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SERCON-NAVIGATION is brought to you by Tom Springer, who receives his mail at 3073 Conquista Ct. Las Vegas, NV 89121. He's only just realized how difficult it is to pub every month, which explains why **Brodie** is so delinquent and why **SERCON-NAVIGATION** doesn't appear regularly. Maybe someday I'll get the hang of it.

First, I had imagined a little fortune-teller tale involving a Madam something-or-other with one eyebrow and a less than full mustache. I had envisioned a dark carnival like atmosphere, a brooding ball of fortune-telling crystal, and several Epiphanies revolving around Vegas Fandom and Corflu '95. Instead of relying on the cliché gypsy with questionable ancestry and a cracked ball I've decided to take the slippery reins of Vegrant prognostication into my own very capably callous hands.

Of late, I've learned that there's really nothing to it. Accuracy isn't the key. Volume isn't the key. Catering to personal vanities and secrets; that's the key! But as I've already said, "Out with the old, and in with the new!" There's not going to be any safe gypsy double speak here. No vagaries, generalities, or congratulatory preening. Just sound, fact based, unbiased predictions here folks! No flim-flam, and no babbling.

Tom's Predictions for 1995

Prediction #1: Corflu Vegas will be a resounding success that will be talked about for years to come! Fanzines will speak glowingly and with great love concerning the Vegrants and Vegas Fen in general. Nameless Little Fans will find it a growing experience of epic proportions and become more than the little scribblers with grubby hands who worship at the knees of our local BNFs. If properly conversant and with tolerable listening skills a base working knowledge of the legendary mimeographs of old may be attained, and perhaps a little egoboo for hosting such a wonderful Con.

Prediction #2: Furry Fandom, though ignored with great fervor and consternation, will enjoy Corflu '95 regardless of possible and likely sabotages and verbal backstabbing. Of which I will have absolutely nothing to do with.

Prediction #3: Venturesome expeditions to Laser Tag, Miniature Golf, or Virtual World will not be attended by Arnie.

Prediction #4: Vegas Fandom will be rocked to its foundations in '95 by the holy words of matrimony, willingly spoken by at least three sets of Vegas Fans. To you poor slobs I raise my cup! May your unions be lasting and filled with joy and success.

Prediction #5: I predict that question number seven of the Fannish Feud Survey in the December issue of **Pry** will reflect a dazzling genius and imagination in the justification of everyone's inherent laziness. Doubtless Andy Hooper will have trouble putting pen to this question.

Prediction #6: JoHn Hardin will pub his ish of **Rant** before 1996.

Prediction #7: Tom Springer will pub his next ish of **Brodie** before JoHn reaches the stapling stage.

Prediction #8: Bill Kunkel, drunk with success will sink his life savings into some new unheard of publishing company hoping to win a place as the majority stockholder. From this rickety beginning Bill will marshal his forces and begin his Jihad against Del Ray, Doubleday, Ace, Avon and other publishing companies this prognosticator is unfamiliar with. Building a publishing empire to crush and belittle his foes Bill will eventually create a monopoly that will run ruffshod over his puny competition for years to come. Bill will also remember his friends and acquaintances during the holidays, supplying them with tickets to Fiji and plenty of good cheer.

Prediction #9: Arnie will continue to do what he does best, and for that, we'll all be thankful.

Prediction #10: Not only will the wondrous **Spindizzy** be received with smiles of greedy anticipation in '95, Joyce will also take another soul into her home. Probably one of the feline variety.

Prediction #11: Marcy Waldie will become a published author in demand. Soon she will be commanding a signing bonus of significant weight and advances that will provide her with new wheels, a valet, and a lifetime supply of German potato salad.

Prediction #12: Ken Forman, otherwise known as the Mainspring will remain saddled with this monicker but will have earned another at Corflu '95. He

will be lucky enough to avoid any shrimp references though it really falls upon the shoulders of those who make a hobby of immortalizing suspecting fans.

Prediction #13: Arnie's Silvercon '94 report will weight more than fourteen ounces.

And with these last few words I must covertly switch my crystal ball off and wish to all my friends here at Arnie's, Vegas Fandom, a hearty "Happy New Year!". If 1994 is any indication of how good 1995 will be we should all take a deep breath in preparation for a wonderful year to come here in Vegas Fandom! Again, "Happy New Year!"