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Seeing The Future Through The Spectacle of Comics

Futuristic comic exhibition starts at the Alliance Française de Dhaka

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COMIC books: a childhood without them is almost impossible.

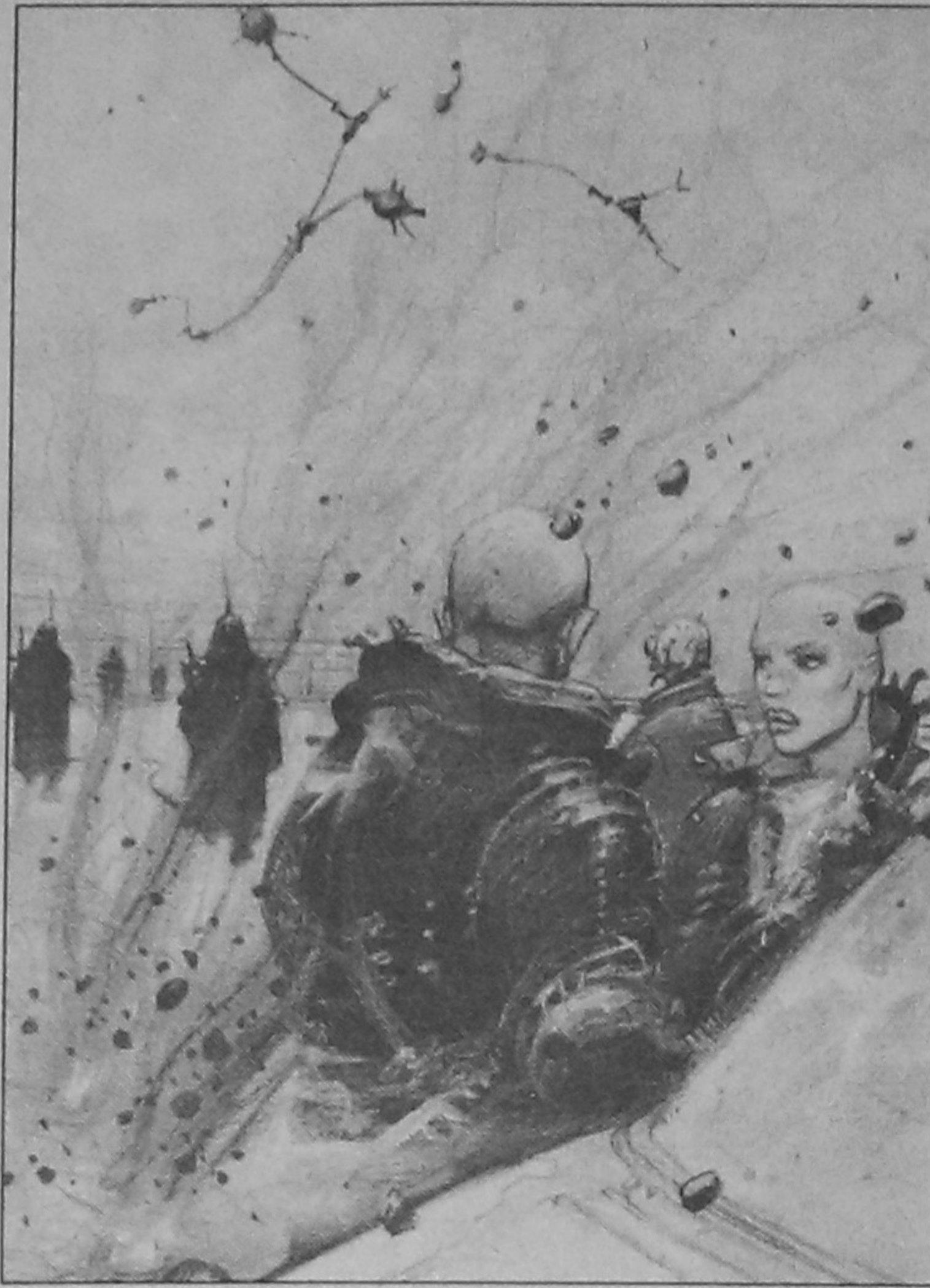
At some point of our childhood we all spent some time with them, transported and lived into the worlds of fantasy visualised by the illustrators. Some comics made us laugh, some thrilled and some even take us to the future.

