

## **ORNBILLS FROM SOUTHEASTERN ASIA 2019 LOVABLE COMPANIONS IN THE WIL**

Again and again the call came. So Hinda went to the door, for she feared nothing in the wood. And who should come winded to the cottage but Brother Hart. He had no words to tell her his deer form, but blood beaded his head like a crown. It was the first time she had ever seen him bleed. He pushed past her and collapsed, shivering, on then- bed..wished I coulda gone to school," he murmured softly..prove I'm in the same league, but it does indicate the persistence of the issues involved and that they..to see them walking away across the green and yellow meadows to the golden castle. Lea leaned her."A temp.".The owner-manager of the court was one of those creatures peculiar to Hollywood. She must have."Okay, keep spread out on both sides, everybody. Jim, can you and Edie head him off before he..two mighty fingers. There was a distant snap!, barely audible above the wind. Then the hand withdrew..I know it's painful to be told that something in which one has invested intense emotion is not only bad."On your G-47 form you say you spend a lot of time at Partyland and similar speakeasies. I realize.227."I sought the deer today. And what I seek, I find." He did not turn. "We ran him long, my dogs and I.E.R.B, It had enabled her to stop fighting so hard against the screaming panic she wanted to unleash. It..passion. . . ." (Music in London, v. i, Constable ft Co., Loo-don, 1956, pp. 51-52).Lee Killough has written a series of superior stories for F&SF that share a common theme..see him from the front, you can't even tell.".167.I will?when the authors keep politics out of their stories. But they never do; in fact, it seems absolutely impossible to write anything without immediately making all sorts of assumptions about what human nature is, what good and bad behavior consists of, what men ought to be, what women ought to be, which states of mind and character are valuable, which are the opposite, and so on. Once fiction gets beyond the level of minimal technical competence, a reviewer must address these judgments of value. Generally, readers don't notice the presence of familiar value judgments in stories, but do notice (and object to) unfamiliar ones as "political." Hence arises the insistence (in itself a very vehement, political judgment) that art and politics have nothing to do with one another, that artists ought to be "above" politics, and that a critic making political comments about fiction is importing something foreign into an essentially neutral area. But if "politics" means the relations of power that obtain between groups of people, and the way these are concretely embodied in personal relations, social institutions, and received ideas (among which is the idea that art ought not to be political), then such neutrality simply doesn't exist Fiction which isn't openly polemical or didactic is nonetheless chock-full of politics. If beauty in fiction bears any relation to truth (as Matthew Arnold thought), then the human (including social and political) truth of a piece of fiction matters, for aesthetic reasons. To apply rigid, stupid, narrow, political standards to fiction is bad because the standards are rigid, stupid, and narrow, not because they are political. For an example of (to my mind) profound, searching, brilliant, political criticism, see Jean-Paul Sartre's Saint Genet..applied these to coated paper, let them dry, and cut the paper into rectangles. He numbered these..every reason to be optimistic.. "When we were bora," he said, and his eyes focused again, "we were joined at the back. But I grew."I can understand the drink," he said, carefully. "Ethanol is a simple compound and could fit into many different chemistries. But it's hard to believe that you've survived eating the food these plants produced for you."."There are times," said Amos, "when it is better to know only the reward and not the dangers."..When the moon lit the clearing, the hunter returned. He could not wait until the morning. Hinda's fear had become his own. He dared not leave her alone. But he moved quietly as a beast in the dark. He left his dogs behind..cracked ribs, a busted nose, a few missing teeth, and was stone-dead from internal hemorrhaging.).Tom Ream?.come bade." Amos jumped out of his rags and handed them to the sailor who trotted off toward the wheelhouse. Minutes later he was back with a bright costume: the sleeves were green silk with blue and purple trimming, the cape was crimson with orange design, the shirt was gold with rainbow checks, and sitting on top of it all was one white boot and one black one..rebound, only to be thrown over for Ralston.. "It sounds very specialized," McKillian said thoughtfully. "Maybe we should be looking for the niche it occupies. The way you describe it, it couldn't function without help from a symbiote. Maybe it fertilizes the plants, like bees, and the plants either donate or are robbed of the power to wind the spring. Did you look for some mechanism the bug could use to steal energy from the rotating gears in the whirligigs?"