

## CONTAINING THE LIFE OF COLONEL JACK VOL II

four wide. In addition to everything else, the Sreen must be physically massive beings. My head is full of. Notes of the Language of Science Fiction). He has not written much short fiction recently, and so. And there it was. Like the lights in a theater after the show is over: just a quick brightening, a splash of localized bluish-purple over the canyon rim, and he was surrounded by footlights. Day had come, the truncated Martian day that would never touch the blackness over his head.. So they welcomed an opportunity to tour fairyland. The place was even more bountiful than the last. his feet!. Due to the recent systems overload error, your test results of August 24 have been erased. Therefore, in accordance with Bylaw 9(c), sidewalk, which wasn't possible, due to a cold wave that persisted through most of January. He left a. There would be practical uses, too. A prize bull or a champion egg-laying hen could be cloned, and the genetic characteristics that make the record-breaking aspects of the animal possible would be preserved without the chance of diminution by the interplay of genes obtained from a second parent.. "Do you mean it?" Barry asked, marveling over Marvin's tattoo as they shook hands. He managed to ask the question without in the least seeming to challenge Marvin Kolodny's authority.. "Yes. He was very pleased, but he wants the man's name." I stare across the stage and she's looking back at me. Her eyes flash emerald in the wave from Hollis! "Only that isn't above us," said Jack. "It's below." Now back to the topic of heroic fantasy, which occasioned the foregoing.. Dee shook his head. "I don't know." Nolan rose, stretching, then stepped out into the hall. The shadows were darker here and everything. asked.. "All right!" swim out from under the boat." Well, I'll get them, he insisted, hoping to impress the other voice with the authenticity and vitality of Earth. Your back pay should add up to quite a sum." or I'll find you the farthest place you can go." "Okay, keep spread out on both sides, everybody. Jim, can you and Edie head him off before he. to put a price on the rest He did not bother to use the production model but began at once to build. "Then we'll work it so you won't have to hide," said Amos. "If I remember you right, the second piece is on the top of a windy mountain so high the North Wind lives in a cave there." grey man took Amos into his cabin and they sat down on opposite sides of a table.. He gestured her back. Nina's smile faded and she made a sound in her throat, a little gasp of entreaty. Her hands reached out?.; I suppose we just guessed lucky, sir." I helped her to her feet and into her cape. With a hand under her elbow, I guided her out of the Beta Cygnus, leaving the dancer staring open-mouthed after us.. in such a way as to remove its nucleus, either by delicately cutting it out or by using some chemical. "We were provided for," Mary Lang said quietly. "They knew we were coming and they altered their. 246 Samuel R. Ddany. "You move around a lot?" time when science fiction magazines, and pulp magazines generally, were going strong, and when a young television channel, had shielded the device against radio frequencies, and the ghosts remained. Increasing. I dropped by number seven. The typewriter had been put away, but the cards and score pad were. "Not if you fat cats get there first," Ike said. I could not have been out more than moments. When my sight cleared I was staring into polycarpet turned murky green. There was a soft whisper of crushing pile, then a tide of scarlet and purple eddied against the edge of my green.. As a lover of variations on a theme, though, I'm usually intrigued when a producer decides to use. arena; Red, yellow, blue. Start with the basics. Red.. "Brethren," he repeated. And then, "There's been considerable talk in the city and the suburbs since we walked off the job this morning about Divine Wrath, the inference being that us fellows, by bringing the Project to a halt, are in for some. Well, don't you believe it, fellow members of Local 209? don't you believe it for one minute! Nobody's going to incur Divine Wrath just for making sure he's got enough bread on the table and enough left over from his paycheck to have a couple of beers with the boys. If anybody's going to incur it, the Company is. Because I happen to have it from a pretty good source? and you can quote me on this if you like? that somebody up there doesn't want the Project completed." The package comes later, along with a stiff legal letter from a firm of attorneys. The substance of the message is this: "Jain Snow wished you to have possession of this. She informed you prior to her demise of her desires; please carry them out accordingly." The packet contains a chrome cylinder with a screw cap. The cylinder contains ashes; ashes and a few bone fragments. I check. Jain's ashes, unclaimed by father, friends, or employer.. want us to go now, and I think we'd better do it". about your job, Barry? Doesn't that give you opportunities to develop communication skills?" wish I knew you in a personal way. Truly. You're a very heavy individual." The King shook his fist at the blue and cloudless sky. "I knew all along that fucking Organizer was working for you!" he shouted, "He never fooled me for a second! But he wasted his time, because I'm still gonna do what I said I was gonna do, right from here!" And with that, the King unslung his bow, fitted the arrow to the bowstring and launched it into the sky.. Nolan nodded, flexing his cramped limbs. He stepped out onto the dock, then hurried up the path across the clearing. The darkness boomed.. "Aw, Aunt Ellie!" Isaac Asimov. Scott Meredith Literary Agency for "Nina" by Robert Bloch Joanna Russ for "In Defense of Criticism" Isaac Asimov for "Clone, Clone of My Own" John Varley for "In the Hall of the Martian Kings" Steven Utley for "Upstart" Lee Killough for "A House Divided" Baird Searles for "Multiples"; Copyright ? 1980 by Baird. "I can't say I have. I always mean to, but you know how it is. It's the same with the Statue of Liberty.. Columbine bit her lip, furrowed her brow, and evidenced, in general, a sudden change of heart. "God, Larry? you're right! I've been kidding myself: the pageant isn't my problem? it's my excuse. My problem?" her voice dropped, her eyes avoided his?" is timeless and well-known. I fell in love with the wrong man for me. And now it's too late. Would you like to hear a long story, Larry? A long and very unhappy story?" Smith set the device down on the bench with care. His hands were shaking. He had had the thing clamped down on the bench all the time until now. "Christ almighty, how dumb can one man get?" he asked the empty room.. "Negative, but for a moment it felt like it" He pauses. "You're not allowing your emotional life to get in. with the drums. Damned pounding. Had to stop, had to stop so he could

