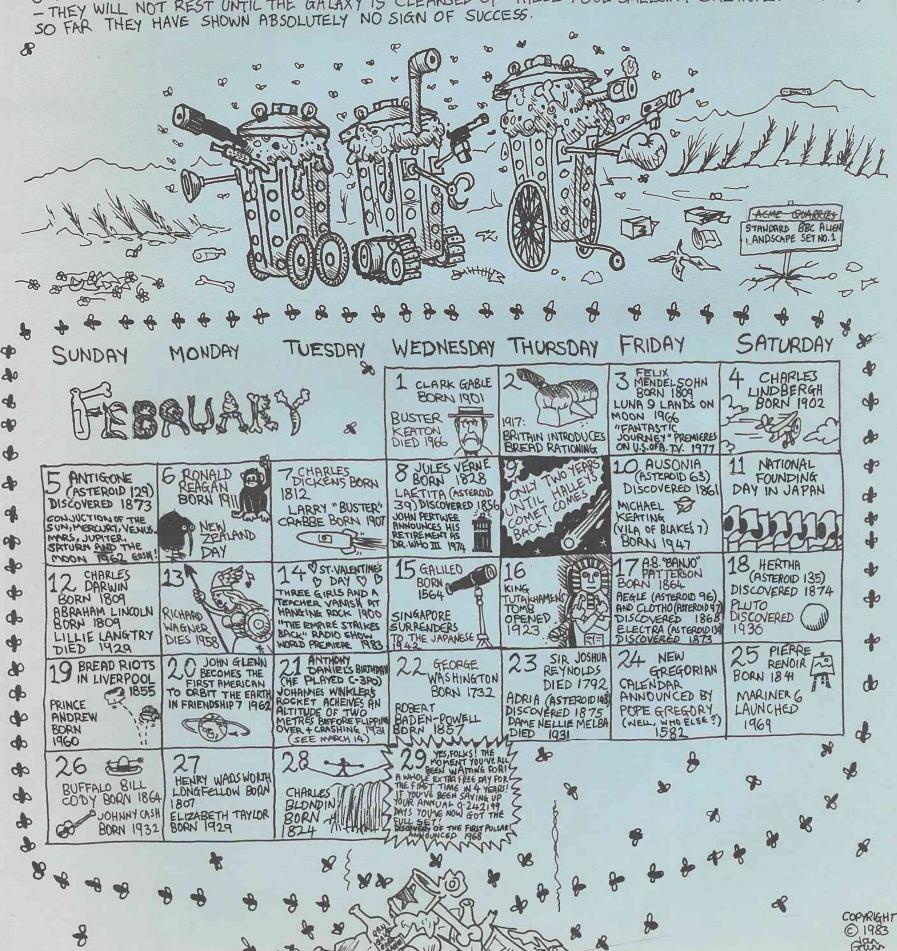
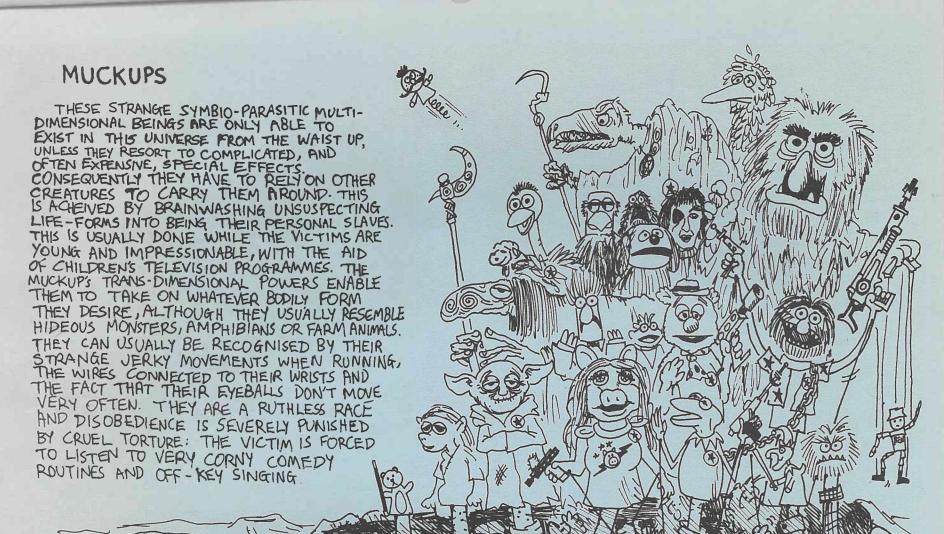
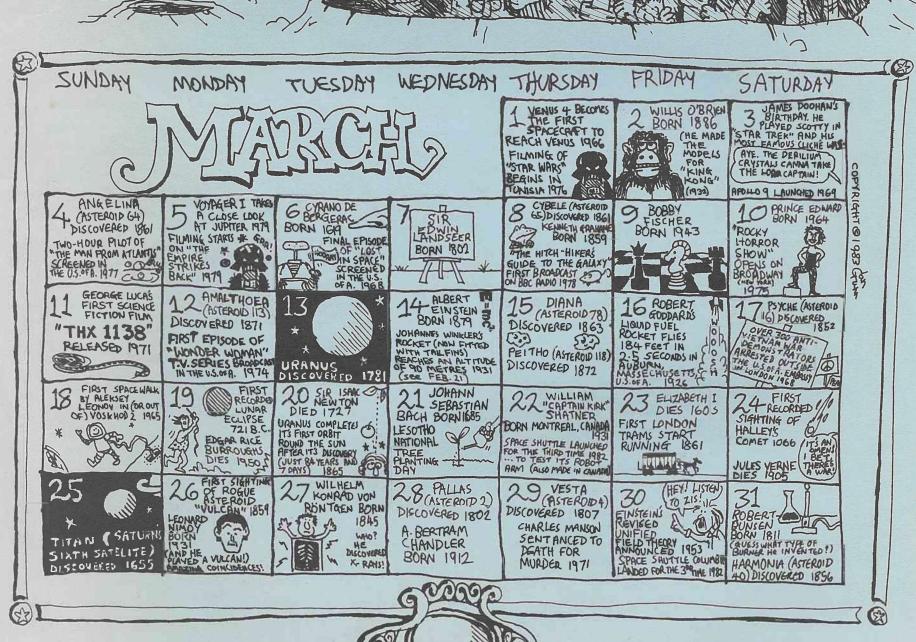
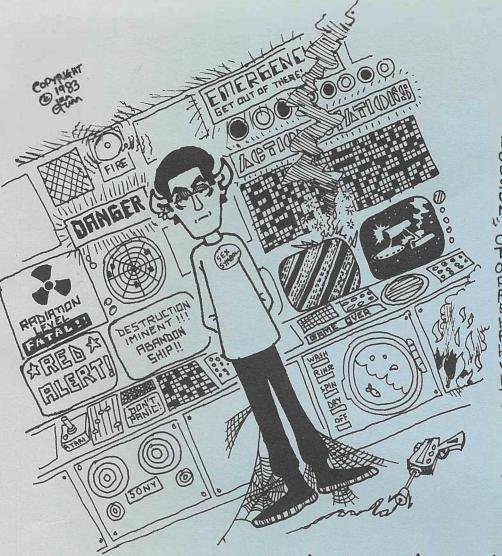


