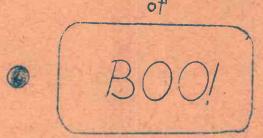


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BOO! is a fanzine that Ellison refers to as "putrid" and Stewart refers to as "a magnificen t piece'of work; "Substance: 50% per year, 51:00 2'years, 51:00 3 years, 53:00 4 years, 52:50 5 years \$3:00 g years, end so 4th: 'Apices'they're 65. Tree to anyone weighing over 500 pounds. Grahm where are your WE ATE ASSIT HERAID TO 7th ALDON: ad rates are: att bit s per rege, on a 4th BOO! is lacking many things: do re-air material, sex appeal. If you have any of tem on han d send tem. Here dateles is Art Filter and Terry Carr is Assitant Editor. Address for former: '575 Miss -ouri St, Trisco; latter is 154 Cambridge, frisco. Gad. I could ramble along like this and call it the editorial. FELLYING THE ANIMALS IS PROBUBITED! 'If anything herein disagrees with you, don't tell me; remember, ALKAPSELTZIR OFFERS QUICK RELIEF FROM NAUSEA.

THIS ISSUE IS RESPECTFULL Y DEDICATED. TO SEVERAL PEO-LE.



## THE CUSPIDOR

#### by yeditor

Thish I am again composing on the stencil--which explains why there isn't justified margins on this, while on the rest of the issue there is. All things, besides the Cuspidor, from now on will be dummied.

First change you have noticed is the paper this issue is on. It's MASTERWEAVE, the stuff that Confusion uses (while Confusion is not the first or only Tanzine to use it, it's certainly the one that mad it'popular). All issues will be run off on Masterweave, methinks; that is if the postage doesn't run too high.

The cover Thing is something that Dean A. Grennell sent me, all ditto'd up. However, it seems that he also sent other people copies of it, because just after stenciling it and running it off I got a letter from him saying that Shelby Vick was also going to use it in his mag. It was too late to stop it then, but I'll be out with it before Vick is. So there.

Bill Knapheide gives with a revie woof INVADERS TROWNARS in his column thish. I'm going to review it, too--Ithink it deserves more than comparison with Rocketship X-M.

Invaders from Mars is easily the worst movie I have ever seen, in cluding strimovies. The setting is so cheap that one would think of a jr.high graduation play having bette r. The acting is worse than the setti ng--let me quote (the I can't write in words the way it sounded on the screen):

Boy here, just after someone tells him that his mother and father minds have been taken over by the Martians: "Pkease, God--don't let them kill mommy and daddy like they did (sniff) the others..."

The parenthisized "sniff" was just the way he said it--"sniff."

The US Army is called in, and as the tank's roll offthe assembly line, music in the background plays "The Cassons Go. Rolling Along."

Boy hero and a detail of the US Army are trapped in the Martian's hide-away. Just after planting a time bomh in it, they meet up wi th a barragade blocking their exit from the cave.

Colonel: "How much time have we left?"

Soldier: "Three minutes, sir."

Colonel: "Start digging!"

It's funny how 6 or 7 men can dig thru 10 feet of rock, run down a passage way for about 15 yards, climb up a ladder, and run 50 yards away from the cave-all in 3 minutes.

So I warn you-if you have 40-50¢ to throw away seeing it, go ahead. If not, you'd best stay away.

The picture I saw with it was Moulin Rouge, with Jose Ferrer. This was the most excelle nt and picturesque movies I have ever seen; even better than 'Beau Gester Jose Ferrer played the part of a Parisian painter, crippled since childhood, and denied love of several women (this beginning to sound slushy—actually, I'm quoting the bill board outside the show) a nd finally all ends well when he falks down a flight of stairs and kills himself. If you want to see a very dead movie, but a darn good one, zee this.

Just remembered a part in Invaders From Mars that Terry carr and I nearly split a gut over. Boy hero is just telling his parents that he saw a space ship land out side.

Father: "You've been reading toonmany of these trashy science fiction magazines!"

Sounds like some mothers I know. (Namely mine.)

Bought a nice letteringuide for only 15¢; but just after starting on the top lettering on the Cuspidor, I seem to have missplaced it. I may have it by the time I get to the rest of the issue, so look for a small one with plain letters, somethin g like Dave Ish uses.

On the contents page of thish is marked MAPA %64. You see, I'm 2nd on the waiting list-but still not in yet. I'll probably be a fap by the Aug mlg, tho and this will probably go thru that. Just in case you were wondering...

Also on the contents page is marked "/dWp7" and "/fItp7". That's DIMWITTY PUBLICATIONS and FAMZINE MATERIAL POOL. Those of you who have gotten letters from me with the printed envelopes know what DWP is. FMP is a club, just forming, by which a number of faneds exchange material. I don't know much about it myself, but I'll ask Terry to mention it in his column.

