

Into the Noisy Planet

It Came from the Radio Station

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“There are no flying saucers.”—*The Pentagon, 1947-present.*

“Flying saucers are real.”—*Donald Keyhoe, Stanton Friedman, et.al., 1949-present.*

“Flying saucers are reel.”—*as shown by Robert Wise (The Day the Earth Stood Still) and Steven Spielberg (Close Encounters of the Third Kind, E.T.)*

Wurst Contact, Volume I

“Laws are like sausages; it is better not to see them being made.”

—*Otto von Bismarck*

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Dedications:

This Volume:

First, to KWCW-FM, 90.5 MHz, at Whitman College in Walla Walla, Washington.

Second, to all the technicians, newshawks, disc jockeys, and other staff who have ever worked to keep KWCW a going concern.

Third, to all my old friends and fellow radio staffers at KWCW, from the day we first went on the air in January 1971, through May 1973, when I graduated.

Last, to the memory of Laurence “Lauri” Powers, our chief engineer. Without his energy and technical skills, we would never have had a station. KWCW-FM, the Stereo Giant of the Walla Walla Empire, is his most enduring legacy, to Whitman College and to the world.

Trilogy:

To the memory of Sally Elaine Gunn Jackson (1930-2020), my mother. When I was a child, she encouraged me to write stories. God bless her.

Inspiratio:

“There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare *children* to them, the same *became* mighty men which *were* of old, men of renown.”

—*Genesis 6:4, King James Version*

Caveat Lector:

Do not meddle in the affairs of authors, for they are subtle and will write you into their next novel—preferably as a character they wish to kill off in a grisly manner.

—*attributed to an anonymous fan of J.R.R. Tolkien.*

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