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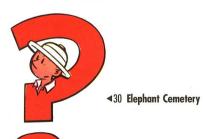
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Edited by Steven Maloff

◀ He-Man, the Hulk Hogan of afternoon TV, has at last made it to the screen. You all know He-Man-do not come in the path of your child and his He-Man doll. In his first bigscreen adventure, The Secret of the Sword, he discovers he has a sister, Adora, whose spectacular transformations into She-Ra, Princess of Power, are better than anything on MTV. And once you've met her. you won't want to miss her fall TV series

• Zippy, that ubiquitous pinhead, is back in the bookstores spewing forth his twisted wisdom in Pointed Behavior (Last Gasp). This is Bill Griffith's second collection of Zippy strips, which are now syndicated weekly in over thirty-five newspapers. In Pointed Behavior, Zippy trades non sequiturs with a mindboggling cast of junk-culture icons, including the Cabbage Patch Kids, Hello Kitty, Elmer Fudd, Smurfs, Garfield, the Jetsons, and Bozo the Clown. Since Griffith spent the last decade establishing Zippy himself as a junk-culture icon par excellence by marketing the lovable pinhead's visage on T-shirts, postcards, dolls, calendars, buttons, and masks, it follows that he'd allow Zippy to confront his peer group in the strips.

Pointed Behavior prominently co-stars one of Griffith's newest straight men: Shelf Life, a terminally hip, Devoesque dude who proves an inspired foil for Zippy's shaggy dog dialogue. In addition to appearances by Dingy (Zippy's cat) and Lippy (Zippy's twin brother), the ninety-six-strip compilation features brief cameos by two of my favorite Griffith creations—Claude Funston and Mr. Toad. Don't forsake those two lunatic left fielders, okay, Bill?

-Dale Ashmun



▲ There are those who would say that publishing a parody of Marvel Comics' superheroes is gilding the lily: the formula wore out sometime around 1966. Still, if parody we must, then Donald Simpson's Megaton Man (Kitchen Sink) is about as good as one can expect. Simpson hews a bit too closely to the Marvel formula to earn as many yuks as he might, but his sustained riffs on familiar Marvel plots and characters will be appreciated by anyone who gobbled up The Fantastic Four during its Lee-and-Kirby heyday, Megaton Man himself, with his absurdly muscular physique and naive heroism, owes more than a nod to Gilbert Shelton's Wonder Warthog (which really put the kibosh on the superhero formula almost twenty years ago), but it's hard to resist Simpson's "Megatropolis Quartet" and the transformation of Megaton Man into Captain Megaton Man. In color, on better paper than this silliness merits.

-Mike Barson

 At first glance, William Bayer's latest detective novel, Switch (Signet/NAL), reads like something Lawrence Sanders might have written. The switch in question, which takes place in Manhattan, involves a maniac who exchanges the head of a prim schoolteacher for that of an East Side whore. As the blurbs on the cover inform us, this is television miniseries land. But happily, there's more to it. The hero, Police Lieutenant Frank Janek, functions as a real character. A weary thirty-year veteran of the force, Janek serves as a study in personality, a smart man riddled with selfdoubt. He is also endowed with a justified fear of his future. A subplot involving murderous roque cops and a pretty photographer, with whom the detective slides into an affair, underlines this character sketch. As Janek struggles to solve his grisly case, bring corrupt cops to justice, and open himself to human contact,

he becomes a rare creature in modern lit-someone the reader

can care about.

-Tom Aiken

#### **All-Time Top Ten SF/Fantasy Films**

- 1. E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial (Steven Spielberg,
- Star Wars (George Lucas, 1977)
- Return of the Jedi (Richard Marguand, 1983)
- The Empire Strikes Back (Irvin Kershner, 1980)
- Ghostbusters (Ivan Reitman, 1984)
  Raiders of the Lost Ark (Steven Spielberg, 1981)
  Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom (Steven
- Spielberg, 1984)
- The Exorcist (William Friedkin, 1973)
- 9. Superman (Richard Donner, 1978) 10. Close Encounters of the Third Kind (Steven Spielberg, 1977)

#### All-Time Top Ten Not Including Lucas and Spielbera

- Ghostbusters
- The Exorcist
- Superman

- Superman II (Richard Lester, 1981)
  Star Trek (Robert Wise, 1979)
  Heaven Can Wait (Warren Beatty, 1978)
  Mary Poppins (Robert Stevenson, 1964)
  Allen (Ridley Scott, 1979)
  Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan (Nicholas Meyer,

- 10. Star Trek III: The Search for Spock (Leonard Nimoy, 1984)

#### 1984 Top Ten SF/Fantasy Films

- **Ghostbusters**
- Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom
- **Gremlins (Joe Dante)**
- Star Trek III: The Search for Spock
- Splash (Ron Howard)
- Grevstoke: The Legend of Tarzan, Lord of the Apes (Hugh Hudson)
- 2010 (Peter Hyams)
- The Terminator (James Cameron)
- Dune (David Lynch)
- 10. Conan the Destroyer (Richard Fleischer)

#### Top Ten SF/Fantasy Paperbacks

- 1. Bio of a Space Tyrant: Volume 3: Politician, Piers
- Anthony (Avon)
  Ishmael: Star Trek #23, Barbara Hambly (Pocket
- Ladyhawke, Joan D. Vinge (NAL)
- Heechee Rendezvous, Frederik Pohl (Del Rey/
- 5. Day of the Tyrant: There Will Be War (Volume IV), J. E. Pournelle (Tor)
- V: The Crivit Experiment, Allen Wold (Pinnacle)
- Daughter of Regals and Other Tales, Stephen R. Donaldson (Del Rey/Ballantine) Dune Messiah, Frank Herbert (Berkley) Millennium, John Varley (Berkley)
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## Space Vampires brought to Life by Force

Colin Wilson wrote the book. by Kyle Roderick







From Lifeforce . . .

the film based on Colin Wilson's novel . . .

The English cult author Colin Wilson published his first book. The Outsider, in 1956. A search-and-synthesize study of alienation in modern life and literature. The Outsider seethed with crucial contemporary questions: How can we transcend the confusion, despair, and impotence imposed on us by history and culture? How can we overcome the everyday state of self-delusion that we call consciousness? And most important, how can we evolve into a higher form of humanity? The Outsider became a controversial bestseller, subjecting Wilson to intense media alare and literary hype.

Wilson made great copy in postwar Britain; arbitrarily categorized as one of the "Angry Young Men" of the literary scene, he embodied a pre-punk form of street credibility. Reared in "working-class dirt and boredom" in Leicester, Wilson was largely self-educated in a land where writers rarely become writers without first attending university. He left school at sixteen, worked at a string of menial jobs, bummed around Europe, and did time in the Royal Air Force. Devoting himself to writing in spite of these circumstances, Wilson (then twenty-five) wound up sleeping on London's Hampstead Heath rather than hold another nowhere job to pay the rent. Instead, he went to the British Museum Reading Room every day to write The Outsider.

Once his fifteen minutes of fame were up, though, Wilson's ensuing books were savaged by the critics for being poorly reasoned; his unorthodox philosophy was soon unfashionable with the general public as well.

Undaunted, Wilson moved to a cottage by the sea in Cornwall, where he has been writing a slew of dissimilar nonfiction and fiction books ever since. Wilson admits to having lost count, but his output hovers somewhere over fifty. His work, when viewed as a whole, however, is concerned with helping us to meet our prime evolutionary imperative: the expansion of consciousness. Most notable are his visionary science fiction novels: The Phi-Josopher's Stone, The Mind Parasites, and The Space Vam-

pires. The latter has just been adapted for the screen by Don Jakoby and Dan O'Bannon (Alien), and was directed by Tobe Hooper (Poltergeist, The Texas Chainsaw Massacre). Retitled Lifeforce, its plot has the elements of classic high-tech horror: galactic voyages, thermonuclear suspense, vampirism and crime, thought transference and shriveled space ahouls.

It's worth noting here that Wilson has a rather dubious reputation, which probably stems from the sensationalist aura of many of his books. The Occult, Origins of the Sexual Impulse, A Criminal History of Mankind, and An Encyclopedia of Murder are juicy cases in point. A few years ago, in fact, Scotland Yard investigated the accusation (made in letters to them) that Wilson was the notorious murderer called the Yorkshire Ripper. As my overnight stay with Wilson and his family fell on a full moon, a London friend suggested I wear a cross and some garlic for protection. Taking my chances, I went unarmed, and met a fiftyfour-year-old man with pale blue eyes as innocent as water. Wilson comes across as a hip family man who happens to dwell on the wilder shores of the imagination. His perpetually serene expression makes one seriously doubt his being in league with the forces of darkness.

