

## MOOSES MITTENS

Pentagon, exclaimed, "My God, with this we could dismantle half the establishment?all we've got to do.Nothing was trouble which guaranteed me the chance to see her twice a day. When I met Selene on.This time, he had brought his bow with him. It was slung diagonally across his back. His right hand held an arrow..A House Divided by Lee Kitloagh 161.Singh was glad he had refused the fourth drink. One of his crew members quietly put his glass down.."Nothing. Just routine." Obviously he thought I was a police detective. No point in changing his mind..I wasn't lucky enough to get number six or eight, but I did get five. Lorraine Nesbitt's nameless, dingy.the livid fury blazing in her eyes..back his head, thrusts out his jaw. "Who wants to know?".241.He watched the disaster unfold before his eyes, silent except for the rhythmic beat of the alarm bell in his ears. The dome was dancing and straining, trying to fly. The floor heaved up in the center, throwing the black woman to her knees. In another second the interior was a whirling snowstorm. He skidded on the sand and fell for-.Your clone is not you. Your clone is your twin brother (or sister) and is no more you than your ordinary identical twin would be. Your clone does not have your consciousness, and if you die, you are dead. You do not live on in your clone. Once that is understood, I suspect that much of the interest in clones will disappear..Jam Snow, my intermittent unrequited love. Her voice is shagreen-rough; you hear it smooth until it tears you to shreds..The Thing, grumbling about the musical remake of 2007: A Space Odyssey, and commenting on the new.A new exploration of the whirligig garden the next day revealed several new species, including one."Muzak," she said dismissively.."Do you live with your wife?".it about?" he asked..nodded..shuddered. "I don't know how she can actually live with such creatures. I suppose it's her nature. I've.water in the pipes was frozen. Though she would not commit herself in the matter, she felt they were.and unclasping his fingers on the arm of the couch..The hunter searched her face with his eyes but could not find what he was seeking. He walked past her to the cottage door. Hinda followed behind him, uncertain..The deer rose heavily to his feet, nuzzled open the door, and sprang away to the meadows..bother to answer, but curiosity got the best of her..Novelist and critic Joanna Russ teaches English at the University of Washington. When our.That afternoon I played gin with the Detweiler boy. He was genuinely glad to see me, like a friendly."We like it here. It's a good place to raise a family, not like Earth the last time I was there. And it."Right," said Ed, nodding more vigorously. "But I liked what you were saying about cars. That made.though its expiration date may be extended by this means for a period of up to three months. A score hi.until two the night before, doing all the night spots in Santa Monica with some dude I hadn't identified yet..running..The same thing for what we eat and drink. That liquor you drank, for instance. It's half alcohol, and."He has a hump. He's a hunchback..".How can you tell?".We sure did, and we were lucky to have Marty Ralston along. He kept telling us the fruits in the.asked. 'I see myself, just as I should, the Prince of the Far Rainbow,' said I. Then the wizard grew furious.were lost." She turned and scowled at each of them in turn..the closet, leaving the door open a crack. It was the only possible place to hide. I sincerely hoped."I can help..".This is what would kill us, Crawford. What's your first name? Matt. Matt, this baby is a flyer for the.uninteresting that I would learn nothing from it?".By the addition of other genetic-engineering techniques, it might be possible to produce a whole series of animals with identical genetic equipment, except that in each case, one gene is removed or altered?a different gene in each individual perhaps. The science of genetics would then advance in seven-league strides..Holders of a Temporary License are advised to study Chapter Nine ("The Temporary License") in.On the other hand, an important part of the evaluation was the psychiatric assessment and recommendation, and in the course of the several sessions that he had spent with Pendrey, the psychiatrist attached to Brigade, Colman had found himself harboring the steadily growing suspicion that Pendrey was crazy. He wondered if perhaps a crazy psychiatrist working with a crazy set of premises might end up arriving at sane answers in the same way that two logical inverters in series didn't alter the truth of a proposition; but then again, if Pendrey was normal by the Army's standards, the analogy wouldn't work..The only thing about him not grey was a large black trunk beside him, high as his shoulder. Several rough.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.And come he did, neither silently nor slow, but with loud purposeful steps. He stood for a moment at.don't want me to say anything about you, but I don't want to lie to her..".Isn't he adorable?" Darlene said. "He looks just like you..".play at all, or they wanted to play all the time. Both kinds were a pain in the ass to face first thing in the..she decided to separate us. I don't know why. I think she wanted him without me. I'm sure she thought he was an imp from hell. I almost died. Fm not sure what was wrong. Apart, we weren't whole. I wasn't whole. He had something I didn't have, something we'd been sharing. She would've let me die, but he knew and got blood for me. Hers." He sat staring at me blankly, his mind living the past.Another section opened up and they stepped through it After three more gates were passed, the temperature and pressure were nearly Earth-normal. And they were standing beside a small oriental woman with skin tanned almost black. She had no clothes on, but seemed adequately dressed in a brilliant smile that dimpled her month and eyes. Her hair was streaked with gray. She would be? Singh stopped to consider?forty-one years old..The nature of the beast," he mutters, almost sadly, and smacks the palm of his gloved hand against."I said," he said, with woozy precision, "my name is Ed..(Dhalgren, Triton, et cetera) and one of the field's more thoughtful critics (The Jewel-Hinged Jaw:.55.).I have tried to speak to general issues rather than "defend" my own criticism. Issues are, in any case, more important than personalities, although there is a (small) section of fandom which sees in aesthetic or political disagreement

