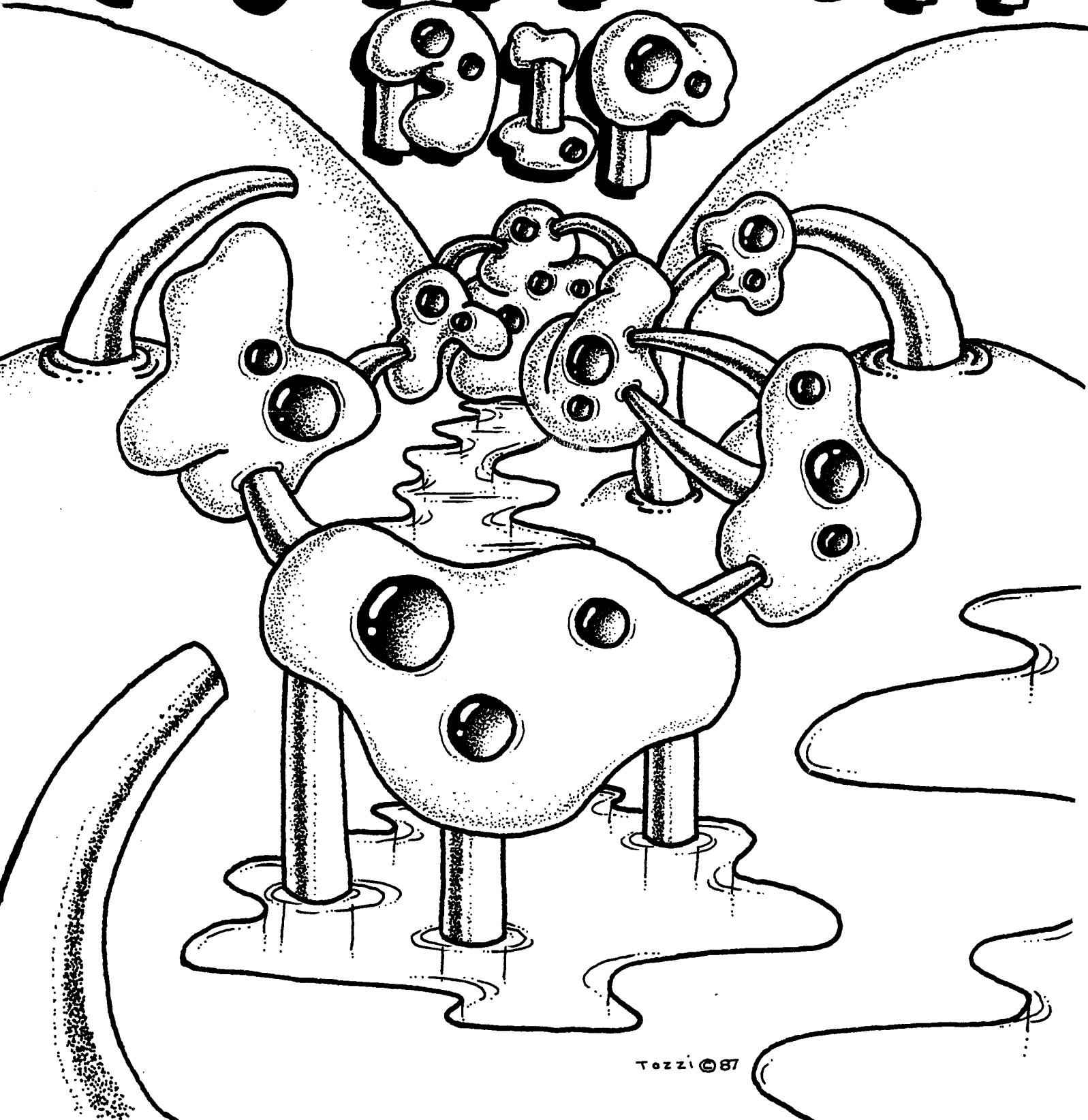


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FROM THE FLOE: GO WITH THE FLOE!

And just get the zine out. It's after 11:00 PM on the Monday after the deadline as I write this, and rather than force myself to crank out something else to fill up space, I've decided to get the zine out even if it's a few pages shorter than usual. Maybe this will shame some of you into contributing...

Sorry if I'm sounding cranky. Physically, this winter has been rough on me, with a case of bronchitis that won't go away ruining my Christmas, Martin Luther King Day, Groundhog Day, and probably my Valentine's Day, too. Mentally - well, now that Penny's not working my company's flirted with bankruptcy proceedings. Spiritually? The New Age seems to be passing me by. At least one out of three's in my favor, maybe the picture's looking better already...

On the gaming front, although a new game starts this issue there are an awful lot of NMRs in the other games - maybe it's not just me. Next issue, though, will showcase the start of Something Completely Different in PD gaming: FROM ANSHAR TO ZOSER, the strategic level fantasy role playing game variant that links to my current Advanced Dungeons & Dragons™ campaign.