"So what is this magazine you write for?" he greets me with a smirk. "My sons tell me it's great, especially the illustrations. "I'm very excited about Lifeforce," Wilson says as we sit down to talk. "I visited one day when they were filming; they used several of the sets from Star Wars. The opticals in the film should be marvelous." Wilson's concept of vampirism, pivotal to the plot of Lifeforce, has its roots in factual observation, "I've always noticed that certain people drain energy from those ground them, while others seem to have an absolutely tonic effect on whomever they meet. I think we're giving energy-and taking energy from each other-all the time. It strikes me that there is a degree of thought transference constantly going on between people which is quite unknown to them."

Can we infer from Wilson's belief in hidden mental powers that he also sees a sort of mind control involved in sexual and romantic relationships? "Yes, absolutely," he nods. "At the moment, the science fiction writer A. E. Van Voat and I are writing a Return of the Space Vampires that takes this idea as a point of departure. The story is set in New York, and begins with a happily married young woman who finds herself erotically captivated by a strange man, totally against her will."

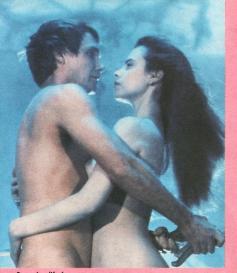
A lifelong science fiction fan, Wilson names H. G. Wells as one of the greatest novelists of the twentieth century. "Science fiction had a tremendous influence on my development. As a child, science fiction magazines agt me fascinated with Einstein and astronomy. By the time I was twelve, I was borrowing books from the library on relativity and quantum theory." Wilson's passion for scientific inquiry, however, is linked with an ultimate faith in the powers of the human mind. Moreover, he believes in the eternal, positive purpose of the life force. From Wilson's bird'seye view of the cosmos, we may be just dots on a rock in a suburb of a spiral galaxy, but we are nevertheless endowed with a limitless capacity for broadening consciousness, "This is what we're here for," he stresses. "Our ability to think one thought rather than another is our unique freedom, and the more this freedom is exercised, the more the species will evolve."

Given Wilson's New Age humanism, which implies a wariness of the techno-gods of our computerized, digital world, it is hardly surprising that he rates most contemporary of writers as politically incorrect. "These twits like Arthur C. Clarke who advocate the notion of artificial intelligence are completely misdirected," he charges. "They represent the extreme end of nineteenth-century materialism and the belief that human beings are merely matter. The fact is that we are alive and a computer is not! So there's no possible way we can create a computer that will actually be alive in any meaningful sense. Clarke has a monstrous ego, and it's interesting that he takes this narrow, almost criminal point of view." Apart from Van Vogt, the other sf writer Wilson admires is Robert Anton Wilson, of Illuminatus Trilogy fame. Both Wilsons (they are not related) share the belief that "all humans are walking around in a self-distorted universe," and that we must recondition our minds through the systematic, willed expansion of consciousness. Drugs can be a useful tool for this: so can sex or meditation.

"These so-called morality questions of drug use and sexual promiscuity are totally irrelevant." Wilson explains, "The point is that if you get high intelligently, if you have a sexual orgy intelligently, if your actions have the element of intentionality behind them, then your experience will have a purpose and a meaning. The thing to avoid is using drugs and sex simply for your own passive gratification."

According to Wilson, who has been studying and writing about the right and left hemispheres of the brain for the past decade, we actually have two minds. "Ever since man became a thinker." Wilson observes, "he's been trapped in the left half of his brain; he's become prone to a negative distortion of his own reality. The person you call 'you'—your identity—lives in the left brain. This hemisphere orders your thoughts and opinions in a scientific fashion. The right brain houses the artist, the intuitive, conscious you who perceives patterns and perspectives." Because the bulk of our thoughts are screened through the left brain's windshield of personality, we rarely get into the right brain to experience (orgasms and drug highs excepted) an objective, larger reality. This state of mind Wilson calls "affirmation consciousness," wherein we alimpse the positive nature of the universe and the limitless, unseen powers in ourselves.

"Perception is intentional," Wilson maintains, and in this way negativism feeds itself. What our species must learn to develop is a method of focusing our intellect to a point where right-brain consciousness can be induced at will. Although we have become capable of handling a dizzyingly complex reality, he continues.



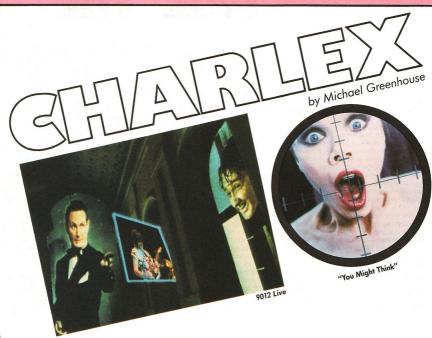
Steaming life force.

"The people who ought to be passing on this positive insightartists and writers—are for the most part creating art that communicates a dismal, self-indulgent pessimism." That the nihilistic playwright Samuel Beckett is a Nobel Prize winner, for instance, symbolizes" everything that is wrong with wentieth-century consciousness. A man who writes plays about people sitting in dustbins saying how meaningless life is! This is incredible to me. Artists like Beckett are pouring a form of cyanide into our cultural water supply. In a sense, my job as a person is to pour the antidate into the collective consciousness." Ever the Outsider, he comments, "Although there are a few writers who are going in the same direction as I am, I feel like I've been doing this pretty much singlehandedly."

Should you think that Wilson's rap sounds like mystic bullshit, then consider how far the force of will and thinking with the right side of his brain have taken him. He is, after all, trying to help us get into the future. "Consciousness expansion is a science," he insists. "If's a project that can be pursued through to the very end. When we've pursued if far enough, we might actually have a completely new power of thought." As if lobbying for a higher form of humanity isn't enough of a cosmic crusade, Wilson mentions that he's just completed a book which investigates the afterlife. "I'm almost embarrassed to say it," he contesses, "but the dozens of case histories I studied point to the evidence of some kind of existence beyond death."

I'm wavering on whether or not I believe in the next world, but I venture that if there is one, Colin Wilson is destined to receive a karma kickback for good behavior. "To be good in itself is nothing," he says, smiling. "One has to be intelligently good in this life."

Think about that. With the right side of your brain.



• Alex Weil, the thirty-three-year-old co-owner of Charlex, a New York video production and special-effects house, leans back in his chair, drags on his cigarette, and grins. "I'm tempted to do a production someday where somebody normal is walking down the street," he says. "Everything, including his point of view, is normal. Then he comes across these glasses—special binoculars that say 'Charlex' on them. He'll put them on, and the same things you'd see in the normal way are suddenly seen in that way."

That way is the Charlex way—a brand of wit and cartoonedout silliness on the lunatic fringe, a "different" version of reality. The Charlex way is a lot of things, really. Except normal.

Or minor league. Right now Charlex is one of the hottest production companies in town. In the last couple of years its work has been all over the boob tube; the company has a client list that reads like a page out of the Fortune 500 and revenues to match—about \$10 million a year; and last year it raked in kudos in droves.

You probably caught your first eyeful of Charlex about five years ago, when the National Enquirer started selling its sleaze on national TV with the hook. "Enquiring minds want to know." The best-known—and most lavishly praised—Charlex production is the Cars' video "You Might Think." It won MTV's Best Video of the Year award, the gold medal at the St. Tropez Video Festival, and Clip of the Year from Heavy Metal. The follow-up Charlex/ Cars production, Heartheat City (Warner Home Video), took the gold at St. Tropez for best long form. The opening to 1984-85's Saturday Night Live is another high-profile Charlex job; so is an "84 spot for Bubble Yum gum.

So who are these guys, and how did they make it to the major leagues? Alex and his partner, Charlie Levi, also thirty-three, are New Yorkers who met at Johns Hopkins University in 1968. "We were the two guys with long hair," Alex quips. They also dropped out at about the same time: Alex went to work in a bank, of all places; Charlie graduated from Binghamton U., then bounced around the film production biz doing gofer work. About five years later Charlie and Alex hooked up again to form a rock band, the Last Men, and a shoestring video operation called Charlex (Charlie + Alex = Charlex, get it?).

The Last Men was not another mainstream act (one of their songs was called "Nobody Told Me About LSD"); it wasn't your basic success story either. The closest they came to a hit record was "Jimmy I Go," which sold ten thousand copies—in France. Two years of that scene and Charlie and Alex were ready to get serious about Charlex.

The company started out producing animatics, which are basically low-rent cartoons used by ad agencies to visualize and test commercial ideas. Alex and Charlie cranked out thousands, which "brought us to a point of great discipline in terms of videotape editing," says Alex.

They also started toying with the basic animatic concept, slipping in little bits of weirdness just for fun. It was sort of like this: an agency would have them do an animatic of, say, a waffle iron doing its thing on a waffle. Alex and Charlie might take a picture of Richard Nixon's face and slip it into the sequence in place of the waffle.