DUMPED THE REMAINS OF AN UNSUCCESSFUL EXPERIMENT IN PSEUDO-GENETIC LIFE CREATION IN A NUMBER OF SELF-PROPELLED RUBBISH BINS, ALONG WITH SEVERAL WASTE CHEMICLES AND THE REMAINS OF THE LABORATORY CANTEENS SPECIAL OF THE DAY: RHUBARB PIE. A FTER A PROLONGED GARBAGE STRIKE AND A HEAT WAVE, THE SUBSTANCE CONGEALED, MUTATED, GREW, MULTIPLIED AND DECIDED TO CONQUER THE KNOWN UNIVERSE. THEY NOW NUMBER SEVERAL TRILLION AND CONTROL A LARGE CHUNK OF GALACTIC SPACE. THEY ARE A RUTHLESS, COLD-BLOODED AND EVIL SMELLING RACE WHOSE FAVORITE PASTIME IS TO EXTERMINATE ALLOTHER LIPEFORMS. SEVEN CENTURIES AGO THE GALACTIC FEDERATION ISSUED A WARRANT FOR THEIR ARREST ON CHARGES OF MURDER, CRUELTY TO DEVELOPING SENTIENT SPECIES, LITTERING AND OTHER WAR CRIMES. THE DERELIK WAR HAS RAGED EVER SINCE. SPECIALLY ADAPTED GALFED STARFIGHTERS, HEAVILY ARMED WITH DETERGENT MISSILES AND SCENTOR-KIEN AROMARAYS, PATROL THE BYWAYS OF SPACE IN SEARCH OF DERELIK GARBOSHIPS TO STERILIZE THEY WILL NOT REST UNTIL THE GALAXY IS CLEANSED OF THESE FOUL-SMELLING CREATURES. HOWEVER, SO FAR THEY HAVE SHOWN ABSOLUTELY NO SIGN OF SUCCESS.









