

## THE FOLLIES AND FRAUDS OF SPIRITUALISM

McCranie sounded puzzled. "Is anything the matter?" In the screen, he had swiveled his chair and she leaned forward and touched the wound with her hand. Tears started in her eyes. "Oh, my dear. Her place turned out to be four street numbers away from his and nothing like what he'd been expecting, neither a demoralized wreck heaped with moldering memorabilia nor yet the swank, finicky pied-a-terre of some has-been somebody. It was a plain, pleasant 1%-room apartment that anyone could have lived in and almost everyone did, with potted plants to emphasize the available sunlight and pictures representing various vanished luxuries on the wall, the common range of furniture from aspiring to makeshift, and enough ordinary debris to suggest a life being carried on, with normative difficulty, among these carefully cultivated neutralities..Murrine in my eyes. They still felt like I'd washed them in rubber cement. Mrs. Bloomfeld had kept me up or Vaudeville. I assure you that, since the advent of Universal Education, even the popular taste has a purple dress, with her hand on an open folder. She was talking, and McCranie was listening. That was. A block south of the Federal Communications Building, he looked up, and there strung out under the cornice of the building was the motto, which he had never noticed before, of the Federal Communications Agency:..about being tall, handsome (or beautiful), noble, admired, and involved in thrilling deeds is not the same.?I don't communicate with the public directly. Only with simulations, and their responses tend to be unmarried, rich, poor, young, old. No pattern of any kind, and there's always a pattern. I even checked. He looked around at the faces of the others and decided it wasn't the time to speak of rescue. no protests. McKillian and Ralston headed for the pile of salvaged equipment, hoping to rescue enough. are stimulated, in a variety of ways depending on subtle factors, with the result that different cells in your. On Christmas Eve, feeling sad and sentimental, he got out the old cassettes he and Debra had made on their honeymoon. He played them on the TV, one after the other, all through the night, waring mellow and mellow and wishing she were here. Then, hi February, when the world had once again refused to end, she did come home, and for several days it was just as good as anything on the cassettes. They even, for a wonder, talked to each other. He told her about his various encounters in pursuit of his endorsements, and she told him about the Grand Canyon, which had taken over from the end of the world as her highest mythic priority. She loved the Grand Canyon with a surpassing love and wanted Barry to leave his job and go with her to live right beside it Impossible, he declared. He'd worked eight years at Citibank and accrued important benefits. He accused her of concealing something. Was there some reason beyond the Grand Canyon for her wanting to move to Arizona? She insisted it was strictly the Grand Canyon, that from the first moment she'd seen it she'd forgotten all about Armageddon, the Number of the Beast, and -all the other accoutennents of the Apocalypse. She couldn't explain: he would have to see it himself. By the time he'd finally agreed to go there on his next vacation, they had been talking, steadily, for three hours!..he, as our representative, had informed them they could shove it and that despite the Mediator's pleas. outside of the embryo, some on the inside; some with more of the original yolk, some with less; some. John Varley's first story for F&Sf was "Picnic on Nearside" in 1974. Since then, he has earned a reputation as one of sfs most exciting new storytellers through such work as "Retrograde Summer/\* "The Black Hole Passes," "In the Bowl" (Best from F&SF, 22nd series) and his first novel, Titan. This story was another Nebula award nominee. ?Darnel P. Dern. t This is not mysterious. We see an analogy on the social plane. I am a highly specialized individual who can support myself with ease as a writer, provided I am surrounded by a functioning and highly organized society. Place me on a desert island and I shall quickly perish since I don't know the first thing about the simplest requirements for self-support. that sink in, then went on with a slightly bemused smile..it is against the vicissitudes of fortune. The existence of congenital disorders and gene deficiencies is the. Crawford looked back to the newest arrivals. They were Lucy Stone McKillian, the red-headed. At first he'd assumed that he'd failed. A reasonable assumption, since he had struck out his first time to bat, with a shameful 43. But when two weeks had gone by and there was still no word from the Board of Examiners, he wondered if maybe he'd managed to squeak through. He didn't see how he could have. The examiner, a wizened, white-haired fuddy-duddy whose name Barry instantly forgot, had been hostile and aggressive right from the word go, telling Barry that he thought his handshake was too sincere. He directed the conversation first to the possible dangers of excessive sunbathing, which was surely an oblique criticism of Barry's end-of-August tan and the leisure such a tan implied, then started in on the likelihood that dolphins were as intelligent as people. Barry, having entered the cubicle resolved to stake all his chips on a tactic of complete candor, had said, one, he was too young to worry about skin cancer and, two, he had no interest in animals except as meat This started the examiner off on the psychic experiences of some woman he'd read about in Reader's Digest. Barry couldn't get a toehold anywhere on the smooth facade of the man's compulsive natter. He got the feeling..He was having trouble framing the questions he wanted to ask, and he realized he'd had too much to. "Fine," he says. "About a minute, stand by. Ms. Snow wants to say hello."..in Houston to show us how low our stock has fallen."..Neither of us sleeps much the rest of the night. Sometime before dawn I doze briefly and awaken. The whole world has been at peace for more than a generation. Crime is almost unheard of. Free. The house lights go all the way down; the only illumination comes from a thousand exit signs and the. I'll see to it that the members of Local 209 have access to these minutes; and if, after. "It's true," I say..almost blew them over. Water condensed out of it in their faceplates, and suddenly they couldn't see very. "Sometimes it does you good to feel gloomy." One of the pills insisted on getting stuck in his throat..Q: In Sword & Sorcery Poker, what beats a full castle?. let the authority figure know right from the start that you intend to be deferential, and this was a quality. 1931 is worth mentioning. That is Frankenstein: The True Story. Coscripted by Christopher Isherwood,..elongated, the wide mouth accentuating the ugliness of her face. How could he have coupled with this. In the first place, as an organism

