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Matthew Boulton, James, Watt, Josiah Wedgwood, Erasmus Darwin, and Joseph Priestly, whose ideas and experiments launched the Industrial Revolution. 15,000 first printing.

The Original Sin is a Jewish Invention - Helena Petrovna Blavatsky 2017-07-01

First, the Atlantean Darkness had driven away the Kings of Light. Then, the Semites debauched the Holy of Holies. Every birth is an ever-recurring miracle, evidence that within the workshop of the womb an intelligent creative power has intervened to fasten a living soul to a physical machine. The metaphor of the Holy of Holies in sacred constructions was taken from the idea of the sacredness of the organs of generation, and carried to the extreme by the Churches. Vedic woman was as free as man, for no impure terrestrial thought was ever mixed with the religious symbology of the early Aryans. The seclusion of women in penitentialia began with the Mohammedans, the next heirs to Hebrew

symbolism after Christian ecclesiasticism. Aryan and Semitic religious systems of thought are two opposing poles: sincerity and spirituality versus concealment and animalism. Everything holy and precious has been so much defiled and desecrated, that the dark age we live in is now much darker. A quick overview of the Semitic theological predicament. The real serpent of Genesis is “the Lord God” himself, not the membrum virile. The serpent has always been an emblem of Wisdom and Eternity, the dual Androgyne or Agathodaimon, Light + Shadow coiled within a Grand Cycle, and manifesting as the opposing forces of Good and Evil — eternally reacting upon each other. Esoterically, serpent is Logos, the bearer of Divine Creative Wisdom that taught men to become creators in their turn. No sin could be attributed to the alleged “disobedience” of Adam and Eve in the bower of Eden. The only disobedience that incurs harsh punishment is contempt of the laws of spiritual life.

Estrangement from the love of god and our neighbour will bring about spiritual death for personal immortality is conditional. There is no sin worse than suppression of Truth, and ingratitude to the ancient teachers of Occult Science. When the Kalki-Avatar appears men will be born again without sin, as the early Third Race Lemurians were. Our Saviours preferred free will to passive slavery, intellectual self-conscious pain and even torture to inane, imbecile, instinctual beatitude. But while saving man from mental darkness, they inflicted upon him the torment and tortures of unmastered self-consciousness, the outcome of his free will, besides every ill to which man and flesh are heir to. The key to understanding the "original sin," and the redemption from sin, is the Promethean Sacrifice. Thus the boon of Prometheus became a curse, though foreknown and foreseen by the Divine Host (the Dhyani-Chohans of the Secret Doctrine) personified in that personage, as his name

well shows. It is in this Promethean act that rests the cause of the "sin" and its redemption. The real sin is man's passions and proclivities that chain his higher aspirations to the rock of matter, and bring forth the vulture of sorrow and pain that eats his insides. It is biblical allegories, such as the "fall," "atonement," and "crucifixion," that led Western Humanity through roads knee-deep in blood. These allegories led people to believe in the dogma of an evil spirit distinct from the spirit of all-good, whereas the former lives in all-matter and pre-eminently in man. To cap it all, the Churches invented the God-slandering dogmas of hell and eternal perdition. By debasing number 7, the Jews made their religion rest solely on physiological symbols, thus deifying sexual Theogony and adoring the phallus. They were a remarkably matter-of-fact, unspiritual people at all times. They debauched the pure ideal of a wholly immaterial creation into an emblem of human

reproduction and sexuality. The Hebrew Scriptures had been tampered with and remodelled, had been lost and rewritten a dozen times before the days of Ezra, who reconstructed the old lost Jewish Books to suit his own ambitions. From Genesis to the last word of Deuteronomy, the Pentateuch is the symbolical narrative of the sexes and an apotheosis of Phallicism under astronomical and physiological personations. The higher keys to the Archaic Wisdom-Religion that were once humanity's common property are now obfuscated. No key to the universal language-system can ever open the mysteries of creation in a work in which, whether through design or carelessness, nearly every sentence has been made to apply to the latest outcome of religious views — to Phallicism, and to nothing else. Plato's motto "God geometrizes" was accepted by both Aryans and Jews. But while the former applied their Science of Correspondences to veil the most spiritual and sublime truths of Nature, the

