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or
WHAT KIND OF MBN
WERE THEY IN THOSE
DAYS?

## by Norman V. Lamb

It is more than possible that you be lleve that many of the problems facing today's thinkers and scientists are nearly unsolveable. Maybe you believe that many of the extrapolations so cerefully thought out by the great minds of todey will never oome to pass.

The riter is forced to state that you suffer from overmonservatism. His attitude towards such defeatism can best be expressed in one mordr-m (censored). (Censor: the rord cannot be used as it cenotes an essantial element of a masculine physique.)

Consider Time Travel. Simple as $\triangle B C$. Space flifht-- elementary. Super meaponschildishly sesy to bring into being. How? kiorely piok up either a fantasy book or magazino and aoquaint yourself With the oase aith phich these and many
other problems were solved--almost off handodly. Then-- morely omulate the exploits of any of tho mutitudinous heros tho conquored both Spaco and Time in short ordor.

First of all lot us considor these heros-- so obviously masculine - mith thoir choson oompanions- alnays boautifully nubile maidons.

The hero zore form-fitting shorts to botter display his many physiquc While tho heroine Forc tho standand Fantasy apparol-- consisting of bra and shorts that clung to hor every curve.

The maidon mas always lush and soomod to bo the focus of attraction for Other-World creaturos-- whole solo delight lay in clutching at, tcaring apart, removing, ripping off, snatching away, or othcroisc disposing of hor bre so that the Othor-World creature could feast its oyos and porchance its hends, tentaclos or ovon lips, slowbory naturally, on the nudo uppor portion of hor attractive body. Ther, of courso, just in tho nick of time, tho horo would jet in-- rescue the damsol $\pi$ ith her Virtue still intact, and await her cormands. To show her doop gratitudo sho mould boston upon him the samo privilogos that tho Othor-Florldor had so grossly usurpod and approach hor savior with the uppar portion of her anatomy still frec from all oncumbrancos so that tho horo, who incvitably mas purom could foast his hands, oyes, lips, ot cotura, upon hor outstanding attributas. Naturelly onough the chasto horo mould hastily obtain an opaque Wrappor - from some hithorto spadial dimonsion noerby - and aovor her
"decently" with it-- not to uncover her again until they were safely back on Earth--m bound together with the Chains of dioly Matrimony.

As a mattor of scientific fact, not all the storles possessed the same plot. Anothor type told of an extra personable youth who morked for a Miad Scientist. These Mad Scientists all resembled the offspring of an experiment in genetics performed by a Frakenstein with the necessary assistance of a female Dracula. Obviously the Mad Scientist had to possess a daughtar-- who almays vas yourg anả UITERLY pulchritudinous. Her costume Tas necessarily a pair of someThat scanty shorts and a bra. It goos Without mentioning that sho was vell equipped הith the contents necessary to to properly fill her bre. She did not really neod the bra to support her for she was young and hor flesh ras firm and outo standing-- if not to say outjutting. Without fall sho mould be captured by Other-iforld Monstors Those first actions mould be to romovo her bra and slaveringly gloat over the thin portions of hor anatomy that proviously had threatoned to burst her bra asundor. Sometimes the OFM mould zet liko tho bastard it was- and ovan go so far as to manipulato tho fastoners of the Heroine's shorts in such a bostiai mannor that at all timos tho coverings threatenod to slidu dom over tho girlish-- but rounded-- hips and thus leave the damsel in a state of pristino nudity-- groatly fearing the loss of her most prized possession. That was the signal for the Her to Rocket in-* take a fleeting glance at the flashing white body, find it impossible to avoid noticine where two rosebuds had appeared to nestle on the snowy, Virginal bosoms-studiously turn his eyos avay and proceed to macerate the despicable OWM whose very existence had defiled the Heroine. Because of her frmeasurable relief the Heroine mould sometimes forget her maidenly modesty and bocomo brazen enough to clasp her arms around the Horo and kiss him. The unfortunato Herom. pure as a lily-- Hould suffor untold agonies from the sensations engendered by hor semimudo body as sho glued it so losoly to
his omn. Her feminine attributes mould impress themselves on his lightly haired chest and he would experience great difficulty in avoiding "taking advantage" of the lightly clad maiden mhile sho mas so distraught. Horover ho almays succooded in thrusting down his immodeat "lower" urgings and, obteining a concealing cloak out of the "Nomhere", mould covor her full blooming beauty to keep it safe from the profaning oyes of the vulgar multitude. It was the custom for him to return the maider-s still intact in every respect-m to her absent mindod Mad Sciontist father-- to be rewarded later rith her hand and the other portions of her choice anatomy that he had glimpsod earlier.