I'm only going to take up to four players to start with. The rules and mechanics will be hidden from the players, who will assume the personas of one of four rulers in the campaign area; Ahntek-Mohn (Egyptian Lord of Zoser, a growing frontier town), Jarvn Kincrusher (a Hill Giant Jarl), the Immortal Hobgoblin Queen, or the Dwarven King of Ironforge. You will have gold pieces to spend, trusted agents to dispatch, armies to wage war or defend with, and magics and miracles that you can order cast. There will be both a public copy of The Zoser Chronicles and a private mailing each turn. Gamefee will probably be fifty cents a turn, and depending on how much work this turns out to be for me, it could end at any time. Hey, I'm being honest with you. Any takers? If you're interested, send me a preference list from among the four rulers above, and give me an idea as to how familiar with AD&D mechanics you are (it's not required, but it couldn't hurt).



ARTICLES this issue by **Vincent Lutterbie** and **Robert Hauser**. **ARTWORK** is by **Jim Tozzi** (cover, 9), **Kathy Luzzi** (2), **Andrew Edelman** (4), **Scott Washburn** (8), and **Steven Fox** (13). Each of them receives two or more issues of PD for their creations. Such a deal!

Font of the Month Club this month brings you: **Avant Garde** and **Athens**.

This sentence is written in 18 point Athens.

This sentence is written in 12 point Avant Garde.

LETTERS

ROD WALKER: "Garret Schenck's pseudo-editorial [*in PD#9*] was amusing, but hardly anything else. I'm not sure why he should take Boardman's word (of all people!) about my politics. He might wish to ask me instead. Suffice it to say that there has scarcely been a word of truth about me in GRAUSTARK in years. I write letters to John correcting the worst of his misstatements, but he consistently refuses to print them. But then, Boardman has never been accused of believing that other people have rights. If you want a more accurate picture of my political convictions, let me tell you that I resigned my commission in the U.S. Air Force on 20 January 1979, the day Richard Nixon was inaugurated as President. I may be many things, sir, but a 'right-winger' I have never been. (I further refer you to my letters in PRAXIS.)

Rejecting the political right, as I do, however, does not automatically obligate me to accept the Marxist political line. For one thing, that tired old set of political cliches represents the past of the political left, not its future. Socialism is, at its root, merely another expression of the human lust for power. The Left must, instead, stand for freedom, for liberation. And it will find that its greatest ally in that struggle will be the world's great faiths - not their proliferating and grasping branches, not their stultifying trunks of tradition, but their living roots.

That doesn't mean I'm an anarchist. Power must be exercised. Human activity only becomes meaningful and purposeful when there is coordination and direction. But power must be exercised only by those who don't want it.

As to de Havillard's The Mines of Craquen-Drou. So Garret couldn't find it in a very large library, nor in Books in Print. No doubt. Does he tell us that any of de Havillard's other books may be found there? In point of fact, to find a copy of one of her books, or a listing, is very difficult. Books in Print does not cover books published in, *e.g.*, France (any more than Schwann covers recordings on sale there), and it misses many of the small presses. As I recall, it misses Scarecrow Press entirely. I believe it also fails to list productions of Jack Chalker's much more important Mirage Press, but I could be wrong there. Most books put out by the little presses don't make it into libraries. I know of only one Mirage Press book, Post's Atlas of Fantasy, that ever achieved any sort of wide distribution. Anyway, Garret's comments sound very much like the bellow of a wounded Dusty-handed Booksnatcher - one that's just found out his prize complete collection of obscuranta is in fact not complete at all. Are we missing that one, Garret, are we, huh?

By the way, Garret, Books in Print also lists books **in print!** Mines ain't."

[If I may interject a few comments here. I spent a good two hours in the Boston Public Library searching for any mention of The Mines of Craquen-Drou, and came up dry as did Garret. But in fact, as Rod notes here, I found no mention of Ermine de Havillard whatsoever - and this search included such references as Contemporary Authors Cumulative Index, Paperbound Books in Print, and the 1988 les livres disponibles - also known as French Books in Print! I hope I'm not on the receiving end of an elaborate hoax here. In any case, how about some evidence for the existence of any of the books in question, from either of you?]

JAMES HALL: "A serious note about the Presidential race. Why can't you wish Gary Hart luck? Just because he thinks he's Hugh Hefner doesn't make him such a bad guy. (And yes, I do hope I offend Hart supporters if you print this.)"

KIRK CARROLL: "Enjoyed your review of Footfall, primarily due to its timeliness. I try to catch up on recreational reading during my break, and that was one of the books I had just finished reading. It indeed was riveting. The Niven/Pournelle combination really works. The other books I read by them include Lucifer's Hammer and The Mote In God's Eye, both which were excellent. I can hardly wait for their next effort to come out."

SHERYL BIRKHEAD: "Um, on Entfall - I found it (please forgive me) boring and found I was leafing through quite a few pages rather than reading - skimming rather than actually stopping to read. There were parts I thought were great, but as a whole I didn't think it hung together on a 'great' level. Once again, personal tastes.

On to the 'new' Star Trek . . . I watched and enjoyed the show originally and never considered myself a Trekkie - so when I heard there was to be a new show I was mildly interested. I was a mite surprised when I accidentally saw it listed as premiering on an 'off' network. I would have thought that with the smash of the original, all the networks would have been clamoring to carry it - not so. I still haven't made up my mind how I feel about the show. I have to think on it a bit more. Is it possible that the starships take on the equivalent of cabin boys (a la Wesley?) -- even though I KNOW that's not the reason for his presence- but as was pointed out, why ARE children on the Enterprise?"

