

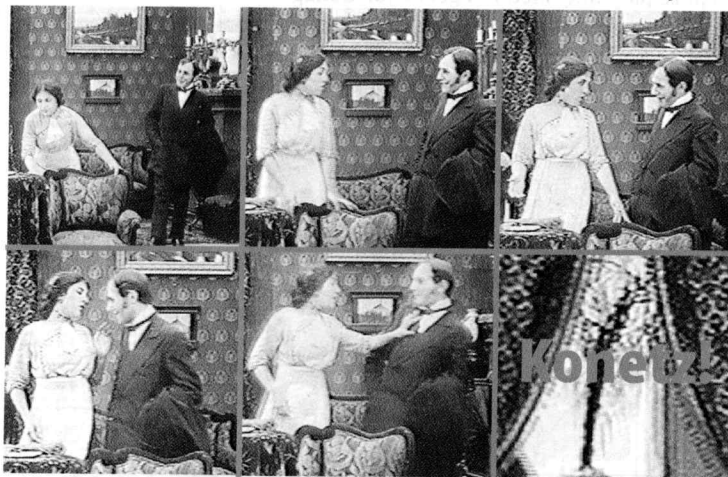
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A New Look at Silent Cinema

Bored with the same old selections on video? Then go back to the beginning – literally – with the silent cinema classics from Milestone Film & Video. You'll be surprised at what you find.

Forget what you think silent films are all about. This ain't no herky-jerky Keystone Kops nonsense with a tinny piano score to kill your nerves. All of Milestone's releases have been fully restored to their original pristine visual quality, with lovely new music scores specially commissioned for the releases. Milestone is currently offering three unique silent cinema series:

- *The Age of Exploration*, an octet of on-location adventures from Africa, Asia, Antarctica, the South Seas, and the Middle East, marking the first celluloid exploration of foreign cultures and terrains, and the long-unseen *Grass* and *Chang* from filmmakers Merian C. Cooper and Ernest B. Schoedsack, the creators of *King Kong*. Long before anyone



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thought twice about multiculturalism, these films depicted indigenous peoples with an amazing sensitivity and intelligence that vanished with talking pictures. US\$39.95 each.

- *Family Fun*, including the original 1920s Felix the Cat cartoons, the films of the long-forgotten animation pioneers Winsor McCay and Ladislaw Starewicz, a 1920s version of *The Last of the Mohicans*, and the world's first rampaging dinosaur epic, the 1925 version of *The Lost World*. Kids will be amazed to discover cartoon classics that are not repeated *ad nauseam* on TV. \$39.95 each.

- *Early Russian Cinema*, a ten-set anthology of Tsarist-era films never before seen in the US. This is a gold mine for film buffs and Russo-philics, depicting both urban and peasant life in the immediate years before Lenin and his pals took over. \$29.95 each, \$250 for the entire set. – *Phil Hall*

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