latter used their acumen to conceal only one of the mysteries of evolution (to them the most divine), namely, that of birth and generation, and then idealised the male organ. While composing their national allegories, the Jews never had more than three keys out of seven — the astronomical, the numerical and, above all, the purely anthropological or rather physiological key. This resulted in the most phallic religion of all, and this has now passed, part and parcel, into Christian theology. Religious anthropolatry stimulated the exercise of black, left-hand magic, and overshadowed the Archaic Wisdom Religion, that of the "Sons of God," the B'ne Elohim of old. This double sin led to the "Great War" and the "Great Flood" of Atlantis, and is the forerunner of worse calamities to come. Self-gratification and phallic-worship are the main causes of suffering in today's world. An old, simple symbol of the Holy of Holies was a white tent. In Egyptian and Hebrew temples, it evolved into a four-colour

curtain suspended from four pillars. Then the "Sanctuary" became the "Holy of Holies," and the arcanum anthropomorphised, phallicised, sullied with indecency, and polluted by gross matter. For the Pantheists, the chaste sarcophagus embraced the periodical reawakenings of Cosmos, Nature, and Man to new objective existences. But the Jews, whose realism was as practical and gross in the days of Moses as it is now, viewed it differently. Their King David danced "uncovered" before the Ark of the Covenant, anxious to appear vile for the sake of his "Lord." They even embellished the chaste Ark with two cherubs facing each other, and their wings spread in such a manner as to form a perfect yoni. Yet, in India, the Ark has always been symbolised by the golden cow; in Egypt, by the sarcophagus or female principle; and in Greece, by the crescent-form of the new Moon. The Holy Spirit is now surrounded by the unholy dancers of the "temple."

Ashtoreth-Astarte is a reflection of the Chaldean Nuah or Universal Mother, the female Noah. Then we have Belita or Tamtu (Chaldean for sea), the Mother of the City of Erech who became Eve, Mary (Latin for sea), the Virgin of the Latin Church standing on the crescent-moon and at times on the globe, to vary the program. Plenty of other variations of navis (Latin for ship, from Greek ναυς), the ship-like form of the crescent, which blends in itself all those common symbols of the ship of life, such as Noah's Ark, the Yoni of the Hindus, and the Ark of the Covenant (i.e., the Universal "Mother of Gods"), are now found in every Christian Church as the nave (ablative case of navis). The mystic word Alm that Mohammed prefixed to many chapters of the Koran alludes to the Immaculate Virgin of the Supreme Heavens. It is from the same root that comes the word Almeh, the Egyptian dancing-girls, "virgins" of the same type as the Nachnis of India, and the female Qedoshim of the

Jewish temples. Even IO, the pillar and circle, the first decimal number or Sun and Moon, was desecrated. Jehovah is the originator of measures, and of the British inch. He is merely a composite name for membrum virile and Eve, a hermaphrodite. Jehovah is in one sense Noah or, literally translated, inch! Jehovah and Moses is one more permutation. Still, the Holy of Holies is an international symbol. The worship of the “god in the ark” dates only from David; and for a thousand years Israel knew of no phallic Jehovah. Now the old Kabbalah, edited and re-edited, has become tainted with it. The passage through the “golden” cow in the same stooping position as the one shown in the gallery of the Pyramid of Cheops, identifies man with Jehovah in Hebrew esotericism. The difference lies in the spirit of interpretation. With the Hindus as with the ancient Egyptians, that Spirit was, and is, entirely metaphysical and psychological; with the Hebrews, realistic and

physiological. With the ancient Aryan, the stooping man at the entrance of the Sanctum Sanctorum symbolises the virtuous man in his trial of life (Chrēstos in humiliation), who is about to pass through the matrix of Mother Nature in order to regain his former spiritual status, that of pre-natal Christos, the Divine Man. With the Semite, the same stooping man stands for the fall of Spirit into matter, apotheosized by dragging Deity down to the level of animal man. The Semite interpretations emanated from, and were pre-eminently those, of a small tribe — thus marking its national features and the idiosyncratic defects that characterize many of the Jews to this day: gross realism, selfishness, and sensuality. An abyss separates Hinduism from Christian Judaism. The religion of the Hindu detaches him from earth; The religion of the Jew, being a wise prudential feeling grounded on mere calculation, attaches him to earth. Built solely on phallic worship, Judaism has become a religion

