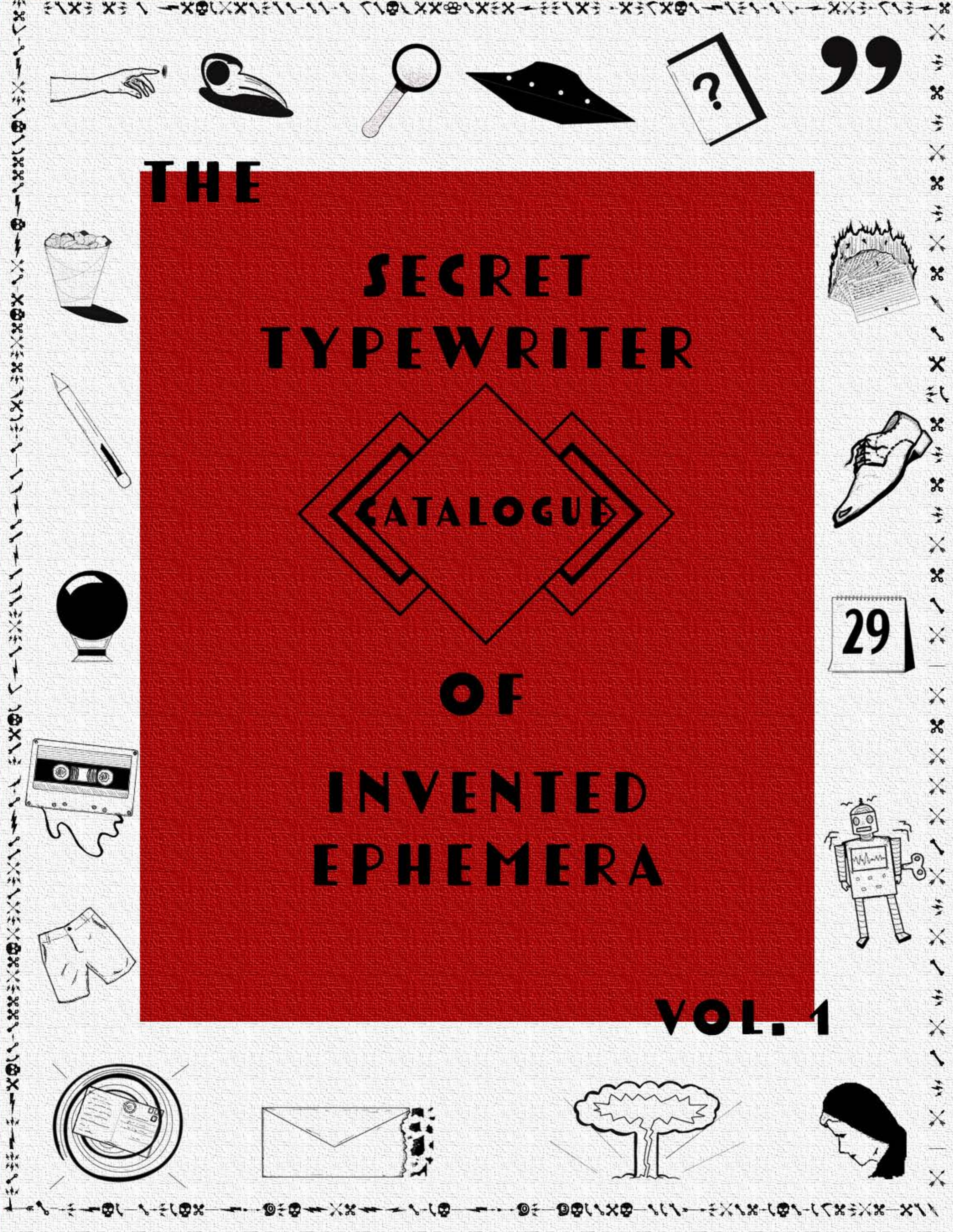
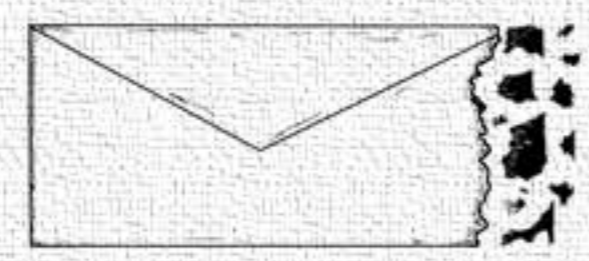
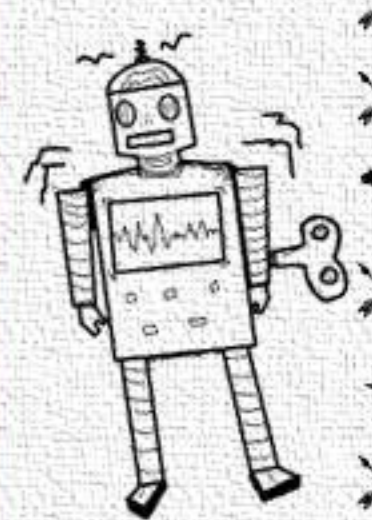


