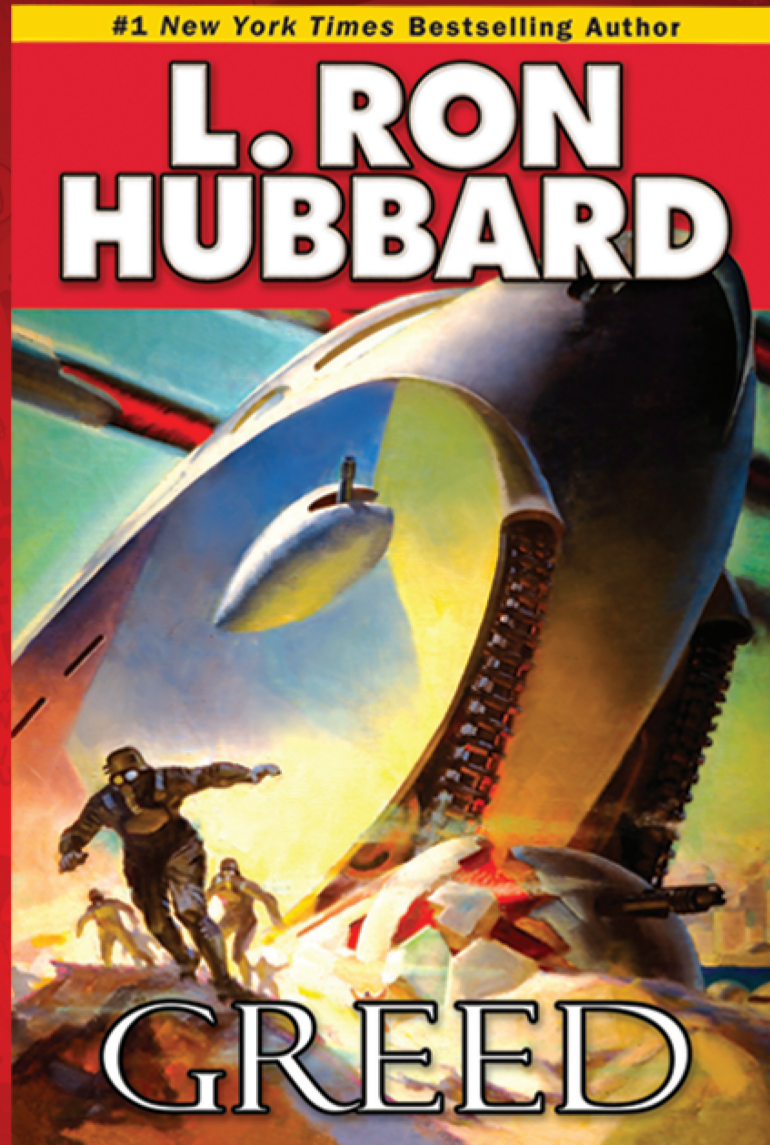


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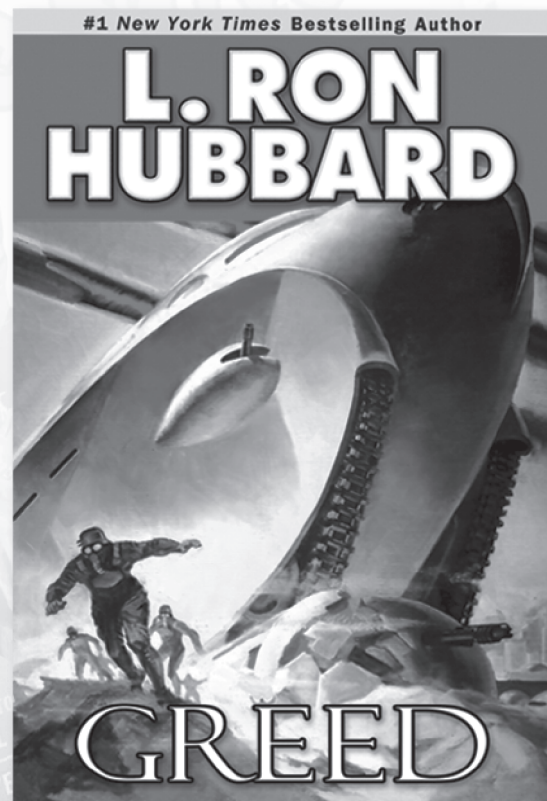
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## About Greed

### ***Greed:***

(ORIGINALLY PUBLISHED IN THE APRIL 1950  
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Far in the future exist two Earth empires, separated by a weapon-projected wall of space and poised for war. And George Marquis Lorillard, a sometime lieutenant in the United Continents Space Navy (that pitiful handful of space guards) and now a space exploiter supposedly driven by greed, must change the fate of Earth and the stars.



