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LITTLE THINGS MEAN A LOT: I don't have enough time to answer all the mail i receive, and i'm not enough of a yuppie to hire some-body to answer it for me, so this is, for what it's worth, a series of quick replies to a number of folks who've written lately with gifts, questions, requests, and words of advice.

To T.E.P.: Thank you very much for the wonderful linen-finish postcards. They're just the kind of thing Dean and i collect, and we're very grateful to you.

To A.T.: I passed your request along to Kingsley, and by now you'll have received the Eclipse Artists' Guidelines. Send another self-addressed stamped envelope if you want the Eclipse Writers' Guidelines too. Good luck.

To S.Z.S. and E.H.: Thanks for the tidal wave of news clippings. Those about comics we send to Michigan State University Library after we've read them.

To B.C.: I'm glad you liked the books. We enjoy your letters and hope you write again whenever you have time.

To All the People Who Have Sent in Fit To Print Logos: Thanks. I have more than i can use. I pick logos to suit the "theme" of each column, and hope to use at least one from each contributor whose logos include both the name of the column and my byline.

To R.G. and M.G.: Thank you for the apple pie. It's delicious!

To T.M.M. aka J.B.: So, when are you gonna get some J.B. stationery?

To J.B.: Keep 'em flyin.'

To R.L.G. and M.W.: Of course we'll see you in San Diego for the Con this summer, but if you travel North before then, do drop in.

To L.G.: I understand your disappointment over the cancelation of *The Dreamery*, but perhaps *Ariane and Bluebeard* by Craig Russell will console you.

To F.B.: Yes, you can come visit our office. Call in advance for directions, and please plan to arrive after three p.m., when we'll have dealt with our daily deadlines and can devote some time to chatting with you.

To A.Z.Y.: E.T. phone home.

To B.J.: Yes, we will be publishing more trading cards. Apparently your store doesn't carry the *Eclipse Extral*, or you'd have seen the reproduction of Bill Sienkiewicz's Noriega card from the upcoming *Friendly Dictators* set. That deck will be out in April.

To P.L.: We've got your name on file, so your bad checks are not good here. Send cash next time.

To S.D.: No, we still can't reveal the details on that "top secret" fantasy album you've evidently heard about, but this summer, check out our *Peter Pan* graphic albums, adapted by Andy Mangels, Craig Hamilton, and Rick Bryant.

To M.L.L.: We haven't received one of your mini-comics in a long time. Even though we never reply, we all enjoy them and hope you'll send us another, if you're still producing them.

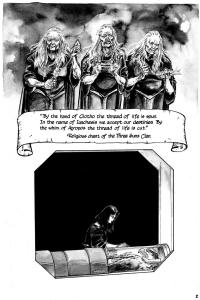
To D.S.: Ditto for you and your poetry. The Valentine's Day card was really the best yet, a classic.

To Everyone Else: Thanks for buying and reading our stuff! You mean a lot to us, even if we don't answer every letter!

catherine yronwode

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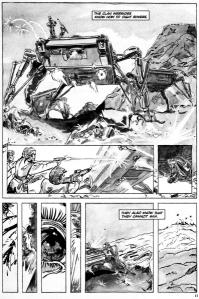










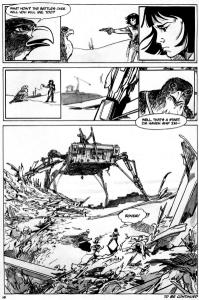




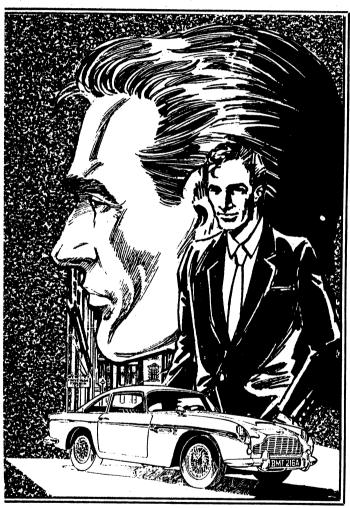








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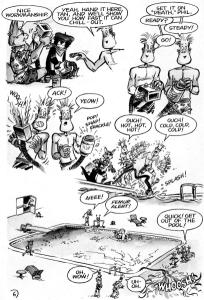




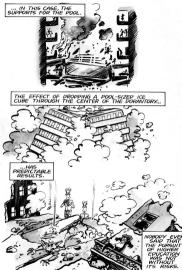












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## Take Off!

