A SELECTION OF 
FICTIONAL NARRATIVES 
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Dear Reader,

I'd like to begin this preface by thanking you for buying this 'zine. When you plunked those precious shekels down you gave this 'zine an added reason for existing. I sincerely hope you will not be disappointed.

I'd also like to thank a great editor and homo-sapien, Gary Groth, for making this 'zine happen. It was his brainstorm that started the ball rolling and this is the end result.

This was a work of love despite the deadline that put me to no end of frustration and anxiety. Because of this I felt that I, like any author of any book, must find someone or something to dedicate it. The names of artists, illustrators, writers, and editors ran through my mind (small as it may be.) The list was endless and I knew I'd never fit all the names on a single page. The problem was finally solved and the resolution is on the last page of this 'zine.

Enjoy! Enjoy!

Peace and Sincerity,

Dennis Fujitake

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CYCLE OF LIGHT, IN THE FIFTH IG RAD AT THE RIM OF THE FORBIDDEN ZONE!

CROT, MUTIES!

BROTHERS, FOOD!
KACHUNK

BUNDOLO, BUNDOLO!

CRAMMIT! MORE FOOD!

ANOTHER INFECTED SNOT!

BUN...

YAAAAAAAA
SWEAT, THANKS! W'YOU?

SOLO WARRIOR SKUT!

WHAT SEEK YOU?

THE PEARL WITHOUT PRICE! Y'COME?

PUZ, YES!

WE SPEND A DARK CYCLE THERE!
THE DARK CYCLE PASSES WITHOUT SLEEP...

YAAAWN!

SKUT, GAZE!

AH! CONTAMINATED SNOTS FROM THE RIM! FOOD!

CROT!
A CHANGLING!
HOLD! PERHAPS A DEAL?

SWEAT, NO!

SAFE?

SCAN THAT, BAUD?

PUZ! A GNOME!
TO THE PIT A SACRIFICE! HELOS WALL SHIMMERS CLEAR, TREASURE, TREASURE VERY NEAR!

TO THE PIT A SACRIFICE, SOMEONE WHOM YOU LOVE SO DEAR! FOR THE PRECIous PEARL INFERRED HERE!

SACRIFICE?

SACRED SWEAT! AN ABYSMAL PIT!

HEE, HEE! YOU DIE... URK... GURGLE!

THE CAVE OF DIP! HEREin LIES THE FABLED PEARL...
... WITHOUT PRICE! ZOT!
TIME: THE DISTANT FUTURE.
SITUATION: THE FINAL WORLD
CONFLICT HAS REDUCED THE
EARTH'S POPULATION TO A MERE
THREE! TWO MEN AND ONE
WOMAN!
CONSEQUENCE: OBVIOUS!
WHERE IS HE?
WHERE?

SUDDENLY...

STOP IT! BOTH OF YOU! CAN'T YOU SEE THE IDIOCY OF THIS?

YOU UP THERE! COME DOWN HERE! YOUR KILLING ONE ANOTHER WILL END ANY REVIVAL OF AN INTELLIGENT CIVILIZATION!

I KNOW NEITHER OF YOU WANT TO SHARE ME, BUT WE CAN SETTLE IT IN A MORE CIVILIZED MANNER!

MY MATE WILL PRESENT THE MORE LOGICAL AND OBJECTIVE REASONS FOR MATING! AGREED?

AGREED!
THUS...
I, DAVID QUANTOR, AM AN HONORABLE MAN OF PURE TERRAN STOCK! I HAVE BEEN SHIELDED FROM ANY RESIDUAL RADIATION! FINALLY, I CAN GIVE YOU LOVE!

I, # 7, AM AN ANDROID, CAT. 5-A! MY LIFE SPAN IS EQUAL TO THE EXISTING SUPPLY OF REPLACABLE PARTS! BIOCHEMISTS SCHOOLED IN EUGENICS...

...FITTED ME WITH APPROPRIATE SEXUAL APPARATUS AND SELECTIVE GENES!

THAT'S DISGUSTING!

I'M SORRY, DAVE! HE IS THE BETTER CHOICE!

CRUSHED, QUANTOR SILENTLY SHAMBLED INTO THE GLOOM SHROUDED DARK OF AN ALLEY...

...DREW HIS GUN AND...

CRACK

HE KILLED HIMSELF! I DIDN'T THINK HE'D DO THAT!

FORGET HIM! I'M THE BETTER MAN! YES... MAN! MY REAL NAME IS STEVE TARR! HE WAS A WEAK FOOL! A REAL MAN WOULDN'T HAVE FALLEN FOR SUCH A RUSE! C'HERE, BABY!
A BETTER CHOICE WOULDN'T HAVE FALLEN FOR MY RUSE!

YOU!

WOULD YOU WANT THIS DISHONORABLE LOUSE TO FATHER YOUR CHILDREN?

NO!

THEN I PRONOUNCE YOU, STEVE TARR, OF BEING GUILTY OF DISHONOR! THE VERDICT IS DEATH!

WAIT! LET'S MAKE A DE...

POW POW POW

DAVE?

YES?

TARR WAS RIGHT ABOUT THE ADVANCEMENT OF ANDROIDS TO ACTUAL MATINGS WITH HUMANS! HE DIDN'T KNOW THAT I WAS THE ONE WHO INVENTED THEM! IF IT MATTERS... I AM HUMAN? WHY?

GOOD! BECAUSE IF IT MATTERS, I'M NOT! YOU CAN CALL ME #13!

THE END
THIS WAS DEDICATED TO ALL OF YOU!

Aloha!