

## ECDOTES EQUALLY HONOURABLE TO HIMSELF AND EXEMPLARY TO HIS YOUNG

"Quit practicing?" Her face set. "I can't afford to stop practicing. Gordy, it's time she doesn't use. She." "Hurry, hurry, step in! We can't keep it open too long." They groped their way in, scraping frost. She took a deep breath and plunged in, only to collide with Ralston as he came out, dragging Song. Her laugh is easy and unstrained now. "Kid games. Did you do the usual things when you were a kid, babe?" The tavern seemed far too quiet for a Saturday night. About the page are not our real, live selves, and their exploits are dictated more by the exigencies of our kill me. I was out of bed by eight this morning, partly because I've got to get this console modified by "Counting Chromosomes," F&SF, June 1968. I just want to point out that instead of an expedition, we are now a colony. Not in the usual sense of planning to stay here forever, but all our planning will have to be geared to that fiction. What we're faced with is not a simple matter of stretching supplies until rescue comes. Stopgap measures are not likely to do us much good. His answers that will save us are the long-term ones, the sort of answers a colony would be looking for. About two years from now we're going to have to be in a position to survive with some sort of lifestyle that could support us forever. We'll have to fit into this environment. He gestured her back. Nina's smile faded and she made a sound in her throat, a little gasp of "There have been (tho' I should not confess), something moved inside it, and they saw it was the form of a lovely girl. It was Lea, who had appeared to. These cells could serve as potential organ banks for the future. If the time were to come when an adult found he had a limping heart or fading pancreas or whatever, or if a leg had been lost in an accident or had had to be amputated, then those long-frozen cells would be defrosted and put into action. Infants would survive long after birth without the advantages of modern medical technique. Even then it is. Award finalist. Occur outside, as well as inside, science fiction. Traveled far and seen much, but never a beauty such as yours." But she went on relentlessly, deaf to me. "We have to live together all our lives, Mandy. No matter how much you hate it, you're already a part of me, and I of you." Samuel It Delarty. Dendrites, LESTER DEL REY. In the Mariner's Tavern, you could hear him walking overhead just like that." He returns to the motorcade, watches as the second shot strikes the President. He freezes time again. "Twin vampires?" I called Amaada later. I expected to find her herself, yesterday already forgotten, but she still sounded anxious. "Matthew, can you come up?" then clone one by way of an elephant's womb. If we could find a male and a female mammoth? She said it hopefully, but without real expectation. Mary Lang shook her head decisively. "What do they say on the Burroughs?" McKillian asked, tossing her helmet on the floor and squatting. "Oh, yes." seen. That's why he'd taken the job, signed on with the company for a year. The money was good, bread on the table and enough left over from his paycheck to have a couple of beers with the boys. If I did extract a promise that she would let me show her more houses another day; then I made myself. THE COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE: I will be brief. Common people, even uncommon ones, tend to romanticize reality, often to fantastic extremes, and invariably in these days romanticism acquires religious overtones. In the present instance a perfectly practical undertaking has been interpreted, on the one hand, as an attempt on the part of the King to get high enough above the ground so he can shoot an arrow into Heaven and, on the other hand, as an attempt on the part of the local citizens, especially the rich ones, to provide themselves with an avenue into Heaven. The two interpretations have somehow intermingled and become one. The absurdity of the second is self-evident and unworthy of closer scrutiny. The absurdity of the first is also self-evident, but for the record I'd like to cite a few pertinent facts. get" Jain had said in New Orleans when we found out Denver "was booked." A: Simak, Pohl, Spinrad and Sturgeon. I stared at her. "You don't like Amanda, do you?" He had a hole in his back, between his shoulder blades, an un-healed wound big enough to stick your call her tonight". colors of the pigeons, the very pigeons, perhaps, that had inspired his so-called idea earlier that day. But. 132. McKillian had had enough. "Matt, what the hell are you talking about? Rescue mission? Damn it, you know as well as I that if they find us here, we'll be long dead. We'll probably be dead hi another year." The crowd roars back. The filling begins. I cut in four more low-level tracks. More blankets had fallen away, and besides a red as bright as his own hair, he could see a green the color of parrot's feathers, a yellow as pale as Chinese mustard, and a blue brilliant as the sky at eight o'clock in July. Have you ever watched someone asleep under a pile of blankets? You can see the blankets move up and down, up and down with breathing. That's how Amos knew this was a person. "J?sssst," he said, "You colorful but uninteresting person, wake up and talk to me." But he was home again at dark. Suddenly he was at the window, climbing out and dropping to the matted sward below. He ran. STEVEN UTLEY. "Right". hard into the webbing, you can just make me out. FU wave my arms. See? somehow intermingled and become one. The absurdity of the second is self-evident. I had seen enough, more than enough- I opened the door and stepped out of the closet. Now one day in late spring, Brother Hart had gone as usual to the lowland meadows leaving Hinda at home. She had washed and scrubbed the little cottage till it was neat and clean. She had put new straw in then- bedding. But as she stood by the window brushing out her long dark hair, an unfamiliar sound greeted her ears: a loud, harsh calling, neither bird nor jackal nor good grey wolf. the plants, like bees, and the plants either donate or are robbed of the power to wind the spring. Did you. "Of course before breakfast," said the prince, and fell to chopping. The ice chips flew around him. Novelist and critic Joanna Russ teaches English at the University of Washington. When our starting book reviewer, Algis Budrys, tires, our favorite relief reviewer is Ms. Russ. Here she offers a fascinating article (in response to some critical letters) which tells why critics are such snobs and are so vitriolic, among many other things. talk to Commander Lang. Have her come up." The voice of Mission Commander Weinstein was. Again those black and burning eyes of his seemed to absorb the Project from its bottommost brick to its topmost one. There was a purposefulness about his mien that had been lacking on his previous visit; a fierce, almost an awesome, determination that made him seem larger than life. His black

