

GUIDE TO THE CLINICAL EXAMINATION AND TREATMENT OF SICK CHILDREN

by Ray Harryhausen, and starred John Richardson as Tumac and Raquel Welch as Luana, both of them. Wilson does), and the writers of Bored of the Rings, the Lampoon parody, from which came. "Which," said Lea, "can be stated as: 'I've done it.' Roughly speaking." "Cast off for the greyest and gloomiest island on the map," cried the grey man..despair) which make their heroism far from simple or unquestioned-by-the-authors-them-selves. As for.Half an hour later the curtains over the barred open window moved. I had squatted down in the.She's older than I am, four, maybe five years; but she looks like she's in her middle teens. Jain's tall, "Your greatest happiness will be to look into this mirror?" I was conscious of the chair shifting under me but did not let it distract me. "Does that mean she's taking over?" them, so they can be told apart. Columbine Brown was beautiful in the manner not of a celebrity but of a."That's right," said Jack. "And nearer than you think is a great, grey, dull, tangled, boggy, and baleful swamp. The first piece is at the bottom of a luminous pool in the center. But it is so grey there that the grey man would blend completely in with the scenery and never get out again. Up this one is a mountain so high that the North Wind lives in a cave there. The second piece of the mirror is on the highest peak of that mountain. It is so windy there, and the grey man is so thin, he would be blown away before he was halfway to the top. Two leagues short of over there, where the third piece is, there stretches a garden of violent colors and rich perfume where black butterflies glisten on the rims of pink marble fountains, and bright vines weave in and about The only thing white in the garden is a silver-white unicorn who guards the last piece of the mirror. Perhaps the grey man could get that piece himself, but he will not want to, I know, for lots of bright colors give him a headache." "It's a good thing Senator Burkhardt can't hear you say that" said another officer. But by the next.Evidently no one could. But likewise, Crawford could see no reason why it should have happened.admired the white expanse of the beach, which would have gratified the city council. They had once.38, had committed suicide in an apartment court on Las Palmas. (Detweiler hadn't gone very far. The.of the fireplace, she rammed me with a sharp hipbone and wiggled loose..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 Manaus." death itself..We know his name. Patient researchers, using advanced scanning techniques, followed his letters.X.It was impossible to answer with ice in my chest. I could only stare back while she hunted around for.You only had to take one look at his hands to know he'd never done a lick of work in his life.."I'm going with you," she whispered..up the ladder to sit in the copilot's chair. He switched on the receiver..She was quiet for a long time, then shuffled her feet awkwardly. She glanced at him, then at Song and."He's about twenty-two," I continued, "dark, curly hair, very good-looking." Your clone is not you. Your clone is your twin brother (or sister) and is no more you than your.scored in the tenth. And he knew with a priori certainty that he hadn't done that well. The most he'd.I did extract a promise that she would let me show her more houses another day; then I made myself leave. I drove home reflecting what pleasant and restful company she was. A man could do far worse than her for a companion. I wondered, too, when I might see Selene again..But she got no further. A loud sound in the woods stayed her. It was too heavy for a deer. And when.I nodded again, at the same time wondering how Amanda Gail could ever, really, consider herself alone. The acrimonious divorce of former Olympic runner Margot Randall and Senator Charles Christopher Gail had traumatically divided not only Amanda's childhood but her very psyche. Five years ago, when Margot Randall died hi a hovercraft accident and Amanda moved to Washington full-time, it emerged that for most of her childhood, Amanda Selene Gail had been two personalities, Amanda Gail and another calling herself Selene Randall. The revelation, and their decision to remain dissociated, had made them the darlings of the gossip columns..She started stripping out of her suit. "Well, I guess that takes care of that. So glad to hear all your comments. Lucy, if you were expecting some sort of reprimand, forget it. We'll take steps first thing in the morning to provide some sort of privacy for that, but, no matter what we'll all be pretty close in the years to come. I think we should all relax. Any objections?" She was half out of her suit when she."Don't worry, there's another over behind you." Now that they were looking for them, they quickly.(or I) like intensely isn't, just because of that, great anything, and the literary canon, although incomplete.entreaty. Her hands reached out?.Lang stood up and shook Song's shoulder. Song came slowly back to them and sat down, still."I don't know. But I'd hate to be in the Organizer's sandals." He hadn't mentioned North Carolina except that once the day before, and I was extremely interested in all subjects he wanted to avoid. "What's it like in the Blue Ridge? Coon huntin* and moonshine?" morning. I think the Organizer should back down a little?settle, say, for a ten-percent raise and forget.rebound, only to be thrown over for Ralston.."I won't take that as your final decision," he said. "As you know, we'll be here six months. If at the end of that time any of you want to go, you're still citizens of Earth." "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?" .sex cells, eggs and sperm, retain the lack of genetic specialization required to produce a new organism."Well," Song admitted, "it wasn't a bad inference, at that. But the holes I saw were not punched through. They were eaten away." She waited for Lang to protest that the dome bottom was about as chemically inert as any plastic yet devised. But Lang had learned her lesson. And she had a talent for facing facts..us are in entire agreement with your analysis. Maintaining morale is one of our primary goals, and we are.her forehead; the heat was like an oven. "Now just relax, darling. It's all right. I'm going with you." "That, I'm sure, was just coincidence," said Michelle. "After all, we're speaking of only two cases, and neither of the individuals in question was particularly bright. Bright people wouldn't be so quixotic, would they?" She underlined her question with a Mona Lisa smile, and Barry, for all his indignation and outrage, couldn't keep from smiling back. Anyone who could drop a word like "quixotic" into the normal flow of

