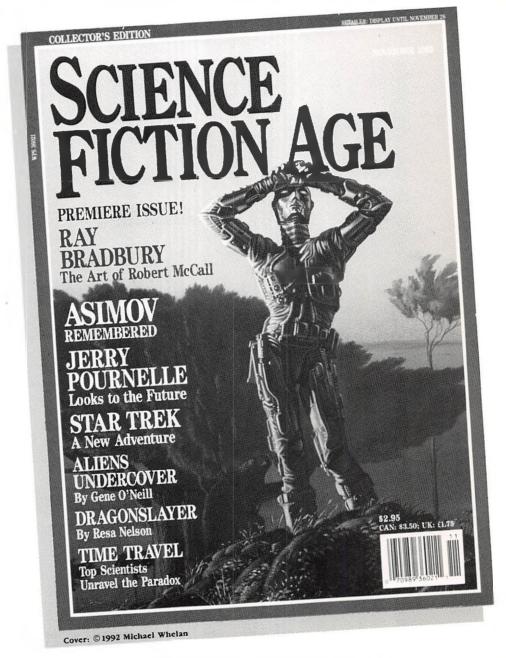


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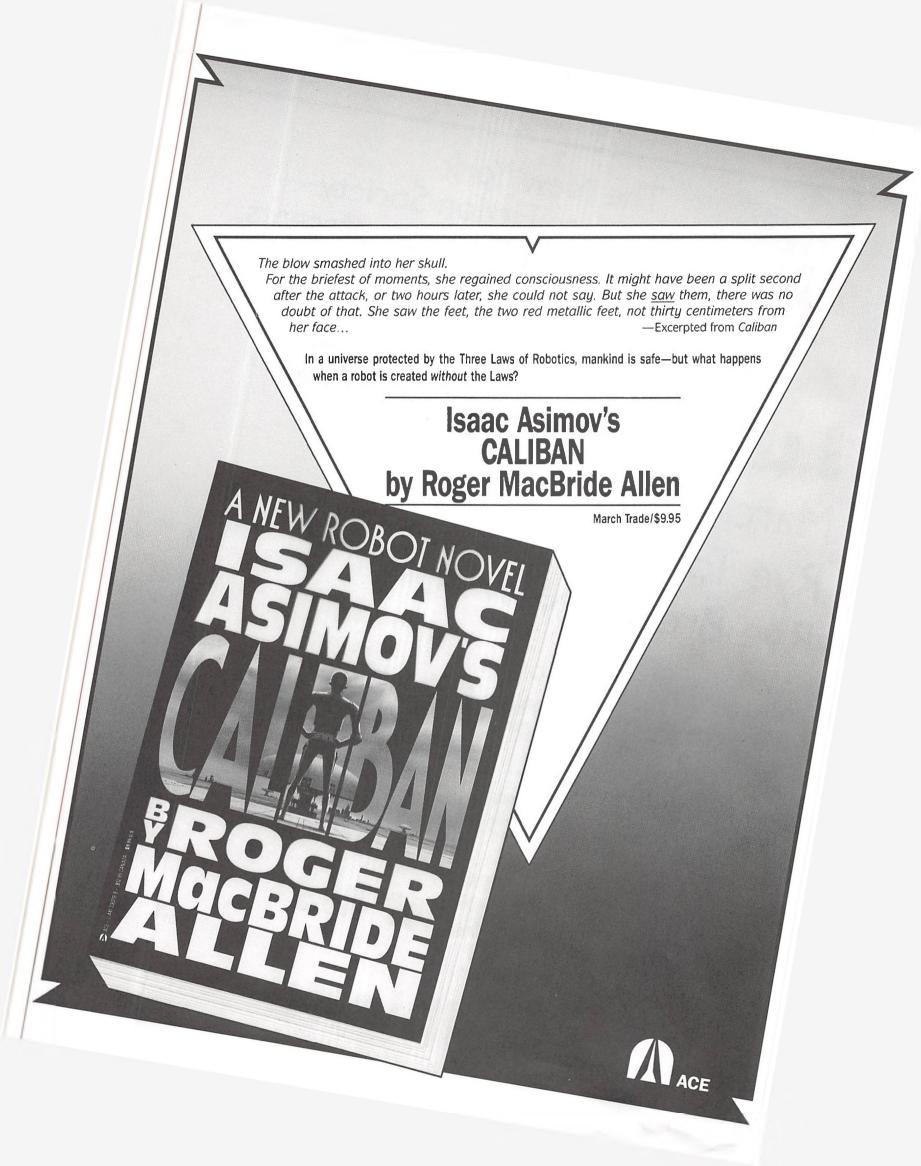
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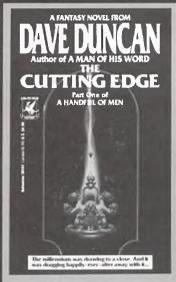
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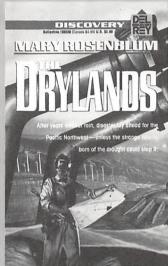
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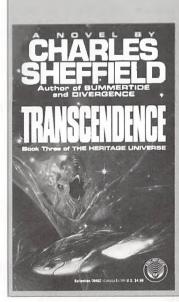
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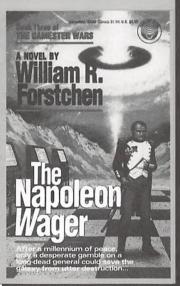




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# Thinking About

# Orson Scott Card

by Maia Cowan

t's been nearly five years since I read Seventh Son, the first book in the "Alvin Maker" series, but I still have distinct memories of it; particularly the scene in which the young "torch," Peggy, retreats to her family's ice house for a few minutes of peace and privacy. Reading this scene, I didn't just see it in my mind's eye. I shivered in the damp chill, and even smelled the green, faintly musty wet air—the writing was so vivid, the story so real.

I'm obviously not the only person to be so impressed with Scott's writing. He's the only author to win consecutive Hugo Awards for Best Novel (Ender's Game, 1986, and its sequel, Speaker for the Dead, 1987). He won the Campbell Award for best new writer in 1978 and the Hugo Award for his novella "Eye for Eye" in 1988. I consider it more significant, however, that several of my friends regularly use Ender's Game to win converts to science fiction, and it works every time.

