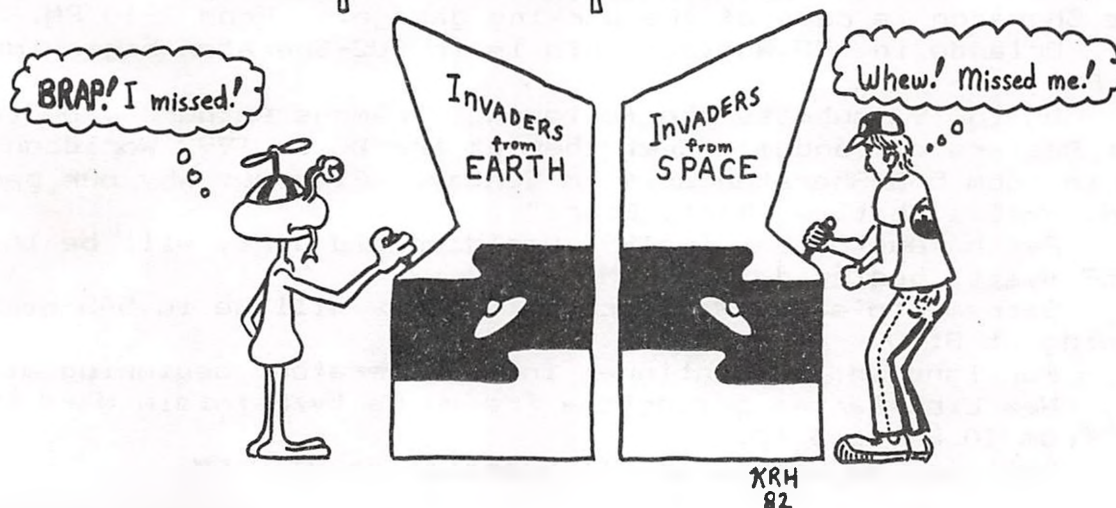


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Bweep! Bweep! ZAP!



THE REAL EXPLANATION, Part II

Dan Deckert submits the following explanation for the varying namebadges: "The different artwork on the badges relates to the so-called 'Musgrave Ritual.' Careful analysis of the artwork/membership number will develop a 'connect-the-dots' map which leads to the hidden location of the crown of King Charles, or maybe a gift certificate good for a lifetime supply of Musgrave name badges."

THE REAL EXPLANATION, Part III

Benjamin St. Cyr begs to differ: "The namebadge illustrations are a designation of the member's literary acumen. The lady with crystal ball indicates that the member reads and understands Choose Your Own Adventure Books. The dragon with bowl indicates they read and understand Piers Anthony's Xanth books. The hearth dragon indicates they R&U Andre Norton books. The writing dragon indicates they R&U C.J. Cherryh. The harp dragon indicates they R&U Philip K. Dick. The lady with a chicken on her head indicates they R&U R.A. Lafferty. And the kitten (which you missed) indicates they read and understand Site Selection Rules."

WHAT IS BULWER-LYTTON?

Is it a new line of microwave T-shirts? Is it the name of Phoenix's newest freeway? Is it an incurable disease? No, no, no!

Bulwer-Lytton, an English Earl and author, wrote the now famous line: "It was a dark and stormy night..." (He also wrote "The pen is mightier than the sword," but who cares?)

Anyway, Westercon 41 is hosting a Bulwer-Lytton "Bad Writing" contest, and you too can enter.

We are looking for absolutely awful opening sentences to a novel (any style, or genre) never before published -- and never to be published.

There are only three general guidelines: 1) One sentence only, please; 2) Keep it under 500 words; 3) Keep it clean. No profanity allowed. (Bad, bad taste is permitted, nay, encouraged!)

The entry forms and box are at the information desk in the Hyatt atrium. Get your entries in today!!

PARTIES ANNOUNCED FOR SUNDAY

Thor Records' party is in the Hyatt, Room 459. (The 4th floor of the Sheraton is part of the parking garage.) From 7-10 PM.

Orlando in '92 Worldcon bid is in 502-Sheraton beginning at 10:00 PM.

DC in '92 submits the following: "Famous Authors? Dedicated Secret Masters of Fandom! Meet them at the DC in 1992 Worldcon bid party in room 538-Sheraton at 9 PM Sunday. Find out why our parties win awards. -- Eva Whitley, Party Czar."

Perth (Australia) in 1994 worldcon bid party will be in suite 955-957 Hyatt, beginning at 9 PM.