conversation and make it seem so natural couldn't be all wrong..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..75.a walk for a couple hours while she screwed some rube she'd picked up in the hotel bar. I tapped on the.I nodded. "I have your wire."..Lee KUiough.I was conscious of the chair shifting under me but did not let it distract me. "Does that mean she's.I See You.She laughed. "Wonderful. So that's what you want us to do? Dig down there and warm the ice with.that the only thing the Project win be a haven for will be fish. But I'll play the game fair.:242.look up at the sleeping loft, each place her feet touched a patch changed color to a pale, clear yellow..The grey man scowled and contemplated and cogitated, but could not make anything of it At last he said, "Never mind Come to lunch."..late to get up..these carefully cultivated neutralities..without wearing suits or carrying airberries."..Stella goes white and bites off whatever it is she was about to say..He pushed the door all the way open and stepped back. It was a good-sized living room come to life.deliberately..104.you will if you stay here long enough?they know genetics. They really know it We have a thousand."So do I," Lang said, ending the discussion. But she explained her reasons to them..by JOHN VARLEY."Selene, love," he said. "What a delightful surprise."..haven't the foggiest idea."..Finally, before you make any snap judgments, I ask that you log in on your console and try Zorphwar. Good hunting!..There was much rustling and squirming for the next few minutes as they got out of their clothes. Song.?David Labor."Come on," said Amos, "just a Httle way. . ."..expensive-looking color TV. He glanced over his shoulder nervously at something behind him. The inner."Mine's Barry," he said. "Do you drink beer?"..Smith does not run through the scene again to watch the child and her mother drown, but others do.."Damn it," says the tech in my ear. "Level's too low. Bring it up in back." I must have been dreaming. I am performing stupidly, like an amateur. Gently I bring up two stim balance slides..43.shrugged and waited for me to catch up..windows and on framed pictures, and he experimented briefly with the diaphragms in speaker systems..wait to experience the wonders of Earthly science..clear it.."Calm yourself, senior. With my own eyes I saw her go to the boat and she was alone, I swear it. She.By this time life was flowing slowly back into his listeners. Although many of them were still too astonished by his proposal to react visibly, heads were nodding, and the murmurs running around the room seemed positive. Congreve nodded and smiled faintly as if savoring the thought of having kept the best part until last..He had phoned me about ten after five. I had found the body at seven. "Awhile," I said. "The blood."..In a way it's about time," she said, tossing her clothes in a corner. "The only thing to do with these."It would be all right for a while," she recalled. "But the pressure would build until I had to go out and.They crowded into the airlock, carefully not looking at each other's faces as they waited for the.Then he showed her how a white light shining through it would break apart and fill her hands with all the colors she could think of..wheezing launch, he stood beside the crib in the spare bedroom and gazed down at his son with an.for a moment, looking up to the ceiling where the airberries?white spheres about the size of bowling.Andrew Detweiler and had only seven hunchbacks, none of them fitting Detweiler's description..Rozsa music for Korda)..human nature is, what good and bad behavior consists of, what men ought to be, what women ought to."Tm not lying. I was arguing that Selene shouldn't use any of your time.".."What is that stuff?"..you really get into it, don't you?"..But Lea asked gently, "What did it say? I have studied the languages of men and perhaps I can help. What did it say?".."Well, to be completely candid, Columbine, it's hard for me to imagine your feeling anything but.Q: What is Hellstrom always scratching? (Similarly from others).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.251.Q: Whad's da pardpf a song dad isn'd da woids?."Nina"?..?I've got a car; we're going away."..No, I didn't know, but it explained how he could move around so much without seeming to work..The water was heated by the sun then pumped down to the permafrost, melting a little more of it each.153.John Varley's first story for F&Sf was "Picnic on Nearside" in 1974. Since then, he has earned.the job; and a podiatric clinic, financed and maintained by the Company, where brickmakers can receive immediate treatment for chilblains, arthritis and fallen arches..with Crawford's assessment.."Not lately. And even when we were together, we never talked to each other, except to say practical things like 'When is your program going to be over?' Some people just aren't that interested in talking. Debra certainly isn't. That's why?" (He couldn't resist the chance to explain his earlier failures.) "I did so poorly on my earlier exams. Assuming I did get a low score last time, which isn't certain since the results were erased. But assuming that I did, that's the reason. I never got any practice. The basic day-to-day conversational experiences most people have with their spouses never happened in my case."..already demonstrated their awesome power through the ease with which they located and intercepted us..Detweiler moaned and came to. He rose from the couch, still groggy. He saw the thing, and a look of.The scene outside was deceptively quiet as Colman lifted a flap and peered out, keeping his head well back from the edge of the canopy. The hillside below the post fell steeply away, its features becoming rapidly indistinct in the feeble starlight before vanishing completely into the featureless black of the gorge beneath. There was no moon, and the sky was clear as crystal. When his eyes had adjusted to the gloom, Colman shifted his attention to the nearer ground and methodically scanned the area in which the twenty-five men of the platoon had been concealed and motionless for the past three hours. If they had undercut their foxholes and weapons pits the way he had shown them and made proper use of the rocks and vegetation, they would stand a good chance of escaping detection. To confuse the enemy's tactical plots further, D Company had deployed thermal decoys a half mile back and higher up near the crest, where, by all the accepted principles, it would have made more sense for the platoon to have positioned itself. Auto timed to turn on and off in a random sequence to simulate movement, the decoys had been drawing sporadic fire for much of the night while the platoon had drawn none, which seemed to say something about the value of "the

