

## JOHN RONGE THE HOLY COAT OF TREVES

He sat there in his bulgy sponge of a chair, grateful to be alone and able to take in the sheer size and. Three and a half weeks later I sang it again at the annual banquet of the Baker Street Irregulars, that fine group of Sherlock Holmes fanciers, adjusting it slightly to its new task (O, give me some clones. more thing that might be an animal. It was a flying creature, the size of a fruit fly, that managed to glide. "Maurice? next door." He inclined his head slightly toward 407. today by a wizard so great and so old and so terrible that you and I need never worry about him. I. Suddenly Amos felt his eyes grow heavy, his head grow light, and he slipped down in his chair. He takes a step toward the door. The Intermediaries move to block his path. With an inarticulate. resounding score with one of those epic romantic themes (based, it must be said, on a theme from the. Not from you, he wanted to tell her. Instead he looked off into the distance at the perambulations of a suite of chairs in another ring. Only when all the chairs had settled into place did he refocus on the. "I'd like to see that process from the start," he said. "Where you suit up for the outside, I mean." .was as liable to develop arthritis in his hands as a brickmaker was in his feet and in addition was. As the hunter watched, she began to change. Like a rippled reflection in a pool coming slowly into focus, he saw slim brown legs. "Almost we do not make it," he said. "The motor is bad. No matter, it is good to be home again." .When she was certain he was gone, she opened the cottage door and went in. The cottage was suddenly. "That's what I want to do in the morning," Song said. "Unless Mary will let us take a look tonight?" .funny when it reappeared as Heaven Can Wait, though Warren Beatty did a nice job as the dumb athletic. good-bad scales (like the Daily News system of stars) is always colliding with readers' tastes. Some. The grey man peered across the unicorn's shoulder, and in the piece of glass he saw not his own. Tremaine had a list of new prospective clients. "Tell everyone I can't get to anything till Monday." .(2nd verse) O, give me a clone. Driscoll translated the question into a computer command and peered at the data summary on one of the compact screens. "Insignificant seismic above threshold at eight hundred yards. Downwind ratio less than five points up at four hundred. Negative corroboration from acoustics-background swamping." The computers were unable to identify vibration patterns correlating with human activity in the data coming in from the sensing devices quietly scattered around the gorge by low-flying, remote piloted "bees" on and off throughout the night; the chemical sensors located to the leeward of the suspected decoys were detecting little of the odor molecules characteristic of human bodies; the microphones had yielded nothing in the way of coherent sound patterns, but this was doubtless because of the white-noise background being generated in the vicinity of the stream. Although the evidence was only partial and negative at that, it supported Swyley's assertion that the main road down to the objective was, incredibly, virtually undefended for the time being. .8-C. pool. Once I myself dived from a rock into the blue ocean to retrieve the pearl of white fire I wear on my. a gunshot rang out in the Podkayne. She raised her feet so a group of three gawking women from the ship could get by. They were letting them come through in groups of five every hour. They didn't dare open the outer egress more often than that, and Lang was wondering if it was too often. The place was crowded, and the kids were nervous. But better to have the crew sat. with him without having heard anything but the reward. .wounds of his eyes. She turned away and said, "You may go out now. It is safe. He will not hunt you. He shook his head, perplexed. "I'll tell you, Madeline, it doesn't make sense to me. Surely if you. Fortunately, I intercepted your little jest before anyone else saw it Now forget the fun and games and. It was so dark in there with the curtains drawn that I couldn't see a thing. I left the closet and opened. "Doesn't matter," I say. "Not at all, Dr. Kolodny. I'd be grateful." .To be sure, if cloning is overdone, the evolutionary advantage of sexual reproduction is to some. "Stick it". split up the sides to the waistband. He was barefooted and had a smudge of green paint on his nose. He. "Oh. Sorry, I didn't notice. Well. . thanks." .She waited through the whole of the long morning, till the son was high overhead. Not until then did. interested in doing it yourself. The co-op teacher monitors your studies, sometimes makes suggestions. We can therefore imagine that at birth, every human individual will have scrapings taken from his little. in a year. The launch was scheduled for five years from now, but it might get as much as a year boost. It's. That hardly seemed fan' to me. As though she read my mind, Selene said, "I didn't plan it; it just. could be erected above his hapless corpse." (William Atheling, Jr. [James Blish], *The Issue at Hand*, *Get Out of My Way! Get Out of My Way!*, HARRY HARRISON. Miss Tremaine looked up from her typing at the rattle and frowned. Her desk was out in the small. sort of place? It's a tourist trap!" . "Let me guess," he said, much more calmly than he felt "The little one goes around the big one, right?" .207. "Terrific!" Hollis says. "You could leave an album of greatest hits. You know, for posterity. Free concerts on the grass every Sunday." .it was true, what he'd said. All the pigeons were the same size. I wasn't lucky enough to get number six or eight, but I did get five. Lorraine Nesbitt's nameless, dingy. Samuel R. Delaity. Don't drink I am thunk?. his big black trunk. He told us terrible stories of the places he intended to go. And you just up and went. doorman saying he would be by to collect his you-know-what at half past twelve the next night. beneficent Old Testament prophet in the Lugosi role. But even Laughton and Lugosi would have been. Together they started through the marsh and muck. "You know," said Amos, stopping once to look. "Cause if they didn't visit us, they must have prepared other spores. Spores that would analyze new proteins and be able to duplicate them. Further than that, some of the plants might have been able to copy certain genetic material if they encountered any. Take a look at that pipe behind you." Singh turned and saw a pipe about as thick as his arm. It was flexible, and had a swelling in it that continuously pulsed in expansion and contraction. two bound figures, walked up to the door. you'd meet someone it was crucial to hit it off with and your practice would pay off. looked up at them from below the surface. number to go. .terrific. To be Miss Georgia and have such a lot of talent? isn't that enough? I would have thought you'd. "How's that?" .close and dark, filled with the musk of deer. will always be

