

**THE CLASSIFIED ENCYCLOPEDIA
OF CHESS VARIANTS**

I once read a story about the discovery of a strange tribe somewhere in the Amazon basin. An eminent anthropologist recalls that there was some evidence that a space ship from Mars had landed in the area a millenium or two earlier. 'Good heavens,' exclaims the narrator, are you suggesting that this tribe are the descendants of Martians?' 'Certainly not,' snaps the learned man, 'they are the original Earth-people — it is we who are the Martians.'

Reflect that chess is but an imperfect variant of a game that was itself a variant of a germinal game whose origins lie somewhere in the darkness of time.

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