All hail to Roger Canales, BOO!'s new Art Mditor. Send all artwork for the Art Secti on to him, Rog Cennles, 575 Missouri St., Sen Francisco, California. Send fillers and small stuff to me.

Also, hail to Terry Carr, new Assistant Editor. Don't send nothing to him, 'caus e I do all the stonciling. Anyhow, I see him practically every day since he lives only a few blocks from me and I can show it to him.

All hail too Underwood, the typer that does all the steneiling, worst one in America:

Now gives mit a plug for MICRO-, 10¢, 3/25¢, Don Cantin, 214 Bremer St, Manchester, NH.

Now will you send me a copy, Don?

Bacover done by Gail Rodgers, poor man's Keasler (where did I hear that phrase before?).

#### CUSPIDOR III

Guess who's a pro. Bill Price, the guy who did the cover and poem in last issue. Was thumbing through a copy of NEBULA and found several illos by him in it.

I'm not quite sure right now; but I think BOO! will cither go bimonthly or six-weekly soon! Expenses have been piling up and with an income of only 35 bucks a month I just can't find the money.

But I am NOT going to raise the price of BOO! I think that a fanzine should not make the price any higher than 5¢ until it is well established in the field. There are exceptions, but certainly not BOO!

The Bergeron I mentioned in last issue is just an illo for a poem. Terry sed he had some Bergeron pix laying around over his house but when we looked it was just a small one. Sorry I built it up so much when it just turned out this way.

I'll see you next issue here; thattll be some time in Amgust.

Goodbye.

If we had some eggs, we could have some ham and eggs, if we had some ham.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ME!

At the date of this writing I am 14 years old. Today I will hold a birthday party, and I will serve ice cream, cake. (choclute-- if you don't like choclate you can bring you flown cake) and we will play Pin-the-Spacesuit-On-the-Bergey-Girl. Lots of fun.

If you can't come, just send those birthday presents to: -

Bob Stewart 274 Arlington'Street San Francisco, California

Hint: I need a new typewriter.

taken from true life

# Rike's Ramblings

Some of wow uns may wonder why I wasn't around last issue. Wal I'll tall you about how come I didn't... To keep my column up to date I nev or startthe next installment of any column I'm writin g until I fet a copy of the fmz having the proceding install -ment; well I never did get a copy of #5, in which my TITIC appeared in. In fact, I didn't even know the ish was out until I happened over to Val Goldin g's place a few Fridays ago to catch some of the real fin e hot jazz he has in hi s'collection, which numbers almost 6,000. Val's pubbing a fanzin e, UNLARTHLY , with material by Carr, Graham, Stewart, and myself, amongst oth -ers and with areal fine cover done by a commorcial artist. If any of you are interested in obtaining this imz, address all in -quiries to Val'J Golding, 156-B Kenwood Way, San Fransisco, Cal -ifornia. Well. anyway, Val tole me over one of his numerous half-hour phon e calls to me aboutUTEARTHLY and how he wanted me to file up Stew.'s article; thus, I was scrounging around in his remordation living room, den, library and storage room for his records for some paper to draw on when...I came upon issue #5 and noticed that we olde colymum was in it, the time it came to my attention that it was being published. I didn't think Bob would get it in the 5th ish, the possibly the last one or even this one; guess his backlog of material wasn't as large as I thou it was, sin co #5 was the one he was running off when I brought it over to him du ring Baster Vacation, when Balint & myself dropped in on him ((yep, Balint was up here, it was April 4th)). We went around dropping in on the various THINGS sprinkled about Mission Street. We even went and called me up on the phone, person to person (since Carr and Graham told Stew that we were a couple of boy Has from Pahrump, name of Laney and Burbee We also saw manufacture /Bocause of a little bet I made with Larry Balint, this is consored ... yed/

II

Saw a sorta weird pie which, I don't believe of Balint knows about; it's a 2-3 min the abstract in color sponsored by thesan Francisco Chronicle. Ol' Pete could use a couple of stills for his "Eystrain Limeo Company," since the effect given (put to my-sic, incidentally) is that when you close yr eyes after looking in to a bright light; but better and a but more imaginative and unusual. It's making the rounds of the local theatres, the it may even be distributed elswhere. A companion feature was "Salome", which Roayals. I was really fractured after seeing some of those Roman centurions packing carboard shields around; you could even see the creases where someboday sat down on 'cm.

#### III

A style note: it's real ZORCH, and all off the putresence to have your hair dyed green; a fad innovated by the Red Blanch ard Show", which has such scinitating heroes of crystal sets, the police calls, and Third and Howard as Captain Space, the Planat man; the Flatman; a private eyeball from Pheumonia Plats in San Matee; and the arch villain, Zip Zorch, the Human Torch. Thisis

#### RIKE'S RAMBLINGS II

the same program that built up a tower of empty brange juice cans and subsequetally filled them with bottle caps to keep the wand from blowing it down.

time out for a smoke.....