of hate and malice toward everyone and everything outside themselves. In Hinduism, the Holy of Holies is a universal abstraction, whose dramatis personæ are Infinite Spirit and Nature; in Christian Judaism, it is a personal God outside of Nature and the human womb, i.e., a phallic god and his image on earth, the man of flesh. Jehovah is simply a fancy and a perversion of the Holy Name. It is the Esoteric teachings and the Initiates of the Future, whose mission is, and will always be, to redeem and ennoble once more the primitive conception so sadly profaned by its crude and gross application to exoteric dogmas, and fanciful personations by theological and ecclesiastical religionists. The secret or esoteric worship of the Jews was the same Pantheism that the Vedantin philosophers are reproached with today; Jehovah was a substitute for purposes of an exoteric national faith, and had no importance or reality in the eyes of the erudite priests and philosophers. Jehovah can only

be regarded as the creator of our globe and its heaven, namely, the firmament. A grotesque verse from Exodus kabbalistically interpreted by J. Ralston Skinner. The Semites seem to have had no other or higher purpose in life than that of procreating their species. They had no aspirations towards the Ideal. The real Holy of Holies is a ray of Absolute Truth. It is our innermost and highest Spiritual Consciousness. We should not blaspheme against It by ascribing to It our finite conceptions.

Moon Lander - Thomas J. Kelly
2012-01-11

Chief engineer Thomas J. Kelly gives a firsthand account of designing, building, testing, and flying the Apollo lunar module. It was, he writes, "an aerospace engineer's dream job of the century." Kelly's account begins with the imaginative process of sketching solutions to a host of technical challenges with an emphasis on safety, reliability, and maintainability. He catalogs numerous test

failures, including propulsion-system leaks, ascent-engine instability, stress corrosion of the aluminum alloy parts, and battery problems, as well as their fixes under the ever-present constraints of budget and schedule. He also recaptures the exhilaration of hearing Apollo 11's Neil Armstrong report that "The Eagle has landed," and the pride of having inadvertently provided a vital "lifeboat" for the crew of the disabled Apollo 13.

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Across the Airless Wilds - Earl Swift 2021-07-06

"THRILLING. ... Up-end[s] the Apollo narrative entirely."
—The Times (London) A
"brilliantly observed"
(Newsweek) and "endlessly

fascinating" (WSJ) rediscovery of the final Apollo moon landings, revealing why these extraordinary yet overshadowed missions—distinguished by the use of the revolutionary lunar roving vehicle—deserve to be celebrated as the pinnacle of human adventure and exploration. One of The Wall Street Journal's 10 Best Books of the Month 8:36 P.M. EST, December 12, 1972: Apollo 17 astronauts Gene Cernan and Jack Schmitt braked to a stop alongside Nansen Crater, keenly aware that they were far, far from home. They had flown nearly a quarter-million miles to the man in the moon's left eye, landed at its edge, and then driven five miles in to this desolate, boulder-strewn landscape. As they gathered samples, they strode at the outermost edge of mankind's travels. This place, this moment, marked the extreme of exploration for a species born to wander. A few feet away sat the machine that made the achievement possible: an electric go-cart

that folded like a business letter, weighed less than eighty pounds in the moon's reduced gravity, and muscled its way up mountains, around craters, and over undulating plains on America's last three ventures to the lunar surface. In the decades since, the exploits of the astronauts on those final expeditions have dimmed in the shadow cast by the first moon landing. But Apollo 11 was but a prelude to what came later: while Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin trod a sliver of flat lunar desert smaller than a football field, Apollos 15, 16, and 17 each commanded a mountainous area the size of Manhattan. All told, their crews traveled fifty-six miles, and brought deep science and a far more swashbuckling style of exploration to the moon. And they triumphed for one very American reason: they drove. In this fast-moving history of the rover and the adventures it ignited, Earl Swift puts the reader alongside the men who dreamed of driving on the moon and designed and built