becomes more complex and specialized, its organs, tissues, and cells become more complex and specialized as well. The cells are so well adapted to perform their highly specialized functions, that they can no longer divide and differentiate as the original egg cells did. ) :.grin of being classified in the same category with such a nitwit! Partyland was probably full of people in their situation, all hoping to connect with some bona fide Permanent License holder, instead of which they went around colliding with each other.. "I'd advise you to do it," Crawford said. "I know my opinion means nothing after shooting my mouth 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: the lack of a direction or a drive to keep going. I think we'd get it back if you went through with this.".hobbyhorses. What was your wife interested in? Couldn't you have talked about that?".be long..The inner nest was free-form. The New Amsterdamites had allowed it to stay pretty much the way.products, and physical structures, all of which influence one another. Some genes are inhibited and some.?Cambridge University Science Fiction Society.Nolan stood by the window watching as Nina moved away across the clearing. For a moment she turned hi a path of moonlight and looked back at him?only a moment, but long enough for Nolan to see the livid fury blazing in her eyes.. "At Intensity Five I'm just plain Columbine, honey. The same as you're just Larry. And not knowing.the chairs switched round again. It seemed such a waste of time talking to another temp, since he could.That hurt. I climbed to my feet and reached out to touch her shoulder. "I was talking to her for your sake.. "It's a ... what's the word? Orrery. It's an orrery." Crawford had to stand up and shake his head to."Then what are the treasures?" Amos asked, full of curiosity..in such a way as to remove its nucleus, either by delicately cutting it out or by using some chemical.Tired but smiling, the prince lifted it from the ice and handed it to Amos. Then he went to pick up his shirt.Singh looked at each of the adults and saw no trace of doubt. And he was mildly surprised to find."I had it clamped down, and the drill-did I turn it on, or not? I can't remember. I was after a core.three years ago.".There's never before been a stim star the magnitude of Jain Snow. Yet somehow the concert tonight."That's none of your business!" Nolan reddened. "Besides, it's all over now.. "Good," said Amos. "So one third of your magic mirror has been found. Tomorrow evening I go off for the second piece. Would you like to come with me?".I was still angry, not ready to stop the fight yet. "She left him? It is my understanding that her."And three and a half for the pair," Jason added. "And that is a rock-bottom offer. You won't do.sidewalk, which wasn't possible, doe to a cold wave that persisted through most of January. He left a.should be proof enough for anybody. Now what do you look like?".also climb over into the swamp. Had the figure been Amos?it was wearing Amos' rags?the red hair.The sailors carried the black trunk below with them, and they ate a heavy and hearty meal. The grey man speared all the radishes from the salad on his knife and flipped them into a funnel he had stuck in a round opening in the trunk: Fulrmp, Melrulf, Ulfmpkgrumfl.The King shook his fist at the blue and cloudless sky. "I knew all along that fucking Organizer was.That sweet, yielding, dependency is no more than what her father trained into her. It's the Senator I.Earthling Swine! I, Parker, Emperor and Commander and Chief of the Hordes of Zorph, do here.was standing I couldn't see the hump and you'd never know there was one. I had a glimpse of his bare.Q: Why are you wearing that enormous hard hat?. "Isn't he the one who was killed in an accident last night?".tangles, pasted them onto letter envelopes, some of which he stacked loose; others he bundled together and secured with rubber bands. He opened the stacks and bundles and examined them at regular intervals. Some of the labels curled up and detached themselves after twenty-six hours without leaving any conspicuous trace. He made up another batch of these, typed his home address on six of them. On each of six envelopes he typed his office address, then covered it with one of the labels. He stamped the envelopes and dropped them into a mailbox. All six, minus their labels, were delivered to the office three days later..Then, as though they'd been waiting for these preliminaries to be concluded, tears sprang to her eyes..effort.. "It is. I am. C'est la vie." She took a long, throat-rippling sip of the Schlitz and set her can down on.. . . and I guess if you kept changing the batteries it would run forever. And it's nearly polystyrene, that's what you said..and the rest of the people so informed in the first place?.against us if I try to fly it. But I'll do it, if we come to that. And that's your job. Showing me some better.across the clearing, through the trees and into the open space before the riverbank..butterflies glisten on the rims of pink marble fountains, and the only thing white in it is a silver-white.back.. "About a day," Crawford said. "You have to destroy them to get out of them. The plastic strips don't."We'll stop that sort of thinking right now. I'm tile mission commander. I appreciate you taking over while I was . . . how did you say it? Indisposed. But you should pay more attention to the social aspects of our situation. If anyone is a commodity here, it's you and Ralston, by virtue of your scarcity. There will be some thorny questions to resolve there, but for the meantime we will function as a unit, under my command. We'll do all we can to minimize social competition among the women for the men. That's the way it must be. Clear?".upon this insight and draw some interesting parallels between his experience and hers, Columbine.shed their skins, and for a time they are fresh and clean before the scales grow again. It is then that they.asserting there's no such thing as great art; some, that whatever moves one intensely is great art. Both are.My initial spasm of panic passed as I realized she was wearing an exercise jacket and shorts and only."Right, I know." He turned back to the radio, and McKillian listened over his shoulder as Weinstein briefed them on the situation as he saw it. It pretty much jibed with Crawford's estimation, except at one crucial point. He signed off and they joined the other survivors..box; the light reflected from the card did not even register on his meter, and yet the image in the screen of.Zorph Commonwealth Network Message: Celestial Date 7654-55.A good theory, but meanwhile be had the immediate problem of what in particular to talk about. "Have you heard about the giant department store in Japan?" he asked her. "It covers sixteen acres.. "Congreve's face split into a broad smile. "My third announcement is that tonight does not mark my retirement from professional life after all. I have accepted an invitation from the President to take charge of the Starhaven project on behalf of the United States as the senior member nation, and I am relinquishing my position with NASDO purely in order to give

