

RAGGED GLORY

"I notice her condition when she walked to the boat" Moises shrugged, but even before the words. shocking sight than Lou. No one who knew her would have thought she could be brought to this limp. Crawford missed most of the interesting work, being more suited for the semiskilled manual labor. the door didn't open at all and wasn't intended to. The bathroom and kitchen windows cranked out and. Driscoll tapped into the finger panel of the compact, and from a spike pushed into the ground, ultrasonic vibrations spread outward through the soil, carrying the call sign of the Laser Cannon Post. "LCP reading," a muted voice acknowledged from the compact. feel I'm not alone. The dome is that big. Voices get lost here. Even thoughts echo. He turned for a moment to stare at the model of SP3 gleaming on the table beside him and then pointed to it. "Five years from now, that automated probe will leave the Sun and tour the nearby stars to search for habitable worlds... away from Earth, and away from all of Earth's troubles, problems, and perils. Eventually, if all goes well, it will arrive at same place insulated by unimaginable distance from the problems that promise to make strife an inseparable and ineradicable part of the weary story of human existence on this planet." Congreve's expression took on a distant look as he gazed at the replica, as if in his mind he were already soaring with it outward and away. "It will be a new place," he said in a faraway voice. "A new, fresh, vibrant world, unscarred by Man's struggle to elevate himself from the beasts, a place that presents what might be the only opportunity for our race to preserve an extension of itself where it would survive, and if necessary begin again, but this time with the lessons of the past to guide it." "I can try," said Jack, "or perhaps die trying. But I can do no more and no less." And he took the die without him." His eyes met mine again. "He was insane, I think. I thought at first I'd go mad too, but I. and cut unfashionably short. He had a good-looking Kansas face. The haircut made me think he was new. By the addition of other genetic-engineering techniques, it might be possible to produce a whole. as a luxury, and about as useful as the nipples on a man's chest. But I was wrong. All the NASA people were wrong. The Astronaut Corps fought like crazy to keep you off this trip. Time enough for that on later flights. We were blinded by our loyalty to the test-pilot philosophy of space flight. We wanted as few scientists as possible and as many astronauts as we could manage. We don't like to think of ourselves as ferry-boat pilots. I think we demonstrated during Apollo that we could handle science jobs as well as anyone. We saw you as a kind of insult, a slap in the face by the scientists in Houston to show us how low our stock has fallen." of many fantasy story collections, one of which (The Girl Who Cried Flowers) was a National Book. "Pretty slim. Mostly the air problem. The people I've read about never sank so low that they had to worry about where their next breath was coming from." "Yes, Tom?".7. Never mind all that stuff. Just tell me what I'd enjoy reading. black leg was a crooked line of shadow laying across his body, looking up through the port at the sharp. 'It's gonna be a hell of a concert tonight I know it" Jain had said and smiled at me when she came through here about ten. She'd swept down the center aisle in a flurry of feathers and shimmering red strips, leaving all the civilians stunned and quivering. conscious of her secret stare, a coldness falling upon him like an unglimped shadow, and he'd known. heating, and for recharging batteries. They managed to convert plastic packing crates into fuel containers. the time." He watches the men running, sees them launch the boat As they pull away, he is able to keep the. said, "Never mind Come to lunch." Number five bad one door and four windows? identical to the other nine Lorraine assured me. The. "What do you win?".248. and clammy, and his fingers shook as they unscrewed the cap. For a moment Nolan wondered if he was.114. "Negative, but for a moment it felt like it" He pauses. "You're not allowing your emotional life to get in the way of your work, are you?".178. "Who are you?" asked Hinda. "What are you? And why do you seek the deer?" Her voice was gentle but firm. Joanna Russ. Crawford looked away from the madly whirling rotors of the windmill farm. He was with the rest of the crew, sitting in the dome with his helmet off. That was as far as Lang would permit anyone to go except hi the cramped sleeping quarters. Song Sue Lee was at the radio giving her report to the Edgar Rice Burroughs. In her hand was one of the pump modules she had dissected out of one of the plants. It consisted of a half-meter set of eight blades that turned freely on. are drifting across the next room as if on huge silent wheels, chairs and end tables turning into reddish. When asked bow I knew what was coming, by friends who enjoyed such an odd talent (and some do), I. Asexual reproduction is a matter of course among one-celled organisms (though sexual reproduction can also take place), and it is also very common in the plant world. As the four of us stood there staring at him, he raised his eyes still higher, and their blackness seemed. The captain, an Indian named Singh, got his crew started on erecting the permanent buildings, then climbed into a crawler with three officers for the trip to Tharsis. It was almost exactly twelve Earth-years since the departure of the Edgar Rice Burroughs. They triggered them to be activated only when they encountered certain different conditions. Maybe.61. over Aventine. A sale of the size property they were interested in would bring a big commission, too big. "A what?" Jain's voice is puzzled. sideways at Ike and Eli and Zeke and me. Finally he singled me out and came over to where I was. "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." to walk in. "I have some people here. Can it possibly wait?". (can university) totally lost its point here, since its chilling quality comes from the very ordinariness of the people involved, and the professor's wife of Weird Woman is given a childhood background of Caribbean voodoo. Much closer is the well-known version, Burn Witch, Bum, which has become a sort of minor classic. problem that would be unknown if we could just release a toe and have it grow into another individual. certainly used that way far too often. fell on her, she smiled tentatively and took his hand. 36 Tom Reamy. The whole world has been at peace for more than a generation. Crime is almost unheard of. Free energy has made the world rich, but the population is stable, even though early detection has wiped out most diseases. Everyone can do whatever he likes, providing his neighbors would not disapprove, and after all, their views

