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The twelve illustrations are taken from the following Moorcock books

The Sleeping Sorceress: Elric & Moonglum GA50, Phoenix in Obsidian: The Sea Chariot of Rowenarc GA80. Lord of the Spiders: The Great Mishassa GA54, The Oak and the Ram: The People of the Pines GA78, The Champion of Garathorm: Ilian of Garathorm GA81, The King of the Swords: Tanelorn GA77, The Shores of Death: The Twilight Tower GA55, The Jewel in the Skull: Hawkmoon Defends Castle Brass GA53, Stormbringer: The Dragon Lord GA76, Masters of the Pit: The First Masters GA79, The Knight of the Swords Corum Escapes GA51, The Ice Schooner: The Ice Spirit GA52.

In each case, Rodney has interpreted a passage from the book which he feels captures the essence of Michael Moorcock's imagery. And for those Moorcock freaks who can't get enough of the stuff, we've included a current bibliography of the Master's work.

Wizardry & Wild Romance 1978 is printed in full color on fine artboard and we present it to you at a cost of \$8.95 in the shops, or \$9.50 (inc P&P) direct from Big O.



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There is a temptation on the part of science fiction fantasy fans

(who thus resemble jazz afficionados, Trotskyites, nudists, and flat earth society members) to believe our time has come—that we are no longer cranks and weirdos, but members of a majority: in the cultural mainstream at last!

Forget it.

We are not now, nor have we ever been, a mass movement. We are a conspiracy. Beware of conspiracies that become fads. Popularity can be fatal to the nicest of cults. Look what happened to Christianity...

This issue contains the last chapter of the utterly degenerate serial, "Polonius," as well as the long-awaited conclusion to "World Apart," which is supposed to appear without captions or speech balloons, so do not adjust your set. This month's prose fiction is by Harlan Ellison, who modestly assured us that his name on the cover would sell an extra ten thousand copies of our mag. Our fear of becoming popular (see above) prevented our blazoning Mr. Ellison's name on the cover, but you can pretend it's there. He will.

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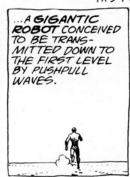
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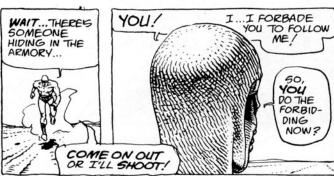


















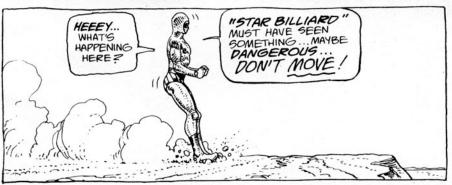




























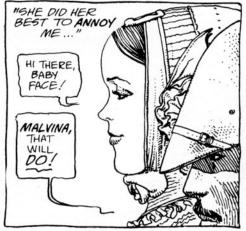


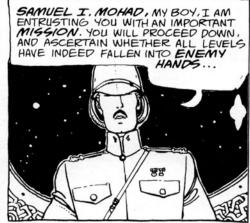










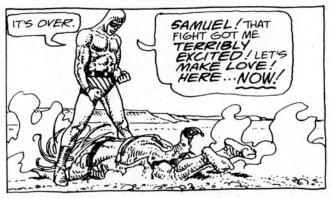






















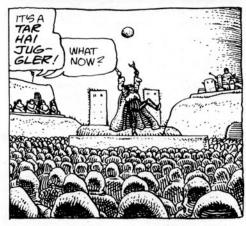




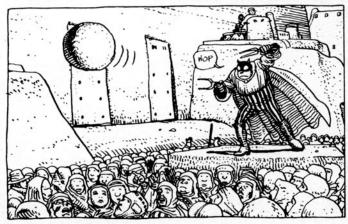












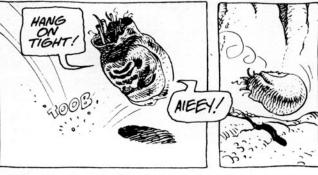




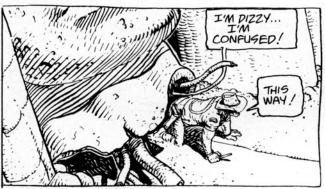


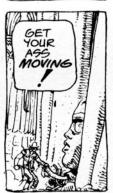




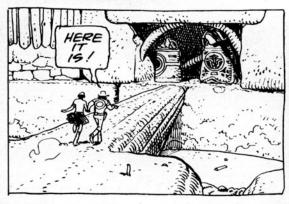




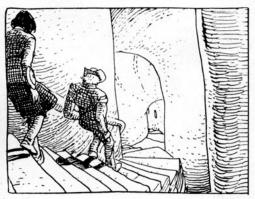
























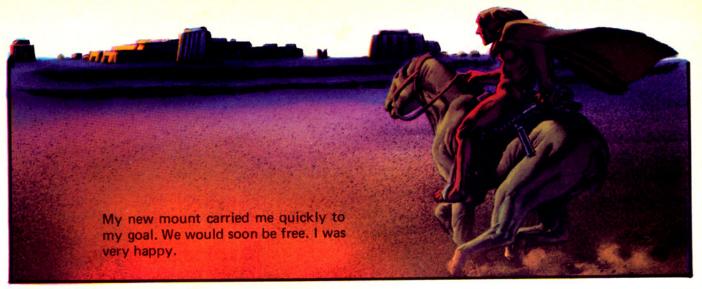


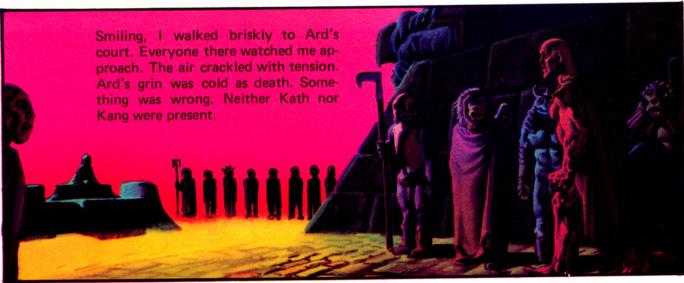






The way was now clear for my return to the ruins. Though I failed to steal the Locnar, Kang apparently succeeded. Ard would release Kath my love, and let us go in peace.

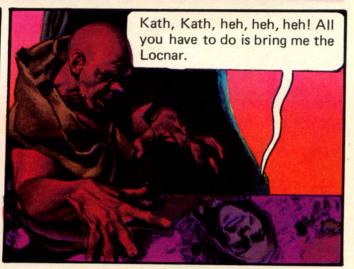






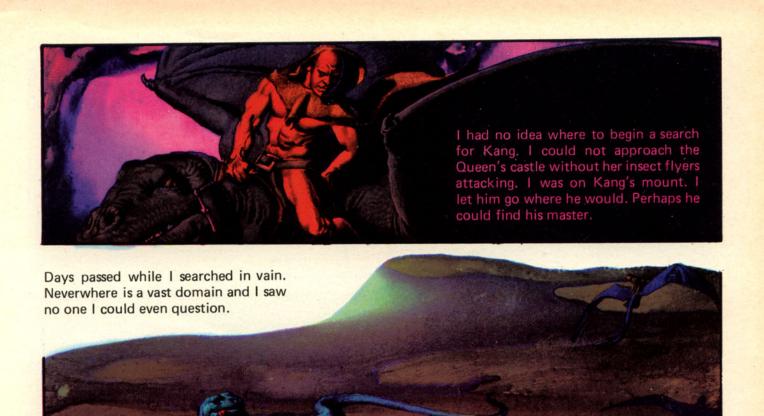




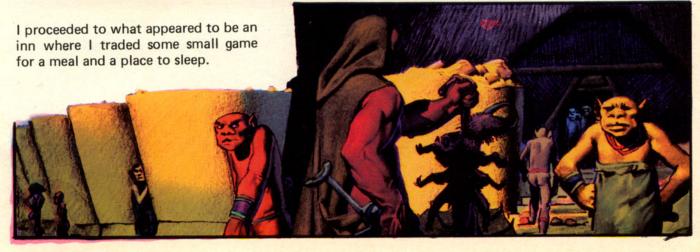














These townspeople were used to wanderers passing through, yet I had the uneasy feeling that some had seen me somewhere before. It was constantly frustrating; the Queen, her men, the rebel Gel, now these suspicious oafs, they all knew me, or someone who looked like me. They were all strangers to me. This very world is totally alien to a boy from Kansas.

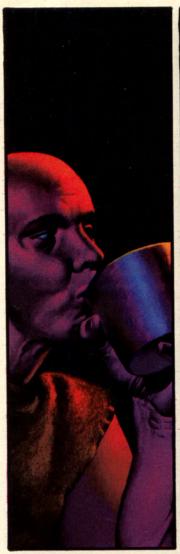
I absently dreamed of my other home, staring blankly at the native dancer. I ignored a hooded figure watching me intently.

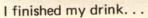
The dancer did some spectacular movements and then without warning, threw herself upon me. I didn't know what to do. Maybe it was part of the dance.

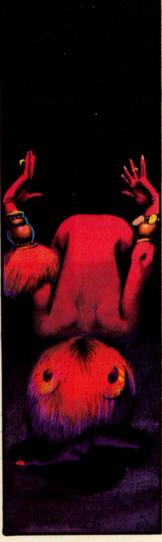






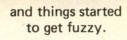






She finished her dance. . .





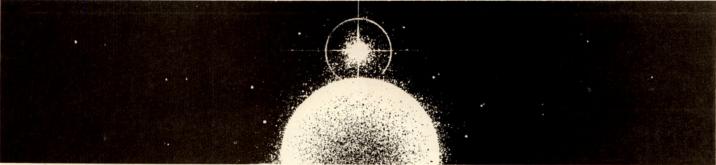








BEHOLD YOUR VEINGTONE, THE DOZE OF GENESIS.



BEHOLD THE PLACE FROM WHICH YOU WILL COME DEATH STAR, DENSE LIGHT, FINAL TRAP, AND PRIMAL SOURCE.



YOU WILL COME TO UNRAVEL KNOTTED ABSTRACTIONS, FORMS, AND DESTINIES TO FULFILL STELLAR LONGINGS.
YOU WILL COME.



