

# MARTIAN MANHUNTER

**FIRST APPEARANCE** DETECTIVE COMICS #225 (November 1955)  
**STATUS** Hero **REAL NAME** J'onn J'onzz  
**OCCUPATION** Adventurer **BASE** JLA Watchtower, the Moon  
**HEIGHT** 6ft 7in **WEIGHT** 300 lbs **EYES** Red **HAIR** None  
**SPECIAL POWERS/ABILITIES** Flight, superstrength, invulnerability, enhanced speed, shapeshifting, invisibility, telepathy, and "Martian vision," which provides a type of X-ray vision and allows J'onn to fire energy beams from his eyes.

**J'ONN J'ONZZ, THE MARTIAN MANHUNTER**, has lost his wife, his daughter, and his newest love, yet he is never truly alone. His family is the JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA. Eons ago, the Martians were one of the most powerful species in the universe, capable of shapeshifting, intangibility, flight, and a host of other incredible powers. J'onn J'onzz, a philosopher and peacemaker in his private life, worked as a Manhunter to keep the peace on his native planet.



**SECRET IDENTITY** *Hunting crooks as a detective allowed J'onn to become an Earth-based 'manhunter.'*



**TRUE TO FORM** *J'onn still adopts his true Martian shape during moments of quiet meditation.*

## H'RONMEER'S CURSE

J'onn J'onzz's calm life took a horrific turn when the mad priest Ma'alefa'ak (Malefic) unleashed the pyrokinetic plague H'ronmeer's Curse on the people of Mars. This pestilence, spread by telepathy, raced through the population and caused nearly every citizen to burst into flames, including J'onn's wife and daughter. J'onn imprisoned Ma'alefa'ak beneath Mars's highest mountain, Olympus Mons, and wandered the planet's surface for untold years until Dr. Saul Erdel brought him to Earth via a teleportation machine.

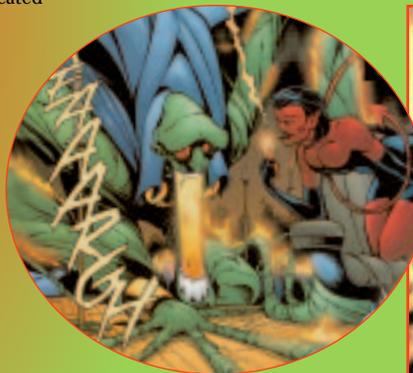
J'onn J'onzz took steps to fit into this strange new society, first by assuming the identity of murdered Denver police detective John Jones and then by joining the Gotham City super-group "Justice Experience" under the alias Bronze Wraith. In Kansas, J'onn posed as a high-school civics teacher to keep an eye on a young Clark Kent (see SUPERMAN).

Eventually J'onn went public as the Martian Manhunter, becoming a founding member of the JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA alongside AQUAMAN, GREEN LANTERN, the FLASH, and BLACK CANARY. The League soon became his life. While other members came and went, the Martian Manhunter served with every subsequent lineup. His spirituality led many to consider him the League's heart and soul, while his vast array of powers put him in a physical class that even exceeded Superman's—suffering only from a vulnerability to fire.

The Martian Manhunter has battled foes from the Red Planet, including the WHITE MARTIANS (survivors from an ancient civil war between the Whites and J'onn's Green Martians) and Ma'alefa'ak, still alive and looking to complete his mission of genocide. J'onn faced his greatest challenge in the form of another forgotten Martian menace—the Burning. When J'onn's new love, the reformed demoness SCORCH, helped J'onn overcome his fear of fire, a genetic block placed on the Martian species by the GUARDIANS OF THE UNIVERSE was removed. J'onn unleashed a primal "burning Martian" called Fernus, whose efforts to trigger nuclear Armageddon appeared to cause Scorch's death. J'onn has rededicated

himself to the JLA as penance. DW

**FIRE** *J'onn's vulnerability to flame is caused by both genetic and psychological factors.*

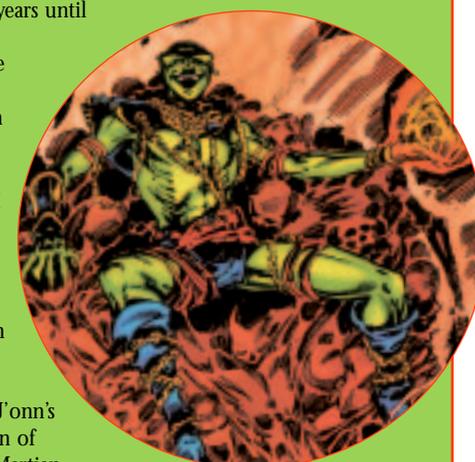


## DARK MIRROR

*Fernus, who needed fire in order to reproduce, represented all that was evil in J'onn's soul.*

## KEY STORYLINES

- **MARTIAN MANHUNTER (2ND SERIES) #1 (DECEMBER 1998):** The quintessential team player gets a starring role for the first time in years.
- **JLA: YEAR ONE #1-12 (JANUARY–DECEMBER 1998):** J'onn's role as the heart and soul of the JLA is apparent in this retelling of the team's origin.
- **JLA #84-89 (OCTOBER–DECEMBER 2003):** J'onn turns against his JLA teammates during the Burning Martian storyline, showing why he is their most powerful member.



**MALEFIC** *Not content with the annihilation of a species, this Martian conqueror thirsts for blood.*