IV

That crack about the plural of BOO! being BOOZE wasn't that up by li'l ol' me (after all, I'm only 6'2"). 'Its origination' dates back to the night of March 7, this year, when carr and Peter were lounging around Carr's Crypt when one of this intrepid couple remarked, "Ithot Stewart was going to the Golde in Gate Futurian Society meeting today and peddle som a Booze." (or someTHING of like nature). It took a few moments of thetful contemplation, in silence, for them to realize what was said; laughter followed. Peter told me about it the next day whenhe came up to my Chambre d'Horeur in Rodeo, from whence wewent and lost the rest of the weekend.

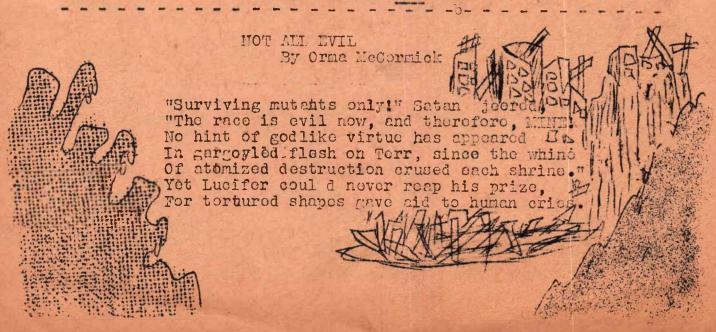
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Wal, I gotta shag now; have to fix the Lucky Lager beer sign I-'Ve in my room; the starter to one of the filluppescent tubesburnt out and I have to take a fast blast down to the local hard--ware store and replace it.

#### ...dacv rhighk

Sorry this page is so sloppily durmied. When I first typed it p forgot and put a '3' instead of a '2' where I wanted the extra spaces to be, and consequently the whole thing had to be dummied on the stencil....yed

Willy bought a robot
And trained hi good and true
In fact, he trained it all to well,
For the demned him too.



# INTRIGUE IN DEEPEST

By Richard E. Geis



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"Cynthia?"
"Yes, Gerald?"
"The rocket motors will stop soon."
"Tha t'means...weightlessness."
"Quite."
"Chin up; stiff upper lip, eyes front and all that sort of thing.
Remember, we're English!"
"Gerald, will it hurt?"
"Just a bit; I'm afraid."
"Stay by me, please."
"Of course."
"Come closer."
"Ummmm."
"Closer still."
"I want you near when it happens." "Cynthia, does this mean---?"
"Yes."
For long?"
"I have loved you since Blovingtion-on-the-Buff."
"I didn't know."
"Darling."
"Your lips are like liquid fire ... your haar is like the finest
Qakle fiber ... your throat is like --- "
"What is in that breifcas e?"
"Wha ... ? Why do you ask? Speak to me of love."
"Come closer. Gerald, kiss me!"
"Cynthia, I beg of you! Remember, you co English!"
"Gerald, you must---ThiE MOTORS HAVE STOPPEDIT"
WWo are in free-flight."
"Damn, i't came too soon,"
"Cynthia, I beg of you to restrain your language. Remember, you
are---"
"Hell, now my body will cannge:"
"Cynthia, your arm...your head...meltin g...flowing into a new
shape. YOU AREN'T CYNTHIA:"
"Correct. I am Yurg-Urgle III of the Rigelian Spy Corps."
"The Hated Enemy!."
"I want those top-secret, confidential, restricted dispatches that
ar e marked "Private."
"As Cynthia you were going to ... '
"and cicely."
"And as your tru e self you intend ...?"
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#### INTRIGUE IN DEEPEST SPACE II

"Exactly." "All to get these dispatch es, which I. Gerald, trusted dimplomatic messenger to the Tri-World Amalganated Transition of United Peop -les of the Outer Sters Incorporated, am to deliver to Urshal Blerp, Exalted Ruler of the Lower part of Upper New South Splatonia?" "Would you mind repeating the question?"

"Hamm. Stan d eside, Gerald, I'm taking that breifease." "Over my dead body."

"Accurate."

"You are drawing a Eprch Gun."

"Observan t

"You are going to shoot"

"Correct

Mo, ho! Cynthia! Stop ... remember ... You're ... " BANG!