CRAIG LEDBETTER: "I enjoyed the Star Trek TV review but have no desire to see the new show, the old show, or the current movie. The entire phenomenon does nothing for me. Fox Broadcasting has nothing to do with the show. Paramount licenses it out in syndication. In Houston the new ST shows on Channel 39 and the Fox affiliate, 26, has nothing to do with it. It may show on other Fox stations, but it also shows on some ABC affiliates, and ABC certainly doesn't support the show."



SHERYL BIRKHEAD: "I must confess that while, intellectually, a computer for records sounds like a great thing, I can't help but feel it would take time. I mean I can toss (or not) receipts into a box as easily as the next person, but I doubt I'd have the umph to sit down once a whenever and get the information onto disk. But, then again, a lot of people don't understand how someone can sit down and TYPE a letter rather than write, so perhaps we're even."

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THE JEHOVAH CONTRACT/VICTOR KOMAN

Book Review by Robert Hauser

This is one of the strangest and most imaginative novels you are likely to ever encounter. It is a philosophical novel attacking our concept of God. The story takes the form of a mystery, and the author patterns it after the works of Raymond Chandler. It is about an aging professional killer who is hired by a television evangelist, who may be insane or may be Satan, to find and assassinate God.

The book is brilliant, and succeeds on several levels. It is a great, stylishly written detective story. The author has mastered Chandler's techniques perfectly, and if I may say so is an even better writer than Chandler was. Better yet, Koman has a knack for the wry humor that was Philip Marlowe's trademark, and the book is outrageously funny. We follow the adventures of tough guy Dell Ammo (his macho sounding name is a running gag), a down-on-his-luck veteran hit man in the LA of the 1990s. Hired by TV evangelist Emil Zacharias to kill the Almighty, he talks to priests, atheist intellectuals and practicing witches in search of clues to his target's whereabouts, tossing off wisecracks as he goes. He meets criminals, lowlifes, and in one of the funniest scenes, watches a rightwing, atheist conspiracy theorist from the Church of St. Judas interviewed on TV by a clone of Morton Downey Jr.

When I first heard about this book I wondered if a writer could come up with a story to match the promise of this premise. Koman delivers. I never knew what to expect next, and the finish is everything I could have hoped it would be. The smash climax provides not only a good surprise ending to the mystery, but an interesting discussion of religion. The book has an impact unlike anything I've encountered since I read Orwell's 1984. It also has characters who become like old friends by the end of the novel.

I cannot resist commenting on Koman's attack on religion. As a fundamentalist going on agnostic I found most of what he has to say not just compelling, but impossible to refute. But I would like to raise two objections. (1) Like many people, Ammo wonders why God, if He existed, would permit suffering. It is because we have free will. We are free individuals in an open system in which more or less anything can happen. Some suffering is bound to result. The alternative to suffering would be to have God control us in order to prevent us from hurting ourselves and others. And if that sounds good to you, ask yourself: would you want the government to tell you what to read, what substances to put into your body, and how to live? If you don't want the limited minds in the government meddling in your life, would you want omnipotent God nagging you all the time? He would be more efficient. You could never hide from Him or defy Him. No, stumbling and learning from problems and mistakes is what life is about. The God who governs best governs least. (Do any of you buy that? I'm an amateur philosopher and new to this sort of thing.) (2) Koman seems to feel religion causes our political problems. He blames religion for wars, citing the conflict in Ireland and the battles between Israel and the Arabs as examples. But those two wars are outgrowths of colonialism and are being fought over territory, not religion. Despite what Koman thinks, eliminating Christianity and the other big religions would not make the world a more peaceful place.

But enough about my ideas. The Jehovah Contract is a unique masterpiece. Don't wait for someone to make it into a movie with Robert Mitchum. Read the book. (Franklin Watts, \$16.95.)



**PAWN OF PROPHECY
QUEEN OF SORCERY
MAGICIAN'S GAMBIT
CASTLE OF WIZARDY
ENCHANTER'S END GAME/DAVID EDDINGS**

Book Review by **Stephen H. Dorneman**

The Belgariad series (Del Ray paperbacks, \$3.95 each) is one more heroic fantasy quest series, complete with endpaper maps, that tells the story of another young man coming of age under the tutelage of another ancient wizard, a young man destined to take up yet another magic sword to fight another Ultimate Good Versus Ultimate Evil fight. However, David Eddings succeeds in working within these hoary fantasy cliches, to bring the reader yet another set of books worth the time to read them.

The plot follows the adolescent Garion as he is uprooted from the simple farmstead where he spent his childhood and trundled throughout the known world (leaving no corner of the map untouched), picking up companions at every country along the way, to the final conflict where Garion will stand alone against the maimed god of evil. Surprisingly enough, the journey is not particularly full of spectacular monsters and magics (although, in five books, you do see a reasonable number of both). In Eddings' Quest, it's not what happens along the way that keeps your interest, but rather your fellow passengers, the fascinating, often hilarious, characters.

