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Thuvia, Maid Of Mars (Martian)



Synopsis

The winds of Edgar Rice Burroughs Mars blow across a world where danger, daring, and adventure are the lifeblood of its untamed inhabitants. Here are magnificent cities glistening with barbaric splendor and peopled by the noble red men of Mars savage, rampaging hordes of giant, multilimbed green men who roam the Martian plains fierce beasts of prey whose hideous cries are the dreadful chorus of the red planet's night. In Thuvia, Maid of Mars, Carthoris, son of the legendary John Carter, is accused of abducting the beautiful Princess Thuvia. To clear his name and to rescue the woman he loves, he must battle hosts of diabolical foes. Yet all seems lost when they fall into the hands of Tario, made ruler of Lothar, for he proposes to sacrifice them to his savage, beast-like god.

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“Thuvia, Maid of Mars” is the fourth book in Edgar Rice Burroughs’ groundbreaking Barsoom series. It was originally published in 1916 in *All-Story Weekly* and then as a novel in 1920. Like the first three novels in the series, “Thuvia, Maid of Mars” is a swashbuckling tale of derring-do and adventure, taking place on the dying planet Mars. It differs from the first three tales in that, instead of following the adventures of John Carter, it follows the adventures of his son, Carthoris, who, like his father, spends his time attempting to rescue a princess in danger, Thuvia, who first appeared in “The Gods of Mars.” This novel involves palace intrigue with nobles from

three nations attempting to secure the hand of Thuvia, Princess of Ptarth. It involves not just palace intrigue, but a mighty battle where the navies of the great powers of Mars (or Barsoom as the natives call it) face each other in something like when the English faced off against the great Spanish Armada. This novel also involves some science fiction aspects (apart from taking place on another planet) in that an ancient race that somehow survived the drying up of Mars's mighty oceans can create things and people and warriors with just their thoughts. This is a theme that was explored at length in many other science fiction novels and even in Star Trek episodes. Burroughs spends much time in this novel not just writing about Carthoris's adventures, but also exploring the philosophical ends of such things as mental creation and what is real and what is fantasy. Can these ancient people survive on just imaginary food? Can imaginary arrows kill Green Martians? Are the bowmen brought into existence to defend the city any less real flesh and blood than the men who bring them into existence?

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