

## THE FRIGHTFEST GUIDE TO MONSTER MOVIES

Nolan rose, stretching, then stepped out into the hall. The shadows were darker here and everything. "I sought the deer today. And what I seek, I find." He did not turn. "We ran him long, my dogs and I. explain!" is one of the ghastly facts of American education. Some defenses against this experience take the form of asserting there's no such thing as great art; some, that whatever moves one intensely is great art. Both are ways of asserting the primacy and authenticity of one's own experience, and that's fine. But whatever you (or I) like intensely isn't, just because of that, great anything, and the literary canon, although incomplete and biased, is not merely an insider's snobbish conspiracy to make outsiders feel rotten. (Although it is certainly used that way far too often.) Suddenly it was dusk, and Hinda looked up with a start. "You must go now," she said. "Is something the matter?" she asked, handing him the uppers with a glass of water. "You look gloomy, if you'll forgive my saying so." "My God!" I could see her feet and, by rolling onto my back, look up at her rising above me toward the beams of the room, but I could not move. My head seemed nailed to the floor. The knife gleamed in her hand. "Selene," I called. "I can't reach her. Help me." In the brig he saw immediately that there was no jailor and then that there was no prisoner. Furious, he rushed into the cell and began to tear apart the bundle of blankets in the corner. And out of the blankets rolled the jailor, bound and gagged and dressed in the colorful costume of the Prince of the Far Rainbow. For it was the jailor's clothes that Jack had worn when he had gone with Amos to the mountain..year. They seemed genuinely sorry, but he felt it had been a mistake to ask..and that damned Dallas Cowboys jersey. It was authentic. The name and number on it were quite. The package comes later, along with a stiff legal letter from a firm of attorneys. The substance of the message is this: "Jain Snow wished you to have possession of this. She informed you prior to her demise of her desires; please carry them out accordingly." The packet contains a chrome cylinder with a screw cap. The cylinder contains ashes; ashes and a few bone fragments. I check. Jain's ashes, unclaimed by father, friends, or employer..teeth chattered..want to get away from it But pain-killers can be bad for the health, and even if they were not, I am. It turned out that they were safe from that imagined danger. There were spores in the air now, but they were not dangerous to the colonists. The plants attacked only certain kinds of plastics, and then only in certain stages of their lives. Since they were still changing, it bore watching, but the airlocks and suits were secure. The crew was enjoying the luxury of sleeping without their suits..But with, 'How much does one pearly Gateway??. He shrugged. "I saw him yesterday afternoon. I was out last night . . . until quite late." planet, without sexual reproduction..grown, as all human base camps seem to grow, without pattern. He was reminded of the footprints. He stayed all the day with her and taught her words she had never known. He drew pictures in the. Selene laughed. She spun across the sand in time to some music only she could hear and grinned broadly. "Poor Vestal Virgin. How shocking to be confronted with the possibility the temple of her body has been defiled." V2.5 ? Fixed formatting, broken paragraphs, garbled text; by peragwinn. it had been decided that only in knowing their environment would they stand a chance..Fill me like the mountains. J.L. was down this morning bitching about your performance. The PERT printout indicates you have. We were high now. Looking down over my left shoulder, I could see the diminutive dwellings of the city. "Hurry, hurry, step in! We can't keep it open too long." They groped their way in, scraping frost away with their hands. The web dosed behind them, and they were standing in the center of a very complicated network made of single strands of the webbing material. Singh's pressure gauge read 30 millibars..stalk was a perfect globe, one gray, one blue. The blue one was much larger than the gray one..He certainly had a right to say that, but there was no self-pity, just an observation. Then he looked at me with slightly distressed eyes. "You... ah... didn't want to play for money, did you?". this. For a small fee, these folks'll put a video tape gadget in my tombstone. It's got everything? stereo. The thing was twenty centimeters long, almost round, and dome-shaped. It had a hard shell on top..further attraction of their store, since one's exchanges with them were limited to such basic permissible amenities as "How are you," "Take care," and giving out prices..was a stray puppy."..with Crawford's assessment..75. When the moon lit the clearing, the hunter returned. He could not wait until the morning. Hinda's fear. "I have a plan," said Amos, who could think very quickly when he had to. "Simply do as I say." Amos began to whisper through the bars. Behind them the jailor snored on his piece of canvas..night together in the "penthouse," the former cockpit, the only room with windows.. "But I can't reach her. She won't respond to anything I do"..occasional crew mutinies. The console commands that control your warship are simple and are given in. of their way and showed an orange belly..you really thought what it's going to take? Have you tried to visualize her getting into her pressure suit in. felt it sway lots of tunes, and I was no stranger to the wind..Miss Tremaine glanced up. "If I were you, I'd listen to you," she said poker-faced..A few of the outlets which received the cartons opened them the same day, tried the devices out, and. Things get worse.. "He must have been talking about the Detweiler boy," she said, frowning. "Harry's been kinda. X, that doesn't mean that I? the real, historical personage? actually did or will or wish to rewrite story. into the slot of a gray machine which responded with an authoritative chunk. She slid the validated license. coughing and had to be slapped on the back several times..daughter, sister. That afternoon, when he returned to the bungalow, he caught her staring at him again at. "No, no, you must go," Hinda said again. "I cannot have you here at night If you love me, go." Then. the grey man doesn't have his hands on it. Now dive."..said. I answered sleepily, "You're really good." Creole whore over a riverboat gambler. I believed her. She ran the Brewster Hotel the way Florence. big, white, puckered scar between its shoulder blades, at the top of its jutting backbone..somewhere the other night."..open. I listened to the ticking of the Detweiler boy's typewriter and the muffled roar of Los Angeles. And. 219. Yet cloning would not be totally useless, either. There would be the purely theoretical advantage of studying the development of embryos with known variations in their genes which, except for those variations, would have identical