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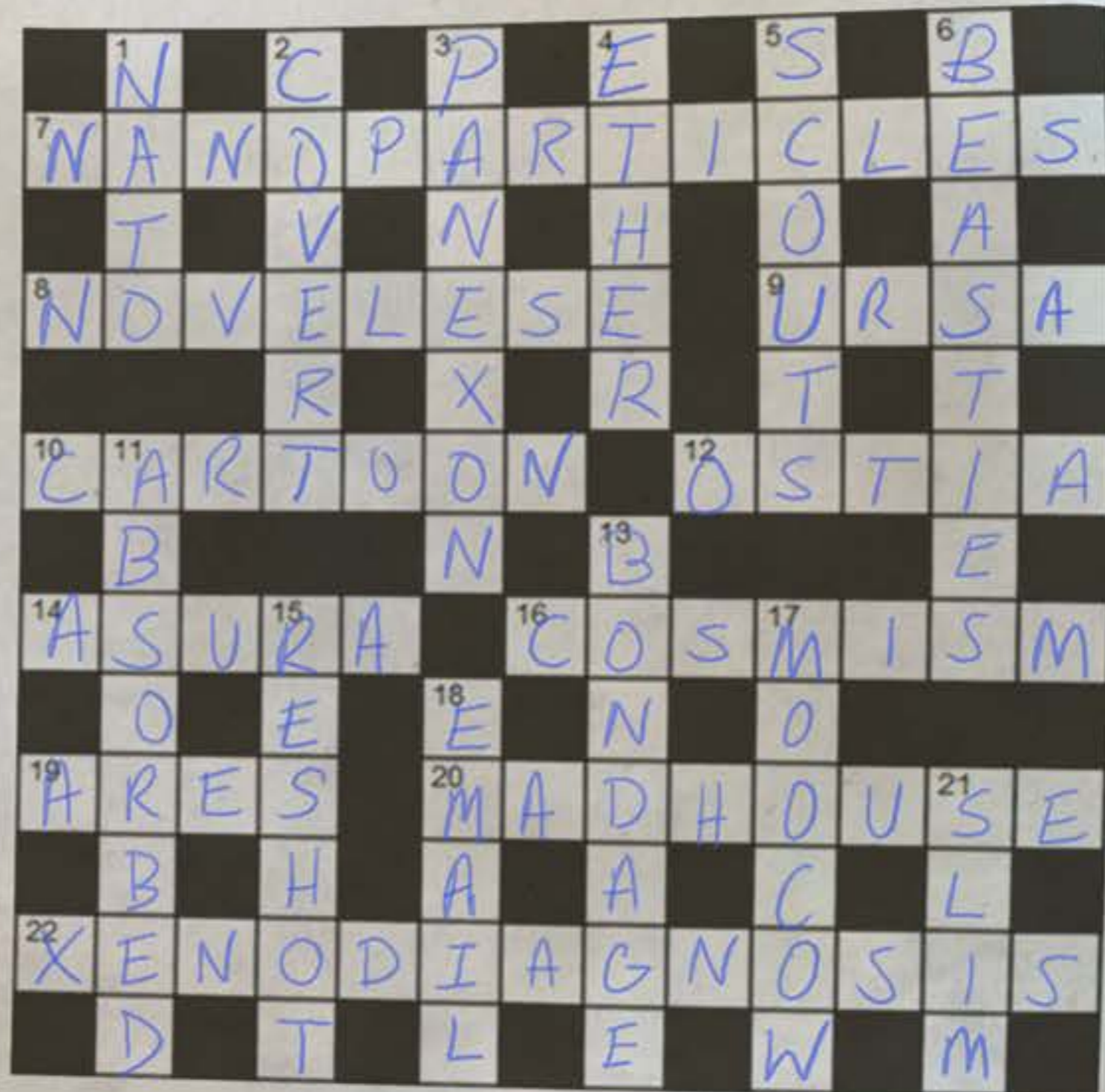
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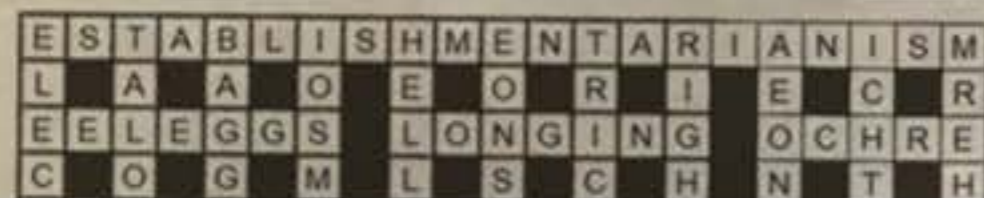
- 7 Forcibly injected into the brain stem of humans during most recent Singularity War
- 8 Official language of the Tolkienist cult
- 9 ___ Major – constellation from which Antaran attack force appears to emanate
- 10 Used by Cacodemonic Council to indoctrinate children in the 1970s
- 12 Roman port city and site of WW3 peace accord
- 14 Buddhist deities; also name of first-discovered conscious planet
- 16 Emerging religion, now 3rd most popular worldwide
- 19 Vessel that carried doomed astronauts to Mars
- 20 Headline description of Earth by Antaran envoy
- 22 Medical procedure used since 1970 to diagnose "brain suckers"

DOWN

- 1 Allied defense force disbanded following global union of 2002
- 2 President Nixon: "The rescue mission to Mars must remain a ___ operation"
- 3 Destroyed mining vessel that triggered Asteroid Belt riots in 2000
- 4 Luminiferous substance upon which psychic transmissions flow through space
- 5 AI patrol drones who lack authority to kill
- 6 Slang for carnivorous slugs found beneath lunar crust
- 11 Human beings that join the All-Mind are said to be this
- 13 Antaran leader to human delegation: "I will not rest until I see all humans in ___"
- 15 Russians did this to faked moon landing footage in 1976
- 17 Slang term for black and white tanks during Antarctic Confrontation of 2001
- 18 Global standard of communication prior to psychic projection
- 21 Dr. Sullivan on chances of Earth avoiding a collision with comet Nuncio-4: "___ to none"



ANSWER TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE



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SUNDAY CROSSWORD FROM THE CINCINNATI ASSAYER

A clipped section of the February 9th, 2003 edition of *The Cincinnati Assayer*, highlighting the Sunday crossword puzzle for that date.

This clipping was donated anonymously to the Secret Typewriter offices, accompanied by the following short note: "Found in mom's attic while cleaning out her things. Thought you'd get a kick. The rest of the paper I have burnt. If you had read it, you'd understand why."

There is no record of a newspaper in Cincinnati called the Assayer in the author's timeline. The crossword's clues and answers seem to suggest an alternate history at least somewhat adjacent to our own.

Following page: Classifieds page from the May 1981 issue of *Star Quest Magazine*. With numerous mentions of the alien race known as the Antarans, it would appear to originate from the same -- or a similar -- timeline as several other items in this volume, many of which reference these beings.