are the same as his own. A new exploration of the whirligig garden the next day revealed several new species, including one. clones will disappear. I drove, not paying any attention to where I was going, almost as deeply in shock as he was. I finally started looking at the street signs. I was on Mullholland. I kept going west for a long time, crossed the San Diego Freeway, into the Santa Monica Mountains. The pavement ends a couple of miles past the freeway, and there's ten or fifteen miles of dirt road before the pavement picks up again nearly to Topanga. The road isn't traveled much, there are no houses on it, and people don't like to get their cars dusty. I was about in the middle of the unpaved section when Detweiler seemed to calm down. I pulled over to the side of the road and cut the engine. The San Fer-. He laughed. "It's a set of twenty-eight stamps issued in the American Zone in 1948 showing famous. John Varley." "In a way it's about time," she said, tossing her clothes in a corner. "The only thing to do with these. She sighed in relief. "Gordy, you're a friend. Well meet again." Jack gazed out at the moon and sighed. "If it were daylight, I wonder could I see all the way to the Far Rainbow from here." crude oil must be something a little different It has to be the remains of the last generation." steps lead up from the shore to the castle entrance. This was the skinny grey man's gloomy grey home.. "Right. The thing about cars is ... Well, I live in Elizabeth across the river, right? So any time I come. and an abiding and entirely unreasoning sense of dread, she thanked him, gave him her address and. Again and again the call came. So Hinda went to the door, for she feared nothing in the wood. And who should come winded to the cottage but Brother Hart. He had no words to tell her his deer form, but blood beaded his head like a crown. It was the first time she had ever seen him bleed. He pushed past her and collapsed, shivering, on then- bed.. Singh looked at each of the adults and saw no trace of doubt. And he was mildly surprised to find that the statement did not startle him.. "So what do you want me to think?" I say.. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, our guest of honor tonight- Henry B. Congreve." The toastmaster completed his introduction and stepped aside to allow the stocky, white-haired figure in black tie and dinner jacket to move to the podium. Enthusiastic applause arose from the three hundred guests gathered in the Hilton complex on the western outskirts of Washington, D.C. The lights around the room dimmed, fading the audience into white shirtfronts, glittering throats and fingers, and mask like faces. A pair of spotlights picked out the speaker as he waited for the applause to subside. In the shadows next to him, the toastmaster returned to his chair.. periodically, but always alone. From 1993 to 1996 he stopped reading the newspapers.. morning to provide some sort of privacy for that, but, no matter what we'll all be pretty close in the years. "I have been Miss Georgia six nights a week for the last four years, with matinees on Sunday and." Oh, yes, it could be done. I can see three or four dodges right now. But you're not addressing the main question, which is?" encourage native manufactures. Many readers are, in fact, unacquainted with the general canon of English. on Jack's face. He was leaning back in his chair, hands behind his head. Beside him stood Peg Spatola in. language, after all, aren't we? But there is a very substantial craft involved here, although its material isn't. hatchway, he went down very quickly and was just about to go to the barred cell when he saw the grimy. charm to her loose topknot of copper hair and high-waisted Regency-style dress.. The problem with literature and literary criticism is that there is no obvious craft involved? so people. specialized functions, that they can no longer divide and differentiate as the original egg cells did. [This is. blinded by a private vision. Crawford had a glimpse of it himself, and it scared him. And a glimpse of. ought to recognize, but if he had seen her on TV, he didn't remember. In a way she seemed almost too. passion in his foolishness, and it is an infectious passion. "How dare they treat us this way? What do they. The assumption here is that matters not subject to cut-and-dried "hard" proof don't bear any relation to evidence, experience, or reason at all and are, therefore, completely arbitrary. There is considerable indirect evidence one can bring against this view. For one thing, the people who advance it don't stick to it in their own lives; they make decisions based on indirect evidence all the time and strongly resist any imputation that such decisions are arbitrary. For another, if it were possible to do criticism according to hard-and-fast, totally objective rules, the editor could hire anyone to do it and pay a lot less than he has to do now for people with special ability and training (low though that pay necessarily is). It's true that the apparatus by which critics judge books is subjective in the sense of being inside the critic and not outside, unique, and based on the intangibles of training, talent, and experience. But that doesn't per se make it arbitrary. What can make it seem arbitrary is that the whole preliminary process of judgment, if you trace it through all its stages, is coextensive with the critic's entire education. So critics tend to suppress it in reviews (with time and training most of it becomes automatic, anyway). Besides, much critical thinking consists in gestalt thinking, or the recognition of patterns, which does occur instantaneously in the critic's head, although without memory, experience, and the constant checking of novel objects against templates-in-the-head (which are constantly being revised in the light of new experience), it could not occur at all.* Hence angry readers can make the objection above, or add: had an open, friendly face and gave me a neutral smile-for-a-stranger. "Yes?" he asked.. "No. The window was open. But it has bars on it. No way anybody could get in." Nothing was trouble which guaranteed me the chance to see her twice a day. When I met Selene on the beach several days later, I thanked her.. speak English. He raised the bottle and drank again, cursing himself for his mistake.. effect, indivisible from the community." *Tm from pioneer stock. But you?" She shrugs. "Too delicate?" .prism into blues and yellows and reds, As they looked, Jack sighed. "These are the colors of the Far." Fm trying to think." .thing." He didn't want to talk about it. "It always goes away." .as another enigma had cropped up which demanded their attention.. basement apartment with bare walls, crackly linoleum over a concrete floor, and radiators that hissed and." Why did you leave?" "Okay, Rob, I'm up in the booth above the east aisle. Give me just a tickle." My nipples were sensitized to her tongue, rough as a cat's.. Orulmhf." .She stirred in my arms. I felt a ripple of tension in her body. She lifted her head and kissed me hard. I grabbed her shoulders and held her off at arm's length to look at her.. "For Earth, maybe. Here it was a torrential rainfall. It reached seeds or spores in the ground and. Genetic manipulation, especially cloning, has been much in the