Garion himself becomes more and more interesting as he learns more and more about himself, his powers, the destiny that compels them all, and human nature. But far more interesting are the immortal sorcerors Beldarath and Polgara, father and daughter. Real people who happen to have great magical powers, unlike the great magical powers that appear as people in so many other fantasies. Sorcerors who fall in love, have temper tantrums (Polgara throws a wonderfully destructive one in the fourth volume.), and don't know how it's all going to come out in the end. And there are lots more characters worth getting to know.

The half-Dryad Princess Ce'Nedra. Lelldorin, the nobleman whose eyes "told the princess that there was a vast sincerity and very little intelligence behind them." Barak. Relg. And Prince Kheldar, a.k.a. Ambar of Kotu, a.k.a. Silk, a cynical thief who always gets the last (and best) word. Eddings' characters embody archetypes of fantasy heros (the flower of chivalry, the greatest thief in the world, the sorceror, the religious fanatic) while still sounding like people. Very witty people, but very human, too.

The book does threaten to become an extended travelogue of Eddings' world at some points, and even with the gods themselves as your travel guides, a travelogue is not the most exciting reading. And the magic wielded by the two sorcerors is powerful and so unconstrained that very infrequently do you feel any doubt as to whether or not the heros will best a given challenge. But for the most part Eddings handles the fantasy conventions with enough skill to keep your interest even when the characters are not interacting with each other. And when they are working and talking together, reading the Belgariad is a joy.



SATURDAY MATINEE AT THE STATEHOUSE

Campaign Review by Vince Lutterbie

After reading "The Back Page" in PENGUIN DIP #10 I decided to review the Presidential campaign as one would review a serial movie.

First of all, it's definitely a class C movie. Just look at the actors! The producers couldn't afford the high priced Howard Baker, Governor Cuomo, or Lee Iaccoca. Instead they went for the middle spread and some fat to spread around. George Bush? Robert Dole? (They couldn't even afford Elizabeth - twice as good at any price.) Alex Haig (The pawn who would be king), Pat Robertson (at least he doesn't need cash flow - ask the Bakkers). Forget the others on the G.O.P. side. In fact - forget these four too, because if the Demos get their act(s) together (or is it axe?), they could still have the surprise ending.

At least they have common goals - they all hate Gary Hart and he could care less. They had to bring Hart back for some sort of plot and for comic relief. Forget Gore, Dukakis and Simon. Gephardt is a Howdy Doody clone (but it's been done before - on T.V.). Now Jesse Jackson had promise, but he's mellowed too much as his contract was almost cut by the industry. No fire anymore.

So - as this serial progresses, you'll find the studios wanting to cut prices, trying to afford one big name guy. Don't be surprised if the Demos pull out Iaccoca, Cuomo or Tom Bradley (after all, he's a natural - even lives in L.A.). They will also make a last ditch effort to persuade Elizabeth to pack up her trunk and become an ass, but she'll be saved by a large laundry basket full of G.O.P. money delivered to the Watergate Hotel.

The best actor of the bunch is pulling his lines and retiring, but not until giving some lessons to Gorbachev, who was a quicker study than anyone imagined. Look for one of several surprise endings:

1. We invite Gorbachev to stay.
2. We make Reagan King for Life.
3. Hart wins with Bradley.
4. Bush wins with Baker (or Bakker).
5. No one wins till Robert Redford enters the race as "The Candidate".
6. Shoot, I might even enter, Gephardt needs more Midwest support.

