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*Jolly John Keel Poses with Moseley*

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## ROSWELL AGAIN, AND THE LATE JOHN KEEL

Several times over the years, we have ridiculed Fortean writer John Keel for apparently believing that the Roswell Incident was caused by a World War II Japanese "Fugo balloon."

These were brightly-colored unmanned balloons laden with explosives, sent out over the Pacific in the hope that at least a few of them would reach the west coast of the USA. Apparently some did get through and caused minor damage, which was hushed up during the War.

We ridiculed Keel about this theory because he was extremely adamant about it. But the Roswell Incident occurred over two years after the end of World War II, meaning that the balloons must have somehow hovered for all that time!

Now, in a recent Net posting, current Fortean author Nick Redfern explains Keel's beliefs in more detail. It seems that Keel was referring to improved Japanese manned balloons supposedly sent here in the closing stages of the War. (But the time-frame still does not make sense!) All the crew members failed to survive these flights. There are a lot of interesting details that Redfern is still exploring, though he does not necessarily believe this theory at all.

Meanwhile, we will stick with Mogul. The highly stylized flowers reported by some who saw the wreckage, and the hieroglyphics reported by others, were the SAME THING. We are finally sure of that!

See the top story on Page Two...

Your Paracast Newsletter -- January 21, 2012 |



YOUR EDITOR CONTINUES HIS LONG-TIME RADIO CAREER - AND OTHER RAMBLINGS. - "A LEGEND IN HIS OWN MIND!"

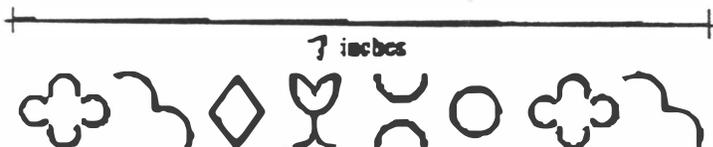
Back in the 1950s and on through most of the 1970s, there was Long John Nebel's legendary all-night radio talk show, heard every night of the week (sometimes with mere re-runs), featuring offbeat topics & guests such as your humble "Smear" editor. This was on WOR, a 50,000 watt clear channel station in New York City, which John claimed could be heard all the way up and down the East Coast of America. Sure enough, we caught the station one night while driving just north of Miami, Florida!

Long John is long gone, to whatever afterlife (if any) awaits arrogant, egomaniacal radio hosts. Times have changed, and (Continued at the top of Page Three) →

Copied from  
Saucer Smear August 20th, 1998

(Thanks to Curt Collins for finding this in  
our 447 back issues!)

Former Fund for UFO Research (FUFOR) executive Fred Whiting was recently asked why he has become a skeptic on the Roswell Incident, and he had this to say: "I am convinced that the debris recovered on the Brazel ranch was from Project Mogul. This became apparent to me when (Professor) Charles Moore explained the 'alien writing' on the 'I-beams' as tape from a novelty store with flowers - exactly the description of several people (including Mac Brazel's daughter) who handled the material. All of the sensational claims of alien bodies and craft have come from unreliable witnesses whose testimony has been thoroughly discredited. That some of these witnesses have been enthusiastically supported and promoted by self-styled UFO 'investigators' is shameful..."



Replica of C. B. Moore's flower tape.



Your editor phoned Professor Moore about this statement and learned what other more thorough Roswell researchers (such as Karl Pflock) have known for quite awhile: The flower tape on the Mogul assembly probably consisted of six pinkish purple flowers of various shapes, repeated in the same sequence (left) - which could very easily give the impression of hieroglyphics. Furthermore, there were thick-walled aluminum rings, which were also mentioned in the testimony of Brazel's daughter. What the hell more do we need in order to accept the fact that the debris found on the Brazel ranch was indeed Mogul wreckage? (Our thanks to researcher Herb Taylor for this item.) ...

### ○ NASA's Kepler telescope discovers new planet outside our solar system with moderate temperatures and a star similar to the Earth's sun

From  
"Delve  
Report"

NASA has found a new planet outside Earth's solar system that is eerily similar to Earth in important aspects.

Scientists say the temperature on the surface of the planet is about a comfy 22 degrees Celsius.

Its star could almost be a twin of Earth's sun. It probably has water and land.