Although Scott's books sell by the ton, and many people are intensely loyal readers (they even buy his books in hardcover because they can't wait for the paperback), I wouldn't call him a "popular" writer. He doesn't "just" tell exciting stories. He doesn't choose easy themes to write about, or to read about. His books are unavoidably about complex moral issues and difficult moral decisions. He writes about tragedy, and cruelty, and emotional ambivalence, and the consequences of wrong decisions. No, he doesn't write "about" these situations—he portrays them, from inside the minds and lives of the people in them. His readers see not just the consequences of actions, but the intentions and justifications that lead people into those actions.

Because he effectively portrays evil from the inside as well as from the outside, Scott's books are often controversial. This is not necessarily a bad thing; it means people are paying attention.

You might think the man who writes such provocative stories, and who gives advice to wannabe writers such as, "Find the person with the most pain: that's your lead character and there's your story," would be all seriousness and moral gravity. Well...I also have distinct memories of my first meeting with Orson Scott Card. I was part of a group "drafted" to take him out for ice cream during the first Contraption. I don't recall the exact topic(s) of conversation but I remember laughing a lot. I remember laughing a lot all the other times I've seen Scott, especially at the Brighton Worldcon when he took me out for lunch—at Wimpy's (the English equivalent of White Castle), because we didn't have time for anything really edible. Of course, I also remember Scott challenging almost every opinion I expressed, so that I had to think hard to justify those opinions and to keep up with his ideas on the subject. He's a lot jollier than his books, but he's every bit as thoughtprovoking.

Scott clearly cares about the science-fiction community. I remember one convention where he decided the concom didn't have him doing enough as Guest of Honor. He organized his own track of programming; with only word-of-mouth and a few fliers, all these "impromptu" panels were standing room only. His "Secular Humanist Revival Meeting" also played to packed houses everywhere he presented it, entertaining but (here's that word again!) thought-provoking.

He's written a couple of books on writing, and founded Short Form, a magazine for discussing short SF and fantasy that includes the infamous but delightful "Green Pages." I've had the pleasure of interviewing him at several conventions; he fielded all sorts of questions, on personal and professional topics, from the audience and from me, with good humor and blunt honesty.

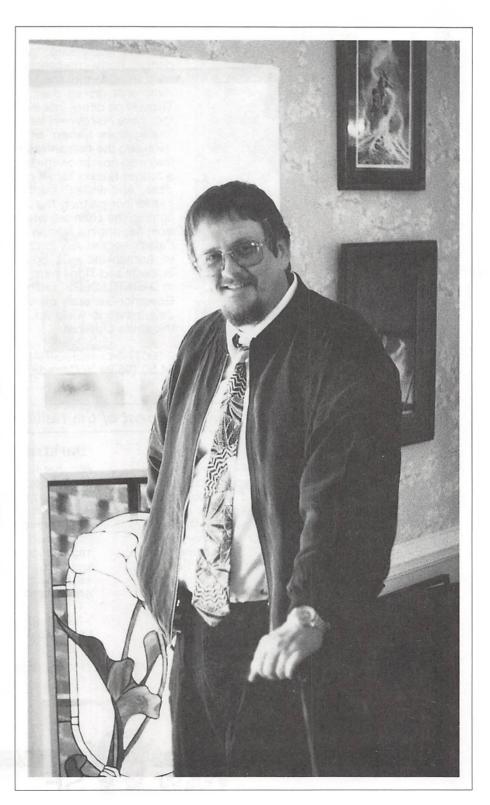
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Maia Cowan has run conventions, published a fanzine, written (a few) filksongs, edited an APA, attended more cons than she should probably admit to, read every novel by Robert Heinlein at least twice, and even played poker with Mike Glicksohn—once. However, she does not own a cat.

Maia lives in the wilds of southeastern Michigan with George "Lan" Laskowski and his collection of collections. In disguise as a mild-mannered editor for a great metropolitan corporation, she indulges in the ultimate pleasure of changing other people's writing.

Maia likes classical music, shaggy dog stories, Diana Harlan Stein's art, PBS' Mystery! series, anything written by Lois McMaster Bujold or Michael P. Kube-McDowell, most cats, dark chocolate, Stan Schmidt's Analog editorials, amethysts, Amaretto, Joseph Campbell's ideas, other people's babies, and trips to England. She dislikes the color pink, anything to do with The Simpsons, the very idea of car phones, cyberpunk, cold weather, Michael Jackson, and football.

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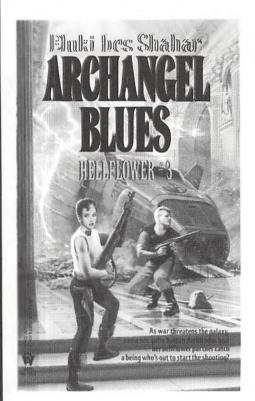


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Volume 2 of the "Homecoming" SF series Tor

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Xenocide Sequel to Ender's Game and Speaker for the Dead Tor, August 1991

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Omnibus incorporates The Worthing Chronicle, most of Capitol, and several previously unpublished or uncollected SF stories from the same setting.
Tor, December 1990

Eye for Eye
Tor Double novel, with Lloyd Biggle, Jr. "Tunesmith" and
Foreward and Afterword by OSC
Tor, October 1990

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Writing Science Fiction & Fantasy Writers Digest Books, 1990

The Abyss with Jim Cameron.

Novelisation of the SF film "The Abyss".

Translated to French, and German. Japanese, Dutch, Italian, Spanish, and Portugese editions in progress.

Pocket Books, May 1989

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Phantasia Press/Tor April 1989

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American Fantasy
US: Tor February 1989.

UK: Century/Legend

Treason

Revised edition of *A Planet Called Treason*, 10% new material.

St. Martin's Press, October 1988

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Locus Award (Best Fantasy Novel) 1089

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Hypatia Press, March 1987

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#### Saintspeak

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Signature/Orion 1982

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Sports biography

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Unaccompanied Sonata and Other Stories

Collection

U.S. Dial/Dell 1979, 1980 (out of print) Germany: Play

Kosmos, Bastie Lubbe

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U.S.: Dell 1979, 1980 (out of print in U.S.)

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UK: Orbit

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U.S.: Baronet/Ace 1978 (permanently out of print; much

material included in the Worthing Saga)

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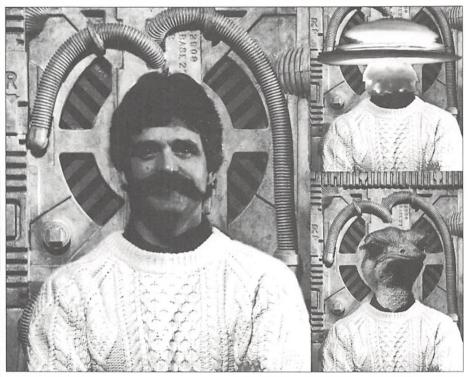
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arclay Shaw, renowned artist and illustrator, has been thrilling us for over 10 years with book covers which excite the imagination and bring our favorite stories to life. Aside from that, he is one of the most charming and likeable people you could ever hope to meet. For both reasons, Lunacon is greatly honored to present Barclay Shaw as this year's Artist Guest of Honor.