Sacramento's '91 Westercon bid party will be in 545-Hyatt beginning at 8:00.

Portland in '90 continues in 530-Sheraton, beginning at 9 PM.

New Libertarian presents a Frefan Party/Heinlein Wake in 564-Hyatt from 10 PM to 3 AM.

Hell in '91 begins in 511-Sheraton at 9:30 PM.

IT'S HERE!

The first issue of MARION ZIMMER BRADLEY'S FANTASY MAGAZINE is available from the Off-Centaur table in the Dealer's Room.

BOOK SIGNINGS

G. Harry Stine will again be signing copies of the Warbot books at the Adam's Bookstore table in the dealer's room, 11:30 AM to 1 PM.

J. Michael Stracynski will be signing his not yet released book at 3:00 outside the Dealer's Room. The book is only available at this convention at this time.

CALLING ALL FEN:

Sarah E. Goodman submits the following: "I am working on a semi-serious study of FanSpeak (to be submitted to either Journal of the American Folklore Society or The Journal of Irreproducible Results, depending.) Please send me lists of all fannish words and expressions (with definitions and related information). Slip them under my room door (466-Hyatt) or mail them to me at home (1384 Skyline Drive, Daly City, CA 94015). Thanks."

MASQUERADE RE-PRESENTATION

Videotapes of last night's masquerade will be shown at 5:30 in Phoenix A/B. (We will hopefully have a list of the winners for tomorrow's newsletter.)

PROGRAMMING CHANGES -- SUNDAY

Graceful Art of Arranging Commission, 10-11:30 AM, Apache A
add Erin McKee

Working Thru Writer's Block, 10-11:30 AM, Remington A
add Kathleen Woodbury

Can This Be Saved, 11:30 AM - 1 PM, Remington C
add Dawn Atkins

Is This More Than One Book?, 11:30 AM - 1 PM, Borein A
Libby Goodman, Ashley Grayson

Hallucinations, 2:30 - 4 PM, Borein A

Doug Beason, Frederick J. Mayer, John Theisen, Frank
Gasperik, Ryan Effner

Sex In Space, 4-5:30 PM, Remington A

add Ryan Effner, Frederick J. Mayer, Leslie Fish

Hobbies In Space, 4-5:30 PM, Remington C

add Vicki Harner

Trends of SF In Bookstores, 7-8:30 PM, Remington C

add Tom Whitmore

AUTOGRAPH SESSIONS

Autographing will take place in the lobby at the entrance to the
Dealer's Room.

11:30-12:30, Robert Silverberg

1:00-2:00, Harry Harrison

2:00-3:00, Algis Budrys & Hal Clement

4:00-5:00, Larry Niven

READINGS

Kathleen Woodbury will be doing a reading in Remington C at 9:00
PM, in addition to M. Shayne Bell.

CLASSIFIEDS

*Ride needed heading north. Will share gas, etc. Leave message
Hyatt 304 or front desk for J. Stevens. Ultimate destination
Eden, Utah.*

*Patrick Girard! Terry's in Hyatt 834 or Dealer's Room. Find
the Furry Party!*

*Terry: To you, from all of us on the graveyard shift. THANKS!
We appreciate it.*

*For sale: Lord of the Rings video. \$10 - negotiable. Leave
message at San Carlos Hotel, Rm 418.*

*BEM still Seeks Female Protagonist Plot Complication. I'm
wearing the "BEM Seeks..." button.*

TUCSON AREA WRITERS WORKSHOP

If interested, contact Steve Martindale or Paul Edwards, or sign
up on pink sheet on bulletin board in Hyatt mezzanine.

1990 SITE SELECTION

Voting for the site of the 1990 Westercon resumes today at noon.
Ballots must be cast by 10 PM. Results of the voting will be announced
tomorrow at 1 PM in Remington C.

All members of Westercon 41 are eligible to vote, including one-day members. A \$15 voting fee, which entitles the voter to at least a Supporting Membership in the 1990 Westercon, must be paid when casting a ballot. The Site Selection table is located at the west end of the registration area in the Hyatt Atrium. Look for the large plastic cactus.

LAST MINUTE BULLETIN

A large grey & peach planter with silk foliage was taken from outside the Sheraton Ballroom sometime Saturday night. If you have any information as to its whereabouts, please inform the con ops office in the Hyatt, Russell-B. If you're the person who took it, please return it, no questions asked.



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