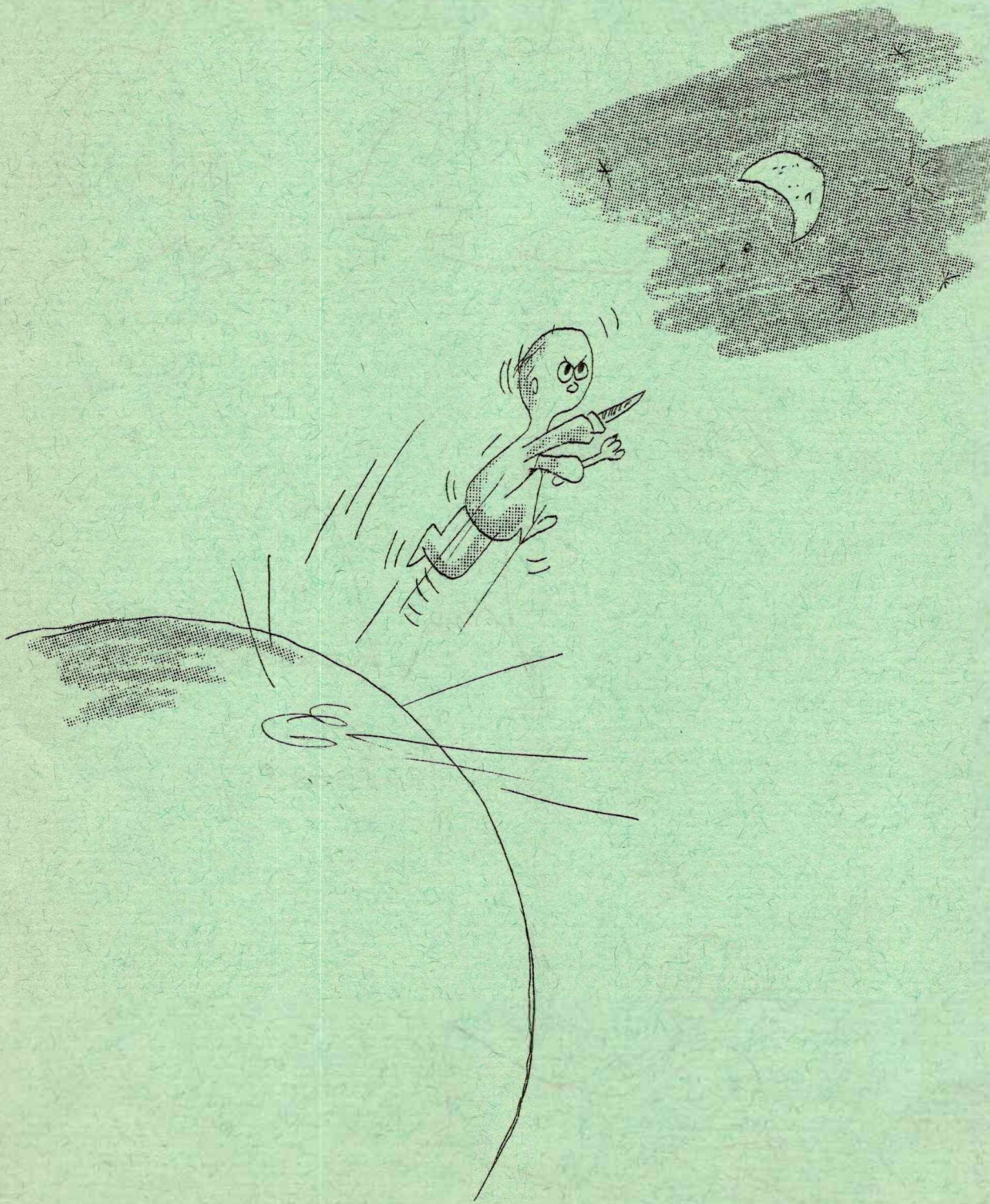


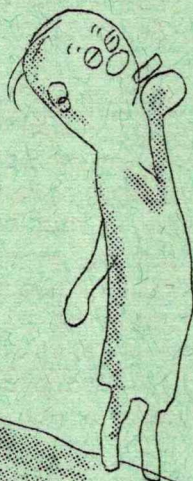
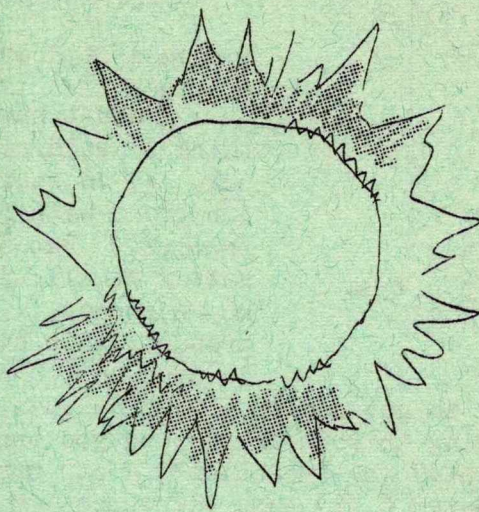
a letter from

Jean Linaud

(and more.)







PLEASE?

June 24, 1962  
24 Rue Petit  
VESOUL, Hte-Saone, France



To all Fellows Fapans -  
(a communication, like)

Mesdames et Messieurs, Dear Folks,

I don't have time for a long letter. I didn't even think I would/could take time for any letter at all just now. (I've started to re-work, and am trying to re-integrate with Life....just trying so far, a difficult process.) But I understand this matter, if to be a matter at all, is rather urgent, and urgent now (Had I known sooner...!). And if I can't do anything else at present, this here letter I WANT to do, of all things; in case any chance for a petition should still be possible to get and be feasible....in time. (I doubt it, at least time-wise.) I'm sending this in triple: to you three Bjohn, Phyllis and Grennell, as the only "reply" (or "reaction") I can manage to get done now to John Trimble's letter dated 6 (?) June '62 which I'm only finding this morning, Thursday 28 June, back, to stay I presume, at this faithful ol' address.

"Through the most natural circumstances in the world," says John, "you have failed to renew your FAPA membership." Don't know that these or those "circumstances" in question might have been or looked or sounded natural to the world, don't even know that they've been natural at all to any of us at those times (or later). But for certain, I can assure, at least, that the circumstances along with which I have let us/me drop out of FAPA, WERE "natural enough" for me (the one who writes, remember?) at a time, this for an all too durable time, "natural", firstly of all (and solely, I think) because I had always thought -- all along -- that we were OUT, actually, of FAPA ever since NOV. '60 (or early '61). Dropped -- or just next to past being post-dropped or such imminent sorry event -- due, I thot, to happen or post-happen anytime.

I'm not at leisure for entering into dates and data details now. I'm just being back, within one month for the second time (and the last) from phony doctoring near Strasbourg, and have no reach to checking everything in diaries over those 2 past years to explain at any length and with any precision I be sure of, or to ask for explanations (from then-or-now-Officials) on what exactly went on, in turn, since early '60. (I might do that later on; though it'd be eventually fruitless to anyone except maybe to me --- if only to understand more, if anything, of the situation, in which I presently seem to be somewhat lost.)

The gist of it, of what I KNOW of our/my FAPA situation being that: I haven't paid any dues, nor contributed with a single page since May - June (July?) 1960 (Sixty). Who'd have done it for us/me, I HAVE asked, in time, and since that. I still don't know.