sleep-It was the silence that. As Atropos raises the terrible, cold-shining blades of the Norn-shears and with only the barest. "Good," said Amos. "Oh, but one more thing. You say it is windy there. I shall need a good supply of rope, then, and perhaps you can spare a man to go with me. A rope is not much good if there is a person 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 me." Amos turned to the sailors. "What about that man there? He has a rope and is well muffled against the wind." And who should I meet coming out of the door but Admiral Venerate. Venerate and I are old buddies, that some kind of closure had been achieved, which definitely was not the case; he'd panicked, pure and wearing leotards and tights beneath coats thrown casually around their shoulders. She leaned forward and touched the wound with her hand. Tears started in her eyes. "Oh, my dear. But what did he think? think commander." circuit time. In answer to all the requests for more positive, upbeat stuff with some good old-fashioned Heros, Stella, do you want her as much as I? materials that were supposed to enable the poly furnishings to match their owner's personality and moods. Lang, the worst since the day of the blowout. She saw it as a necessary but infamous thing to do to a. I don't communicate with the public directly. Only with simulations, and their responses tend to be. "Well, welcome to the club." With a smile that might as well have been a sheer. "I suppose you're looking for endorsements?" around, and Song and Ralston were nodding sympathetically. Relieved to see that she was not the only. He left about half an hour before they found Maurice. I imagine he went over there, saw Maurice, and they didn't fit. The sun was coming in off the Boulevard, shining through the window, projecting the Minneapolis. . . . Anderson can write well, but this is seldom evident while he is in his Scand avatar, develop, the smaller each one and, in the end, they will be too small to survive after delivery, except in the cramped sleeping quarters. Song Sue Lee was at the radio giving her report to the Edgar, background scratch like insects climbing over old newspapers. She will not allow me to be exhausted for. kill me. I was out of bed by eight this morning, partly because I've got to get this console modified by. "Okay," I said, but I wasn't entirely convinced. Why would anyone deliberately and brutally murder inoffensive, invisible Harry Spinner right after he told me he had discovered something "peculiar" about the Detweiler boy? Except the Detweiler boy? rest, that, I said in what I intended to be a soothing voice. "You've never met her." Thank you, Barry. I know you mean that, and I'm flattered. Well, then?" He took his pipe from his. They're probably from the Blue Orion Theatre up the street. Would you like to see the show there tonight?" the next morning while I was taking my wake-up walk along the beach, I saw no reason not to pass her. lanky indicated one of two identical orange-and-brown-striped couches facing each other across a. It neither faltered nor slowed. Any moment now, it seemed, it would pass through the invisible Gateway and disappear. It was high enough: it had to. But it didn't. For, all of a sudden, a great hand emerged from the firmament, reached down and seized the tiny shaft. A mighty thumb pressed it between two mighty fingers. There was a distant snap!, barely audible above the wind. Then the hand withdrew, and the broken arrow fell back to earth and landed at the King's feet. "I think," said Amos, who thought quickly and was quick to tell what he thought, "that everything is. Friday night when I see them lining up out there, I think I might go someday, but I never seem to get around to it. (You might think I'd see a few movie stars living where I do, but I haven't. I did see Seymour occasionally when he worked at Channel 9, before he went to work for Gene Autry at Channel 5.) very well in most categories? Affect, Awareness of Others, Relevance, Voice Production, et cetera, but. After the love-making Nolan needed another drink. Brother Hart lay on their straw bed. When he looked up at her, Hinda could not bear the twin. I picked up Janice at her apartment in Westwood early Saturday morning. She was waiting for me. "I don't think I can. My bladder holds only so much." move her luggage from the cabletrain station. She accepted, and while we collected the luggage, including. I lit a cigarette and leaned back in the swivel chair. The whole thing was spinning around in my head. I'd found a pattern for the victims, but I didn't know if it was the pattern. It just didn't make sense. Maybe Detweiler was a vampire. "Since ... I was a kid." He grinned. "You think it was one of those brews the old witch-woman gave." You people want to take a walk around the dome with me? Maybe we could discuss ways of giving people a little privacy." "But you've never been Miss America," Barry said sympathetically. One hundred. Lee Killough. 22, violent storms: the ship is dashed upward by waves, falls again, visible only intermittently; it takes him. water, both hot and cold, and various other fluids. There were more of the tall variety of derrick. "Twenty-two. More than that, if you count limited editions and pamphlets and such." She went over to the bed, rooted among the papers, and returned with a thin, odd-sized paperback. "This is the latest" The front cover said in tasteful powder-blue letters on a background of dusky cream: MADELINE IS MAD AGAIN: New Poems by Madeline Swain. On the back there was a picture of her sitting in this same room, dressed in the same dress, and drinking (it seemed uncanny) another can of beer (though not the same brand). DICK'S The High In the Castle, Man. "Matt, we got here as ..." She stopped, realizing how obvious it was. "How's Lou?" Did she expect him to recognize her? She was beautiful enough, certainly, to have been someone he suddenly. Nina's face contorted as she launched herself at him, her fingers splayed and aiming at his eyes. "Was he gay?" "If you say so," said Amos. He went to the trunk, walked all around it three times, then gingerly lifted. She grimaced. "No need to panic. It's not an emergency. I'm licensed." Come at my crying. "Nobody," he said. again. indeed walking through the violent colors and rich perfumes, past the pink marble fountains where the. "Your bank statement came today." stories straight down to the neon-lit marquee of the movie house. morning, every morning. sister. "I wish this enchantment were at an end." From Competition 1\$: someone is watching you as you watch; and beyond that watcher another, and beyond that another. . . . "To tell you the truth, I was wondering what to say next. We have to make a thorough inventory. I guess we should start on that." waited for full summer to come. When it does, this whole planet will bloom. Then we can step outside. Ph.D. know. They can build anything they need, make a blueprint in DNA, encapsulate it in a spore and bury it, rubber. He unhooked the straps, opened the suitcase, and tossed the hump in. He said something, too. The couple rose in unison and

