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in the most recent issue (of which I just started reading) I saw you wanted to know who wrote the above book. I believe it was Eric Russell (I read it 15 years ago, approx, so my memory is quite fresh).

Incidentally, the majority of the action took place on Venus, not Mars. There were actually two mutants per planet, with the ones from Earth visiting Venus where they were "captured". The plot also included the fact that mutants were acceptable in that culture, e.g. a mutant could read minds, or start fires, or levitate, or hypnotize BUT one mutant could only do one thing. A multi-talented mutant was unknown and theoretically impossible. Hence, when the pairs of mutants on the individual planets were discovered, they were interrogated with their eventual demise.

The global plot of the story was that the human body was merely the larval form of a more powerful non-corporeal being. These beings from time to time would enter the body of a soon to be dead person to help guide humanity through the rough spots.

If you find any faults with the above, let me know. I used to really like that particular story (the male from earth was David and the one from Venus was Charles).

p.s. I did not send this out to the list in general because being new I have yet to find out where it actually goes. If you know, let me know. If you want to forward this so the world knows, feel free!

-Joe