Somteimes complications occurred-such as when the hero and the heroine, either through mis chnace or because of the base plotting of a gpumed suitor, were captured by an Evil Princess. The Evil Princess wes almays a sexy, sultry appearing beauty whose sole delight in Iife lay in ensnaring pure youths and enticing them into heving Impure Dalliance with her-- thereby sullying them forever. It mes ever the proper action for the EP to turn the Heroine over to her chier jailor- ordor him to strip her nearly naked-- leaving only a mere triflo of fabric clinging to her girlish loins-and then exhibit her to the Hero. Then she mould threaten him that unless he became firmly enamoured of her and took every advantage of her fair milte body she rould put his sweotheart to work. The position she had in mind inovitably Was that of acting as an entertainer for the merconarios who staffed the EP' $s$ Spece Fleot. These hired brigands were men who lacked feminine companionship for motuths at a time- mon who slavered at the mere thought of having such a defonceless beauty at their mercy. The Hero, who eyes had been kept averted to avoid gazing at the more than ample charms of the Horoino as she had blushingly stood thoro displaying them albeit unvillingly, Who mould protend to acquiesce and accompany the EP to her ornato boudoir. There beautiful slave girls, whose costumes consisted solely of a fer beads strategically placed, would gently dis-
robe her and expose her over-luxuriant charms to his disinterested eyes. Hebeing naturally chaster would not to affected by this intimate view of the feminine attributes that she possessed so superabundantly but would immediately conjure up an irresistible Weapon on the spot and stay her ricked plans. Waiting until the EP had donned a modest costume, so as to not offend the Heroine's eyes, he would hold her as a hostage to ensure their eascpe. The Heroine, by some miraculous manner not divulged, would acquire adequate clothing and accompany the Hero to their Space Ship-- to return $t$ to Earth. The ship, which had but one small compartment, provided them with but cramped quarters where both mould eat, breathe, sleep, drink and perform all the ir natural physical functions with no possibility of having the least privacy whatsoever. Strange to relate tho Heroine would emerge from the machine on Earth immaculate $f$ modest-- and virginal. In route she and the Hero mould suffer deeply from the results of the machinations of the EP a hose myrmidons had tempered with the controls of their machine so that they would be unable to change its course and thereby would necessarily be dram n into tho gravitic grip of a giant sun. As they approached closely to this calorific phenomenon the temperature inside their ship mould rise to terrifying heights and she, regardless of modesty's demands, would be forced to discard the bra that pas confining hor so snugly and drape a trifling fico of gauzy fabric over hor abundant charms. Later the temperature mould rise to even more alarming heights and her encumbering shorts mould have to be removed-- she mould protect hor modesty by girding her loins with a somewhat larger piece of the same diaphanous material that so inadequately covered her brace of mammalian appurtenances. Moanwhile the Hero mould release the fasteners on his shorts and lot them drape around his slim hips-- covering his body merely enough to prevent hin from exposing hireself indecently to her. While she lay perspiring from ovary poro-m causing her flimsy coverings to adhere to every lush curve-- ho would labor long and arduously over the mechanism until, with a super-
human effort, he rould complete the necessary repairs and adjustments. She would arise to praise his efforts on her behalf- perchance giving him a chaste kiss for reward. Then he would snap a switch and the ship mould accelerate at a rate that both mould be flung-- in each other's arms-- onto a rubberoid couch-to lie there unconsciousfor many hours. It is a known fact that the Hero, being built of sterner material, would be the first to revive and be forced to notice hon the mishap had disarranged the
 manner thatc"Al.:"-- or nearly Bu-.. :ias exposed. As for himseli'.-. the sudden surge of power allays managed to disencumber him of his shorts- laving him in a state of utter nullity. Hastily he Fould rearrange tho Hocoina's flimsy substitutes- the $a_{n}$ son moro speedily, don his or civoring so that men she revived her eye mod. not be shocked. Finally arriving at the Earth tho Fiero mould leave the Heroine at her residencereturning later to claim her land in marriage. After the sacred rites had been perfromod-- and not uni; then-- mould the Heroine allow him the opportunity of viewing her manifold charms- ever loss impeder with coverings thar they head been during their Trip Through 5 pace:

