

## Adapted from Grimm

JOHN PERRY, son of an estate agent, was a Success. It was he who helped his father dispose of some property near the gasworks. "If we advertise the health-giving properties of ozone and carbon-monoxide mixed," said John, "I think we can exploit the gasworks. We can turn the place into a health resort." People flocked to buy gasometer lots. Soon John was a company director, an urban councillor, and fiancé to a widow with £5000 a year after payment of tax.

His brother Philip, on the other hand, was a Failure. He spent his time reading books, his money on paying library fines, and his ambition on a project to learn how to shudder. Philip had never been able to shudder, even when something hairy brushed against his legs in the dark.

The story of Philip's attempts to learn how to shudder, their outcome, and, of course, the moral, are told in *The Man Who Wanted to Know How to Shudder*, a new NZBB play to be broadcast first by 1KN at 9.30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 24, and from other National stations in succeeding weeks. The play, which is an adaptation from the brothers Grimm, was written by the young British playwright Laurence Kitchin.

### Science, Fiction and Fantasy

SPACE cadets blasting off in their rocket ships to another planet, lovely Martian maidens, carrotmen, and other aspects of science fiction are the subject of a BBC talk, *The Boredom of Fantasy*, by the distinguished author and journalist Arthur Koestler. The talk will be heard from 4YC at 10.0 p.m. on Wednesday, March 24, and later from other National stations. Mr. Koestler considers with a certain amount of seriousness some aspects of the current craze for science fiction which is raging all over the world, but with particular intensity in the United States.

He considers that although the matter has its grotesque side, with all its interplanetary goings-on and children atomising each other with nuclear blasters, a craze of such vast dimensions is never entirely crazy. It always expresses in a distorted way, he says, some unconscious need of the time. Science fiction is a typical product of the atomic age, whose discoveries lie like an undigested lump on the stomach of mankind.

"THE Greeks had a special word for the men who took no interest in politics. They called him an 'idiot'; and we who believe in democracy must agree that the word is not too harsh."—Bernard Keelan, in a BBC talk.

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