the vehicle, troubleshot its flaws, and drove it on the moon's surface. Finally shining a deserved spotlight on these overlooked characters and the missions they created, *Across the Airless Wilds* is a celebration of human genius, perseverance, and daring. *Who Built the Moon?* - Christopher Knight 2014-03-11 The authors of *Civilization One* return, bringing new evidence about the Moon that will shake up our world. Christopher Knight and Alan Butler realized that the ancient system of geometry they presented in their earlier, breakthrough study works as perfectly for the Moon as it does the Earth. On further investigation, they found a consistent sequence of beautiful integer numbers when looking at every major aspect of the Moon--no such pattern emerges for any other planet or moon in the solar system. In addition, Knight and Butler discovered that the Moon possesses few or no heavy metals and has no core—something that should not be possible. Their

persuasive conclusion: if higher life only developed on Earth because the Moon is exactly what it is and where it is, it becomes unreasonable to cling to the idea that the Moon is a natural object. The only question that remains is, who built it?

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The Radical Potter - Tristram Hunt 2021-10-26

From one of Britain's leading historians and the director of the Victoria & Albert Museum, a scintillating biography of Josiah Wedgwood, the celebrated eighteenth-century potter, entrepreneur, and abolitionist Wedgwood's pottery, such as his celebrated light-blue jasperware, is famous worldwide. Jane Austen bought it and wrote of it in her novels; Empress Catherine II of Russia ordered hundreds of pieces for her palace; British diplomats hauled it with them on their first-ever mission to Peking, audaciously planning to impress China with their china. But the life of Josiah Wedgwood is far richer than just his accomplishments in ceramics. He was a leader of the Industrial Revolution, a

pioneering businessman, a cultural tastemaker, and a tireless scientific experimenter whose inventions made him a fellow of the Royal Society. He was also an ardent abolitionist, whose Emancipation Badge medallion—depicting an enslaved African and inscribed “Am I Not a Man and a Brother?”—became the most popular symbol of the antislavery movement on both sides of the Atlantic. And he did it all in the face of chronic disability and relentless pain: a childhood bout with smallpox eventually led to the amputation of his right leg. As historian Tristram Hunt puts it in this lively, vivid biography, Wedgwood was the Steve Jobs of the eighteenth century: a difficult, brilliant, creative figure whose personal drive and extraordinary gifts changed the way we work and live. Drawing on a rich array of letters, journals, and historical documents, *The Radical Potter* brings us the story of a singular man, his dazzling contributions to design and innovation, and his remarkable

global impact.

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Cultural Babbage - Francis Spufford 1997

With contributions from writers on both sides of the science/humanities divide, this is a collection of quirky and offbeat essays on technology, culture and forgotten or imaginary histories. Taking as its starting point Charles Babbage's 'Difference Engine', a machine imagined but never built, the book explores a range of subjects where the imagination and science and technology meet. Essays deal with such topics as the invention of the phonograph, the Victorian delight in automata and the Internet and the British. The result is a work which makes surprising connections and draws intriguing conclusions.

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Lunar Sourcebook - Grant Heiken 1991-04-26

The only work to date to collect data gathered during the American and Soviet missions in an accessible and complete reference of current scientific and technical information about the Moon.

Building Moonships - Joshua Stoff 2004-06-23

Chronicling the visual history of the design, construction and launch of the lunar module - one of the most historic machines in human history. In 1961, President John F. Kennedy announced his plans for landing a man on the moon by 1970 - despite the fact that the United States had a total of just 15 minutes of spaceflight experience up to that point. With that announcement, the space race had officially begun. In 1962, after a strenuous competition, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) announced that the Grumman Aircraft Engineering Corporation of Bethpage, Long Island, had won the contract to

build the lunar module - the spacecraft that would take Americans to the moon. This was the first and only vehicle designed to take humans from one world to another. Although much has been written about the first men to set foot on the moon, those first hesitant steps would not have been possible without the efforts of the designers and technicians assigned to Project Apollo.