By this time you mill sec vat the Heroes managed to invent, discover or produce such miraculous discoveries bocause thane of them were in type that is interested, excited, or aroused by feminine companionship. They actually had nothing in common with their female companions and so could dovoto their time and enerejse: touraine cox suncrete actions. Many people may agree that they acted quite proper. or did they?

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not just something with which to fill out space, but to air some views of mine on some recent movies I have had the good, and the bad. fortune to have seen. I'm a pretty steady film goer. I don't miss more than perhaps $\frac{1}{2}$ of $1 \%$ that coma to Parry Sound. As a result, I find it mire fud more difficult to see a picture that isn't a rehash of something I. hare seen before: a plot that hasn't been addled until. I am sick of it: or not to start to wonder at the apparent insiduous propaganda that appears to be creeping into the output of the Film Capital (so-calied) of tho World. I'll. not go into a "tantrum" right off on mat displeases me, or inst questions arise When I see some types of pictures. Ill just lot these creep in as part of ny comments on what I have seen.

The picture that sparked this column, milch may or may not continue in subsequent LTGFiTs, was one that I sam just last night. Kirk Douglas and Mill Vital ir "The Juggler". It is the fairly Well done, and fairly sincere story of Towish repatriates in Palestine. Douglas has come in from Germany where he had spurs some tim in a concontration camp, doniled up in a room with no vindows. just big enough for one, but in which he and nine others had been crowded. Ho had developed a neurotic condition and had an almost insane fear of being trapped in an enclosed space-- of policemon good and bad. In Palestine he runs array from the camp because he fears he Will be handed over to the police and the doctors, the Tatter which ho appeared to fear oven more than tho police. I have no rifiticism of the story or the acting. I lashed both, However -m ono bit of dialngged amused mo greatly. It also amused a lot $0 ;$ others as the guffaws of humor and derision fit drew were somewhat on the hearty side. The police follow the fugitives It is a regular chase story One of the grow that rags questioned mas a groupe of chinlren tho had met Douglas. Ono boy comes out with a prize bit of

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TECHNIQUE. SEE ITI ON THE NEW ORYEIRLL
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typical Holltrydod genius: the dialog goes something liks this: "He said he ras an Amorican, but I knew ho was not tolling the truth." The policoman asks hom the boy knen the truth was not being told. "Because," said our little gentlomar, "he did not heve on a clean shirt, and ho was not clean shaven!" (Or perhaps the exact statement ran thus, "Because his shirt was dirty and ho had whiskers!")

Apparantly Hollymood has finally decreed that in all films honceforth Ainerican rod-blooded horoos shall be easily distinguishablo from tho lomer folk by possession of clean shirts, and boing clean shaven!

I recall a long long time back seeing a picturo, which I bolievo mas titled "Abe Lincoln of Inlinois". It was a biographical effort and very rell done. I mould like to soe it again. But likoly nor it will never bo reissued. Because Abe was NOT cloan shaven. I bellovo Abo did $\overline{\text { ne: }}$ I a cloan shirt, but he cortainly sported a beard. Now I was almays under the opinion that Abe was a true-blue American, a real son of the old sod. But I must have beem mistaken. He must have been a foreigner. Because tbe Lincoln of Inlinois sportod a most beautiful growth on his face. Whiskors!