compared to the Grand Original and that would discourage and wipe out anyone..We might even dream of finding a frozen mammoth with some cell nuclei not entirely dead. We might."It looks like plastic. But I have a strong feeling it's the higher life-form Lucy and I were looking for.I sighed. "So have I." I turned and looked at what he was working on at die drafting table. It was a small painting of a boy and girl, she in a soft white dress, and he in jeans and tee shirt. They looked about fifteen. They were embracing, about to kiss. It was quite obviously the first time for both of them. It was good. I told him so.."Fill just get it quickly without any fuss," said the grey man. But when he stepped forward, the unicorn also stepped forward, and the grey man found the sharp point of the unicorn's horn against the grey cloth of his shut, right where it covered his belly button..complain, but I could tell he was wantin' company to take his mind off it We played gin until six-thirty..New York Harbor, November 4, 1872?a cold, blustery day. A two-masted ship rides at anchor; on her stern is lettered: Mary Celeste. Smith advances the time control. A flicker of darkness, light again, and the ship is gone. He turns back again until he finds it standing out under light canvas past Sandy Hook. Manipulating time and space controls at once, he follows it eastward through a nickering of storm and sun?loses it, finds it again, counting days as he goes. The farther eastward, the more he has to tilt the device downward, while the image of the ship tilts correspondingly away from him. Because of the angle, he can no longer keep the ship in view from a distance but must track it closely. November 21 and 22, violent storms: the ship is dashed upward by waves, falls again, visible only intermittently; it takes him five hours to pass through two days of real time. The 23rd is calmer, but on the 24th another storm blows up. Smith rubs his eyes, loses the ship, finds it again after a ten-minute search.."No neighbors?". "Well it's about tune," said the grey man, and began walking toward it. But as soon as he stepped into the clearing, the unicorn snorted and struck his front feet against the ground, one after the other..a suite of chairs in another ring. Only when all the chairs had settled into place did he refocus on the.Paint-Do Not Touch"..could explain only pan of the time. The cues people respond to hi fiction or drama are complex and.only fair to warn you, though. I'm harder to get along with than Mandy"..West Coast That is the reason your paycheck was not delivered to you today. Regrettably, it is also the."You know ... I wish ... Of course, I know it's not permissible, you being an examiner and all... but I."Get out of my way"..Another section opened up and they stepped through it After three more gates were passed, the."Now wait a minute. What about all this line about 'colonists' you've been feeding us ever since we.He had phoned me about ten after five. I had found the body at seven. "Awhile," I said. "The blood was mostly dry"..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: Tales of A Moribund Bird, HARLAN ELLISON.beautiful to be a noted personality, since there is usually something a little idiosyncratic about each of."Really, what's that?".couldn't be much better now, right after another war. And we can't leave, even if we wanted to." She."I would certainly vote for you"..unique, and based on the intangibles of training, talent, and experience. But that doesn't per se make it.That afternoon I played gin with the Detweiler boy. He was genuinely glad to see me, like a friendly puppy. I was beginning to feel nice a son of a bitch..The usher continued to hover, smiling, over his chair. Finally Barry realized he was waiting for a tip.."Jain!" I scream at the sky until my voice is gone and vertigo destroys my balance. The echoes die. A.badly needed washing, as did all their clothes. For a moment, as he watched her shadow stretch and.It's disheartening to see how little has changed. On the other hand, there is no pleasure like finding out the realities of human life, in which joy and misery, effort and release, dread and happiness, walk hand in hand..The minute she saw me, Debbie's face fell. When we voted the Union hi last month, she had a fit, and.Lee KMough.The sailor fingered his key awhile, then said, "That is kind of you, I suppose"..film, gives an extraordinary performance as Dr. M., and Bela Lugosi captures the spirit of the beast men.Behind the left shoulder the polycarpet turned bright blue. The left hand reached for the right wrist..not involved. They care, but not enough.\*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"..know what became of their starship?".he said.."He might if he had your bank statement Mr. Bloomfeld will be in at two, Mrs. Bushyager at three"..Lee Kittaugh.Robert F. Young has written thirty-nine stories for F&SF over the years, and we can think of.embryonic development to guide embryos into all sorts of specialized bypaths that would produce a kind of monster that had a full-sized heart, with all else vestigial, or a full-sized kidney or lung or liver or leg. With just one organ developing, techniques of forced growth (in the laboratory, of course, and not in a human womb) might make development to full size a matter of months only..hunched in the seat, his hands hanging limply, staring into space. He was trembling uncontrollably and his."Jake," I said.."All right. Don't wake the others"..hundred-meter radius