It was found in the middle of the habitable zone, making it the best potential target for life.

The discovery announced yesterday was made by NASA's Kepler

## Milky Way has billions of potential 'Earths'

### One in 10 planets could support life, says study

**KATE ALLEN**  
STAFF REPORTER

For his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday last Sunday, physicist Stephen Hawking wished that humans would hurry up and colonize new worlds in outer space.

Happy birthday, Stephen: that just got a lot more likely.

According to research published Thursday in the journal *Nature*, there are billions of planets in the Milky Way that could support life.

"People have been speculating for hundreds of years: Are planets like the Earth the rule rather than the exception?" says Uffe Graae Jorgensen, a study author and an astrophysicist with the Niels Bohr Institute in Copenhagen.

"Now, for the first time, we have a

statistically robust number."

One in 10 stars has an Earth-like planet in the "habitable" orbit range, in which water could exist, according to the study, conducted by an international research team.

Since there are 100 billion stars in the Milky Way, there are about 10 billion with planets that could — theoretically — support life.

"That's surprisingly many," says Jorgensen.

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now we have Gene Steinberg's "The Paracast", a paranormal internet radio program that is put online from 3 to 6 a.m. every Sunday morning. It's not prime time, but somehow the show can still be heard at any time for hours and days after that, if one knows how to tune in.

Your editor has been on the program several times in recent years. On January 22nd of this year, we were the sole guest, together with Gene and his co-host Chris O'Brien. Three weeks later, on February 12th, we were heard again, together with Kevin Randle, author of the new UFO book that we reviewed in our Feb. issue of "Smear".

Although Randle's book included his investigation of many other modern UFO cases, about a third of it was devoted to Roswell, which is definitely his pet interest. Listeners' questions were also mainly about Roswell, so that was the main topic of conversation. Randle knows more of the endless details of that very complex case than any other living person, but your editor also has a valid though contrary opinion. Mercifully we both kept our cool and did not mention differences that caused us to stop communicating with each other for several years...

Gene Steinberg also has a weekly effort called "Your Paracast Newsletter". We were surprised and sincerely flattered to learn (not from Gene) that the Jan. 21st edition has a series of very favorable comments about yours truly. This rant is called "The UFO Field's Enduring Treasure". You may still be able to read it on the net somehow, but we are too modest (?) to reproduce it here. If you do find it, be sure to read the commercial pitches that precede it in the text - pushing donations; "how to bring The Paracast to your city" on real radio stations; online store, featuring official Paracast T-shirts; etc., etc....

Your editor is surely no treasure, but he is indeed a forcefully (by the Peruvian government) retired treasure hunter. This subject is discussed all too briefly in our 2002 book (with the late Karl Pflock) "Shockingly Close to the Truth". Our adventurous period in Peru goes all the way back to the late 1950s. It was no joke, as we really did find a lot of buried gold objects and other very valuable antiquities, some of them over 2,000 years old! Due to long-winded and complicated circumstances, the book we intended to write on this subject is never to be. Pity, because it would have been even better than "Shockingly", and with the same light-hearted semi-humorous irreverent tone. And many delightfully ghoulish photographs. Wheee!...



#### PARANORMAL MIND GAMES

Your editor does not "put down" most paranormal belief systems. In our opinion many of them are sometimes valid but nevertheless unprovable and unreliable at this stage of scientific knowledge. Among the belief systems we don't take very seriously are astrology and prediction. The future hasn't happened yet, so how can anyone know what it contains?

On the other hand, on at least one occasion, your editor briefly experienced precognition, which is the same sort of thing. We actually saw in our mind the suit and number of playing cards before looking at them. How can this be? This "power" lasted less than a minute - not nearly long enough to qualify for James Randi's (fake) million dollar prize.

If we could only live another fifty years or so, we would learn the solutions to most of these paranormal mysteries...

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....And speaking of such mysteries, we have suddenly remembered an outstanding one that is rarely mentioned in the UFO literature, although it is a fascinating true story. Can you guess what it was? There were, indeed, approximately seventy thousand witnesses!