nothing but personal squabbling motivated by envy. It's not for me to judge how good my criticism is; if enough readers think it's bad, and the editor thinks so too, presumably hell stop printing it although writing book reviews (except for places like the New York Times) is underpaid, overworked, and a labor of love. The problem is usually to recruit reviewers, not discourage them. They went back into the tavern, wheeling the barrow before them. soft-sculpture, causing Ethan to nearly lose the nipple?" was designed to contain beings who are no. pointed out the front window, "and right here is the other end." me?" His voice is like a sword coming out of its scabbard, an angry, menacing, deadly metal-on-metal. That hardly seemed fan' to me. As though she read my mind, Selene said, "I didn't plan it; it just. elbows on the counter and listening with opened mouth. pied-a-terre of some has-been somebody. It was a plain, pleasant 10-room apartment that anyone could. We're in the Central Arena, the architectural pride of Denver District. This is the largest gathering. He blew a stream of smoke from pursed lips and tapped his cigarette on an alabaster ashtray. "Yes, ". Science fiction is a small country which for years has maintained a protective standards-tariff to encourage native manufactures. Many readers are, in fact, unacquainted with the general canon of English literature or the standards of criticism outside our own small field. Add to this the defensiveness so many people feel about high culture and you get the wholesale inflation of reputations James Blish lambaste in *The Issue at Hand*. Like him, I believe that somebody has to stop handing out stars and kisses: If "great writer" means Charles Dickens or Virginia Woolf (not to mention William Shakespeare), then it does not mean C. S. Lewis or J. R. R. Tolkien, about whom the most generous consensus of mainstream critical opinion is that they are good, interesting, minor authors. And so on. pleading. Its screams continued, that one monotonous, hopeless note repeated over and over. It lowered. over Amos' wet clothes? and at last he began to inquire whom Amos had solicited from the sailors to go. "It's a very little thing to thank me for," Amos said. "But we had better start back if we want to be at the ship in time for lunch." his fingers. Smith is able to catch glimpses of figures on deck, tilted above dark cross-sections of the hull. A sailor is. abrupt, though polite. I hesitate, then say, "Sure, I'm almost done with the board." Amanda sat back sipping her coffee with a contented smile. "I hope your business isn't suffering." "I think," said Amos, who thought quickly and was quick to tell what he thought, "that everything is not quite right in there." He grinned. "Haven't you heard? We can spot each other a mile away. Would you like some." "You have come," she said, and her voice trembled. that, and Lang was wondering if it was too often. The place was crowded, and the kids were nervous. "The oxygen problem is about the same. Two years at the outside. they would miss it when it was gone. So the day of departure was a stiff, determinedly nonchalant affair. "Haven't I?" said the grey man. He reached under the table and took out a white leather boot, went off. I know I'm a fine one to talk; I won't be cooped up in here. But the colony needs it We've all felt it. angle, he can no longer keep the ship in view from a distance but must track it closely. November 21 and on Jack's face. He was leaning back in his chair, hands behind his head. Beside him stood Peg Spatola in. the Detweiler boy? Except the Detweiler boy?. "Loosely translated," said Lea, "One's duty is often a difficult thing to do with the cheerfulness, good. rising off the dawn-pink Heliomere when I saw Amanda running up the beach toward me, her hair flying. We sped through the city in what I judged to be a locomotive, although there were no tracks. "What. "Are you in command today, then?" I asked. find someone to talk to. It is a basic human need, after all. Perhaps the basic need. I had no choice." Ed took out his ID folder, took his license from the folder, tickled the edge of the endorsement sticker from the back of the license with his fingernail, and offered it to Barry. "Selene, love," he said. "What a delightful surprise." "No!" Amanda jumped up, clutching her shawl around her with white-knuckled hands. "She'd only want to reintegrate me." As Amos was about to leave, the grey man picked up a brilliant red ruby that had fallen from the. He was genuinely surprised. "You didn't take that crack seriously, did you? I might as weQ admit it It was intentional, like that cattle prod you mentioned. You looked like you needed a kick in the ass.\*\*. Amanda sat wrapped in a shawl and staring into the empty fireplace. The polychair had turned pale gray. "She's trying to take over, Matthew." complete. But as they turned to seek shelter in the rising wind, Amos cried, "There's a light!" man. I'm arranging for a screen test as soon as Mr. Goldwyn returns my calls." She lowered her eyelids. miss what he took." His eyes were going empty again. As if she had broken a spell, the man spoke at hist "I am but a. Robert F. Young. words. She put their food on the table and they ate their meal in silence. Then they slept like beasts and. gentle but firm. Don't drink I am think?. Someone sat up beside him. He froze, but it was too late. She rubbed her eyes and peered into the. Andrew Detweiler personally in the whole apartment. I hadn't thought it possible for anyone to lead such. samples. from the case. While our schedules have slipped a bit in the last couple of months, morale is at an all-time. O, give me a clone. only got a glimpse of it, but it might have been a cat. It was probably a stray looking for food or hiding from a dog. Okay, cat, you don't bother me and I won't bother you. I kept my eye on the couch, but it didn't show itself again. versions of *Midsummer Night's Dream*. And yet more to come: As the science fiction and fantasy films. He smiled at her. "No, thanks. But what you said is right I have no hankering to take charge of. not just hard to believe; it's scary. But computer ticket-totes don't lie. THE ORGANIZER: The purpose of the Project has no bearing. "My father could have been President but for Margot Randall. The woman was rapacious, vulgar. All six had the same blood group. this order will result in immediate penalties, including criminal trials of your leaders. Address all. The thing's eyes focused for a moment on Detweiler. It looked at him, beseeching, held out one hand. A bitter look. I sighed. Miss Tremaine closed the pad. "Okay. No to Mrs. Carmknael and make appointments for. Hommage ? James Thurber. Briefly, to answer other statements in the letters: I apologize for implying that Tolkien's hobbits and Ents (or his other bucolic-comic creations) are as empty-sublime as the Big People's heroics. But I agree (see question S) that Tolkien is a good, interesting, minor writer whose strong point is his paysages moralists. Ditto C S. Lewis, in bis Naraya books. As for other writers mentioned, only strong, selective blindness could miss the Vancian cynicism or the massive Dunsanian

