

As Stanton and Kitsch explained, the movie finds John Carter as a former Confederate captain whose life was totally shattered by the Civil War. Having lost everything, he becomes a recluse and heads out west. It's there that he discovers a strange cave that provides a portal to Mars - or, as it is known to its inhabitants, Barsoom. That's where the first set of footage picks up. Carter wakes up in the middle of the Martian desert. He begins to climb up a hill so that he can see the surrounding terrain. He comes across a strange rock with a bizarrely glassy texture. He looks through the glass and sees some rocks vibrating - which he realizes are not rocks at all when one of them hatches, revealing an unearthly, six-limbed lizard-like creature. This, just like the dozens more that hatch right after it, is a baby Thark, one of the

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