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WRITING TIPS

by Wm. D. Knapheide

The following points are information which I have picked up to date in the course of my college education, which I am passing along to those of you who may be interested in writing either professionally or for fanzines (including Seetee). The following points are primarily for prose fiction.

1. Describe with verbs as much as possible; keep adjectives reduced to a minimum.

2. Say it simply--don't use large words when small ones will do. It makes your story sound too didactic and formalized.

3. Do not begin your sentences with such words as "there was, there is, etc." Use words which are descriptive and hold the interest of the reader. For example: Green Goblins ran through the trees, entered the tunnel and climbed over the rocks.

4. To stress the obvious is to bore the reader. Detail is interesting; summary is not.

5. Edgar Allan Poe wrote in an essay that a short story should be able to be read at a single sitting. This is still true today. In addition, Poe also said that a short story should deal with a single incident.

6. Use single sentences and paragraphs for special emphasis.

7. Do not repeat the same word too often. Example: Doing this I visualised a shower of water falling from a conventional shower spout. To explain this more clearly, that is, don't use the same words too close together.

8. In describing a scene or a character, give the general characteristics first and then the more specific details.

9. Use as few clichés and flowery phrases as possible.

CURIOSITY-THE IRRESISTIBLE(Part II)

by Anna Sinclare

It was arranged for Pamela to start work within a couple of days. She packed with a feeling of expectancy, and a vow that this once she would control her curiosity.

Pamela took the 1:30 p.m. jet 'copter and arrived in Chicago that evening. After dining in the ancient Pump Room she found a dormi-club where a couple of her cliché chums stayed, and took out a six months residence card

In the center of the blue nebulae, Rollo nervously twitched the flipper he sat upon. He scratched his sky blue cranium with a navy blue fore tentacle and shifted restlessly. The blackness of space showed in spots through the nebula around him. An unheard of thing!

Was it possible that he didn't have the

control over his surroundings that he thought? Rollo dismissed the idea with haughty contempt and concentrated. The nebula swirled around him with renewed vigor. Rollo's ego quickly erased memory of the disturbance and he rapidly returned to his sublime satisfaction with himself. Was he not the center of the Universe?

For two months Pamela worked along minding her own business and everything went smoothly. Bit by bit without prompting the professor had explained that he discovered a force field, that when turned on outside of a space ship would enable any one who had to go outside to make repairs to wear only a respirator helmet. Clumsy space suits to protect the worker from the radiation and extreme cold of space would no longer be necessary. The process of controlling this force field needed only a few final touches before the Professor

would make a fortune from selling it to Spaceways, Inc.

The Pam Pat tended strictly to her required duties but the professor's machine began to occupy her mind more and more. Simulating the hull of a ship was a dias. Covering that was a heavy metal mesh of a dull bluish color. Bomell said it was made of a plutonium alloy. At the other end of the laboratory was the remote control mechanism which caused a sparkling blue fog eight feet high to emanate from the mesh when turned on.

Each time this happened a soul gnawing wonder stirred in the Pam Pat. Finally she asked, "But where does it come from?"

Bomell looked annoyed then explained, "Radiation is trapped by my secret process and its particles are changed so that they form a shield from other bombarding rays. This constant

conflict produces the phenomena apparent to us
as a blue fog. (TO BE CONCLUDED)

SOME COMMON PROZINE ABBREVIATIONS

by William D. Knapheide

AS - Amazing Stories
ASF - Astounding Science Fiction
FA - Fantastic Adventures
FFM - Famous Fantastic Mysteries
FN - Fantastic Novels
FSQ - Fantastic Story Quarterly
OW - Other Worlds
SS - Startling Stories
SSS - Super Science Stories
TWS - Thrilling Wonder Stories
WSA - Wonder Story Annual
WT - Weird Tales

ELECTION BALLOTS will be sent out with the next
issue. --W.D.K.