irony (sometimes spilling over into despair) which make their heroism far from simple or unquestioned-by-the-authors-them-selves. As for the others, I find them ghastly when uncorrected by i comedy, or satire (Morris, sometimes), or (in Beagle's case) the nostalgic wistfulness which belongs to fantasy per se rather than the people. What one does is legally binding on the other." around, clicking his tongue softly. His eyes caught on something at the end of the couch. He smiled. At.268.don't modify an aerodynamic design lightly, not one that's supposed to hit the atmosphere at ten.printing it although writing book reviews (except for places like the New York Times) is underpaid..Crawford looked away from the madly whirling rotors of the windmill farm. He was with the rest of the crew, sitting in the dome with his helmet off. That was as far as Lang would permit anyone to go except hi the cramped sleeping quarters. Song Sue Lee was at the radio giving her report to the Edgar Rice Burroughs. In her hand was one of the pump modules she had dissected out of one of the plants. It consisted of a half-meter set of eight blades that turned freely on.Nolan smiled at the sound, then nodded at Mama. "I'm going to turn in now. You take good care of.73.absolute grief appeared on his face..At dusk the sun began to fade and the cottage darken. Hinda got up. She went out to the clearing's.170.senseless, gesture of defiance.."Second," said Lea, "who is standing just behind your right shoulder?"."I think so," Lang said. "It was so little water, though. You know we didn't want to waste it; we condensed it out until the air we exhausted was dry as a bone."..stick together when the chips are down..The practical problems of mammalian cloning are such that there is no chance of its happening for.through the pipes, I guess. If you have some toys or something, it might be nice. The stories I've told little.could govern beside any man. He said I was proud, and that my pride was good. But then he saw how I."Believe me, a little air would make me sleep much better."..She pulled the shawl tighter around her. "When I got up this morning, that chair you're sitting in was bright blue. It's always brown or yellow for you. Selene has to have been sitting in it."..Instead he'd had dumb luck..The end result will be that though my clones, or some of them, might turn out to be valuable citizens of one kind or another, it would be very unlikely that any one of them would be another Isaac Asimov, and their production would not be worthwhile. Whatever good they might do would not be worth the reduction they would represent in the total gene variability of humanity..Funny, I thought Goldwyn was dead. Maybe he wasn't..Crawford was the only one to look up when the lock started cycling. The two people almost tumbled

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