Science fiction comics are most popular with the teen-agers. The invention of the future through the comic books is another interesting part. And Alliance Française de Dhaka in collaboration with Association Française d'Action Artistique are proving us with the opportunity to visualise the future world through the eyes of some French comic artists. This exhibition of comics titled 'Images of the year 2000' started

on December 16.

In this exhibition of comic strips, the work of many French comic illustrators are being exhibited, among them Enki Bilal, Jean-Claude Mézières, Stan & Vince and Moebius are most famous. Each of these comic creators fantasised the year 2000, dreamt about the new millennium and foreseen the future through wonderful images. This exhibition rather than tallying up true and false predictions of the future, this exhibition traces the productive pathways taken by the imagination.

The year 2000 is practically upon the comics. One of science fiction's favourite venues, 'some time in the near future' is rushing headlong toward the present. But long before this millennium was simply another day in the life, it was a dream. The year 2000 has not just represented a calendar date but also a horizon of the

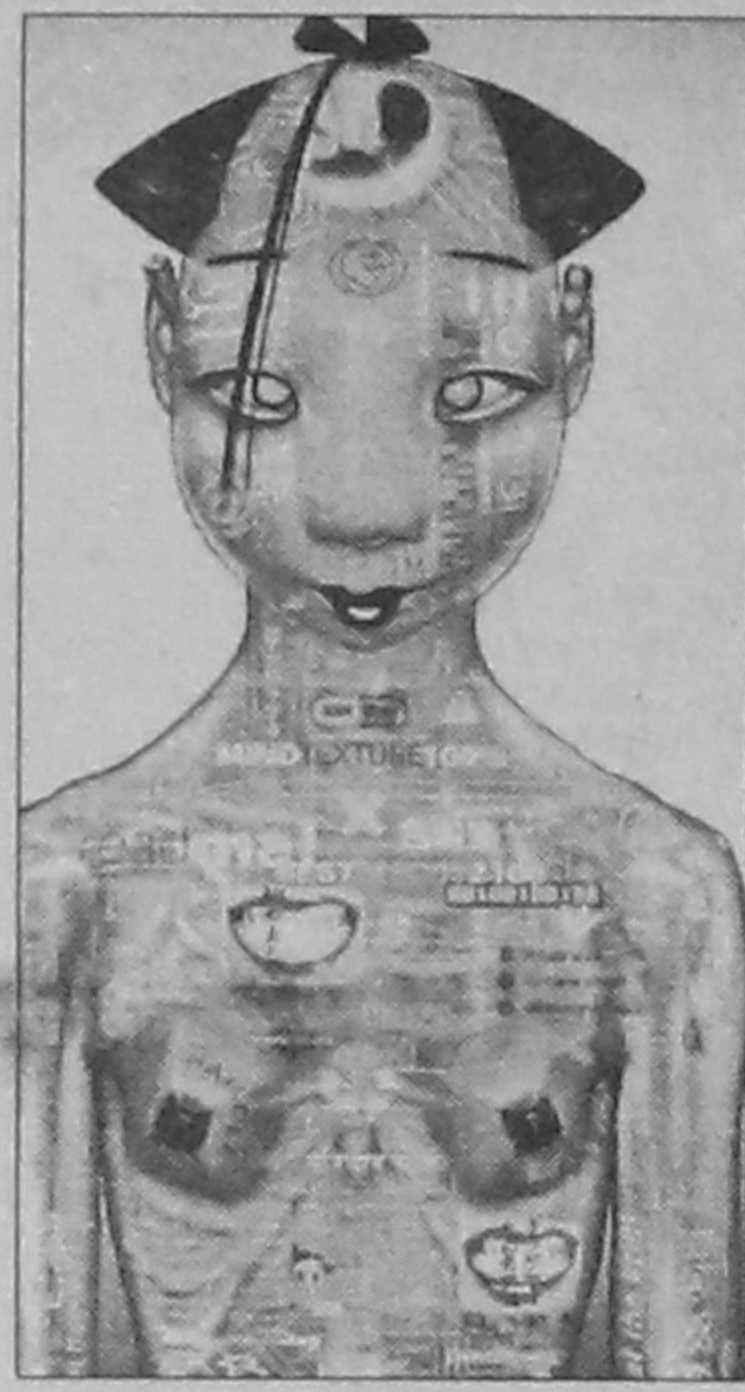


From the album Le Sommeil du monstre.

imagination, a gateway to many possible worlds.

Enki Bilal's work reflects how he felt for the key problem faced by the 21st century. How can humanity become master and not the slave of a technology and science developing at an almost incomprehensible pace. Most of his works represent the way to escape from the fate of the sorcerer's apprentice and make sure that this evolution does not turn against us. Like the coupe in his illustration, where they are trapped, helplessly watching as the alarming figures representing some obscurantist order advance towards them.

Jean-Claude Mézières is a very popular and a master French comic illustrator. In this exhibition there are some of his amazing illustrations on display, among them 'Waiting for the Spaceman' is soft and feminine. He believes in the future and he thinks that it will really feel good



Beb-Deum



Moebius Heading for Hyper-Modernism

to be alive 500 or 3,000 years from now. What he imagines of the future is not a battle of the titans or other cosmic clashes, but what daily life would be like. Jean-Claude Mézières's universe has inspired numerous filmmakers; in 1997 he designed the principle sets for the Luc Besson film 'The Fifth Element'.

