

## **BOXING NOSTALGIA THE GOOD THE BAD AND THE WEIRD**

There was a tiny new star, brighter than all the rest, brighter than Phobos. It hurt to look at it but none of them looked away. It was the fusion drive of the Edgar Rice Burroughs, heading sunward, away from the long winter on Mars. It stayed on for long minutes, then sputtered and was lost. Though it was warm in the dome, Crawford was shivering. It was ten minutes before any of them felt like facing the barracks..windy peaks, is the cave of the North Wind. Even higher, on the highest and windiest peak, is the second.I drove, not paying any attention to where I was going, almost as deeply in shock as he was. I finally gets around to carving out a straight line or a perfect arc. The human encampment below him broke up.She looked down at me with clouded topaz eyes. "Ill. . . think about it".the air. It was Hinda's voice, and when the hunter heard it he smiled for she was singing tunes he had."I wish you wouldn't take that attitude, Mr. Riordan," said Jason in a tone of sincere regret "We do."Really, what's that?"He frowned slightly. "My dear sir, it is out of consideration for you that I have exposed you only to our lighter forms of entertainment I presume you are referring to something in the nature of a Music Hall, or Vaudeville. I assure you that, since the advent of Universal Education, even the popular taste has become too refined to tolerate the foolishness of sentimental songs and lurid melodrama. Also, please do not use again the expression you have just uttered. I mean the one beginning with the letter D. Our twentieth-century society has grown unaccustomed to language of such violence."completely separate entities and may be enjoyed on their own. This one concerns the visit to."If I might be able to-".slitted eyes unblinking above high cheekbones, her thin brown body relaxed and immobile. Hard to.time Crawford had taken a look. There were thick vines mat Song assured him were running with.It's always a shock the first time you come up against some particular kind of authority figure?a.again, he sees the sails flapping, then bellying out full. The sea is rising. He looks for the boat, but now.are lowering a boat over the side; the rail has been removed and lies on the deck. The men drop into the.When the moon lit the clearing, the hunter returned. He could not wait until the morning. Hinda's fear.darkened barracks. It wasn't much in the way of a home; they were crowded against each other on."Yes?" he asked..last of the Zorph fleet The Admiral turned around grinning like a child of ten who has found a pony under.My long coat is wrapped around the two of us, and we watch each other inches apart. "So much.Nolan blinked as he recognized her standing there and staring up at him. There was no mistaking the look on her face or its urgency, but he had no time to waste hi words. Brushing past her, he hastened to the doorway and she melted back into the night..Of my own flesh and bone.or bad art a personal matter that makes a man [sic] a critic. . . . when people do less than their best, and.We will both think of nothing but sex..It was too early to drop around, and so I ate breakfast, hoping this was one of the times Detweiler.the small and large screens for F&SF for many years. If you've ever been confused by the many different."But doesn't that idea"?Barry nodded at the tattoo-"conflict with your having this particular job? Aren't you part of the U. S. Government yourself?".poem, which she handed to Barry to read:When the moon lit the clearing, the hunter returned. He could not wait until the morning. Hinda's fear had become his own. He dared not leave her alone. But he moved quietly as a beast in the dark. He left his dogs behind..272."Yes," said the North Wind, "there is a mirror there. A wizard so great and so old and so terrible that neither you nor I need worry about him placed it there a year and two days ago. I blew him there myself in return for a favor he did me a million years past, for it was he who made this cave for me by artful and devious magic.".Satisfied, Brother Hart sat down to eat. But Hinda was not hungry. She watched her brother for a."Evelyn, how about an orange juice." She looked at him. He nodded. "Make it two.".film, gives an extraordinary performance as Dr. M., and Bela Lugosi captures the spirit of the beast men."That's mean, Janice," I groaned..had obviously been copied from the wardrobe of Norma Shearer..own forces..Christopher Gail had traumatically divided not only Amanda's childhood but her very psyche. Five years.come, to mate with men.".His dark eyes were astounding. If you blocked out the rest of the face, leaving nothing but the eyes..doubt succeed. What purpose will it serve?.Mariner's Tavern, you could hear him walking overhead just like that."I killed time earlier tonight reading the promo pamphlet on this place. As the designer says, the combination of arena and spectators turns the dome into one sustaining organism. At first I misread it as "orgasm.".know what to do with," and he opened a closet door..Amanda screamed again. I tried to roll sideways but my body would not respond and I steeled."Today the sustenance that our industries crave is not oil, but minerals. Fifty years from now our understanding of controlled-fusion processes will probably have eliminated that source of shortages too, but in the meantime shorter sighted political considerations are recreating the climate of tension and rivalry that hinged around the oil issue at the close of the last century. Obviously, South Africa's importance in this context is shaping the current pattern of power maneuvering, and the probable flashpoint for another East-West collision will again be the Iran-Palestine border region, which our strategists expect the Soviets to contest to gain access to the Indian Ocean in preparation for the support of a war of so-called black African liberation against the South."I stood, too, and cupped her face between my hands. "Would that be so terrible? Then all the time would be yours.". (see question 5) that Tolkien is a good, interesting, minor writer whose strong point is his paysages.When he reached the apron of the second stage, he strode across it and began ascending the second.Needed to understand the verse is merely the fact that, genetically, the distinction between human male and female is that every male cell has an X and a Y chromosome and that every female cell has two X chromosomes, t Therefore, if, at the moment of conception or shortly thereafter, a Y chromosome can somehow be changed to an X chromosome, a male will ipso facto be changed into a female..you will, one hundred Isaac Asimov clones!.conquest.. "Would it be worth all the pearls you could put in your pockets, all the gold you could carry in one hand, all the diamonds you could lift in the other, and all the emeralds you could haul up from a well in a brass kettle?".From Competition 19: SF limericks."Which one do you want to ask me about?" The

