

MAYHEM MYNHOUSE



MAYHEM ANNEX #35 (NP66:3), from Felice Rolfe,
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Once again drafted on stencil. Let's hope it
doesn't become a habit.

THE MADHOUSE OF MOUNTAIN VIEW

I thought fans were pretty bad about assigning names to their possessions or residences. But since I've been at Sylvania, -- better known by the above title -- I've overheard references to the Tank, the Treehouse, and the Sandbox; my desk is in the Loft. Then there are the names on the doors: John What (pronounce it. See?), Roy Caballero, and -- so help me -- King Lear.

BATMAN AND OTHER INTELLECTUAL PASTIMES

Fred Patten, you were wondering whether anyone who's outgrown comics would like the new TV series. Here's a partial answer; Joe and I, who haven't looked at a comic book in 15 years or more (except maybe to see what the kids are reading), think "Batman" is one of the funniest shows we've seen since...well, since UNCLE ... I dunno if it's "camp" or not, but we are thoroughly hooked on it at the moment. I can see how the two-level humor might pall, if the writers can't stay up (or down, depending) to the first show. But at least for the moment, here are two non-comics fans who like it. (The kids, by the way, think the show is funny in exactly the same way we do...so as far as this family is concerned, it's only the top-level humor that's coming through.)

Incidentally, there is a "Superman" show on up here. I'm not sure if it's a rerun of the old ones (the ones with the Superman who committed suicide), or if it's a remake. I rather think it's the former. 'Taint a bit funny.

HOW TO GET CAUGHT UP IN ONE EASY LESSON

I just spent three days at home with a strep throat, and it seemed like a fine time to get to the bottom of my pile of unacknowledged fanzines. So I tackled them, taking notes dutifully as I read...and even though I read every word, at the end of three days I had about four sentences of comment -- the kind of comment you'd expect from somebody who felt lousy. So, as I'm not applying for the title of Resident Bitch of Palo Alto, I did the only humane thing; stuffed them all into the attic and tore up my notes. I'll go so far as to mention in the next NIEKAS the ones I enjoyed most. In the meantime, now that my guilt sense has been effectively shut up in the attic with the fanzines, I hope to be able to keep up with future input. ...Those OMPA people do put out some nice stuff, don't they?

REQUEST

Would anyone who has access to a Latin teacher find out for me the original of the quotation, "Must all things be done by Caesar?" (From the Gallic Wars, I think.) Joe -- who assures me he's not at all bitter -- wants to post it over his desk.

Cheer-0 -- Stay wicked.