I am pleased to be asked to say a few words of appreciation of Barclay Shaw. Unlike some fields of art, the artists who illustrate SF and Fantasy are, by and large, a very good lot. They are some of the best representational artists in the United States. And they are confident enough as artists not to be petty. If one of the SF artists does well, his (or her) peers will not be cursing in jealousy. They will be enjoying the work themselves, learning from it, and cheering him on. As I said, it is a good crew to be a part of. And Barclay Shaw is one of the best of a good lot.

Barclay is a master of representational technique. He will present you with a fascinatingly detailed study of light and shadow-play on textures rendered so painstakingly that art and reality begin to blend and the scene before you comes alive. Or, he can back away from reality in any of a number of directions: exaggerate lighting effects for extreme focus on mood; forget light almost altogether and go very graphic to use shape, space, line, and color to tell a different story, touch different feelings and emotions.

The choices are his, depending on what he feels will work best to communicate the feel of his paintings or the book he happens to be working on. But whichever way he goes, you can count on it being a work which touches you in some way. It may be a soft tug at your sleeve, a subtle something which draws your attention. Or it may just assault your senses with work that spins you around, grabs your arm, and says, "Come with me. I've got a story



you're going to love!"

You don't get to be as good as Barclay Shaw overnight. Barclay has spent years and years on the road to his present level of skill and status. He was born in 1949 in Bronxville, NY and was raised in Westchester County, New York. Barclay is not one of those artists who was born with a pencil in his hand, created a mural over his playpen, and knew from an early age that he would someday be a great artist. It was expected that Barclay would be an attorney. His father was an attorney, so it was only natural that Barclay should follow in his footsteps, attend law school, and spend his life practicing before the bar. Obviously, things didn't quite turn out like that. Barclay may not have been born with pencil in hand, but inside him was that thing all artists have — the compulsion to create -, and, although it started slowly, it grew to consume him and take him in entirely unlooked for directions.

When Barclay was in high school, it was the time of the hippies, flower power,

free love, and anti-war protests. Peter Max was the hot pop artist. I know he is dapper and GQish now, but you have to envision him with longer hair, "luv" beads, tiedyed T-shirt, bell bottom pants and sandals. It was the anti-cultural GQ look of the day — and Barclay has always been extremely stylish.

At any rate, in high school, Barclay created 8 and 16 mm films and psychedelic posters. That gave him a taste for art, but he wasn't quite hooked yet. He went to Trinity College at Hartford, CT for four years, [majoring in Philosophy of Religion], and took art courses during his last two years, studying painting and sculpture. Times being what they were, he completed that section of his artistic schooling without ever once doing a painting on canvas. Everything he did was totally unstructured. This fit quite well into the New York art scene of the day. For one exhibition, which was judged by Robert Motherwell, Barclay chopped up a couch and mounted the various sections

# BARCLAY SHAW:

# An Appreciation by David A. Cherry

on wheels. Motherwell was so impressed with the result he gave the work an award.

Barclay graduated in 1972 and for six months after graduation tried his hand at free-form sculpture. Following that he moved around a bit, tried out a number of different jobs, and ended up for a while working at a furniture factory in Massachusetts, a job that he obtained by showing them one of his works of art [at that time a work in progress] — a certain desk which figures fairly importantly in his story later on.

In 1977 Barclay attended art school for a year with the intent of studying design and working in the world of advertising. He did work for a while in that field but found it a little *too* commercial for his tastes. He needed more freedom and more creativity.

Barclay's artistic schooling and early years as an artist may have been unstructured and fairly free-form, but there was always a part of Barclay which held great appreciation for the flip-side of the coin, for the more tightly structured works of representational artists. He concentrated on learning to draw and paint the human form. This resulted in surrealist works which found their way to publication in the Magazine of Cinefantastique in the late 1970's, works which foreshadowed the direction and greatness of his work to come.

Do you remember I mentioned a desk that Barclay had been working on? It was exhibited as a work of art at the 1980 Worldcon in Boston. Try to imagine a surrealistic art nouveau sculpture which functions as a desk. Harlan Ellison fell in love with it, and bought it, thereby bringing together what was probably the most dynamic writer/artist team of the decade. Barclay began to do the covers for a whole series of Harlan's works published through Ace Books. Harlan, great idea man that he is, would come up with stunningly innovative cover concepts which made arresting use of surrealistic symbolism. Barclay would run with the

concept, bending it this way and that, and bring it to life through his art. The results were tremendous. Even today both men recognise the days of that collaboration and the work they produced for us to enjoy as some of their very best.

But from there, Barclay has gone on to become one of the most celebrated and valued illustrators working in SF and Fantasy today. You can't think of this field without acknowledging Barclay Shaw's personal influence upon it.

The exciting thing for me, knowing Barclay and working in the same field with him, is to think of what is to come from this man. When he masters one area, he doesn't slow down. He just reaches out to learn a new medium, a new technique. And he keeps taking it all in so that the whole of his knowledge not only increases in size and complexity but changes its very composition and character with each new addition. And all the while, there is Barclay — shaping it, playing with it, interpreting it, using it to transform and transcend.

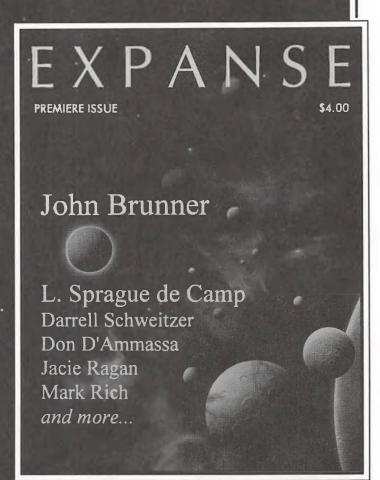
As much as he has done, even greater works are on their way from Barclay Shaw, and they will touch you, speak to you in new ways, and have that twist of perspective that is uniquely Barclay Shaw. You will enjoy his work in the Art Show. And you will enjoy Barclay himself if you catch him in tha hals and say hello. He is a great man and a great artist, but he is also extremely nice and easy to talk to. In fact, asmagicalas his art is, I would say you are really missing something if you are enjoying his art without knowing the person behind it. There is something about knowing that wonderful work was created by someone equally wonderful himself that makes it all that much more eniovable.