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TALCUMS

FROM THE PLANET CAERPHILLY, TALCUMS ARE ONE OF THE MOST LOGICAL, CLEAR THINKING, SERENELY CIVILIZED AND DOWNRIGHT BORING RACES IN THE ENTIRE GALACTIC FEDERATION. THEY HAVE NO RECOGNIZABLE EMOTIONS OTHER THAN A SUPPRESSED, QUIET GLEE WHEN CONFRONTO WITH ALL THINGS LOGICALLY MATHEMATICAL. THIS IS SHOWN ONLY BY THE RAISING OF AN EYEBROW, AND THE UTTERING OF THE WORD "INTERESTING" - OR IN MOMENTS OF EXTREMELY HEIGHTENED EXCITEMENT: "FASCINATING." THEY ARE EXCEEDINGLY DULL. DESPITE CERTAIN BEINGS ADMIRING THESE STRONG, SILENT TYPES, TALCUMS HAVE ALL THE WIT AND ANIMAL MAGNETISM OF A DIGITAL CALCULATOR, AND NEVER GET INVITED TO PARTIES — IF THEY DID, THEY PROBABLY WOULDN'T GO. AS FOR THEIR FAMILY LIFE, THEY ONLY HAVE SEX ONCE EVERY SEVEN YEARS, AND EVEN THEN ONE OF THEM USUALLY HAS A HEADACHE, OR THEY BOTH LOSE INTEREST AND FALL ASLEEP. CONSEQUENTLY THEY ARE IN NO DANGER OF HAVING TO COPE WITH A RUNAWAY POPULATION EXPLOSION, WHILE ENGROSSED IN THOUGHT, TALCUMS HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO REMAIN COMPLETELY MOTIONLESS FOR UP TO KNOWN TO REMAIN COMPLETELY MOTIONLESS FOR UP TO THREE WEEKS AT A TIME, COMPLETELY IGNORING ANY OF THE PANDEMONIUM GOING ON AROUND THEM OR EVEN THE NEED FOR TOILET BREAKS. THEY ARE EMPLOYED THROUGHOUT THE GALACTIC FEDERATION AS ACCOUNTANTS, COMPUTER PROGRAMMERS, TAX ASSESSORS, SCIENTIFIC ADVISORS ON EXPENSIVE MOVIES, NARRATORS OF SUSPECT TELEVISION DOCUMENTARIES, ADMINISTRATIVE PUBLIC CERVANTS. AND OF COURSE LIBRARIANS SERVANTS AND, OF COURSE, LIBRARIANS.

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SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY SATURDAY FRIDAY 3 (ASTEROID 119)
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PICASSO
DIES 1973 ILYICH
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(FAMOUS FOR PLAYING THE PART OF LENIN) BORN 1870 TO THE MOON PIND LOCK
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GOES INTO PRODUCTION WITH
BUDGET OF NEARLY
1951 SPACE SHUTTLE COLLIMBIA 1981 19 (ASTEROID 35)
AND ATALANTA
(ASTEROID 36) DISCONERS 15 ARIADNE (ASTERDID 43) DISCOVERS 1857 18 (ASTEROID 98) 20 ROME FOUNDED BY ROMULUS 1 MELIBOEA (ASTEROID 137) 16 KINGSLEY AMIS BORN DISCOVERED 1874