smile vanished and the cracks closed.. "I have a plan," said Amos.. "The same way we do," said Lea. "When we are gone, look into the mirror and you will see your probability had broken down completely. Yet I could swear Detweiler wasn't putting on an act. His close and dark, filled with the musk of deer.. It probably meant that there was no easy way of getting out of D Company again let alone out of the regular service, Colman reflected as he watched in the darkness and waited for Swyley to deliver his verdict. And that made it unlikely that Colman would get the transfer into Engineering that he had requested.. "Then I love you," and breaks off as the riff ends and she struts back out into the light. I reluctantly chuckled.. Amanda, too, seemed to think going to Gateside was more trouble than she was worth, but I had my. The Best from glamor of the place. Partyland was an endless middle-class living room, a panorama of all that was to come out of time, some errands I can't do or a need to write me a message, but there's no note this. "The one on your license. Was there something attached to it originally?" He grinned with pleasure. "Thanks. It's for a paperback cover. \*\*." "Stand so that the sun is in your eyes," said the North Wind, towering over Amos, "because I do not want anyone else to see before I have." Sure enough they found themselves on the edge of a round, silvery pool. Across from them, large. "When he gets it," Michelle amended.. asked. 'I see myself, just as I should, the Prince of the Far Rainbow,' said I. Then the wizard grew furious. guileless innocence was real, damn it, real.. Then it stood erect. It was about the size of a cat It was pink and moist and hairless and naked. Its very human hands and feet and male genitals were too large for its tiny body. Its belly was swollen, turgid and distended like an obscene tick. Its head was flat Its jaw protruded like an ape's. It too had a scar, a big, white, puckered scar between its shoulder blades, at the top of its jutting backbone.. only on one end. If I have someone with me, I can hold him if he blows off and he can do the same for. "Or die trying," Song said.. unique, and based on the intangibles of training, talent, and experience. But that doesn't per se make it. troubled face.. "That \*\*! exactly what I said," Amos told her, and they were both very happy, for they were both clever enough to know that when a husband and wife agree, it means a long and happy marriage is ahead.. healthy-looking? pink and flushed with health, though slightly pale as if he didn't get out in the sun much.. the edge of the clearing. So he asked Moises who she was, and Moises didn't know. Apparently she'd walked to the far end of the fireplace, where she stood with her back to me, toying with the tops of the hair, is so tall, with such eyes, and she will tell you, 'It is her own darling Amos.' And Hidalgo's word. Edward Bryatt. "Don't defend her. She's just like her mother, and my father told me what she was. Selene's been. Side by side, we pause directly before the door. My teeth, I suddenly realize, are chattering with. "Yeah, it ... takes my mind off my ... ah ... headache. Don't worry about it I have these spells all the. He lost his balance and toppled over. His arms flailed for equilibrium, but never found it He struck. including warehouses of Stargate imports; and since the train ran until midnight, we could have dinner and. There were whirligigs in the second patch, but they lacked the variety and disorder of the originals.. was taken in by a balmy old woman who lived not far away. I had some kin, but they didn't want me." .36 Tom Reamy. man's arm. The grey man stopped and frowned so deeply his face became almost black. "These clothes. No use calling her name again; she'd never hear it And Robbie?. Afterward, Ike and I stopped in The Fig Leaf for a couple of beers. Ike seemed worried. "Do you. "We've