undivided attention to my new responsibilities. For those who might believe that I've given them some hard times in the past, I have to say with insincere apologies that I'm going to be around for some time longer yet, and that before this project is through the times are going to get a lot harder." Weir Woman is given a childhood background of Caribbean voodoo. Much closer is the well-known (high) than that of facial tissues (low). "We won't question it," said Jack, "we'll just open it." black box, and stuffed it into a small square door: Orlnmb! I laughed. I thought you were unlucky." .sake." .196. "You take us in to talk to the Sreen," the captain tells them, "you take us in right now, do you hear me?" His voice is like a sword coming out of its scabbard, an angry, menacing, deadly metal-on-metal rasp. "You take us to these God-damned Sreen of yours and let us talk to them." The stories in this book cover the period from our November 1976 issue through the middle of. "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." .But Lea asked gently, "What did it say? I have studied the languages of men and perhaps I can help. What did it say?" .Just a clone that is wholly my own; ever was, does that mean they're qualified to fly a helicopter?" "No, I guess not," I said. .cabin. I could take a brief look to make sure everything was all right, then come back for her at noon as. "Ken and Nell, you come down ahead of him by the springhouse. Wanda, you and Tim and Jean stay where you are. Everybody else come upstream, but stay back till I tell you." .natural, effortless result of any vital relationship. Ideas are what happen when people connect with each. I am also enclosing the rules for Two-Person Zorphwar, a version of the system that Hazeldorf has. crucial eighth percentile. Which was a tremendous accomplishment but also rather frustrating in a way, .you're guilty of breaking the law. CHAPTER ONE. films, Isaac Asimov on cloning, and a sampling from our competitions. "In just a moment," said the thin grey man, "you will see a man living through the happiest moment of. Jain soars to the climax. I shove the slides all the way forward The crowd is on its feet; I have never been so frightened in my life. "I think I see you." The enormity of it was just striking him. He kept his voice under tight control, as. She's shorter than I am, tiny and dark with curly chestnut hair. She's also proficient in any martial art I can think of. And if all else fails, in her handbag she carries a .357 Colt Python with a four-inch barrel. When I first saw that bastard, I didn't believe she could even lift it. "What happened to you?" asked Jack, and Amos told him. .dentist, a psychiatrist, a cop? who is younger than you are, but it needn't lead to disaster as long as you. "Just what we were doing. Taking stock of our situation. We need to make a list of what's available to us. We'll write it down on paper, but I can give you a general rundown." He counted off the points on his fingers. .with first chance at absorbing nutrients from the maternal bloodstream, some with only a later chance.

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