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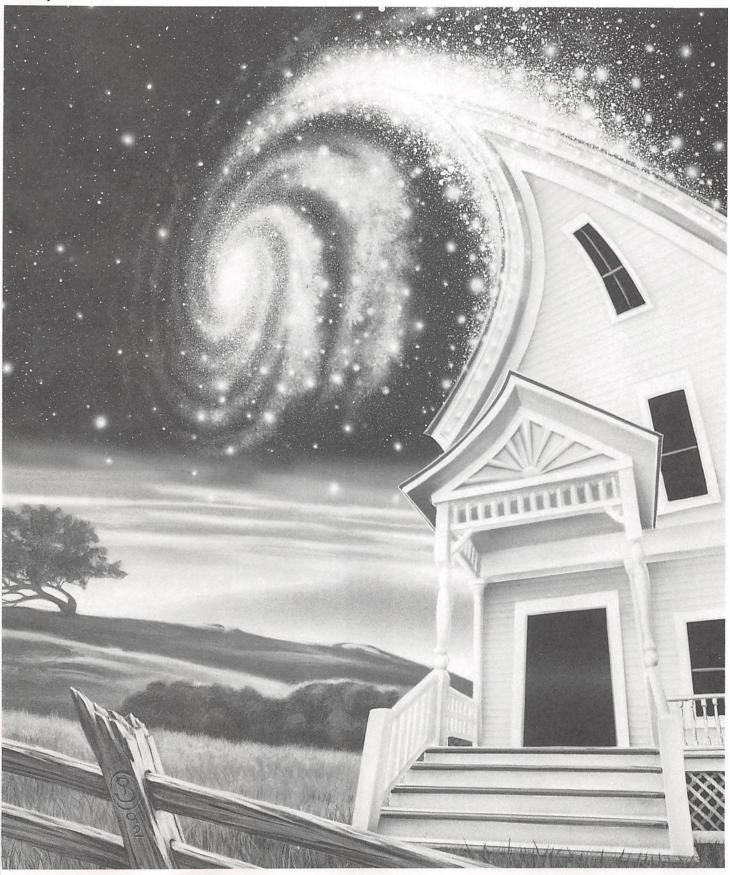
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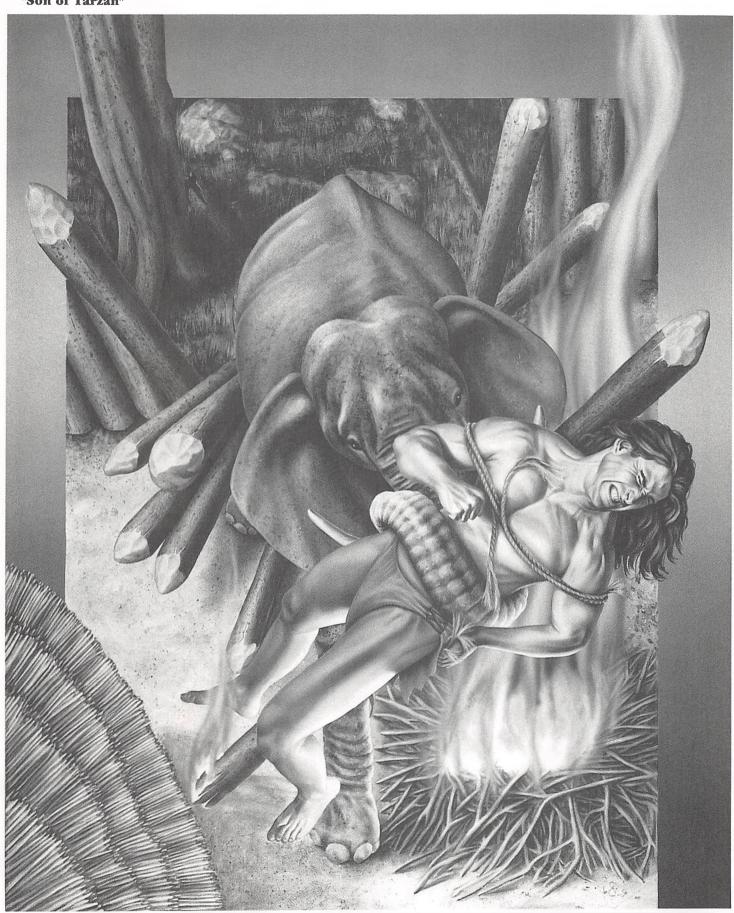
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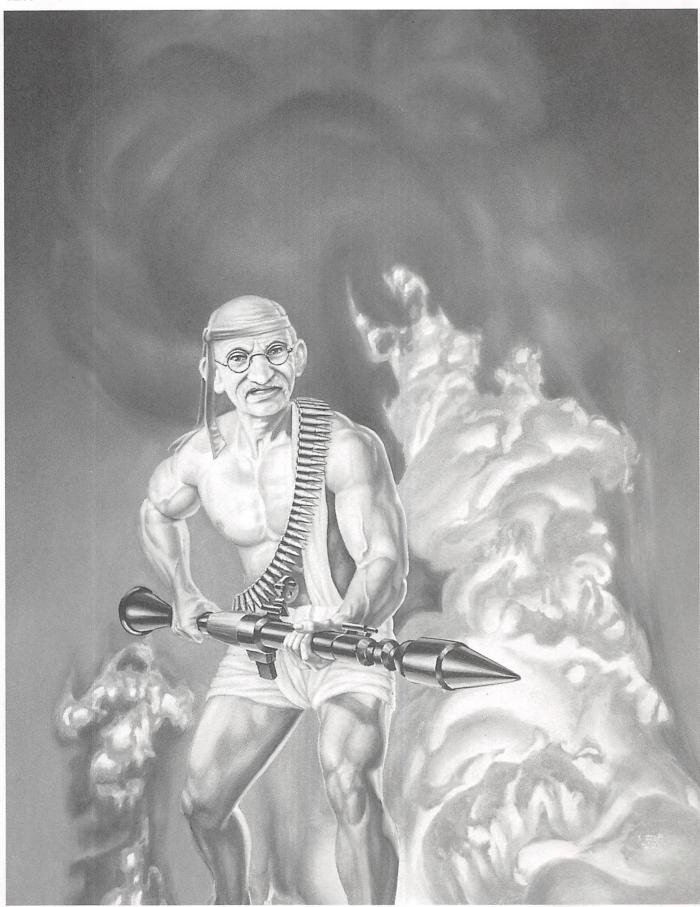
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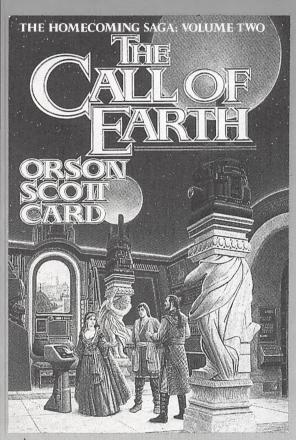
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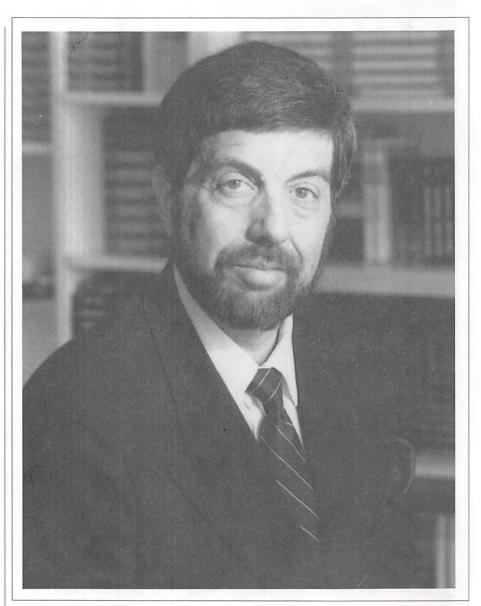
he relationship between author and agent has often been compared to a marriage. And that leads into a number of off-color jokes, which I won't go into here. But the delicate dependancy of each for the other in undeniable. Without authors, agents are like leaves without a tree. Without an agent, most authors are like a tree without leaves — stuck in winter.