Moebius, another renowned French comic illustrator's work is also very interesting. In this exhibition his illustration 'Heading for Hyper-Modernism' is an ironic image of the future as seen in the past. Here a character is seen driving a huge space ship, which recalls an old-fashioned bus. He feels that everyone imagines the future in their own way. Though hyper-modernism was not the part of this illustration; according to him it's more like an ideal we are reaching for.

Stanislas Manoukian and Vincent Roucher illustrates together and their works are

absolutely amazing. According to them as year 2000 is here we can't think of it as science fiction anymore. Many inventions, once considered futuristic are already part of our lives. Certain drugs, androids, games, robotic prosthetic devices, bionics are already a part of humanity. And because of this their work presented juxtaposed in the style of American painter Robert Williams, instead of a single vision of the future. More than the various elements taken separately, it's the overall deluge of images that makes this an illustration of what what's to come.

Apart from these amazing comic creators, there are also the works of many illustrators such as Beb-Deum, Marc-Antoine Mathieu, Patrice Killoffer, Chantal Montellier, Jean-Marc Rochette, Philippe Druillet, Olivier Vatine & Fred Blanchard. Most of their works are futuristic, as some of them have imagined it a few years back or a long time ago. These images vary from person to person and also from time to time. Overall the whole exhibition is a journey into the world of science fiction of the present visualised and created during early years of the 20th century.

The exhibition will remain open for all everyday from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm and 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. On January 9, 2001 (On the occasion of Christmas and Eid, Alliance Française de Dhaka shall be closed from December 25-28).

Recommendations



Exhibition

A photography exhibition on the war victims of 1971 titled War Veterans of Bangladesh is being held at the Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, at road # 27, Dharmordi. This show held as part of the 1st Festival of Photography in Asia, will run till December 19 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00p.m. every day.

Exhibition on Liberation

On the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the Liberation War, the Liberation War Museum has put up a month long exhibition titled Gaurabmoy Atmadan Chiro-Jagoruk.