ATOMIC AFTERMATH

by Jack Schwab

Wind's blow the open places bleak,
A hot sun burns the withered cheek;
Gone are the petals and the flowers,
We took as a trophy of past hours.
Subdued is the growth of earth and grass,
That brought our different lives to pass.
The world is bleak, dark and cold,
The wind another layer of mould.
And rain-tossed huts go unattended,
For the lives of millions have ended.
When man's honor, sullied and marred,
Will look to forgiveness and God.
Then man will see the light of day,
And honor God in every way.

A POSTCARD COLUMN will begin next issue for you members to express yourselves in. Seetee isn't large enough for a letter column--hence postcards.

THE FANTASY BOOK SHOP is offering special discounts to members of TSF on copies of BEYOND TIME AND SPACE by Derleth(\$3.00) regular price(\$4.50); and GATHER DARKNESS by Leiber(\$2.25) regular price(2.75). Both books are in mint condition. The Fantasy Book Shop, 104 - Mountain View Drive, Dalton, Georgia is operated by Bob Farnham, one of our members, and he needs the business. Bob also has Stapledon's, A MAN DIVIDED in mint condition with d/j, price(1.50). All prices are postpaid.

For you fans who haven't heard the news yet, the Association for United Southern Fandom has been formed. The purpose is to assist fans in the southern states to get together. QUANDRY is serving as the O-O until such time as AUSF is able to put out their own publication. We wish you luck!

CITIES OF CAPTAIN FUTURE(Conclusion)

by Wm. D. Knapheide

- RAUH - Captain Future, Winter, 1941, p. 95. (Map only) Located in East central Mars in approximately latitude 10. north.
- ROK - Captain Future, Fall, 1940, p. 44. Located near Machine City apparently south of Syrtis. (This city is not listed on the map of Mars in the "Worlds of Tomorrow" section, CF, Winter, 1941, p. 95.)
- ROOTOWN - Startling Stories, Spring, 1945, p.27. & "Worlds of Tomorrow" in same issue of Startling p. 77. The Earthman city on Roo, the planet of the sun, Arkar. Located just south of the equator.
- SEA-FUK - Captain Future, Summer, 1940, pp. 85 - 86. An underwater city of Neptune located in about 20' north latitude. It is almost due west of Amphitrite.

SKY CITY - Captain Future, Summer, 1941, p. 104.
This city is located on the high
Cloud Plateau in the northern hemis-
phere of Uranus. It is northeast of
Katah.

SOLAR CITY - Captain Future, Spring, 1941, p. 45.
A Mercurian city situated in the
twilight zone just north of the
equator. It is also the capital
city of Mercury.

SOUTHTOWN - Captain Future, Winter, 1940, p. 117.
(Map Only) A Jovian City located
on the southernmost shore of the con-
tinent of South Equatoria, southeast
of Jovopolis.

Stygians, City of - Captain Future, Spring, 1940,
pp. 87, 89. A native city
on Pluto's moon, Styx.

SYRTIS - Captain Future, Winter, 1941, p. 95.

Located in the southern hemisphere of Mars just south of the equator and north of Machine City.

THOOL - Captain Future, Fall, 1942, pp. 73, 77.

The capital city of the Cold Ones.

THRUUN, City of - Captain Future, Winter, 1942, pp. 70 - 71. Capital city of the planet Thruun which is located near the birthplace of matter.

TOBOR - Captain Future, Fall, 1940, pp. 81, 83 - 84. A city of Saturn located just south of the The Mistlands in the northern hemisphere.

Uranian Cave Village - Captain Future, Summer, 1941, p. 55. Located in the caverns below the surface of Uranus.

URLU - Captain Future, Spring, 1942, p. 95. A city of the planetoid Eros.

- USMTU - Captain Future, Winter, 1941, p. 95. A Martian city located in the northern hemisphere southwest of Korak.
- VAVONA - Captain Future, Fall, 1941, p. 61. "The Lost World of Time." Capital city of Katain, the planet which broke up forming the Asteroid Belt.
- Vulcanian Village - Startling Stories, Winter, 1946, p. 81. (Map Only) "Outlaw World"--"The Worlds of Tomorrow" A city (or village) located in the hollow interior of Vulcan.
- VENUSOPOLIS - Captain Future, Fall, 1940, pp. 29, 30. "The Triumph of Captain Future" Captain Future, Winter, 1941, p. 36. "Captain Future and the Seven Space-Stones" and Captain Future, Fall, 1941, p. 105. The capital

~~City~~ of Venus. Located on the continent of Lima-land just south of the equator on the Eastern Sea of Venus.