In 1979, adman Dick Earle brought Alex and Charlie their star vehicle—the Enquirer account. It turned out to be a marriage made in lunatic heaven. "If it wasn't for the Enquirer none of this would have happened," says Alex. "They were the first to really let us go—in the sense that we were truly participating in the creation of a commercial from the beginning."

ABC, after seeing some of the Enquirer stuff, gave Alex and Charlie their next big-time business—station identifications, logos, things like that. Then, a couple of years ago, the Cars came to Charlex with a video project, "You Might Think," and the proverbial dam of creativity broke loose. "They just said, 'Do your thing,' " says Alex. "They loved the Enquirer commercials, and Rick Ocasek was very trusting,"



Think again.

The video kicked ass and the Cars went for the Charlex treatment again—this time to promote their latest album, Heartheat City. This job, which features an Anywhere, U.S.A. cityscape, ended up in the rack at your local home-video store; it didn't get much play on MTV.

It did get some heavy play in the boardroom of Saturday Night Live, though. The folks at SNL liked it so much they had Charlex do a New York cityscape for them. And that's what they got, sort of: hot dogs float through the night sky as Christopher Guest takes a both in Yankee Stadium and Mary Gross irons a shirt on the Flatiron Building. Charlex next worked with Yes, for whom they produced the full-length rock videocassette 9012 Live.
Alex admits that "Charlex is a surrealism factory." But he insists

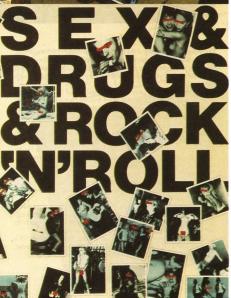
Alex admits that "Charlex is a surrealism ractory. But he insists "we are not by philosophy or any other pretensions surrealists. We work the equipment and we do what the equipment can do. That's all."

That they do. And they do it with a "machine," as Alex calls it, that's slick and getting slicker, and with a serious "we're-hotter-than-shit" attitude.

"In a sense what we do here is a visual fuck you," says Alex. Fuck you to realistic images and conventional image making. Fuck you to the beautiful-moments-of-sincerity approach to commercial making and even to rock-video making.

"That's why I want to do Twisted Sister," says Alex, giggling. "It's the ultimate fuck you. The face of the lead singer, Dee Snyder, will actually appear as a moment of relief in this one."





■ Remember the "Doppler effect" from high school physics? "Wavelengths shifting in correlation to the speed at which objects move relative to each other." Well, throw out your physics books, if you haven't already—the Post Brothers are here. They not only shift wave patterns when they move, they shift entire realities-at will, in nanoseconds. For us, following the reality shifts in the premiere issue of Those Annoying Post Bros. requires more time. Just like high school physics, reality shifts can be confusing business. It's not easy to follow the mystery of an underworld "drop" while jumping from the violent reality of an intergalactic punk-rock club to a cartoon reality where everyone is invulnerable because violence is unreal. Those Annoving Post Bros. is an adult book not so much because of its adult topics as because it must be read diligently to be appreciated.

Longtime readers of HM will have a head start. They'll be familiar with the infamous Ron Post and the Bulldagger band members from HM's earlier serialization (March 1980 through June 1981) of artist Matt Howarth's "Changes." They'll also recognize the scripting abilities of Heavy Metal's Lou Stathis. (Those Annoying Post Bros., published bimonthly by Vortex Comics, 96 Spadina Avenue, 9th floor, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5V 2J6. Two dollars postpaid direct from the publisher, or ten dollars for

a six-issue subscription.)

-Jay Kennedy

If a time machine had fantasies, it could use John M. Ford's The Dragon Waiting to stimulate itself. This novel portrays a European Renaissance world in which the Byzantine Empire is the powerhouse political force that chews away at Europe with the endless hunger and mindless cruelty of a shark. The Judeo-Christian faiths are insignificant cults, while gods and their mysteries from the previous Greek and Roman eras have survived. This is a historical novel that punches all the buttons on the fantasy control board-wizards, vampires, magic, mercenaries, wise women. There's gore enough to satisfy horror fans and action enough to satiate sword-and-sorcery aficionados. There are also good female characters, including the personal physician to Lorenzo de' Medici.

Avon didn't bother to put "1984 World Fantasy Best Novel Award" on the cover. Instead its publishers packaged the book like any old bodice-ripper, a cruelty to both book and author.

—Constance Ash

■ Leave it to the Brits to get down to the nitty-gritty. In the hallowed tradition of Hollywood Babylon comes Sex & Drugs
■ & Rock 'n' Roll (Fratelli Gallo Editori), an eye-popping collection of rock "heroes" in various stages of undress, inebriation, and other embarrassing conditions.

Compiled by Miles, a veteran of rock bio, Sex & Drugs & Rock 'n' Roll adheres to the adage that one picture is worth a thousand words, so other than captions and hilariously droll chapter titles,

there is no blabber to bother with.

Among the glitterati knockers you'll encounter are Ronnie Spector's, Patti Smith's, Grace Slick's, Siouxsie's (of the Banshees), Marianne Faithfull's, and ... Millie Small's (remember "My Boy Lollipop"?). A few of the guys who flash their family jewels include Mick Jagger (look closely), Dr. Hook (who cares?), lagy Pop (well hung), and Sid Vicious (playful ol' Sid!). Don't forget "The Hose Pipe Syndrome" chapter, which features such luminous grape smugglers as Marc Bolan, Todd Rundgren, and David Bowie. My favorite chapter, "Rock 'n' Roll Is Being Photographed with Naked Women," captures ex-Animal Alan Price in bed with a topless Joan Collins.

Hunt for this classic in record stores that specialize in imports, because it was published in Hungary and may be difficult to find. -Dale Ashmun

Colorful, flashy covers, in the public's mind, are almost synomous with comic books. Red, yellow, and blue—the simplicity of the primary colors used on the cover of Jaxon's Illustrated Tales caught my attention amidst a rack full of comics, each so heavily laden with color that when displayed together they melded into a muddled mass.

The skillful use of color on the cover of this otherwise black-and-white book first attracted me, but it was the recognition of Jaxon's name that made me grab a copy. Jack Jaxon, a native Texan, is best-known for his impressive nonfiction cartoon works, Comanche Moon (Comanche Indians) and Los Tejanos (Texas Mexicans and Texas statehood). Jaxon's Illustrated Tales tells two tales and has an equal number of surprises. The first tale, "God's Bosom," is a nonfiction account that relates the ordeals of Spaniard Fray Marcos after a 1554 shipwreck that left him stranded in hostile Indian territory along the western shore of the Gulf of Mexico. The second tale, "Bulto . . . A Mountain of Silver," contains the surprises, the first of which is a fusion of his current penchant for nonfiction and his old love of EC horror comics. (FTR Publishing, 2001 Southwest Freeway, Houston, TX 77097.)

—Jay Kennedy

XTC has traditionally been a group as eccentric as it is musically advanced, but for its new LP, 25 O' Clock (Virgin), the two arms of its attack are embracing the concept of psychedelia. Calling themselves the Dukes of Stratosphear, Partridge and company send up the fuzz-tone sound of yore. complete with Eastern-scale guitar doodling that's right on the money as a parody/tribute to this late-sixties genre. Close your eyes and you'd swear portions of this are an Electric Prunes or Pink Floyd album, though Partridge's voice and occasional signature rhythm guitar parts cut through the shtick. This is an extremely well-executed joke, due to the high caliber of musicianship in the group, which is why XTC has always managed to channel its madness into innovative vet "accessible" sonas. Having sworn off touring and retired into the role of a studio group, it's not suprising that these gifted songsters would start dabbling with production sounds as a separate entity for their amusement.

—Jon & Sally Tiven

• Face it, Robert Palmer hasn't made a listenable record since "Bad Case of Loving You," and the guy was practically on his last legs until a couple of Duran Duran members came along. And if you were as desperate as he is for an American success, you'd imp at the chance to make the Power Station (Capital) record. joo.

And if you were in Duran Duran and wanted to get up from under Simon LePudge's thumb, you'd try to find yourself a recording situation that you could assume more control over. But Duran Duran's Taylor boys are not great excuses for musicians. They look trendy as allget-out, and manage to simulate the movements of real musicians, but Duran Duran had one hit and rewrote it three times for consecutive single successes of diminishing returns. Palmer's lyrics are as embarrassing as anything he's ever done, but they serve as punctuation marks upon the mighty dance beat of Tony Thompson, who delivers the only real performance on this album.

But look at the bright side. Their version of "Bang a Gong" is superior to Frankie Goes to Hollywood's. They only half ruin it.

—Jon & Sally Tiven



▲ From Holland comes The Lift, a horror film about a murderous elevator—like Christine in the Empire State Building or Dressed to Kill without a drag queen. This is the feature-film debut of Dick Maas, the thirty-two-year-old director of Golden Earring's "Wiiglat Zone" video (one of my favorites to this day). But his movie really gave me the shaft. I wanted to see more people getting killed, not the personal problems of our mechanic/investigator Felix Adelaar (Huub Stapel). Besides, microhip mayhem may be new to Holland, but over here it's a potent sedative. Need a lift? Noth. I'll immo.