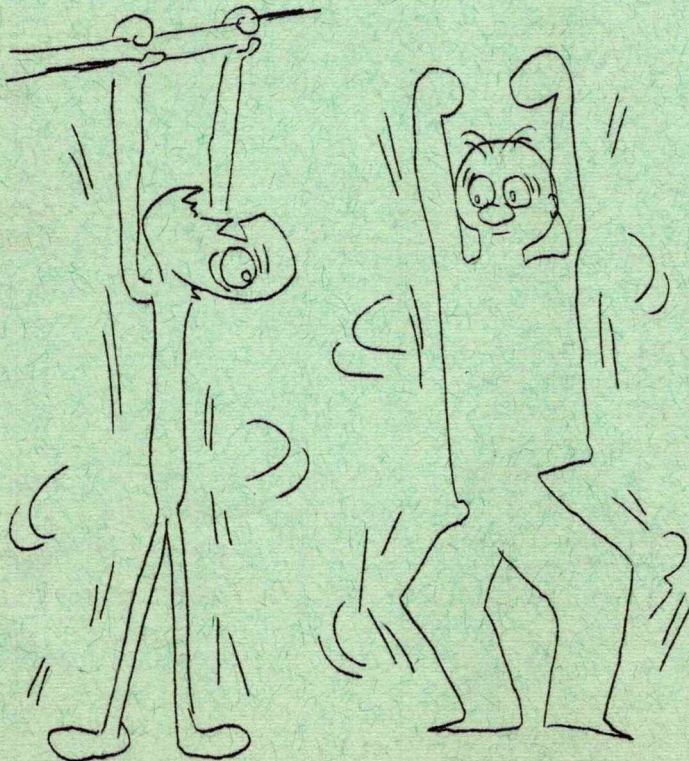


Anyway, I accordingly thought we/I were out, simply; or, at best, overduly, postponedly, delayedly, tacitely OUT. Not notified, sure, but postfactumly somehow, of that I was persuaded till today.

That is to say : thus I was believing, much passively I admit, and too nonchalantly, yes, that we were, from early '61, rec'g Mlgs out/of/from some sheer but nice clerical faux-pas or something of the sort. (Although, of course, even at the time, there was the beginning of what was to become other more materialistic circumstances and subjects of preoccupation and, should I say -- "worry"?, around here, unfortunately, too, which prevented many other serious things as well...and, after Spring '61 (Parker's visit), everything went sort of black, muddy, and especially FAST thereafter: far's I'm concerned, everything hasn't ceased to be so to date yet AND "fast" yet; yet I can SEE "an issue", and that might be due to FAPA being not closed -- yet..?)

Now to think that I have gratefully loved and "appreciated" otherwise that awfully nice "clerical error" or awfully nice amiable gesture ALL THAT TIME (Up to early '62, but now/here, in mid-'62, I just found 2 more Mlgs -- 98 & 99 -- odd-enough-ly forwarded from St-A. Hospital) DURING WHICH THERE WAS STILL A CHANCE/POSSIBILITY to just "stay" in, and that I had no idea of it....No positive idea, anysoever. (Somebody sooner or later should realize that no dues'd been paid, that there'd not been no Vzoolzine since June-July 1960, etc....)

A question to all: Did anyone, besides Maggie Curtis and the Youngs, wrote to me (or send a fanzine) to the St. Alban Hospital address? Did they (then) get their letter/zine returned, undelivered, or something? Perchance? R.S.V.P. Thanx.



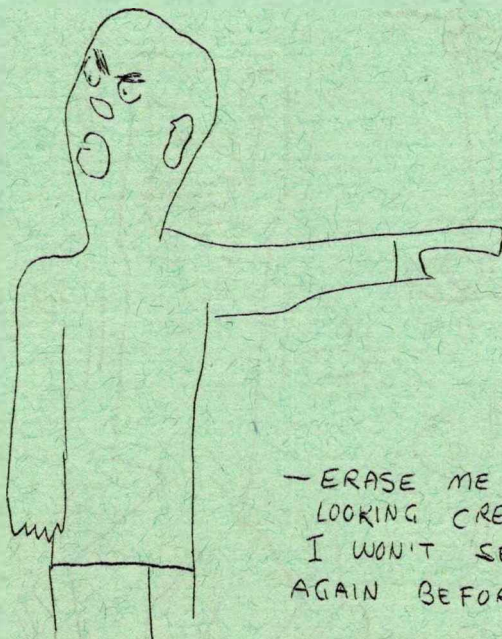
Could one run any ad (Fanac still existing?) or something, listing my new address? Or could anyone publish a (much revised)\* version of this mess here?