YULOR - Captain Future. Fall, 1941, p. 105. "The Worlds of Tomorrow" A city of Venus located on the northern part of the continent of Okaland opposite the Sea-Forest. (Map Only)

Addenda:

Man-Seals, City of - Captain Future, Summer, 1943, p. 101. "The Worlds of Tomorrow" A city of Aar, a world of Deneb, located in the western part of the Black Sea.

The End

MEMBERS! Because of ye Ed's attendance at college Seetee will appear, temporarily, irregularly. -15-

CYCLE

by Ray Nelson

A man stands up
Along the sweeping curve of Time's infin-
ity,
His compass and sextant gleam in the star-
light,
His great vessel grows, stretches its arms
awakening.
Hear the deep rumble of its power waiting.

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A finger, strong, confident
Presses a tiny stud
And LOOK!
A slash of pure light
Cuts open the heavens.

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The light spreads, divides,
Shimmering and writhing as it extends itself.
The Solar System

Is lit like a huge control panel
With man's cities.
Yet even this is not enough.

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Out! Onward!
Spread the light.
The planets of Proxima are ours.
Out! Onward!
Another system lit by man's
Tiny glowing wires.
Out! Onward!
Take all--the whole Milky Way!
And even this is not enough.

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The Universe!
The universe is ours.
Ours?

Whose?

The Third Zor Dynasty's?

The Communist Universal's?

NEW MEMBERS

Alderson Fry, 4055 - 9th, N.E., Seattle 5, Wash.
(Mrs.) Marjorie Mead, 959 - South York, Denver 9,
Colorado.

David Travis, Box 1011, Clovis, New Mexico.

The Radio Man by Ralph Milne Farley is now out in pocketbook form by Avon under the title An Earthman on Venus.

The Star Kings by Edmond Hamilton has been put in pocketbook form by Signet under the title Beyond the Moon. If you missed them because of the revised titles, they are still available at your local magazine stand.

SPACE DEBRIS: News Notes and Comments
The Cincinnati Club's Halloween Party

--Nancy Moore, Reporter

The party turned out to be a very successful affair, though none of us have quite recovered yet. It was held last night, October 28, at my home, and present were Lou Tabakow, Matt Rebolz, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tanner, Betty Sullivan, Duke Henslee, Mr. and Mrs. William Eggert, Arthur Tanner, Pat Mahaffey and your reporter from the local group. Attending from out of town were Frank Dietz from New York and George Earley and Joe Martino from Miami University. I dressed as a cave girl in pieces of an old fur coat, Betty Sullivan came as a Spanish princess, Joe Martino as Captain Future (in red velvet cape) and Charlie Tanner as Mr. Garfinkle. Other costumes included a gypsy, a cowboy, a pirate, and others just wore face masks. Our house is still strung with orange

-black crepe paper and cardboard skeletons, corn shocks and carved pumpkins. The party broke up about 4:00 A.M. Sunday morning, and the guests filed out with "scotch-and-soda" grins on their faces. Everyone seems to have had a wonderful time, but I had better wait until the hangovers wear off to ask them.

Fantasia

--Anna Sinclare

This fine movie, Fantasia, was a pioneer in a modern world art form. Completely apart from the sensational orchestration and fantasy settings in the inimitable Walt Disney style, there is the sequence showing the primal stages of evolution on earth. The film is a re-issue.

Bay Area News

--William D. Knapheide

Last November the Golden Gate Futur-

ian Society voted to disband (to use the official terminology) They reformed, however, as the Futurians. The Futurians, together with the Westerncon Committee are continuing to prepare for the annual regional convention. According to present plans, Dianetics will not be an official part of program (Praise be to Allah.).

Renascence is no longer the official voice of the San Francisco club. Western Star is to serve that purpose. It is this writer's understanding that one of the local fans is going to publish Renascence.

