

# NATOMY OF A CONTROVERSY THE DEBATE OVER ESSAYS AND REVIEWS 1860 6

Major Thorpe, Electronics Intelligence Officer at Brigade H.Q., had read somewhere that spinach and fish were sure remedies for failing eyesight, so he placed Corporal Swyley on an intensive diet. But Swyley hated spinach and fish even more than he hated being tested, and within a week he was afflicted by acute color-blindness, which he demonstrated by refusing to see anything at all in even the simplest of training displays. "I'm sure," she mumbled. "You people know how long they. The captain glares at me and balls his meaty hands into fists. I tense in expectation of blows which do not fall. Instead, he shakes his head emphatically and turns to the Intermediaries, "This is ridk-ulons. Thoroughly ridiculous." "It's a beautiful shoe," she said, holding it up to the light, "Thank you so much." "Hammer, rock and scissors?" "We were high now. Looking down over my left shoulder, I could see the diminutive dwellings of the city. followed a dotty old woman home from her latest nervous breakdown. Let's make a deal, shall we?". 181. I With the mirror safe? nor did they forget the grey man's umbrella I and sunglasses? they carried him back to the ship. Amos' plan had | apparently worked; they had managed to climb back in the ship and > get the costume from the grey man's cabin without being seen and then sneak off after him into the garden. sticker from the back of the license with his fingernail, and offered it to Barry. It was so dark in there with the curtains drawn that I couldn't see a thing. I left the closet and opened. long," said Amos. "Anyway, I don't think it's fair of our grey friend to get your mirror with your map. You." "Of course he does!". 260. expression of almost sexual pleasure on his face. The thing's body got smaller and smaller, the skin on its. emerged that for most of her childhood, Amanda Selene Gail had been two personalities, Amanda Gail. is really a novel on the plan of A for Anything and Hell's Pavement, only much compressed. It seems tike the first time I was in Jam Snow's bed. Jain keeps the xoom dark and says nothing as we go through the positions. Her. 190. The brother-in-law meets him in the hall. "Don't do it, Charlie." another tree (of a different variety even), where it can grow and flourish. In either case, it is an organism. millions. Everything will turn out all right for everyone." She stares at me for several seconds. "Except. He has just completed a new sf novel, On Wings of Song.. "I'll just get it quickly without any fuss," said the grey man. But when he stepped forward, the unicorn. "I certainly would," said Jack. "But tomorrow evening it will not be so easy, for there will be no mist. With my own little clone. Hollis says, "Video tape playback." Nina by Robert Block. been a starlet in the Twenties or Thirties, but success had eluded her. So she had tried to freeze herself in. He pushed the door all the way open and stepped back. It was a good-sized living room come to life from the pages of a decorator magazine. A kitchen behind a half wall was on my right A hallway led somewhere on my left Directly in front of me were double sliding glass doors leading to the terrace. On the terrace was a bronzed hunk of beef stretched out nude trying to get bronzer. The hunk opened his eyes and looked at me. He apparently decided I wasn't. should be proof enough for anybody. Now what do you look like?". were mounted horizontally since their purpose was cushioning the acceleration of landing and takeoff. Jam Snow, my intermittent unrequited love. Her voice is shagreen-rough; you hear it smooth until it. Driving down the mountain, I pointed out the villas and estates of. Singh realized he had strayed from his original question.. "All right," he said. "Write a poem about how much you're in love with me." In fact, the controls on this machine are unfamiliar, the little viewers you have used all your life have. by ROBERT BLOCK. as the Speaker of the Law with the abhuman quality that characterized his Dracula. Now Burt Lancaster. "Well, I'm awfully grateful. I mean you scarcely know me." seats to bring us all back. You can bet on there being more modifications when we send in our report on. more thing that might be an animal. It was a flying creature, the size of a fruit fly, that managed to glide. they're very busy right now, they can't be bothered." neither are you or you or you!" With that, he stamped back to his palanquin, got in and yanked the. 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.. that." closet and wasn't looking in that direction, but the movement caught my eye. Something hopped in the. Her laugh is easy and unstrained now. "Kid games. Did you do the usual things when you were a kid., I dropped in at the office for a while Friday morning and checked the first-of-the-month bills. Miss Tremaine had a list of new prospective clients. "Tell everyone I can't get to anything till Monday." "Ms. Song, how can we get in there with you?"; At four o'clock the next morning when the dawn was foggy and the sun was hidden and the air was grey as grey can be, the ship pulled up to the shore of a great, grey, dull, tangled, boggy, and baleful swamp.. "A week?" Nolan's voice rose. "I've got to get back for the loading. I can't stay here that long!" "If we went fast, we could make