The remains found in the killing fields of Jalladkhana and Nuri Masjid and some photographs are being exhibited.

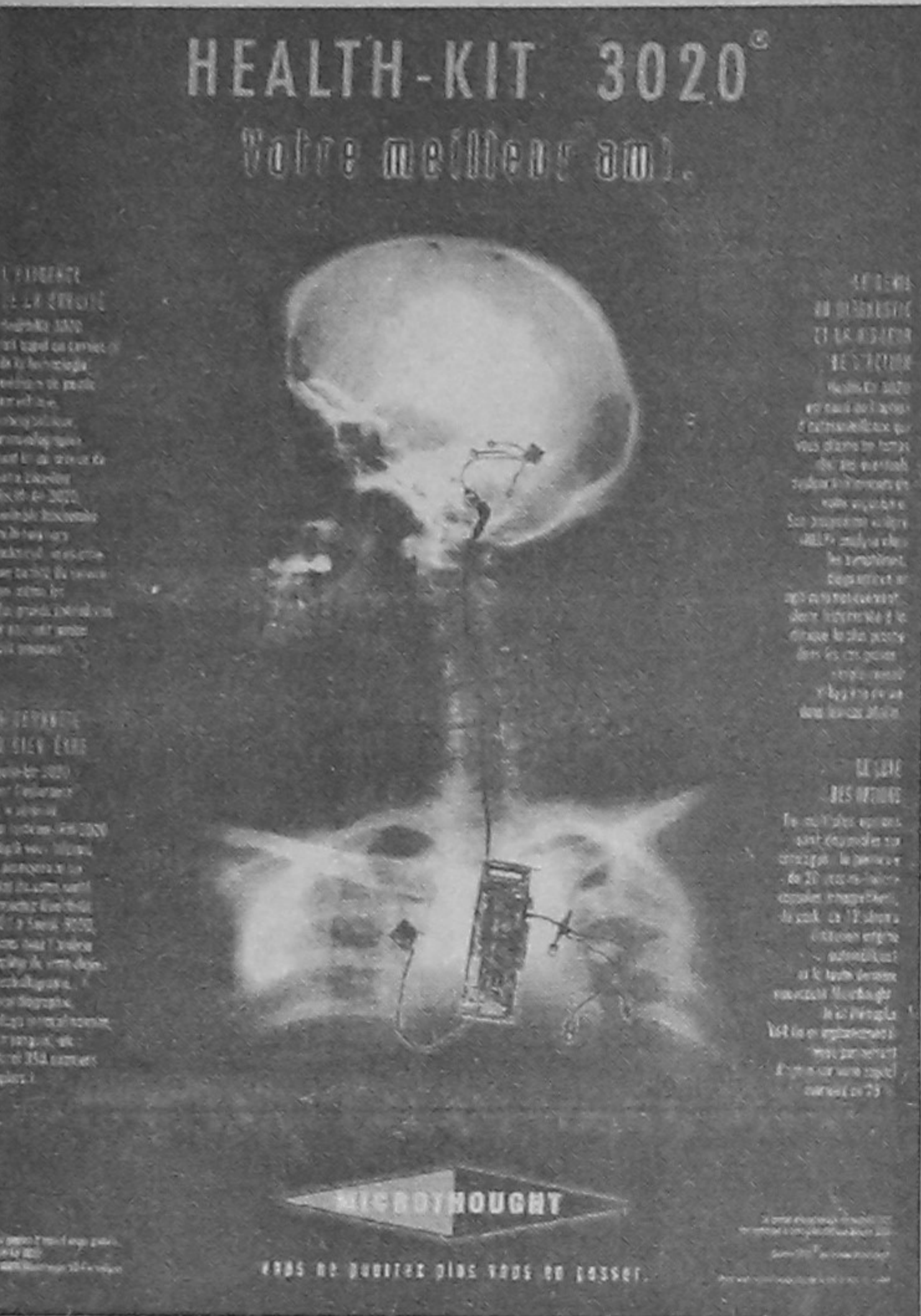
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A comic exhibition titled Ora Prithibir Swappa Dekhe, 2000 Saler Chhob, planned by Association Française d'Action Artistique is being held the gallery of the L'Alliance Française de Dhaka. Open to all, the exhibition will run until January 9, 2001 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon every day.