▲ In the bloody wake of the popular Judge Dredd monthly ("I am the law!") comes 2000 An.D. (Eagle Comics), a six-issue "mega-series" (yowl) of laughing-Limey post-holocoust nihilism. Featured in triptych progression are Mr. Justice Dredd himself (Dirty Harry with a radioactive hangover), D.R. and Quinch (the Post Brothers meet Cheech and Chong), and Strontium Dog (the Good, the Bad, and the Mutated). Lotsa yuks, violence, and unapologetic vigilantism; essential bathroom reading for civilization's twilight years.

—Lou Stathis

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### VIDEO VOYEUR

#### *Impulse* (1984, Vestron) Directed by Graham Baker.

How's this for a premise? A secret chemical contaminates the milk supply of Yahooville, U.S.A., and suddenly everyone acts on every sick impulse that crosses his mind. To wit: An old coof pisses on a car in broad daylight, a woman cracks her kid's wrist for disobeying orders, and the sheriif plugs a little boy full of lead for swiping candy. Sounds like your average day in Manhattan, doesn't it? Too bad Baker doesn't cracle much tension. Nor does he make the most of the perversity of the premise. Meg Tilly is the only credible presence here—give her the Sissy Spacek/Dorothy Gale Pure Innocence Award 1985.

#### Mike's Murder (1984, Warner Brothers) Directed by James Bridaes.

This one lasted approximately two seconds in the theaters, and watching it now on video I can say it should have been pulled sooner. Debra Winger has a few romantic encounters with a charmless, drug-peddling asshole and, naturally, falls madly in love. The idea of going agas for a dangerous creep is a good one, but unfortunately writer-director James Bridges tells us absolutely nothing about Winger's character, so there really is no story. Her zambie-like performance doesn't help any (though it's a welcome change from her usual ham-II-up job). A gay record producer also falls for Mike, which really makes no sense, since he can have his pick of slimeball hustlers. And Mike isn't even very cute.

#### The Adventures of Buckaroo Banzai (1984,

Vestron) Directed by W. D. Richter.

Talk about your self-conscious B movies!! Banzai goes for the jarring, staccato rhythm of comic book panels—Heavy Metal panels at that—replete with self-aware trash-culture references. But Richter's timing is so far off that his humor isn't ironic, just incoherent. Sharing the blame is the cast (playing a group of rock 'n' roll scientists falling somewhere between Devo and the Ghostbusters). They all try so hard to be cool they wind up practically catalonic, especially lead Peter Weller and the never-funny Jeff Goldblum. At the other extreme, John Lithgow can't even maul the scenery property. Also, the sound on the cassette is muddy beyond belief.

**The Sender** (1982, Paramount) Directed by Roger Christian.

Visiting Hours (1981, CBS/Fox) Directed by Jean Claude Lord.

**Death Valley** (1982, MCA) Directed by Dick Richards.

The MOR critics who think they know what's good for you show horror movies all the respect that hatchet-wielding maniaca usually show their victims. Consequently, some very worthy terror entries wind up on the slab, including these from the last few years.

Considering that The Sender is Roger Christian's directorial debut, his confidence is amazing. Also tops are the actors—sweet-faced Zeljka Ivanek and Kathryn Harrold, who plays his shrink/substitute mom as Miss Empathy incarnate. Harrold, who's gatten stuck in some of the sourest lemons ever (Yes, Giorgio in movies, McGruder & Loud on TV) here reveals herself as one of the screen's smartest dishes. She's both sexy and maternal, a perfect balance, given the movie's theme. On one level it's a tale of Oedipal horror (made all the more discomforting by the movie's sensuality). But on another level it's a hyper-paranoid view of the worst consequences of identifying deeply with someone—in short, of feeling that thing called love.

Less emotionally developed, but still engrossing, is Visiting Hours. Truth be told, it's really just another knife-o-rama, but setting it apart from the nine jillion other post-Halloween hack; lobs is Jean Claude Lord's sly direction. He and screenwriter Brian Taggart have devised a nonstop slew of inventive setups for destruction (a little number in a dumbwaiter is particularly chilling). The movie consciously tries to escape the usual slasher-flick sexist rap by having a feminist heroine (Lee Grant) and including some key references to wife beating. (Of course, they still can't resist knocking off the promiscuous nurse ASAP). Oh well, as snuff movies go it's still a giant step above, say, Humongus, and the bad guy, Michael Ironside, is so convincing you'd think he eats baby brains for breakfast.

Death Valley also features one of the most underrated modern baddies.—Steven McHattie, whose sense of evil is most densely concentrated in his lips (really!). The movie's title may sound like your usual saddle 'n' spurs fare, but in fact it's a unique horror comment on Westerns. Our heroes are traveling through a frontier-town lourist trap when they're assaulted by a local gold-mining serial murderer. Take it as an extreme example of true Old West wildness visited upon the new.





























HE MUST'VE
THOUGHT IT HAD
MAGICAL POWERS,
OR SOMETHING...









HUNGHOUL, YOU BASE TURD! WHERE 'S MY VIRGIN BRIDE? AH. THE PAIN OF MY QUEST - IT ALL COMES BACK TO ME NOW! I'VE BEEN USED AND ABUSED!















SPREAD OF DISEASE MUSTN'T LET IT TOUCH ME!

































IS THE END IN SIGHT?



GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE...
DEAR READERS EVERYWHERE!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT TIME OF DAY
IT IS WHERE YOU ARE, BUT HERE
IT IS MORNING!



THE WHOLESOME RAYS OF THE NEWLY RISEN SUN ARE EVAPORATING THE LINGERING WISPS OF FOG THAT ARE THE LAST EXHALATIONS OF NOW-DEAD NIGHT.



AND, WHILE HERE THERE IS CHEER AT THE GREETING OF A NEW DAY, I'M SAD TO SAY THIS IS NOT TRUE OF ALL OF THOSE WHO PEOPLE OUR PROTRACTED TALE.

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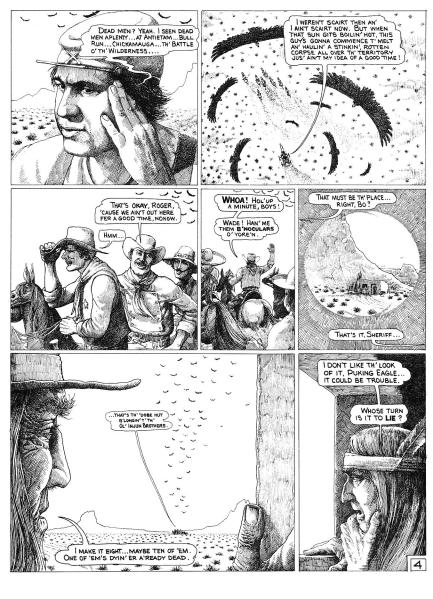
















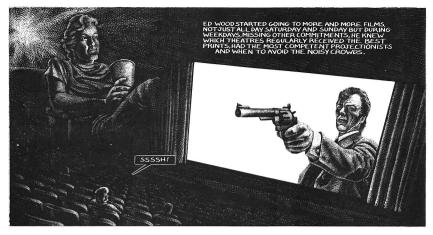




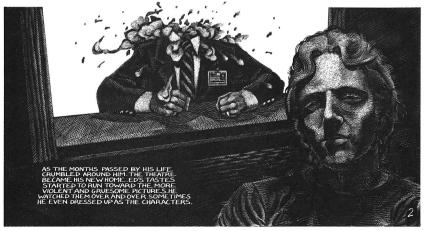












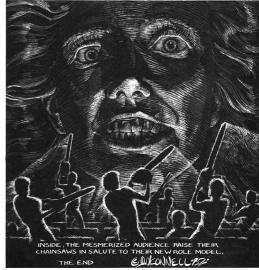












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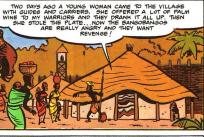




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...AND WE DISCOVERED HIS HAT AND HIS KNAP-SACK ON THE GROUND. IT LOOKED AS IF THERE HAD BEEN A FIGHT. OUR MEN SAY HE WAS TAKEN BY BANGOBANGOS.

IF THOSE
SAVAGES DARE
TOUCH ONE
HAIR ON HIS
HEAD, I WILL
CUT THEM UP
IN LITTLE
PIECES!













#### FREDDY GIVES A DETAILED ACCOUNT OF HIS ADVENTURES.

...THE MAGICIAN IS PEARED AND RESPECTED...HE
PERSUADED THEM TO LET ME GO. AND THANKS TO MY
SENSE OF AND FAUNT TO THE THE TO TAKE
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A SHART NAP
WAITING FOR YOUR
RETURN

IT'S GETTING MORE AND MORE COMPLICATED! WELL, FIRST OF ALL WE HAVE TO CATCH JUP TO THAT MYSTER TOUS NOW HAS THE PLATE. THEN WE WILL MAKE A PLAN...





















