

The Legend of Wobbulator Woman

The original wobbulator was invented to help align early radios in the 1930's. Variouslly referred to as Phantastrons and other names, it was instrumental in the development of the laser death ray that the US used to defeat the Germans in WWII [citation needed].

The name captured the public imagination, and for a brief period in the late 1940's to early 1950's, the US was awash in Wobbulator guns, hats, and other ephemera. The science fiction magazines of the day picked up the meme and many writers started incorporating wobbulators into their stories.

The most famous of these were the tales of Wobbulator Woman, which appeared in several of the pulp magazines of that era.

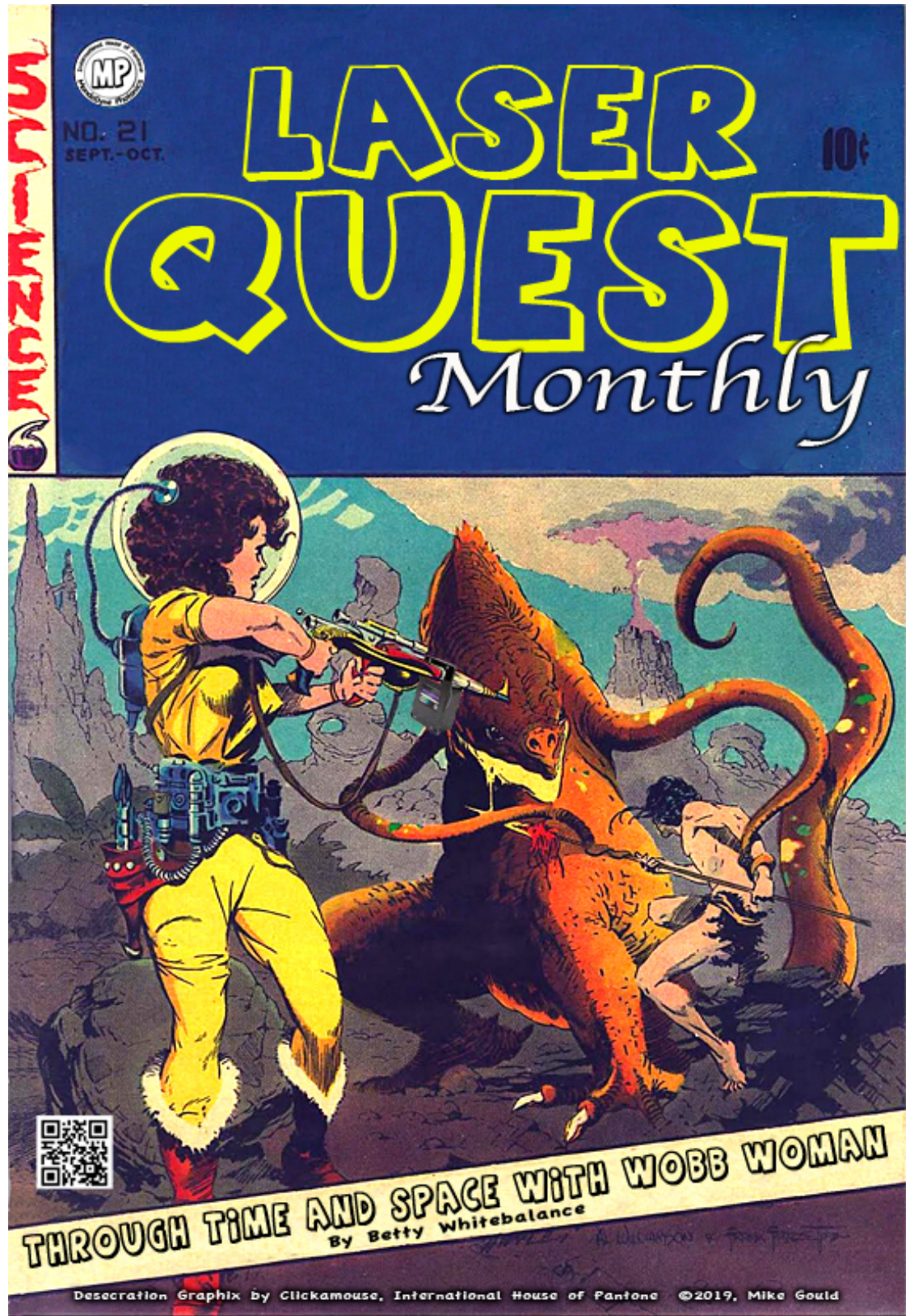
When MondoDyne Photonics decided to market an optical laser modulator, it was only fitting to pay tribute to these early inspirations and carry on the tradition of celebrating this science fictional female ass kicker.

Here are some of the pulp magazines that inspired us:



Science Fiction author F. B. Fore was one of the first to jump on Wobbulator Woman bandwagon. This story chronicled her adventures as she rescued her boyfriend William Bennest from the space pirates of Vesta, armed with her trusty atomic Wobbulator.

