

'What's that doing over here?' they asked as they returned it, re-reading it proudly.

'Children's First Modernistic Art Exhibition. Ask attendant for catalogue.'

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The runners up were

Clive Hicks of London

and

William P. Wilkes of South Africa

THIS MONTH

STRANGERS IN THE UNIVERSE

by Clifford Simak

(Faber & Faber 15s; SFBC 5s 6d)

NEXT MONTH

OCCAM'S RAZOR

by David Duncan

(Gollancz 12s 6d; SFBC 5s 6d)

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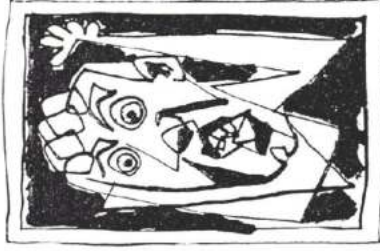
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The Winning Entry in our Short Story Competition

THE EXHIBITORS

by O. R. THOMSON (Australia)



SOFTLY through the whispering summer night came an alien sound. A deeper shadow occulted stars, drifted down, sought the quiet earth, and rested. The ghostly blue shimmering died.

Cautiously they came out. Seven of them. Slight, graceful beings from some far-away galaxy. They lifted, and departed to search their surroundings. First mission completed, they gathered for a conference. Belnar, frail, silvery, awaited their reports.

'Where is Telwyn?' They did not know.

'Maryn?'

'A well-ordered people, Belnar. This park place is beautiful in lay-out.'

'Kalar?'