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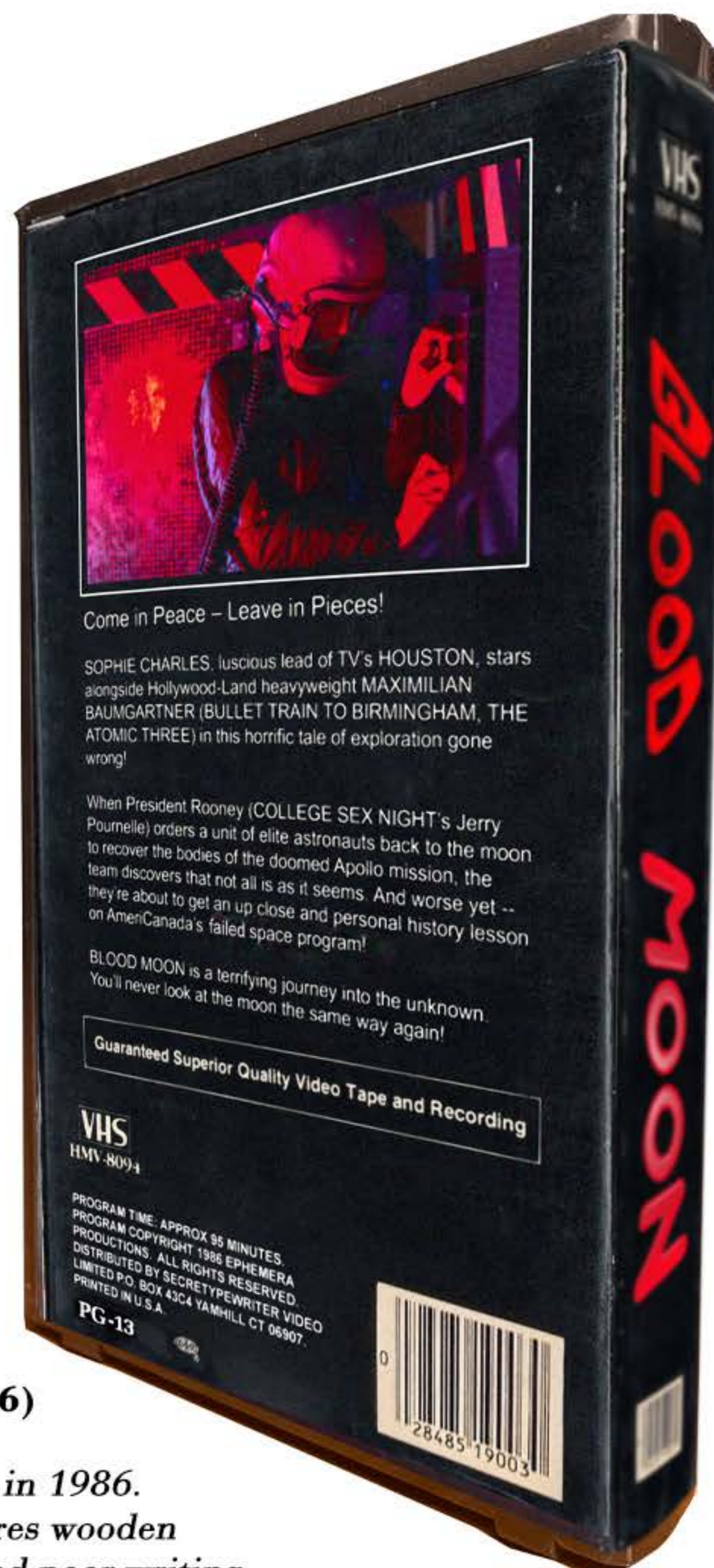
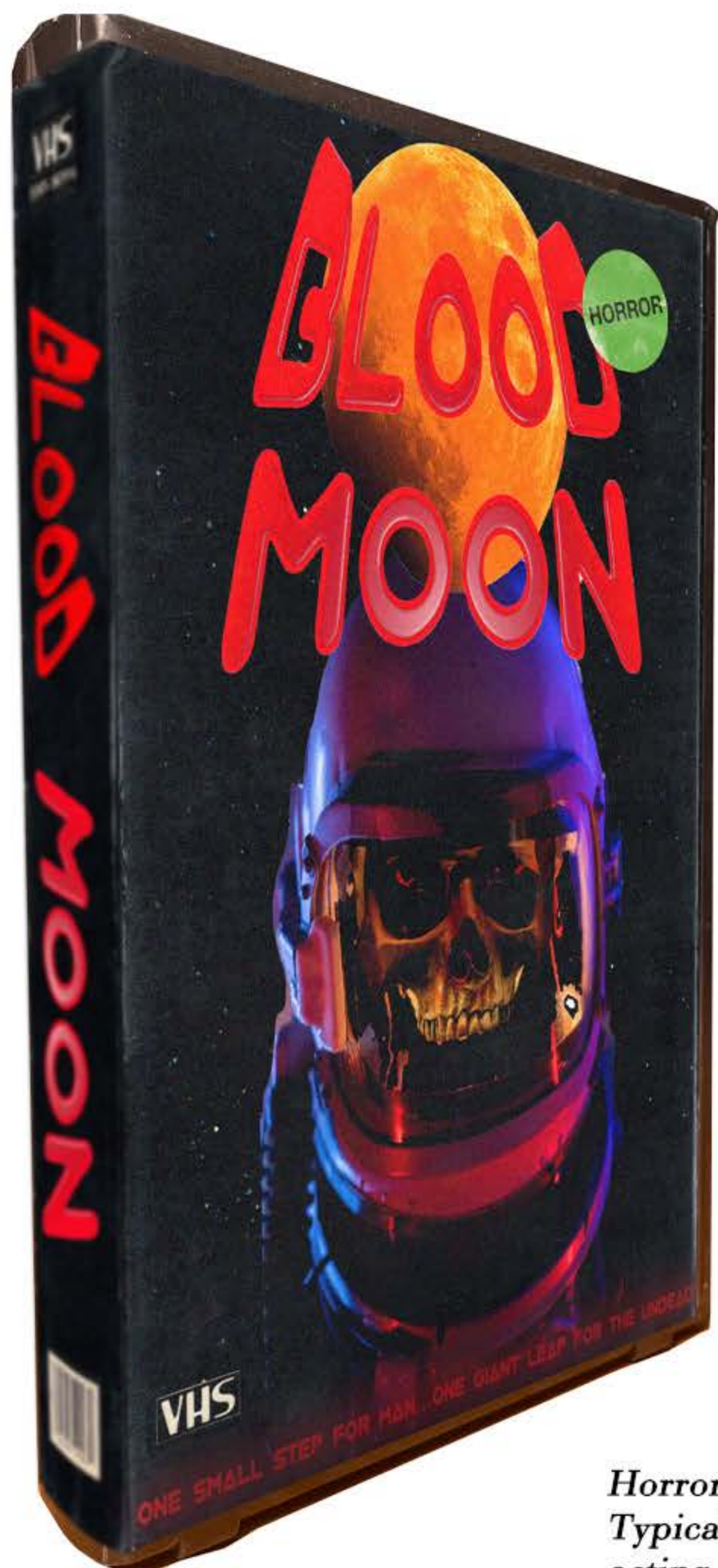
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**NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENT
FOR "THE CORINTHIAN"
PISTOL (1900)**

An early advertisement for "The Corinthian."

Altai Firearms took its name from the mountain range in Asia, the site of humanity's first encounter with the phase demons (at Lake Kucherla).

Of interest is the fact that Altai Firearms was founded in 1880, and first contact did not occur until 1883.



BLOOD MOON VHS (1986)

Horror film released on home video in 1986. Typical of films of its genre, it features wooden acting, low-budget special effects, and poor writing.

It's plot seems to hint at authentic events that took place in the world of its making, including several references to a "failed" Apollo moon landing.



DID YOU KNOW?

Secret Typewriter Video was founded in late 2023, with the intent of distributing video ephemera collected from alternate timelines.

Though many of the found and donated films are rendered unplayable due to technological incompatibility or the meddling of formless demons, several short films have been released, with more planned for the future.

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Twenty years gone, but I can still say "Cheese!"

Camera photograph taken on a LandCo Sight Camera. Actual spirits may appear different.



Genuine Phantas-matic System



JOURNEYS INTO THE FANTASTIC MAGAZINE (1979)

Cover of October 1979 issue of Journeys Into the Fantastic Magazine, a monthly Science Fiction/Fantasy periodical which ran from 1952 to 1993.

Journeys had the interesting distinction of being a Science Fiction magazine in a timeline where reality often outrivalled even its contributors imaginations, as calamitous first contact with the Antaran civilization sent this universe into a nightmare spiral of war and fascist rule, as evidenced by the rise of the North American Hegemony (N.A.H.).

A portion of the magazine has come down to us intact, and can be read here.

Opposite Page: Advertisement for the **PHANTASMATIC INSTANT ASTRAL CAMERA** (1987). Produced by the LandCo company, the so-called “Phantasmatic” instant astral camera brought photographing the dead into the modern age. Wildly popular, it was discontinued in 1995 after the body of Gerald Land, founder and CEO of LandCo, was discovered floating some fifteen feet in the air near Joshua Tree, California. When pulled down by authorities, his corpse burst into a conflagration so intense that it took nearly two weeks to extinguish.