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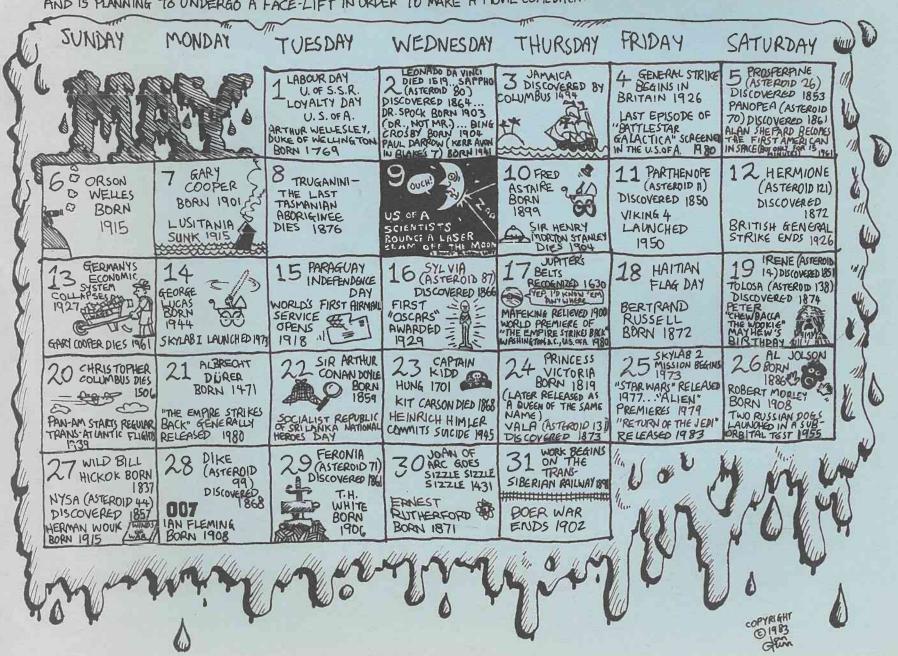
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CAREER AS A CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT, AND HITCHHIKED HIS WAY TO EARTH AND THE GLITTER OF
HOLLYWOOD, PENNILESS AND DESTITUTE AFTER SEVERAL
FAILED AUDITIONS HE TOOK A LAST-RESORT JOB AT
CHEEP AND NAZTI STUDIOS IN THE CHORUS OF GOLD
DIGGERS OF '56" WHERE HE MET NOTED PRODUCER,
DIRECTOR, IMPRESSARIO AND CHILD POLESTER CECIL B.
DE FINSBURY. CECIL KNEW TALENT WHEN HE SAW
IT, BUT SIGNED UP THE SCUNGE ANYWAY, WITH A
LOOPHOLED TEN-YEAR CONTRACT WITH THE USUAL
ESCAPE CLAUSES AND 98% AGENTS COMMISSION. THE
SCUNGES FIRST MAJOR MOVIE "SCUNGE FROM MARS" (1946)
WAS A MASSIVE SUCCESS. OFFERS FLOODED IN. SO DID
UNSOLICITED SCRIPTS, OFFERS OF MARRIAGE, BEGGING
LETTERS, FAN MAIL AND DEATH THREATS. AT THE
PEAR OF HIS CAREER HE WAS CHURNING OUT UP TO
THREE "B" GRADE MOVIES A FORTNIGHT, AND THE TOTAL
EXPENDITURE ON ALL OF HIS MANY MOVIES BUDGETS
HAS BEEN CONSERVATIVELY ESTIMATED AT BEING
WELL OVER \$40,000! HE WILL LONG BE REMEMBERED
FOR SUCH MONOCHROME CLASSICS AS "SCUNGE MEETS
GODZILLA" (1958), "TEENARE SCUNGE PARTY" (1959)" THE
SCUNGE THAT ATE LOS ANGELESE" (1990) "THE SCUNGE
THAT ATE SACRAMENTO" (1960) "THE SCUNGE THAT NIBBLED
OMAHA, NEBRASHA BUT DIDN'T LIKE IT AND SPATITO UT".
(1961) AS WELL AS A CAMEO IN THE AUSTRAL-AMERICAN
TAX-LOSS CULT FILM "THE GREAT RHUBARB DISASTER OF
'26" (1966). AFTER A SLUMP IN THE LATE SIXTIES,
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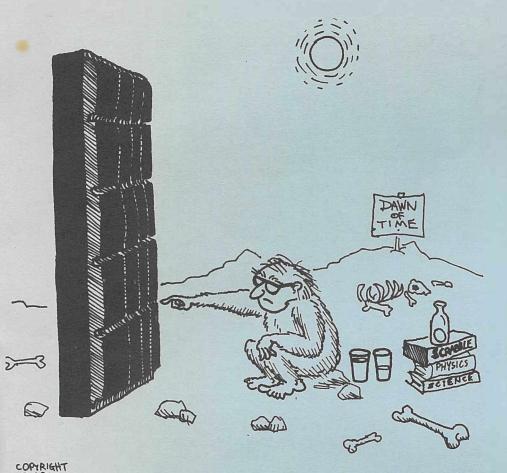
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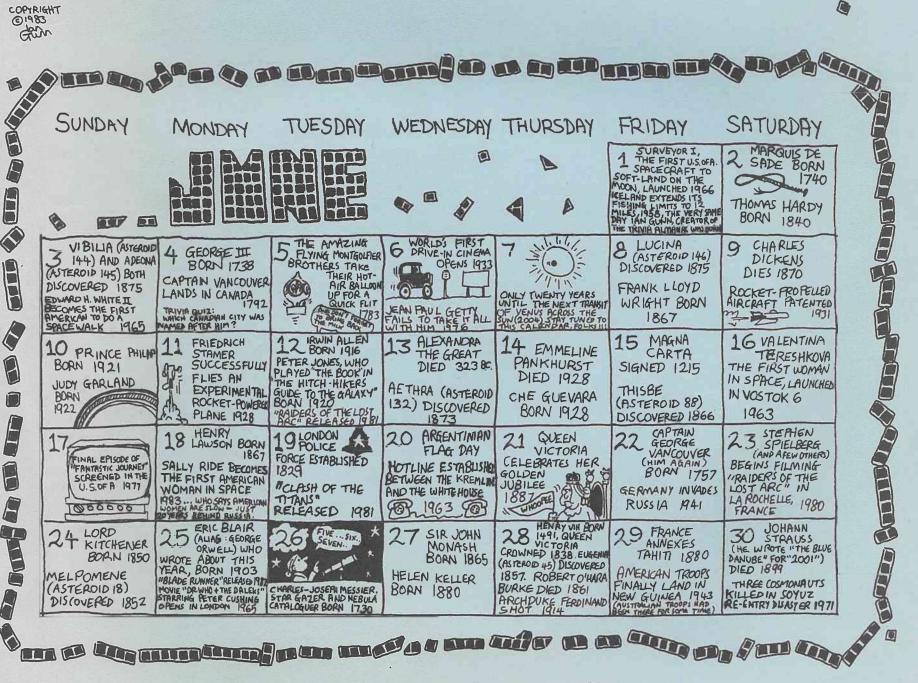
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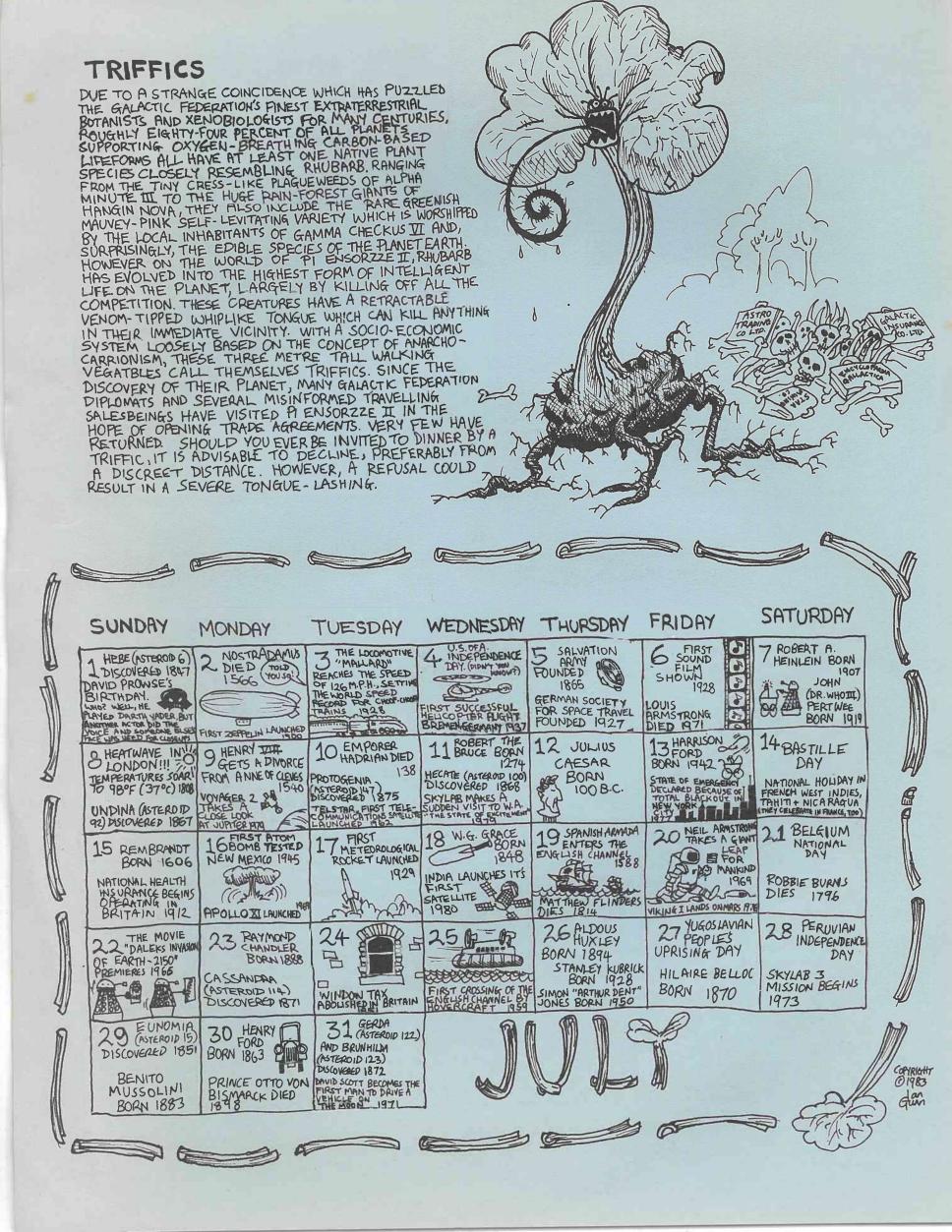
MYSTERIOUS AND INEXPLICABLE BEINGS AND/OR MACHINES BELIEVED TO ORIGINATE FROM SOMEWHERE BEYOND THE JUMPEE NOVA. THEIR FAVORITE PASTIMES INCLUDE DRIFTING THROUGH SPACE STARTLING MONKEYS, HIDING OUT ON MOONS, SUDDENLY APPEARING IN ASTRONAUTS BEDROOMS AND JUST BEING GENERALLY WEIRD. THEY ARE RUMOURED TO CONTAIN LARGE QUANTITIES OF MILK, TO BE VERY NOURISHING AND TO HAVE GREAT TASTE (THEY SEEM TO BE RATHER FOND OF THE MUSIC OF STRAUSS) THEY CAN, UPON CONTACT WITH PRIMITIVE DEVELOPING LIFEFORMS, TEACH THEM BASIC LAWS OF PHYSICS SUCH AS HOW TO MAKE PRETTY PATTERNS WITH SAND, HOW TO BALANCE CANDLES AND HOW TO GET EGGS INTO MILK BOTTLES - JUST THE SORT OF THINGS A BUNCH OF SAVAGE CAVEMEN NEED TO KNOW

