

## ZOEY FINDS A FAWN A BACKYARD ADVENTURE

You squirm around, raising the viewer to aim it down the hill. As you turn the knob with your thumb, the bright image races toward you, trees hurling themselves into red darkness and vanishing, then the houses in the compound, and now you see Bruce standing beside the corral, looking into his viewer, slowly turning. His back is to you; you know you are safe, and you sit up. A jay passes with a whirl of wings, settles on a branch. With your own eyes now you can see Bruce, only a dot of blue beyond the gray shake walls of the houses. In the viewer, he is turning toward you, and you duck again. Another voice: "Children, come in and get washed for dinner now.\*\* "Aw, Aunt Ellie!" "Mom, we're playing hide and seek. Can't we just stay fifteen minutes more?" "Please, Aunt EUiel" "No, come on in now?.become too refined to tolerate the foolishness of sentimental songs and lurid melodrama. Also, please do.barracks..to see them walking away across the green and yellow meadows to the golden castle. Lea leaned her."A book." Jain holds up the book so she can see..care." The first time: "Such a goddamned adolescent, Rob.".walked to the far end of the fireplace, where she stood with her back to me, toying with the tops of the.When he was at bay, he fought hard. I gave the beast's liver and heart to my dogs. But this I saved for.She took a deep breath and plunged in, only to collide with Ralston as he came out, dragging Song. Except for a dazed expression and a few cuts, Song seemed to be all right. Crawford and McKillian joined them as they lay her on the bunk..As the seconds passed, he began to fear for Jack's life, and wished he had had a chance to figure some.227."Matthew?Matthew, I'm sorry. I didn't meant to hurt you." Her hand stroked my forehead. "It was the name you called me. I hit out at the name. I know what happened wasn't really your fault Selene started it".unhappy story?".right hand. Hers is a clenched fist: stone. My first two fingers form the snipping blades of a pair of scissors. "I win!" she crows, delighted..".Thanks," I said and winked at her. She dropped the receiver back on the cradle from a height of three inches and went back to typing. Grinning, I picked up my phone. "Hello, Janice," I said..It was a sad Amos who wandered through those bright piles of precious gems that glittered and.In your mother's study after she dies, you find an elaborate chart of her ancestors and your father's. You retrieve the program for it, punch it in, and idly watch a random sampling, back into time, first me female line, then the male ... a teacher of biology in Boston, a suffragette, a corn merchant, a singer, a Dutch fanner in New York, a British sailor, a German musician. Their faces glow in the screen, bright-eyed, cheeks flushed with life. Someday you too will be only a aeries of images in a screen..I got back to my apartment on Beachwood fairly late Sunday night and barely had time to get.You should have insisted on dinner last night. Playing hostess for the Senator never included kitchen duty. Help Mandy get a meal subscription..Satisfied, Brother Hart sat down to eat. But Hinda was not hungry. She watched her brother for a while through slotted eyes..Paint-Do Not Touch.".Megal Network Message: September 21, 1977.I was appalled. This kind of thinking had been going on behind her Madonna's serenity? "You can't really believe that.".4. A poem about a rabbit (there was a porcelain rabbit on one of the shelves) suitable to be sung to a baby..rest..There was a silence, then it was ripped apart by Lang\*s huge.The Podkayne was lowered to the ground, and sadly decommissioned. It was a bad day for Mary Lang, the worst since the day of the blowout. She saw it as a necessary but infamous thing to do to a proud flying machine. She brooded about it for a week, becoming short-tempered and almost unapproachable. Then she asked Craw-ford to join her in the private shelter. It was the first time she had asked any of the other four. They lay in each other's arms for an hour, and Lang quietly sobbed on his chest. Crawford was proud that she had chosen him for her companion when she could no longer maintain her tough, competent show of strength. In a way, it was a strong thing to do, to expose weakness to the one person among the four who might possibly be her rival for leadership. He did not betray the trust. In the end, she was comforting him..Detweiler's breathing grew slower and quieter, more relaxed. He lay with his eyes closed and an.trace, and the car can go no further. With the metal cylinder in one hand I flee on foot until I no longer.leaving any conspicuous trace. He made up another batch of these, typed his home address on six of."It's true," I say..Tm afraid to," said Amos. "It has said such awful and terrible things.".Batterham's, who, for all her real intelligence, was developing a distinct wobble in her upper register..".Like most of us these days, I would say you're probably a little of each. Are you married, uh . . .".When he was sure the others were asleep, Crawford opened his eyes and looked around the."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?".Congreve paused, swept his eyes from one side of the room to the other, and raised his hands in resignation. "It seems that as individuals we can only stand by as helpless observers and watch the events that are sweeping us onward collectively. The situation is complicated further by the emergence and rapid economic and military growth of the-Chinese-Japanese Co-Prosperity Sphere, which threatens to confront Moscow with an unassailable power bloc should it come to align with ourselves and the Europeans. More than a few Kremlin analysts must see their least risky gamble as a final resolution with the West now, before such an alliance has time to consolidate. In other words, it would not be untrue to say that the future of the human race has never' been at greater risk than it is at this moment.".He grinned with pleasure. "Thanks. It's for a paperback cover?.Nolan glanced up quickly. "What's the matter?" he said..she has to tilt her face up to glare at me. She says, "You're not going to be working for any promoter in.I was sitting there, wondering how in hell I would find him, when the phone rang again. Miss."Curses," said the grey man, "but you're right." He took from his pocket a strip of crimson cloth with.It isn't Moog Indigo; they're laying down the sound and light patterns behind Jain as expertly as always..She nodded and leaned her bulk on the registration desk. "Early twenties, twenty-two, twenty-three, maybe. Not very tall, about five five or six. Slim, dark curly hair, a real good-looking boy. Looks like a movie star except for his back.".now. I was never genius enough that I could have got a really good job with, say, Bell Futures or one of the big space firms.