I once rather impolitically told a famous author, with regard to his famous but controversial agent, "You've shown an incredible loyalty. I suspect the only thing that would make you change agents is if he'd been acussed of pederasty."

The author replied, "He has been, and I'm still with him."

Richard Curtis (who has never been so accused) became my agent in 1978. His first job was to negotiate the contract for my first novel, Hegira which had already been accepted by Jim Frenkel at Dell Publishing. The Curtis Agency was fairly young at the time — not yet incorporated — and so was I, almost a complete unknown. Within the next seven years, Richard would become the hottest literary agent in science fiction, and I would still be waiting for a chance to hit the New York Times best seller list. But I was doing okay, perhaps a bit better than okay, and that was due in no small part to Richard.

Let us go back in the halls of memory, to even earlier days: Richard as an infant, taking 10 percent of the formula of other babies in return for guaranteeing more attention from their mothers. Oops! Too far back.



# Richard Curtis:

A Biased View By Greg Bear

Richard was born in 1937. Shortly after, he helped negotiate the Armistice with Japan, and sold literary rights to autobiography. Tojo's unfortunately, reneged on the deal, teaching Richard not to deal with politicians. (He had no such scruples about representing politician's paramours.) In 1958, he graduated from Syracuse University with a B. A., and went on to the University of Wyoming for his Masters. Ask him about his days as a Jewish cowboy. After graduating, he served an apprenticeship with the Scott Meredith Literary Agency, the proving ground for many a fine agent.

Having more than a restless urge to write, Richard began to publish in 1967. To date he has published over 50 books, from novelisations of motion pictures (*Squirm*), to essential collections of essays on publishing (How To Be Your Own Literary Agent and Beyond The Bestseller). In brief, he's published more books than most of his authors.

In the early '70s, Richard decided to form his own agency. In New York, an agent requires three things to begin: Chutzpah, a telephone, and a manuscript to sell. Other imponderables are also involved: oil for smoothing ruffled feathers and pouring on troubled waters, asbestos gloves for handling author's egos, and shoes with tassles, for an agent must also think and behave like a lawyer. Richard's agency grew quickly, representing now some two hundred clients, and soon became a training ground for other agents. I personally have steered at least five authors to the Richard Curtis Agency.

Early on, Richard's attachment to the

science fiction field blossomed into a mutually beneficial relationship. Appreciating SF and fantasy as artistic as well as commercial forms, he began writing columns on publishing for the trade journal, Locus, in the 1980's. About the same time, or shortly after, he worked with the Science Fiction Writers of America, and became the agent for publications sponsored by the organisation and point man for its grievance procedure. When I served as chairman of the SFWA Grievance Committee, I worked closely with Richard to solve a number of nasty problems, some of them involving other agents. Tricky situations indeed. Richard's knowledge and mastery of negotiation and keeping a cool head helped enormously.

Most of this work brought no money to his agency, but did contribute (at least in some nebulous way) to the overall health of the industry. It contributed a great deal to the careers of individual authors.

Now, writing the biography of an agent can be difficult. Many of the most exciting things an agent does cannot be publicised. The life of an agent is a continuous round of letters, phone calls, negotiations, literary lunches and dinners, and of course, nurturing authors and receiving and mailing checks. The skill of Richard Curtis is proven in those secret moments, working with a publisher on behalf of an author, when Richard suggests to an editor that his author must be paid an (un)reasonable amount for a book, that five books down the road, the author's career will be limned in gold. The editor, not exactly starryeyed, listens with a polite smile, his or her job potentially on the line, thinking privately that he or she is

terribly underpaid, but that at least Richard is not BS'ing beyond belief, that Richard can probably handle his author well enough to get the book in on time and keep things going relatively smoothly.

Then Richard must take the deal back to the author, and explain that for the time being, this is the best that can be done. And, in fact, it almost certainly is.

But the golden moment in every agent's career is when the deal goes wonderfully well, the book is very hot, the editors are clamoring, and the author is waiting in some far off land (or getting drunk in a New York bar). The deal is struck, the editors and publishers are sweating bullets, and Richard can call the author and say "Well, It's done. You're rich, and I'm financially independant."

As if that isn't enough, looking ahead to the major changes coming for publishing, Richard has started a science fictional enterprise, the Content Company. Content spoecializes in multi-media publishing, where books come out not on paper, but on PVC disks, or tapes; and not just as words, but as sounds, pictures, and moving images Soon, Richard will be representing sales not just through bookstores, but through computer software outlets and over fiber optic cables. Some of it is here already.

