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From: Bob Larson

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.

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Subject: Re: Having Dune by Halving Dune
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> Toss the spice harvester's destruction and rescue of the crew.
> Cheryl Nemeth

I thought one of the more subtle points (but very relevant) was that Paul's father cared more about the men inside the harvester rather than the harvester or the spice they had collected. In the end of the book (right after the big battle) Paul asks about how much destruction to the house there was, and somebody (Gurney, i think) remarks that his father would have cared more about the men lost. This would seem to be a big lead on into the Jihad that follows and to the billions killed by it, in _Dune Messiah_.

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Actually the parallel is even closer. The exchange comes after the fremen
have captured Gurney's smugglers and their harvester, killing half the
smugglers in the process. Paul says it's a shame they couldn't have
saved the carrier, too, and Gurney replies that his father would have
said it was a shame they couldn't have saved the men.

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> His Highness was so totally
> unimpressive that I wouldn't have missed him at all. (Where in Dune
> did it say that he was a puppet of the Spacing Guild?)

p488, Ace 17261
Paul turned back to look at the Emperor, said: "When they permitted you
to mount your father's throne, it was only on the assurance that you'd
keep the spice flowing. You've failed them, Majesty. Do you know the
consequences?"

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