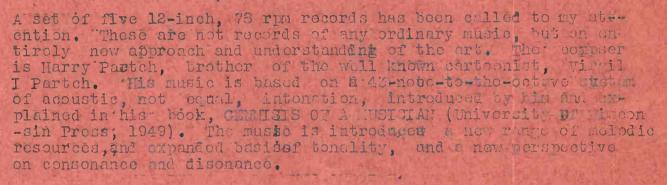
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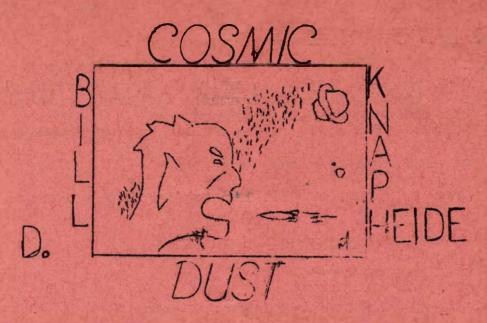
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### #1 ON UNEARTHLY MUS

by val j golding



The instruments include the chromologian, an adapted reed organ; a microtonal cello; an adapted ten-string guitar; the kithera; the bass marimba; and various other string and percussion instru ments. The cost of these roords is approximately \$7.50, plus postage, and they are available only from Dr. Lauriston of shall, Director of Research, Link-Belt Company, Indianapelia, adding Since this is a private pressing. I imagaine the suits very limited, so if you're interested, don't delay. I be recommend them to all fantasy fan as n interesting and most worthwhile addition to their record sollection. worthwhile additi on to their record collection.



I have just seen INVADERS FROM MARS. I think this is best reviewed as a series of news flashes.

FLASH: Boy sees Martians land.

FLASH: Martians prove hostile; kidnap people.

FLASH: Rocket ship MI is taking off (Pardon me. How did that get in there?).

FLASH: General gets captured; colonel takes over (What happened to the scientists? We should call this not science fiction, but military fiction.).

FLASH: Tanks are called in.

FLASH: Rocketship XM is soaring by. (Excuse me, a slip of the typewriter.)

FLASH: Soldiers blast hole in Martian tunnell.

FLASH: Troops invade Martian spaceship.

FLASH: Meteors swish by RXT. We could hear the wind as they went by. (Oops, I did it again.)

FLASH: Martians attack soldbers.

FLASH: If you liked ROCKETSHIP XM, you should like this.

COSTELLO: But I don't want to go to Mars.

ABOTT: Neither do I.

COSTELLO: Did you hear something?

(Noise in background: ZZZZZOOOMMM:)

COSTELLOW Lookout, here comes the Lincoln Tunnel.
We're thru it! We made it!

#### COSTIC DUST II

ABBUTT: We've gotta (land: :

COSTELLO: Uh, oh, here we go under the Brooklyn bridge...

ABBOTT: Naw, you're kiddin'.

COSTELLO: Here comes the Air Farce! We've gotta take off for space!

ABBONTT: Okay, we'll land a t Mars Orleans.

COSTELLO: Lookit the costumes. It's the Martians!

ABBOTT: Well, we'd better be getting beet to the ship.

COSTELLO: Here we are back in Tick Tok. Say. I think somebody else is here with us!

BABY FACE NOONAN: It's only me ar d Saugger Pete. We just escaped from the cage and you'll get us sub Mors or else.

You'll have to go see this picture to find out how this all ends It's too much for me.

I received my copy of TERRA the other day -- that @xx\*\* copy of TERRA the other day -- that @xx\*\* copy of published vy Gilbert Menicucci. Words rail me in describin g this. I must go back to Merwin for appropriate comment with he reviewed the firs trissue of SPACKMARF was fanzine orn only go in one dir -ection -- up."

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## WHAT HAVE THEY DONE TO S-F? BY

### SFIGE. DRAHCIR\*

I used to pounce on the stf mags as they appeared on the stands. I could hardly wait from one month to the next, from one issue to the next. I hannted the stands; I stopped by every day for weeks before a magazine was due out, hoping against hope that it might be early. I read slower then I do now, And yet today I am a Satlated Fan. No longer do I hang around the nest stands. Rather, I dread the sight of one. I enter more and more as a duty to my hobby. I endure the pitying looks of those in the store as I load my arms and pockets with magas and mags. I han d the proprieter my wallet and stagge r to the bus stop. I am a doomed fan. My hobby, my way of life has risen up and swallowed me.

No longer do I turn the pages of a magazine with zestand sparkle in my eyes. That is gone. Gone I nother past asis my youth. More and more rarely does my eye light up in anticipation as I buy a magazine or book. I am satiate d.

Why is the fire out? -Why is the sparkle gone? Why do I feel like an aged Sultan with a harem of thirty demandingwives? Two reason I think: the firs t is that I have aged. I have "matured" I've become slightly cultured. I no longer consume s story like a ravaging forest fire a piece of kin dling. I read with a critical eye.

The second reason is the vas t and truly staggering quantity of science fiction and fantasy I have read through the years. Tre-tently tried to figure up approximately how many words of scien-ce fiction and fan tasy I HAD read in the years since 1940. I arrived at a tenthtive total of 45,000,000 words. Makes me tired just to look at the figure. That is just for much reading to have done without becoming whase and critical.