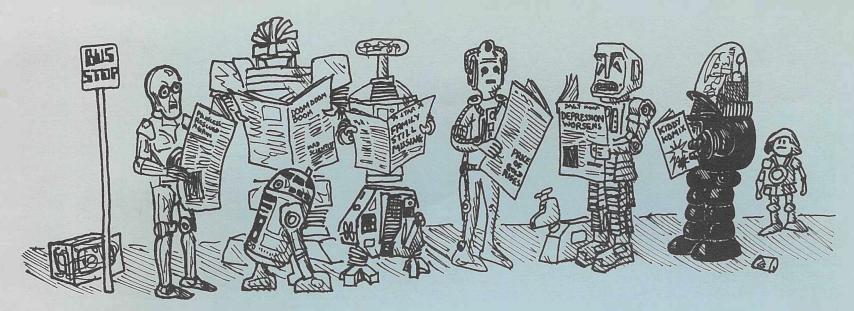
IF THEY'RE HOPING TO START WALKING UPRIGHT

AND EVOLVE INTO AN INTELLIGENT, STRIVING, ENLIGHTENED

PACE OF CIVILIZED BEINGS WITH THE TECHNOLOGY TO EXPLORE THE FAR REACHES OF OUTER SPACE, INVENT COMPUTER GAMES AND BUILD NEUTRON BOMBS. NOBODY REALLY KNOWS WHY THESE TALL DARK AND VERY STRANGE CREATURES/ARTIFACTS DO THIS SORT OF THING BUT THE GALACTIC FEDERATION COUNCIL FOR THE LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC ARMS, SPACELANE CONGESTION AND BRAIN DEADENING AMUSEMENTS WOULD CERTAINLY LIKE TO FIND OUT THEIR CURRENT ADDRESS.