# ***Greed*** **Activity Guide Contents**

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# • Quiz

**For this section circle the correct answers to fill in the blanks.**



## 1. MAIN IDEA

What is the main idea of the story?

- Space exploration should never be done, as it's too dangerous.
- Greed is necessary for men to move forward and accomplish great things.
- Colonization of other planets is only a hopeless dream.
- The world would be a better place if there were no greed.

## 2. SEQUENCE

What belongs in the middle?

- a) Lorrilard attacks an Asian ship, the *Changrin*.
  - b) \_\_\_\_\_
  - c) Lorrilard builds a new weapon.
- Lorrilard attends the United Continents Naval Academy.
  - Lorrilard erects a gold plaque in Kolchein's memory.
  - Lorrilard informs the world that the Asians will soon control space.
  - Lorrilard attacks the planet Stella.

## 3. CAUSE AND EFFECT

The Asians and the United Continents knew better than to attack each other, so \_\_\_\_\_

- the United Continents decided to become Asians.
- the Asians decided to rejoin the United Continents.
- everyone was unhappy.
- Earth stayed in a state of peaceful deadlock for many years.



# • Quiz

## 4. CAUSE AND EFFECT

Lorrilard had a successful weapon to win against the Asians, so \_\_\_\_\_

- he made a deal with the Asians and came away with a fortune in gold.
- he sold it to the United Continents Navy and then retired.
- he took a vacation and enjoyed his new fame.
- he quickly used it on more Asian fortresses before the technique could get old.

## 5. CONTEXT CLUES

"Graduated in the center of his class" probably means \_\_\_\_\_

- he was in the middle of the line when receiving his diploma.
- he was of medium height.
- he had only average grades.
- the first letter of his name was in the middle of the alphabet.

## 6. CONTEXT CLUES

"They let him (Lorrilard) resign from the Navy." probably means \_\_\_\_\_

- With Lorrilard having become infamous, they encouraged him to leave so they wouldn't look bad by discharging him.
- He had personal situations that he needed to work out so needed to leave.
- He'd always wanted out so they finally gave in.
- They were apathetic and didn't really care what he did.

## 7. PREDICTION OR INFERENCE

Why do you think Lorrilard receives large payments from several space mining companies after he first attacked the Asians?

- He is like the local "gang" who offers protection for payment.
- They understand that he is saving their companies from later destruction or takeover by the Asians.
- He is now mining for several companies as he travels around in space.
- He probably threatened them and told them they were next if they didn't pay up.

# • Quiz

## 8. PREDICTION OR INFERENCE

Why do you think that Lorrilard would have understood someone stealing the gold plaque he'd erected for Kolchein?

- He was a very understanding person.
- He knew everyone hated Kolchein as much as he did.
- He felt most people were no good and would destroy anything they could.
- Lorrilard was greedy and wanted gems and gold, so this would make sense to him.

## 9. FACTS AND DETAILS

Stella is \_\_\_\_\_

- a beautiful woman who is in love with Lorrilard.
- a planet that is similar to Earth.
- one of Lorrilard's young crew members.
- a teacher in the Naval Academy Lorrilard attended.

## 10. FACTS AND DETAILS

Stella was of no value to exploiters because \_\_\_\_\_

- it was too small.
- it had such a hard surface that it was too costly to mine.
- it was almost entirely lacking in precious metals and stones and radioactive fuels.
- it was too far from Earth and so too hard to get to.

## 11. FACTS AND DETAILS

After receiving an attack in response to his note to the Stellan Union of Countries, Lorrilard sends them \_\_\_\_\_

- large amounts of gold and gems if they'll give up without a fight.
- a surprise attack of his own.
- an invitation to a peace talk.
- the head of the tank corps commander, wrapped in a big leaf.



# • Quiz

## 12. FACTS AND DETAILS

Size-Quon is \_\_\_\_\_

- a city on the planet Stella.
- the cringing, whining second-in-command of Kolchein.
- a form of currency used on the planet Stella.
- a formal greeting between Stellans.