After all, that represents a great many plot repititions. One has the chance to compare one author's handling of them against that of another. Too, one gets sick and tiredof reading the same stories again and again. I found that mybreading standards went up and up. Now days a story has get to be positively a minor classic before I till sit up and take notice.

At this very moment that I write this, I have something like it multion words waiting to be read. Magazines and books that That to bought and intend to read...when I have the time.

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<sup>\*</sup>Penname for famous fan author and critic.

#### WHAT HAVE THEY DONE? II

Now this situation is not because I am a slow reader. I can easily read a thousand word s an hour for as long as three hours. It's just that there are so many magazines to read. So damned many. And there are more and more too come. It's frightening. I feel like the fellow whose pet cat named like has just had a litter of kittens. I'm hurt, engry, and resentful. Like the inventor of a robot that turned on its master and is threatening mayhem; I don't like it a bit. "My Ghod," I howl, "What have they done to Science Fiction?"

I curse the Atom Bomb. Give us bakk our hobby.

### STOP!

DON'T GO ANY FURTHER UNTIL YOU'VE EXAMINED THIS PAGE ...

BOO's first Annish is already being worked on ...

It will be the largest Annish ever put out by a faned ...

It will even be bigger than QUANDRY #13...

It will contain pro-stuff...

It will have a 25 page ditto'd and mimeo'd art section...

All columns will be extended to 6 pages eahh...

It will contain the bes t reprints from BOO!...

It will have loads of other stuff...

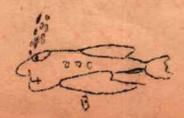
It will be out January 1st, 1954...

AND it will be limited ONLY to regular subscribers; notrades, no sample copies, no single issues...

So get in that 50¢ to: --

Bob Stewart 274 Arlington'St.
San Fransisco, California

Hurry!



#### INTRODUCTION THIS ISSUE'S

#### ART SECTION

And now, at last, we come to the art section. This is indeed an important part of any magazine if it hopes to succeed.

In our Art Section, we hopeto bring you each other's individual impress ions of the fantastic, the abaurd and the beautiful, in such a way that is quick and clear, yet not unpleasing or offensive.

This issue we have four contrabutors:

First is Ronald Transell, one of a set of twins that live here in San Francisco. Both draw quite well, but unfortunetly, Donald's drawin didn't wuite make it this time. However, I so that he'll have something in here in the future.

Secon d is myself, and you kn ow who I am.

Third is Bill Reynolds. I'm nowverylittle about him, but here's what Bob told me: HeIs an olditimer in science fiction, having been around for about 10 years. He's an active member of the GGFS are once was on the staff of SHIMMI.

Fourth is Lee Chapman, who did several drawings for the now defunct fenzine, ONTGA. .

Let's hope I'm giving youwhat you want. If you have any comments advice, likes and dislikes, tell me how you feel. I want to give you just what you want, nothing less.

This issue is in Misso; let's see if it did justice.