BIRD OF DUST

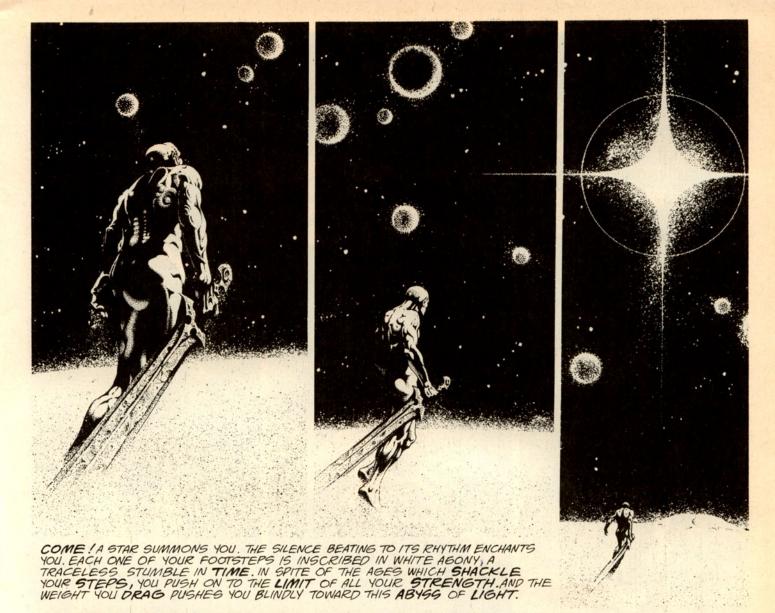












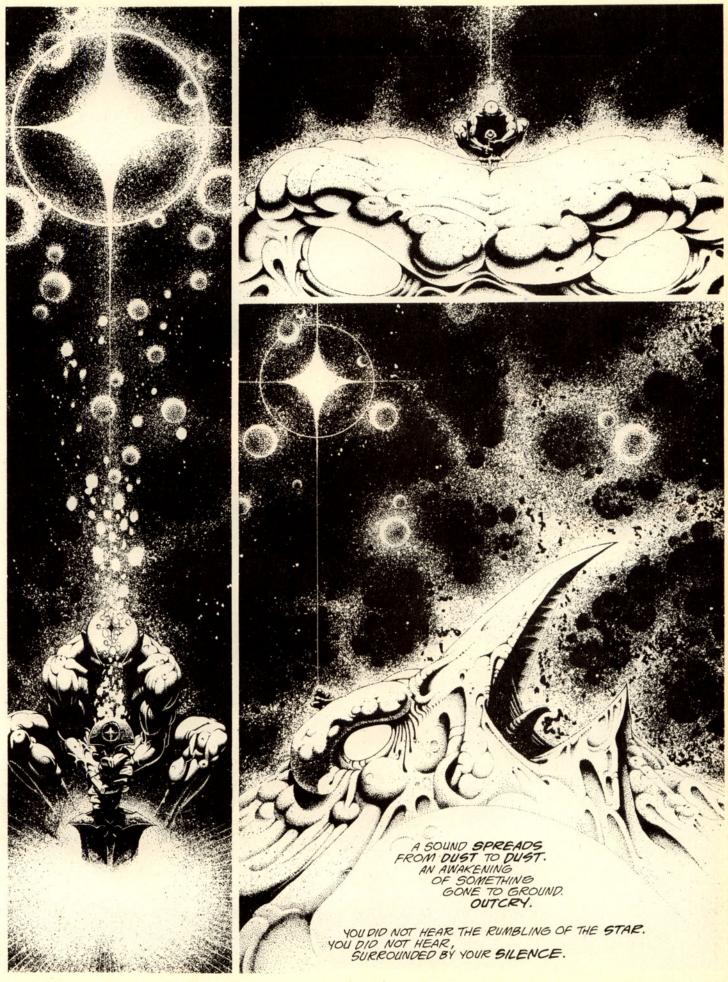




HERE AT LAST, THE END BEGINS.















...YOU HEARD NOTHING. THE RITUAL PERFORMED AND DISPOSSESSED AT LAST, YOU ARE ENLIGHTENMENT.

YOU HAVE OPENED THE ABYSS ...



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THE ABYGG IS CLOSED AGAIN.





YOU CAME TO DECIPHER LUSTERLESS MIRACLES, ABSTRUSE RITES, TO PENETRATE TIME. YOU CAME TO GRATIFY STELLAR LONGINGS ...



BEHOLD THE PLACE FROM WHICH YOU CAME, LIVING STAR, BURNING TRAP, IMMINENCE ...



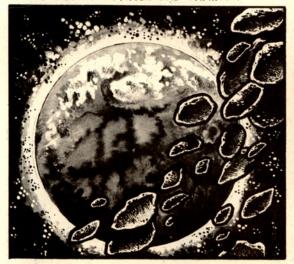
BEHOLD THE PLACE FROM WHICH YOU ARE YET TO COME.



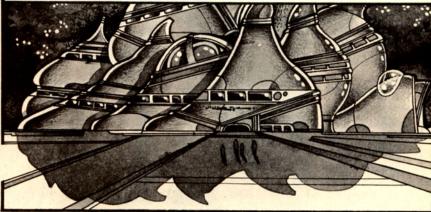
A VISIT TO JIVASKILLA TECHNEXPO

BY P. LEGUEUR

THIS IS JIVASKILLA, SECOND PLANET IN THE GALACTIC UNIVERSAL CHAIN...



... CHOSEN AS THE SITE FOR THE GREAT TECHNEXPO. THE GALACTIC UNIVERSE IS CERTAINLY WELL REPRESENTED HERE, AS EIGHTEEN PLANETS ARE EXHIBITING THEIR LATEST INVENTIONS. (THE GRAND SHOWROOM WAS ESPECIALLY BUILT FOR THE EVENT, ACCORDING TO THE DESIGNS OF THE ARCHITECT VUONMI.)



OUTSIDE TECHNEXPO, SEVERAL
HUNDRED WOMEN DEMONSTRATED
BRIEFLY. OF COURSE, THEIR ENTRY
IS ENTIRELY FORBIDDEN, UNLESS THEY
ARE ACCOMPANYING ROYAL VISITORS.

THE OFFICIAL OPENING WAS SCHEDULED TO COINCIDE WITH PRESIDENT-GOVERNOR BLOKINE'S VISIT...





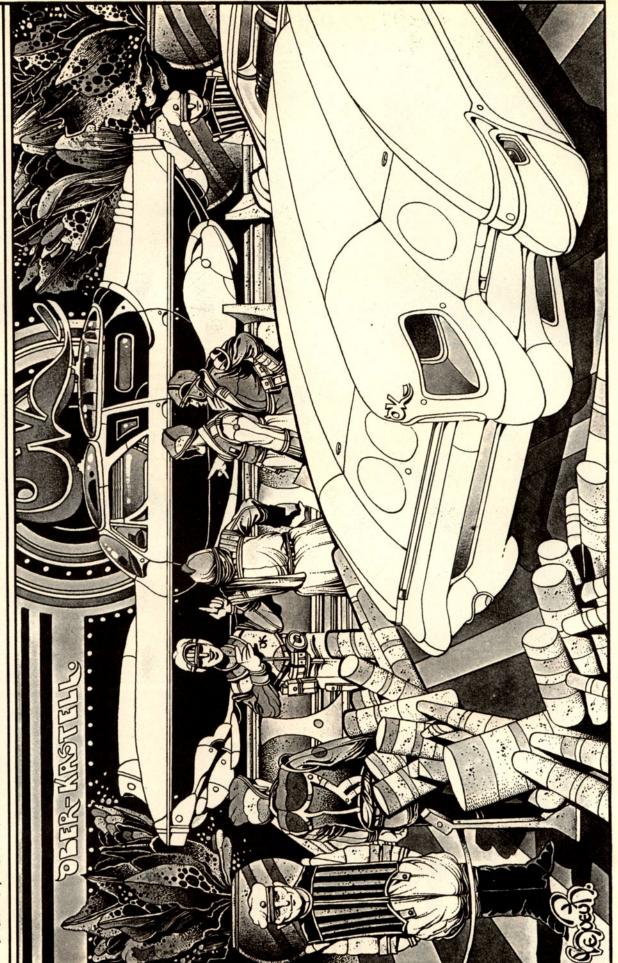
PRESIDENT-GOVERNOR BLOKINE THEN PROCEEDED TO STAND Nº 8A, WHERE THE ITEM CONSIDERED TO BE THE CHIEF ATTRACTION IS ON EXHIBIT. THE GOVERNMENT OF JIVASKILLA HAS BUILT-TROUGH THE FIRM OF OBER-KASTELL-TWO TERRIFIC "HEAVIES," WHICH WILL ADORN THE PRESIDENTIAL FLEET IN THE FUTURE.

CONCEIVED ESPECIALLY FOR PARAPES AND OTHER DIPLOMATICE EVENTS, THEY ARE EQUIPPED WITH TWO POWERFUL BULTACOSA

MOTORS COUPLED WITH AN ELECTRIC TRANSIX VARIATOR.

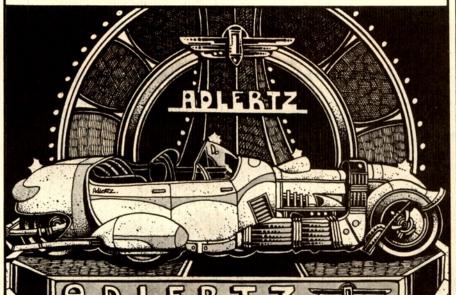
THE PRICE WAS NOT REVEALED, BUT IT MUST BE PRETTY
STEEP, CONSIDERING THE CAREFUL SELECTION OF MATERIALS
AND COMPONENTS USED.

NOTE: TO THE PRESIDENT'S RIGHT IS PRUISISCHBLAUW, MINISTER OF ENGINEERING. TO THE LEFT IS ENGINEER MUNAR!! OF THE FIRM OF OBER-KASTELL.



FAMOUS FOR ITS INVENTIONS, THE SMALL FIRM OF ADLERTZ, WHICH SPECIALIZES IN SPORTS GLIDERS, IS EXHIBITING THIS LARGE AND LUXURIOUS CONVERTIBLE, POWERED WITH IMPORTED LYCOMING COMPRESSORS. LIMITED PRODUCTION: 23 MODEL SPECIMENS.

PRICE: 150,000 ts. env.



THE MADAWAMPUR KORTBAOUI WAS DELIGHTED WITH THE ADLERTZ CONVERTIBLE, AND ORDERED FIVE MODELS, IN FOUR-TONE PASTEL COLORS, FOR HIS FAVORITE CONCUBINES.



THE ENGINEER-INVENTOR OULIANOV, FROM DONFERGEEL, A PLANET RICH IN NABANAS (A BITTER, JUICY FRUIT) DEMONSTRATED HIS INGENUITY: IF YOU FILL A RESERVOIR WITH

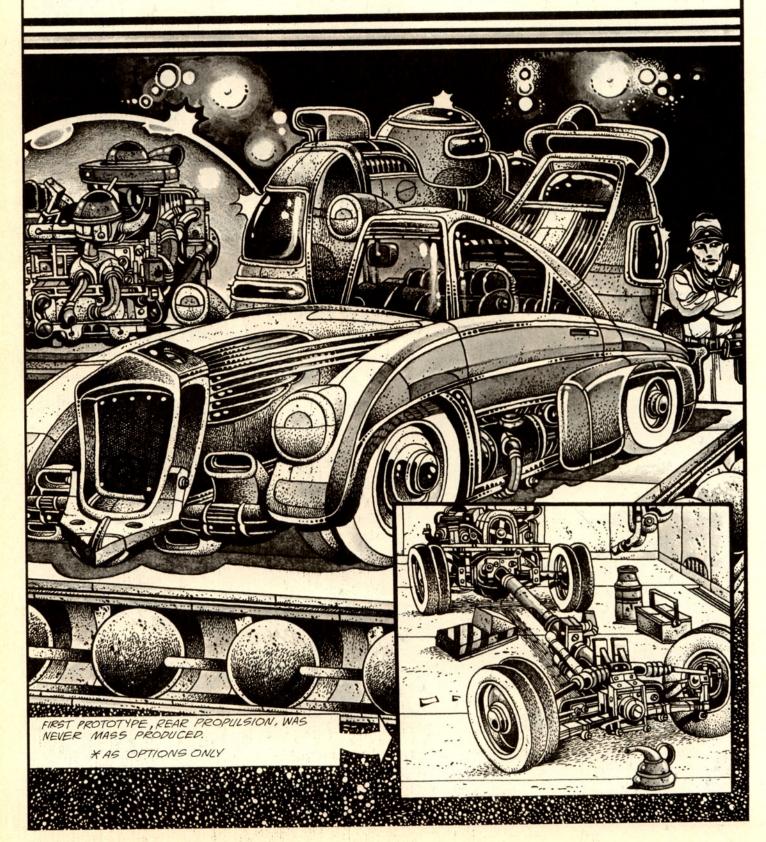
NABANAS, THEY WILL ROT AND FORM A GAS, WHICH, WHEN IGNITED, CAN PRODUCE ENOUGH HEAT TO POWER A TRANSVERSAL-ENERGETIC-PROPULSION UNIT.