Sure, I, now realize. It may be too late, by now. Specially, because of that trip to Strasbourg (3 - weeks, about) ((Otherwise, I've been back here for two months or so, in fact Since April, first on "cures", next "back to readap-tion to work".)) I see that Bjohn gives two months (60 dez) for evertg. getting done in line of trying a petition, as

\*EdNote: Letter has not been "much revised"; spelling, abbreviations, etc are Jean's; only a small section of the whole letter has been edited.

from JUNE SIXTH. Anyway, ALL mail forwarded from St. Alban Hospital has met with many considerable foulups, and seems to have reached here with the highest fantasy, and for another thing I know there's been things I've never recieved at all there, which DID reach St-A. Mother says that letter was here ONE week ago, only. Course, I can't usually be too sure of what my mother seems/or/remembers : yet this 6 June (AIRMAIL!) one was the only one she seems to be sure abt., because the only one from the US &/or A. (With a much earlier J. Young's aerogram -- that didn't come thru St. A.).

So after those enduring and deplorable double or triple misunderstandings of mine ever since '60 (Whom, anyway, whom paid or pubbed for us/me since '60, whom, anyhowm? Is there any means to know? I'd appreciated this, be I reintegrated or not; please?) I now doubt there still be another chance to get a petition for a one-year waiver underway and it done by August the 6th. However, if done, and if it can be done at all, YES, by George Y. Wells and Walter Breen, YES, I DO want to ask for it, by all means, and you bet, and and-how, & like that -- just provided that a sufficient number of people okays the idea of it, plus the fact, and that it doesn't bug too much the other peoples -- who already in the past (if I recall correctly) had objected and with some reason I think to "intellectual diletantism" (with some reason, and a misspell, if I remember well) such as too widely and lightly displayed in "our" zines. This, especially considered the arduous position of the present waiting-listers now. (Can't conceal that many of the latter if not ANY, or all, respectively, would be a greater (neater; anyway) apport to FAPA than I!). But I can't judge of this well enough; and YOU handle that "provided" up there; because you can, and know how to, handle it. Interpret it and finally "apply" it. It's delicate, for me, and most of all, less hypocritically, I don't know too well. I am out, but if there's any hope



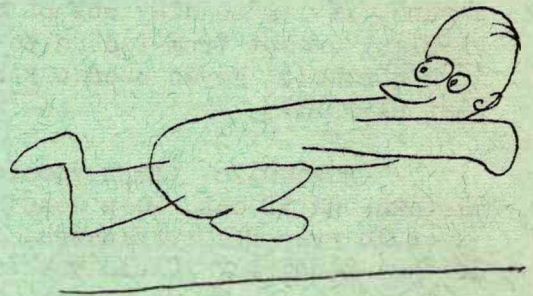
- ERASE ME THAT STRANGE  
LOOKING CREATURE FOR GOOD -  
I WON'T SEE IT EVER  
AGAIN BEFORE MY EYES -

or chance, I'm willing to try it or at least to let it to be known. Hence this ruffled and hairy letter. But there are two hitches I have to mention here, though, so as you know where to stand with me on this point of petitioning if you still want/care/agree to : 1.) Publishing : I couldn't do it right 'way. Not for the Aug. Mailing, anyway. Material impossibility, is all. Have had to sell the dittó among many other still-usable assets (like a soul, nearly all new yet....), have no access to a duper just now, and the immediate financial disponibilities for getting one zine printed by pros, with this divorce suit on hands, plus sundry incidences, aren't (in the immediate : these two months for instance or 3 maybe...; after: I could manage, at some office, or suchly) aren't verily so consequential to speak of. I WANT to get active. More : I feel like it, too -- to some extent. I woonent tackle Fandom At Large again, f'rinstance! But, if there were a deadline within 2 - 3 months, or such Activity Requirements immediate, then, please note : I COULD NOT, I think, and then, in this case, perhaps it'd better no petition be started.