Our theatre here has keen running a spate of war films lately. Now, I like a $\begin{aligned} \\ \text { all done } \\ \text { der film that purports to }\end{aligned}$ show life in the battle dones as accurately and sincerely as possible. But one thing I have doticed and which make irs monder if our Canadian papers, the news on the radio, the numerous books, some of them authored by suctr respectable men as Winston Churchill, have been telling us the truth, the riale truth, and nothing but the truth so help us God. For the American war films all seem be oither trying to tell us that the war mas fought, and mon by $99 \%$ to $100 \%$ American troops, navy and air force, or the nar depicted was fought on some other planot

According to Hollywood, American apparantly landed on all the beaches in the Pacific; landed on all the beaches in Franoe; marahed over all the sands
of Africa; shelled all the eneny oil fields, factories and what have you. Very seldom is eny credit given to any of the allies. Oh perhaps there is a passing slap on the back now and then but that is all. And if Hollymood is to be creditted, then how in hell the war was ever mon with so much blondechasing; beer guzzling; feudin' all over the map betmeen various members of the armed services; general dunder-headedness Where the officer is no good-- or the sergeant is an idiot--; is to me an ever lastine miracled I have seen times almost innumerable how Trained Dogs Won the War; how the Wacs won the war; how the Marinos mon the war; hom the gallant Navye the invincible air force, et al mon the mer. Now hor the hell could there be that many vars unless some of the battles had to be won more than once so the victories would stick!

I like resterns. At least the majority of these are honest. Thoy are pure hokum onetrtainment and no claim to truth is usually made. But lately the companies have been trying so hard to show the other side of the shield when it comes to the deudin' betaeon the red man and the minite man, that danged if I know anymore thether Wild Bill Hickock was a horo or a low doon dirty connivin' bad man! In one picture Sitting Bull is a heroic red man, tricked and bullied and cheated by the white man. Thell a week later you are told Sitting Bull mas a dirty lousy bathless son of a bitch who butchered religious thite men who never did any wrong and that he and his tribe deserved a fate mund morse than death! I saw one film where Bat Masterson was a real rooly marshall. I almost expected to see his halo when he took his hat off. But lately Bat has been a bendit-a thief-- a murderer and an all round dirty dog. How Bat has escaped hanging is more than I can understand.

They ran "Sulome" here and charged us poor customers an extra 154! Why I will never understand. There masn't anything roally grand about it at all. The neत chap pho played John the Baptist shomed more acting skill and sincerity

TIE BLUEBIRD'S SONG

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by Laureen $0^{\prime}$ Coffield

- Oh, how we strain our earthy ears to hear The song of the sunny bluebird, true and clear;
Up in the sunshine warm and gold and bright,
It sings of perfect love that casteth out all fear.
Dorm here in the darimess, up me ever gaze
With fishing eyes, upon the poisoned haze
Of sin, and hate and mar; thus me search
For the radiant bluebird all our dreary days.
If me could only for a fleeting moment know
The sweetness of its lilting song, and so
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- Have more of happiness and less of needless woe.



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than the rest of the poke noses put togethor. Charles Laughton, who by the way is a favoríto favorite actor of mino, struck me as realizing the story was a farce, and doliboratoly hamed his part up. He impressed no as laughing at the while thing, and the way he mouthed his lines- I bet the old son of a gun took absolutely nono of thon seriously. This current fad of Hollymood of switching everything about-- makig heroes out of bad men and bad mon out of pest heroes, is liable to end up in some awfully scremy situations. I wouldn't be a bit surprised if some studio doosn't make a picture shoming Hitler as the savior of mankind, a red-hater, and a misundesstood father and lover! When he get as scared of Commies as some people and get the millies up, you are
liable to embrace anybody or anything at all, just so he hated the Reds toolook at Franco's new bed mates! I bed old that old bastard is laughing like holl. All he had to do was sit tight and straddlo the fence and now look where he is-- handed gifts of millions- and patted on the shoulder-- and having his dear littlo stern wiped for him all nice and cozy!

