

# HISTORY STARTING POINTS ALEXANDER THE GREAT AND THE ANCIENT GREEKS

his hands. He stood up agonizingly, like a slow motion movie, arching his spine backward, his face. We sped through the city in what I judged to be a locomotive, although there were no tracks. "What new wonder shall I see?" I mused, for many were the sights shown me already. My guide, an illustrious professor, halted the machine. They reached what must have been the center of the maze and found the people everyone had given up on. Eighteen of them. The children became very quiet and stared solemnly at the new arrivals, while the other four adults. . . . The minute she saw me, Debbie's face fell. When we voted the Union hi last month, she had a fit, and practical undertaking has been interpreted, on the one hand, as an attempt on the part. It was the mystery that Nolan had sensed the first time he saw her staring at him across the village compound three days ago. At first he thought she was one of the company people? somebody's wife, daughter, sister. That afternoon, when he returned to the bungalow, he caught her staring at him again at the edge of the clearing. So he asked Moises who she was, and Moises didn't know. Apparently she'd just arrived a day or two before, paddling a crude catamaran downriver from somewhere out of the denser jungle stretching a thousand miles beyond. She had no English, and according to Moises, she didn't speak Spanish or Portuguese either. Not that she'd run about and proceeded to demonstrate what I meant. The sultan's palaces, Greek temples, antebellum. 13 thousand-plus kilometers. So I think we can rule that out. bearers bore him away. "In a way it's about time," she said, tossing her clothes in a corner. "The only thing to do with these clothes is burn them. We'll all smell better for it. Song, you take the watch." She flicked out the lights and reclined heavily on her mattress. opportunity, working here, but it does take it out of you. successful revolution isn't possible until the proletariat becomes conscious of their oppressions, and they. We made the cold dash across the beach to the cabin, picking up our clothes on the way. Inside we. "Lucy, listen to yourself." Having come round to a sensible, accepting attitude, she turned from the freezer to witness the effect of her outburst on the Morones, who looked elsewhere, and on Barry, who couldn't resist meeting her eyes head-on. Their expression seemed oddly out of character with the monologue she'd just delivered. They were piercing (as against vulnerable) steely-gray eyes that stared defiance from a face all sags and wrinkles. Without the contradiction of such eyes, her face would have seemed ruined and hopeless; with them, she looked just like an ancient centurion in a movie about the Roman Empire. about forty-five, looked like a constipated librarian, and was the best secretary I'd ever had. She'd been. look on her face or its urgency, but he had no time to waste hi words. Brushing past her, he hastened to. A: Friends Come in Boxes. In the HaU of the Martian Kings 131. In the Hall of the Martian Kings by John Varley. opportunity. "Don't defend her. She's just like her mother, and my father told me what she was. Selene's been. but had discovered something "peculiar" about him. Birdie Pawlowicz, Maurice Milian, David Fowler, "For Earth, maybe. Here it was a torrential rainfall. It reached seeds or spores in the ground and triggered them to start growing. We're going to have to watch it when we use anything containing plastic. What does that include?". Jain gestures in an expansive circle. "This is where I grew up." 'I hope so.' 'I thought so at first, but I changed my mind. I've seen enough of that and it wasn't the same. Take. situation, all hoping to connect with some bona fide Permanent License holder, instead of which they. McKillian had had enough. "Matt, what the hell are you talking about? Rescue mission? Damn it, you." "Do you know-I still can't believe it. This is my license: that's really incredible." Novelist and critic Joanna Russ teaches English at the University of Washington. When our. savages?" He shrugged. "I don't really get it," Crawford admitted, talking quietly to Lucy McKillian. "What's so revolutionary about little windmills?". Jane Yolen. meadows, with red and white houses, and far off a golden castle against a blue sky. and opened the lock on the top of the trunk. The grey man took out his thin sword of grey steel and pried. one morning, defying the weather, he posted himself outside her building and waited (five miserable. never heard of television or movies and some of 'em don't even know the name of the President? Most of. Q: Where can you watch As the World Turns?. When I was through with my talk and with the question-and-answer session, I sang "Randall's Song". private property. too much like one of those nightmares of running knee-deep in quicksand. She had to fight for every. "Ah, several things. But maybe it isn't my place to bring them up now. First, I want to say that if. An aeon went by. There was no sound except the whistling of the wind in the scaffolding. Then a. kid sisters, tell 'em to wait'. and now, now you are on the big road, flying eastward, passing all the cars, rushing toward the great. Without breaking stride, she kicked high over her head and grinned at me. "Elevations." Then she stopped and turned to face me. "Ill have to ask you for a favor. Mandy doesn't know about my practice sessions. Not being a dancer, she wouldn't understand how important this is to me, either. She'd just be upset knowing I was here out of my time. So when you take her to lunch today, please don't mention you saw me." hard-and-fast, totally objective rules, the editor could hire anyone to do it and pay a lot less than he has. It is the year 2783. Suddenly the galaxy is invaded by a horde of alien beings, the Zorphs. They. In the Hall of the Martian Kings. I thought you like to sleep late," I said. wires and soft flows of electrons. My eyes suddenly focus and I see her face inches away from mine. They were of nearly uniform size, about four meters tall, and all the same color, a dark purple. They had. Lang was leaning back in Crawford's arms, trying to decide if she wanted to make love again, when. while I was . . . how did you say it? Indisposed. But you should pay more attention to the social aspects. I backed away, throwing my arms up to protect my head. Amanda might not be athletic, but she had all her released emotion and Selene's sinewy gymnastic strength behind that swing. What probably saved my life was that she did not have Selene's conscious coordination. The poker only brushed my forearm before smashing into the stone of the fireplace. "They'll just keep tossing men and women at the stats until someone does come back. Sreen or no. ? This way," she said, beckoning them into a tunnel formed from more strips of plastic. They twisted. He stopped at the clearing's edge, raised his head, and sniffed. The smell of man hung on the

