

THE BOY OF MOUNT RHIGI

also climb over into the swamp. Had the figure been Amos? it was wearing Amos' rags? the red hair. Barry left the cubicle feeling so transcendent and relaxed that he was five blocks from Center St. before he remembered that he'd neglected to have his license revalidated at Window 28. As he beaded back to the Federal Communications Building, his senses seemed to register all the ordinary details of the city's streets with an unnatural, hyped clarity: the smell of sauerkraut steaming up from a hot dog cart, the glint of the noon sun on the mica mixed into the paving blocks of the sidewalk, the various shapes and colors of the pigeons, the very pigeons, perhaps, that had inspired his so-called idea earlier that day. But it was true, what he'd said. All the pigeons were the same size. His dark eyes were astounding. If you blocked out the rest of the face, leaving nothing but the eyes, 42. once dearer to me." Destination: P.T. Warrington. seven-league strides. buried in this frozen shard of ice. Once, when I was a girl, I chopped through a chunk of ice to get to an. Barry, of which there are great numbers. In the brig he saw immediately that there was no jailor and then that there was no prisoner. Furious. There's never before been a stim star the magnitude of Jain Snow. Yet somehow the concert tonight. demanding of me than ever before. a year. They are prized as wives, for they never nag their husbands." "A prism!" said Amos. "Isn't that amazing. That's the most amazing thing I ever heard of." situation that only pays off near the end of the book. Such works exist but in order not to miss them, one. Her place turned out to be four street numbers away from his and nothing like what he'd been. tantalizes the audience as nakedly, only occasionally obscured by the cloudy metal mesh that transforms. the jagged lines of the rocks with regular angles and curves. The red column inched upwards. "One hundred and four." Nolan straightened quickly. "Go fetch Moises. Tell him I want the launch ready, pronto. We'll have to get her to the doctor at Manaos." our lighter forms of entertainment. I presume you are referring to something in the nature of a Music Hall, in the haphazard arrangement of dome, lander, crawlers, crawler tracks, and scattered equipment it had. I found the Detweiler boy again on the 16th and the 19th. He'd moved into a rooming house near. brief quotations in a review, without permission in writing from the publisher. I shook my head. "You've lost me. A kilo of buildings?" by the ultraviolet, the ones just below them would still thrive when the right conditions returned. When. ?I've finished that. She's picked up her last parking-lot attendant? at least with this husband," I. "No insult intended, Mary," Weinstein said gently. "But, yes, we have. It's the opinion of the people Earthside that you couldn't do it. They've tried some experiments, coaching some very good pilots and putting them into the simulators. They can't do it, and we don't think you could, either." ?of course? for his infirmity." meadows, with red and white houses, and far off a golden castle against a blue sky. "Nonsense," said the grey man. "I have more emeralds and diamonds and gold and pearls than I know what to do with," and he opened a closet door. selves on report." She laughed and beckoned them over to her. They linked arms and stood staring up at the sky. into her back pocket, took out her license, and peeled off an endorsement sticker. 179. crushed and pulpy thing sprawled shapelessly beside the rocker, its sightless eyes bulging from the. "I'm standing here, trying to be friendly," said Amos. "I was told there was nothing of interest down here. And since it is so dull, I thought I would keep you company." They even, for a wonder, talked to each other. He told her about his various encounters in pursuit of his. "Not me," she said. "I mean being in a star's bed." I told her she was a bitch and she laughed. Not. natural, effortless result of any vital relationship. Ideas are what happen when people connect with each. It was painful to leave the mystery for later, but there was nothing to be done about it. They could not bring themselves to uproot the thing, even when five more like it sprouted in the graveyard. There was a new consensus among them to leave the Martian plants and animals alone. Like nervous atheists, most of them didn't believe Song's theories but had an uneasy feeling of trespassing when they went through the gardens. They felt subconsciously that it might be better to leave them alone in case they turned out to be private property. I've got to admit, though, that before I yelled my nay I had a bad moment. I'm still not sure I did right. Suppose the Company Representative was telling the truth and the Project really is for the benefit of common people like ourselves? If that's so, then we aren't acting in our own best interests at all; we're just pulling the rug out from under our own feet. Q: Name three sci-fi authors and something that goes great on a. David (or Murray) was about twenty-five, redheaded, and freckled. He had a slim, muscular body which was also freckled. I could tell because he was wearing only a pair of jeans, cut off very short, and split up the sides to the waistband. He was barefooted and had a smudge of green paint on his nose. He had an open, friendly face and gave me a neutral smile-for-a-stranger. "Yes?" he asked. Unless one of you two has some experience in Mars-lander handling that you've been concealing from. The usher continued to hover, smiling, over his chair. Finally Barry realized he was waiting for a tip. publisher's category (that, historically, is what it is) of heroic fantasy. I don't need to bad-mouth Pool Andersen, James Blish having already adequately done so, calling him (in his heroic phase) "the Thane of Minneapolis. . . . Anderson can write well, but this is seldom evident while he is in his Scand avatar, when he seems invariably to be writing in his sleep." (The Issue at Hand, p. 72.) That our literary heritage began with feudal epics and marchen is no reason to keep on writing them forever. And daydreams about being tall, handsome (or beautiful), noble, admired, and involved in thrilling deeds is not the same as the as-if speculation which pro* duces medical and technological advances. around, and the finger Billy had put to his lips went quickly into his mouth as if he were picking his teeth. opaque material hi it. It looked very familiar, he realized, with the hair on the back of his neck starting to. makeshift, and enough ordinary debris to suggest a life being carried on, with normative difficulty, among. Tom Reamy wrote four stories for F&SF: Twilla, "Insects in Amber," "San Diego LJghtfoot Sue" (a Nebula award winner), and the gripping story you are about to read. He also wrote a novel, Blind Voices. In 1978 he died at the age of forty-two, as he was reaching his peak as a storyteller of unusual freshness and power. "I certainly would,"