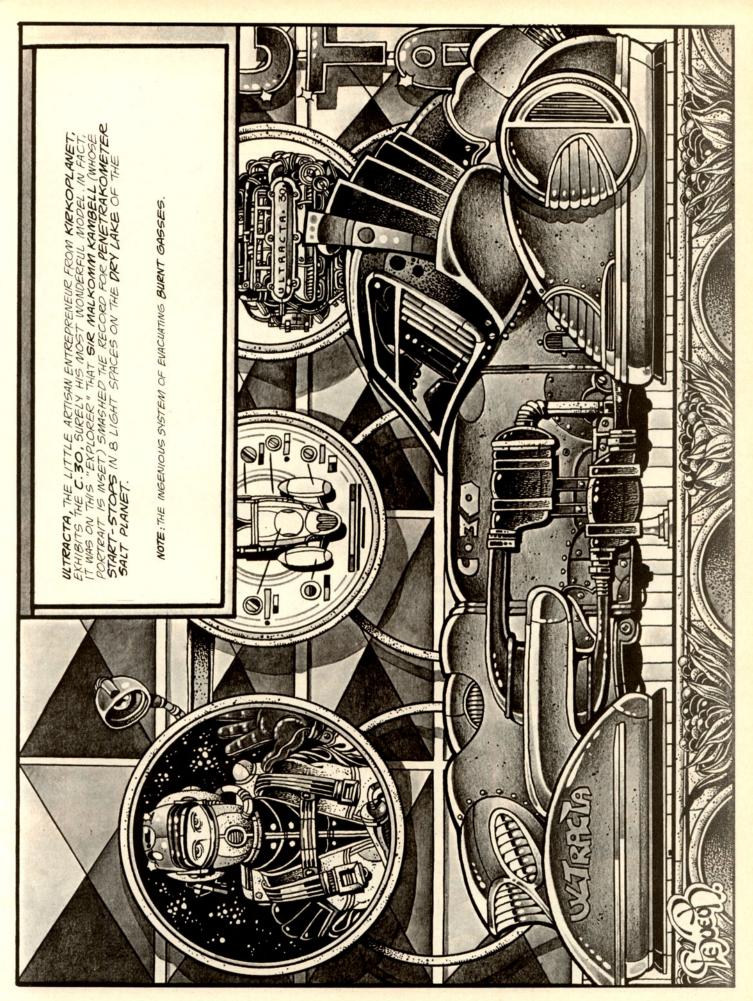


NOTE: THE OULIANOV SYSTEM WAS NOT, IN FACT, A BIG EXPORT ITEM, AS THERE ARE HARDLY ANY NABANAS ON OTHER PLANETS IN THE GALACTIC UNIVERSE.

THIS WANDERMOBILE IS A COLLECTOR'S ITEM-IT'S SPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR LONG TRIPS AND CAN SEAT FROM AVE TO SEVEN PASSENGERS. IT'S A PRODUCT OF TUKER-SIMPLEX-RANSOMMER (TUKER-SIMPLEX HAS AMALGAMATED RANSOMMER, WHICH WAS IN FINANCIAL TROUBLE). ON THE LEFT, YOU CAN SEE THE FAMOUS AIRTIGHT PROPULSION UNIT BUILT BY TUKER-SIMPLEX IN ITS KAVALLA FACTORY.

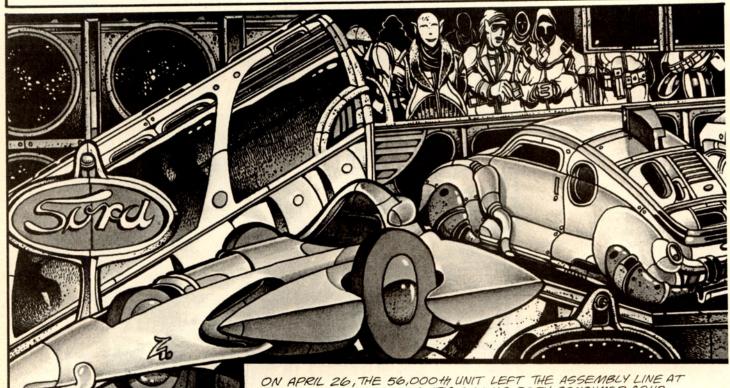
NOTE THAT YOU CAN BUY AN ASSORTMENT OF CUSTOMIZED "HABITAT BUBBLES" DIFFERENT FROM THE MASS-PRODUCED UNIT. PRICE: 3560 ts. WITH AIR CONDITIONING ON THE SPIRALS: 3580 ts.





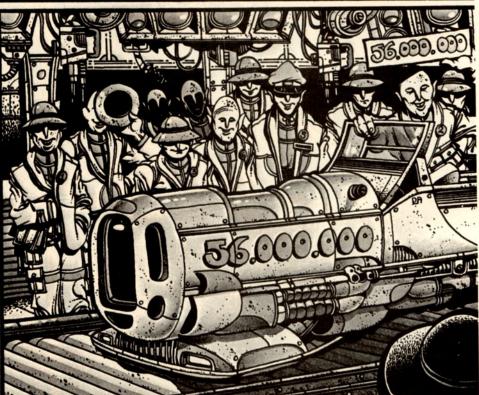
AND SO WE MUST END OUR ALL-TOO-SHORT VISIT WITH THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE TECHNEXPO: SORD, PREMIER MANUFACTURER OF THE GALACTIC UNIVERSE, WITH SEVENTY-SIX FACTORIES AND 784,000 EMPLOYEES, WINNER OF THE GOLD BOLT FOR EXPORT TRADE.

AS USUAL, THERE IS NO SHORTAGE OF INVENTIONS AT SORD. CENTER: A LOVELY MONO-CONVERTIBLE, A-SERIES PROPELLER, WITH BODY BY FINLANDIE ZAKINNEN KORROSSON; CENTER RIGHT: VEHICULUS, A MODEL FROM THE PREMIER SERIES, REAR ANIMATION, HARD REFRIGERATION. BOTTOM LEFT: THE ENTIRELY NEW "SURVIVAL" HABITATMOBILE.



ON APRIL 26, THE 56,000 HI UNIT LEFT THE ASSEMBLY LINE AT THE DICTROIC FACTORY: IT'S A LONG BOPY CONSUMER COUP, DA. 30. (FOTO COURTESY: SORD MOTOR CO.)

















