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Subject: Special Features

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Today's rant is about special features on dvd format films. What's so special about them? I went through several editions of the miniseries version of Dune to catch all the "special features" I missed from watching vhs. And I've seen those Dune shows about 3 times all the way through. But those special features: bored panel sitting around jabbering about the future-- one "on tv" named Ray Kurzweil who was stiffer than the warm bodies in the room. Harlan Ellison was so petrified with boredom he was scraping the paper off his bottled water. I remember Ellison in his prime. This was a waste. As an old man (prob'ly 10 years older than me) he looks like one of those rubber faced aliens on those star trek episodes I've been catching up on. This wouldn't be so bad if it was some fan convention, but this is part of a video package. Then there was the obligatory interview with the director and crew who are a self-congratulatory nightmare of stupefaction. These special features must be a gag and I haven't been let in on the joke.

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