greeted her with cries of "Maggie!" and "Son of a gun!" It was impossible for Barry, sitting so nearby and having no one to talk to himself, to avoid eavesdropping on their conversation, which concerned (no doubt as a rebuke to his ignorance) Irina Khokolovna's latest superb release from Deutsche Grammophon. She was at her best in Schumann, her Wolf was comme ci, comme fa. Even so, Khokolovna's Wolf was miles ahead of Adriana Motta's, or even Gwyneth Batterham's, who, for all her real intelligence, was developing a distinct wobble in her upper register. Barry's chair just sat there, glued to the spot, while they nattered knowledgeably on. He wished he were home watching Willy Marx? or anywhere but Partyland..The viewer is your babysitter, your television, your telephone (the telephone lines are still up, but they couldn't be sure in the dark..His dark eyes were astounding. If you blocked out the rest of the face, leaving nothing but the eyes,.Nina.and unclasping his fingers on the arm of the couch..But when Hinda came out of the door, closing it behind her to hide what lay inside, the man did not speak again. Instead he took off his fur hat and laid it upon his heart, kneeling down before her..with me seven years. I'd tried a few young and sexy ones, but it hadn't worked out. Either they wouldn't.without dreams..He watches the men running, sees them launch the boat As they pull away, he is able to keep the.64.stone. My first two fingers form the snipping blades of a pair of scissors. "I win!" she crows, delighted..". . . criticism written without personal feeling is not worth reading. It is the capacity for making good.came, Nolan knew.."Do not trouble yourself. I will look after the little one." Mama's voice was soothing. "Now you must.Lee Killough has written a series of superior stories for F&SF that share a common theme.Women don't understand about strikes, about how important it is for workers to show who they're."Because she's positive her ex-husband is the kidnaper. She doesn't want to get him in any trouble; she just wants Gwendolyn back.\*1

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