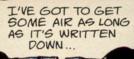




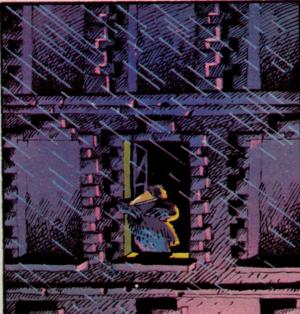










































































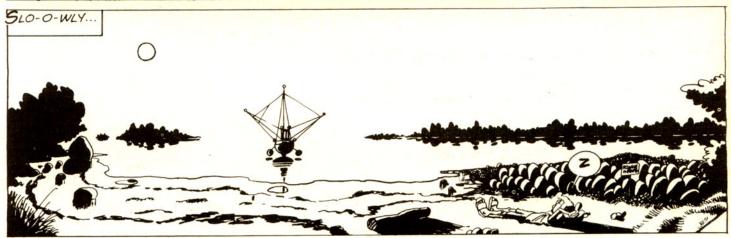








































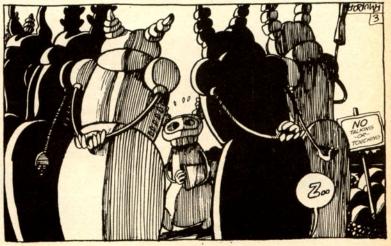










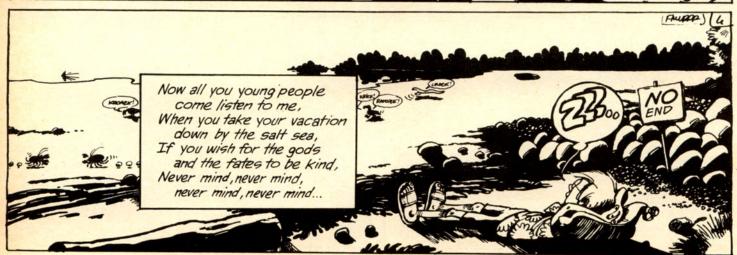




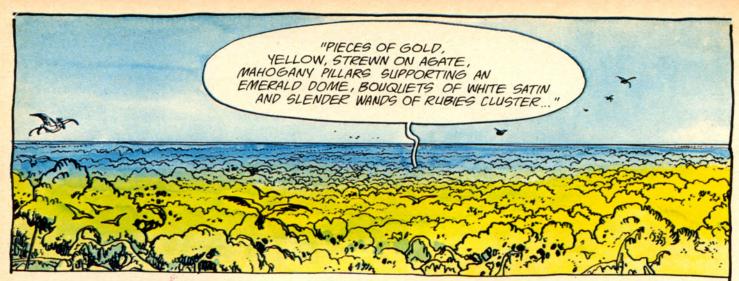








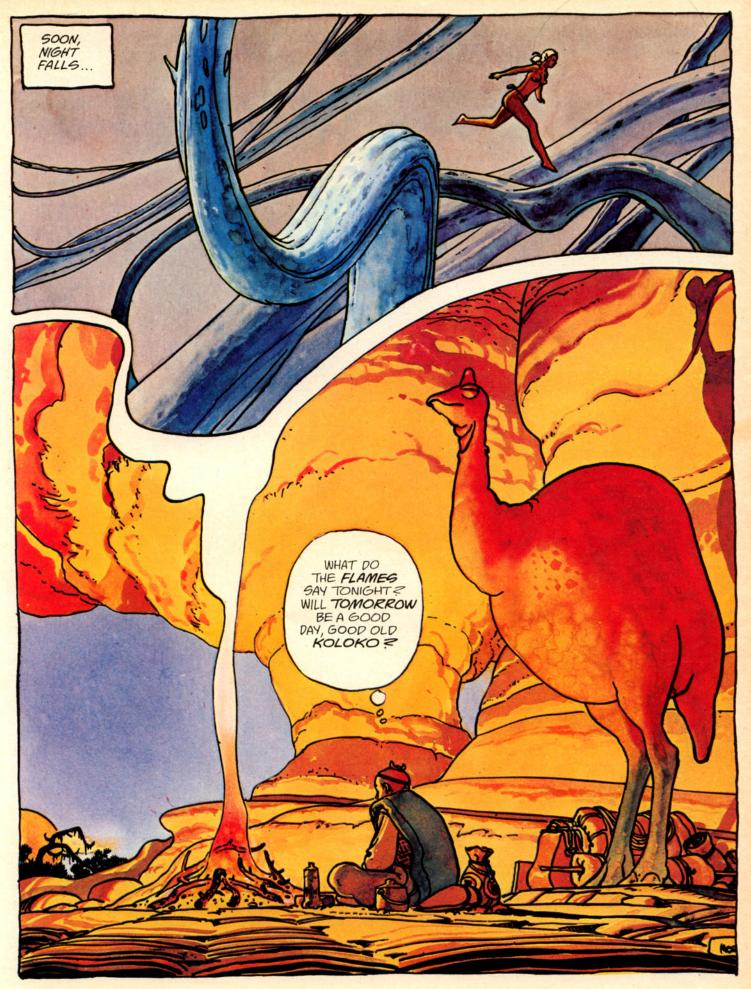




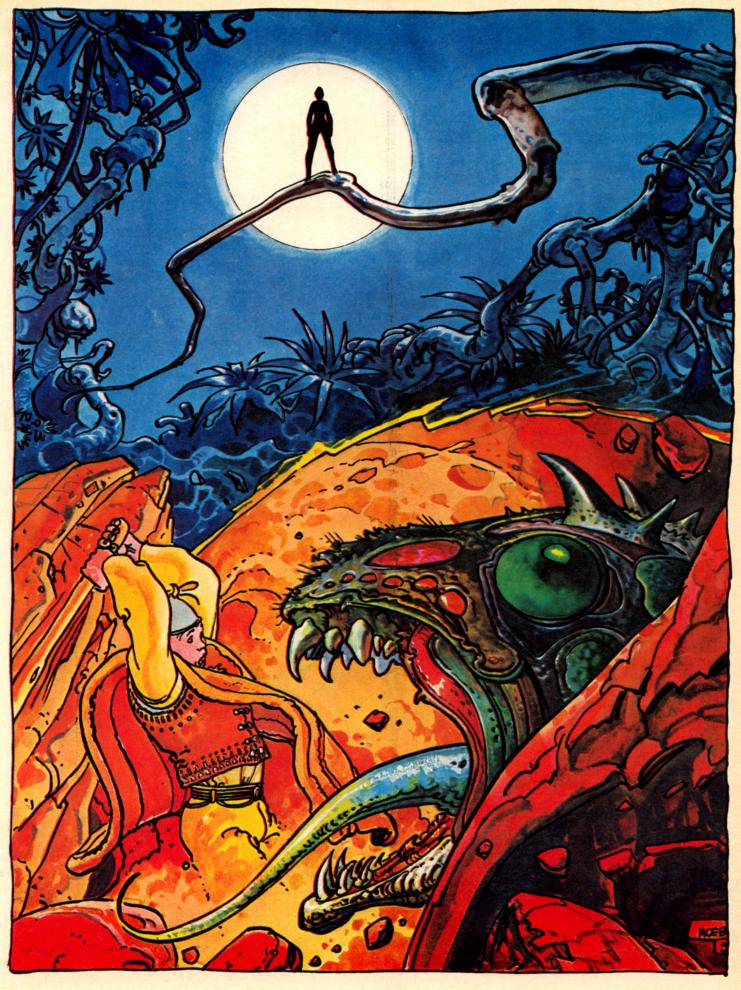








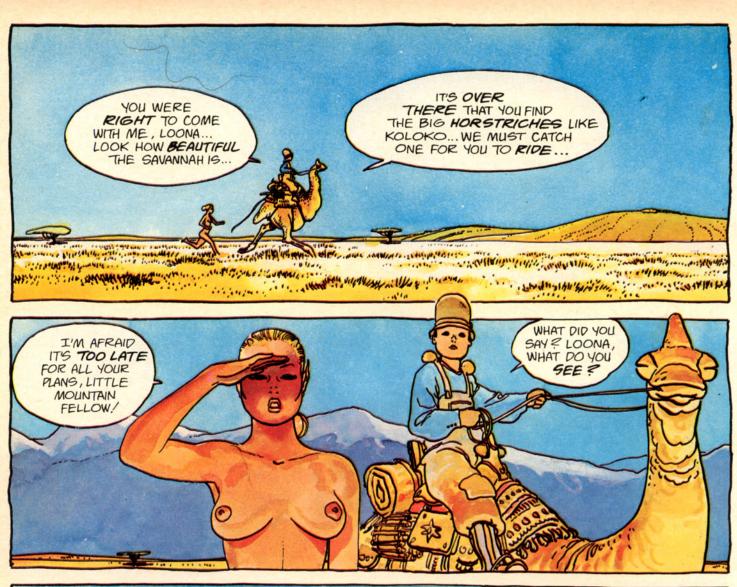


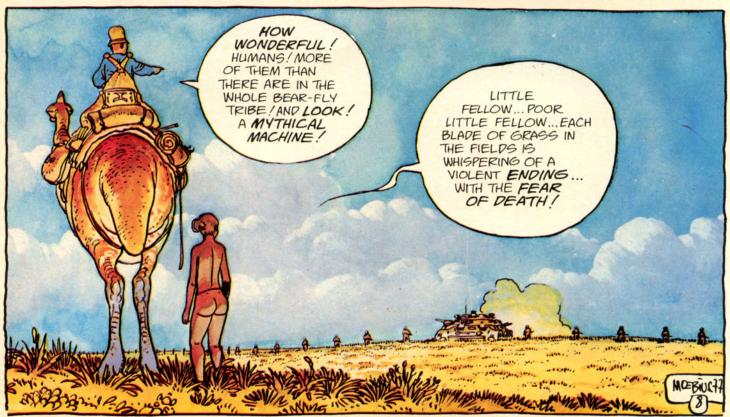


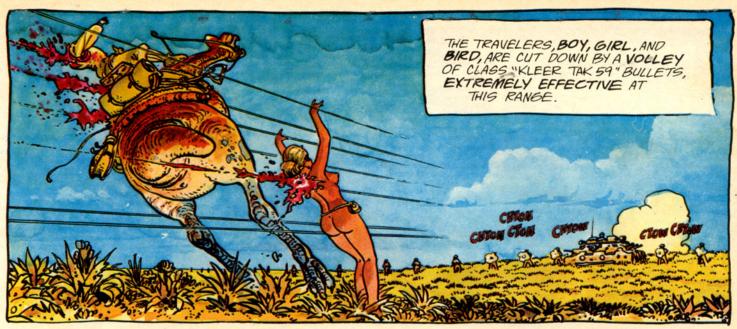




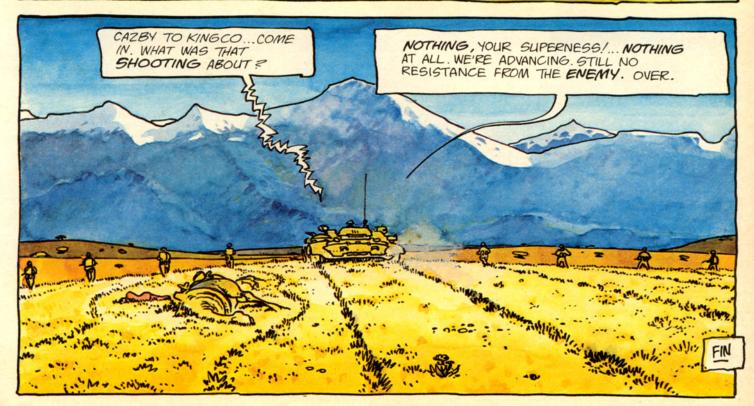






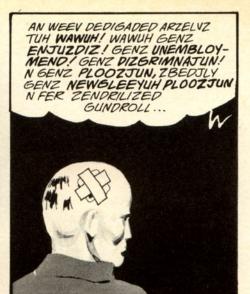


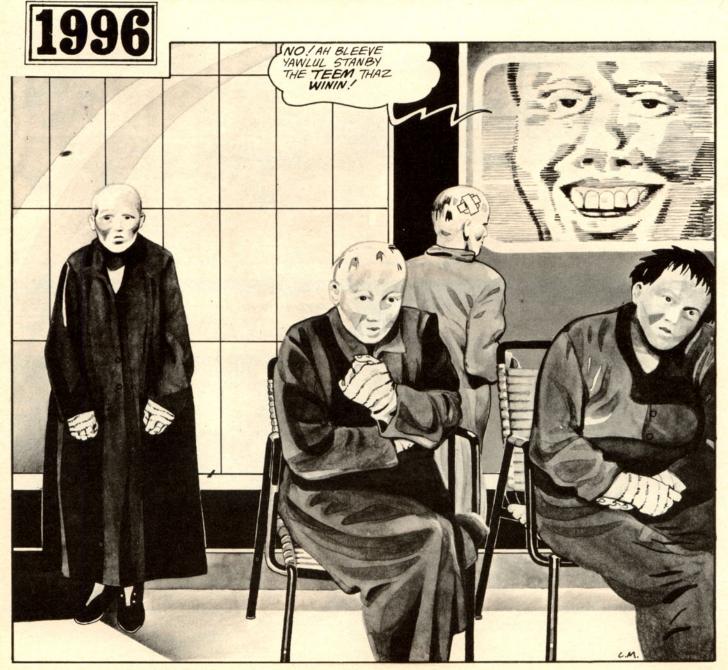












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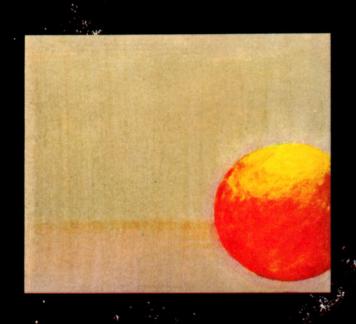
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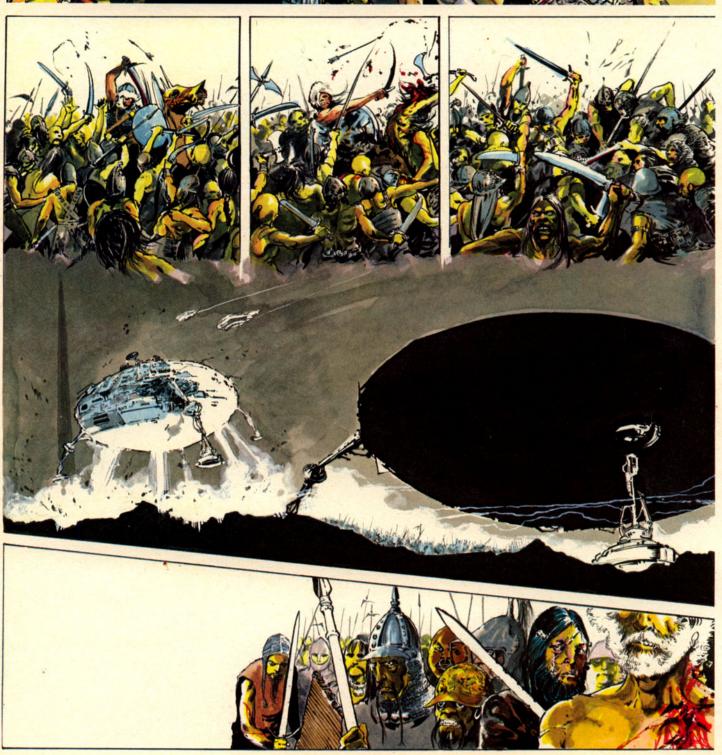


