

Fidough and RoveR



They claimed they came from Sirius, the Dog Star, did Fidough 5V and RoveR Nug-Xqal, when they suddenly materialized on a Hollywood movie set in 1931. The two extraterrestrials spoke perfect English, though they peppered their speech with unearthly yowls when they asked to be taken to “our leader.” Since they brandished what looked like weapons (they turned out to be dental hygiene apparatuses), the director, Harry Flederer (yes, of *that* Family Circus), readily agreed. First, though, he saw an opportunity to cash in on the publicity these space travelers would likely generate. So he turned the lights and camera on them and conducted what is surely the first First Contact interview in history. He figured the appearance of the aliens wouldn’t spook the viewing public because their spacesuits resembled typical Depression Era duds; RoveR’s helmet was even the spitting image of a gentleman’s fashionable homburg! As to the question and answer session, Harry later recounted that Fidough was especially candid, and provided a detailed schematic of a perpetual motion machine, explained how to turn lead into gold in three easy steps, and also demonstrated how his dental hygienometer could keep teeth clean for a year after only a single treatment. Unfortunately, that’s *all* that Harry could recall, because the entire film was overexposed and indecipherable, and the moment the aliens departed, Harry and his crew passed around a bottle of moonshine and drank until each was utterly blotto. And Fidough and RoveR? They were never seen again. If they *did* meet up with “our leader,” it never made the papers or newsreels. This photo, then, is the only evidence of our first First Contact. And now some skeptics are claiming that it, too, is a fake. Honestly, I mean, if you can’t trust Harry, who *can* you trust?!