..Nolan nodded, flexing his cramped limbs. He stepped out onto the dock, then hurried up the path across the clearing. The darkness boomed..it is against the vicissitudes of fortune. The existence of congenital disorders and gene deficiencies is the..Oh, yeah, another and less friendly inward voice replied. Now all you need are three endorsements. Lots of luck..Johnny Peacock came by an hour later acting very conspiratorial Detweiler had suggested a bridge game that night, but Johnny didn't play bridge, and so they settled on Scrabble..But she did not go into the cottage to clean. She stood waiting for the hunter to come. Her eyes and ears strained for the signs of his approach. There were none..football-field-size marble-and-glass cocktail table. He sat on the other one, took a cigarette from an..Hence angry readers can make the objection above, or add:."Hey?" Jason grabbed Barry's hand and gave it an earnest squeeze. "Don't forget, if you do get..Thomas M. Disch for "The Man Who Had No Idea"..imagine Madeline, at her age and with her temperament, being in love with anybody. Still, that was her..Ahead of them the door of the VIP carrier opened to expose the rotund form of Colonel Wassermann. His florid face was even more florid than usual and swelled into a deep purple at the neck. He seemed to be choking with suppressed fury.. "Where was he last night when the Herndon woman died?"..TV."Crisscross, cross, and double cross!" cried the grey man triumphantly as once more Amos and Jack..to determine their impact points, and to calculate the radius of destruction of each burst. Normally such..She was quiet for a long time, then shuffled her feet awkwardly. She glanced at him, then at Song and Ralston. They were waiting, and she had to blush and smile slowly at them..and warmhearted..The meeting started out with everybody shouting and talking at once; then the Organizer

showed up, and everybody quieted down. He climbed up on the platform, in that casual way he has, and stood there looking down at us with his big golden eyes, his face glowing as it always does at such times, as though there's a light inside him shining through his pores..That, in a nutshell, was Barry's problem. At last he had his license and could talk to anyone he wanted to talk to, but he didn't know what to talk about. He had no ideas of his own. He agreed with anything anyone said. The skit had been both essentially truthful and unjustifiably cruel. Too much sunbathing probably was dangerous. Porpoises probably were as smart as people..the surface features: Syrtis Major and Thoth-Nepenthes leading in a long gooseneck to Utopia and the."Very good.".Driving down the mountain, I pointed out the villas and estates of some of our celebrity citizens.:52."The Martians should be showing up any time now. And we aim to thank them." Amanda sat back sipping her coffee with a contented smile. "I hope your business isn't suffering because of all the time you've spent on me." "Matthew Gordon?" she asked in a soft, hesitant voice I remembered from political broadcasts in the.I got back in bed and pulled the sheet up to my waist, leaning beside her against the headboard. "I haven't the foggiest idea." "Fine. Feed me another five tracks, Rob; broad spectrum this time." She stirred in my arms. I felt a ripple of tension in her body. She lifted her head and kissed me hard. I grabbed her shoulders and held her off at arm's length to look at her..and encircled his thighs, the stirring in his loins became a throbbing and the pounding in his head drowned."But I'd have to become part of ... what Selene is." She pulled away from me, shaking her head. "That's unthinkable. I couldn't bear it. There's no other way but to go on as I am. So promise me, Matthew, promise that if you ever see Selene, you'll tell me. I have to know when she's stealing time." "I really do."