A club of junior fans also exists here in San Francisco. This club is for the younger members who are in their teens yet. It is called the Short Circuits.

On January 5, elections in The Futurians were held. Mel Brown is now the presiding officer.

For West Coast fans, 2,000 Plus is back (or at least relocated) on the air. Bay Area fans can hear it at 8:30p.m., Tuesday over KFRC, Mutual Broadcasting System, 610 kc. Tarzan is now on the air, also over KFRC, 8:00p.m., Thursday. The Mysterious Traveler, for those who may have overlooked it, occasionally gives a science fiction play as well as fantasy; KFRC, Tuesday, 7:00p.m.

Quandry is acting as the official publication of the Southern Fantasy Association (Please note correction from p. 10.)

Fanvariety, a highly fascinating fanzine, is published by W. Max Keasler, 420 - South 11th St., Poplar Bluff, Missouri. It is a fanzine of comedy and humor quite different from the material in the usual run of fan-mags. Recommended reading. Price 10¢.

Eusifanso, January, 1951, the publi-

cation of the Eugene Science-Fantasy Artisans (note change in name of this club) is out. It is printed in professional style and is really superb--in fact it almost equals Seetee and is not far behind Orb. The article covering the better pro-zines in the field is exceptionally recommended. from Eugene Science-Fantasy Artisans, 146 - E. 12th, Eugene, Oregon. Price 10¢

EDITORIAL COMMENT by Wm. D. Knapheide

Any club to be a success must have the cooperation of its members. No club can long remain in existence without this cooperation. The position of the officers of any club is to carry on and conduct the affairs of the club. But the members are the club! Where do the officers come from? From the rank and file of membership--from among you! Where is

all this leading? Our acting librarian and our acting secretary-treasurer and our welcome have resigned. New appointments are being made to "hold the fort" until elections--which is where the catch comes. These officers were going to run for office as well and their resignation includes withdrawel as an elective candidate. Three possibilities present themselves: (1) You the members must volunteer for the various offices--and stick with it till your term is up "oome h--- or high water; (2) Operate the club under a one or two man directorate--similar to the manner in which the Spectator Amateur Press Society is run. This would mean, as with the SAPS, only one or two officers in the club with election of this officer or officers each year and will be, in effect, a limited dictatorship; (3) Dissolution of the club. This would not mean necessarily the cessation of the publication of

Seetee, since it would continue as an independent fanzine. Your editor is in favor of second alternative if the first one can not be met. However, let's hear from you the membership on this matter. Either contact our corresponding secretary, Miss Nancy Moore or send your views to the fan-card column care of myself. The card column is to serve as the letter column of Seetee--with postcards instead of letters, however. All postcards for the column should be sent to myself. Refer to the inside back cover for my address.

NEW POCKETBOOK

Perelandra, the sequel to Out of the Silent Planet, is out. Avon is the publisher. This is not a fast action novel and is not recommended for those who like swiftly moving action in their novels.

Seetee needs more material for the next issue. Neither a fanzine nor any other publication can publish without something to print, therefore, members, let's have your gems of literary merit now. After all, you'll never rank with Shakespeare, Heinlein, Merritt, Lovecraft or van Vogt if nobody ever reads your sparkling diamonds of literature.

STAR ROVER

Star Rover is a fanzine I almost overlooked put out by one of our members, Roger N. Dard, 232 - James Street, Perth, Western Australia. Price 10¢. A neatly printed little fanzine. This reporter found the article entitled, "Future Science and Criminology" very interesting. However, the other features are also good.

For those who don't care to strain their eyes trying to read the inside back cover, everything thereon is printed on the reverse side of this sheet. --W.D.K.

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copy is 10¢.

In answer to inquires as to Seetee's name, the
idea came from Seetee Shock by Will Stewart.
"Seetee" is contraterrene or negative matter, i.
e., matter opposed to our own, positive matter.
Negative matter can be called "inside out matter"
in view of its relation to our own "right side"
or positive matter.

--W.D.K.

Our front cover this issue is by Ray Nelson.