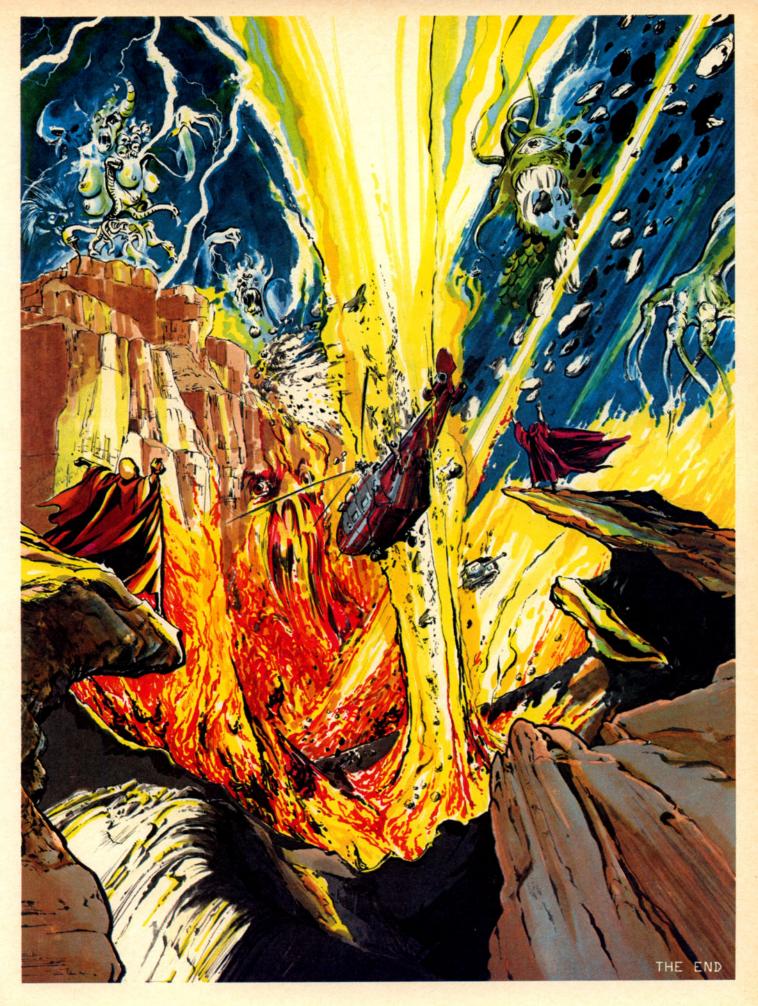














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How's the Night Life on Cissalda?

By Harlan Ellison

hen they unscrewed the time capsule, preparatory to helping temponaut Enoch Mirren disembark, they found him doing a disgusting thing with a disgusting thing.

Every head turned away. The word that sprang to mind

first was, "Feh!"

They wouldn't tell Enoch Mirren's wife he was back. They evaded the question when Enoch Mirren's mother demanded to know the state of her son's health after his having taken the very first journey into another time/universe. The new President was given dissembling answers. No one bothered to call San Clemente. The Chiefs of Staff were kept in the dark. Inquiries from the CIA and the FBI were met with responses in pig Latin, and the bureaus were subtly diverted into investigating each other. Walter Cronkite found out, but after all, there are even limits to how tight security can get.

Their gorges buoyant, every one of them, the rescue crew and the medical team and the chrono-experts at TimeSep Central did their best, but found it impossible to pry temponaut Enoch Mirren's penis from the (presumably) warm confines of the disgusting thing's (presumed) sexual orifice.

A cadre of alien morphologists was assigned to make an evaluation: to decide if the disgusting thing was male or female. After a sleepless week they gave up. The head of the group made a good case for his team's failure. "It'd be a damned sight easier to decide if we could get that clown out of her . . . him . . . it . . . that thing!"

They tried cajoling, they tried threatening, they tried rational argument, they tried inductive logic, they tried deductive logic, they tried salary incentives, they tried profit sharing, they tried tickling his risibilities, they tried tickling his feet, they tried punching him, they tried shocking him, they tried arresting him, they tried crowbars, they tried hosing him down with cold water, then hot water, then seltzer water, they tried suction devices, they tried sensory deprivation, they tried doping him into unconsciousness. They tried shackling him to a team of Percherons pulling north and the disgusting thing to a team of Clydesdales pulling south. They gave up after three and a half weeks.

The word somehow leaked out that the capsule had come back from time/universe Earth2 and the Russians rattled swords—suggesting that the decadent American filth had brought back a decimating plague that was even now oozing toward Minsk. (TimeSep Central quarantined anyone even remotely privy to the truth.) The OPEC nations announced that the Americans, in league with Zionist technocrats, had found a way to siphon off crude oil from the time/universe next to our own, and promptly raised the price of gasoline another two dollars a barrel. (TimeSep Central moved Enoch Mirren and the disgusting thing to its supersecret bunker headquarters sunk beneath the Painted Desert.) The Pentagon demanded the results of the debriefing and threatened to cut throats; Congress demanded the results and threatened to cut appropriations. (TimeSep Central bit the bullet—they had no other choice, there had been no debriefing—and they stonewalled: we cannot relay the requested data at this time.)

Temponaut Enoch Mirren continued coitusing.

The expert from Johns Hopkins, a tall, gray gentleman who wore three-piece suits, and whose security clearance was so stratospherically high the President called him on the red phone, sequestered himself with the temponaut and the disgusting thing for three days. When he emerged, he called in the TimeSep Central officials and said, "Ladies and gentlemen, quite simply put, Enoch Mirren has brought back from Earth₂ the most perfect fuck in the universe."

After they had revived one of the women and four of the men, the expert from Johns Hopkins, a serious, pale gentleman who wore wing-tip shoes, continued. "As best I can estimate, this creature—clearly an alien life-form from some other planet in that alternate time/universe—has an erotic capacity that, once engaged, cannot be neutralized. Once having begun to enjoy its, uh, favors . . . a man either cannot or will not stop having relations."

"But that's impossible!" said one of the women. "Men simply cannot hold an erection that long." She looked around at several of her male compatriots with disdain.

"Apparently, the thing secretes some sort of stimulant, a jelly perhaps, that reengorges the male member," said the expert from Johns Hopkins.

"But is it male or female?" asked one of the men, an administrative assistant who had let it slip in one of their regular encounter sessions that he was concerned about his own sexual preferences.

"It's both, and neither," said the expert from Johns Hopkins. "It seems equipped to handle anything up to and including chickens or kangaroos with double vaginas." He

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smiled a thin, controlled smile, saying, "You folks have a problem," and then he presented them with a staggering bill for his services. Then he departed, still smiling.

They were little better off than they had been before.

But the women seemed interested.

Two months later, having fed temponaut Enoch Mirren intravenously when they noticed that his weight had been dropping alarmingly, they found an answer to the problem of separating the man and the sex object. By setting up a random sequence sound wave system, pole to pole, with Mirren and his paramour between, they were able to disrupt the flow of energy in the disgusting thing's metabolism. Mirren opened his eyes, blinked several times, murmured, "Oh, that was good!" and they pried him loose.

The disgusting thing instantly rolled into a ball and went

to sleep.

They immediately hustled Enoch Mirren into an elevator and dropped with him to the deepest, most tightly secured level of the supersecret underground TimeSep Central complex, where a debriefing interrogation cell waited to claim him. It was 10'x10'x20', heavily padded in black Naugahyde, and was honeycombed with sensors and microphones. No lights.

They put him in the cell, let him stew for twelve hours, then fed him, and began the debriefing.

"Mirren, what the hell is that disgusting thing?"

The voice came from the ceiling. In the darkness Enoch Mirren belched lightly from the quenelles of red snapper they had served him, and scooted around on the floor where he was sitting, trying to locate the source of the annoyed voice.

"It's a terrific little person from Cissalda," he said.

"Cissalda?" Another voice; a woman's voice.

"A planet in another star system of that other time/universe," he replied politely. "They call it Cissalda."

"It can talk?" A third voice, more studious.

"Telepathically. Mind-to-mind. When we're making love."

"All right, knock it off, Mirren!" the first voice said.

Enoch Mirren sat in darkness, smiling.

"Then there's life in that other universe, apart from that disgusting thing, is that right?" The third voice.

"Oh, sure," Enoch Mirren said, playing with his toes. He had discovered he was naked.

"How's the night life on Cissalda?" asked the woman's voice, not really seriously.

"Well, there's not much activity during the week," he answered, "but Saturday nights are dynamite, I'm told."

"I said knock it off, Mirren!"

"Yes, sir."

The third voice, as if reading from a list of prepared questions, asked, "Describe time/universe Earth₂ as fully as you can; will you do that, please?"

"I didn't see that much, to be perfectly frank with you, but it's really nice over there. It's warm and very bright, even when the frenzel smelches. Every nolnek there's a vit, when the cosmish isn't drendeling. But I found . . ."

"Hold it, Mirren!" the first voice screamed.

There was a gentle click, as if the speakers were cut off while the interrogation team talked things over. Enoch scooted around till he found the soft wall, and sat up against it, whistling happily. He whistled "You and the Night and the Music," segueing smoothly into "Some Day My Prince Will Come." There was another gentle click and one of the voices returned. It was the angry voice that spoke first; the impatient one who was clearly unhappy with the tempo-

naut. His tone was soothing, cajoling, as if he were the Recreation Director of the Outpatient Clinic of the Men-

ninger Foundation.

"Enoch...may I call you Enoch?..." Enoch murmured it was lovely to be called Enoch, and the first voice went on, "We're, uh, having a bit of difficulty understanding you."

"How so?"

"Well, we're taping this conversation . . . uh, you don't mind if we tape this, do you, Enoch?"

"Huh-uh."

"Yes, well. We find, on the tape, the following words:

frenzel, smelches, nolneg ..."

"That's nolnek," Enoch Mirren said. "A nolneg is quite another matter. In fact, if you were to refer to a nolnek as a nolneg, one of the tilffs would certainly get highly upset and level a renaq..."

"Hold it!" The hysterical tone was creeping back into the interrogator's voice. "Nolnek, nolneg, what does it mat-

ter-"

"Oh, it matters a lot. See, as I was saying—"

"-it doesn't matter at all, Mirren, you asshole! We

can't understand a word you're saying!"

The woman's voice interrupted. "Lay back, Bert. Let me talk to him." Bert mumbled something vaguely obscene under his breath. If there was anything Enoch hated, it was vagueness.

"Enoch," said the woman's voice, "this is Dr. Arpin. Inez Arpin? Remember me? I was on your training team

before you left?"

Enoch thought about it. "Were you the black lady with

the glasses and the ink blots?"

"No. I'm the white lady with the rubber gloves and the rectal thermometer."

"Oh, sure, of course. You have very trim ankles."

"Thank you."

Bert's voice exploded through the speaker. "Jeezus Keerice, Inez!"

"Enoch," Dr. Arpin continued, ignoring Bert, "are you

speaking in tongues?"