It was the Miracle of Fatima, which occurred in Portugal in the year 1917. Three young peasant girls witnessed, standing on the ground near them, an apparition of the (alleged) Virgin Mary. If we remember correctly, the three girls all saw the vision, but only one of them could hear what the lady was saying. The rest of the vast audience could neither see nor hear the lady, who apparently gave long, complex prophecies which have been analyzed and disputed by Roman Catholic scholars ever since.

However, most (but not all) of the 70,000 spectators did see something very strange in the sky which is not so much in dispute. It had been raining, and there was a cloud cover over the area. Suddenly an object (= UFO) appeared under the cover, giving off enough heat to dry the clothing of the multitude. Many of the people, through ignorance, believed that the sun itself had left its position in the sky, and they became very fearful. They believed that the sun was coming down toward them. This, of course, did not really happen. But what did happen??

Perhaps there is a reason that this incident, though obviously involving some sort of UFO, is seldom linked to the UFO subject. That would be because of the obvious religious overtones, causing few if any of the many accounts to be unbiased.

Do any of our readers (such as Martin Kottmeyer, for instance) have any printable comments on this subject?

By the way - the reason so many people witnessed this "miracle" is (amazingly!) that the exact date had been accurately predicted at least a month ahead of time. Food for thought!...

UFO historian JEROME CLARK, writing in the Jan.10, 1989 "Saucer Smear", states: "Though you have nothing of consequence to say about the UFO phenomenon as such anymore (if you ever did, after you exposed Adamski), you are still the Greatest Living Authority on the history of saucer fandom and the funniest writer around.."

#### SKEPTICS PHIL KASS AND DONALD MENZEL REVISITED

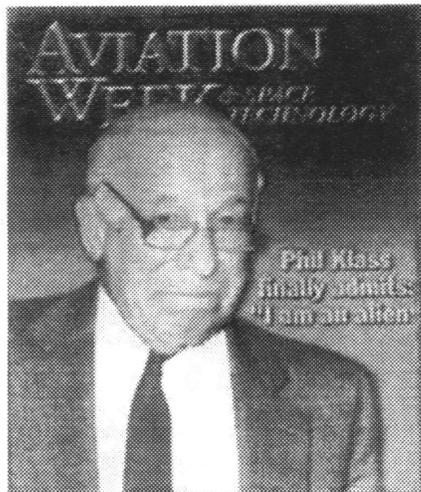
There was an interesting bit about the late skeptic Phil Klass in a recent net rant by Billy Cox, alias De Void.

Klass died in 2005 after a very long illness in which he was bedridden for several years. Till then he had been an outdoor type, fond of skiing and sailing on his own boat. Those who hated him for his anti-UFO pronouncements got their psychic revenge at the end.

Your editor knew Klass better than any other pro-UFO ufologist ever knew him. Most of his friends were among skeptics and also the high-ranking military and civilian figures whom he met through his long-time position as a senior editor at the prestigious Aviation Week magazine.

For this work he received a very high salary, without having to be paid off by the Dark Forces to knock the flying saucer cult. In other words, he sincerely did it on his own, in our opinion. Klass was also very right-wing politically and actually believed it was unpatriotic to publicly criticize the government for its apparent anti-UFO stance.

The current Cox blog criticizes Klass for three of his many negative activities (some of which really did go too far) regarding UFO events. One of these stunts was in regard to the "classic" abduction of Travis Walton, about 1974. In a 1983 book and elsewhere, Klass called the incident a hoax. Cox relates that a friend of Walton's named Steve Pierce has claimed that Klass offered him \$10k (ten thousand dollars) to say that Walton's whole abduction scenario was made up. Klass's friend skeptic Robert Sheaffer has recently written a defense of Klass on this point. We haven't seen



it, but we agree that it is ludicrous to believe Klass would spend \$10k of his own money, or even the government's money, on such a cause. For one thing, the Walton affair, though celebrated in a book and movie, is very different from any other abduction story, and is not widely believed even in the UFO field. We think it was at least partly a hoax of some sort that no one paid for!

Klass believed that the Cash-Landrum case was a hoax based on pre-existing medical conditions. It would be odd indeed if three people all came down, at the same exact time, with symptoms of radiation poisoning - based on pre-existing medical conditions!

We must add that John Schuessler, who investigated the case for MUFON, created much suspicion by refusing to release the previous medical records of these three prime witnesses. He was supposedly protecting their privacy, but all he had to do was ask them for permission to release the records to serious researchers. For some reason he apparently never did, and we have criticized him in the past for this mistake.