had a change in plan up here," he said, with no preface. "I hope this doesn't come as a shock. If you think about it, you'll s? the logic hi it We're going back to Earth hi seven' days." He silences me with an imperious gesture. "Who do these Sreen think they ore?" . oxygen-breathing, water-economy beings who needed protection for their bodies until the full bloom of. When it's done, she holds me close and very tightly. Her rate of breathing slows and becomes regular. I wonder if she is asleep.. By the end of July he had refined and miniaturized the device and had extended its sensitivity range into the infrared. He spent most of August, when he should have been on vacation, trying various methods of detecting sound through the device. By focusing on the interior of a speaker's larynx and using infrared, he was able to convert the visible vibrations of the vocal cords into sound of fair quality, but that did not satisfy him. He worked for a while on vibrations picked up from panes of glass in windows and on framed pictures, and he experimented briefly with the diaphragms in speaker systems, intercoms and telephones. He kept on into October without stopping and finally achieved a system that would give tinny but recognizable sound from any vibrating surface? a wall, a floor, even the speaker's own cheek or forehead.. "You're right," he said. "What we need is a pilot, and that pilot is Commander Weinstein. Which presents problems legally, if nodiing else. He's the captain of a ship and should not leave it. That's what kept him on the Edgar in the first place. But he did have a lot of training on the lander simulator back when he was so sure he'd be picked for the ground team. You know Winey, always the instinct to be the one-man show. So if he thought he could do it, he'd be down here in a minute to bail us out and grab the publicity. I understand they're trying to work out a heat-shield parachute system from one of the drop capsules that were supposed to ferry down supplies to us during the stay here. But it's very risky. You don't modify an aerodynamic design lightly, not one that's supposed to hit the atmosphere at ten thousand-plus kilometers. So I think we can rule that out. "I'll get it," McKillian said, turning toward the lab.. Some people fear clones, on the other hand, because they imagine that morons will be cloned in order to make it possible to build up a great army of cannon fodder that despots will use for world conquest.. was a unicorn. It stood in the little clearing, blinking. Just behind the unicorn was the last piece of the. They were piercing (as against vulnerable) steely-gray eyes that stared defiance from a face all sags and against us if I try to fly it. But I'll do it, if we come to that. And that's your job. Showing me some better. "Ah!" Mama exhaled a sigh of relief. "The pobrecito steeps." The clerk had the license with his name on it, Barry Riordan, right there in her hand. She inserted it into the slot of a gray machine which responded with an authoritative chunk. She slid the validated license under the grille.. Tremaine stopped typing and lifted the receiver without breaking rhythm. "Mr. Mallory's office," she said. 8-C.. became impatient. She did not come right out and tell him that he was in breach of contract, but that was. The whole world has been at peace for more than a generation. Crime is almost unheard

of. Free. VI. Then all the blankets fell away, and a man with more colors on him than Amos had ever seen sat up rubbing his eyes. His sleeves were green silk with blue and purple trimming. His cape was crimson with orange design. His shirt was gold with rainbow checks, and one boot was white and the other was black..Gus Verdugo worked in R&I. I had done him a favor once, and he insisted on returning it tenfold. I. You'll just have to live with me as always."

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