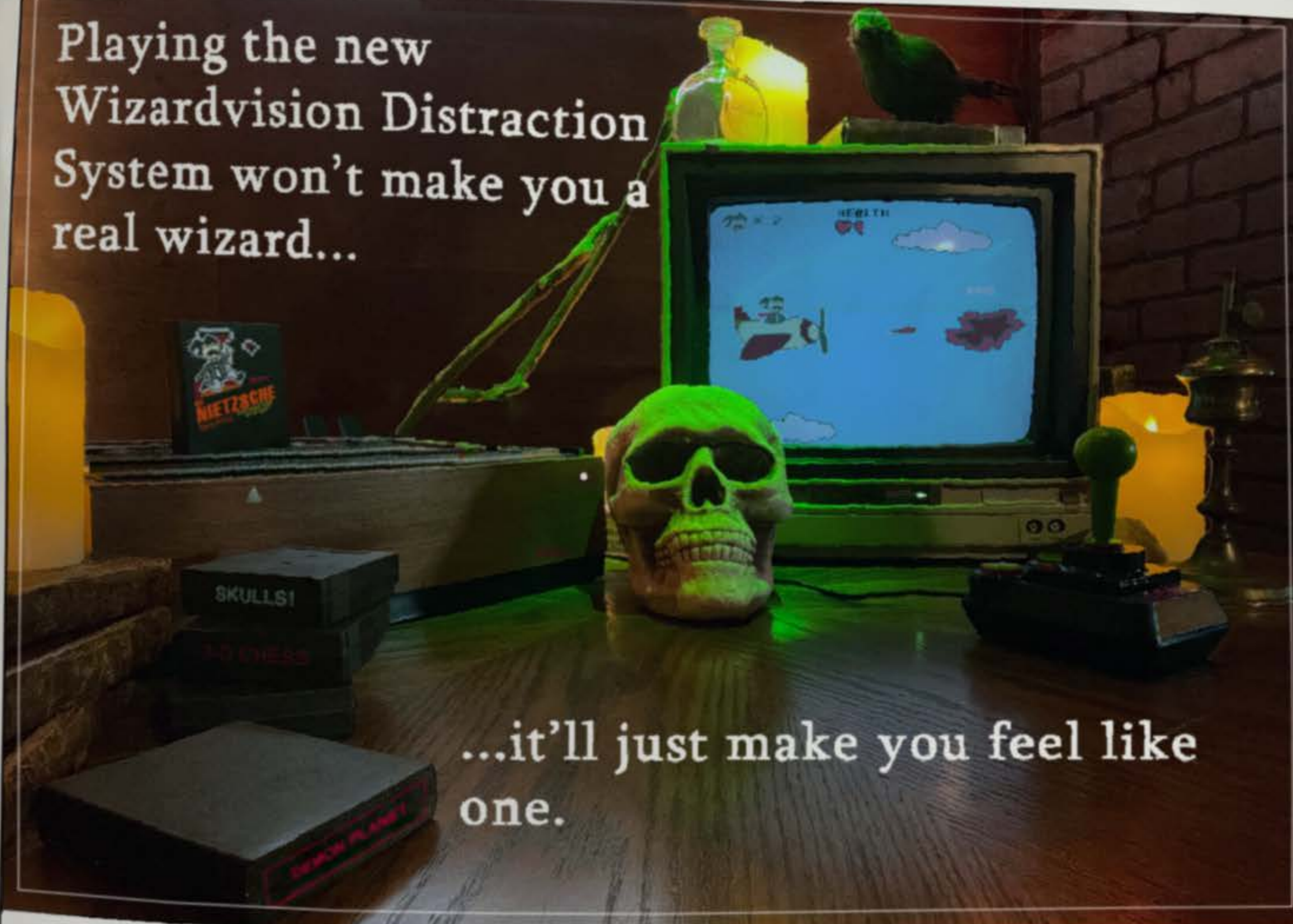
KID NIETZSCHE VIDEO GAME (1987)

An early title for the WizardVision Distraction System, Kid Nietzsche was part of WizardVision’s “philosopher series” of video games – an effort at “edutainment” that was deeply unsuccessful.

Due to its lack of popularity (and WizardVision’s later legal troubles) only 500 copies of Kid Nietzsche are believed to remain in existence.

Following Page: Full page advertisement for the WizardVision Distraction System, from the November 1989 issue of Rabid Gamer Magazine. The WizardVision Distraction System enjoyed brief success from its launch in 1985 until it was pulled from the market in 1992. Although only partial reports from this timeline are available, it seems apparent that the system was purposely designed as a nefarious means of opening portals to dark realms. After several children were lost to these portals, popular outrage caused governments to ban the system in 1992, and order all games and consoles destroyed.

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one.

PREPARE TO BE SPELLBOUND...

A dark forest. In the distance, a towering stone castle. You give your party the signal to hold. You slowly unsheathe your blade, it's cockatrice-tooth steel glistening in the light of the twin moons high above.

But hark! What's this? You've been spotted by a band of death-biters?!

As one of the fearsome beasts lunges upon you, sinking its razor-sharp fangs into your arm, a member of your party cries out: "Johnny, time for dinner!"

It's mom.

You grab your arm. The blood that had been pouring forth a few seconds ago is no more. You're home again, playing Journey to Midnight Castle® on your new Wizardvision™ home console.

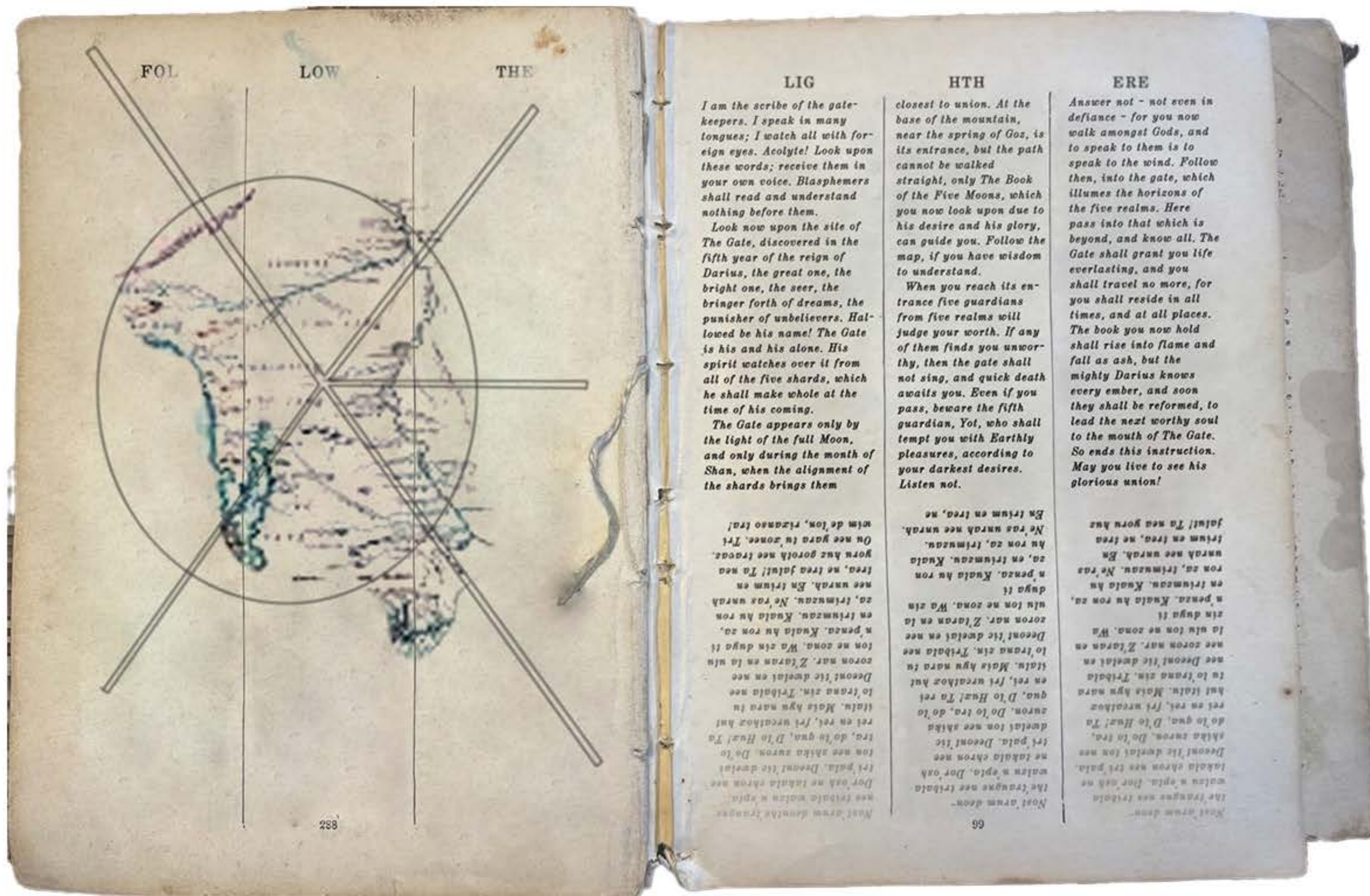
It was all just a reverie. But was it? Your Wizardvision console surely contains no demonic powers, capable of transporting you to mysterious realms beyond all human comprehension, right?