Enoch Mirren was silent for a moment, then said, "Gee, I'm awfully sorry. I guess I've been linked up with the Cissaldan so long, I've absorbed a lot of how it thinks and speaks. I'm really sorry. I'll try to translate."

The studious voice spoke again. "How did you meet the,

uh, Cissaldan?"

"Just appeared. I didn't call it or anything. Didn't even see it arrive. One minute it wasn't there, and the next it was."

Dr. Arpin spoke. "But how did it get from its own planet

to Earth₂? Some kind of spaceship, perhaps?"

"No, it just... came. It can move by will. It told me it felt my presence, and just simply hopped across all the way from its home in that other star system. I think it was true love that brought it. Isn't that nice?"

All three voices tried speaking at once.

"Teleportation!" Dr. Arpin said, wonderingly.

"Mind-to-mind contact, telepathy, across unfathomable light-years of space," the studious voice said, awesomely.

"And what does it want, Mirren?" Bert demanded, forgetting the conciliatory tone. His voice was the loudest.

"Just to make love; it's really a terrific little person."

"So you just hopped in the sack with that disgusting thing, is that right? Didn't even give a thought to decent morals or contamination or your responsibility to us, or the mission, or anything? Just jumped right into the hay with that pukeable pervert?"

"It semed like a good idea at the time," Enoch said.

"Well, it was a *lousy* idea, whaddaya think about that, Mirren? And there'll be repercussions, you can bet on that, too; repercussions! Investigations! Responsibility must be placed!" Bert was shouting again. Dr. Arpin was trying to calm him.

At that moment, Enoch heard an alarm go off somewhere. It came through the speakers in the ceiling quite clearly, and in a moment the speakers were cut off. But in that moment the sound filled the interrogation cell, its ululations signaling dire emergency. Enoch sat in silence, in darkness, naked, humming, waiting for the voices to return. He hoped he'd be allowed to get back to his Cissaldan pretty soon.

But they never came back. Not ever.

The alarm had rung because the disgusting thing had vanished. The alien morphologists who had been monitoring it through the one-way glass of the control booth fronting on the examination stage that formed the escape-proof study chamber, had been turned away only a few seconds, accepting mugs of steaming stimulant-laced coffee from a Tech 3. When they turned back, the examination stage was empty. The disgusting thing was gone.

People began running around in ever-decreasing circles. Some of them disappeared into holes in the walls and made

like they weren't there.

Three hours later they found the disgusting thing.

It was making love with Dr. Marilyn Hornback in a broom closet.

TimeSep Central, deep underground, was the primary locus of visitation, because it had taken the Cissaldan a little while to acclimate itself. But even as Bert, Dr. Inez Arpin, the studious type whose name does not matter, and all the others who came under the classification of chrono-experts were trying to unscramble their brains at the bizarre progression of events in TimeSep Central, matters were already out of their hands.

Cissaldans began appearing everywhere.

As though summoned by some silent song of space and time (which, in fact, was the case), disgusting things began popping into existence all over Earth. Like kernels of corn suddenly erupting into blossoms of popcorn, one moment there would be nothing—or a great deal of what passed for nothing—and the next moment a Cissaldan was there. Invariably, right beside a human being. And, in the next moment, the invariable human being would get this good idea that it might be nice to, uh, er, that is, well, sorta do it with this creature . . .

Saffron-robed monks entering the mountain fastness of the Dalai Lama found that venerable fount of cosmic wisdom busily *shtupping* a disgusting thing. A beatific smile creased his wizened countenance.

An international conference of Violently Inclined Filmmakers at the Bel Air Hotel in Beverly Hills was interrupted when it was noticed that Roman Polanski was under a table making violent love to a thing no one wanted to look at. Sam Peckinpah rushed over to abuse it. That went on, till Peckinpah's disgusting thing materialized and the director fell upon it, moaning.

In the middle of their telecasts, Carmelita Pope, Dinah Shore, and Merv Griffin looked away from the cyclopean red eye of the live cameras, spotted disgusting things, exposed themselves, and went to it, thereby upping their flagging ratings considerably.

His Glorious Majesty, the Right Honorable President, General Idi Amin Dada, while selecting material for his new cowboy suit (crushed velvet had his temporary nod as being in just the right vein of quiet good taste), witnessed a materialization right beside his adenoid-shaped swimming pool and fell on his back. The disgusting thing hopped on. No one paid any attention.

Truman Capote, popping Quaaludes like M&Ms, rolled himself into a puffy little ball as his Cissaldan mounted him. The level of dope in his system, however, was so high that the disgusting thing went mad and strained itself straight up the urethra and hid itself against his prostate.

Capote's voice instantly dropped three octaves.

Maidservants to Queen Elizabeth, knocking frantically on the door to her bedchamber, were greeted with silence. Guards instantly forced the door. They turned their heads away from the disgusting sight that greeted them. There was nothing regal, nothing imperial, nothing even remotely majestic about what was taking place there on the floor.

When Salvador Dali entered his Cissaldan, his waxed mustaches drooped alarmingly, like molten pocket watches.

Anita Bryant, locked in her bassinet-pink bathroom with her favorite vibrator, found herself suddenly assaulted by a disgusting thing. She fought it off and a second appeared. Then a third. Then a platoon. In moments the sounds of her outraged shrieks could be heard throughout that time zone, degenerating quickly into a bubbling, citraholic gurgle. It was the big bang theory actualized.

Cissaldans appeared to 1400 assembly line workers in the automobile plant at Toyota City, just outside Yokohama. While the horny-handed sons and daughters of toil were busily getting it on, hundreds of half-assembled car bodies crashed and thundered into an untidy pile forty feet

high.

Masters and Johnson had it off with the same one.

Billy Graham was discovered by his wife and members of his congregation having congress with a disgusting thing in a dust bin. He was "knowing" it, however, in the Biblical sense, murmuring, "I found it!"

Three fugitive Reichsmarschalls, posing as Bolivian sugar cane workers while they plotted the renascence of the Third Reich, were confronted by suddenly materialized Cissaldans in a field near Cochabamba. Though the disgusting things looked disgustingly kosher, the unrepentant Nazis hurled themselves onto the creatures, visualizing

pork-fat sandwiches.

William Shatner, because of his deep and profound experience with Third World Aliens, attempted to communicate with the disgusting thing that popped into existence in his dressing room. He began delivering a captainlike lecture on coexistence and the Cissaldan-bored-vanished, to find a more suitable mate. A few minutes later, a less discerning Cissaldan appeared, and Shatner, now overcome with this good idea, fell on it, dislodging his hairpiece.

Evel Knievel took a running jump at a disgusting thing, overshot, hit the wall, and, semiconscious, dragged himself

back to the waiting aperture.

There in that other time/universe, the terrific little persons of Cissalda had spent an eternity making love to one another. But their capacity for passion was enormous, beyond calculation, intense and never-waning. It could be called fornigalactic. They had waited millennia for some other race to make itself known to them. But life springs into being only rarely, and their eons were spent in familiar sex with their own kind, and in loneliness. A loneliness monumental to conceive. When Enoch Mirren had come through the fabric of time and space to Earth2, they had

sent the most adept of their race to check him out. And the Cissaldan looked upon Enoch Mirren and found him to be good.

And so, like a reconnaissance ant sent out from the hill to scout the territory of a sugar cookie, that most talented of disgusting things sent back telepathic word to its kind: We've got a live one here.

Now, in mere moments, the flood of teleporting Cissaldans overflowed the Earth: one for every man, woman, and child on the planet. Also leftovers for chickens and

kangaroos with double vaginas.

The four top members of the Presidium of the Central Committee of the Supreme Soviet of the Communist Party (CPSU) of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics-Brezhnev, Kosygin, Podgorny, and Gromyko-deserted the four hefty ladies who had come as Peoples' Representatives to the National Tractor Operators Conference from the Ukraine, and began having wild-but socialistic-intercourse with the disgusting things that materialized on their conference table. The four hefty ladies did not care: four Cissaldans had popped into existence for their pleasure. It was better than being astride a tractor. Or Brezhnev, Kosygin, Podgorny, and Gromyko.

All over the world, Mort Sahl and Samuel Beckett and Fidel Castro and H. R. Haldeman and Ti-Grace Atkinson and Lord Snowdon and Jonas Salk and Jorge Luis Borges and Golda Meir and Earl Butts linked up with disgusting things and said no more. A stately and pleasant hush fell across the planet. Barbra Streisand hit the highest note of her career as she was penetrated. Philip Roth had guilt, but did it anyhow. Stevie Wonder fumbled, but got in finally.

It was good.

All over the planet Earth it was quiet and it was good.

One week later, having established without room for discourse that Naugahyde was neither edible nor appetizing, Enoch Mirren decided he was being brutalized. He had not been fed, been spoken to, been permitted the use of lavatory facilities, or in even the smallest way been noticed since the moment he had heard the alarm go off and the speakers had been silenced. His interrogation cell smelled awful, he had lost considerable weight, he had a dreadful ringing in his ears from the silence and, to make matters terminal, the air was getting thin. "Okay, no more Mister Nice Guy," he said to the silence, and proceeded to effect his escape.

Clearly, easy egress from a 10'x10'x20' padded cell sunk half a mile down in the most top-secret installation in America was not possible. If there was a door to the cell, it was so cleverly concealed that hours of careful fingertip examination could not reveal it. There were speaker grilles in the ceiling of the cell, but that was a full twenty feet above him. He was tall, and thin-a lot thinner now-but even if he jumped, it was still a good ten feet out of reach.

He thought about his problem and wryly recalled a short story he had read in an adventure magazine many years before. It had been a cheap pulp magazine, filled with stories hastily written for scandalously penurious rates, and the craftsmanship had been employed accordingly. In the story that now came to Enoch's mind, the first installment of the serial had ended with the mightily-thewed hero trapped at the bottom of a very deep pit floored with poisontipped stakes, as a horde of coral snakes slithered toward him, brackish water was pumped into the pit and rising rapidly, his left arm was broken, he was without weapon, and a man-eating Sumatran black panther peered over the

lip of the pit, watching him closely. Enoch remembered wondering—with supreme confidence in the writer's talents and ingenuity—how he would rescue his hero. The monthlong wait till the next issue was on the newsstand was the longest month of Enoch's life. On the day of its release, he had pedaled down to the newsstand on his Schwinn and snagged the first copy of the adventure magazine from the bundle almost before the dealer had snipped the binding wire. He had dashed outside, thrown himself down on the curb, and riffled through the magazine till he found the second installment of the cliff-hanging serial. How would the writer, this master of suspense and derring-do, save the beleaguered hero?

Part two began:

"With one mighty leap, Vance Lionmane freed himself from the pit, overcoming the panther and rushing forward to save the lovely Ariadne from the aborigines."

Later, comma, after he had escaped from the interrogation cell, Enoch Mirren was to remember that moment, thinking again as he had when but a child what a rotten lousy cheat that writer had been.

There were no Cissaldans left over. Everywhere Enoch went he found the terrific little persons shacked up with old men, young women, pre- and post-pubescent children, ducks, porpoises, wildebeests, dogs, arctic terns, llamas, young men, old women and, of course, chickens and kangaroos with double vaginas. But no lovemate for Enoch Mirren.

It became clear after several weeks of wandering, waiting for a materialization in his immediate vicinity, that the officials at TimeSep Central had dealt with him more severely than they could have known.