But if you really want a good laugh or tro, see the English film, "Mir. Potts Goes to Moscotr", or, as they titled it for Canada, "Top Secret". Of course I fear I am prejudiced. I like almost everything the Bnglish turn out in the mowie line. One thing you can say for the British, they don't take themselves so blasted serious that if anybody so much as suggested they might be mrong on something they'd straightamay blow a gasket or two. Can you see Hollywood making a film ribbing the President, or poking fun at the wey Washington is run, or having a merry laugh at Joe McCarthy, who by the way turned out to be normal enough to marry that good-looking gal Friday of his. I know most of the Fapans have seen Alec Guiness and that you like him. Well, the British makes othor films than Guiness films, you know, and $99 \%$ of them are mighty good. I'd be so bold as to suggest thai the WORST British iilm I
have yet seen, was at least as good ab an Amorican Class B, and Hollymood goes right down the alphabet to Class ZZZ! Look at the crap Froducers Releasing Corporation turns out-a and Columbia most of the time-a and Paramount on the averago!

For pictures such as "Lili", "Going My Nay", "The Quiet Man", to name but a fev. I have nothing but praise. But wat of such terrible things as the Sam Katzman productions?
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## GHOUL

by W. Robt. Gibson.
With eager glee I'll pick your bones, and grind my teeth in overtones Of pure and limpid joy; And praise again hordigeian, That you are plump, boy:
(May 1943 IIGHT)

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Lotty wed a hairy man, She did it for a spree; Now she yodels all day long:
"Narried Life sure tickles me!"
-Susie Cue. (Fall'45 IICHT)
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Old Joans med a flapperm
He did it for a prank;
But the honeymoon soon was over-
For his floating kidney sank.
-Anonymous.
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A little girl spent Christmas vacation on her grandfather ${ }^{\text {s }}$ farm and mas fascinated most of all by his cow. One cold late afternoon she accompanied her host to the barn and stood by shivoring while he started milkine, Finally, she tauped him on the shoulder and through chsttering teeth suggested. "You knon, Grandpa, if you'd nut alcohol in its radiator, you would: $1^{2+}$ have to drain her faucets evory nighto"


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THE INSTRUCTOR WAS TEACHING THE CUTE THING HOW TO DRIVE. "THIS," HE SAID, "IS THE I AND BRAKE. YOU PUT IT ON QUICKLY IN CASE OT AN EMERGENCY." "OH, I SEE," SHE GJMGer.fD. "IT'S LIKE A KIMONO." TV"

 Fr. MI DURING TIE SLDMER HOLIDAYS. "THERE WERE ALL THESE LITTLE FIGS, SEE. THEY SPIED \& GREAT BIG BIG, CHASED HIM $\operatorname{IFOUND}$ THE PEN, CAUGHT HIM, THEN THREW HIN DOWN ON THE GROUND AND STARTED CHEWING THE BUTTONS OFF HIS 8 VEST." XXX Designing my own communications-type superhetbrings, to mind most forcibly the fact that the company onginoers aron't wasting company time When they spends hundreds of hours on circuitry, chassis layout, and so on. It's amazing the number of small details that look so AR By then licked cen tangle up things for days at a time. Especially if you arb trying for the most efficient layout to get tho shortest loads possible in tho radio frequency stages. Those design engineers are really north every red cent of the high salaries they get. XXX Listening in to the short waves on a used Hellifraftors S-40A to the English-language broadcasts of the Canadian, American, British, Spanish, Russian et al stations is like going through a jungle of chest-thumping, voice-straining baboons all going at once on the same chant with variations wy nationalism, propaganda and plain ovary day bullshit: "I'm the bestest and everybody else is a liar- I'm the mostest and everyone else Is chasing after lost rainbows!" It gets so you don't believe anybody except maybe your om stations and those only beck se you can back up much of what is said by personal observation. XXX IMRS. PLITERSON WLS ENTERTLINING "THE GIRLS" IN HER
 STAIRS. MRS. PATTERSON PUT DO FA HER HAND, SHIED PROUDLY LID ANNOUNCED IN 4 WHISPER THAN THE CHILDREN WERE ABOUT TO SAY "GOODNIGHT" TO EVERYBODY. THERE WAS A SECOND OF SILENCE, THEN THE VOICE OF A LII TUE GIRL SAID SHYLY BY CLEARLY: MAMA, BILLY FOUND \& BEDBUG." XXX

