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that it was he who turned Shin against Ken and convinced Shin to take Ken's girlfriend by force. Also, in the end, it isn't Ken who gets up and walks away, it is Ral, who, for a twisted plot contrivance finally feels remorse for killing his father.

A few things Trent forgot: Ken and Ray (that is his name) always calmly walk at a relaxed pace when they are fighting hordes and hordes of bad guys. They don't break stride and they never sweat. Some of the bad guys completely disintegrate after Ken punches them and they explode. There isn't a blood stain where they fall. Ken's neck is thicker than his head (Anyone remember the correlation between the mass of brain and the mass of the body it is attached to?)

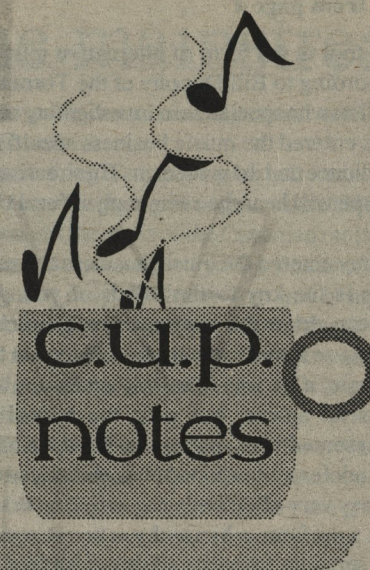
There are some truly bad one-liners. Such as one guy who had a saw chop his head in half a few moments ago finishes his civil conversation with Ray (who put the saw there), says "I have a splitin' headache..." before he finally keels over and his head splits. (yes, he had had a conversation while his brain was in two separate pieces.) Ken flexes and destroys the same jacket three times. Must have been a popular style, how else could he salvage at least three identical jackets?

And, at the end of the movie, we don't know if Julia (Ken's girlfriend, who is the reason Ken was wandering all over the world and anything in the movie happened) and Ken get back together. We don't even know if Julia survived the riots and spontaneous earthquakes at the end.

Here's a response from Trent:

I stand corrected. It had been a week since I watched this film, and I felt no great need to watch it again to safely summarize this plot. I was wrong.

However, there's something we both forgot to mention. The badly over-built, vacuum-packed muscular characters and horrendously bad storylines were probably the inspiration for everything Rob Liefeld has ever done.



Role playing game sweeps campuses

Most of us are familiar with *Dungeons and Dragons*, the popular 80s role-playing game. A new game called *Magic* is sweeping across Canadian campuses. The advantages is a minimum of equipment required: with just a pack of cards and a set dice it can be played anywhere. The game is a combination of magic spells, creatures and power sources which are detailed on the cards. Winners of the short matches are determined by skill, not the luck of the draw. A starting deck of 60 cards is approximately \$10. However, the search for more powerful card has led students to forego grocery and tuition money to spend up to \$70 on just 4 high ranking cards. Just as with *D & D*, critics are anticipating players to become quickly addicted.

Search for gay gene continues

Recent studies at McMaster University are attempting to link homosexuality with biology. The study is based on a size difference of a section in the brains of hetero and homosexual men. The idea that biology plays a role in sexual preference accepts the influences of the environment, but simply denies that it is the lone cause-- as is commonly believed. While it is becoming apparent that there are biological differences, it is still not clear whether these differences are a cause or a result of homosexuality. It has been argued that such genetic evidence will allow gays to become accepted by society by suggesting that homosexuality is not unnatural. However, critics believe that it may lead to homosexuality being treated as a genetic defect. Many fear the development of pre-natal tests to determine sexual preference which may allow parents to abort homosexual children. James Edward, former co-ordinator of the Concordia Queer Collective believes that ending discrimination cannot come through science -- only through education.

Dalhousie controversy

There were cries of reverse discrimination last fall when Dalhousie University solicited applications for a black applicants. Crawford Killian, a BC scholar in North Victoria feels that hiring black academics on basis of race rather than ability is an insult. He says that he was tempted to apply but didn't because he was white. Dal fundraiser Marie Chapman says that the NS black community "is fully supportive and have no complaints." The call for applicants does not go against the university hiring policy or NS human rights. The position of chair will teach, research, develop curricula, and will be a role model for black students as well as an academic leader. It is named the James Robinson Johnson chair in honour of the first black graduate of Dal, and the first black lawyer in NS. One of the 20 applicants will be hired next fall.

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