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Big grovelling-for-TAFF-votes issue!!

FUCK THIS FOR A GAME OF SOLDIERS

There I was, before Novacon, with six manuscript pages of DOT 11 already written and plenty more to come. Fanzine reviews, they were, and the six pages were all on Stop Breaking Down 7. That's how I knew there were plenty more to come -- Tappen, Epsilon, Out of the Blue, Nabu.... Would have been the biggest DOT ever.

So what happens? Deadloss 3 happens, that's what happens. (Thank God it wasn't Tappen.) An entire fanzine devoted to reviewing fanzines. (Well, what do you expect from an author whose last novel was all about writing a novel?) Who the hell wants dozens of fanzines all about other fanzines? Come the second generation of such foolishness there'd be nothing left to write about but the fanzine reviews in the fanzines reviewed. And anyway, Deadloss 3's fanzine reviews were better than mine: better argued, more succinct, internally consistent -- What am I doing? What am I doing? Fanzine reviews were Right Out.

Of course, now that Novacon 11 has been and gone (without doing anything) I could write a conrep: Novacon 11 in DOT 11 -- an omen! Forget it; never did trust omens. There can't have been above three great conreps in history. Off-hand, I can think of none of them. Anyway, I promised Jim Barker to write a page of conrep for his fanroom at Channelcon. (A page should be just about right; I don't think above a page happened at Novacon this year.)

What else is there to write about? Awards are pretty popular these days: that is, they aren't. About TAFF I can say little. If I oppose it, I'd be a lying hypocrite, which I'm not; and if I argue for it -- "Well, he would, wouldn't he?" I'm on a hiding to nothing, arguing TAFF. Of course I'm bloody for it! "SMIFFY for TAFF" It says so at the top of the page. Interesting to note that the Nova Award has expanded itself, so that it is now nothing more than the Checkpoint/Ansible poll writ small. Same voting method, same people voting. Waste of time. Said so on my ballot form. Won't say it again.

No, nothing to write about in fandom at all. End of fanzine.