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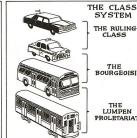
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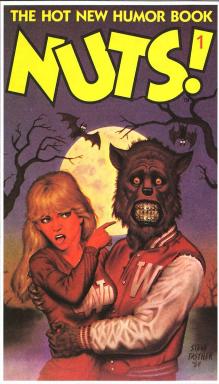


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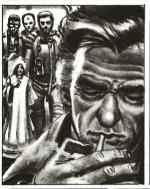
















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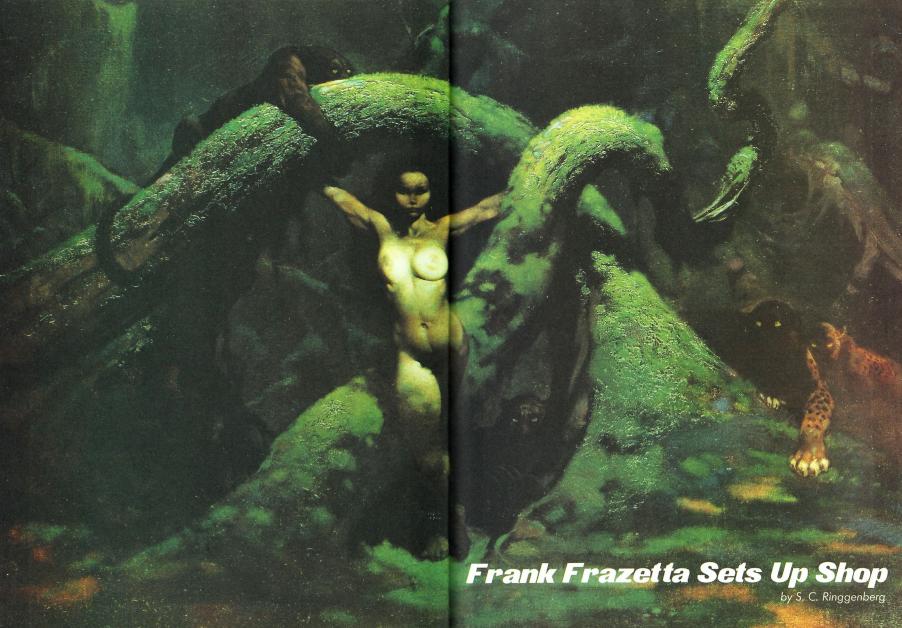
YES, FROM THE VERY
BEGINNING, SHE'S REALLY BEEN
IN CHARGE THE WHOLE TIME.
THIS WHOLE "NIGHTMARE" HAS
BEEN JUST THAT. WE'VE
BEEN FAWNEN IN HER











painters receive recognition during their careers, fewer still become household words in their own lifetimes, and it's unprecedented for any artist to open his own museum. It's a characteristically bold move, yet appropriate to the times, for in 1985, at the age of fifty-seven, fantasy painter Frank Frazetta is already something of an American institution, a notion borne out by his justification for opening the museum: "It was due to the popularity of the work. The fans were constantly asking if they could come see the originals. The best we've done through the years was have some exhibits at different conventions. We're doing it for all the people that have had fun with my work. It's not for profit, because the money's here. I could've sold the paintings and gotten rich, probably, but they're here for the world. You can't take them with you. Besides, my joy is in showing the work." So, on April 6 of this year, heralded by a ribbon-cutting ceremony and major press coverage, the Frazetta Art Museum opened its doors to the world in downtown East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, only a few miles from the Frazettas' sprawling sixty-seven-acre estate.

After a twenty-year career as a cartoonist and painter culminating in his winning SF fandom's Hugo Award as Best Artist in 1966, Frazetta burst beyond the narrow bounds of cult stardom to reach a worldwide audience of millions. His appeal is unique, cutting across all boundaries of race, class, and educational background. Among his fans are corporation presidents, movie moguls, and the likes of Marlon Brando, Orson Welles, George Lucas, Clint Eastwood, and Dick Clark. The four volumes of The Fantastic Art of Frank Frazetta, published by Bantam/Peacock Press, have gone through multiple printings for combined sales of over a million copies. A fifth volume, just out, will undoubtedly send that total climbing even higher. Along with this kind of widespread popularity come financial rewards. Frazetta's paintings—those few he periodically deigns to sell—command sums that start in the six-figure range and go nowhere but up. Sales of his self-published prints were large enough to underwrite the considerable expense of opening the museum.

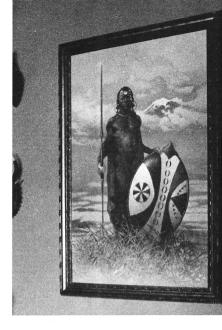
The Frazetta Art Museum is very much a family operation, from conception to execution. "It was basically Ellie's idea." Frank recalled. Ellie Frazetta, Frank's wife, first conceived of the museum in 1983, upon the Frazettas' return from California, where they lived while Frank worked on Fire and Ice, the animated film he designed and co-produced. It was Ellie's tenacity and vision that saw the project through the two years of its construction.

Suffice it to say that the museum is a resounding success, a tasteful and comfortable space in which to view Frazetta's paintings. At present, only one wing of the museum is hung with artwork; it consists of several small rooms that feed into the main gallery. Throughout the museum, dark-colored antique furniture and African carvings from the Frazettas' personal collection provide an effective counterpoint to the bold colors and feral vitality of the paintings. The African art is used with notable success near the entrance to offset an unfinished but magnificent portrait of an Ashanti warrior. All of the work is displayed to advantage, however: each painting is well-lit, seeming to float weightlessly against the sky-blue gallery walls. And despite the sheer volume of work present, you do not get a sense of the paintings crowding one another. Each is allotted sufficient space for its cast of nightmare-spawned demons, brutish heroes, and impossibly lush Frazetta women to act out their terrifyingly vivid stories.

When confronted with this many Frazettas under a single roof, it's a little staggering to consider that what's on display represents only a fraction of the hundreds of paintings and drawings Frazetta has completed. A second, empty gallery directly across the hall from the main gallery may serve to display some of

Frazetta's heretofore unseen work.

Any self-respecting aficionado will certainly find one or more of his favorite paintings hanging among the acknowledged classics and lesser-known gems. Visitors can see the entire Conan series arranged against one wall, some of them reworked and



startlingly different from their published incarnations. Also on view are the popular Death Dealer, which spawned a new series of paintings featuring the same character, the Kane series, Phoenix Prime, most of Frazetta's Burroughs paintings, and too many others to mention individually. There is, however, one early painting deserving of special mention, because Frazetta has reworked it into an authentic masterpiece. Cat Girl, originally done as a Creepy cover in 1966, obviously enjoys Frazetta's high re-

gard; it adorns the museum's official poster.

That there are this many Frazettas still in the artist's possession. much less a museum to house them, is largely due to the sagacity of Ellie Frazetta, who has been Frazetta's agent since the sixties. It was she who set a precedent for cover artists by insisting on the return of Frank's originals, and by selling only first rights to his work. In discussing what he gave away over the years, Frazetta commented, "I gave away some good work, but not an awful lot, and I'm delighted that I didn't. I feel it was in the cards, the reason being this museum. Because, had I given everything away or sold everything, that would be that. The money would've been spent and the paintings would be anywhere and everywhere. Besides, I delight in doing a piece of work and watching people's reaction—that's the joy. Just like any artist, any performer—although I'm not looking for applause, I do like some feedback. And I used to get it through the mail and all that, but what's better than in person? I also learn that way. I pick up a feel about people and what their reaction is, positive or negative, and that's part of the learning process. Most of what I do is very pleasurable for me and very personal, but I'm unusual in that I do feel for people and I do paint for people and I think I always have." •

The Frazetta Art Museum is at 182 South Courtland Street, East Straudsburg, Pennsylvania. Museum hours are from 11 A.M. to 4 P.M. Admission is \$4,00 per person.

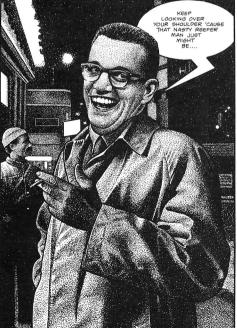
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# COLLECTOR'S ITFMS

#2/MAY '77: Russian astronauts, "Conquering Armies," the ultimate rock festival, and more.

#3/JUNE '77: Macedo's "Rockblitz," highly praised "Shells," beginning of Davis's "World Apart," Moebius, Corben, Bodé, more.

#4/JULY '77: Lots of Moebius: "Arzach," "The Long Tomorrow"; conclusion of "Sunpot."