2.) I'm no good at redacting petitions, nor at redacting any "clear" text, at that : all of you know this! How to manage it, then? Could any of you send me a text I would recopy for circulation? But is that needed? Else, wouldn't it lose more time? Also, next, how are would-be petitioneers to be reimbursed for P.O. expenses on circulating a petition, plus other likely correspondence cost?

Well, all these, and prawly several other details, you can see better than I, from nearer, and more justly anyway. Not that I am so much prejudiced agin me, these times as I would one year ago, but I can't judge too clearly from here for the moment. I am not living all too clearly either anyway. (And I'm living with not uncertain difficulties, even. Easier'n last year tho', for the record : I had to resort to regular use of minor drugs, consequently to my not finding any "medical" help in that "psychological" line; they are minor drugs, and then, I always been more or less in the habit to it (compulsion?) for over twelve years now.) I wouldn't say I'd ever be a very prospective recruit, you know, espically by FAPA Standards! Yet, I've dug up most of my usual "vital" (?) "motivation" to "do things", which terrible apsence of I've sort of badly (physically, there) missed for 12 months. At least I want to try to "communicate" again (whatever that be), and I find the basis of it being so sounder than as the contrary was/has been, say, from '60 to early '62. On the other hand I'm still, I suppose, a little sick in the mind, not more than my acknowledged and known-around (spec. in fandom) usual, yet, surely not LESS either. Which you may want to consider as to know whether I'm any worth petitioning for in the first place.

Last point : Regarding Anie, I don't know if she'll answer you, John. She's never "prompted" enough, for such things, I think. (I think.) If she remarries, or conglomerate with, a fan, even he would face quite a lot of doing, if just to make her write anything at all. This is just my opinion, note. Hence, if any reintegration in FAPA, it wouldn't be for "J & A" Linard no longer, but for J. L. alone, I'm afraid. That, too, should defavorably



influence a petition for me, no? It's not that I've ever really believed that fandom altogether was more intrigued by the J&A couple because of Anic ONLY. No.. I'm not that off, I think. Yet. And yet. And but. Well.

Anyway, Anic would send regards to you all, though. This I know. She would. So please accept this, her regards, via me, okay?

And finally, accept thanks for the patience of reading this crowded mss, for your attention, intention and like that. You all. This implies all friends of the past. This includes Caughran. This involves Raeburn, and compromises Art Wilson. This designates even Elik. But I cannot write to all, to "one" as yet. Not just now. I still have a few things to organize, to reOrganize, and to try adapt best as "soundly" can to "solitude" (being not so asocial, but rather abnormally shy and overly ""proud"" and mostly getting sort of bored with the rare few people I used to see or know once around here in Vesoul). I'll write as soon as I CAN. It then, will be a good sign, mental-and-morale-ly wise, believe me. (Send fanzines, anyone, if I'm to stay out of FAPA?? Please? Haven't seen one besides FAPMgs, except from Ted White's VOID, one Curtis' and Ken Slater catalogue, in 8 months!! Never seen a FANAC since last summer either....What comes? What HAPPENS?)

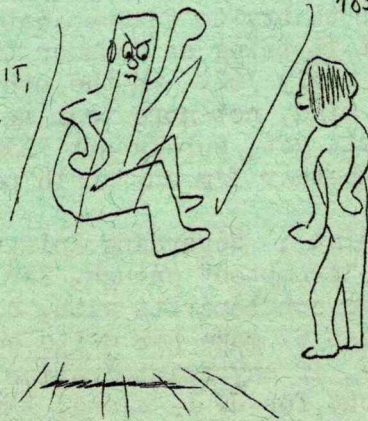
Meanwhile, thank you for writing, thanks also for any clerical mistake and if can, keep sending in MAILINGS....! That would be nice. (I could even BUY surplusses, if they consisted of abt.-complete Mailings : Is that possible? Could you tell me?)

Be light, be happy, be healthy all, and Avoid To Be Porous.