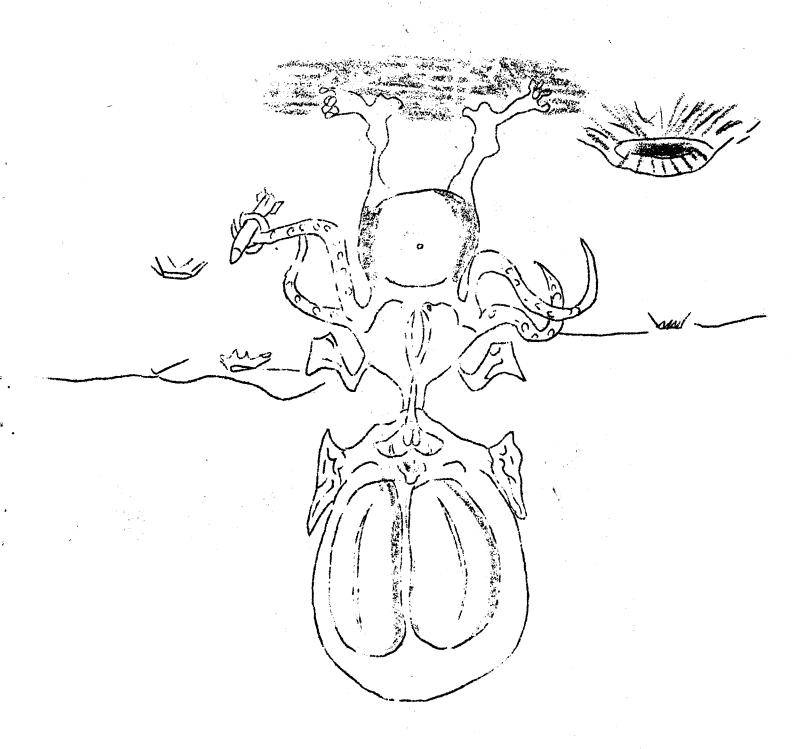
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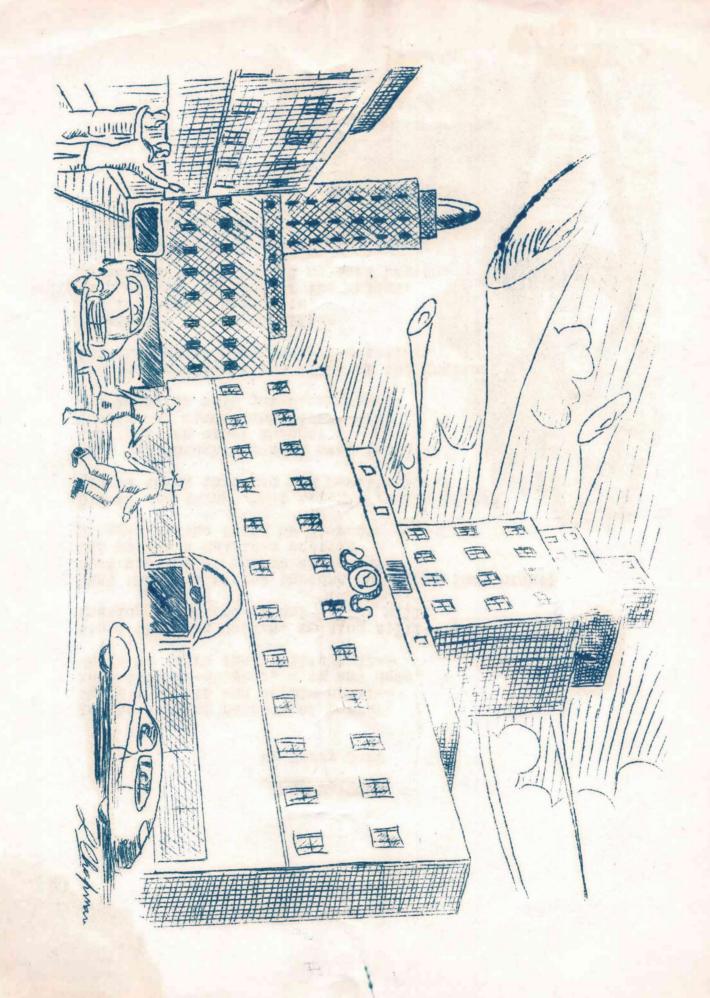
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#### IRON MAIDEN

by Terry Carr

In the darkest reaches of horror, Where the rats and vermin crawl--In a torture-chamber, dark and damp, Where we heard the Devil's call--

Stood the Iron Maiden, smiling still, Tasting the blood of her latest kill.

What thoughts passed through our minds that night? What visions of horror appeared? Did we see a helpless captive Dragged to the thing he feared?

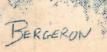
Did we see things that weren't really there?
Did we think this was the Devil's lare?

Nay, our thoughts passed over these And dwelt on other things: Ghouls and fiends and werewolves, And vampires with jet-black wings.

For that night was the night of the Meeting.
And the Guests were ready for eating.

We ushered in the sacrifice
And led him to his death,
Then closed the door of the Maiden.
He screamed till he had no more breath.

We pulled him out, not a bit unnerved. A minute later dinner was serwed.



### FANTASTA FILMS

larry balint

Without a doubt you'll be hearing more of THE BEAST FROM TWENTY THOUSAND FATHOMS than any other stf picture this year. Starting June 19, the greatest advertising campaign for any picture will be launched for this one. It will utilize the facilities of tv, radio, newspapers, magazines, and billboards. The story is by Ray Bradbury from a Saturday Evening Postoriginal. This picture was formerly entitled HOUSTER FROM BEHEATH THE SEA which I mentioned earlier in this column.

Warner Brothers has planned as stf 3-D picture called THE for the end of this year.

George Pal is now working on a picture called THE NAMED JUICE. It concerns a plantation owner in South America attempting to fight off the hoards of giant ants. The picture will be so, it has been planned to use stereophonic sound to give the impression of the huge ants crawling through the audience.

PHANTOM FROM SPACE which is now playing somehow ancaped my attention and I didn't speak of it in this column...' Scuse me!

TE CAMEFRON OUTER SPACE with original story by Bradbury is seen -ing hell out of people from coast to coast. It is advertised the first 3-d stf picture which it is. You can now see it in plain 3-d or 3-d widescreen process. Both have storeophosound which lends itself to the screaming theripin. Now the stu-dio bigwigs plan to put it out in 2-d too.

ISLAND IN THE SKY is boing shot by Wayne Fellows Productions. I have no definite information that it's stf, but it sure sound enough like it might be one.

TRANSVESTITE with Bela Lugosi in the lead is ready for release. It concerns the transformation of men into women and viscous. This seems to be the fad nowadays so why not a movie of it? Listed as weird-stf.