#5/AUGUST '77: "Polonius" begins, "The Long Tomorrow" concludes, and "World Apart" and "Den" continue.

#6/SEPTEMBER '77: Roger Zelazny has a short story, and Moebius, a space opera; plus more "World Apart," "Den," and "Polonius."

#7/OCTOBER '77: Fiction by Theodore Sturgeon, Moebius's "Airtight Garage," "Den" and "Polonius" back again.

#8/NOVEMBER '77: New Harlan Ellison fiction, 9 color pages by Moebius and Rimbaud, conclusions for "Polonius" and "World Apart."

#9/DECEMBER '77: Extra pages for the complete "Vuzz," by Druillet, "Fortune's Fool," by Chaykin and Wein, plus full-color Corben, Macedo, Claveloux, and Moebius.

#10/JANUARY '78: Morrow illustrates Zelazny, Lob and Pichard update *Ulysses*, "Conquering Armies" concludes, "Den" continues.

#11/FEBRUARY '78: New adventures of "Barbarella," cover and center spread by Nino, plus Moebius and Corben.

#12/MARCH '78: Gray Morrow's swashbuckling "Orion" debuts; more "Barbarella," "Urm," and "Den."

#13/APRIL '78: Our 1st anniversary issue! A 30-page insert from "Paradise 9." "Barbarella" gives birth, while "Den" wraps it up.

#14/MAY '78: "Urm the Mad" waves bye-bye, but "Orion" and "Barbarella" continue, and Alex Nino tips his hat.

#15/JUNE '78: Corben introduces Shahrazad. Sturgeon's classic "More Than Human" is illustrated, more "Barbarella," and the origins of "Heilman."

#16/JULX '78: A happy ending for "Barbarella," a sad ending for "1996," resumption of Druillet's "Gail," more "Heilman," "Orion," "More Than Human," and Corben's "Arabian Nights."

#19/OCTOBER '78: "Exterminator 17," Ellison's illustrated "Glass Goblin," debut of McKie's "So Beautiful and So Dangerous."

#20/NOVEMBER '78: Twenty pages of the Delany/Chaykin "Empire," more "Sindbad," "Exterminator," Major Grubert, "Heilman"'s final rebirth, more.



#21/DECEMBER '78: The stocking's full with "Orion," Kirchner's "Tarot," and 12 beautiful pages of Moebius.

#22/JANUARY '79: Trina debuts and Druillet concludes "Gail," plus McKie and Corben.

#23/FEBRUARY '79: "Galactic Geographic," "Starcrown," Corben's "Sindbad," McKie's "So Beautiful and So Dangerous."

#24/MARCH '79: Twenty pages of Chaykin illustrating Bester's "The Stars My Destination," "Starcrown" II, and Ellison's late show. #29/AUGUST '79: Caza steals show with "New Ark City," plus Mayerik, Suydam, "Galactic Geographic," Bodé, more.

#30/SEPTEMBER '79: "Elric,"
"Buck Rogers," a lizard named
"Elvis," and "Little Red V-3,"
alongside Montellier and Moebius.

#31/OCTOBER '79: A Halloween tribute to H. P. Lovecraft, with Moebius, Breccia, Druillet, Suydam, others.

#32/NOVEMBER '79: Corben's "Rowlf," Bodé's "Zooks," Brunner's "Elric," Chaykin's "Ths Stars My Destination," Moebius, and more.

#33/DECEMBER '79: A Christmas package from Caza, Corben, Kofoed, Suydam, Stiles, Trina, Moebius, and Ellison, plus "Gnomes" and "Giants."

#35/FEBRUARY '80: An eeric Gouratin cover adorns this issue. Corben's "The Beast of Wolfton" begins, McKie experiments with the Air Pump, and we join Matt Howarth on a crazed acid trip.

#36/MARCH '80: Why did "The Crevasse" take Jeannette? Read the Schuiten strip! Plus: Corben, Matena, Moebius, and Lee Marrs's "Good Vibrations."

#37/APRIL '80: Our 3rd anniversary issue—32 pages of "Champakou" in living color, final installment of Moebius's "Airtight Garage," plus Caza, Bilal, Howarth, Corben, Bodé—and more!

#38/MAY '80: Does the Supreme Alchemist exist? Will Axle ever find out? Will "Champakou" reach the Doll of Jade? Will Joe strike out with the alien Marilyn, too?

#39/JUNE '80: "Champakou" meets his fate, while "Captain Sternn" saves the day. And it's the Flying Wallendas vs. Earth!

#41/AUGUST '80: Druillet returns with "Salammbo" while Moebius concludes "Shore Leave" (and is interviewed). Bilal continues "Progress!"

#49/APRIL '81: Corben's "Bloodstar," Giménez's "Good-bye, Soldier!," Harry North's "Stories from London," and an interview with Julio Ribera.

#50/MAY '81: Premiers of Chaykin's "Cody Starbuck" and Bilal's "The Immortals' Fête!" Plus: Suydam's "The Toll Bridge" and William S. Burroughs on immortality.

#51/JUNE '81: The 1st part of the Richard Corben interview, Jim Steranko's adaptation of Outland premieres, Howarth's "Changes" winds up. Plus: Caza, Chaykin, Crepax, and Workman!

#56/NOVEMBER '81: Jeronaton's "Egg of the World," Jeff Jones, Segrelles, and Bilal all frame the art of Leo and Diane Dillon beautifully.

#58/JANUARY '82: Our "Happy Future" issue. Includes Arno, Loustal, Voss, Hé, and Gillon; and "The Autonomous Man," all surrounded by Chaykin and Simonson, Segrelles, and Steranko.

#59/FEBRUARY '82: The further adventures of John Difool in "The Incal Light." Wein and Chaykin's "Gideon Faust" gets going—again. Plus Fernandez, Jones, Schuiten.

#60/MARCH '82: 2nd Special Rock Issue featuring Dick Matena's 'A Life in the Day," a surrealistic look at the life of John Lennon. Luis Garcia's "Nova 2" begins. Plus "Mercenary," "Den," "Rock Opera," etc.

#6I/APRIL '82: 5th anniversary issue offers a variety of material. What with Claveloux, Druillet, Moebius, Bilal, and an essay on J. G. Ballard, you'll be busy until our 6th!

#62/MAY '82: The 1st part of David Black's "Third Sexual Revolution." "The Art of De Es Schwertberger." Plus: "Sixteen and Vanilla" by Ted White and Val Lakey. #63/JUNE '82: Fantastic Cities issue, with artists Voss, Caza, Scibelli, and R. Crumb, all surrounded by regulars: Druillet, Moebius, Schuiten, and Fernandez.

#64/JULY '82: Marcele and Lacome's strange "Life at the Circus" and pages from Corben's Flights into Fantasy. Plus Jones, Garcia, and Druillet.

#65/AUGUST '82: Jones and Wrightson's "Freak Show" and Pisu and Manara's "The Ape. ." Plus the finale of "The Incal Light" by Moebius and Jodorowsky.



#66/SEPTEMBER '82: Hecht's "Music-Video Interface," Lupoff's "Barsoom!" and Hinge's "Object." Plus our regulars: Bilal, Fernandez, Kierkegaard.

#67/OCTOBER '82: You'll have Scary Dreams after reading our special horror section. Everything from Eddie Poe to the weirdest phobias possible. Don't read it alone! P.S.: Last part of Black's "Third Sexual Revolution."

#68/NOVEMBER '82: Part 1 of Kaluta's "Starstruck." Findley's "Tex Arcana" continues as does "Den II" and Druillet's "Yragael." Plus: a peek at Wrightson's National Lampoon's Class Reunion.

#69/DECEMBER '82: A Will Stone Gallery, the return of Suydam's "Mudwog," and Mark Fisher's "Amino Men." Plus Corben, Fernandez, and Kierkegaard.

#70/JANUARY '83: The strange conclusion to Wrightson's "Freak Show," a look at *The Dark Crystal*, and regulars Manara, Corben, Fernandez, etc.

#71/FEBRUARY '83: The making of the film *The Entity*, Kim Deitch's *Eating Raoul*, and regulars Corben, Kaluta, Crepax, etc.

#72/MARCH '83: We bid a fond farewell to Den and Kath, and a warm welcome to Bilal's "City that Didn't Exist." A Gallery on Robert Williams, plus Manara, Kaluta and

#73/APRIL '83: Moebius's "The Twinkle in Fildegar's Eye," and Sauri's "The Odyssey," along with Kaluta, Crepax, and Workman.

#75/JUNE '83: Corben's "Doomscult," the end of Crepay's "The Man from Harlem," and a peek at the 3-D science fiction thriller, Spacehunter.