#### Coming Next Issue:

first meeting. As we begin part two of "The Nestling," young Indio and Haven are discovered by a Rover, a mechanical instrument of war, which waits with deadly machine patience to kill anything that moves. As the two struggle to stay alive, Indio learns that in war there are no winners, only survivors. Art is by Lela Dowling & Steve Gallacci, Larry Dixon & Judy Meadows. Full-color painted cover is by Steve Gallacci. Script is by Christy

In FUSION #15 we resume the story of Indio and Haven's

Marx from a story by Axel Shaikman. Those frantic, furry enforcers of future law-and-order, the Weasel Patrol, return once more in FUSION #15. Written and drawn by the weasel-crazed team of Lela Dowling and Ken

Macklin, the Weasel Patrol is fast becoming known throughout the galaxy for its legendary ability to consume cheezies and apprehend evil-doers and jay-walkers.

And rounding out issue #15 of FUSION will be another story of Tan and Eddy's exploits back at Labatt's Tech, with the legendary Femur Brothers! "The Femur Brothers" is written and drawn by Steve Gallacci and Lela Dowling. All of this will be in issue #15 of FUSION, in better stores in

May, 1989. Don't miss this one; there will be a quiz later!

#### Contest Results:

In FUSION #12 I posed a contest in which humor was the key element. I asked you to come up with the humor of the time of the Tsunami, humor that was maybe really just old, recycled Marx Brothers or Three Stooges era jokes and cliches. You came up with a great many good comedy ideas, and I'll print as many of them here as I can.

 "I never forget a face, but in your case I'll make a 3-D hologram." "Waiter, waiter, there's a fly in my soup."

"No, sir, it's a weasel, and don't shout or the whole Patrol will

ioin him!" - Malcolm Bourne

 Here's a scenario that features Bradwell and Beatrice Badger, the dreaded Bureaucrat Badgers, doing their biennial inspection of Indio's new ship, *The Roasted Swan*, for purposes of "Revenue

Interdiction." It's tax-time. While Indio and her crew stand by in various stances of indignation, misery, or helplessness, you get an imaginary background of brasses and woodwinds doing a caterwauling jazz accompaniment, while the two short, stubby officials poke, probe, trip, tumble, bump into one another, and...

Bradwell bumps noses with Beatrice beneath a large door marked "Cargo Hold."

Bradwell: "Where is the cargo?"

Beatrice: "No, you mean, where does the car go?" They look about nearsightedly, then, trying to back away from one another, fall into a "sticky hands" routine.

Bradwell: "It has to be here somewhere."

Beatrice: "Unless it's here nowhere. Maybe they're carrying nothing. Maybe the hold is full of emptiness.' Bradwell: "Smugglers!"

Beatrice: Throws her arms around him. "Snugglers!" They simultaneously sift through one another's pockets, pulling out pencil stubs, IOUs, a pair of handcuffs, no money.

Bradwell: "We can't arrest them for smuggling nothing."
Beatrice: "If it isn't mandatory, it's prohibited. Open that door." Bradwell: Fools around with the door, which falls open like a drawbridge, smashing the two quite flat. The door then rises

again, until it is fully closed once more. The badgers pop up. however, like cartoon characters or like the nature of bureaucracy itself. Groans weakly, "I need a medical exemption.

Beatrice: Pulls out a gigantic sonic blaster. "Stand by for an audit." Vaporizes door.

Both, simultaneously: "What?" The cargo hold, as suspected, is empty.

Bradwell: Thoughtfully, "We could put a Hold on their hold."