Migrant Labour

Managing Director of Drik and Festival Director of the 1st Festival of Photography in Asia, now being simultaneously held at different venues of the city, Shahidul Alam's poignant photoessay on migrant labours, their pains and sorrows across eight countries tell a soul-searching tale of painful separations and silent goodbyes. The exhibition titled Migrant Labour can be seen at Bangladesh Shilpaka Academy gallery open from 3:30 to 7 pm every until December 21.



Marc-Antoine Mathieu Health Kit 3020

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6:50 Ekatturer Dinguli
7:00 Daily Soap: Joer Bhata (epi-77) 7:40
Drama serial: Khela 8:00
Din Pratinidin 8:25
Business File 8:50
Focus 9:00 Session of Tagore Song: Ananda Dhara 10:40
Aaddar Table 11:15 Songs of Freedom struggle in cinema 11:50 Ekatturer



Drama Dash Khiner Ghar on Ekushey TV at 9 pm Starring Tarek Anam, Tania, Khaled Khan

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ALPHA BANGLA TV
6:30 Aabap 7:00 Gniha Sajja 7:30 News/Arghya 8:00 Din Protidin 9:00 News/Bharat Bhromon 9:30 Bahari Aahaar 10:00 Gnihasajja 10:30 Raana Char 11:00 Iska Boner Bibi 11:30 Non Niyer 12:00 Bahari Aahaar 12:30 Half Chocolate 1:00 Shyaola 1:30 Ek Akasher Niche 2:00 Nayantara 3:30 Feature Film 5:00 Football 6:00 Arghya 6:30 Din Protidin 7:30 News 8:00 Nayantara 8:30 Ek Akasher Niche 9:00 Shudhu Tomake Chai 9:30 Kapurush 10:00 News/Shyaola 10:30 Football 11:00 Din Protidin 12:00 Arghya 12:30 Bharat Bhromon

1:00 Bhalobasa Mondobasa 2:00 Feature Film 4:00 Ek Akasher Niche 4:30 Grihasajja 5:00 Shyaola

DISCOVERY CHANNEL

6:30 Go For It! 7:30 Ushuaia 8:30 Lonely Planet II 9:30 Animal in Danger 15:00 Eyewitness II 10:30 ESPU 11:00 Outer Bounds I & II 11:30 Shark Files, The (II) 12:30 Wild Discovery 1:30 Medical Detectives II 2:00 Medical Detectives II 2:30 Discover Magazine 3:30 Go For It! 4:30 Ushuaia 5:30 Lonely Planet III 6:30 Mega Movie Magic 7:00 Real Kids, Real 7:30 Wild Discovery 8:30 Hunters 9:30 Extreme Machines 10:30 On the Inside 11:30 Discovery Profile Series 12:30 Wild Discovery Secrets 1:30 Huners 2:30 Extreme Machines 3:30 On the Inside 4:30 Discovery Profile Series 5:30 Discover Magazine

CNN

6:00 CNN This Morning 6:15 Asia Business Morning 6:30 Asian Edition 7:00 CNN Morning 7:30 Moneyline 8:00 Larry King Live 9:00 World Sport 10:00 World News 10:30 Showbiz Today 11:30 Q&A (Replay) 12:00 World News 12:30 World Report 1:00 World News 1:30 World Sport 2:00 World News 2:30 Insight 3:00 Larry King Live (Replay) 4:00 World News 4:30 Biz Asia 5:00 Asia Tonight 5:30 World Sport 6:00 World News 6:15 Asian Edition 6:30 Biz Asia 7:00 World News 7:30 World Beat 8:00 Asia Tonight 8:30