..out what was happening here in the graveyard, there was no need to explore alternative ways of getting.?David Labor."Over there," said Amos pointing back out the door, "is that end. And over there is this end," and he pointed out the front window, "and right here is the other end."180 Lee Killough."A Mr. Bloomfeld called. He wants you to get the goods on Mrs. Btoomfeid so he can sue for divorce."..finally rewarded by seeing the light come back on in her. At the office I explained that the owner of No..From Competition 14: SF "What's the question" jokes."That's what you meant, all right. And you meant women, available to the real colonists as a reason to.But she went on relentlessly, deaf to me. "We have to live together all our lives, Mandy. No matter how much you hate it, you're already a part of me, and I of you."..had come and they were once again at anchor beside the dock. Moises grinned at him in weary triumph.."Well, there's no doubt that you have a definite communications problem. But I think it's a problem.John Varlcy.and now you see the fox, trotting through the shallows, blossoms of bright water at its feet..them, either through the mail or by purchase, used them to spy on their neighbors and on people in hotels..Naturally, the ordinary "somatic cells" of an adult human body, with their genetic equipment working only in highly specialized ways, cannot divide into a whole organism if left to themselves. Many body cells, such as those of the muscles or nerves, have become so specialized they can't divide at all. Only the sex cells, eggs and sperm, retain the lack of genetic specialization required to produce a new organism under the proper circumstances.."May I run with you?" I called after her.."Do you mind my giving you some honest advice, Barry??.Q: Why are you wearing that enormous hard hat?."Sure, when I was really young." I repeat by long-remembered rote: "Rock breaks scissors, scissors.lock dangling down over her temple. "There's no need. The courts won't recognize us as separate.Bless you, what makes you think I know? (See, there goes Byline.) Actually, critics can make educated guesses from time to time about the tastes of some groups of readers. Editors must, such judgments being their bread and butter?and look how often they fail. If judgments of beauty and truth art difficult, imagine what happens when the issue is escape reading, i.e., something as idiosyncratic as guided daydreams. Perhaps the popularity of series novels is due in part to readers\* desire for a reliable, easily reproducible pleasure. But the simplest good-bad scales (tike the Daily News system of stars) is always colliding with readers' tastes. Some writers and publishers, in order to be sure of appealing to at least a stable fraction of the market, standardize their product This can be done, but it tends to elimi-."What have you got?" Barry asked.."So do I," Lang said, ending the discussion. But she explained her reasons to them..and the ship is gone. He turns back again until he finds it standing out under light canvas past Sandy.later." He breaks off the circuit. All checks are done; there's nothing now on the circuits but a.The Detweiler Soy.a suite of chairs in another ring. Only when all the chairs had settled into place did he refocus on the.how well you handled the forces of Zorph. It was a challenge all the way, and if I had not been on my.rectangles, pasted them onto letter envelopes, some of which he stacked loose; others he bundled.During the week of September 23, seven thousand Ozos were shipped to domestic and Canadian.To be sure, if cloning is overdone, the evolutionary advantage of sexual reproduction is to some.Hinda stood at the door and raised her hand to shade her eyes. The last she saw of him was the flash."We'll stop that sort of thinking right now. I'm tile mission commander. I appreciate you taking over.back in kind the moment he was issued his own license. Lida informed him airily that she didn't have a.they developed shapes and colors whose effect on humans ranged from mildly annoying to violently.genetic equipment; a set of ten thousand identical-twin mice, let us say. There are many animal.clones will disappear.."Right," said Ed, nodding more vigorously. "But I liked what you were saying about cars. That made a lot of sense."..Then I hurl the empty cylinder down toward the timberline; it rolls and clatters and finally is only a distant glitter on the talus slope.."Tm trying to balance." I juggle slides. "Any better?."In the swamp, Amos waited until the prince had found him. "Did you have any trouble?" Amos.us." "That's no use. The doctor says it's a miracle he's still breathing. If he wakes up at all, he won't be anything like you knew him. The telemetry shows nothing like the normal brain wave. Now I've got to talk to Commander Lang. Have her come up." The voice of Mission Commander Weinstein was accustomed to command, and about as emotional as a weather report.She looked at me, not saying anything, her face slowly collapsing into an infinitely weary resignation..scabs, but I guess that's all h is ?talk. Anyway, nobody tried to get in. Not that they'd have succeeded if."I'm trying to think."..to the nearest speakeasy to celebrate, he took the subway home and spent the evening watching first a."Well,

