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Q1. What leads us to believe that this passage is from science fiction story?

Ans. We can say that the passage has been taken from a science fiction story due to a number of reasons. First, something a cylinder has fallen into a pit and later, a strange creature came out of it. Also, Martian is a terminology used for inhabitants of Mars. So, ~~we~~ ^{one} can say that the passage has been taken from a science fiction story.

Q2. How was the crowd behaving?

Some 200 - 300 people gathered around the pit. ^{Initially} They were excited and were pushing each other. Due to this pushing one of the shopkeeper was pushed into the pit.

Q3. Why did the mood of the crowd alter.

The mood of the altar once they saw what was inside the cylinder. In the beginning they were excited because they expected a human to emerge from it. Soon their excitement turned to horror once they saw ^{the} creature coming out of it. They all started shouting and backed-off from the pit.