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BBC WORLD

6:00 BBC News 6:30 World Business Report 7:00 BBC News 7:30 Asia Today Inc. World Business Report 8:00 BBC News 8:30 Asia Today Inc. World Business Report 9:00 BBC News 9:30 Asia Today Inc. World Business Report 10:00 BBC News 10:30 Hardtalk 11:00 BBC News 11:30 Holiday 12:00 BBC News 12:30 World Business Report 1:00 BBC News 1:30 Talking Movies 3:00 BBC News 3:30 World Business Report 4:00 BBC News 4:30 Asia Business Report / World Business Report 5:00 BBC News 5:30 World Business Report

HBO

7:00 Contact 9:45 Gremlins 2: The New Batch 12:00 Eyes Of A Stranger 1:45 A Match Made In Heaven 3:45 If Looks Could Kill 5:45 The Kid Who Loved Christmas 7:45 Gung Ho 10:00 A Civil Action 12:15 Burglar



Survivor on AXN today at 6 in the evening

5:30 Earth Report 6:00 BBC News 6:30 Mastermind India 7:00 BBC News 7:15 World Business Report 7:30 Holiday 8:00 BBC News 8:30 Hardtalk 9:00 BBC News 9:30 Asia Today 10:00 BBC News 10:30 Wheels 11:00 BBC News World Business Report 11:30 Jancis Robinsons Wine cours 12:00 BBC News 12:30 World Business Report 1:00 BBC News 1:30 Hardtalk 2:00 BBC News 2:30 Talking Movies 3:00 BBC News 3:30 World Business Report 4:00 BBC News 4:30 Asia Business Report / World Business Report 5:00 BBC News 5:30 World Business Report

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STAR WORLD

8:00 Home Improvement 8:30 Happy Days 9:00 That 70's Show 9:30 Dharma & Greg 10:00 Chicago Hope 11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show 12:00 Everybody Loves Raymond 12:30 Frasier 1:00 The Things People Do 1:30 The Bold And The Beautiful 2:00 Mork & Mindy 2:30 Happy Days 3:00 Baywatch 4:00 Hollywood Squares 4:30 Home Improvement 5:00 Star News Asia 5:30 Friends 6:00 JAG 6:55 Star News Asia 7:00 The Pretended 8:00 NYPD Blue 9:00 Friends 9:30 Star News 10:00 JAG 11:00 The Pretender 12:00 NYPD Blue 1:00 JAG 2:00 The Pretender 3:00 Creflo Dollar Daily 3:30 Kenneth Copeland



A Civil Action on HBO at 10 pm.

TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY



A Civil Action on HBO at 10 pm.

In the real-life of an epic courtroom showdown, John Travolta stars as attorney Jan Schlichtmann who stakes his practice, professional and personal reputation, and everything he owns, in a celebrated personal injury case, in this legal thriller. Starring John Travolta, Robert Duvall

2:30 Gremlins 2: The New Batch 4:45 Gung Ho

Ministries 4:00 Life In The Word With Joyce Meyer 4:30 World News 5:00 Media TV 5:30 Mork & Mindy

STAR PLUS

6:00 Cine Jharokha 6:30 STAR Geetmala 7:30 Good Morning India 8:30 Cine Jharokha 9:00 Hit Ya Fit 9:30 Star Morning Show: 12:30 Hit Ya Fit 1:00 TSN 1:30 Tanha 2:00 Meri Saheli 2:30 Saans 3:00 Siski 3:30 Small Wonders 4:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi 4:30 Cine Jharokha 5:00 Hit Ya Fit 5:30 I Love My India 6:00 Small Wonder 6:30 Fox Kids 7:30 Kahani Ghar Ghar Ki 8:00 Tu Tu Main Main 8:30 Kabhi Kabhi Mere Ghar Mein Bhuchaal Aata Hai 9:00 Kora Kagaz 9:30 Kaun Banega Crorepati 10:30 Kahani Ghar Ghar Ki 11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi 11:30 Aaj Ki Baat

