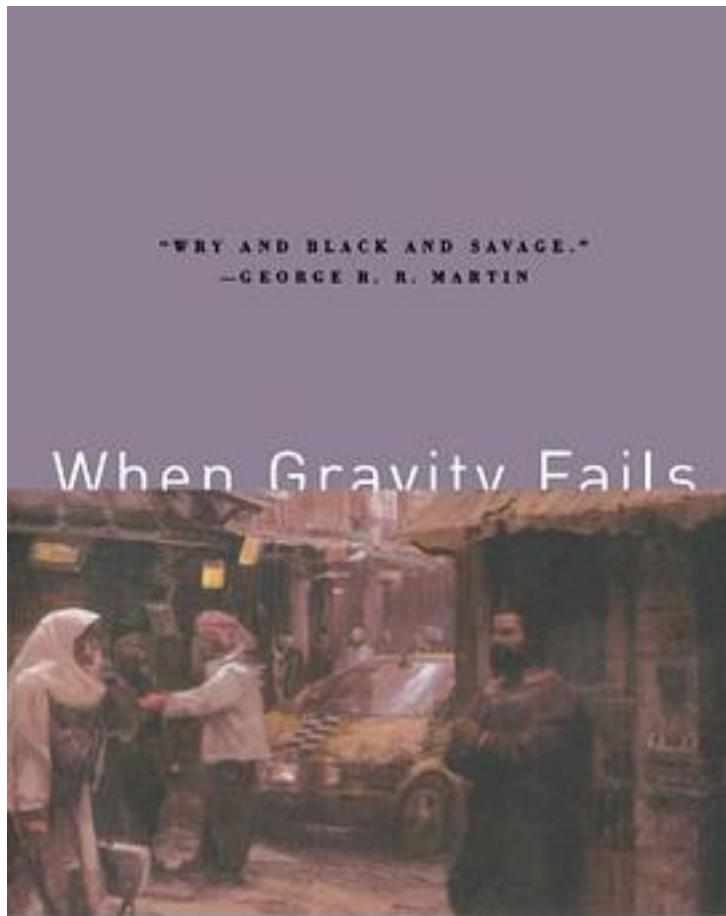


When Gravity Fails



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In a decadent world of cheap pleasures and easy death, Marid Audrian has kept his independence the hardway. Still, like everything else in the Budayeen, he's available... for a price. For a new kind of killer roams the streets of the Arab ghetto, a madman whose bootlegged personality cartridges range from a sinister James Bond to a sadistic dismemberer named Khan. And Marid Audrian has been made an offer he can't refuse. The 200-year-old "godfather" of the Budayeen's underworld has enlisted Marid as his instrument of vengeance. But first Marid must undergo the most sophisticated of surgical implants before he dares to confront a killer who carries the power of every psychopath since the beginning of time. Wry, savage, and unignorable, "When Gravity Fails" was hailed as a classic by Effinger's fellow SF writers on its original publication in 1987, and the sequence of "Marid Audrian" novels it begins were the culmination of his career.

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1986年作品.来自法月綸太郎编选的“推理小说迷必读100本（国外篇）”，位列第94.22世纪的未来废土，世界四分五裂，人类可以将不同的人格，无论是真实的还是虚拟的甚至可以是佛莱明笔下的詹姆斯邦德或雷克斯·斯托特笔下的尼禄·沃尔夫植入脑中从而变成“他”或“她”，同时可以用插件来增强各种能力（好像最多可以同时插入6个）-这个设定其实非常强大，但作者只是利用了其表面的作用从而忽略了其几乎无限的可能性.由于场景地很可能设置在中东，因此全书通篇充满了伊斯兰文化，几乎人人都是MSL、阿拉与真主几乎无处不在，其与颓废的蒸汽朋克气息混杂在一起，呈现出了一种光怪陆离让人目眩的黑色意境.但是，这部作品在当年所展现出来的吸引力和新奇感，已经被几十年来好莱坞流水线版的作品和科幻圈层出不穷的想象力消耗殆尽.不推荐阅读

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