

## FOREWORD

SINCE CRIMINALS and the police have in the past both drawn upon science for aid in their unremitting war, this established pattern will, without a doubt, continue into the future. Space pirates will devise methods for looting rocket ships on course between planets, patrolmen new means for tracing the bandits. And the sky will provide no limit to either.

So we can visualize in days to come "modern" police procedures which will keep abreast of the times to prove to the solar system and beyond that crime never pays. Or we can shiver a little at the thought that there might even be now strange agents hidden among us, tracing down their own wrongdoers, both entirely alien to our world or time.

And what of the future yet more remote—of law enforcement officers who patrol sets of solar systems in a galaxy-wide net of law and order? Will it be the same old crimes which set them to labor, or wholly new forms of wrongdoing? It is anyone's guess. Only it is a certain bet that the police shall continue to serve the public good—in one form or another.

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