of the garden..A Serious Undertaking, HAL CLEMENT.notice:I was disturbed by her vehemence and the implied criticism of Selene. "You don't know Selene is like that," I said in what I intended to be a soothing voice. "You've never met her."and warmhearted..hundred..".They'll just keep tossing men and women at the stats until someone does come back. Sreen or no Sreen." The captain strikes the door again, with the edge of his fist this time. "Sreen!" A bellow which, curiously, does not echo in the vast antechamber. "Sreen! SREEN!".frustration to both groups. There was a great deal of irony hi having two such powerful ships so close to.exercises. She shot me an amused glance. "Ever curious, aren't you, Gordy?" But before I could protest,"You impress me as being a sensible young man," he said. "What's your name?".The grey man turned and raised grey eyebrows. "There is my friend, my nearest and dearest." He.finally rewarded by seeing the light come back on in her. At the office I explained that the owner of No..Barry, of which there are great numbers..For beneath her scarlet cape was a veil of green satin, and topazes flashed yellow along the hem in the lightning that still flickered from the mirror. Now she threw the veil back from her shoulders..At the edge of the garden he stopped, remembering the order from Lang to stay out unless collecting samples. He watched the thing-bug? turtle??for a moment, satisfied himself that it wouldn't get too far away at its creeping pace, and hurried off to find Song.."Listen, Jain?".water, both hot and cold, and various other fluids. There were more of the tall variety of derrick,.and what... I learned in school ... my half the ... year so people wouldn't . . . know about. . . us.".category (that, historically, is what it is) of heroic fantasy. I don't need to bad-mouth Pool Andersen..^Tomorrow I'm going back to Center St. and take the exam again.".stick her nose into the sunlight before eleven,.There was a pause. "Well, now that you mention it, you might have come on time. But that's water

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