Blight mention of somethin g called RICH AROUND SATURY. Nothing definite.

Below is a list of pictures already mentioned in FF and which should be out at any time. Look for 'on.

FOUR SIDED TRIANGLE WAR OF THE WORLDS OPACIEWAYS.
DONOVAM'S BRAIN SPACE FIGHTER.
SPACE FIGHTER.
ROBOT MONSTER
NEANDERTUAL MAN



Since thish has been cut down somewhat to save on paper and dash EGOBOOFUL is all contained hereon:

#### HARLAH ELLISON SEZ:

No doubt you will consider my comments toorish, ill-made, improper and fallacious. If'I considered the mouch, I would not have made them. Obviously, from my ballot's comments I do not find BOO! stimulating. I venture to say it is one of the waskest magazines I've ever encountered in the fan field. Your mimeography is the chief gripe, being about as poor as duplicating can get. Use a heavier grade paper (20 lb to be the lightes, I should think), ink the machine more. Use color nimeography. Don't be affaid of the expense, for if your magazine appears as a nicely-wrought item, the fan s will purchase it in everincreasing numbers, as the did SPEULLTIM.

#### BOB SILVERBERG COMMINTSL

Roberta Stuar t told me to watch her column in BOC, co I'll be happy to exchange with you regularly. The hitch is this: you can't'expect your first spaceship from me for another six weeks, because all back issues are just about gone and there won't be a new one to send you till then. I trust you'll be patient, and in the meanwhile welcome to my exchange list. BOO! seems to be an intelligent job, and should get much better very quickly. I like it.

#### JL MAGNUS YAPS:

BOO! seared me outa the mailbox the other day; but having recovered sufficiently, I read it and though I let you know how I lik -ed it. ## Its personality is good, which is most important, ## But why do you insist on being inferior on purpose? You rever is as good as any I've ever seen on a mimeod mag. Your material is interesting, and, say as good as that in the old MAD which made inself big name in only four issues. If you want to be better, look at the obvious things. In the first I tace, your paper is far too thin. My mimeoing shows thru too, even on 24 weight paper, which I a m usin f in the nest issue, and this is an ever resent problem, but I think you agree that either you should use colored paper or use a heavier backt.

...etc.

All letters that were left out of thish will be car led over to next issue's EGOBOOFUL.

# - CONTESTI-

#### WIN PRIZES! HAVE FUN! GC TO HEET.!

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Just tell us inm25 Words or less what you think the picture on the back of this is.