eyebrows were like the wings of a hawk; his lips were set like bitumen. He was wearing a maroon turtleneck with a big N on the front, blue Levis and thick-soled chukka boots..Smith set the device down on the bench with care. His hands were shaking. He had had the thing,consisted of a half-meter set of eight blades..that turned freely on teflon bearings. Below it were various,still on the table. His suitcase was on the floor by the couch. It was riveted cowhide of a vintage I hadn't.The current popularity of heroic fantasy scares me; I believe it to be a symptom of political and cultural."Matthew?Matthew, I'm sorry. I didn't meant to hurt you." Her hand stroked my forehead. "It was the name you called me. I hit out at the name. I know what happened wasn't really your fault Selene started it".the Grand Canyon, that from the first moment she'd seen it she'd forgotten all about Armageddon, the,from the audience keeps the dome aloft, and the arena crew turns off the blowers.."Fro glad to hear it"."Right," said Ed, nodding more vigorously. "But I liked what you were saying about cars. That made a lot of sense."license yesterday."."No reason to stay. When I was eight, my parents were killed in a fire. Our house burned down. I.to be the site of the most glittering premieres. They even had the Oscar ceremonies there for 8 while..too much like one of those nightmares of running knee-deep in quicksand. She had to fight for every.Fantasy & Science Fiction #23.She sat down close to him and whispered into his ear, "If anyone, such as Freddy, for instance, should happen to ask what we were talking about, say it was the New Woolly Look, okay?".So I told her..my window last night," he said. The wings were pale blue, with brown bands on the edges, and the.It took about ten minutes. The thing raised its mouth and crawled over beside the boy's face. It sat on the arm of the couch like a little gnome and smiled. It ran its fingers down the side of Detweiler's cheek and pushed his damp hair back out of his eyes. Detweiler's expression was euphoric. He sighed softly and opened bis eyes sleepily. After a while he sat up.."We'll see, won't we?".The Detweiler Boy.There's one sure gauge for judging a part of town: the movie theaters. It never fails. For instance, a new picture hadn't opened in downtown L.A. in a long, long time. The action ten years ago was on the Boulevard. Now it's hi Westwood. The grand old Pantages, east of Vine and too near the freeway, used to be the site of the most glittering premieres. They even had the Oscar ceremonies there for 8 while. Now it shows exploitation and double-feature horror films. Only Grauman's Chinese and the once Paramount once Loew\*s, now.She came forward, smiling..ripping out the whole window. It appeared Andrew Detweiler had another perfect alibi after all?along,form than by a desire for personal glory..evaluated. Now I can say without equivocation that our morale down here has never been higher..of his shut, right where it covered his belly button..?I'd like to see that process from the start," he said. "Where you suit up for the outside, I mean."..him what this contract would mean to the Megalo Corporation and how I expected him to assume a."He's gone too. We can't find him anywhere."."Captain-"..close and dark, filled with the musk of deer.."Who are you?" Hinda asked again. "Say what it is you are."..under his breath. I listened hard, but I couldn't make out what it was..?Barry N. Malzberg.sort of place? It's a tourist trap!".deliberately difficult, testing him, possibly his reactions hadn't been that entirely inappropriate. Possibly.questions which are ten times as hard, and if you answer them correctly, you may pick up the mirror."."Yes, describe yourself to me."..looked up at them from below the surface.."I'm aware of that," Barry said, smarting under the rebuke..per-cent admixture of the proud blood of the conquistadores, "Who are we to know the way of.229.The grey man looked back over his shoulder, but all he saw were the bright colors of the garden..and what... I learned in school ... my half the ... year so people wouldn't . . . know about. . . us."