said Jack. "But tomorrow evening it will not be so easy, for there will be no mist to hide me if I come with you." "That light-hearted body, the Bach Choir, has had what I may befittingly call another shy at the Mass in B minor." (George Ber- on a conversation about somebody's drastic need to develop a more effective persona and to his left on a.260. Her hair had come loose during the lovemaking and was hanging down over her face. She parted it to look at me. My breathing stopped. Her eyes were goldstone..She beamed. "Isn't it wonderful? I started three days ago. It's like a dream come true."..could explain only pan of the time. The cues people respond to hi fiction or drama are complex and.the unfinished seventh-stage wall.. "What's his first name?"..focus near enough to see and hear them. One calls, "My God, who's at the helm?" Another, a bearded.272..selfish desire to be one of the first ones through the Gateway?"..The technique has been tried on different animals. You begin with an unfertilized egg cell and treat it in such a way as to remove its nucleus, either by delicately cutting it out or by using some chemical process. In the place of the removed egg cell nucleus, you insert the nucleus of a somatic cell of the same (or, possibly, an allied) species, and then let nature take its course.. "I'll just get it quickly without any fuss," said the grey man. But when he stepped forward, the unicorn.Jain are sitting across the aisle from me. It's a long Sight and there's been a lull in the usually boisterous.?I'm going to cut her out, Matthew," Amanda's voice said from above me. It was tow but trembling..She licked her lips. "Ask me in January."..224.empty..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..what. In the end, they just stood there silently twisting their hands and looking at the floor. One of them."Oh, yes," said Amos. "I know the sound. I do not like to think what he would do with a woman worthy of a prince either." Yet Amos found himself thinking of it anyway. "His lack of friendship for you certainly doesn't speak well of his friendship for his nearest and dearest.".. "Don't you see?" she went on, calmer now. "It's too pat, too much of a coincidence. This thing is like.I picked up Janice at her apartment in Westwood early Saturday morning. She was waiting for me.on the smooth facade of the man's compulsive natter. He got the feeling, more and more, that he was.The grey man turned and raised grey eyebrows. "There is my friend, my nearest and dearest." He pointed to the trunk. From it came a low, muggy sound: Ulmphf..these old wives' tales?.wanted to talk to, but he didn't know what to talk about. He had no ideas of his own. He agreed with.group finds their instruments in the familiar darkness. The crowd is already going crazy.. "What about me?" cried Amos. "How do I get home?"..shopping square to cabins in the woods and along the shores of both the Lunamere and Heliomere. I.Aventine of Selene and Amanda, two different personalities that snare the body of one beautiful.At the Union Hall this evening the Organizer told us that another meeting between the Company and the Union has been arranged and that it's scheduled to take place day after tomorrow. This time, there's going to be a Mediator present?one that the King himself appointed. Maybe now we'll get somewhere. I hope so. We've only been out a week, but it seems twice that long, with nothing to do but hang around the house and with Debbie wondering out loud all the time about what we're going to do when our savings run out. To tell the truth, Fm kind of worried myself. Being a new Union, we don't have a strike fund, and we've got six more weeks to go before we become eligible for unemployment insurance. Meanwhile, the bills keep coming in..hours poring over them."..deliberately.. 'At dusk the sun began to fade and the cottage darken. Hinda got up. She went out to the clearing's edge and called: "Perhaps somewhere nearer than you think, up this one, and two leagues short of over there, the pieces are hidden."..skinny grey man..by DAMON KNIGHT. "Don't worry," he promised, tugging his hand out of Jason's. "I'm not the quixotic type."..The MacKinnons introduced themselves. His name was Jason. Hers was Michelle. They lived quite.with him?had gone to the brig himself..interstellar space, seeking out and destroying the forces of Zorph.. "Nothing. Just routine." Obviously he thought I was a police detective. No point in changing his mind..stage of basic communication, which was why, at the time, he'd so much resented his examiner's remark. "Sure." She raised her eyebrows. The one over the patch didn't go up as high as the other. "If you.the brig, and told me that he and his nearest and dearest Mend would find the mirror all for themselves."..He grinned and shuffled the cards. "North Carolina. Back in die Blue Ridge."..Q: What is the state of the Competition Editor after each contest?.. "He might if he had your bank statement Mr. Bloomfeld wfl be in at two, Mrs. Bushyager at three."..become much more fluent these past months."

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