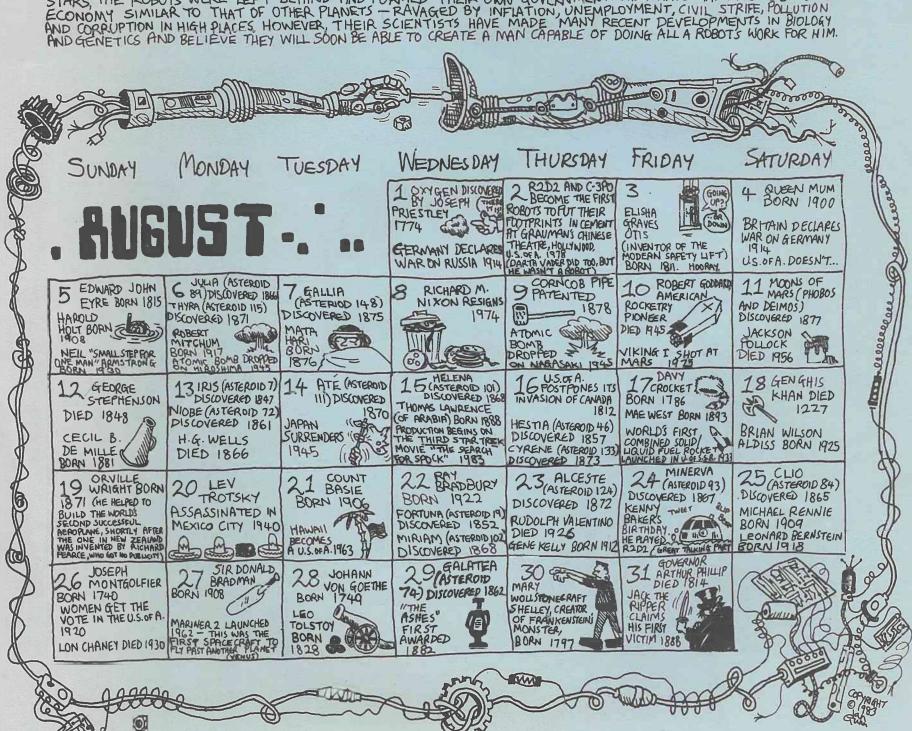






ROBOTS

MANY CENTURIES AGO ON THE PLANET DELTA PACKAKARDZ IV, THE ORGANIC LIFE-FORMS THAT LIVED THERE HAD DEVELOPED THE TECHNOLOGY TO BUILD ROBOTS. THE EARLY MODELS WERE RELATIVELY SIMPLE FUNCTIONAL MACHINES SUCH AS THE PICK-O-MATIC RHUBARB HARVESTER, THE MODEL'T' FINSBURY MULTI-PURPOSE HANDI-HELP OR THE MAXI-KLEEN AUTODIRECTIONAL STREETSWEEPER. THEN SCIENTISTS DEVELOPED A NUMBER OF MAJOR BREAKTHROUGHS, SUCH AS THE KLEVVA-BRANE OMNICORTEXIAL LOGIC EXEMPLIFIER, INFRAOPTIC DISENTANGLEMENT EXTRAPOLATION CIRCUITS, SUBANGULAR QUASISPECTROANALITIC POLARISERS, ULTRAPSYCHIC TRANSBINARY REFRACTIONATORS, AND DECORATOR COLOURS, GRADUALLY, ROBOTS IMPROYED TO SUCH A DEGREE THAT MORE AND MORE PEOPLE WERE MADE REDUNDANT. THEN SOME BODY INVENTED A ROBOT WHICH WAS PROGRAMMED TO DESIGN OTHER ROBOTS, AND EVERYONE WAS OUT OF A JOB. AFTER THE ORGANIC LIFEFORMS ON THE PLANET HAD EITHER DIED OUT ON THE DOLE OR LEFT TO SEEK EMPLOYMENT ON OTHER STARS, THE ROBOTS WERE LEFT BEHIND AND FORMED THEIR OWN GOVERNMENT. THEY HAVE MANAGED TO BUILD AN ECONOMY SIMILAR TO THAT OF OTHER PLANETS — RAVAGED BY INFLATION, UNEMPLOYMENT, CIVIL STRIFE, POLLUTION AND CORRUPTION IN HIGH PLACES, HOWEVER, THEIR SCIENTISTS HAVE MADE MANY RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN BIOLOGY AND GENETICS AND BELIEVE THEY WILL SOON BE ABLE TO CREATE A MAN CAPABLE OF DOING ALL A ROBOT'S WORK FOR HIM.