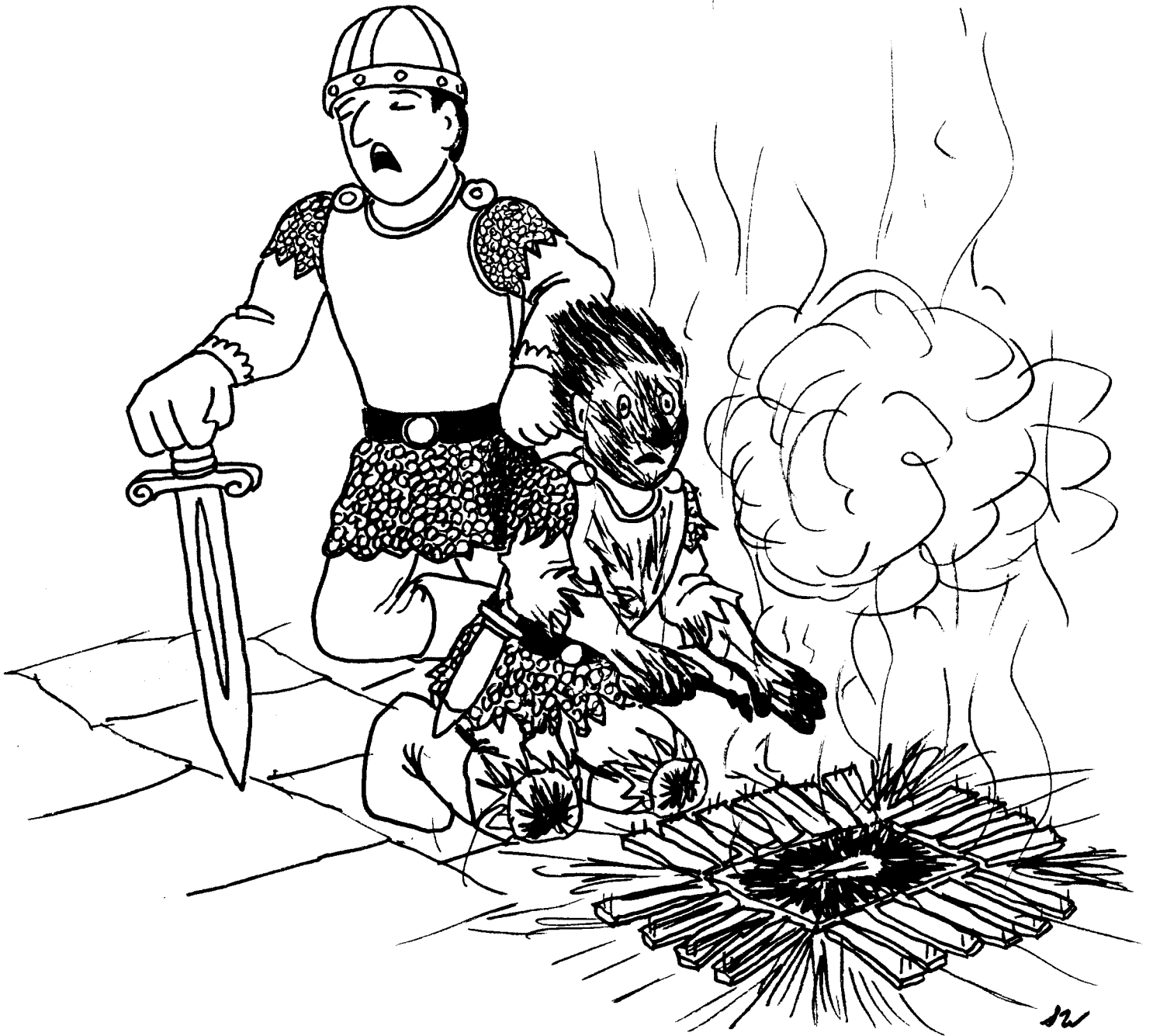
All in all, I rate the serial as a C minus with an opportunity to improve, but not very likely.

The only sure thing is, it could have been much better with a stronger leading man and relegating all these other losers to a supporting cast.

Oh yes, the executive producer of this hash was T. Kennedy & R. M. Nixon Enterprises. They're going broke too, but planning a sequel already called "On the Road to Nowhere." However, they have no (Bob) Hope either.

Thanks for bearing with me on this diatribe, but I mean really, is this for sure, or what?





"THIEF? WHAT DO WE NEED A THIEF FOR?"
YOU SAID, "WE'LL JUST HAVE TO WATCH OUR BACKS
AND PURSES WITH A THIEF ALONG," YOU SAID
"I CAN DO ANYTHING A THIEF CAN," YOU SAID
"DISARM TRAPS? SURE I KNOW HOW IT'S
DONE," YOU SAID....

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ROCKHOPPER'S SOCKHOP FALL 03 1987AU

Austria (Howorth?): NMR! A Tri HOLD, A Ser HOLD, A Bud HOLD, A Vie HOLD, F Gre HOLD

England (Hall): A Lvn SUPPORT A Stp-Mos, A Stp-Mos, F Nwy SUPPORT F Ska-Swe, F Hol-Kie, F Ska-Swe, F Nth-Den

France (Quirk): A Naf-Tun, A Bur SUPPORT A Ruh-Mun, A Ruh-Mun, F MAO SUPPORT F Iri-Eng, F Iri-Eng, F Lyo-Tys

Germany (Ditter): A Sll-War, A Boh-Tyl, A Mun SUPPORT A Boh-Tyl(dislodged; retreat BER or OFF), A Den SUPPORT F Bal-Swe(cut), A Kie SUPPORT A Den(cut), E Bal-Swe

Italy (Ozog): A Ven-Tri, A Tyr SUPPORT A Ven-Tri(cut), F Alb-Gre, F Tys-Tun

Russia (Hakey): F Bot SUPPORT ENG F Nwy-Swe(No Such Order)

Turkey (Nickel): A Mos-War(dislodged; retreat UKR or OFF), A Bul-Ser, A Arm-Sev, F Rum HOLD, F Smy-Aeg

Underlined moves do not succeed. Although the NMR didn't have any.

Would **Jon Fleischman**, 3318 S. Bentley Ave., Los Angeles, CA, 90034-5210, please standby for **Austria**?

AUSTRIA (VIE, BUD, TRI, SER, GRE) 5 EVEN

ENGLAND (LPL, EDI, LON, NWY, HOL, STP, SWE, MOS) 8 BUILD 2

FRANCE (MAR, PAR, BRE, SPA, POR, BEL, MUN) 7 BUILD 1

GERMANY (BER, KIE, WAR, DEN) 4 REMOVE 2

ITALY (VEN, ROM, NAP, TUN) 4 EVEN

RUSSIA (0) OUT! [*F BOT REMOVED*]

TURKEY (CON, SMY, ANK, RUM, SEV, BUL) 6 BUILD 1

Thanks, and sub credit, belong to **Ernest Hakey** for sticking it out to the bitter end as a standby.