*All the best luck,*

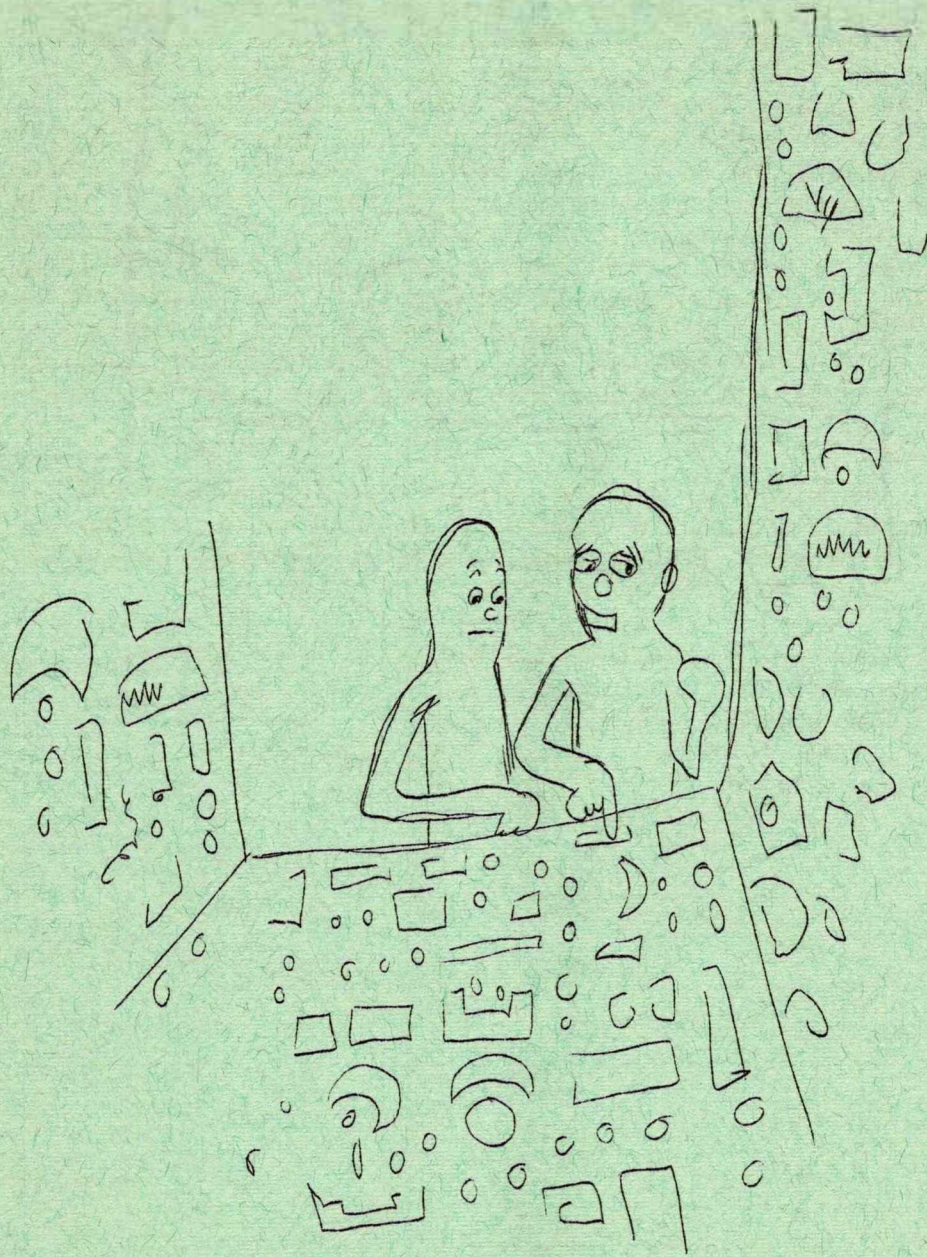
*Jeannine*

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I TELL YOU, I'LL  
LOOSE IT"