The only way to find out is to play.



For more information, write: Wizardvision Corp, 1243 Eastview Drive, Thompson ID 90291. Or phone: 888-555-1283. Dealer inquires invited. Wizardvision is not responsible for any portals opened to demon realms.





THE BOOK OF THE FIVE MOONS

A quasi-mystical work of unknown provenance, acquired by Secret Typewriter in mid-2024.

Upon first inspection, The Book of the Five Moons appears to be a relatively ordinary English - French dictionary dating from the late 19th or early 20th century. However, when the pages are viewed in the light of a full moon, the words vanish, revealing the text above.

The previous owner of the book, Professor Evelyn Tran of Murkville University in New York, believed it to be a genuine artifact of a “distinct but closely intertwined” reality separate from our own, a position which earned her overwhelming ridicule from her colleagues.

Still, some continue to find the text and accompanying map (whose location has never been reliably identified) provocative, and the mystery only deepened in late 2024, when Dr. Tran disappeared under mysterious circumstances.

See the transformation in action here.

DID YOU KNOW?

Professor Evelyn Tran was the first person known to have studied *The Book of the Five Moons* in detail, and was regarded as the foremost expert on the work. She vanished sometime during the final week of October, 2024.

An eyewitness reported having seen a woman matching Tran’s description on the night of October 28th, walking along a rural section of route 14, outside of Murkville, NY.



The Only "GOOD" Antaran:



On a hot day in August, near Monroe, West Virginia, Lieutenant Andre "steel-toe" Alcazar's unit was outgunned, outnumbered, and overrun. Three Antaran death squads were pressing down, intent on seizing the southern district fusion plant, a vital source of energy for much of the southeastern seaboard. With reinforcements pinned down by a sneak horn-head attack fifty miles north, Alcazar and his soldiers were on their own.

"On me!" Alcazar cried to his unit of brave comrades. Clutching his phase-rifle, he rushed across an open swath of asphalt and took cover behind a flaming personnel carrier. He fired into the filthy invaders with machine-like precision, carving up an entire death squad single-handed. Phase bullet after phase bullet ripped through skulls and armor – no horn-head was slinking away from this fight.

Following his heroic lead, Alcazar's ten-man unit joined in, sending the remaining death squads fleeing back into phase-space.

"I'll keep fighting the horn-heads," says Alcazar, "but I can't do it alone. Even if you can't join me on the front lines, you can do your part by reporting traitors and sympathizers, and by joining your local Neighborhood Execution Team. Together we're strong. Together we'll win."

*The choice is simple: Freedom? Or death?
Report traitors! Execute Antarans on sight! Defend the homefront!*



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TIGER ELECTRONICS IKIRU HANDHELD GAME (1993)

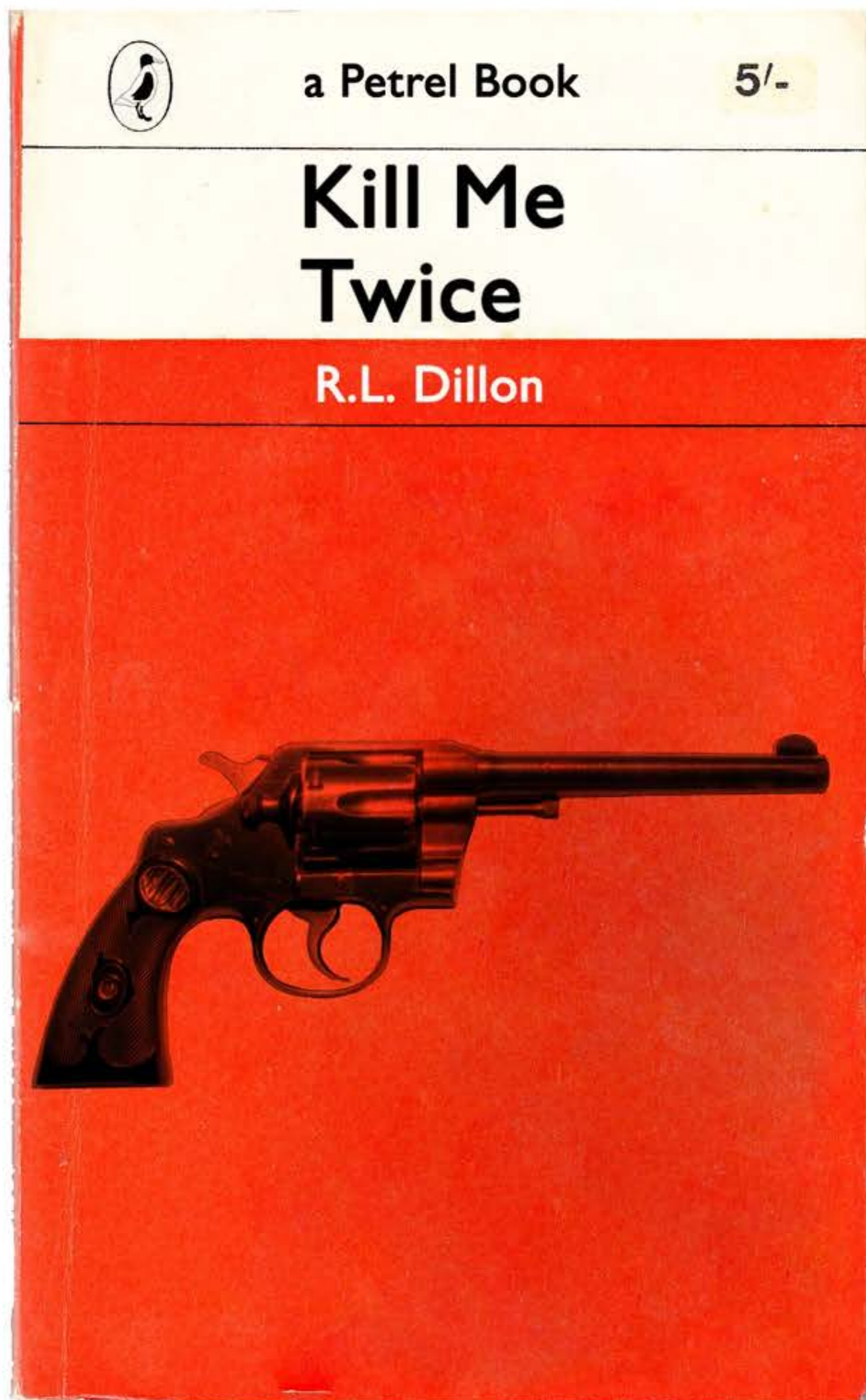
Handheld game based on the classic film Ikiru, by acclaimed filmmaker Akira Kurosawa.