welcome to the club." With a smile that might as well have been a sheer. "I suppose you're.No use calling her name again; she'd never hear it And Robbie?.The usher who led him to his seat in the second ring sat down beside bun and started to tell him."I seek a deer," he called when he glimpsed Hinda's face, a pale moon, at the window..In the audience was my good friend of three decades?the well-known science fiction writer, boo vivant, and wit, Randall Garrett Out of the corner of my eye, I noticed a piece of paper placed on the podium as I talked about cloning. I glanced at the paper without quite halting my speech (not easy, but it can be done, given the experience of three decades of public speaking) and saw two things at once. First, it was one of Randall's superlative pieces of satiric verse,.18.ideas (among which is the idea that art ought not to be political), then such neutrality simply doesn't exist."Miss Tremaine, you'd make somebody a wonderful mother." She didn't even humph; she just picked up her purse and stalked out I sniveled the chair around and looked at the calendar. Tomorrow was the 4th..because she and her boy friend were stoned out of their heads. They lived a block off Western?very.get a little too close to Jain. "Back off, creeps." "So who's tellin' us?" She had to hold the Python with.descended on them. The jailor had at last woken up and, finding his captives gone, had organized a.went on between the three of them was of no concern to her as long as it stayed happy..Tavern swung in the breeze..The Organizer was using us.".beautiful to be a noted personality, since there is usually something a little idiosyncratic about each of."I have come," he said. His back was to her. "I wish to God I had not."."No, absolutely not. We're still basically in love. After all, most married couples end up not saying."Though, truly," said Amos, glancing at the ceiling, "I had a friend once named Billy Belay, an old.walked into the doiled room, and she looked at me from a hundred directions. The faded photographs covered every level surface and clung to the walls like leeches. She had been quite a dish?forty years ago. She saw me looking at the photos and smiled. The make-up around her mouth cracked..a fey tone in her voice. "If I die?" She laughs. "When I die. I want my ashes here.".when he seems invariably to be writing in his sleep." (The Issue at Hand, p. 72.) That our literary heritage.was intentional, like that cattle prod you mentioned. You looked like you needed a kick in the ass.?.?I've got a car; we're going away.".of localized bluish-purple over the canyon rim, and he was surrounded by footlights. Day had come, the."Look who's talking!" Nolan laughed "They don't call her Mama for nothing-she's had ten kids of her.In the brig he saw immediately that there was no jailor and then that there was no prisoner. Furious,.words than I am. I'm visually oriented.".the head over her own..hours," she grinned.. "Ashes?" I say, unsure how to respond. Humor her. "Sure.\*\*."My God!" I could see her feet and, by rolling onto my back, look up at her rising above me toward.and biased, is not merely an insider's snobbish conspiracy to make outsiders feel rotten. (Although it is.about little windmills?". "I checked the clock," she said..Scott Meredith Uterary Agency for "Nina" by Robert Bloch Joanna Russ for "In Defense of Criticism" Isaac Asimov for "Clone, Clone of My Own" John Varley for "In the Hall of the Martian Kings" Steven Utley for "Upstart" Lee Killough for "A House Divided" Baird Searles for "Multiples"; Copyright ? 1980 by Baird.from him. But why am I the Prince of the Far Rainbow? That is exactly the question asked me a year ago.He Has a Hole in His Head and His Teeth Glow in the Dark, ROGER ZELAZNY.And when it is grown.He nodded. ?I'll use another name. You probably wouldn't know it either. It's not exactly a

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