ah",.The examiner, a wizened, white-haired fuddy-duddy whose name Barry instantly forgot, had been hostile.<sup>249</sup>They crowded into the airlock, carefully not looking at each other's faces as they waited for the automatic machinery. The inner door opened and Lang pushed forward and right back into the airlock. Crawford had a glimpse of Ralston and Lucy McKillian; then Mary shut the door..A SUDDEN CHANGE in the colors and format of one of the displays being presented around him in the monitor room of the Drive Control Subcenter caught Bernard Fallows's eye and dismissed other thoughts from his mind. The display was one of several associated with Number 5 Group of the Primary Fuel Delivery System and related to one of the batteries of enormous hydrogen-feed boost pumps located in the tail section of the vessel, five miles from where Fallows was sitting.. "Or die trying." He grinned at her. She at least had grasped the essence of the situation. Whether realized he had never been happier in his life.. "Look," Dan said. "We've got a visitor."..animal or plant of Earthly origin that turned and kept on turning forever. He could not..computer system. Zorphwar runs at A-1 priority on our machine, which means that any other use of the..Someone sat up beside him. He froze, but it was too late. She nibbed her eyes and peered into the darkness..AH rights reserved. No part of this book may be reproduced in any form or by any means, except for the inclusion of..not involved. They care, but not enough..I try to change the subject. "Your father didn't come down to the first concert, did he? Is he coming tonight?". "Brother Hart" by Jane Yolen Edward Bryant for "Stone"..softly. "Mama Dolores?".it in and picked it up. She peered at the underside and laughed in wonder.. "They'll just keep tossing men and women at the stats until someone does come back. Sreen or no Sreen." The captain strikes the door again, with the edge of his fist this time. "Sreen!" A bellow which, curiously, does not echo in the vast antechamber. "Sreen! SREEN!"..I Am Crying, Said the Policeman, PHILIP K. DICK. "Listen, Jain?".another cabin.".?Marc Russell. "Well. . . not for a long time." But I think her words sound unsure..uninteresting that I would learn nothing from it?".die Twin Rivers gleamed like gold in the morning sun..I could do was confront him with what Td found out. And then what, Mallory, a big guilty confession?.She scooted up beside me, keeping the sheet over her breasts, and tamed on the light. She rummaged around on the nightstand for a cigarette. "Who wants to divorce him?".from the bottom of the luminous pool..the idea of never being licensed and was daydreaming instead of a life of majestic, mysterious silence on..Detweiler wouldn't need anything out of it before I found out what was going on. If he did, the only thing..It stops being easy after the frog, though. Frog eggs are naked and can be manipulated easily. They..hurried out to get the lease from my secretary.. "Sure," Song said, peering along his pointed finger. "Just show me the damn thing and I'll immortalize you..". "How?".they would miss it when it was gone. So the day of departure was a stiff, determinedly nonchalant affair.. "No, I wouldn't say so..".It's no secret, due to an inflated publicity campaign, that a nice little movie about a nice big ape called King Kong was remade into a not-so-nice big movie which was a veritable textbook on how not, and maybe why not, to remake a movie that was close to perfect for what it was. Much of the subtler pleasure of the early King Kong comes from its period charm?the naivet?, the wonderfully ..preten-tious dialogue, even the oonga-boonga black natives. All this could not in any way survive modernization; "big screen" (whatever that means these days) and color did not make up the difference, nor for the loss of other wonderfully amusing bits from a studio jungle full of dinosaurs to Fay Wray's uncovered bosom..one enters (if one is lucky) into the dreadful discipline of reality and art, like "In the Penal Colony." But..difference if Mary Lang had tried to save him first..I had put away the report I was writing on Lucas McGowan's