Originally intended to be the first in a series of games based around Kurosawa's oeuvre, Ikiru sold only 3,000 units upon release, and the later planned games were cancelled.

See gameplay here.

Opposite page: *A propaganda advertisement for the North American Hegemony, Boy Soldier Magazine (1971).*

This full page propaganda piece ran frequently in periodicals targeted at boys and young men, and not-so-subtly extolled the virtues of war, here against an alien race called the Antarans.



KILL ME TWICE - R.L. DILLON (Paperback ed., Petrel Books, 1977)

Debut novel by Ronald Lawrence Dillon, reclusive author of "hard-boiled" crime fiction whose work evoked Raymond Chandler, an author who never existed in his timeline.

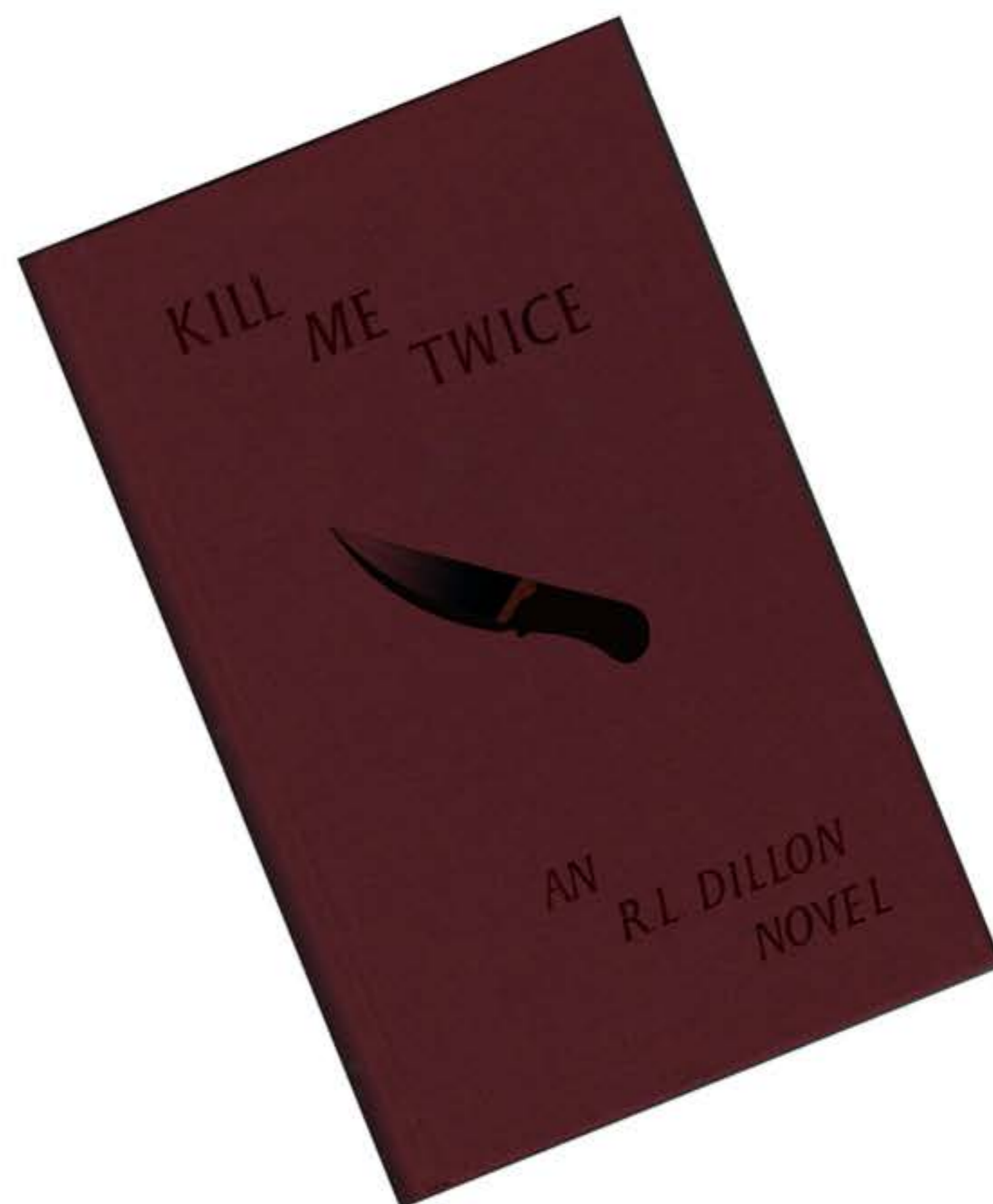
First published in 1960, Kill Me Twice gradually rose in esteem to become one of the most popular novels in its genre, and was eventually adapted into a series of films starring John F. Kennedy (in this reality, a matinee idol).

The story is reputed to be remarkably labyrinthine, and follows the trials of private detective John Mathieson as he tracks down a mysterious serial killer, who leaves the same cryptic note at all of his crime scenes:

*Maybe with a pistol;
Maybe with a knife;
You'll kill me once --
But I'll kill you twice.*

An excerpt has survived the journey to our world, and can be read on the following page.

First edition copy of R.L. Dillon's Kill Me Twice (Pacific Books, 1960).



KILL ME TWICE

"Quite right, Detective Mathieson - I killed Mr. Friendly.

"And I suppose I'm next?"

Franklin laughed his little girlish laugh.

"Oh! Come now! You wound me, detective, you really do! I am no common murderer, surely that much is apparent, here at last?"

My fists were clenched apple red - if I could just get him off balance. But no, even Marcus Franklin could plug a hole in me from spitting distance.

Franklin pulled a cigarette and took a long drag, then flashed me a smile.

"Besides, one body on my hands is plenty, don't you think?"

A Rolls pulled up behind Franklin, kicking up a cloud of dust.

He opened the door and threw a leg in.

"Good day, detective."

I should have kept my mouth shut, cashed Mildred's check, and walked. But I couldn't leave it alone. A man was dead after all - no matter that it was a man who I might have shot myself, if I'd been so inclined.