Finally (= the third of the three incidents) we have Klass's opinion of famed ufologist Whitley Strieber. The article quotes Klass as having said something that is probably authentic, as it sounds just like something he would say; He allegedly said: "Whitley Strieber is a troubled man. I wouldn't be surprised if he tries to take his own life."

Indeed, Strieber may well be "troubled", but he is still churning out his literature after all this time.

Cox describes Klass's damage to ufology as "irreparable". This, in our opinion, is a gross exaggeration. Whatever the reality is behind UFOs, it will come to light soon enough, irregardless of the opinions of Phil Klass or anyone else....

Nearly forgotten by now is Klass's predecessor as ufology's arch-skeptic. He was Dr. Donald Menzel, head of Harvard (University) Observatory. He had even more prestige than Klass, and he also wrote anti-UFO books, just as Klass did. And, like Klass, his "solutions" to the UFO cases of his era were sometimes more fantastic than the events he was trying to explain!

We knew Menzel fairly well, via letter and phone, though we only met him once. It is not well known that Menzel was a writer of science fiction (presumably as a hobby), as well as being a rather crude artist. We bought several very cheap paintings from him, one of which shows a bare-breasted Martian maiden cavorting across a bridge over one of the (non-existent) Martian canals.

Dr. Menzel died some time around 1960. He was, by the way, never a member of the non-existent organization known as MJ-12. Stanton Friedman is dead wrong about this, as we have pointed out to him several times.

We will close by giving you just one of Menzel's crazy opinions. Some time in the early 1950s there was a large, bright meteor-like object which was clearly photographed crossing the sky over Miami, Florida. Whatever it was, it could not possibly have been what Menzel claimed it to be. We can't prove this, but in a phone conversation with your editor, Menzel insisted that it was "light reflecting from a cobweb". Was he joking? He certainly didn't seem to be, but we will never know for sure...

#### UPDATE ON ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO'S ANNUAL CITY FESTIVAL:

Fourth of July weekend isn't all that far away, and with it will come the jolly UFO Festival at Roswell, N.M.

We have a friend named Dave Swink who follows all the local gossip there. He tells us that the town's funding of the Festival has been cut in half this year, from \$150,000 to \$75,000.

Julie Shuster, long-time curator of the International UFO Museum, was so upset by this that she took down all of the displays that the City had donated to the Museum, and took them back to City Hall. Rather childish behavior, we would say!

It is not clear whether the decrease in funding was caused by the recession or by competing petitions from other organizations, such as a local bird-watching society; or maybe by a decreased interest in flying saucers!

Bird watching is a legitimate hobby, but surely not as much fun as UFO watching!....

**Police told to stop milking drivers**

Sunday Telegraph, 26 June 2011

**Woman missing since she got lost**

Chicago Sun-Times, 17 May 2011

**Woman 'molested' by Donald Duck paid off**

Metro, 12 May 2011

CURT COLLINS, A NEW MEMBER OF OUR LITTLE STAFF:

If you looked at the masthead of this issue very carefully (which no one does) you would notice a new name at the bottom of the list of Contributing Editors.

Ordinarily we would comment on this on Page One, but it didn't work out that way - partly because we don't type these pages in the order in which you read them.

Anyhow - Curt Collins has been sending us all sorts of useful material for at least the past several months - mostly about the Cash-Landrum case, and we now have just about milked that subject dry. Curt has said he will thoroughly research any specific topic we ask him to. The latest is the Miracle of Fatima, about which we expect to have a lot more to say in the next issue.

Curt Collins (pictured here, obviously) is a man whom we have never met. He is not known in the UFO field, and we can't remember exactly how we first hooked up. He describes himself as a 53 year old "writer & researcher", which means he works from home and thus apparently has a good deal of spare time.

Contributing Editor Vince Ditchkus still has a real job, and a good one. He sends us lots of diverse stuff from the Net in his spare time.

The two Ph.D.s on our list of editors contribute mainly the prestige of their advanced degrees. And your editor, who has been retired for approximately 79 of his 80 years, has just enough free time to comfortably write an issue of "Smear" every month or so.