## 13. FACTS AND DETAILS

The name of the ship that Lorrilard used to attack Stella is \_\_\_\_\_

- the *Angel's Dance*.
- the *Fast and Furious*.
- the *UC Philadelphia*.
- the *Iron Butterfly*.

## 14. FACTS AND DETAILS

Lorrilard offers \_\_\_\_\_ to any of Kolchein's men who will deliver up their fort to him.

- Kolchein's job
- the possibility of being allowed to live
- a place on his crew
- one thousand tons of gold and transport home

## 15. FACTS AND DETAILS

Stella was eventually renamed \_\_\_\_\_

- The Death Planet.
- Kolchein's Folly.
- Lorrilard.
- New Earth.

# • Characters

## CHARACTERS

WRITE ABOUT THE FOLLOWING CHARACTERS, AND BE SURE TO EXPLAIN THEIR RELATIONSHIPS TO THE OTHER CHARACTERS.

GEORGE MARQUIS LORRILARD

KOLCHEIN



# • **Summary/SBQ**

## **SUMMARY**

Write a summary of the book on a separate piece of paper. You may prepare for an oral summary if you prefer.

## **SBQ (STORY-BASED QUESTIONS)**

Answer the following questions in short sentences.

1. In this futuristic space society, who were the exploiters?
2. What astonishing news did Lorillard bring the world about the Asians?
3. Why were the Asians able to build weapons at will?
4. What were the natives of Stella like?
5. Why were occasional Asian raids made on the planet Stella?
6. What happens that Lorillard considers hostile and results in his attacking Stella?
7. Kolchein's second-in-command, Sze-Quon, is upset about what after the attack?
8. How does Sze-Quon die?

# • Story-Based Discussion

## **SBD (STORY-BASED DISCUSSION)**

While you are reading the book, find the answers to the following questions. You don't have to write down the answers.

1. How does the "cohesion projector" work?
2. What does Lorrilard's weapon (radiative meteor disintegrator) do to Stella?
3. How does Lorrilard manage to not only talk to but to hear Kolchein?

## **SAW (STORY-APPLIED WRITING)**

Pick one topic below and write a complete response.

1. Write an additional chapter of the book, describing the populating of New Earth.
2. Compare and contrast George Marquis Lorrilard with a character you have read about in another book.
3. Discuss in detail why "It can be said with more than a little truth that a society is lost when it loses its greed..."



# • Find the Meaning

For the following section circle the correct answers.

1. *sloth* means

- madness
- laziness
- darkness
- murkiness

2. *depredations* means

- bad memories
- feelings of being old
- love of money; greed
- predatory attacks; raids

3. *inhospitable* means

- vague uneasiness
- unable to see clearly
- quick to give up
- not welcoming; unfriendly

4. *aplomb* means

- self-confidence
- craftiness
- quill pen
- exaggeration

5. *squandered* means

- scrubbed thoroughly
- watched carefully
- spent or used wastefully
- rested fitfully

6. *ostensibly* means

- roughly
- apparently
- woodenly
- graciously

7. *engrossed* means

- turned outward
- made useless
- disgusted
- absorbed; captivated

8. *rudimentary* means

- hard to handle
- existing for a long time
- elementary or basic
- shifting from side to side

9. *founded* means

- made to work
- located
- fell apart
- supported with evidence

10. *stolidity* means

- condition of being unemotional
- roundness
- unable to move forward
- bigness; heaviness

# • Complete the Sentences

## COMPLETE THE SENTENCES

1. Her easy \_\_\_\_\_ gave her an edge over the other applicants.
  - inhospitable
  - aplomb
  - stolidity
  - sloth
2. The Fosters found the small town to be \_\_\_\_\_ rather than the friendly place they had hoped for.
  - depredations
  - rudimentary
  - squandered
  - inhospitable
3. He told jokes with such \_\_\_\_\_ that the children were never sure whether he was kidding or not.
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  - engrossed
  - stolidity
  - founded
4. Genghis Khan's \_\_\_\_\_ were feared throughout China in the thirteenth century.
  - squandered
  - aplomb
  - rudimentary
  - depredations
5. The preacher gave a sermon today on why \_\_\_\_\_ is considered a sin.
  - sloth
  - founded
  - engrossed
  - ostensibly



# • Complete the Sentences

6. When my mother was young, our understanding of what computers could do was \_\_\_\_\_

- engrossed.
- founded.
- depredations.
- rudimentary.

