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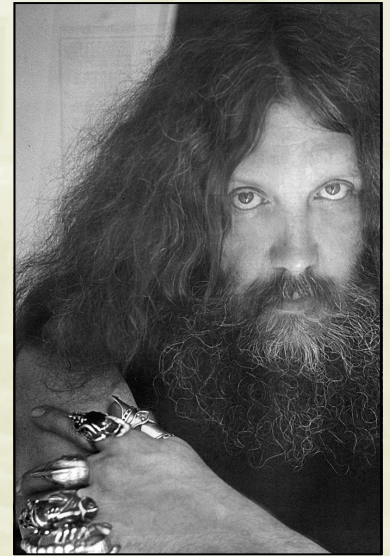
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C O N V E R S A T I O N W I T H G E O R G E K H O U R Y

Alan Moore: I'd like people to actually think about, what does heroism mean? What is power? What are super-powers? Does Stephen Hawking have a super-power? I mean, he would seem to me upon the available evidence to be much smarter than, say, Superman or Brainiac 5. He completely outstrips every comic book genius. And he's even in a wheelchair, so he could join the X-Men or the Doom Patrol, or any

of those kind of — differently-abled friendly super outfits.

The super-powers don't really matter at the end of the day, it's the characters that are important. Just as it doesn't really matter whether me or you or the reader ever gain the ability to run faster than light and get a neat costume. That won't make any difference to us. If we're an asshole now, all we will be then is an asshole in a neat costume who can run faster than light. This is not going to really improve the universe any, you know? The important thing is that ordinary



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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

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human beings are fantastic. They are fantastic in what they can do and what they can be. They can do fantastic things to their world for good or ill. They don't need powers. They don't need outfits and chest insignia. With things like *Watchmen* and a lot of my subsequent work I've tried to sort of suggest that. That having superpowers wouldn't necessarily make you a

nice person and that ordinary human beings are what we've got to work with; we don't have any super-heroes here.

George Khoury: So live your life.

Alan Moore: Live your life, and that's heroism. Live your life, try and do the right thing. Try and be the best person that you can be. *That* is heroism. That is super-heroism. Don't hang around waiting, standing near a big rack of chemicals waiting for the lightning bolt, because that's not going to happen. And if it did, it wouldn't make any difference; you wouldn't be any happier. In fact you'd probably be electrocuted and dead.