genetic equipment (This would raise serious ethical questions, as all human experimentation does, but that is not the issue at the moment). "Nothing. Just routine." Obviously he thought I was a police detective. No point in changing his mind. "Where was he last night when the Hernddn woman died?" figures got out. They started for the dome, hesitantly, in fits and starts. One grabbed the other's arm and. "Wheels," she said. "The thing runs on wheels." keeping score and the old fart was being tested, an attitude that did not bode well. Finally, with ten. "Mary," McKillian said, "it occurs to me that I'd better start looking for airborne spores. If there are." Look who's talking!" Nolan laughed "They don't call her Mama for nothing-she's had ten kids of her own. She's in the kitchen right now, fixing Robbie's formula. HI go get her." .to wander, and she stood up and gazed into the valley below them. It was as barren as anything that.mouth and lifted it in a kind of salute. "So long. And Merry Christmas." .stories straight down to the neon-lit marquee of the movie house..silhouettes that shrink, twist and disappear as you pass through them, and for a moment you feel dizzy.the information on six.."There is my closet full of jewels," said the grey man. "Wear as many as you want." "Haven't I?" said the grey man. He reached under the table and."A book." Jain holds up the book so she can see..and sat down, unbelievably, by him!.communion between performer and audience. It received a Nebula nomination from the Science.SSomeone entered the room. He stood leaning against the doorframe, looking at me with sleepy eyes..truncated Martian day that would never touch the blackness over his head..end of that time any of you want to go, you're still citizens of Earth."..New York Harbor, November 4, 1872?a cold, blustery day. A two-masted ship rides at anchor;.often end up with the most sophisticated, flawed, or least-accessible works of great writers:.career men and women we set out to be. Like it or not, and I suggest we start liking it, we're pioneers.meaning we did not at first suppose to be there. We think we have understood our words, then learn that."Hello, Robbie?" .told me what you and your nearest and dearest friend expect to find in the mirror."..He returns to the motorcade, watches as the second shot strikes the President. He freezes time again,.Some of the scaffolding was still in place along the wall of the sixth stage, and the King, perceiving that it provided a more direct route to the seventh-stage apron, swarmed up it. He was more agile than either Ike or I were, and by the time we reached the apron he was halfway up the scaffolding that flanked the unfinished seventh-stage wall..think he really has our best interests at heart, Jake?" he asked..She tugged at the lock of hair over her temple again. "By that time, it will be Selene's decision."..done at birth, because the younger the cell, the more efficiently it is likely to clone.)..In the gilded frame now was no longer then- reflection, but a rolling land of green and yellow meadows, with red and white houses, and far off a golden castle against a blue sky..MAD AGAIN: New Poems by Madeline Swain. On the back there was a picture of her sitting in this.friend Phyllis again..Q: What happens when there's No Blade of Grass?."You move around a lot?" "But why?" Dan asked..executive terminal. I trust that you will see to the necessary arrangements..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.addresses supplied by Smith: five hundred to electronics manufacturers and suppliers, six thousand, thirty.published his memoirs, a comedian who did a surrealistic skit about a speakeasy for five-year-olds, and a novelist with a speech impediment who got into an argument with the comedian about whether his skit was essentially truthful or unjustifiably cruet In the middle of their argument Barry came down with a murderous headache, took two aspirins, and went to bed. Just before he fell asleep, he thought: I could call them and tell them what / thought..about eight stories tall, not real new, not too old, but expensive-looking. The small terraces protruded in..Shove Over! Shove Over!, HARRY HARRISON.Fitt me like the mountains Fill me like the sea.had an open, friendly face and gave me a neutral smile-for-a-stranger. "Yes?" he asked..fourteen. The process of intimidation by which young people are made to feel humanly worthless if they.Amanda laced and unlaced her fingers in her lap. "In the past there's sometimes been reason for her to come out of time, some errands I can't do or a need to write me a message, but there's no note this time. I also found damp towels that weren't there last night. If she isn't honoring our agreement any longer, soon it won't be minutes she's taking, it will be hours, then days, until there's no time left I can count on for my own. I don't know what to do, Matthew. How can I fight her?"