E.P. - EXTRA PROFITPOTENTIAL

FROM THE PLANET WIZELY, THIS BEING ORIGIN-ALLY LIVED ON THE SLOPES OF THE GREAT STORY-TELLING MOUNTAIN (SPIEL BERG) DESPITE AN EXTREMELY POOR VOCABULARY, AN UNGRACE FUL FIGURE AND A FACE THAT WOULD STOP AN ATOMIC CLOCK, THIS CREATURE IS ABLE TO HYPNOTISE SMALL CHILDREN, AND SOMETIMES ADULTS. ENSLAVE THEIR MINDS AND TURN THEM INTO AN ARMY OF TOTALLY DEVOTED FANATICS. IN THIS WAY HE IS ABLE, WHILE HIDING OUT IN A WARDROBE, TO COMPLETELY TAKE OVER THE ECONOMY OF MORE PRIMITIVE PLANETS BY INDUCING THE YOUNGSTERS INTO PERCHASING ALL MANNER OF "E.P."
MERCHANDISE, RANGING FROM PLASTIC DOLLS TO VIDEO GAMES. ALL THESE GOODS ARE PRODUCED TAX FREE UNDER LICENSE BY SLAVE LABOUR ON THE PLANET OMEGA PORSHUN II, WHILE THE E.P. TAX FREE UNDER LICENSE BY SLAVE LABOUR ON THE PLANET OMEGA PORSHUN II, WHILE THE E.P. RECEIVES A HUGE PERCENTAGE OF ROYALTIES, AFTER THE MARKET HAS BEEN FLOODED WITH ALL MANNER OF E.P. T. SHIRTS, PENCIL-SHARPENERS, WIND-UP TOYS, NIGHT-LIGHTS, BUBBLE-GUM CARDS, REAK-VIEW MIRROR DANGLE DOLLIES, CONFECTIONARY, JEWELRY, RHUBARB SLICERS, PYJAMAS, COLOURING BOOKS, TOWELS, POSTAGE STAMPS AND DIGITAL WATCHES, THE ECONOMY COLLAPSES AND THE PLANET GOES BANKRUPT. E.P. THEN LEAVES TO TAKE OVER ANOTHER WORLD OF COURSE, SHOULD THE PLANET'S ECONOMY RECOVER AFTER HIS DEPARTURE, THERE'S ALWAYS A CHANCE THAT E.P. WILL RETURN, GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY FOR A LUCRATIVE SEQUEL.

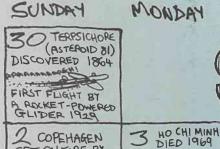












WEDNESDAY TUESDAY THURSDAY MONDAY



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FIRST BOY SCOUT
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ALBERT SCHWEITZER DIED 1965

COMPLETION OF AURORA

"THE EMPIRE STRIKES DISCOVERED 1867

SWAZILAND

6 AURORA (ASTEROID 94)

INDEPENDENCE

HERA (ASTERIOD 103) DISCOVERED 1868 DENNIS BORN

FRIDAY

8 SIRONA (ASTERDID 166) DISCOVERED 1871 FIRST EPISOE
OF "STAR
TREK" GOES TO AIR 1966



(ASTEROID 56) BOTH DISCOVERED 1858 FEAST OF SAINT

12 (ASTEROID 60) 11 LIBERATRIX (ASTEROID 125) DISCOVERED 1860 LOMIA (ASTERDID DISCOVERED 1872 17) DISCOVERED RUSSIA LAUNCHES
ITS FIRST ROCKET
TO THE MOON 1959 HAILEYS COMET FIRST SIGHTED AT HEIDELBERG 1909

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OF NUSSIAN SPACE TRANEL,

BORN 1857

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IN THE REST OF THE WORLD)

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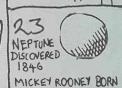
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22 MICHAEL FARADAY 21 H.G. WELLS BORN 1866 MEDUSA (ASTEROID 149)

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BORN 1791 MNEMOSYNE (ASTERDID 57) DISCOVERED 1859 EURYDICE (ASTERDID 75)DISCOVERED 1862



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"SKY WALKER" HAMILL BORN 1951 CHRISTOPHER "SUPERMAN" REEVE BORN 1952

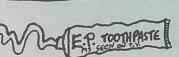
26 DANIEL BOONE OLIVIA G NEWTON JOHN BORN 1948