#### FIRST PRIZE:

A BIG barrell of cow dung

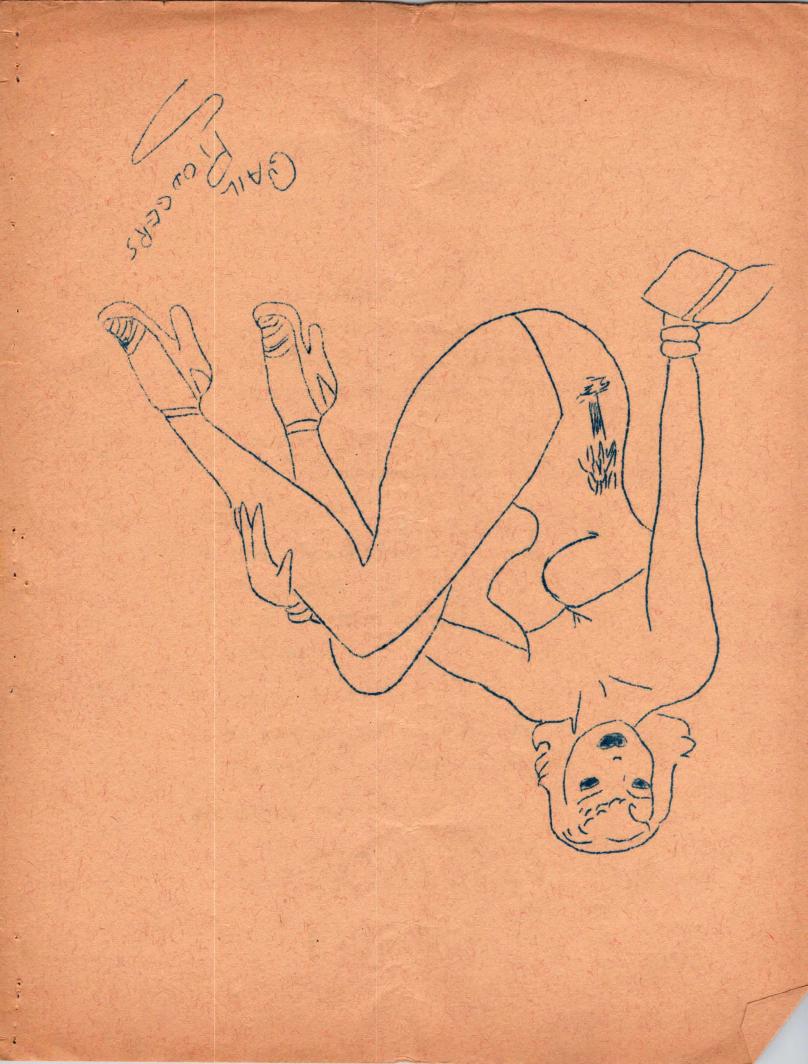
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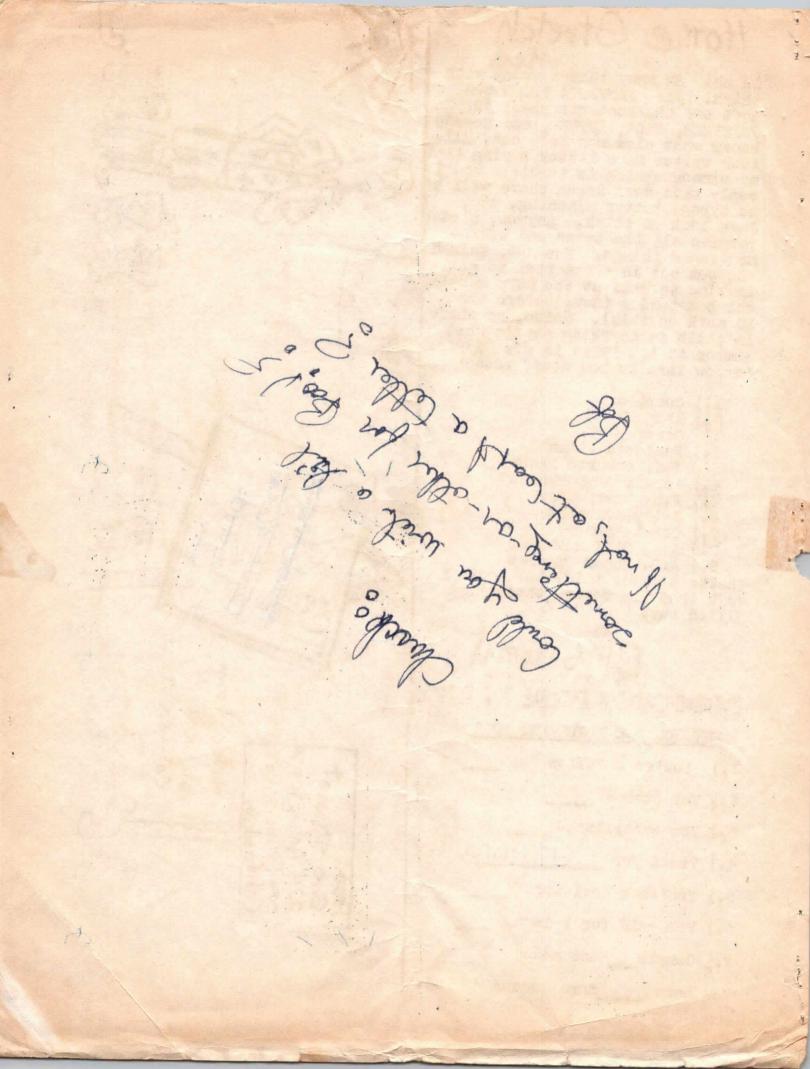
Same as first prize, only smaller

#### PLUS:

1,000 canceled checks from the Bank of America, to be given as third prizes.

REMEMBER -- this contest closes on September 1, 1953...So get in that 25 word entry on what you think thish's bacover is.





Home Strete Oh me: So many things wrong with thish: #1: FANTASTA FILMS was left off the contents page; #2: FANZINES, SLAG, EFFUSE, and Roscoe knows what else was left out. Ellison writes me a letter saying that my mimeographing is terrible and I reply that next issue there will be no typos, better mimooing, etc. Just look at thish. Anywee, please forgive all the typos and aforementioned things. You see, this h was put out in a mad rush to gotit in time to seal at the GGFS meeting this Sturday (Sat. before the PO mark on this). #Also, no where in thish is anything saying what number it is. This is #7. ##Here 's how last issues stuff rated: 1:) Cuspidor 2.) Slag Cover 3.) Fantasta filma A.S. Roberta Stuart Terror of Darkness A.S. Terry Carr ) Juicy Argument ) Cosmic Dust A.S. Bill Reynolds 9.) A.S. Roger Canales Thatts all for this, but again I as k that you return thoseslips filled out. DEADEDNE FOR #8 is July 20 WHY YOU ARE R CIEVING BOO! 1.) You're a fellow fap 2.) You subbed 3.) You contributed 4.) Trade for 5.) You're a reviewer 6.) You paid for 1 issue 7.) Sample Want more? You have \_\_\_ more issues coming.