They had broken the rhythm. They had pulled him out of that disgusting thing, and now, because the Cissaldans were telepathically linked and were all privy to the knowledge, no Cissaldan would have anything to do with him.

The disgusting things handled rejection very badly.

Enoch Mirren sat on a high cliff a few miles south of Carmel, California. The Peterbilt he had driven across the country in futile search of another human being who was not making love to a Cissaldan was parked on the shoulder of Route 1, the Pacific Coast Highway, above him. He sat on the cliff with his legs dangling over the Pacific Ocean. The guidebook beside him said the waters should be filled with seals at play, with sea otters wrapped in kelp while they floated on their backs cracking clams against their bellies, with whales migrating, because this was January

and time for the great creatures to commence their journey. But it was cold, and the wind tore at him, and the sea was empty. Somewhere, elsewhere, no doubt, the seals and the cunning sea otters and the majestic whales were locked in passionate embrace with disgusting things from another time/universe.

Loneliness had driven him to thinking of those terrific little persons as disgusting things. Love and hate are merely obverse faces of the same devalued coin. Aristotle said that. Or Pythagoras. One of that crowd.

The first to know true love, he was the last to know total loneliness. He wasn't the last human on Earth, but a lot of good it did him. Everybody was busy, and he was alone. And long after they had all died of starvation, he would still be here... unless he decided some time in the ugly future to drive the Peterbilt off a cliff somewhere.

But not just yet. Not just now.

He pulled the notebook and pen from his parka pocket, and finished writing the story of what had happened. It was not a long story, and he had written it as an open letter, addressing it to whatever race or species inherited the Earth long after the Cissaldans had wearied of banging corpses and had returned to their own time/universe to wait for new lovers. He suspected that without a reconnaissance ant to lead them here, to establish a telepathic-teleportational link, they would not be able to get back here once they had left.

He only hoped it would not be the cockroaches who rose up through the evolutionary muck to take over the cute little Earth, but he had a feeling that was to be the case. In all his travels across the land, the only creatures that could not get a Cissaldan to make love to them were the cockroaches. Apparently, even disgusting things had a nausea threshold. Unchecked, the cockroaches were already swarming across the world.

He finished the story, stuffed it in an empty Perrier water bottle, capped it securely with a stopper and wax, and flung it by its neck as far out as he could into the ocean.

He watched it float in and out with the tide for a while, until a current caught it and took it away. Then he rose, wiped off his hands, and strode back up the slope to the eighteen-wheeler. He was smiling sadly. It had just occurred to him that his only consolation in bearing the knowledge that he had destroyed the human race was that for a little while, in the eyes of the best fuck in the universe, he had been the best fuck in the universe.

There wasn't a cockroach in the world who could claim the same.

CHAIN



Gentlebeings:

Have been reading Heavy Metal with delight & thought I'd let you know. A friend turned me on to Metal Hurlant a year or two ago, & I was pleased to see it materialize in an American guise, & am pleased to see the way you've been doing it.

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That's a very good thing, you're

publishing my stories in your mag. I really dig it! But...you can be most careful with their reproduction. The mutilation of the cases... it don't help to make artwork more beautiful or communicating. In HM #6, in the story "Orcyb," arms and legs of the characters were taked off ... why?

I must signal that the translations are very good.... You know, we put lots of energy in our work, and it's amazing to see a perfect reproduction. My best wishes for your mag,

Sergio Macedo, Paris

(Continued on next page)

Dear Sergio: Hope you like the book of yours - Psychorock - we just published. Hope you like the check for it, too. Hope you understand that the film we receive from France of your work is oversized - and Harry the Art Director (and rat with women) goes squirrelly in the back room cropping and adjusting to get as much of your fantastic art as possible into our smaller page size.-Eds.

Gentlemen:

Heavy Metal, 9/77, pg. 57 upper left. Pacino?

> Charles Burgess, Wilmington, Ohio

Cld be. Or De Niro. Or Hoffman. All earthlings look alike to us.-Eds.

Editors:

So far Heavy Metal is a disappointment. My main complaint is with the ignorant, spineless sexist content of the rag. Twits, don't you realize women read fantasy, too?

To a woman, every issue has been an insult. Women are people, dummies. End this sexist/sadistic bull and grow.

> D. D'Falahee. San Francisco, Calif.

Have the impression this is a form letter you automatically fire off to all new mags, D. Three of HM's four editors are women. Regular contributors include Zha, Nicollet, Claveloux, and Montellier - all women. We feature enough male nudes to make the mag a favorite with gays, for what that's worth. But, finally, the magazine is of fantasy - and doesn't treat women or men as "human beings," but as idealized, imaginary characters. If the only thing preventing the passage of the E.R.A. is the big tits on space ladies, it's a weirder world than even we imagined.-Eds.

Dear Heavies:

Well, who would have thought such escapism could be welcome here in Euphoria, Kansas? An excellent magazine, with few exceptions. "Age of Ages" detracts from your overall atmosphere. Same goes for "Roger," the photographic fiasco.

Moebius is superb. Love that Harzak! "Conquering Armies" is like Tolkien's world of Rings and Hob-

bits, and fascinating . . .

I'm glad I subscribed. Cheaper than smoking, too.

Michael Leclear,

Emporia, Kansas Well, of course, we liked "Roger" and "Age of Ages," or we wouldn't have run them...there's another long chapter of "Conquering Armies" in our January issue. You'll love it. But why this reference to tobacco?-Eds.

COLLECTOR'S ITEMS

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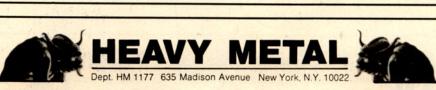
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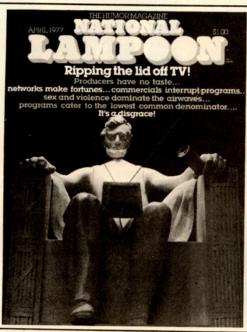
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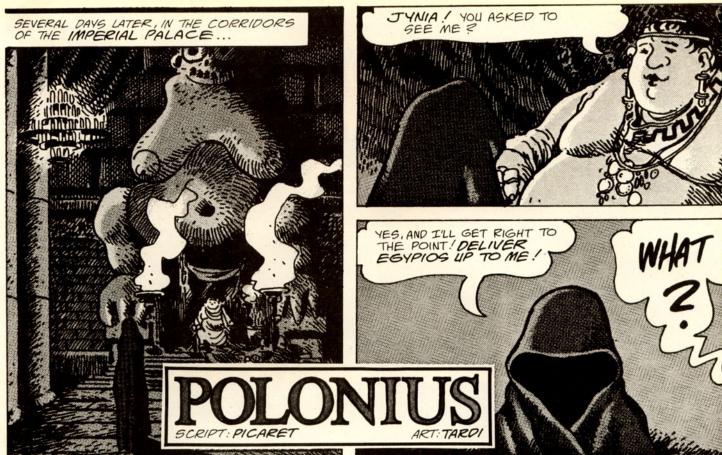


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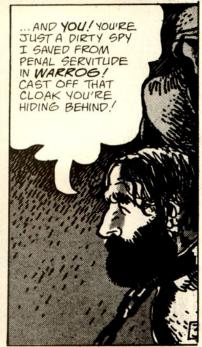










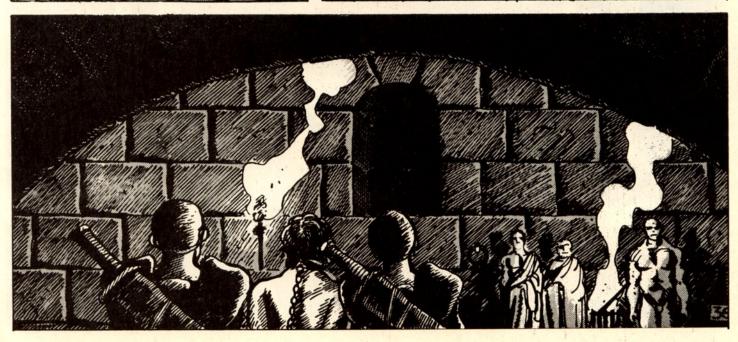








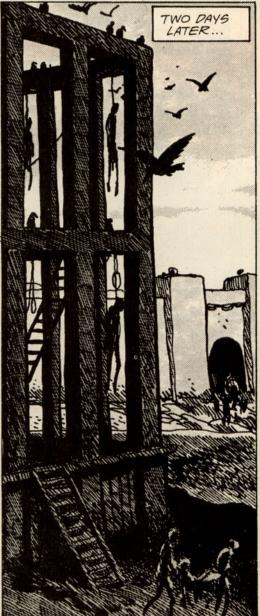


























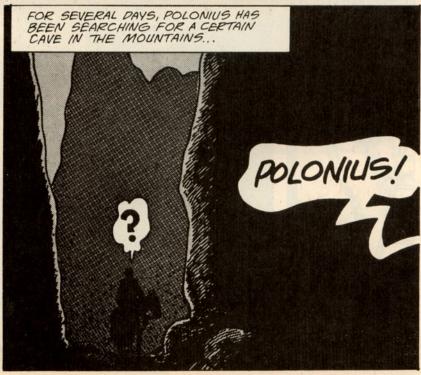




















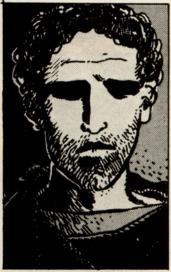








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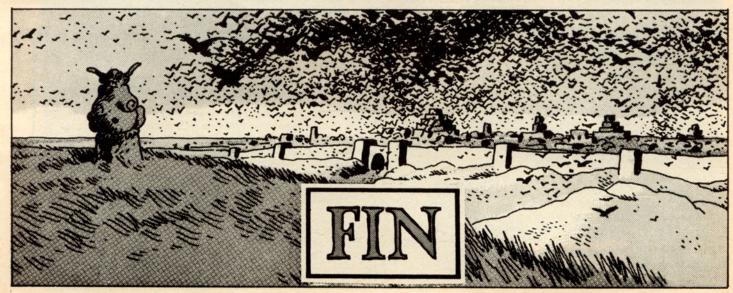












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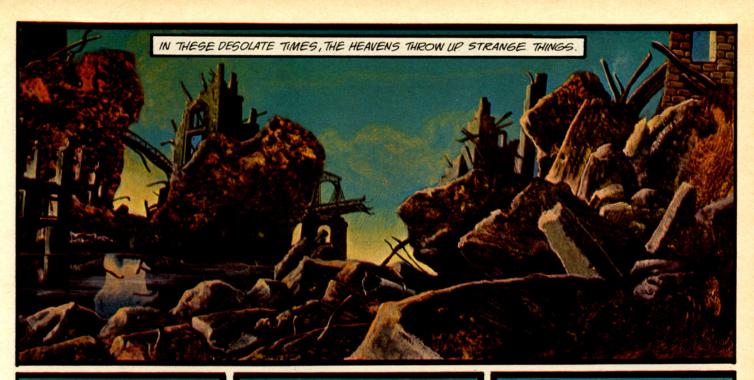
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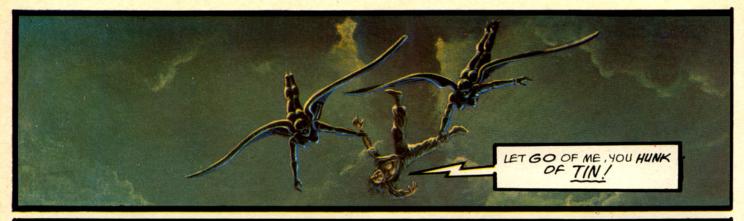