"We could put a lien on it. Beatrice: Bradwell: Leans on the opposite door, which falls flat, just like

the first one. "Maybe not..."
Beatrice: "I have a Tax Idea!" \* Bradwell: "What?"

Beatrice: "They don't have any money, so why don't we Tax Us?" Both are very happy with this idea, and bounce off over the spaceport landing field giggling and jumping.

Tan: "Finestkind. Er...what were we smuggling?" Indio: Holds up keys to the spaceship. "The ship." - Jefferson P. Swycaffer

\* Taxidea Taxus: North American Badger

· Pete Petrograde asks Dr. Watchstop, "Who was that lady I saw you with last night?" And Dr. Watchstop says, "That wasn't last night. That was next week."

 One Mehook says to the other, "You know, I really don't like the Weasel Patrol." And the other one says, "Well, just eat the vegetables."

— John Henry Sain

 Take my Warf, please! --- Matt Gorman

 One future TV show will feature a trio dressed in red nun's space-habits, who will jump into a room filled with all sorts of aliens and yell, "Nobody expects the Intergalactic Nun Stormtrooper Inquisition!"

- Rich Schleifer

 "Cat vs. Mouse" has always been a popular plot in the cartoons. How about having Alshain cross paths with a sentient mouse who gives her a hard time? (Carz might get pulled in as well.) Even better might be to have her meet up with a hostile 9-foot tall mouse and use her speed and wit to escape him, doing him the usual slapstick violence in the process. — Charles Garofalo

 Although I was brought up watching Abbott and Costello and Laurel and Hardy movies on TV, I feel that humor in the future might be modelled after contemporary comedians and comedy teams, such as The Firesign Theatre.

(Jed provided a sample dialog which we can't reprint here without getting prior copyright clearance from the Firesign Theatre. So, to get an idea of what he's suggested, go out and buy an album by The Firesign Theatre. You'll be glad you did!) - Jed Martinez.

Dangervoid:

"Hey, how are yuh? God, life's rough, ain't it? I don't get no respect; last week I'm flying the lanes between Zoove and Helmna, this cop pulls me over. I say, What's the problem? He says, Yuh wanna step outta yer car? So I sez, 'Okay, just lemme put my space suit on.' He sez, What would be the point then?"

'My wife's from Ancora...oh, these mixed marriages, lemme tell yuh, they never work out...always leaving scales in the bed...and she's a mammal! I mean, really. My mother always told me, she said, 'Son, stick to your own phylum.' I thought she meant don't change your underwear too much! Which might go a long way in explaining a few things, lemme tell yuh..."

– Todd G. Sutherland

So, who wins? This was another tough contest, with a lot of great entries. Thanks to everyone who entered. The first runnerup, who doesn't get a prize, but who does get his name mentioned here as a way-cool dude, is Todd G. Sutherland. "Dangervoid" was terrific future old comedy! Great work!

And the winner of the little three monkeys carving from Nikko, Japan is Jefferson P. Swycaffer. His tale of the Bureaucrat Badgers was first rate! Congratulations, Jefferson, and I hope that the monkeys get along okay with Verna!

For the Cheezies Prize, Ken and Lela have picked John Henry Sain and his Dr. Watchstop one-liner. Congrats, John Henry!

That's all that there's room for in this issue. Until next we cross photons, Gordon Garb, Professional Production Delay EVEN IN THE ERRO OF INTERPLANETARY TRAVES, ROLTING DOMESTIC FLIGHTS ARE STILL PLACED BY AUBGORNE COME: TO COMBAIT THE NEW BEEFE OF THIEVES AND HUACKERS, A NEW BEEFE OF IN-FLIGHT POLICE IS EMPLOYED, POLICE OF PERCEPTION, OF RESOURCEFULNESS, LIMBLE TO RUN AWAY, A UNIQUE BRANCH OF LAW ENFORCEMENT KNOWN AS...

### THE WEASEL PATROL



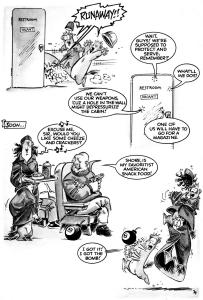
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