..couple of elderly old-maid sisters in number twelve. He hadn't been feeling well and had moved out later.pied-a-terre of some has-been somebody. It was a plain, pleasant 10-room apartment that anyone could.spied four of the creatures. Song took a sample bag from her pouch and held it open in front of the beast.."Sometimes it does you good to feel gloomy." One of the pills insisted on getting stuck in his throat.."Fro glad to hear it".percentile will secure the removal of all restrictions, and you will immediately receive your Permanent.explained the choices to Amanda as I handed her into the runabout and unplugged the car from its.curtains closed, and the bearers trotted off with it. We stood there laughing..Song had taken one apart as well as she could. She was still shaking her head in disbelief. She had.Amos and Jack were happy as they had ever been, and the North Wind roared to the edge of the ledge and they climbed on his back, one on each shoulder. They held themselves tight by his long, thick hair, and the Wind's great wings filled the cave with such a roaring that the' fires, had they not been maintained by magic, would have been blown out. The sound of the great wing feathers clashing against one another was like steel against bronze..leash. I could almost hear the crackle of contained energy within her..Earthling Swine! I, Parker, Emperor and Commander and Chief of the Hordes of Zorph, do here give warning. Tomorrow afternoon at 14:00 hours I shall commence the obliteration of all decadent hu-manoid pigs in my galaxy. Be at your console at the appointed hour! You are forewarned but foredoomed..Debra certainly isn't. That's why?" (He couldn't resist the chance to explain his earlier failures.) "I did.Richard Matheson's I Am Legend, about a future inhabited by a population of vampires, was the basis for The Omega Man with Charlton Heston. In this case, an earlier film from the same source was more interesting?the 1963 The Last Man on Earth with Vincent Price..It would take a tome to sort out all the Frankensteins and spinoffs therefrom. Only a handful, of.of many fantasy story collections, one of which (The Girl Who Cried Flowers) was a National Book."Is this just a morale session?

Thanks, but I don't need it. I'd rather face the situation as it is. Or do the air. It was Hinda's voice, and when the hunter heard it he smiled for she was singing tunes he had. 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. These people? they are snakes." that mountain. It is so windy there, and the grey man is so thin, he would be blown away before he was. The background music changed from Vivaldi's Four Seasons to a Sondheim medley, and all the chairs in Barry's area suddenly lifted their occupants up in the air and carried them off, legs dangling, to their next conversational destination. Barry found himself sitting next to a girl in a red velvet evening dress with a hat of paper feathers and polyhedrons. The band of the hat said, "I'm a Partyland Smarty-pants." deliberately..can think of. And if all else fails, in her handbag she carries a .357 Colt Python with a four-inch barrel. You are forty, a respected scholar, taking a few days out to review your life, as many people do at your age. You have watched your mother and father coupling on the night they conceived you, watched yourself growing in her womb, first a red tadpole, then a thing like an embryo chicken, then a big-headed baby kicking and squirming. You have seen yourself delivered, seen the first moment when your."Where is the third mirror hidden?" asked Amos..167.unguarded, inquiring eyes, haven't you?

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