hyperactive wife. (She had a definite predilection for gas-pump jockeys, car-wash boys, and parking-lot attendants. I guess it had something to do with the Age of the Automobile.) I propped my feet on my desk and leaned back until the old swivel chair groaned a protest..the cafe looking at the paintings and sculpture on exhibition by local artists.. "No way," she says. "He didn't and he won't. He doesn't like what I do." I can't think of anything to say now. After a while Jain rescues me, "It isn't your hassle, and it isn't mine anymore..".flies, and wraps the end product around you. It takes some practice, but it works. The stuff sticks to..afford one at a time. After Lucy has hers, then come ask me again. But watch Lucy carefully, dear. Have..Robert F. Young. "Of course not"..adult found he had a limping heart or fading pancreas or whatever, or if a leg had been lost in an accident.<sup>81</sup>.care." The first time: "Such a goddamned adolescent, Rob..". "They pay Jain. She's the star." / tried to get on top; she wouldn't let me. A moment later it didn't matter.. "I don't know for sure. It was the second one he'd had. He would get pale and nervous. I think he was in a lot of pain. It would get..that might as well have been made of Saran Wrap. He didn't say anything, just let his eyebrows rise. "You noticed," she says softly. "You've got a hell of a way with understatement..". "You called me over to see this?".surface of the water. Then, below the surface, Lea appeared..Critics seem to find it necessary, at least once in a career, to write a statement defending criticism per se. Shaw, Pauline Kael, Eric Bent-ley, and James Blish have all done it. That I'm doing it too, doesn't prove I'm in the same league, but it does indicate the persistence of the issues involved and that they occur outside, as well as inside, science fiction..haven't come up yet, or we haven't been smart enough to recognize them. And the insulation isn't perfect..your age. You have watched your mother and father coupling on the night they conceived you, watched..Barry, of which there are great numbers..than to try to snow me about naval-training games..".Three and a half weeks later I sang it again at the annual banquet of the Baker Street Irregulars, that..After calling the office to let Caro know where she could reach me, I handed Amanda into the..He was holding the door three quarters shut, and so I couldn't see anything in the room but an.. "It's a ... what's the word? Orrery. It's an orrery." Crawford had to stand up and shake his head to clear it..fierce, almost an awesome, determination that made him seem larger than life. His black eyebrows were..doors. I slid them open and then shut again. "Did you ever think one of these was open when it was really." "You've got to name it after me," he said as they hurried back to the garden. "That's my right, isn't it, as the discoverer?". You squirm around, raising the viewer to aim it down the hill. As you turn the knob with your thumb..,third one I checked. It was a block and a half from where the little kid fell on the

ake..couldn't be much better now, right after another war. And we can't leave, even if we wanted to." She."How do you intend to find it?""What is that stuff?""Robbie lay in his crib, a shaft of moonlight from the window bathing his tiny face. From his rosebud."Yeah," I say. "Good luck." "Are these treasures the pearls and gold and diamonds and emeralds you told me about?""So we'll put that one in the Fairy Godmother file and forget about it. If it happens, fine. But we'd.I See You 9.is gliding away, slowly, now faster; now she is gone..a reputation as one of sf?s most exciting new storytellers through such work as "Retrograde."Or too much," Song giggled..find someone to talk to. It is a basic human need, after all. Perhaps the basic need. I had no choice."..sitting on top of it all was one white boot and one black one..the bulletin board in the other's kitchen. On the bulletin board was a note that said "OK." If there was any.Jane Yolen's classic fantasy tales have been appearing in F&SF since 1976. She is the author

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