SHOUTED OUT THE WINDOW (Press)

Russia-in-Exile, Bothnia-England: "You ask for my support and then don't use it? Sheesh! Well, I'm just going to support you into Sweden again anyways, so there."

England-Russia: "Oops! Sorry, things have a habit of changing in the last minute."

Russia-in-Exile, Bothnia-Turkey: "Bet you don't keep Moscow."

A Ven-Italian Command: "What, Trieste again? Don't you think this is a bit pointless? 'Ours is not to question why. Ours is to do or die?'"

Ven-Par: "Sorry, but I'm uncertain of your motives. Take that army out of NAF and then we can talk again."

France-Italy: "Total silence always unnerves me. If you played F Tys-Tun, everything bounces."

Ven-Mun: "Welcome to the game! Anytime you're ready to talk I'm ready to listen."

England-Italy: "What Are You Doing?"

England-Russia: "Germany appears to be in oblivion. He seems to be oblivious to his surroundings."

THE MAGELLAN COTILLION WINTER/SPRING

03/04 1987AV

Austria (Smith): (BUILD A BUD, play 1 short)A Mun SUPPORT A Vie-Tyl, A Rum SUPPORT RUS A Mos-Sev(No Such Order), A Tri SUPPORT A Vie-Tyl, A Bul-Con, A Vie-Tyl, A Bud-Ser, F Gre-Aeg

England (Rush): (BUILD F LPL, F LON)A Bel SUPPORT GER A Ruh-Bur, F Den SUPPORT F Kie, F Kie SUPPORT F Den, F Nth SUPPORT A Bel, F Lpl-Wal, F Lon-Eng

France (Oaklyn?): NMR! (GM RETREATS F BEL OFF)A Bur HOLD(dislodged; retreat PAR, GAS, MAR, or OFF), A Spa HOLD, A Pic HOLD, F Wme HOLD, F Lyo HOLD

Germany (Hauser): (REMOVE A PRU, F HOL)A Ruh-Bur

Italy (Sabot?): NMR! (GM REMOVES A BOH)A Tyl HOLD(dislodged; retreat PIE, BOH, or OFF), A Ven HOLD, F Tun HOLD, F Tys HOLD

Russia (Bowen): (BUILD A STP)A Mos-Ukr, A Liv-War, A War-Gal, A Stp-Mos, F Swe-Nwy, F Ber HOLD

Turkey (Carli→Caruso): (REMOVE F EME) **SPRING NMR!** A Sev HOLD, A Arm HOLD, F Ion HOLD, F Con HOLD

Underlined moves do not succeed. Sending in orders might.

What's going on here, are you guys all Denver Broncos fans? Please note **Steve Rush's** new address, above. Would **Mark Weseman**, 129 E. Welcome Apt. 1, Mankato, MN 56001 please standby for **France**, **Eric Anderson**, 820 E. 21st St. #4, Oakland, CA 94606 please standby for **Italy**, and **Jack Carli** has resigned as **Turkey** and is replaced by **Kathy Caruso**, 29-10 164th St., Flushing, NY 11358.

WHISPERED IN THE HALLS (Press):

The Austrian Herald: "Several shots were heard in the Palace. 'The Minister of Logistics and Building Armies needs replacement.' shouted the King. 'Get me a replacement who will build new Armies and Navies to protect the Motherland. The nerve of the Italian, foolishly attacking me, so that my diversionary attack succeeded! Napoleon was right - it is better to have lucky generals than good ones. An Archdukedum to the person place or thing that shoots down that small plane overhead."

Russia-Turkey: "What do you think now?"

London-Paris: "I feel like we aren't communicating. We send each other letters but we don't address each other's concerns. RSVP requested."

Austria-England: "Neat move! I guess it is true that the English really do hate Germans."

London-Moscow: "You're welcome. However, France tells me you're his puppet - who should I believe?"

Austria-Germany: "Hang in there - Hitler fought to the bitter end! Wait a minute, that didn't turn out to well for Germany, did it?"

England-Austria & Turkey: "I have yet to get that date with Heather Locklear. I am still waiting for the phone to ring."

Austria-Turkey: "Name your price and it's a deal."

Russia-Austria: "Nice sleaze into Munich! A good sneak attack."

Austria-Russia: "Silesia to Munich - Who, I ask WHO would have believed it? Not the England/Russia Axis - nor me, or I would have left a center open for the build."

London-German Government in Exile: "As long as you play fair with me, you can have Bernie's capitol."

Tsar "Slim" Bowen: "The royal banquet hall today was treated to a round of corn bread and soup beans. The Tsar complained mightily that, 'Them fools in the kitchen don' know nothing about good ol' country food.'

Austria-Italy: "Last chance for peace, but you have to write. A letter from the Pope would be nice."