I've been represented by Richard Curtis for fifteen years now. a more informed, compassionate, and and hard-headed agent you're notlikely to find in publishing.

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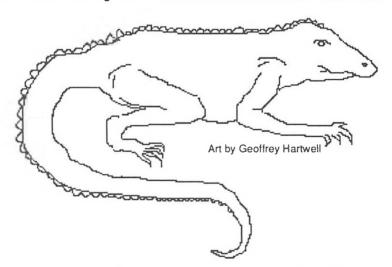
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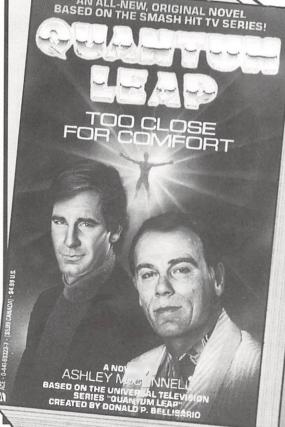
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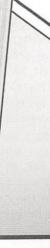
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# **Fan Guest of Honor**

# Alexis Gilliland:

# The Down East

by Robert E. Sacks

o properly envision Alexix Gilliland, you start with a standard issue Leprechaun (or elf, or Hobbit), grown to man-size, and change the accent to Down-East New England overlaid with the Mid-West, and finally Virginia. Replace the trademark green jacket with the trademark pink jacket. The sense of humor is DRY. The pot of gold can be found in his books.

An example of the sense of humor: recently, I asked him about his books to come. He mentioned that he wanted to write some military SF, but he couldn't interest XXXXX (big name military SF publisher, which shall remain nameless to protect the guilty) because they felt he had no experience with military SF. laughed. Not counting his collections of drawings, he has written seven books: the Rosinante trilogy was about ideological conflict, political assassination, civil war, mutiny, terrorism, subversion and foreign invasion on Earth and in the Asteriod Belt; "The End of the Empire" was

about ideological conflict, revolution, treason, subversion, and foreign invasion in a collapsed interstellar empire and a nearby solar system where the established form of government is anarchy; the Wizenbeak trilogy is of course totally different, being about religious conflict, royal assasination, dynastic civil war and foreign invasion in a fantasy world where magic and dragons can be found. Alexis Gilliland writes military SF: can he help it if the military usually loses?

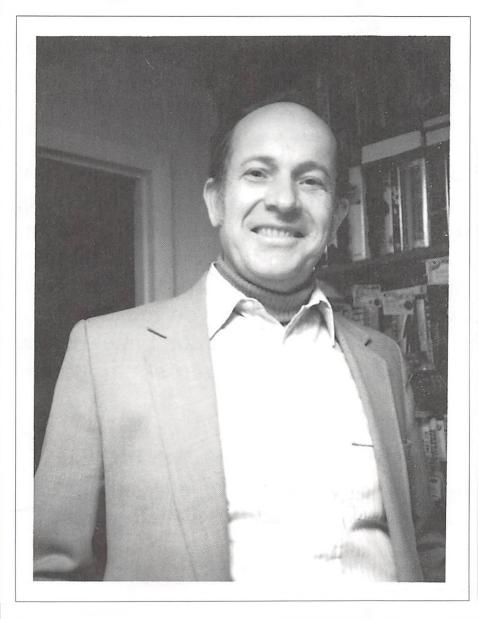
He is an award winning fan artist. This is deceptive: he does *NOT* do the breath-taking astronomicals, realistic portraits or landscapes, scenes from SF, fantasy, or media, cute unicorns, cute rabbits or winged cats or anything similar; he does what he calls "cartoons", but these are not the cartoons in the funny pages, comic books, or Saturday morning cartoon television shows. More properly, they are caricature assasinations, which is just as well since you would never want to meet most of the subjects

alive. It is here that you will meet the originals for Wizenbeak and the incorporated artificial intelligences of the Rosinante books.

His fan writing is less well known. When MCFI (Noreascon N for N > 1) began to institutionalise pass-along funds (the Worldcon to hand over at least half its net proceeds to those selected Worldcons who had agreed to do the same before they were selected) he attacked the retention of ANY net proceeds. He felt that Worldcon bids had to raise funds from the fans in the traditional ways if the bids were not to become isolated from the fans. Having bankrolled some isolated bids, I can appreciate his point.

I cannot testify to his contributions to the Washington Science Fiction Association, of which he has been the President from time to time, and whose meetings he has hosted from time to time, but his contributions to its annual convention are noteable. In the '70s, he chaired five consecutive Disclaves, in the same hotel, while

# Leprechaun



attendance grew monotonously from 384 to 1005. (He has chaired one, even larger, since then.) As an occasional conventional convention organiser, I cannot emphasize how impressive that record is.

I first met Alexis at a reading he gave at my first DisClave in 1980. If memory serves, it was chapter 5 of Wizenbeak, though the publication date (1986) seems wrong for that, so I suppose it could have been an excerpt from Rosinante. Since then, he has been a good friend (he once remonstrated with me that he thought I was too sensible to run a Worldcon bid) if at a distance: perhaps one of the true reasons why I haven't missed a DisClave since then. If you get a chance (and if you don't, make one), listen for a while to the man-sized Leprechaun in the trademark pink jacket with the dry voice and dry sense of humor. He is one of fandom's true gentlemen, fan, caricaturist, writer and worker, and it will enrich your experience.

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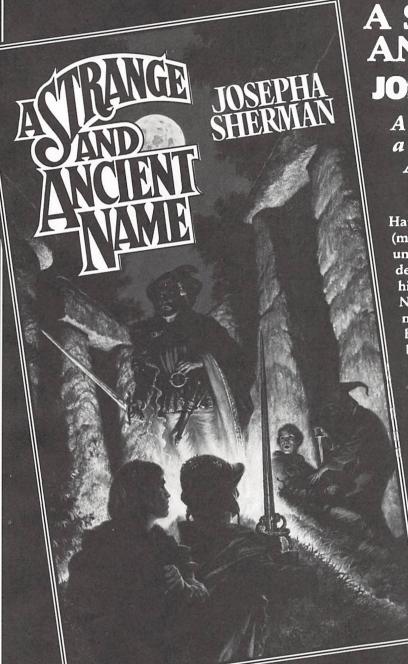
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# TOKMI, RAVEN,

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n the beginning, there were twin brothers: Tokmi, who became the Sun, was full of life and light, while Raven, who may have been born first, was dark and cunning. Jealous of his brother's radiance, Raven created a great cloud of dust to blot out the Sun's light. Tokmi, however, was too strong for him, and shone so brightly that the dust was driven far, far away, and so hotly that the dust became sticky.

