

I write the second article on feats of hand and arm power and send it in. I call  
beforehand and remind O'hara of our agreement. Right, he says. NO PROBLEM.  
YOU SHALL GET THE CHECK at once, if not faster. I wait and wait and wait. I  
write, where's the bloody check. No answer. Comes a copy of the mag with  
my article on it. Two days later comes the check.

Meanwhile I am getting letters from all over the bloody place from blokes who  
have read the articles. They are raving and want to know if I will be writing  
regularly. I can get two calls, one from Florida and one from CANADA of all  
places, to tell me how much they liked the articles.

Then I get a letter from O'Hara to say how he wants me to write regularly for  
him, that WE, (Yup, me and his) can make his mag a success. I wonder  
for whom? He tells me he has got so many letters that he considers me a FIND.  
I remind him I have been writing for fifty years now. He says he KNOWS. At this I  
get vastly pissed off.

I tell him that he hasnt kept his agreement with me to pay on approval,  
not on publication. I also say \$100 isnt enough and I want 150. He at once  
goes into that aged and hoary poverty routine. Now I KNOW he is doing well  
and I know his take is good since he employs REGULARLY, that is week by week, a  
staff of two Irish lads forger from aenny noodge. English lads for a GRADUATES  
bloody cheap as to refuse a fifty bucks a "WARTER more, than he isnt worth  
working for. That is it.

There are no more Mr Nice Guy for me. A laborer is worthy of his hire.

The way I feel is that what knowledge I have isnt really mine, I am just an heir  
of all those who have preceded me and this I hold THEIR knowledge and those they  
got THEIR knowledge from, in trust.

BUT, my writing expertise, such as it is, and it isnt much, IS MINE and I want  
a fair and square price for it. I dont expect them to pay what the Wanking  
Wunder does, --- 500 a toss --- he is making millions and could easily afford to  
pay 1000 an article. But this hundred bucks a know deal is chicken shot. Balik  
paid me 100 until I found out he was paying others more. I yelled. He paid me  
150 for my last article. He has one of mine he hasnt paid me for and wont answer  
any of my letters demanding it back or payment for it. Nice guys we have in  
this game. They want all the money, but they dont want to have what they make with  
anyone else. So UP THEIRS,

If McRobert can pay me 150 an article, a fair price I think, then he will get  
them otherwise he will have to be content with quoting from my letters.

Those British mags. I have no more left. I have searched and searched. All gone.

I TOLD you NOT to trust Gentle. He is a nice bloke but he wheels and deals. I  
KNOW this British type. He puts out no money but just writes and asks the mag  
blokes to send mags to his one or that. He is out nothing. Meanwhile you send him  
stuff which he has. You get nothing in return. I cant help saying I TOLD YOU  
SO. He has no <sup>write, edit</sup> part over there. He is just another hanger on.

I am not surprised at the response you got over your returning part of those  
sub as you no longer could fill. People dont listen or else work out some scheme  
to get something for nothing. Not my way.

Who the hell is Gorge Snyder? Aint har of him.

Re that article I had in Weiders mag, that one you took yes 