THE EMPEROR'S BALL SPRING 04 1987AK

England (Hopcroft): A Swe SUPPORT F Ska-Den, F Ska-Den

France (Sargent): A Boh SUPPORT ITA A Tyl-Vie(No Such Order), A Pie-Tyl, E MAO-Wme, F Lpl-NAO, F Wme-Naf, F Mar-Lyo

Germany (Schenck): A Kie-Ber, A Lon-Nwy, A Gal SUPPORT ITA A Tyl-Vie(No Such Order), A Mun-Ber, F Edi-Nws, F Nth CONVOY A Lon-Nwy, F Den SUPPORT F Ber-Bal(dislodged; retreat HEL or OFF), F Ber-Bal

Italy (E. Anderson): A Tyl-Ven, A Tri SUPPORT A Tyl-Ven(destroyed), F Adr SUPPORT A Tri, F Tys-Wme, F Nap-Tys

Russia (Holley): A Bud SUPPORT TUR A Ser-Tri, A Vie SUPPORT TUR A Ser-Tri, A Sil-Boh, A Fin-Nwy, A Mos-Ukr, F Bal SUPPORT ENG F Ska-Den(cut), F Rum HOLD

Turkey (E. Anderson): A Ser-Tri, A Bul-Ser, F Gre-Aib, F Aeg SUPPORT F Ion, F Eme SUPPORT F Ion, F Ion SUPPORT F Gre-Aib

Underlined moves do not succeed. But how does this affect the price of tea in China?

OVERHEARD AT THE BALL (Press):

Italy-France: "If you want to visit my wonderful country you should at least write and apply for a visa."

GERMAN POSTAL STRIKE ENDS: "A strong and united work action by the Poschtalle Wurkeurs Schglugschkeinbegagnum (PWS), which had shut down the nation's postal system over the past month, ended today with what strike organizers declared was a 'historic victory for working people.' The strike, which had paralyzed Germany's relations with the other states of Europe, won important concessions from the National Government, raised the pay and power of PWS members, and finally tore asunder forever the social fabric of Imperial Germany. The Kaiser, in announcing the end of the 23-day walkout, acknowledged the complete capitulation of the 'Old Order' to the 'powerful workers' unions, their allies in the armed defense committees, and other mass organizations.' In the press conference Schtupidshitz apologized for 'botching the fight against the twin evils of anarchism and socialism,' and called for the emergence of a 'powerful reactionary trend' among conservative German elements. He added 'with the ending of the postal strike I hope that international mail service will be much improved in the coming months.'"

Germany-World: "In other words, sorry I didn't write anybody last turn -- I was pretty sick for a couple of weeks after getting the zine, and by the time I felt like writing it was too late. See you this month for sure!"

KING BASH 1987CP Game Delayed - No Germans!

As per my house rules, whenever a standby is called, and neither the original player nor the standby submit orders, the game is halted for a replacement.

Winter/Spring 02/03 Orders Due

Austria (Addison): (BUILD 1) Has A Gre, A Bul, A Ven, A Tyl, F Aeg, F Adr

England (Schlosser): (BUILD 1) Has A Bel, A Den, F Nwy, F Hel, F Nth

France (Rigley): Has A Pie, A Bur, A Par, F Wme, F Lyo

Germany (McHugh): (REMOVE 2) Has A Hol, A Ruh, A Kie, A Mun, E Den(retreat SKA, BAL, or OFF)

Italy (Carroll): (REMOVE 1) Has A Ven(ret. TUS, ROM, or OFF), A Apu, F Ion, F Tys

Russia (Lutterbie): (BUILD 2) Has A Rum, A Arm, A Pru, A Ber, F Swe, F Con

Turkey (Sabnis→Vu): (REMOVE 1) Has A Smy, A Con(retreat ANK or OFF), E Bul(ec)(retreat BLA or OFF)

Underlined moves do not succeed. They didn't last time, and they're not going to now.

Vijit Sabnis has resigned as **Turkey**, but is replaced by his roommate **Nhan Vu**, at the same address.

Thanks, and yet another issue sub credit, to **Michael Gonsalves** for unneeded standby orders. **Jack McHugh**, 730 Union St. Apt 8, Allentown, PA 18101 is the new **Germany** - Jack, please let me know immediately if you can't take this position, to avoid any more delays!

NEW GAMESTART!

Adélie Soirée WINTER 1900 BN88??

Austria (Jim Nickel): A Vie, A Bud, F Tri

England (Melinda Holley): A Lpl, F Edl, F Lon

France (Larry Botimer): A Mar, A Par, F Bre

Germany (Mark Weseman): A Ber, A Mun, F Kie

Italy (Jon Fleischman): A Ven, A Rom, F Nap

Russia (Stven Carlberg): A War, A Mos, F Stp(sc), F Sev

Turkey (Lawrence Watt-Evans): A Con, A Smy, F Ank

Two Adelle penguins that were released more than 2,000 miles from their normal breeding grounds made their way back across the Antarctic ice in 10 months.

Addresses for all the players are in the Invitations list at the beginning of the **Black Tie Affairs** section - with **Jim Nickel's** and **Melinda Holley's** in with the players of their other games. So there's no excuse for not writing them.