Building Moonships: The Grumman Lunar Module tells the story of the people who built and tested the lunar modules that were deployed on missions as well as the modules that never saw the light of day. *The Master Switch* - Tim Wu 2010-11-02
A New Yorker and Fortune Best Book of the Year "A must-read for all Americans who want to remain the ones deciding what they can read, watch, and listen to." —Arianna Huffington Analyzing the strategic maneuvers of today's great information powers—Apple, Google, and an eerily resurgent AT&T—Tim Wu uncovers a time-honored

pattern in which invention begets industry and industry begets empire. It is easy to forget that every development in the history of the American information industry—from the telephone to radio to film—once existed in an open and chaotic marketplace inhabited by entrepreneurs and utopians, just as the Internet does today. Each of these, however, grew to be dominated by a monopolist or cartel. In this pathbreaking book, Tim Wu asks: will the Internet follow the same fate? Could the Web—the entire flow of American information—come to be ruled by a corporate leviathan in possession of "the master switch"? Here, Tim Wu shows how a battle royale for the Internet's future is brewing, and this is one war we dare not tune out.

The Lunar Society of Birmingham - Robert E. Schofield 1963

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The Moon Is a Harsh Mistress - Robert A. Heinlein 1997-06-15

A one-armed computer technician, a radical blonde bombshell, an aging academic, and a sentient all-knowing computer lead the lunar population in a revolution against Earth's colonial rule

Leo Gray and the Lunar Eclipse - K.J. Kruk 2019-03-19

Who hasn't dreamed of going to the moon? That dream for eleven-year-old Leo Gray is about to come true—but he's in for the surprise of his life! In the year 2113, most people live in robotically maintained homes, ride around in self-flying cars, and wear ozone-resistant clothes. Most people that is; just not Leo Gray's parents. They're stuck in the past, and science know-it-all Leo is completely fed up with his beyond-embarrassing living arrangement with them. But

when he enters a rocket-building competition for a chance to attend the Lunar Academy, Leo's luck finally seems to turn in his favor! However, it's not long after stepping foot into his dorm room that Leo discovers the moon's celebrated city is harboring a world of dark secrets. It's soon a race against the clock for Leo and his friends Andromeda Groves (a code-hacking whiz from Canada), Pavo Digbi (a history buff from Brazil), and Grus Pinwheel (a musically gifted and comically endearing Aussie) to intercept and foil plans to destroy the city—leaving the group's leader faced with a decision that no eleven-year-old should ever have to make: save Earth or save himself and the city he fought so hard to reach. Leo Gray and the Lunar Eclipse is an epic adventure set in a wonderfully imaginative, futuristic world overflowing with robots, anti-gravity sports, superhero-esque suspense, and page after page of laughter and heart that will leave boys and

girls equally gripped under its spell!

Watt's Perfect Engine - Ben Marsden 2002

Discusses James Watt's development of the separate condenser steam engine, a key step in making steam a practical industrial power source and the creation of Watt's image as an icon of industrial efficiency.

The Invention of Journalism Ethics, Second Edition -

Stephen J.A. Ward 2015-09-01

Does objectivity exist in the news media? In *The Invention of Journalism Ethics*, Stephen Ward argues that given the current emphasis on interpretation, analysis, and perspective, journalists and the public need a new theory of objectivity. He explores the varied ethical assertions of journalists over the past few centuries, focusing on the changing relationship between journalist and audience. This historical analysis leads to an innovative theory of pragmatic objectivity that enables journalists and the public to recognize and avoid biased and

unbalanced reporting. Ward convincingly demonstrates that journalistic objectivity is not a set of absolute standards but the same fallible but reasonable objectivity used for making decisions in other professions and public institutions. Considered a classic in the field since its first publication in 2004, this second edition includes new chapters that bring the book up to speed with journalism ethics in the twenty-first century by focusing on the growing dominance of online journalism and calling for a radical approach to journalism ethics reform. Ward also addresses important developments that have occurred in the last decade, including the emergence of digital journalism ethics and global journalism ethics.