Betty Whitebalance was one of the few women authors of the era who wrote under her own name. She envisioned the Wobbulator as a ray rifle design.



Here is another of the popular magazines of the day, which celebrated the use of lasers in the defence of Earth from invasions of lizard men.

Brewster DiChreux published a number of Wobb woman stories, all featuring the lightweight gauze spacesuits that sold magazines back then.



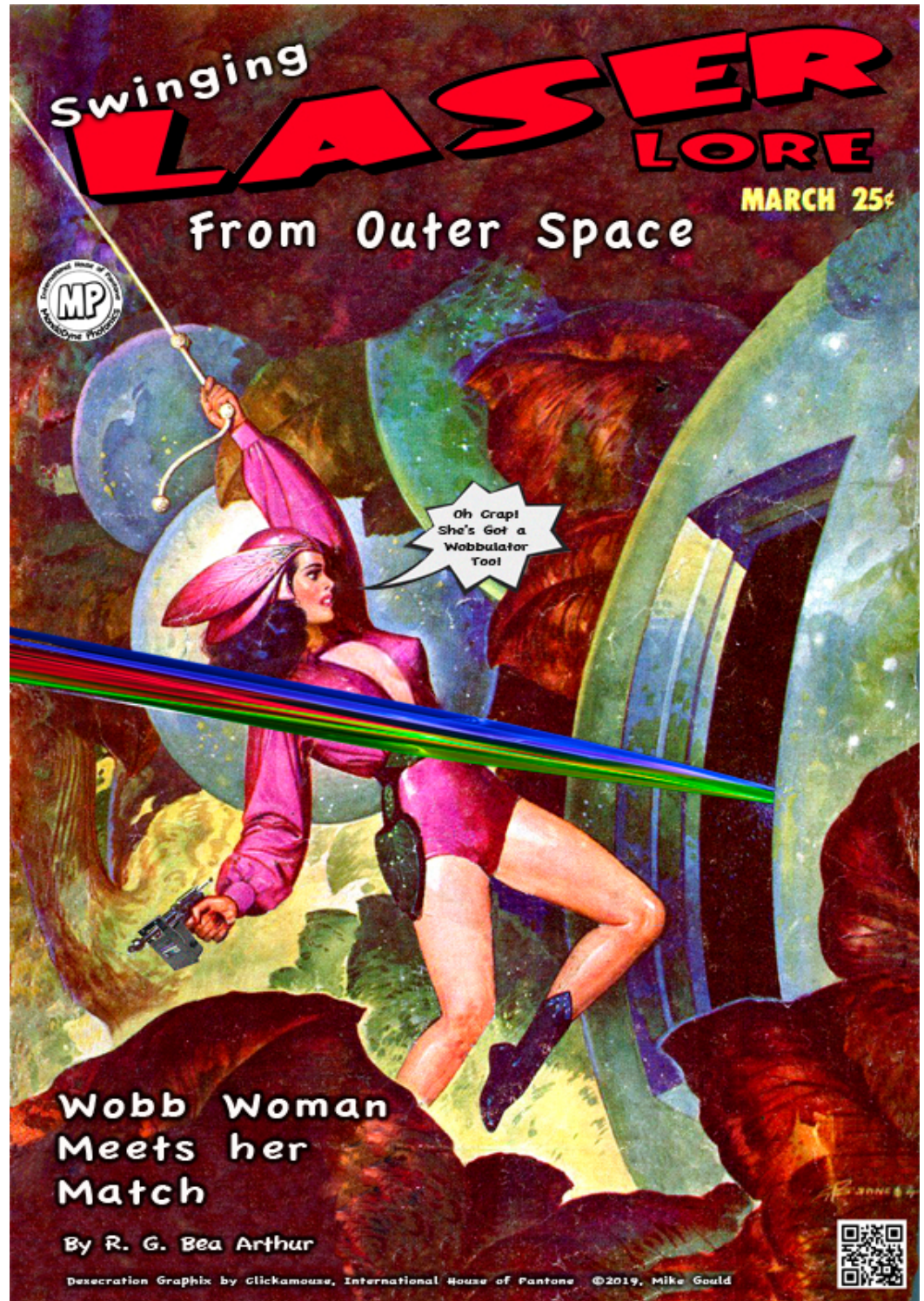
Wobbulator Woman's name was finally revealed in this issue of Mind-Buckling Laser Adventures: Wanda Offinspace. Here she is shown with her fellow Wobb patrol women, cruising about on their flying discs. The discs were a nod to the diffraction media used in early optical wobblers, which are still in use to this day.

Written by Max "Bounce" Mirror, this was one of the few stories where Wanda is seen with her posse; usually she fought alone.

Mr. Mirror was a jolly, obese alcoholic, noted for his interactions with floors and walls at science fiction conventions in the early days.

As you can see here, things didn't always go according to plan with Ms. Wobb.