"There is the little wrinkle of your having just confessed to me, Dr. Franklin."

Franklin laughed again, pulled himself into the car, and shut the door. I reached for my gun. It wasn't there, of course.

Franklin rolled the window down and gathered himself for one last jab.

"You know as well as I do, detective, that you've no evidence. No body. No murder weapon. Nothing but our little conversation on this beautiful bluff here today."

"It's enough to take to the police."

"It won't be enough. You already know why. But I'll tell you why all the same, so you don't forget. Would that be helpful?"

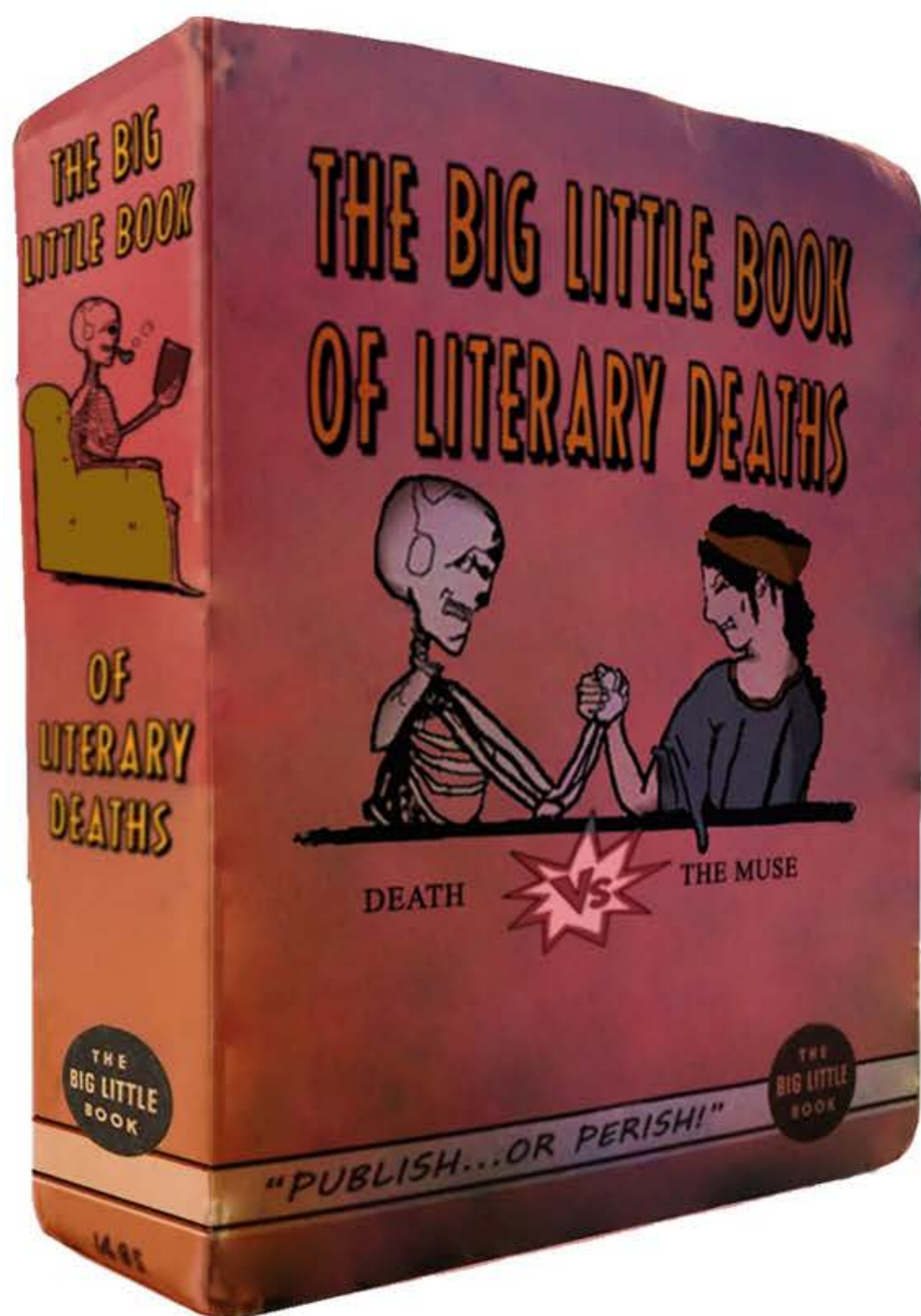
I held his gaze and bit my lip.

"It's simple really. It's because I'm me. And you're you. And that's all."

The window went up. The Rolls sped away. I stood there covered in dust and blood, 200 miles from home and with only an uncashed check for company.

I stared into the dry earth and spit.

The son of a bitch was right.