#76/JULY '83: Liberatore's "Ranxerox," the end of Kulata's "Starstruck" (for the time being), an interview with Dan O'Bannon and a glimpse at Ray Bradbury's Dinosour Tules

#77/AUGUST '83: Arno and Jodorowsky's "The Small Earthworm" debuts, Giménez's 'A Matter of Time" appears, and Captain Beefheart is interviewed, all behind a beautiful Greg Hildebrandt cover.

#78/SEPTEMBER '83: An exclusive interview with Francis Ford Coppola! Plus a Gallery look at the art of Rowena Morrill and the conclusions of "Zora" and "The City that Didn't Exist."

#79/OCTOBER '83: Timothy Leary! Enki Bilal! Pepe Moreno! Walter Hill! Rocky and Bullwinkle!?! A great issue!

#80/NOVEMBER '83: A spirited talk with Will Eisner, along with a Spirit story. Plus Crepax's "Valentina the Pirate." Enjoy.

#81/DECEMBER '83: Ranxerox bows out. Valentina comes on strong. Artist Liberatore is interviewed. Lots more!

#82/JANUARY '84: Part one of David Blacks vampire memoirs. Plus "Ranxerox in New York," and a peek at Arthur Clarke's *The Sen*tinel.

#83/FEBRUARY '84: Douglas Trumbull talks. John DiFool returns. And David Black's My Vampires comes to an end.

#84/MARCH '84: Douglas Adams is interviewed. Angus McKie and Charles Burns return. Ranxerox ends his New York adventure.

#85/APRIL '84: A long talk with Roger Corman. Plus Joe Kubert in "Dossier" and Boris Vallejo on the cover.

#86/MAY '84: "The Railways" begins, "Ranxerox" ends, and "The Third Incal" continues. Plus, two "June 2050"s for the price of one.

#87/JUNE '84: Slava Tsukerman talks about "Liquid Sky." "Lann" and "The Hunting Party" get started.



#88/JULY '84: Long interviews with funnymen John Cleese and Jerry Lewis. Long-awaited art from Jeronaton. #89/AUGUST '84: Paul Kantner: Starship Captain. Penelope Spheeris: Godmother of Punk. Ed Naha: Good Writer of Bad Movies.

#90/SEPTEMBER '84: The Second Annual HM Music Video Awards. Lou Stathis interviews director David Cronenberg. Plus Dernier Combat director Luc Besson is interviewed.

#91/OCTOBER '84: The HM interview with director John Sayles. Caza drops by, and Jeronaton and Bilal continue.

#92/NOVEMBER '84: Schuiten begins, Jeronaton ends, and Paul Kirchner gives us some "Cool." Plus, shock-director John Waters tells us about his morals in the HM interview.

#93/DECEMBER '84: HM's 1984 fin with a Federico Fellini interivew and a Boris Vallejo Gallery. Plus, Manara's "Author" gets to work.

#94/JANUARY '85: Interview with director Wolfgang Petersen. Liberatore presents his latest, "Sax Blues." And yet another "Marlowskitz."

#95/FEBRUARY '85: Russell Mulcahy, Rock video's premiere director, talks about his new movie, Razorback. Also, Jack Davis is interviewed and "Triton" concludes.

#96/MARCH '85: The premiere of Pepe Moreno's "Rebel." Interview with director Louis Malle, and the end of Bilal and Christin's "The Hunting Party" and Schuiten's "Walls of Samaris."

#97/APRIL '85: HM celebrates its eighth anniversary with Pepe Moreno, Richard Corben, Joost Swarte, and more. Also, interviews include Gwendoline's Just Jackin, The Stuff's Larry Cohen, and Eating Raoul's Paul Bartel.

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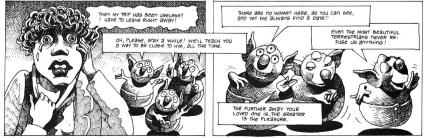
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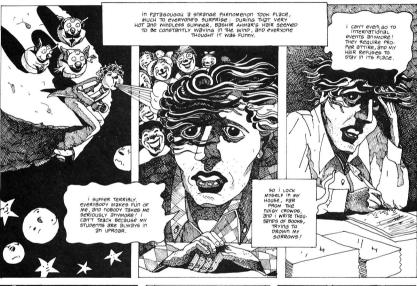
































# chain mail

**Ratso's column** (Ratso's Palazzo, May '85) mentioned the book *The Correct Sadist* by Terence Sellers. I have not been able to find this book at my local bookstore (regular or adult). Could you please give ordering information?

Alan Gould Miami Beach, FL

The Correct Sadist is available through Grove Press.—Eds.

**HM has been** my favorite mag for years, which says a lot, because *HM* does have its ups and downs. (*We think that's something* else *you've got in your hand.*—Eds.) So I'm writing about Ratso's new column to say it is a definite up—a voice from the present as a science fiction story from the past. The man flirts with actually piercing the human drama to reveal the larger forces we all serve.

Thanks, bravo, and keep up the good work!

Steve Cooper New York, NY

Is the Larry "Ratso" Sloman who writes for you the same Larry "Ratso" Sloman who was on Richard Belzer's Hot Properties?

Doris Pesci Eugene, OR

Yes, that was our man Ratso. By the way, Ratso has sublet his palazzo for the summer. He will return in September.—Eds.

Why have you printed an interminable serial by someone who can't draw, doesn't know how to tell a story with panels, and in general neither exemplifies the best of good tradition nor adds to the development of panel storytelling art, while the first story by someone who can draw in the best tradition is a one-shot "fraament"?

I refer of course to your April 1985 "The Vengeance of Arn, Fragments" by Dionnet and Gal (who?). Surely there is more of their work, if not more of the story. (One would hope that there is also more of the story; it is certainly a depressing "end.") Please either print more of their work or tell me where more of it appears.

Bob Jean Carbondale, II I

Heavy Metal published a book of their work, Conquering Armies, a few eons back, but unfortunately it's out of print. Check with local comics shops—they might have a dusty copy around.—Eds.

I've never been as happy as when I laid eyes on your May 1985 cover at my local 7-Eleven. In my opinion, almost nothing you've run has matched Gaetano Liberatore's "Ranxerox" in storytelling and graphic design. Nothing. Thank you for this cover, but it makes me ask: Is there a "Ranxerox III"?

Kevin Lloyd Los Angeles, CA

Glad you asked, Kev. We too are anxiously awaiting a "Ranxerox III," and we'll even say that you'll probably see it soon. Have you heard that someone's trying to launch the movie in Europe?—Eds.

**Your interview with** Paul Bartel was really the highlight of your April '85 issue. Bartel has always been one of my favorite actor/comedians. He was great even in Christine McVie's video gig. The interview really made me want to see *Death Race 2000* again. It was the best piece in your mag since the interview with Louis Malle.

> Clark Hunter Boston, MA

I couldn't agree less with Professor Logan Azimuth of Newark, New Jersey (June 1985). I do not find Daniel Torres's work, "Triton" and "The Whisper Mystery," at all racist. His work is intriguing and funny, so lighten up! He's not laughing at us—he's laughing with us.

Dr. William Benton James Champagne, ILL

**Just thought** I'd let you know that William Gibson (May 1985 Dossier interview) won the Nebula Award this year for his novel *Neuromancer*. No, I'm not his mother.

Lilo Bing Los Angeles, CA

Here's an idea that might interest your readers. The new video technology gives filmmakers a rare chance to present their work without bureaucratic alteration. It seems definitely feasible to release videocassette versions of films in two forms—one for the intelligent and discerning viewer, and one carved up with the scalpel of Public Standards. I think this idea has at least one ball, and I'm tossing it out to see if someone wants to run with it.

Bets of lux, Roldo

Shouldn't you send this letter to K-Tel?—Eds.



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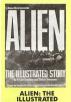
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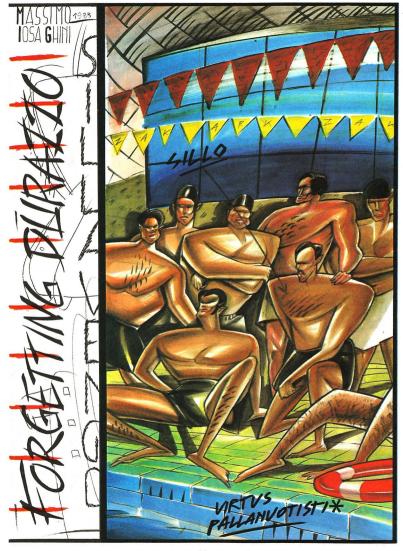


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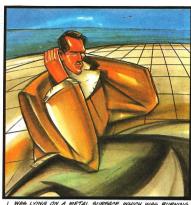




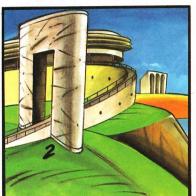
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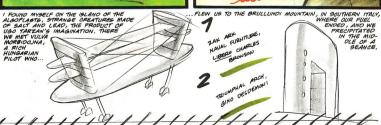
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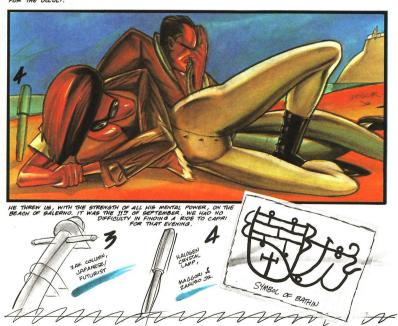




I IMMEDIATELY RECOGNIZED ONE OF THE GREATEST AND WILDEST MAGICIANS, BARTO, AN ENGINEER WHO WORKED IN MY OFFICE. BARTO HAD ALWAYS HAD A PENCHANT FOR THE OCCULT.