Trying to rally the forces of darkness, Raven danced and sang with all his might. Alas, Tokmi had the greater magic, and the only thing resulting from his brother's dancing was a certain turbulance in the dark and sticky dust. Disheartened, Raven gave in and Tokmi accepted the apology he gave for his rude and unseemly behavior. Where Raven had danced, however, a race of dust creatures sprang up. They were smalland weak and stupid, but they worshipped Raven, who was, after all, their creator and this made Tokmi angry.

Tokmi pushed one of the dust creatures so that it banged into another, breaking both into pieces. Then he did it again. Raven thought this was great fun, so \_he\_ pushed a dust creature into another. Raven and his brother played together for along time, pushing dust creatures around to make them crash. After awhile, however, they noticed that all the little dust creatures were reassembling themselves after each crash, becoming fewer and fewer but bigger and bigger. So big, in fact, that Tokmi and Raven together couldn't move the biggest ones. Without meaning to do so and quite by accident they had created the planets. When they were through playing, the planets were just as we see them today, with a tiny handful of dust creatures left over. If Tokmi and Raven had taken the trouble to sweep the tiny handful all together, they might have made another small planet, but Raven was too lazy and Tokmi didn't care.

Once the planets were finished, Raven went and rested on the night side of his particular favorite. He wasn't trying to make mischief, he was just tired of being with his brother. He sat looking at the sky, enjoying the darkness, and when his eyes adjusted he saw the sky was full of stars.

"How really strange." he said, for he had never noticed the stars before. "How truly remarkable." The reason he had never noticed the stars was that all his attention had been on his brother, the Sun, and Raven had never sat quetly in the dark long enough for his eyes to see the wonders of the night. He spent along time studying the stars and then went and told his brother about them.

Tokmi looked out at the sky. "I see nothing, Raven." he said at last. "Are you trying to trick me again?"

"You are the Sun." replied Raven. "And the Sun is full of light and heat. How can you see something so dim and faint unless you come with me into the darkness to see the night sky?"

So Tokmi left the Sun and took his regular form. "Show me, then." he said, and Tokmi and Raven went to the night side of the planet where Raven had seen the stars. Sure enough, when his bright eyes became used to the darkness, Tokmi saw that the sky was full of stars, just as his brother had said.

"What are they?" asked Raven.
"Where did they come from?" He wasn't trying to commit mischief; he

really wanted to know.

Tokmi didn't know either, but he was so annoyed he couldn't answer his brother's question that he got very huffy and went back to being the Sun. He kept thinking of the stars, however, and finally Tokmi decided to ask their older sister, Swombao.

Swombao was beautiful, but she was also very wise, and she knew more than both her brothers put together. She went with them to the edge of a lake to look at the night sky, and there were the stars, shining in the darkness. "What are the stars?" she asked, repeating their question. "They are beautiful, filling my soul with peace when I look at them."

"Well, yes, they do, sort of." said Tokmi, who was bright but not much inclined to philosophy. "But what \_are\_ they?"

"Creatures like yourself, Tokmi." Swomabo said softly. "Only far, far away."

"What about me?" asked Raven. "Are there creatures like me, also?"

"Why of course, brother." replied his sister. "In some places other Ravens created Dark Stars that soak up the light of the Sun like a sponge. In other places, they have created their own Sun, just like Tokmi did, so they don't have to bother playing in the dust like little children." She knew all about the dust creatures and the planets.

Raven was annoyed, for he thought that creating the planets had been a great thing. "Yes, yes." he said, clattering his beak. "That's all well and good, but where did the stars come from?"

# and SWOMBAO

His sister smiled at his annoyance. "Where did the dust people come from?"

"Don't answer a question with another question." said Tokmi. "Tell us the answer."

"Very well." said Swombao, smoothing her long black hair. "In the beginning the Universe was completely empty except for a box of green stone carved in the shape of a turtle. It was about so big." she held up her hands to show, "and inside it was a piece of paper on which was written a very powerful magic spell."

"Why was the magic spell inside a turtle box?" asked Raven.

"Because it was a very, \_very\_ powerful magic spell." said his sister, who knew quite a lot about powerful magic. "If that spell hadn't been inside a box it could have called up a wind and danced itself free. And if it had been in any other kind of box, except only the turtle box, the spell could have gotten right out."

"Ah, indeed." said Tokmi and Ravem together, nodding their heads. "What happened then?"

"Three things." said Swomabo. "First, and this was what took the longest, the magic spell made the stone turtle come to life. The second thing was the magic spell made the turtle itch until the poor turtle took it out. The third thing that happened . . ." she paused to smile at her brothers, and her eyes got very wide.

"What was the third thing that happened?" the brothers asked together.

"Turtle read the spell out loud."

whispered Swombao, leaning forward and speaking ever so softly, "and that set free the magic with a big BANG!" She shouted out the bang so loudly that Tokmi and Raven both jumped into the air and Raven flew around in fright. When they settled back down, Swombao finished her story. "There was a bang and a flash and matter was all over the place, creating the Universe."

"What happened to the turtle?" asked Tokmi.

Swombao looked sad. "Poor turtle." she said.

Raven rustled his feathers. "Poor turtle." he agreed. "Where are the others, the ones like us who are the stars? I would like to go play with them."

His sister sat back on her rock and looked up into the sky. "There." she said, shaking her head.

Raven was annoyed; he could see where they were. "I mean, where it \_there\_? How far away are they?"

"Far, far away." replied Swombao, smiling, "Far too far for you ever to play tricks on them, little brother."

Tokmi laughed and picked up a stone to throw in the lake. It was green and about the size Swombao had described. "Wait." said Raven. "Isn't that the turtle?"

He took it from his brother, and shaped it with the point of his beak, scrape, scrape, chip, chip. "Indeed, yes." he declared, handing it back. "A little the worse for wear, but still the turtle that created the Universe."

Tokmi studied the crudely shaped green stone for amoment. Then he chanted a rhyme which Raven didn't quite hear and breathed on it. He set the live turtle on the ground and let it walk awkwardly to into the water. "A little magic goes a long way, Raven" he remarked smugly.

