genetic remains of several thousand Martians scattered under the shifting sands of Mars. Using a newly developed cloning procedure, S.T.A.R. labs succeeds in restoring thousands of the once extinct green Martian race. J'onn J'onzz is no longer alone.

At first guided by the Martian Manhunter to build a life on Earth, the Martians, under naturally emerging leader T'orr T'orrez, convince J'onn to help them rebuild their home world. The Martians return to Mars.

They slowly build a new world on the remains of the old. Selecting new outward appearances, depending on their vocation, they form a new government and defense force. And they select J'onn as their first ambassador to Earth, the spokesman for Mars affairs, convincing him to adopt a new appearance as well. Peace seems to have settled on the new race.



*New Martian Manhunter  
concept by Jamie Snell*

Little do they know someone else has managed to get their hands on other Martian remains, to clone and brainwash hundreds of Green Martians into believing they are “white” Martians, the enemies of the Greens. These brainwashed Martians assume the form of white Martians and attack the fledgling colony.

J'onn and the Green Martians enlist the Justice League to help in their fight for their home world. J'onn and his allies are losing. On their backs, the supposed “white” Martian leader, changes shape to reveal she is actually J'onn's former wife.

Almost on the brink of defeat, J'onn fights a last ditch attempt to save his people but things grow even more chaotic when it's revealed Fernus is back.

He brainwashed the “white” Martian army, creating chaos and seeking to set off an inferno on Mars to burn and breed himself (as last seen in *JLA* “Trial by Fire”). J'onn shares a piece of himself telepathically with his former wife, turning her to his side. She fights and then sacrifices herself to stop Fernus.

The battle won, J'onn can no longer remain on Mars, whose red sands only remind him of losing his wife again. He returns to his adopted home of Earth to mourn, leaving Mars in the capable hands of T'orr T'orrez. Although his people are back, J'onn is truly alone again.

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The returns – each issue focuses on the return of something from J’onn Jonzz’s past

## Issue 1 – return of the Green Martians

Cloned at S.T.A.R. Labs, approximately 1000 Green Martians are resurrected from genetic remains found buried under the Martian surface

## Issue 2 – return to Mars

The Martians decide that rather than make a new home on Earth, they will attempt to rebuild their Martian home world

## Issue 3 – return of the “white” Martians

Someone else gets their hands on Martian DNA and clones a small army of Green Martians, brainwashing them into believing they are white Martians, who then subsequently transform into the white Martians’ shape and color. They are brainwashed into thinking they hate the Green Martians, and they’re led by a ruthless “white” Martian leader



*New Green Martian defense warrior  
concept by Jamie Snell*

## Issue 4 – return of J’onn’s wife

The “white Martians” seek to take out the newly established colony on Mars. J’onn J’onzz, a Green Martian militia, and the JLA fight the “white” Martians, only to find out they are brainwashed green Martians led by J’onn’s former wife

## Issue 5 – return of Fernus

The “someone else” who resurrected the other Martians and brainwashed them is Fernus (returned from *JLA* “Trial by Fire”)

## Issue 6 – J’onn’s return to Earth

J’onn breaks his wife’s brainwashing, and she sacrifices herself to defeat Fernus. In torment, he leaves behind the new Martian colony and returns to Earth, tortured over his wife dying again