

Novel's action sequences lack punch



L.E. Modesitt, Jr.
"Timediver's Dawn"
TOR Books
By Sam Kepfield
Staff Reporter

I'm always leery of writers who try to combine science fiction with elements of fantasy, creating that bastard child known as "science fantasy." It rarely works. To my experience the only writer who has carried it off

convincingly is Jack L. Chalker, who wrote "And the Devil Will Drag You Under" in 1982.

Modesitt is a promising writer, with eight titles to his credit. "Timediver's Dawn" centers on Sammis, a teenager living on a planet under largely military rule.

When unknown forces called Frost Giants attack planetary outposts, an alert goes out. The military begins a crackdown, which results in the burning of Sammis' house and the disappearance of his parents.

Sammis also has the ability to "dive," or move through time and space by sheer mental power alone. This makes him of great value to the military when he is conscripted.

First he battles rebel elements of the military, then tracks down the Frost Giants themselves, destroying them. To end the story, he defeats the Napoleonic plans of his commanding general.

The book has its problems, though. Modesitt's writing style is one of them. He writes entirely in the present, overusing dialogue and never resorting to enlightening narrative passages.

The reader never gets a good idea where the Frost Giants come from or what they really are.

The action sequences, such as the final battle with the enemy, are anticlimactic, packing no punch.

It reads like a Creative Writing 101 experiment that didn't quite come off.

Uncle

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grows quality gives Uncle Tupelo's sound a gruffness of the folk singer or the camp-fire vocalist.

Farrar plays guitar, harmonica and bass; Tweedy plays guitar; and Mike Heidorn plays drums, cymbals and tambourine.

Guest musicians appear on the release and give it an improvised sound.

"Coalminers" tells — not surprisingly — the woeful story of a coal miner:

"I was born in old Kentucky in a coal camp — born and bred/I know about old beans, bulldog gravy and cornbread/I know how the miners

work and slave in the coal mines every day, for a dollar in the company store, for that is all they pay."

Other songs, such as "Wipe the Clock," are less specific, but still loaded with the feel of days of old:

"Tone it down, someone said no story no pain/wipe the clock right now/I despise what you crave/remember you, when you wore a different face/never heard a story of anyone who drove the blacktop and sang."

Many of the 15 songs on "March 16-20, 1992," which are the days the release was recorded, are tied neatly together with a galloping rhythm that spirits the listener up and over the saddle, and takes her for a ride.

— Stacey McKenzie

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110 Announcements

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Guest lecturer Joe Miratsky of Insurance & Investment Researchers will be speaking on Wednesday, Sept. 30th at 5:30p.m. City Union. Room will be posted. Everyone welcome to attend.

HUSKER HALLOWEEN OCT 26-31

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 JOIN UPC HOMECOMING COMMITTEE
 Show Up! Tuesday, Sept. 29, 6:00pm City Union (room posted)

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Tonight (Tuesday) 6:00pm City Union (room posted). All Welcome! Make HUSKER HALLOWEEN October 26-31 the best HOMECOMING WEEK ever! Get Involved!

Men's Volleyball Club Travel Squad Selections

Thursday, October 1, 6:00-8:00pm
 Friday, October 2, 4:00-6:00pm
 Sunday, October 4, 1:00-3:00pm
 Location: Rec Center or Mabel Lee Hall. Contact: Bret Tonniges 475-0203 or Brad Reichmuth/Corey Helli 435-2042

MINISTRY VOCAL/DRAMA TEAM Audition Sign-ups

will be held by The Living Word Singers, (representatives of the Billy Graham Film Ministry and the Jesus Film Project) at their booth located at the north entrance of the Union, today from 8-4.

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NO GLC MEETING
 This week

Next meeting
 October 6

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Video and information September 29, 1992, 7:30p.m. Nebraska Union. Next session October 7 at East Campus Union.

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Sigma Tau Delta

Induction Ceremony will be held on September 30th at 3:30 in Andrews 229. All members and pre-initiates are welcome.

Calvin and Hobbes



by Bill Watterson

Crossword

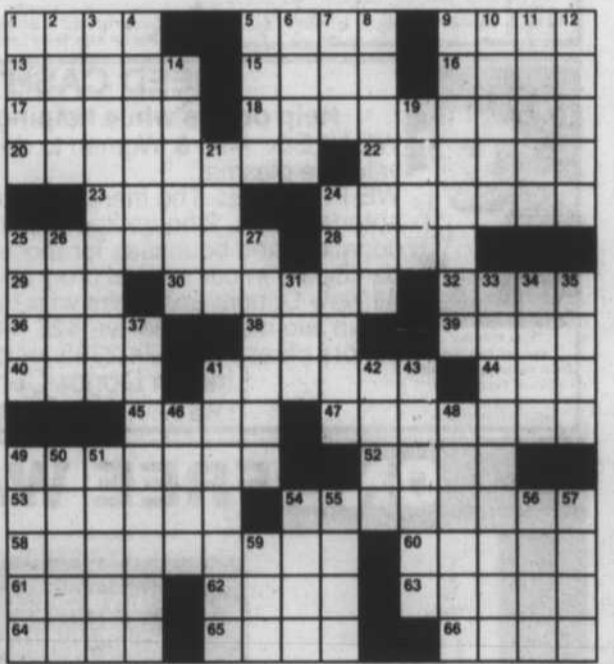
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- ACROSS**
- 1 State featured in this puzzle
 - 5 Jewish month
 - 9 Hindu holy man
 - 13 Skips
 - 15 Actress Eilbacher
 - 16 "The Arrangement," by — Kazan
 - 17 Too much, in music
 - 18 Birthplace of Meredith Willson
 - 20 In the front
 - 22 Cylindrical
 - 23 Goals
 - 24 — hair (not a trace)
 - 25 Liqueur
 - 28 Hot spot
 - 29 Hirt and Smith
 - 30 Kind of fly
 - 32 Being, to a philosopher
 - 36 Coop sound
 - 38 Neighbor of Ida
 - 39 Radio appurtenance
 - 40 Chefs' containers
 - 41 Grandparents, at times
 - 44 Goddess of plenty
 - 45 Affirmative votes
 - 47 Maltreat again
 - 49 Vice President from 1 Across
 - 52 Holm oak
 - 53 Grieg's dancer
 - 54 Small tooth
 - 58 One of the Quad Cities
 - 60 Exchange premiums
 - 61 "Rome of Hungary"
 - 62 Mediterranean city
 - 63 "... born to right!": Hamlet
 - 64 Cub Scout units
 - 65 Facts
 - 66 Since, in Ayr

DOWN

- 1 Whit
- 2 Arabian Sea gulf
- 3 John Wayne's birthplace
- 4 Be present
- 5 Pollster Roper
- 6 Prevaricator
- 7 Naval initials
- 8 Native of Vientiane
- 9 Hid
- 10 Peregrine
- 11 The same
- 12 Certain rural workman
- 13 Squalid
- 19 Sparks and Rorem
- 21 Munich's river
- 24 President from West Branch
- 25 Li'l Abner's creator
- 26 Spread
- 27 Woolly
- 31 Comprehend
- 33 Birthplace of twin columnists Abby and Ann
- 34 Undermines
- 35 Otherwise
- 37 Devotional books
- 41 Crustacean with 10 legs
- 42 Strap
- 43 City and province in Argentina
- 46 Tale
- 48 Light colors
- 49 Forded
- 50 "The labor of — in piled stones?": Milton
- 51 Rouse
- 54 Mild oath
- 55 Sicilian landmark
- 56 Cut of meat
- 57 Punta del —
- 59 — man mouse?



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