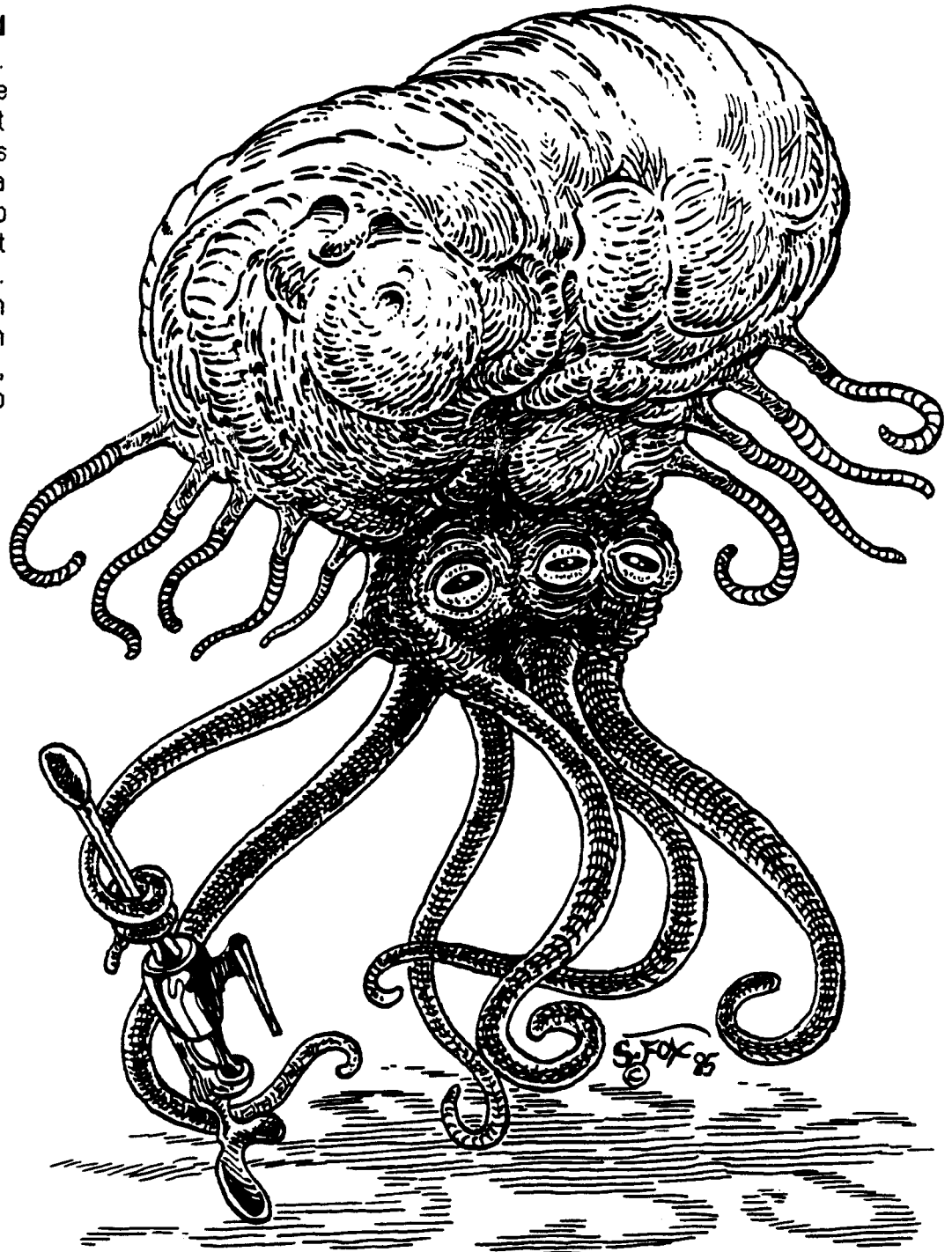
Melinda, I still need your \$5 game fee.

Deadline for all games is **MARCH 5**. Make my day.

GATECRASHERS:

(Ernest Hakey and Michael Gonsalves).

A standby pays no game fees, receives sub credit for submitting moves and upon playing a position to completion so let me know if you want on (or off) this list. This issue's been particularly rough on the Gatecrasher's list, as you can see, so **HELP!**



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THE BACK PAGE

In Penny's Strategic Management course, a case study came up that, while simple to understand for the rest of the class, had her baffled, and would have had me baffled as well. It's not that we had trouble understanding the business concepts involved, but something much more basic than that.

You see, the question was on General Motors - particularly on "what group of consumers is GM not targeting towards." You still don't understand our problem? Well, neither Penny nor I know how to drive a car. We do know that GM makes cars, but what types for what markets? Beats me.

It sounds almost unAmerican, but it's true. Growing up in isolated State College, Pennsylvania, everything worth going to could be reached by walking. And living in the Boston Greater Metropolitan Area, with its excellent mass transit system and its record car theft rates there isn't much incentive for us to learn.

The point isn't that we don't drive. The point is that without a common background, communication becomes more and more difficult. Cross-cultural IQ tests invariably show that foreign cultures are not as intelligent as the test composer's culture. When SF Fans talk to Mundanes they sometimes seem to assume that when the Mundane doesn't know what the Fan is talking about, that he's not worth talking to. How little we learn from those First Contact stories!

Everybody's an alien to somebody else.