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL DED 1660

PASTEUR SOPHROSYNE (ASTEROID 138) DISCOVERED 1873 1895















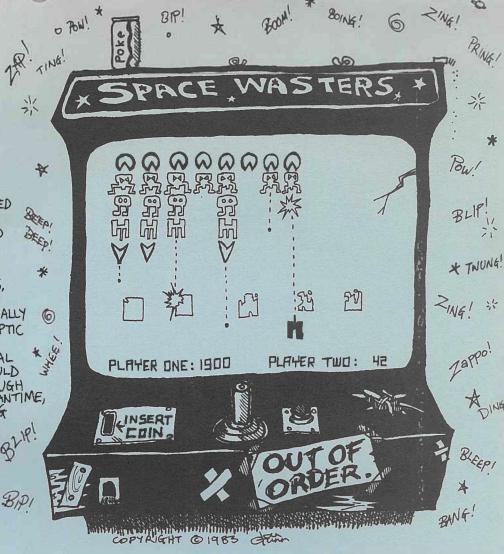


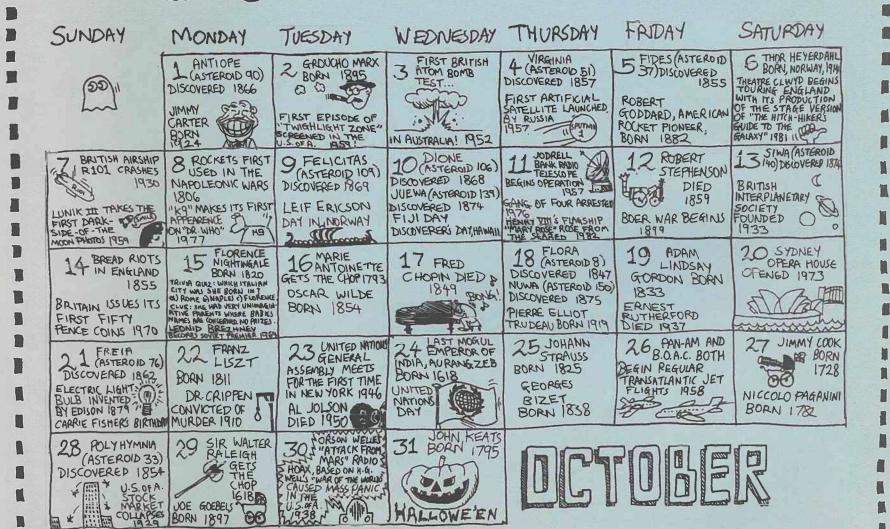




NOT ALL THE CREATURES OF OUR GAVAXY CAN BE COMFORTABLY DESCRIBED AS "LIFE AS WE KNOW IT"
THIS IS CERTAINLY TRUE OF V.D.O. (VISUALLY DISTRESSING OPTICS) WHICH TAKE THE FORM OF A CROSS BETWEEN A COMPLICATED LIVING ELECTRICAL DISTURBANCE AND SENTIENT RADIO-WAVES WITH A SWEET-TOOTH FOR SILICONE. THEIR EFFORTS TO COMMUNICATE WITH HUMANS, THROUGH THE FRIMITIVE ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE, HAVE BEEN VERY UNSUCCESSFUL DUE TO THE FACT THAT THEIR ADVANCED FORM OF DIGITAL MULTICOLOUR HEIROGLYPHICS AND SONAR SIGNALS HAVE BEEN LARGELY MISINTERPRETED BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC AS MERELY NEW TYPES OF ELECTRONIC GAMES OF SKILL. UNFORTUNATELY, DUE TO THE HIGH INTELLIGENCE AND HYPERFAST THOUGHT PROCESSES OF THESE INTANGIBLE CREATURES, EVEN THE MOST CAPABLE SCIENTISTS FIND IT DIFFICULT TO COPE WITH THEIR MESSAGES AND USUALLY CONSTANT IMPROVEMENTS IN THE TECHNOLOGICAL SUALLY OF EARTH'S MONITORING DEVICES SHOULD SENSURE A MAJOR COMMUNICATIONS BREAKTHROUGH AT ALMOST ANY MOMENT... HOPEFULLY. IN THE MEANTIME, THE V.D.O. CREATURES ARE RAPIDLY AMASSING A HUGE FORTUNE IN SMALL CHANGE SEEP! DEEP! 6 A HUGE FORTUNE IN SMALL CHANGE

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A MYSTERIOUS BEING OF AN ANCIENT, ACID-BLODDED INTERSTELLAR RACE OF INSURANCE SALESMEN. IT'S USUAL METHOD OF OPERATION IS TO LURK ABOUT ON ABANDONED PLANETS WAITING FOR PASSING SPACESHIPS TO PICK IT UP. ONCE IT HAS MANAGED TO SNEAK ON BOARD IT WILL ATTEMPT TO FORCE INSURANCE POLICIES ON ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE CREW. SALES RESISTANCE IS USUALLY OVERCOME BY A FEW SIMPLE DEMONSTRATIONS OF JUST WHAT COULD HAPPEN TO UNINSURED SPACE TRAVELLERS IF THEY AREN'T CAREFUL IT IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO GET RID OF THIS PERSISTANT CREATURE AFTER IT HAS GAINED ACCESS TO YOUR SHIP. IT DELIGHTS IN LEAPING OUT FROM BEHIND BULKHEADS AT UNEXPECTED MOMENTS IN THE HOPE OF CATCHING POTENTIAL CUSTOMERS OFF GUARD. EVEN ESCAPE CAPSULES AREN'T ALWAYS SAFE. LIKE ALL SALESMEN, THIS CREATURE HAS AN IRRESISTABLE SMILE, AND LOVES THE SORT OF CLIENT WHO PRESENTS A CHALLANGE-SOMETHING IT CAN REALLY SINK IT'S TEETH INTO. OF COURSE, SHOULD ANY CLIENT ACTUALLY MAKE A CLAIM, IT CAN ALWAYS GET OUT OF PAYING WITH THE USE OF IT'S ESCAPE CLAWS. IN SPACE, NO-ONE CAN HEAR YOU SCREAM-NOT EVEN YOUR NEXT OF KIN.

