

X Minus One: The Vital Factor (November 30, 1955)

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Synopsis

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X Minus One premiered in April 1955 on NBC and ran until January 1958. Like its predecessor series, *Dimension X*, *X Minus One* featured stories by the greatest names in modern science fiction: Ray Bradbury, Robert Heinlein, Clifford Simak, Robert Bloch, and many more.

Reader's comments

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X Minus One: The Vital Factor, adapted by Howard Rodman from Nelson Bond's original work, transports readers to a time when radio dramas were at the pinnacle of storytelling. The narrative unfolds with a gripping pace, capturing the essence of 1950s science fiction with both charm and intrigue. Bond's story, skillfully adapted for the radio format, delves into themes of ambition, morality, and the relentless pursuit of progress. The characters are well-crafted, each representing different facets of human nature and the ethical dilemmas that arise with technological advancements. The adaptation remains faithful to Bond's vision while infusing it with Rodman's flair for dramatic tension. The dialogue is crisp and evocative, encapsulating the era's speculative imagination. As a reader, one can't help but be drawn into the world where science and ethics collide, leaving us to ponder the true cost of innovation. This book is a must-read for aficionados of classic science fiction, offering both nostalgia and a timeless exploration of humanity's vital factors. Whether you're new to radio drama adaptations or a seasoned fan, X Minus One: The Vital Factor stands as a testament to the enduring power of well-told stories.

â€”â€” Alexandra Reed (2026-05-30 18:40:53)