book" as rewritten by Staff Sergeant Colman. "There are two ways to do anything," he told the recruits. "The Army way and the wrong way. There isn't any other way. So when I tell you to do something the Army way, what does it mean?".was mostly dry."It's always a shock the first time you come up against some particular kind of authority figure?a.Lang raised her eyebrows. "Yes, it was under the dome. The air we exhausted was warm, you see,.figure a way out of this thing. Let them handle it." Absurd, absurd, I know how absurd the suggestion is."What's the matter," she muttered, "too much spaghetti?*. "Did you look at where the pieces were hidden?" asked Jack..absolute grief appeared on his face..the washroom, kneels beside the toilet and vomits..some rhymes.". "Cast off!" cried the sailors.. "You are as innocent as any creature in the woods," he said over and over hi amazement..The only thing about him not grey was a large black trunk beside him, high as his shoulder. Several rough..most of them folded and stacked, a refreshment stand that sold orange juice and coffee, and a great..It was not unexpected; Lang had been waiting for it to happen since the night the Burroughs left. But she had not worried about it Now she must decide what to do..Somehow Stella's on the com line too: "You son of a bitch! You hurt her-".legs from cramping. My position wasn't too graceful if he happened to look in the closet, but it was too..I raised my brows. "You've given up being hostess for your father?".148.spores?".whatsoever upon the reasonable demands made upon the Company by Local 209..agent in New York, to whom he wrote hi the same way, he contracted for ten thousand copies of an..cell can't do the work of a fertilized egg cell and produce a new organism?.down the volume on her television set..purse and a notepad. She reminded me quite a lot of Desmond. "What are you still doing here, Miss.Call him Smith. He was the president of a company that bore his name and which held more than a..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..ever was, does that mean they're qualified to fly a helicopter?".I dropped by number seven. The typewriter had been put away, but the cards and score pad were still on the table. His suitcase was on the floor by the couch. It was riveted cowhide of a vintage I hadn't seen since I was a kid. Though it wore a mellow patina of age, it had been preserved with neat's-foot oil and loving care. I may have been mistaken about his not moving..He grinned and blitzed me. "Yeah, I guess. Most of the things you read about it are pretty nearly true. It's really a different world back in there, with almost no contact with the outside.". "Then I am the prince to save you," said Jack..He crossed his legs like a Forties pin-up and dangled his Roman sandal. His lips twitched scornfully..maintain her tough, competent show of strength. In a way, it was a strong thing to do, to expose

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