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STAR MOVIES

7:30 Thriller: Twist Of Fate 9:30 Drama: Someone To Love Me 11:30 Comedy: Three Fugitives 1:30 Middy Movie: Friends And Lovers 3:30 Comedy: National Lampoons: Golf Punks 5:30 Drama: Someone To Love Me 7:30 Thriller: Midnight Heat (Moonstone) 9:30 Extreme CU 10:00 Hollywood Action Night: Mortal Kombat 12:30 Movie



Friends on Star World tonight 9

With Style: Q&A 2:30 Action: Die Hard 5:00 Thriller: Reprisal

STAR GOLD

8:30 Bollywood News 9:00 Insaniyat 12:00 Geet Bahar 12:30 Tum Haseen Main Jawan 3:30 Bollywood News 4:00 Ladki Sahyadri Ki 7:00 Geet Bahar 7:30 Mangal Masti Ram Tere Kite Nam 10:30 Bollywood News 11:00 Shant 12:30 Shant (Contd) 2:00 Geet

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ZEE CINEMA

6:30 Jahan Pyar Mile (Tele Film) 10:30 Kanon Ke Dushman (Rajnikant, Reena) 2:00 Iwar Bhata (Saira Banu, Dharmendra) 6:00 Judai (Jeetendra, Rekha) 10:30 Ek Hi Raasta (Ajay Devgan, Raveena) 2:30 Mere Mujhe Shakti Do (Vinod Mehra, Bindiya Goswami)

ZEE MGM

6:30 The Reluctant 9:00 Consuming Passion 11:30 Miami Blues 2:00 Fatal Pulse 4:30 Bring On The Night 7:00 The Dreaming 9:30 Boundaries Of The Heart 11:30 Wizard Of Loneliness 1:30 Boundaries Of The

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

7:00 Family Hour: Savage Earth, Restless Planet 8:00 Bugs 9:00 Family Hour: The Forest of Ashes 10:00 Wild: Africa from the Ground Up 10:30 Wild: Wild Family Secrets, Striped Survivors 11:00 Tribal Tuesday: Elephant Men 12:00 National Geographic Specials: Volga, Soul of Russia 1:00 Wild: Africa from the Ground Up 1:30 Wild: Isle of the Leopard 2:00 NG Action Asia Challenge 3:00 Wild: Secrets of the Snowgeese 4:00 Love in The Wild, Galapagos 5:00 Death Zone reach, The Unreachable 6:00 Wild: Africa from the Ground Up 6:30 Wild: Wild Family Secrets Hidden Seals of Siberia 7:00 Tribal Tuesdays: Ancestral Gift Moremi 7:30 Amazon Bronze 8:00 National Geographic Specials: Love Those Trains 9:00 Insecta: Child's Play 10:00 Wild: Feather Tide 10:30 Tribal Tuesdays: Ancestral Gift Moremi 11:00 Amazon Bronze 11:30 National Geographic Specials: Love Those Trains 12:30 Wild: Africa from the Ground Up 1:00 Wild: Wild Family Secrets Hidden Seals of Siberia

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Movie: Scarred City 3:00 Who Dares Wins/Space Warship Yamamoto Yoko 4:00 Dual/Shadow Skills 5:00 Burn Up Excess/Who Dares Wins 6:00 Survivor 7:00 North Face Expedition 8:00 Movie: Twilight Zone 10:00 North Face Expedition 11:00 Movie: Twilight Zone 1:00 Earth Final Conflict I/Sandovals Run 2:00 Big Sky II/Wishing & Hoping 3:00 Silk Stalkings IV/Reluctant Witness

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The Pretender on Star World tonight at 11

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