As for Curt, he writes: "I describe myself as having a life-long fascination with modern mysteries and the mythology built upon them. When discussing my UFO position, I carefully avoid the word 'belief', and I question the conclusions of both believers and debunkers. I feel that UFOs are worthy of scientific examination, and I believe there is much to be learned just from trying to understand the phenomenon."

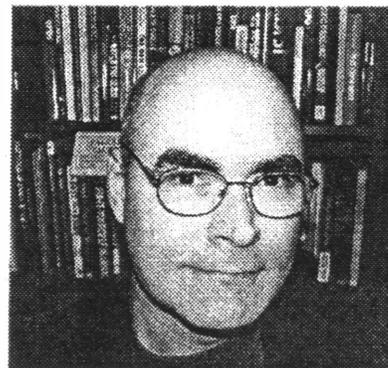
In other words, he is probably a "Closet Skeptic". But no problem! Welcome Aboard!

#### UPDATE ON "SMEAR" EDITORIAL POLICY, ETC.

You may have noticed that we make no effort to print even the best of current UFO sightings. Frankly, after all these years, we are bored to tears by "lights in the sky", no matter how many of them are seen over a short period of time. We still don't know why, but for some reason the year 1980 is the dividing line between occasional "classic" UFO cases and the very disappointing modern era. The late Karl Pflock believed that the ETs were here for awhile, and then decided to go away. He admitted that he was steeped in the 3-D thinking of yesteryear.

As you know, your editor is interested in all (possibly) paranormal subjects, including of course UFOs. We have had approximately a dozen weird experiences of our own, in the course of a long lifetime. Only a few of them involve UFOs.

Now and then we publish one of our personal experiences. Other than that, we re-hash the "classic" UFO cases and other interesting events/gossip from the past and present. (We should add that there are a few of these "classic" cases that we are not familiar with at all. Roswell is not one of them!) So, what are UFOs? We really don't know!...



William Moore, Former UFO Researcher



CENTER: Julie Shuster of the Roswell Museum.

RIGHT SIDE: Lt. Col. Kevin Randle in his military garb.

From ace ufologist PAUL KIMBALL:

Posted: Fri Aug 01, 2008 1:28 pm Post  
subject:

Saucer Smear is a source of brilliance, illumination and enlightenment. You should send a love offering at once. And find a copy of Shockingly Close to The Truth -its an excellent memior.

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( why worry ? )



### LETTERS TO YE OLDE EDITOR

Ace Roswell investigator KEVIN RANDLE writes:

"Yes, it was a good dialogue on 'The Paracast', though I wish we had taken more time to talk about other aspects of the book. There was a lot more in it than just the Roswell stuff. You say a third was devoted to Roswell. I say two-thirds was devoted to other UFO investigations.

"To make it clear (in case we didn't get it straightened out on the radio), I retired from the Iowa National Guard (U.S. Army Reserve) as a lieutenant colonel. I receive money every month for more than twenty years of service (but it isn't all that much). And, my degree can't really be classed as 'mail order', but was done through 'distance learning', at a school that is accredited. Even with that (the accreditation) it really isn't all that impressive - certainly not like some degrees conferred by 'bricks and mortar' schools, but it does count. The traditional universities are granting degrees based on distance learning and the U.S. Army recognized mine.

"I also find it interesting that the skeptics are already attacking our look into the Roswell case (i.e., the 'Dream Team'. - Ed.) They already know what we will find, which puts them in front of me. I'm looking for an answer that will be acceptable to the majority of the people, and if we could prove that it was terrestrially based, I think the financial rewards would be enormous. I wondered if we were able to prove that Mogul was not responsible, the skeptics would acknowledge this. I will go out on a limb and say that I am fairly certain that the answer is not a Soviet deception with the assistance of Mengele - but that's just a guess at this point.

"Anyway, it was an interesting discussion, even if you kept bringing it back to Roswell. Say, have you compared Bessie Brazel's original statements to what she said later?"

The only quarrel we have with K.R. at the moment is the missing "E" in "MOSELEY" at the top of his letter. Sloppy research! - Editor.

