

TEXT OF THE FRAGMENT OF RADIO DRAMA "WAR OF THE WORLDS"

You are driving a car and listening to a radio. Suddenly, you hear announcer's voice

Announcer: We have just been informed that a professor of astronomy of the Observatory at Princeton reports observing several very strange explosions on the planet Mars. A strangely enormous celestial body is moving towards the earth. It is reported that at 8:50 P. M. a huge meteorite fell in the neighborhood of Grovers Mill (twenty-two miles from Princeton).

Reporter: This is a huge crater. There are a lot of casualties here. The policemen are pushing the curious crowd back. Here's the owner of the farm in whose backyard the meteorite dropped.

Farm Owner: A meteorite fell on my field! Neighbours are dead, livestock was killed, the harvest was destroyed.

Reporter: Wait a moment! This is not a meteorite. It is an enormous metal cylinder and its massive top is slowly coming off. Strange creatures appeared under the top and they are carrying an unknown device from the cylinder. God! This is a weapon! They project a beam and destroy everything around them - burning it to cinders.

Announcer: Hello! Do you hear me? Hello! It was reported that the Government dispatched a regular army near Grovers Mill to surround the land where the Martian cylinder fell. Commander of the unit demanded to clear the land where the combat against the Martians might begin. The Secretary of the Interior calls for tranquility. "Army and Police have everything under control", -he says.

Reporter: The Martians used their weapon and burned down the army and the village. The houses are burning. There a lot of casualties. People are running for a hiding...

Voice: Hey, is anybody here? Is...

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