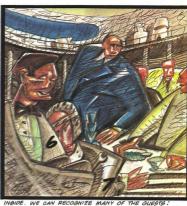


BATHIN, THE SPIRIT WHICH BAPTO HAD CALLED, ARRIVED WITH ALL HIS 30 FOLLOWERS, IN A VERY UNFRIENDLY STATE OF MIND.





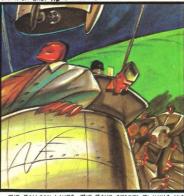
CAPRI, SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TL</sup> GENNARO ACCOZZABIRILLI, HAVING FOUND THE KEYS TO CURZIO'S VILLA, HAS ORGANIZED A MAXI-PARTY.



INDIDE WE CAN RECOGNIZE MANY OF THE GUESTS: ACCUSZABIRLLI, ONIOLA FREZZOTY WITH HIS ARMS ARCUND ANALS NIN, ML. 2015AS SENIOR, TERRASANY THE ARCHITECT, OO THE STULLIST WITH HIS RIVAL, BARTALL, DULY NE IS MISSING.



AT MIDNIGHT VOICES ARE HEARD ON THE TERRACE: THE PUCE IS ARRIVING IN A BALLOON. DESIGN FOR A
PRIVATE HOUSE; ANSALONI & 109A GHINI



THE BALLOON LANGS. THE BAND STARTS PLAYING HIS FAVORITE SONG: "GIOVINEZZA". "COMMANOO" THE WATCH OF THE WATCH OF THE WATCH OF THE POCCO BAROCCO

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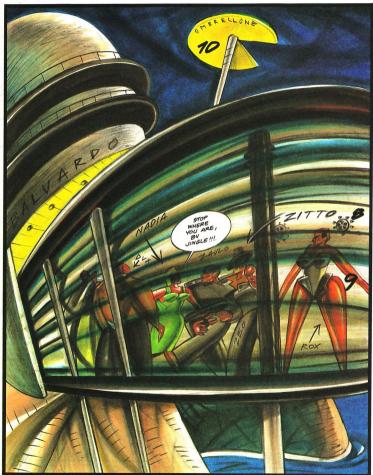






BATHING SUIT IN LEAD, BY BRAMINO CORPADO





AS SOON AS THE DUCE ENTERS THE VILLA ...



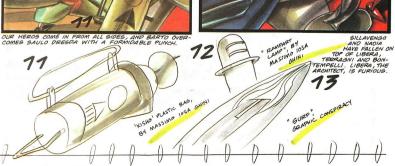
SILENCE REIGNS. NAPIA POINTS HER PISTOL, BERTA, TOWARD THE DUCE'S STOMACH. ALL THE GUESTS SHUDDER IN HORROR.

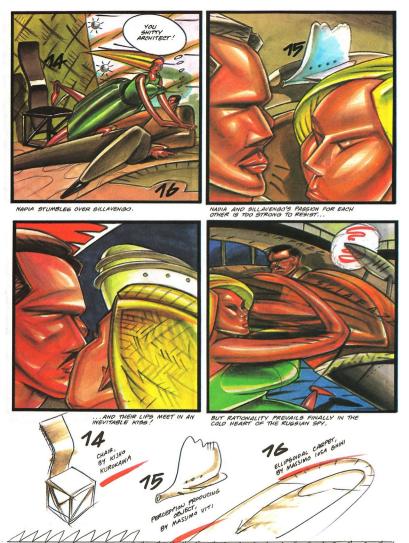


BUT SUPPENLY, WITH A BLOODCURDLING CRY, CAPTAIN SILLAVENGO PLUNGES INTO THE THICK OF IT.

ENGINEERS ARE ALL ALIKE!





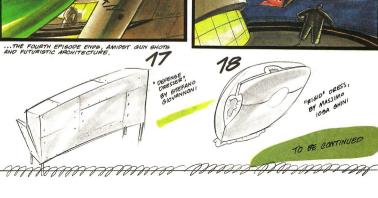


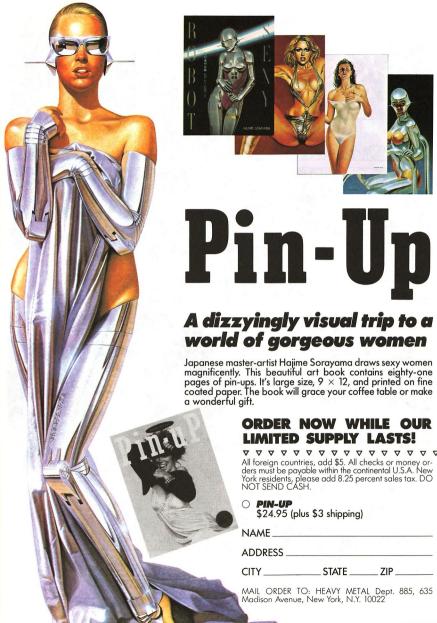


AND WITH THESE IMAGES OF A FLYING SILLAVENGO IN HOT PURSUIT OF HIS SPY... SHE RUNS AWAY.













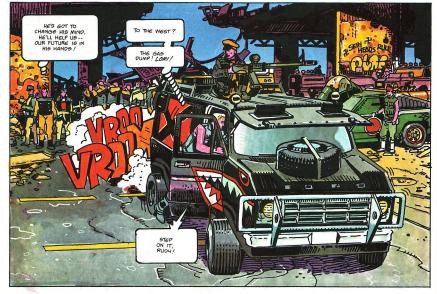










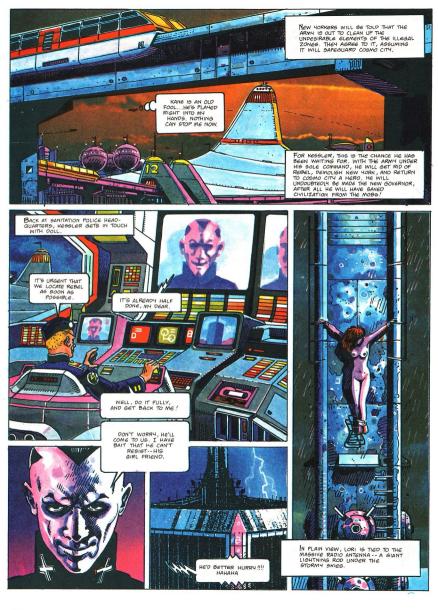
























### **Trivial Metal**

 What Hitchcock film starred Grace Kelly and Raymond Burr? 2. Match the sf writers with their books:

William Gibson Philip K. Dick Samuel Delaney Ray Bradbury Marion Zimmer Bradley J. G. Ballard Arthur C. Clarke

The Shattered Chain Fahrenheit 451 Neuromancer Time Out Of Joint's The Einstein Intersection Childhood's End The Atrocity Exhibition

- **3.** Who starred in the James Bond film *On Her Majesty's Secret Service?*
- 4. Trekkies: What color was Spock's blood?
- **5.** What was Mighty Mouse called during the first year of the Terrytoon cartoon series?

- **6.** Who is Donald Duck's creator?
- 7. What Rolling Stones album cover was designed by Andy Warhol and had a real zipper attached to each copy?
- **8.** What European magazine inspired Heavy Metal?

**9.** Who directed the four segments of *Twilight Zone—The Movie?* 

1. Reaw Windows. 2. William Gibson/Neuromanneer; Philip R., Dickl/Time Out OJ Joint's, Samuel Delaney/The Einstein Restrections, Bay Bradowy/Pahrenheit 454; Marlon Zimmer Beadey/The Shattered Chanty, 16. Balland/The Alvocity. Exhibition; Arthur C. Clarket/Childhood's Bad. 2. George Lastenhy 4. George. 3. Superi Mouste, 6. call Barks. 7. Sidcky Pringers, 8. Meksh Murfann, 9. John Landis, Seven Spielberg, Joe Dante, George Miller. A LONE WARRIOR SEARCHING FOR HIS DESTINY...A TRIBE OF LOST CHILDREN WAITING FOR A HERO... IN A WORLD BATTLING TO SURVIVE, THEY FACE A WOMAN DETERMINED TO RULE. HOLD OUT FOR MAD MAX



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