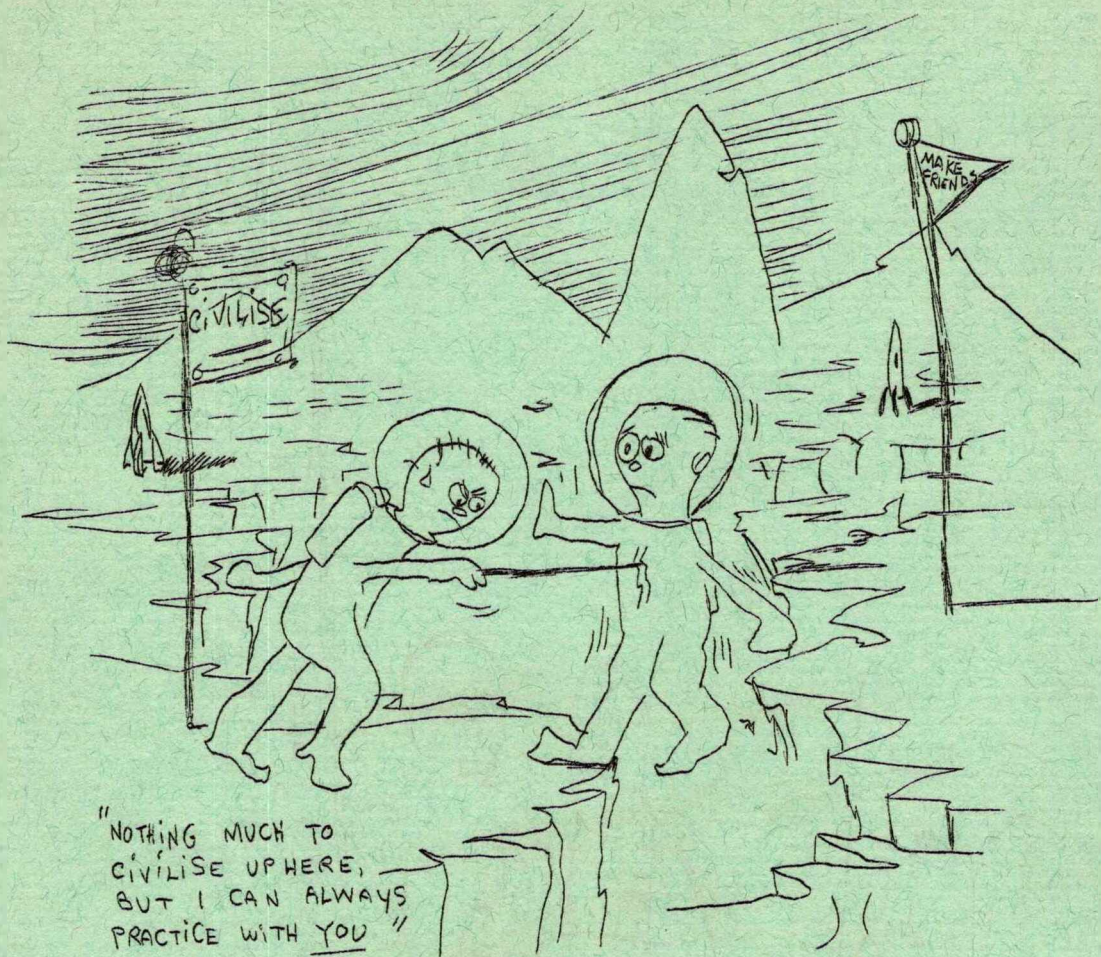


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"TO GET RAIN IT'S THIS ONE, AND TO BE RIGHT  
THAT ONE, AND TO MAKE THE OTHERS BE WRONG  
YOU PUSH THIS HERE AND -----  
----- AND TO BLOW UP THE OTHER HALF OF THE  
WORLD, THIS SWITCH ----- AS FOR THE ONE MAKING YOU  
UNDERSTANDING WHY YOU DO ANY OF THIS -----  
I NEVER KNEW WHERE IT IS EXACTLY....."



"NOTHING MUCH TO  
CIVILISE UP HERE,  
BUT I CAN ALWAYS  
PRACTICE WITH YOU"