James Watt - Ben Russell 2014-08-15

Scottish inventor and mechanical engineer James Watt (1736-1819) is best known for his pioneering work on the steam engine that became fundamental to the

incredible changes and developments wrought by the Industrial Revolution. But in this new biography, Ben Russell tells a much bigger, richer story, peering over Watt's shoulder to more fully explore the processes he used and how his ephemeral ideas were transformed into tangible artifacts. Over the course of the book, Russell reveals as much about the life of James Watt as he does a history of Britain's early industrial transformation and the birth of professional engineering. To record this fascinating narrative, Russell draws on a wide range of resources—from archival material to three-dimensional objects to scholarship in a diversity of fields from ceramics to antique machine-making. He explores Watt's early years and interest in chemistry and examines Watt's partnership with Matthew Boulton, with whom he would become a successful and wealthy man. In addition to discussing Watt's work and incredible contributions that changed societies around the

world, Russell looks at Britain's early industrial transformation. Published in association with the Science Museum London, and with seventy illustrations, James Watt is not only an intriguing exploration of the engineer's life, but also an illuminating journey into the broader practices of invention in the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. Published in association with the Science Museum, London

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And Man Created God - George Carl Mynchenberg 1999-12-19
And MAN CREATED GOD presents the Agnostic view point using science, history and logic while denying all religious belief and faith in revelations from a Creator or God. Reviews And MAN CREATED GOD is

vigorous and clearly written. Readers should have no doubt about the position you take, the positions you challenge, and why you find religious beliefs doubtful. It articulates very well what you call the agnostic position. Charles F. Kielkopf, Professor of Philosophy, Ohio State University

Inventing Edward Lear - Sara Lodge 2019-02-04

Edward Lear—the father of nonsense—wrote some of the best-loved poems in English. He was also admired as a naturalist, landscape painter, travel writer, and composer. Awkward but funny, absurdly sympathetic, Lear invented himself as a Victorian character. Sara Lodge offers a moving account of one of the era's most influential creative figures.

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The Invention of Air - Steven Johnson 2008

Bestselling author Johnson recounts the story of Joseph Priestley--scientist and theologian, protege of Benjamin Franklin--an 18th-century radical thinker who played pivotal roles in the invention of ecosystem science, the founding of the Unitarian Church, and the intellectual development of the U.S.

The Lunar Men - Jenny Uglow 2003-10

Chronicles the friendships of Matthew Boulton, James Watt, Josiah Wedgwood, Erasmus Darwin, and Joseph Priestly, whose ideas and experiments launched the Industrial Revolution. Reprint. 15,000 first printing.

Nature's Engraver - Jenny Uglow 2009-05-15

In this superb biography, Uglow tells the story of the farmers son who influenced book illustration for a century to come. It is a story of violent change, radical politics, lost ways of life, and the beauty of

the wild--a journey to the beginning of a lasting obsession with the natural world.

Men of Invention and Industry - Samuel Smiles 1885

Elizabeth Gaskell - Jennifer S. Uglow 1993

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The Sun and the Moon - Matthew Goodman 2010-05
On August 26, 1835, a fledgling newspaper called the Sun brought to New York the first accounts of remarkable lunar discoveries. A series of six articles reported the existence of life on the moon—including unicorns, beavers that walked on their hind legs, and four-foot-tall flying man-bats. In a matter of

weeks it was the most broadly circulated newspaper story of the era, and the Sun, a working-class upstart, became the most widely read paper in the world. An exhilarating narrative history of a divided city on the cusp of greatness, and tale of a crew of writers, editors, and charlatans who stumbled on a new kind of journalism, The Sun and the Moon tells the surprisingly true story of the penny papers that made America a nation of newspaper readers.

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The First Men in the Moon - H.G. Wells 2005-03-31

When penniless businessman Mr Bedford retreats to the Kent coast to write a play, he meets by chance the brilliant Dr Cavor, an absent-minded

scientist on the brink of developing a material that blocks gravity. Cavor soon succeeds in his experiments, only to tell a stunned Bedford the invention makes possible one of the oldest dreams of humanity: a journey to the moon. With Bedford motivated by money, and Cavor by the desire for knowledge, the two embark on the expedition. But neither are prepared for what they find - a world of freezing

nights, boiling days and sinister alien life, on which they may be trapped forever.

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