Our friend Patrick Huyghe, editor of Anomalist Books, writes:

"You would not make a very reliable UFO observer. 'Reflections of a UFO Investigator' by Kevin Randle was published by Anomalist Books (not Anomalist Press), and it does have a Table of Contents, called 'Contents' across from the copyright page. We chose not to include an Index, to force you to read the book to see if your name is in it. It is not. But I'm glad you read, and mostly liked, the book!"

"Paracast" fan GARY BAUCOM writes:

"This letter is to request a sample copy of your 'Saucer Smear' publication. I have heard you several times as a guest on 'The Paracast' with Gene Steinberg and Chris O'Brien, and it always is a great pleasure to hear you on the show. I've been fascinated for some time now with the whole UFO phenomenon, and your take on the subject matter is a breath of fresh air as compared to some of the nonsense out there. Your sense of humor is appreciated and enjoyed. I likewise enjoy hearing you and Gene recount some of the histori-

cal aspects of the UFO scene, whether discussing some hoax or detailing serious activity regarding the strange phenomena and characters in the UFO community.

"I look forward to checking out a copy of your 'Saucer Smear' publication, and also checking out some of the books that have been referenced in your most recent episode of 'The Paracast', especially 'Shockingly Close to the Truth'..."

Our olde friend STEVE BARNETT of Santa Fe, New Mexico, writes:

"...I have found a venue here in Santa Fe that has the largest collection of aliens - grey, green, blue, and various shades of flourescent color - that I have ever seen. It is a roller skating rink called Rock 'n' Rollers, and it is absolutely packed with bottled aliens, posters depicting aliens, inflatable aliens (such as I have at work), alien masks, and even the more militant green glowing aliens with laser guns! We met the owners through mutual friends, and my wife Laura & I checked the place out during the weekend. I wholeheartedly endorse this establishment for anyone visiting Santa Fe on their way to Roswell, or just traveling through.

"Keep up the good work and stay in touch. I remain your semi-amused friend."

JIM WALES, editor of "Update", writes:

"James W. Moseley, who is editor of 'Saucer Smear', an 8-page newsletter which comes out about every 6 weeks, keeps asking me why he is 'honored' by having his name on our masthead, along with MUNDO, ADAMSKI, MENGGER, FALZONE, WILLIAMSON and TESLA. It is interesting that Moseley is #4 of 7, and is in the MIDDLE! My Human-Mind did not plan it that way, it just happened!

"Jim has been in the 'middle' of this saucer stuff for sixty years, challenging every UFO story and finding fault with every UFO storyteller. He also has financed his 'mission' by using his parents' fortune, which he inherited. Nothing wrong with that, but now with that gone, he has to rely on donations. He now lives in Florida, and you can write him at P.O. Box 1709, Key West, Fl. 33041, if you wish to receive his newsletter - and perhaps include a 'Love Offering'.

We don't believe in the "Space Brothers" or their philosophy, but we do believe that UFOs are a real paranormal phenomenon of some sort. - Editor.

JOE RODERICK writes as follows:

"Hello! You are a fantastic ufologist. I'm doing two things here:

"(1) Writing a letter by hand for the first time in decades. (I am an IT professional, so the concept of writing a letter has become somewhat foreign and archaic to me.)

"(2) I am writing a letter to you - something I've been meaning to sit down and do for years!

"I've always enjoyed hearing what you have to say on 'The Paracast' and in other interviews. Please send me a copy of 'Saucer Smear'!"

MIKE DECKER writes:

"...At the library, I happened across a rather unique-looking book about UFOs with an arresting cover and title - Jim Moseley's 'Shockingly Close to the Truth'. Still harboring serious doubts about being able to discern anything that might help me distinguish reality from The Truth, I checked it out, brought it home, and read it in one sitting.

"I'm cured! I've been healed! I am now whole again! And even though I'm no closer to the Truth than I was before, my world once again makes sense to me, and all due to your fabulous book. I cannot tell you how grateful I am that you restored me to sanity and gave me a genuine laugh-out-loud experience that helped me make sense of the world again.

"I want you to know that in gratitude I ordered off the Internet a downloadable version of 'Saucer Smear' featuring issues from 1994 to 2006 (\$30 bucks!) I'm hoping that you receive a portion of those monies. The guy who was selling them on the (cursed) Internet said that you would. I started at the beginning of your tomes and am currently enjoying the issue dated August, 2002..."