

THE ANTIPOSTMAILER

An Antipasto Publication prepared by Forrest J Ackerman, who is constitutionally opposed to postmailings. Dedicated to the proposition that All Men Are Created Sexual, and that All Aliens are Endowed by Their Creator with Certain Inhuman Rights.....

Egoburbling Crud

So Isobel's battier half writes to me,

"Fojo: You may not know it, but I was sick (pneumonia) for about 10 days /hell, I've been suffering from no-moneya for about 10 years/ and am just now up and around. Well, here is the story. Laney put out a 2pp one-shot fanzine in my honor (in the Ack on His Back tradition) and Ashley (!!!) also put out one. And Rotsler has put out one. /Lotta put out people here/ That makes three 2pp one-shots so far. Well, naturally, in the face of all this activity, I have also got to put out one, so I will do so in the next couple of days. Do you want to join the fun? -burb."

My reaction to the above: A burb in the bed is worth a hole in the head.

Flash! FJAckerman has just been awarded the Worst Prize in the BIG PUN FUN contest, and may now step forward and take his choice of a doughnut without any hole in it, or a whole nut without any dough.

Dept of High Quality

In order that these 2 pages should not be completed (oops, I mean completely wasted) I offer you a couple paragraphs by the fair haired boy of fantasy himself, Ray Bradbury. Learning that Ray had sold FFM a new story, "The Women", I reasoned that one of my art clients might click with an accompanying illustration, so asked Ray for the scene he'd like to see drawn. The author's description follows:

"PANEL: If possible, the panel should be filled from brim to brim with sea water. It is as if we were looking through a water-wave, and beyond the water, on the other side, on a strand of beach, stands a man and a woman looking at the water, as it were. Since the story deals with a competition between the Sea, which is characterized as a 'feminine presence...evil...' and the woman on the shore who is trying to prevent her lover, the man, from entering the water, therefore the water should have an ominous hue, an ominous aspect. There should be strange collections of shells and water weeds, suggesting feminine shapes, not fully but subtly, with mere suggestions of form, here an eye, there a mouth, a curve.

"If the foregoing effect cannot be achieved, let the picture be somewhat the same, but instead of having water fill the page as if we were looking through an incoming wave, let the panel show the ocean in the foreground, infinitely evil, and lapping at the shore, with man and woman standing there, as before, looking at it. In the background should be a distant, far away carnival.

"Of the two, I prefer the first suggestion: if it can be achieved. It is as if the illustrator were riding in on a wave from sea and, through the suddenly lucid wall of water before him, infinitely ominous and horrible, he saw the two people on the shore."

Chas. McNutt...FKMurphy...Carl Raskin...Bill Rotsler...and Roy Hunt--all good men and true--tried to do what Brad had in mind, altho it practically drove them out of theirs. Their drawings were aired to FFM "on spec".

Some rank outsider named Virgil Finlay got the job.

This has been an assay on fool's gold.

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