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BURN AFTER READING

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Fireman Defects

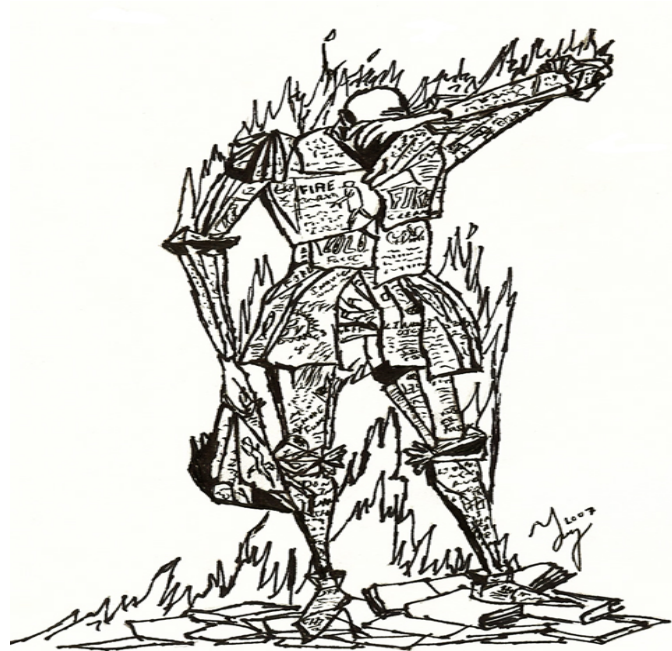
Burner Joins The Cause

CENTRAL CITY- A member of the Central City Fire Department has defected and joined the local resistance chapter.

Early reports suggest that Guy Montag, a mid-level cog in the machine of systematic oppression, grew disillusioned by the shallow and vapid life he and his wife clung to in their suburban isolation chamber.

Guy began to question his worldview when he found that he could not answer the simple questions of a teenage girl. Her young, inquisitive mind awakened thoughts and feelings society had attempted to exorcise from the book burner's psyche.

Story Continues-A2



ABOVE: A new drawing to be presented by underground artist Justin Stowell at Comic-Con 2333. Time and Location TBA.

Library Fund Continues to Grow

Central City- Professor Geoffrey Faber, the official custodian of the New Light Library, reports new gains in procuring a space to house rescued texts.

Contributions of texts and money

have reinvigorated the quest to create a new library, and Professor Faber has exciting plans to go even further.

Dr. Faber plans to use the same methods of book copying Irish

monks used to preserve knowledge during the last Dark Age. The new library will feature dedicated copying stations overseen by trained lectors. Dr. Faber will

personally supervise the project, and he plans to present the first copied book to Chapter Leader Granger by the first of the year.

Stephen A. Gardner

BECOME MESMORIZING

Memorizers Needed in the Fight Against Ignorance

The Infamous "Page 2"

A place to find opinion, personal ads, and anything we couldn't fit on the first page. If you don't like it, start your own underground paper, bub.

Editorial

Fighting On



The first time the staff here at The Torch met Guy Montag we were struck by his sincerity and authenticity. Those two words describe both the man and his cause. A cause this paper supports and a cause all men and women should embrace in the dawning age of the New Enlightenment.

Mr. Montag does not seem like an obvious choice to be a symbol of our movement, but his unlikely conversion speaks to the power liberating ideas can wield when introduced into a battlefield strewn with the empty husks idolized by this age. Mr. Montag gave up everything because he discovered that everything he held dear was already dead.

We must recognize that the tide of history is on our

side as we merely await some great event to shake people from their complacency. Perhaps, others will be inspired in the same way as Mr. Montag. Perhaps, we are seeing the beginning of the beginning. The Torch salutes Mr. Montag and the positive movement he represents. May we all welcome him home, for he is our long lost brother, a returning friend, a fellow traveler on the road back from the brink.

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Chapter Leader Granger's Requests



Story Continued A1- Soon Montag became a fugitive as his own firemen began to hunt him down for keeping books within his domicile. In fact, the tip that would lead to his expulsion from the ranks came from his own wife. A daring escape assisted by Professor Geoffrey Faber led Montag to the welcoming arms of the resistance. Chapter Leader Granger has graciously accepted him as a new member, and Mr. Montag has begun memorizing the book of "Ecclesiastes." Only time will reveal what new adventures await our new member as he embarks upon a new chapter that will finally be written by Guy Montag.