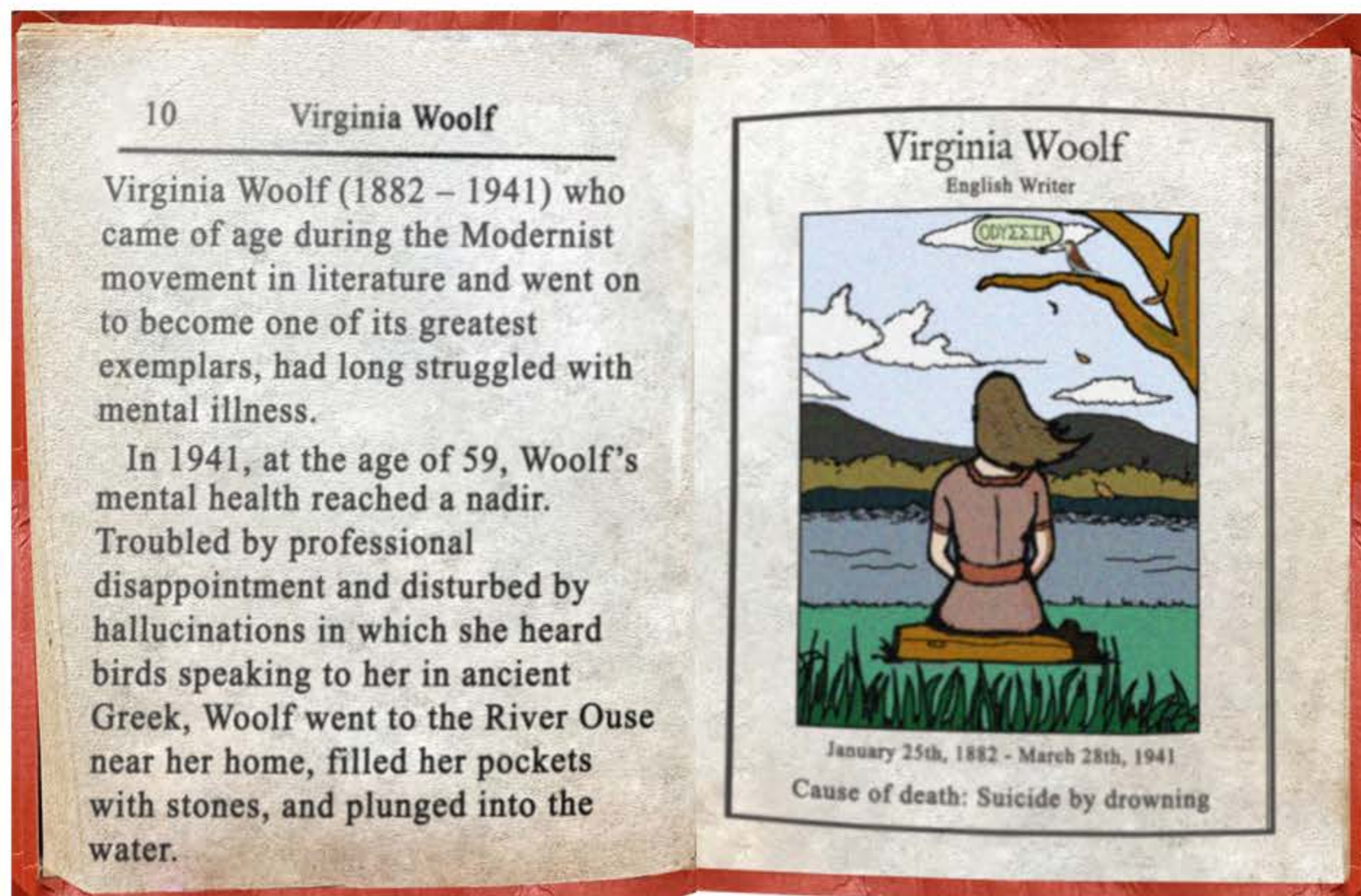
THE BIG LITTLE BOOK OF LITERARY DEATHS

Part of the Big Little Book series -- a long-running publication aimed at young readers which featured a shrunk-down form factor.

This lesser-known (and somewhat morbid) entry chronicled the deaths of famous authors and thinkers from throughout history.

A sample of the book can be read here.

An entry from the The Big Little Book of Literary Deaths





FIELD GUIDE TO RARE APPARITIONS (1st ed. 1879)

The first edition of French fantasist Francois Escoffier's guidebook to rare apparitions.

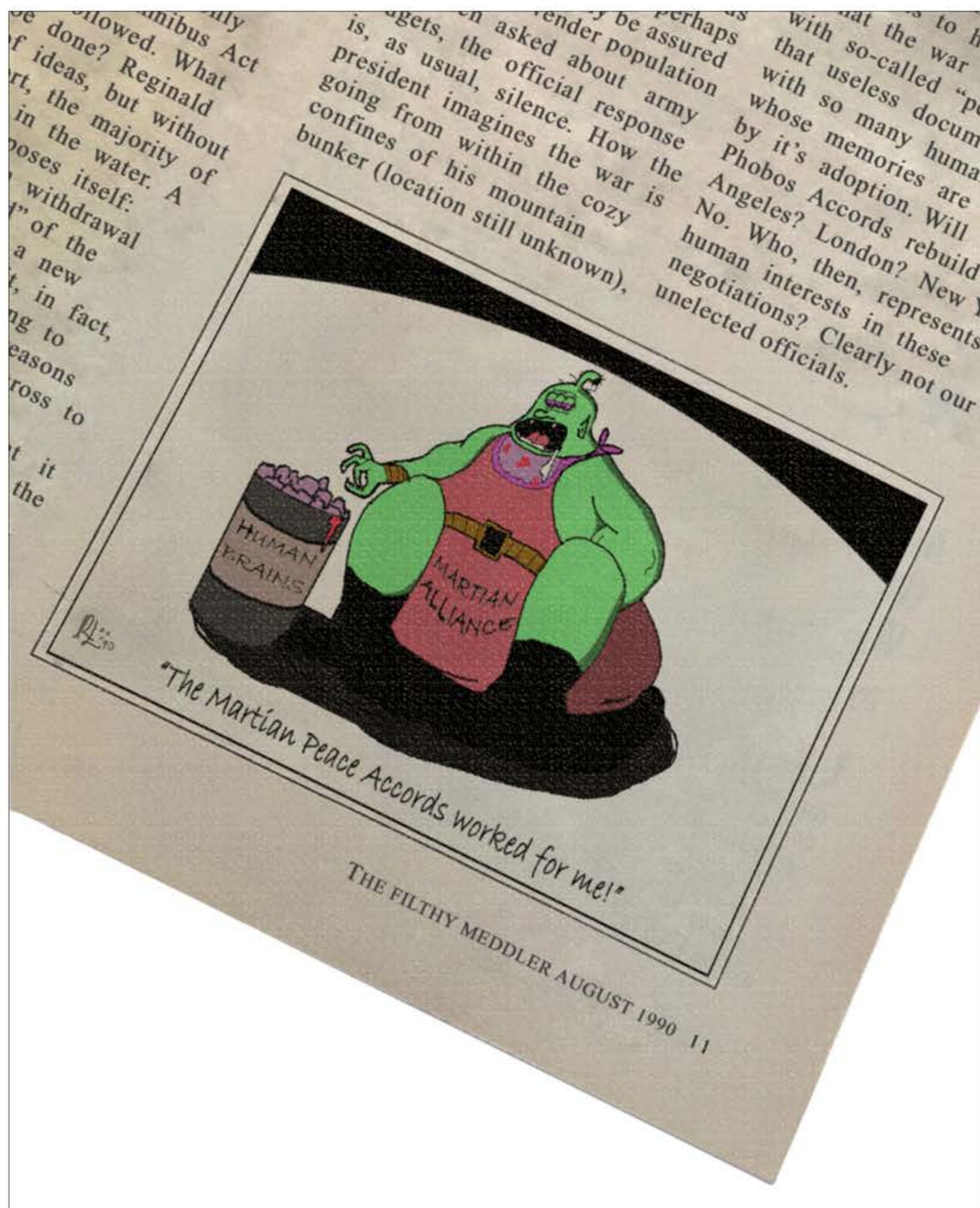
Although Escoffier mysteriously vanished while visiting London in 1900, The Field Guide has nevertheless remained in print, and has been frequently updated by an anonymous author (which some claim to be M. Escoffier himself) through the present day.

Secret Typewriter is in possession of a copy, which can be read here.

UNCREDITED POLITICAL CARTOON FROM THE FILTHY MEDDLER (AUGUST 1990)

An uncredited political cartoon, from page 11 of The Filthy Meddler, a leftist weekly from an alternate reality version of Milwaukee, Wisconsin (USA).

The paper does not survive in its entirety, and little is known of the context of the cartoon, though it appears to cast doubt on the prudence of a recent peace accord, either with Martians, or signed on Mars.



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ADVERTISEMENT FOR "REMOTE VIEWING" - LADY CHINCHILLA # 57 (JULY 1971)

An advertisement for a program purporting to teach the basics of "remote viewing" -- the supposed ability to mentally project one's mind's eye to far-flung locales (and times).

It is unknown if remote viewing was possible in this reality, though its appearance as an ad in an issue of Lady Chinchilla -- a short-lived comicbook of its day -- would tend to cast doubt on this possibility.

PROGRAM FOR "AFTERLIFE" TOURS - 19th CENTURY

The front page of a Program advertising tours of both Heaven and Hell, mid-to-late 19th century, England.

Little is known of the contents of this program (the front page shown here is all that survives) and even less can be said as to whether these "tours" were a cleverly-concealed hoax, a metaphorical invention, or -- perhaps -- a genuine journey to worlds beyond.

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