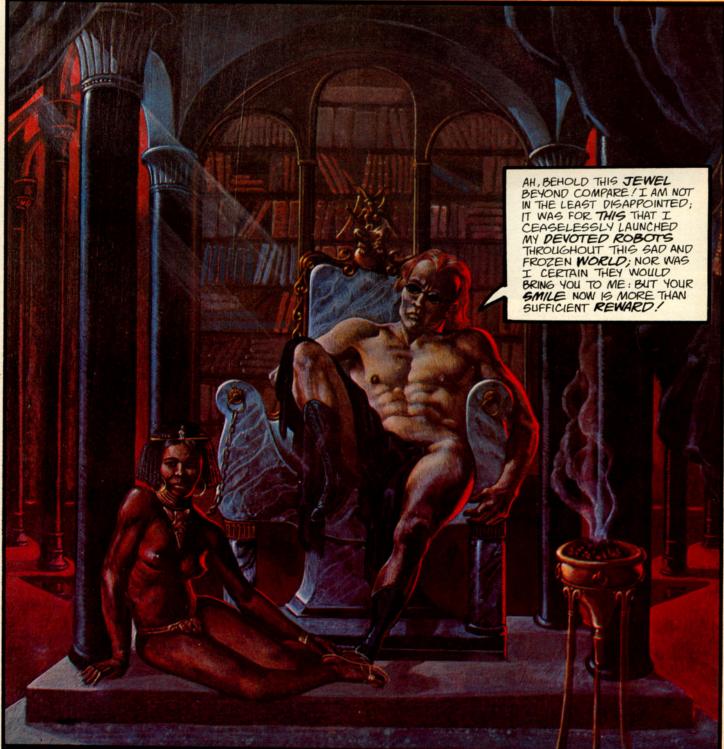














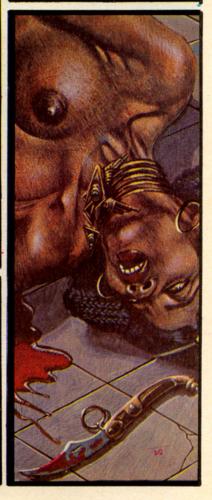






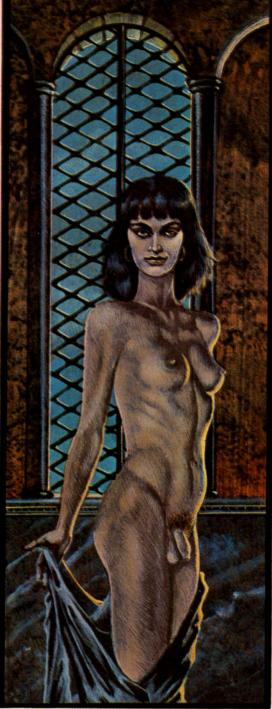








WHAT IS WITH THIS GUY? HE'S OUT OF HIS MIND!



With her gentle gaze
she won my heart,
With her regal bearing
she charmed me,
But she, too, has been
contaminated by
That goddamn radiation!



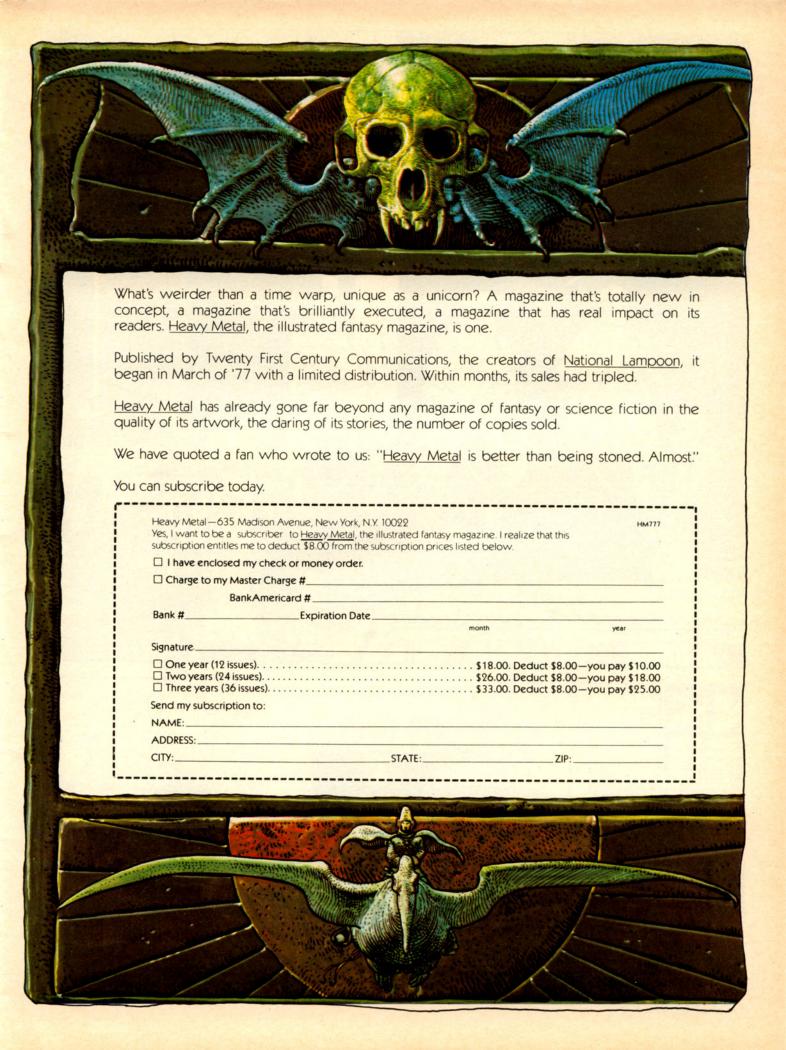
A LIFE WITHOUT PURPOSE, A DEATH WITHOUT PROSENY! ALL MY MASTERY HAS LED ME TO THIS, JUST TO THIS ...

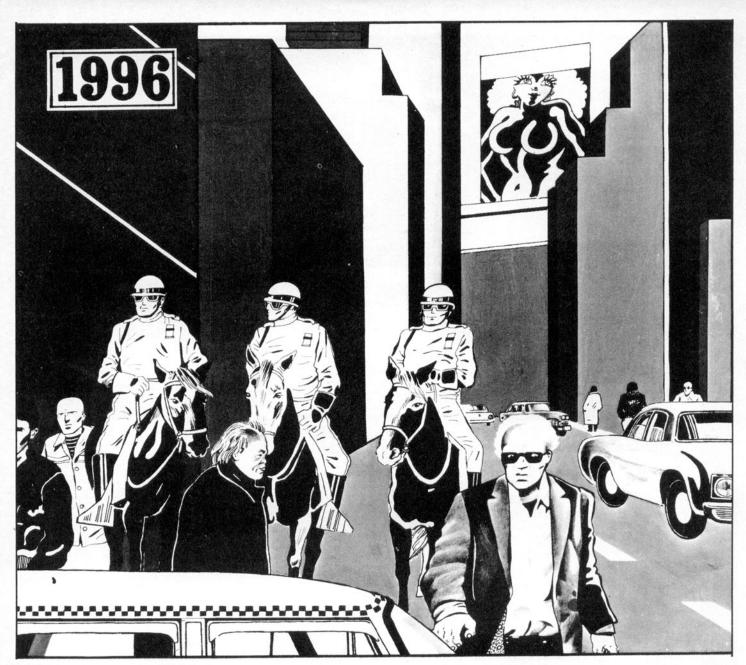


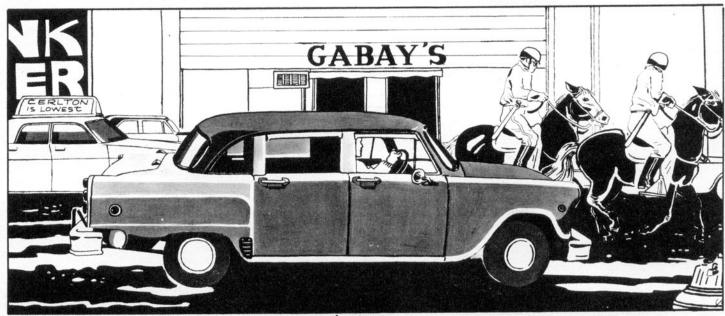


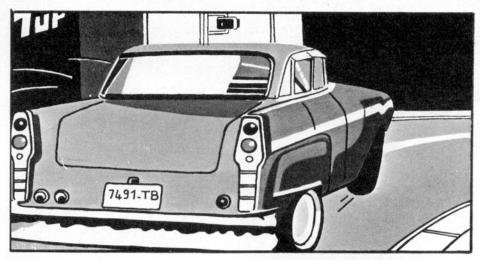








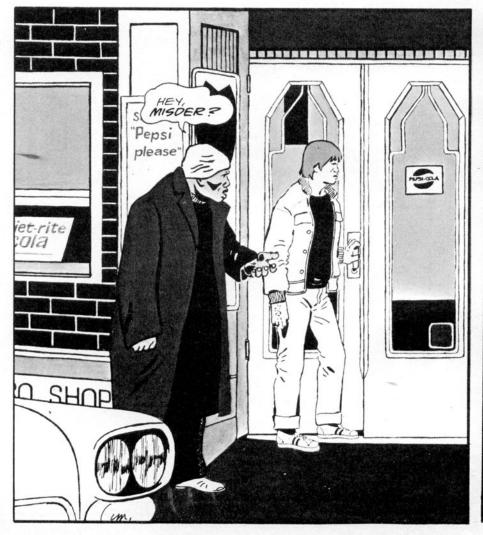
























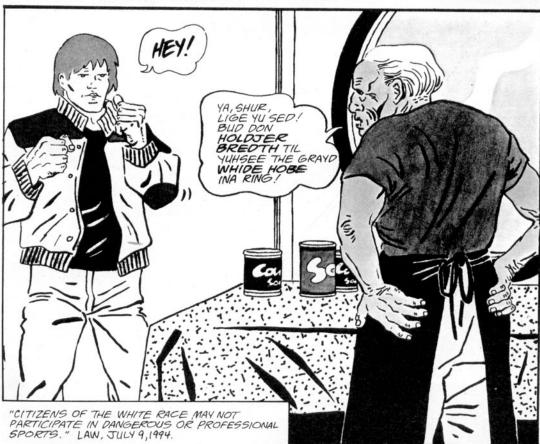








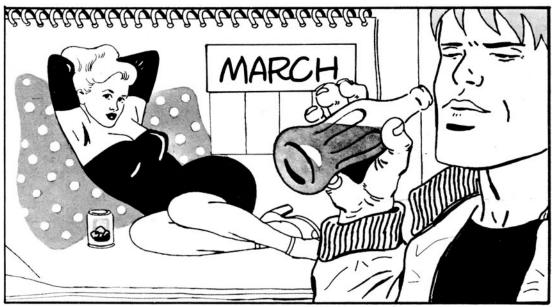
















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