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The only way to have a comprehensible 3 or 4 hour Dune movie would be to reduce the number of characters... but then again, we wouldn't really have Dune anymore.

Oh, but getting rid of characters is so much fun. Out of those that made it to the movie (alas, Count Hrasimir Fenring, my long-standing favorite minor character, didn't make it) I'd vote for the following to get the ax:

1. Feyd.
2. The Shadout Mapes.
3. Stilgar Naib. (Liet-Kynes is vastly more important)
4. The Princess Irulan.
5. Duncan Idaho.
6. Gurney Halleck.
7. Chani.
8. The Padishah Emperor Shaddam IV
9. Assorted Spacing Guild skinheads, punks, and navigators.

This leaves: Leto, Liet-Kynes, Paul, The Lady Jessica, Thufir, The Baron Harkonnen, Dr. Yueh, The Reverend Mother Gaius Helen Mohammed, Piter de Vries, (The Beast) Rabban, and Alia, surely enough characters to act out many of the intrigues woven into the book.

Complaints? Flames? Counter-suggestions? I'd much rather see some good, healthy second-guessing than some of the reviews that have been dribbling into my mailbox lately.

Jlm