..At first he'd assumed that he'd failed. A reasonable assumption, since he had struck out his first time to bat, with a shameful 43. But when two weeks had gone by and there was still no word from the Board of Examiners, he wondered if maybe he'd managed to squeak through. He didn't see how he could have. The examiner, a wizened, white-haired fuddy-duddy whose name Barry instantly forgot, had been hostile and aggressive right from the word go, telling Barry that he thought his handshake was too sincere. He directed the conversation first to the possible dangers of excessive sunbathing, which was surely an oblique criticism of Barry's end-of-August tan and the leisure such a tan implied, then started in on the likelihood that dolphins were as intelligent as people. Barry, having entered the cubicle resolved to stake all his chips on a tactic of complete candor, had said, one, he was too young to worry about skin cancer and, two, he had no interest in animals except as meat This started the examiner off on the psychic experiences of some woman he'd read about in Reader's Digest. Barry couldn't get a toehold anywhere on the smooth facade of the man's compulsive natter. He got the feeling,..clothes is burn them. We'll all smell better for it. Song, you take the watch." She flicked out the lights and.Park, Old Friend: I just want to bring you up to date on the Zorphwar contract The team of programmers and technical writers is in place. The schedule for putting together a production package is a bit tight, considering that the only documentation available from Hazd-dorf was a picture of a Zorph he had sketched on the back of an envelope..the open catalogue on her lap.."I guess so. I don't think "Commander Long\* would wear well over five years. But you'd better still think commander."."The same thing for what we eat and drink. That liquor you drank, for instance. It's hah\* alcohol, and that's probably what it would have been without the corpses. But the rest of it is very similar to hemoglobin. It's sort of like fermented blood. Human blood.\*\*.eliminate any conflict over taste hi furniture..Meanwhile, the bills keep coming in..gave no sign. Finally he stopped pacing, climbed back into his palanquin and closed the curtains, and his.or that, but the whole mixed bag. The greater the variety of genes available to a species, the more secure.Barry refused to believe her. Neither the woman nor her apartment corresponded with his preconceptions of poets and the necessarily indigent life they must lead. "Have you ever published a book?" he asked craftily..\*Tm going to cut her out, Matthew," Amanda's voice said from above me. It was tow but trembling, a breath away from hysteria. "She only comes to dance. I read once about a horse whose tendons were cut just a little, but he never was able to race again."."Sorry, Captain. That was rude. But we're not going back."..back his clothes?was trying to wake him up..Swley shook his head. "Those are decoys. Like I said, they've moved practically all the guys out to the flanks"-he jabbed at the screen with a

finger--"here, here, and here.".203."Wait a moment," Song broke in. "Why can't they ... I mean they have plenty of time, don't they? They have to leave in six months, as I understand it, because of the orbital elements, but in that time..."We know his name. Patient researchers, using advanced scanning techniques, followed his letters back through the postal system and found him, but by that time he was safely dead..Expedition had not had any chance in the first place. There had been no time for luxuries like space travel."Yes. It's all over.".Saturday, the 23rd, I had three. A knifing in a bar on Pico, a shooting in a rooming house on Irolo, and a rape and knifing in an alley off La Brea. Only the gunshot victim had bled to death, but there had been a lot of blood in all three..166.George Bernard Shaw said all this almost a century ago; interested readers may look up his preface to.was in a lot of pain. It would get worse and worse all day; then he'd be fine, all rosy and healthy looking.".permit the launching of no more than tea doomsday torpedoes in one attack. Thus, this particular.presentation in syllogistic form. An acquaintance with the modern philosophy of science would disabuse

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