"A little magic indeed." said Swombao with a sisterly sneer. "A \_very\_ little magic. What is the poor thing going to eat?" She picked up a handful of dirt and gravel and sang to it softly enough so that Raven couldn't quite hear her words. Then she danced along the lakeshore and let it dribble through her fingers. As each bit of dirt hit the water, it became a plant, rushes and cattails, water lilies and duckweed, algae and green slimy stuff.

She picked up another handful of dirt and gravel, and over this handful she sang a different song: try as he might, Raven could not make out all the words. This time she danced along the edge of the lake and threw her enchanted stones into the air. Some became insects and flewaway. Some became frogs and fish and splashed into the lake. One rock, which wasn't even greenish, turned into a mate for the turtle which Raven had carved and Tokmi had breathed into life.

"We already have a turtle." said Raven. "Why did you make another turtle?"

"So they could have baby turtles." said Swombao, who had made everything in pairs, even if Raven hadn't noticed. Thus was the Earth quickened into life.

Looking around at what his brother and sister had done, Raven was envious. He badly wanted to create his own life, but first he needed to know how it was done. In spite of paying close attention to the magic of his brother and sister, he had missed some of the words. However, he was sure that if he could hear their magic one more time it would become his magic as well, so he racked his brains to devise aplan.

"This is truly wonderful." he said, looking around at the plants which had grown up, and at the animals running through them. Then Raven got his idea. He picked up a big, hard, rock and carefully shaped it with his beak until it was the spitting image of Tokmi. Raven grinned as far as his beak would allow and gave the statue to his brother.

"Why thank you" said Tokmi, turning it over in his hands.

"That is a good looking person you haven't made yet, I'll bet." Raven said

craftily.

Tokmi studied Raven's carving, and thought it was, indeed, very handsome. Enchanted by his own beauty, he sang over it, and breathed on it, thereby bringing the stone to life, and this time Raven heard every word.

"What a handsome looking man." he said, flattering his brother but looking at his sister with an artist's calculating gaze.

Raven then picked up a smaller stone, but fine grained and very tough, and shaped it with his beak until it looked like what Swombao would have liked to look like. "You told me why the turtle needed a mate." he said slyly, giving his sister the rock which looked so much like her, only better. "Maybe the man needs a mate, too."

Swombao looked at the carven stone from different angles and thought it

was a reasonably good likeness. Afterwards, she said that she only made her stone figure live because the man needed a mate, but for whatever reason she sang over it and brought the stone woman to life. This time Raven heard every word, so that he, also, learned how to create life. A learning which proved not to be an entirely good thing.

In this manner were men and women created, to serve the needs of Raven by playing on the vanity of Tokmi and Swombao. Shaped in the image of Tokmi and Swombao as they were, men still show an echo of the power of Tokmi along with much of his prode. Modelled after the beautiful Swombao, women have retained a vestige of Swombao's wisdom along with much of her vanity. And, of course, bearing the marks of Raven's beak as they do, both men and women have altogether more cunning than is good for them.

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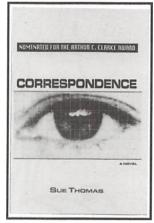


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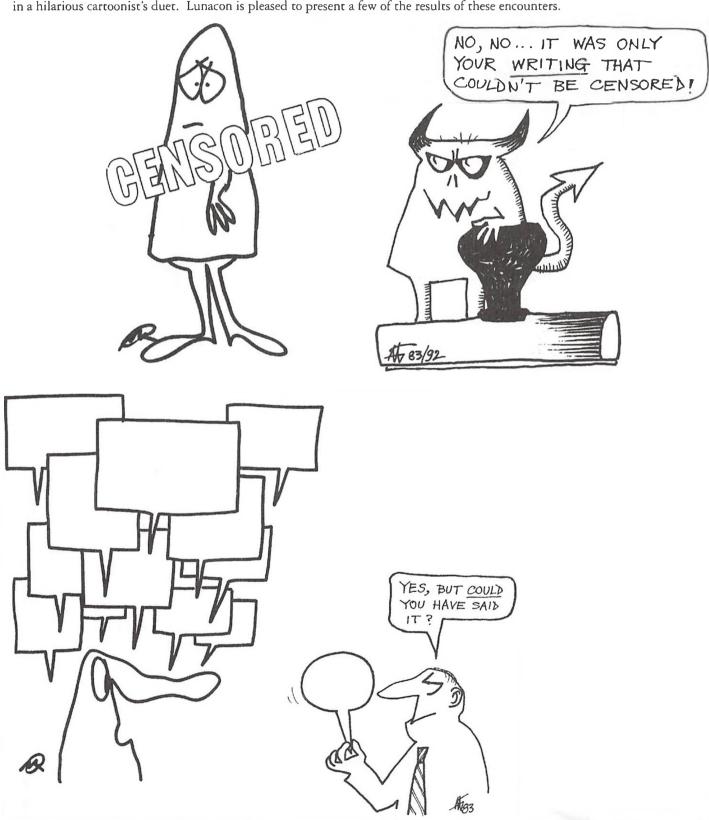
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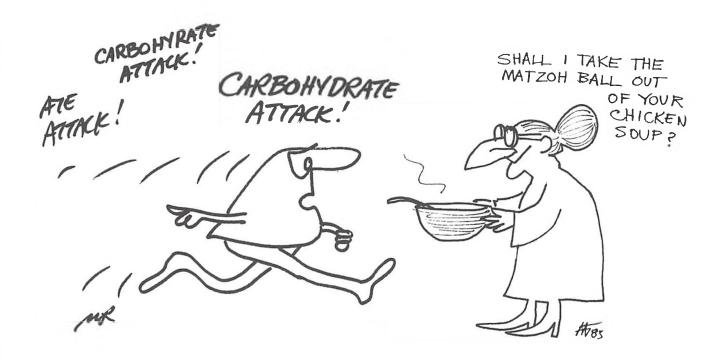












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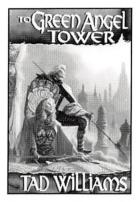
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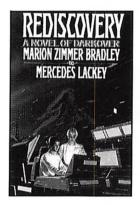
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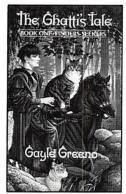
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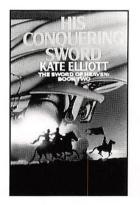
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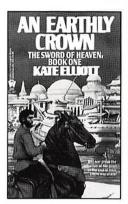
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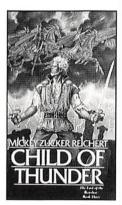




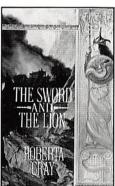














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