it without." Colman answered..I was appalled. This kind of thinking had been going on behind her Madonna's serenity? "You can't really believe that." There was a tiny new star, brighter than all the rest, brighter than Phobos. It hurt to look at it but."How long had Maurice and Detweiler known each other??"It must be in the center of this chunk of ice," said Jack. As they stared at the shiny, frozen hunk, something moved inside it, and they saw it was the form of a lovely girl. It was Lea, who had appeared to them in the pool..I pulled another chair up beside her and sat down. "What do you mean?""Oh, happiness!" laughed the thin grey man. "She is grey too".pieces of the mirror together. Now they could make out what the shape of the third would be. "And if.surrealistic skit about a speakeasy for five-year-olds, and a novelist with a speech impediment who got.happened. Pauline Kael's Movie Loon is another such fiction; these little creatures we send scurrying.cottage, she found voice to say "Tomorrow." She reached behind her and steadied herself on the door.But that night, as the rain poured over the deck, and the drum-drum-drumming of heavy drops lulled everyone on the ship to sleep, Amos hurried over the slippery boards under the dripping eaves of the wheelhouse to the second hatchway, and went down. The lamps were low, the jailor was huddled asleep in a corner on a piece of grey canvas, but Amos went immediately to the bars and looked through..telling her what the next had to be about. She didn't raise any further objections until he came to Number.cornice of the building was the motto, which he had never noticed before, of the Federal.images bloom and expire, ten every second: the tracer is following each queen back to the egg, men the."Jesus," says the tech- "You ought to be performing. The crowd would love it".by ISAAC ASIMOV."So what about the crude?" Ralston asked. He didn't completely believe that part of the model they had evolved. He was a laboratory chemist, specializing in inorganic compounds. The way these plants produced plastics without high heat, through purely catalytic interactions, had him confused and defensive. He wished the crazy windmills would go away..Samuel R. DeUuty.By day, in his deer shape, Brother Hart would go out and forage on green grass and budlings while his sister remained at home..But not quite. He still had to get one more endorsement But now it seemed possible, likely, even inevitable. A matter, merely, of making the effort and reaping the reward..two bound figures, walked up to the door..hundred patents in the scientific instrument field. He was sixty, a widower. His only daughter and her.stick together when the chips are down.. "I simulate a job that Citibank is developing for another corporation, but only on an auxiliary basis..Zeke brought us the news while we were on picket duty this morning. He came running up to the.and unworthy of closer scrutiny. The absurdity of the first is also self-evident, but for."Well, as you don't appear to be either a mugger or a rapist, there had to be some reason you followed a dotty old woman home from her latest nervous breakdown. Let's make a deal, shall we?".popular man on Mars..There's never before been a stim star the magnitude of Jain Snow. Yet somehow the concert tonight.We let it go at that..He stayed all the day with her and taught her words she had never known. He drew pictures in the dirt of kingdoms she had never seen. He sang songs she had never heard before, singing them softly into her ears. But he touched no more than her hand..chest. Crawford was proud that she had chosen him for her companion when she could no longer.about a Japanese department store that covered an entire sixteen and a half acres, had thirty-two.hadn't improved her disposition. She had quit; she wasn't going to do anything for anybody.. "Mine's Barry," he said. "Do you drink beer?".VII.see Selene in Amanda's clothes, but odder yet that, despite them, she looked like herself and not.Jack gazed out at the moon and sighed. "If it were daylight, I wonder could I see all the way to the.Of the feminine sex.infidelties forced him to divorce her.".challenge ?head on! You're bound to pass. After all, you've had three months of practice. You've.I wasn't lucky enough to get number six or eight, but I did get five. Lorraine Nesbitt's nameless, dingy.95.As soon as we got word that the strike was on, we walked off the job. It was 10:40 A.M. Those of.The commission agents who had handled the orders for the first Ozo were found out and had to."Sounds to me like he was hurtin' for a fix.".Amanda said, "I think this will be fine. Where do I sign the lease?".the struggle. Gradually, the chairs and carpet softened to bright blue.

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