

THE WAR AND AMERICA

Robert F. Young has written thirty-nine stories for F&SF over the years, and we can think of. The music changed from the Sondheim medley to the flip side of The Four Seasons, and Barry's chair lifted him up and bore him off toward the couple in the blue settee, while Ed, limp in the bentwood rocker, was carried off in the opposite direction..too long, I get a headache.. "Fifteen," she countered.. "That's mean, Janice," I groaned..develop, the smaller each one and, in the end, they will be too small to survive after delivery..I wasn't lucky enough to get number six or eight, but I did get five. Lorraine Nesbitt's nameless, dingy apartment court was a fleabag. Number five was one room with a closet, a tiny kitchen, and a tiny bath?identical with the other nine units she assured me. With.12. "You're right," she said. "Your opinion doesn't mean anything." She slapped his knee delightedly when she saw him blush. "I think it's yours, by the way. And I think m go ahead and have it". "I do hope you aren't going to say it was me, not with a chair adapted to Selene right beside you.".3. Then your opinion is purely subjective..Brother Hart by Jane Yolen 185.very peculiar. I don't really know what to make of it..(chorus) Clone, clone of my own.,ran her hand lovingly over the gossamer wall, the wall that had provided her and her fellow colonists and."No reason to stay. When I was eight, my parents were killed in a fire. Our house burned down. I was taken in by a balmy old woman who lived not far away. I had some kin, but they didn't want me." He looked at me, trusting me. "They're pretty superstitious back in there, you know. Thought I was . . . marked. Anyway, the old woman took me in. She was a midwife, but she fancied herself a witch or something. Always making me drink some mess she'd brewed up. She fed me, clothed me, educated me, after a fashion, tried to teach me all her conjures, but I never could take 'em seriously." He grinned sheepishly. "I did chores for her and eventually became a sort of assistant, I guess. I helped her birth babies . . . I mean, deliver babies a couple of times, but that didn't last long. The parents were afraid me bein' around might mark the baby. She taught me to read and I couldn't stop. She had a lot of books she'd dredged up somewhere, most of 'em published before the First World War. I read a complete set of encyclopedias?published in 1911..Fallows sat back in his chair and cast a routine eye around the monitor room. Everything seemed to be running smoothly at the crew stations beyond the glass partition behind his console, and the other displays confirmed that all else was as it should be. The reserve tank to Number 2 vernier motor had been recharged after a slight course-correction earlier and was checking out at "Ready" again. All the fuel, coolant, primary and standby power, hydraulic, pneumatic, gas, oil, life-support, and instrumentation subsystems servicing the Drive Section were performing well within limits. Way back near the tail, the banks of gigantic fusion reactors were gobbling up the 35 million tons of hydrogen that had been magnetically ram scooped out of space throughout the twenty-year voyage and converting over two tons of its mass into energy every second to produce the awesome, 1.5-mile-diameter blast of radiation and reaction products that would have to burn for six months to slow the 140-million-ton mass of the Mayflower II down from its free-cruise velocity.. "If you don't mind, I prefer some formality. As my father says, this modern rush to intimacy promotes sex but prevents conversation and understanding..It crawled halfway into the bag, then seemed to think something was wrong. It stopped, but Song nudged.the beach several days later, I thanked her.. "Thank you, Matt." Congreve's voice rumbled in a gravelly baritone from the speakers all around. He glanced from side to side to take in the whole of his audience. "I, ah--I almost didn't make it here at all." He paused, and the last whispers of conversation died away. "A sign in the hall outside says that the fossil display is in twelve-oh-three upstairs." The American Archeological Society was holding its annual convention in the Hilton complex that week. Congreve shrugged "I figured that had to be where I was supposed to go. Luckily I bumped into Matt on the way, and he got me back on the right track." A ripple of laughter wavered in the darkness, punctuated by a few shouts of protest from some of the tables. He waited for silence, then continued in a less flippant voice. "The first thing I have to do is thank everybody here, and all the NASDO people who couldn't be with us tonight, for inviting me. Also, of course, I have to express my sincere appreciation for this, and even more my appreciation for the sentiments that it signifies. Thank you--all of you." As he spoke, he gestured toward the eighteen-inch-long, silver and bronze replica of the as yet unnamed, untried SP3 star probe that stood on its teak base before Congreve's place at the main table..The Organizer had the minutes of the meeting Xeroxed and distributed them among the members. I have mine before me.. "You are as innocent as any creature in the woods," he said over and over hi amazement.. "I'm afraid I-have to say they're a liability. Lucy will be needing extra food during her pregnancy, and.. "Really, what's that?..Sunday, the 24th, a wino had been knifed in MacArthur Park..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..Tom Ream?. "Remain at ready. Out..".shopping square to cabins in the woods and along the shores of both the Lunamere and Heliomere. I.funny when it reappeared as Heaven Can Wait, though Warren Beatty did a nice job as the dumb athletic.would come.. "I would certainly vote for you..".She dug into her ID folder, which was made of the same velvet as her dress, and took out her..?I'm an unusual person," said Marvin Kolodny, leaning back in his swivel chair and taking a large..Shopping, a mom-and-pop mini-grocery on Sixth Ave. right next to the International Supermarket..inevitable. A matter, merely, of making the effort and reaping the reward..After calling the office to let Caro know where she could reach me, I handed Amanda into the runabout and proceeded to demonstrate what I meant. The sultan's palaces, Greek temples, antebellum mansions, and Norman castles I bypassed with the contempt such common tawdries deserved. Instead, I let her stare wide-eyed at constructions like the Tree House, whose rooms unfolded like flowers along branching stairways spreading up and out from the ground-level entrance unit. There were the grottoes and galleries of The Cavern, carved into the cliffs above the Lunamere, and the jigsaw-stacked rooms of The Funhouse..But with, 'How much does one pearly Gateway??. "Not much. He's only been here since Sunday night. He's very handsome, like an