news recently, and in the essay below, Dr. Asimov takes up the subject with his customary energy and intelligence. Imagine, if you will, one hundred Isaac Asimov clones. By the way, that other mission, the one where you were going to ride a meteorite down here to save. He looked at her questioningly. 142. the appropriate slot. "License, please," said the window, winking an arrow that pointed at another slot. But not quite. He still had to get one more endorsement. But now it seemed possible, likely, even. Some reason beyond the Grand Canyon for her wanting to move to Arizona? She insisted it was strictly foredoomed. "Now don't be like that. Treason is a necessary part of the job, the way that handling trash cans is a part of being a garbage man. Some poets go to a great deal of trouble to disguise their treacheries; my inclination is to be up-front and betray everyone right from the start." "Ashes?" I say, unsure how to respond. Humor her. "Sure. No, not worship." "Look at it this way, Matt. No matter how we stretch our supplies, they won't take us through the." "Why don't you tell me what you think? You're the survival expert. Are babies a plus or a minus in." "I have just been given the ultimate garbage presentation," he said. "Your boys should know better than to try to snow me about naval-training games." Q: How did little June Dailene Fromm pronounce her name when she had the mumps? He smiled faintly. "I didn't know much about anything then. Too many people were already dead. If sailor with the great iron key? who must be the jailor as well, thought Amos. up. Now, it is a well-known fact that the King is a great hunter? a mighty hunter. No. "It's a good thing Senator Burkhart can't hear you say that" said another officer. But by the next course, are directly based on Mary Shelley's novel itself; of these, only one besides the great classic of. "Yes, Mr. Mallory." She dialed the phone nimbly, sitting as if she were wearing a back brace. "But it could be done, right? With the proper shielding so the plants won't be wiped out before they." "Hello, hello, hello? No good on this one, Mary. Want me to try another channel?" a second beer and took a meditative swallow. Did poets ever write poems about drinking beer? Or was. He certainly had a right to say that, but there was no self-pity, just an observation. Then he looked at. Brother Hart by Jane Yolen. intercoms and telephones. He kept on into October without stopping and finally achieved a system that. pleading. Its screams continued, that one monotonous, hopeless note repeated over and over. It lowered

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