7. He was so \_\_\_\_\_ in the movie that he didn't hear the phone ring.

- inhospitable
- sloth
- engrossed
- aplomb

8. If you have \_\_\_\_\_ your money, you may not have any when you really need it.

- ostensibly
- rudimentary
- depredations
- squandered

9. While \_\_\_\_\_ on a business trip, she seems to have done a lot of sightseeing.

- aplomb
- engrossed
- sloth
- ostensibly

10. Once the truth was told, she found that her fears had been well \_\_\_\_\_

- inhospitable.
- founded.
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# • Quiz: Answers



## 1. MAIN IDEA

- Greed is necessary for men to move forward and accomplish great things.

## 2. SEQUENCE

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## 3. CAUSE AND EFFECT

- Earth stayed in a state of peaceful deadlock for many years.

## 4. CAUSE AND EFFECT

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## 8. PREDICTION OR INFERENCE

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## 9. FACTS AND DETAILS

- a planet that is similar to Earth.

## 10. FACTS AND DETAILS

- it was almost entirely lacking in precious metals and stones and radioactive fuels.

## 11. FACTS AND DETAILS

- the head of the tank corps commander, wrapped in a big leaf.

## 12. FACTS AND DETAILS

- the cringing, whining second-in-command of Kolchein.

## 13. FACTS AND DETAILS

- the *Angel's Dance*.

## 14. FACTS AND DETAILS

- one thousand tons of gold and transport home

## 15. FACTS AND DETAILS

- New Earth.

# • Characters: Answers

## GEORGE MARQUIS LORRILARD

George Marquis Lorrilard is an exploiter in a highly futuristic world of space travel and exploration. He wants wealth and will do just about anything to get it. He becomes famous, or infamous, by singlehandedly attacking and overcoming an Asian cruiser. He then begins to raid Asian points and other men begin to do the same. After nearly destroying the planet Stella where Kolchein reigns, he suggests the use of it as a New Earth where the excess population can be relocated.

## KOLCHEIN

Kolchein is the Asian governor on the planet Stella. He is fat and Mongolian and thinks he is successfully hiding behind the Asian-invented force field. But he then finds himself up against Lorrilard in a battle he cannot win. The cities of his planet are destroyed by Lorrilard's very competent crew, and he is killed in the process. His planet later becomes New Earth and Lorrilard erects a large gold plaque in his memory.



# • Story-Based Questions: Answers

## SBQ (STORY-BASED QUESTIONS)

Answer the following questions in short sentences.

1. In this futuristic space society, who were the exploiters?  
They were the dangerous men who wanted gems and gold and were known as the men who accomplished the "rape of space."
2. What astonishing news did Lorrilard bring the world about the Asians?  
They were establishing fortresses on planets near Earth and would soon control space.
3. Why were the Asians able to build weapons at will?  
With their force field barriers in place, no one could stop them and they could build what they wanted.
4. What were the natives of Stella like?  
They were very much like Homo Sapiens except they were blue.
5. Why were occasional Asian raids made on the planet Stella?  
They were made to gather slave labor.
6. What happens that Lorrilard considers hostile and results in his attacking Stella?  
The ship of an exploiter and friend of Lorrilard on a peaceful mission ran into their force screen and crashed.
7. Kolchein's second-in-command, Sze-Quon, is upset about what after the attack?  
The loss of riches that he might have had.
8. How does Sze-Quon die?  
Kolchein shoots him.

# • SBD/Find the Meaning: Answers

## SBD (STORY-BASED DISCUSSION)

While you are reading the book, find the answers to the following questions. You don't have to write down the answers.

1. How does the "cohesion projector" work?

It uses the force that keeps atoms and electrons together, instead of blowing them apart, and so can turn space itself into a solid wall.

2. What does Lorrillard's weapon (radiative meteor disintegrator) do to Stella?

It penetrates the crust and causes the liquid core to gurgle forth, as well as killing three-quarters of a million Stellans.

3. How does Lorrillard manage to not only talk to but to hear Kolchein?

One of Lorrillard's crew has snagged the speaker of the viewscreen and it now works both ways.

## FIND THE MEANING

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# • Complete the Sentences: Answers

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