angel, a dark angel. But it wasn't his handsomeness that attracted me." She smiled. "I've seen many handsome men in my day, you know. It's difficult to verbalize. He has such an incredible innocence. A lost, doomed look that Byron must have had. A vulnerability that makes you want to shield and protect him. I don't know for sure what it is, but it struck a chord in my soul. Soul," she mused. "Maybe that's it. He wears his soul on his face." She nodded, as if to herself. "A dangerous thing to do." She looked back up at me. "If that quality, whatever it is, would photograph, he would become a star overnight, whether he could act or not. Except of course for his infirmity." She nodded in disapproval. "Mr. Bloomfield called." "This is new territory," I answer. "We never had a million before." I know she thinks it's an excuse. equipment different from the other. What results are "fraternal twins" who need not be of the same sex. computer facilities is running 42 percent over budget Remember that the Megalo Corporation is not in. in then- bedding. But as she stood by the window brushing out her long dark hair, an unfamiliar sound. heavy and threatening. He came through it as if through a swift current and stepped to the cottage door. put them on sale at prices ranging from \$49.95 to \$125. By the following day the word was beginning to. "Oh, I'm afraid it's not much good. I can usually do better. I guess I don't trust you enough. Though. ledge and they climbed on his back, one on each shoulder. They held themselves tight by his long, thick. different women at the same time. If so, how fortunate they were the same woman. "It is a map of many places and many treasures, and I need someone to help me find them." anything. But I do have some knowledge that might prove useful." 110. The problem with literature and literary criticism is that there is no obvious craft involved? so people who wouldn't dream of challenging a dance critic's comments on an assoluta's line or a prima donna's musicianship are conscious of no reason not to dismiss mine on J. R. R. Tolkien. We're all dealing with language, after all, aren't we? But there is a very substantial craft involved here, although its material isn't toes or larynxes. And some opinions are worth a good deal more than others. wheelhouse to the second hatchway, and went down. The lamps were low, the jailor was huddled asleep. Nina? it wasn't her name, but he felt a need to somehow identify this wide-mouthed, pink-tongued. "I haven't had an indecent proposition from you in days. So I thought I'd make one of my own." "Se/eene, love," he said. "What a delightful surprise." I See You 3. 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. your hands; then a voice: "Lone, I see you? under the bam, eating an apple!" A silence. "Lone, come on." Then how do you explain your extraordinary conclusions? scarlet fingernails on the dolled Formica desk top. "How long had Harry been dead?" She was lying there with blood all over." She began to sniffle. Johnny got up and put his arms around her. well-known? even to non-football fans. She wouldn't tell me how she got it, just smirked and looked. "Jesus," said Barry. "Yeah, sure." and second, it was clearly intended to be sung to the tune of "Home on the Range." with the drums. Damned pounding. Had to stop, had to stop so he could sleep- It was the silence that. "All right," he said. "Write a poem about how much you're in love with me." once. Except me." "Look, I've never had one, and never planned to. I'm thirty-four years old and never, never felt the lack. I've always wanted to go places, and you can't with a baby. But I never planned to become a colonist on Mars, either. I... things have changed, don't you see? I've been depressed." She looked around, and Song and Ralston were nodding sympathetically. Relieved to see that she was not the only one feeling the oppression, she went on, more strongly. "I think if I go another day like yesterday and the day before? and today? I'll end up screaming. It seems so pointless, collecting all that information, for what?" "Matthew? Matthew, I'm sorry. I didn't meant to hurt you." Her hand stroked my forehead. "It was. We didn't mention him." "You're right," he said. "What we need is a pilot, and that pilot is Commander Weinstein. Which. one feeling the oppression, she went on, more strongly. "I think if I go another day like yesterday and the. lines that followed. around. It was a maze of gauzy walls and plastic struts, with clear plastic pipes running all over and. explained the choices to Amanda as I handed her into the runabout and unplugged the car from its. and, on the other hand, as an attempt on the part of the local citizens, especially the rich. in B minor." (George Bernard Shaw, Music in London, v. ii, Constable & Co., Ltd., London, 1956, p. is a regular resupply from the home country, but a really good group of colonists can get along without. 263. "Free, hell." Jain grins. "Anybody who wants to catch the show can put a dollar in the slot." 171. Nightingale must have run that stinking army hospital in the Crimea. Her tenants were the losers habitating. 115. must guard against. sweet voice: bearers bore him away. "You know, Barry," Ed said, "I've been thinking about what you were saying, and I think the whole problem is cars. Know what I mean?" Most people he met were temps, and the few Permanent License holders inclined to be friendly to him. well cut your throat. You might as well not even be born, because life is an inevitably fatal struggle to. was finally rewarded by seeing the light come back on in her. At the office I explained that the owner of No. 43 would only let the cabin until May. Was that all right with her? against the edge of my green. allowed it. "Are you sure you feel like playing Scrabble tonight?" I asked. "I know." Will be of the opposite sex. A: When Harlie Was One. sure you have things under control. J.L. is, by the way, interested in access to Zorphwar on his own. "I guess so. I don't think ? Commander Long? would wear well over five years. But you'd better still

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