In this story, author R. G. Bea Arthur has our hero fighting a similarly-armed foe, probably another one of those pesky lizard people.



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**Taste My
Wobbulator's
Sting!**

A Wobb Woman
Adventure
By Lou Meeya

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By Brewster DiChreaux

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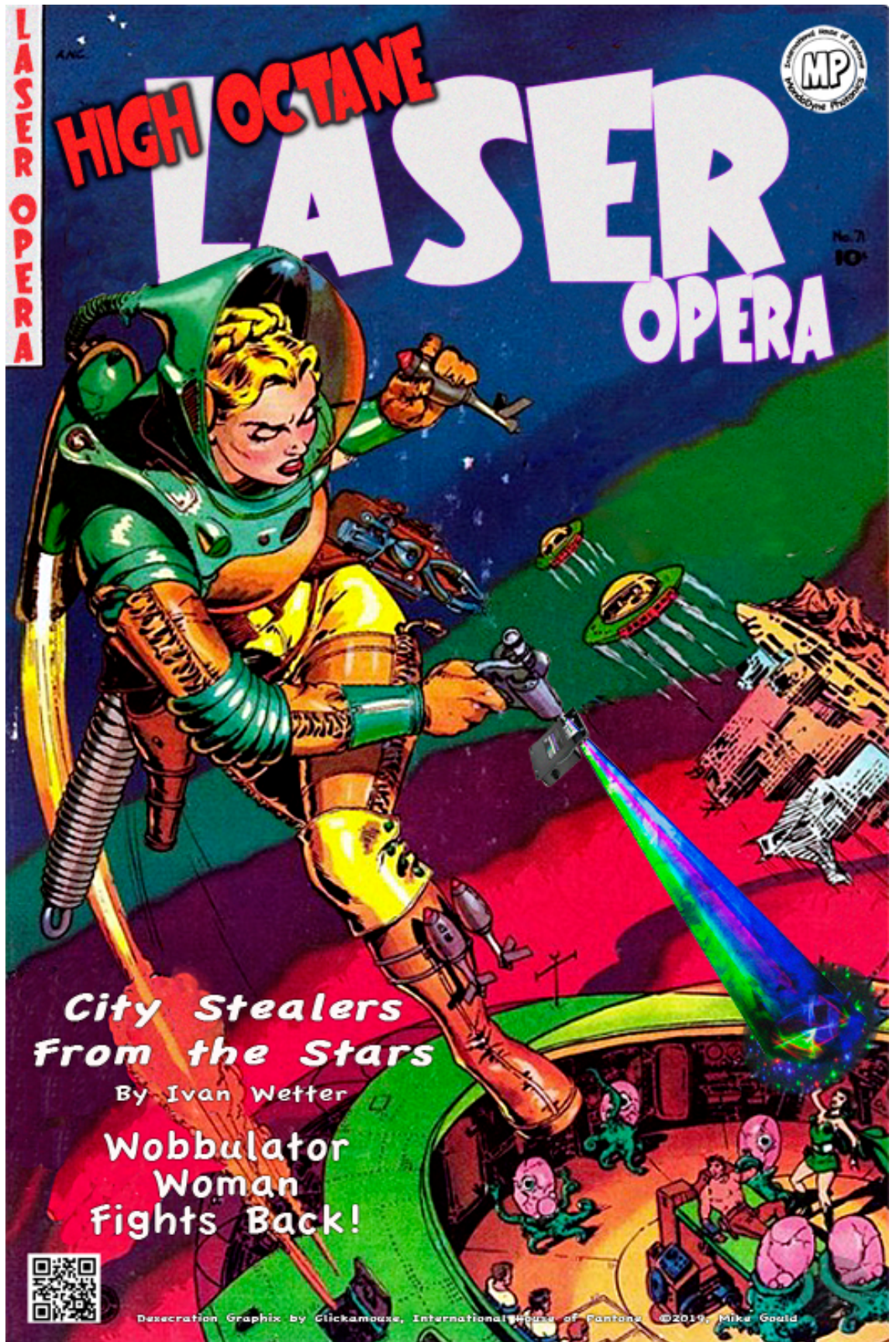
Alas, Ypsilanti
By Walter Tower

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In Confusing Laser Tales No. 57, Wobb Woman is defending us from screwy invaders from Earth's core, who are fortunately armed with more conventional hand weapons.

Lou Meeya captured Wobb Woman's derring-do as a plucky model by night, super hero by day.

With her wobbulator blaster and a few disruptor bombs, Wobbulator Woman fights off the invaders intent on collecting our cities.



The complete report can be found here: <http://mondodyne.com/archeology/WobbWoman.pdf>

Other annual reports are here:

Lasers of Ancient Rome: <http://mondodyne.com/archeology/Muses.pdf>

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This has been my annual report on the latest in laser archeology.

Tune in next year this time for more updates.

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(For further insight into the name above, see: <http://www.montypython.net/scripts/johann.php>)

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