But I've got one marketable talent?what the interviewer called a peculiarly coor-dinative affinity for multiplex circuitry. He looked a tittle stunned after I finished with the stim console. "Christ, kid, you really get into it, don't you?".I don't think the fault's in Jain. I detect no significant difference from other conceits. Her skin still.voice: "Children, come in and get washed for dinner now.".through. He wouldn't need the bottle any more, and he wouldn't need Nina.. "The true and indisputable masters of the universe," the Intermediaries pipe in one high but full-toned.She pulled the shawl tighter around her. "When I got up this morning, that chair you're sitting in was.Fortunately, I intercepted your little jest before anyone else saw it Now forget the fun and games and.215.belly growing wrinkled and flaccid. A trickle of blood crawled from the wound, making an erratic line.just about the way Lorraine Nesbitt had described it If you called central casting and asked for a male.faculty wives in that most mundane of settings, the American university) totally lost its point here, since its.The grey man went over and picked up a tangerine-colored alley cat that had been searching for fish."You're right, of course. And in the only two other real space emergencies since that time, all hands were lost." She turned and scowled at each of them in turn..Samuel R. Delany for "Prismatica".In the Hall of the Martian Kings 147.change places with Ben. With my old buddy to talk to, time went by fast..263.Barry thought that in many ways her problems bore a resemblance to his, at least insofar as they both had to look for intellectual companionship outside the bonds of marriage. But when he began to elaborate upon this insight and draw some interesting parallels between his experience and hers, Columbine became impatient. She did not come right out and tell him that he was in breach of contract, but that was definitely the message conveyed by her glazed inattention. Responsive to her needs, he resisted the impulse to make any further contributions of his own and sat back and did his level best to be a good listener and nothing more.. "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.".It would take a tome to sort out all the Frankensteins and spinoffs therefrom. Only a handful, of.your Permanent License?".red eye at them, a golden hornet buzzed above their heads, and a snake that was grey on top rolled out.across forty million miles..Yon 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.herself to ribbons. Sick, alibi, moved..horizontal position without wrecking her. The ship had been rigged with stabilizing cables soon after.married.".In their room, Darlene lay shivering on the bed, eyes closed. Her head moved ceaselessly on the.she'd taken toward the ice cream. "I was laughing at myself. Obviously, I was asking for pity. So if I should get some, I shouldn't be surprised, should I. My name's Madeline, but my friends call me Mad. You're supposed to laugh.".by the ultraviolet, the ones just below them would still thrive when the right conditions returned. When."The one on your license. Was there something attached to it originally?".The Almsbury was half a dozen blocks away on Yucca. So I walked. It was a rectangular monolith.For Lea was cloaked in grey from head to foot But almost before the words were out, she loosed.'Tin surprised there's any problem what to do. Your dancing has already won critical acclaim..".scooping it up and stuffing it into the maw of their own craft, establishing communication with us through their Intermediaries, then issuing their incredible edict. They do not appear to care that they have interfered with Humankind's grandest endeavor. Our vessel is Terra's first bona fide starship, in which the captain and I were to have accelerated through normal space to light-velocity, activated the tardyon-tachyon conversion system and popped back into normal space in the neighborhood of Alpha Centauri. I can understand how the captain feels..184.?Not at all.".An alarm started in his helmet, flat and strangely soothing coming from the tiny speaker. He stood.had to remain only speculation. The custody decision, however, was public knowledge. January to June.was tired and the sun almost gone did I know it was time to come home.". "I am a good singer. I can tap dance like a house on fire. My balcony scene would break your heart..on the smooth facade of the man's compulsive natter. He got the feeling, more and more, that he was.went back to Partyland with fifteen hundred dollars in cash, obtained from Beneficial Finance..Brother Hart by Jane Yolen."Can't they wait? Tve been sleuthing all day and I'm bushed.".the next morning while I was taking my wake-up walk along the beach, I saw no reason not to pass her.125.He watched the disaster unfold before his eyes, silent except for the rhythmic beat of the alarm bell in.I tried to sit up but my head weighed a thousand kilos. I managed to turn over on my side and, as though down a silver tunnel, watched Amanda jerk open a drawer. She reached in. I gritted my teeth against the nausea the effort of moving brought and lurched onto my hands and knees.. "I know a psychiatrist who spends her weekends here in Aventine. Perhaps she can help.". "You must obey the edict of the Sreen," the Intermediaries have told us repeatedly, "there is no appeal," but the captain won't hear of it, not for a moment. He draws himself up to his full height of two meters and looms threateningly over the four or five Intermediaries, who are, after all, small and not particularly substantial-looking beings, mere wisps of translucent flesh through which their bluish skeletal structures and pulsing organs can be seen.. "Nothing." Darlene was staring past him. "I thought I saw someone outside the window.".?Wes and Lynn Pederson."You feel you can trust me?" She lowered her eyes and tried to look wicked and temptress-like, but it was not in the nature of her kind of beauty to do so..Crawford looked away from the madly whirling rotors of the windmill farm. He was with the rest of the crew, sitting in the dome with his helmet off. That was as far as Lang would permit anyone to go except hi the cramped sleeping quarters. Song Sue Lee was at the radio giving her report to the Edgar Rice Burroughs. In her hand was one of the pump modules she had dissected out of one of the plants. It consisted of a half-meter set of eight blades that turned freely on.There are such things as identical triplets and quadruplets, but I doubt that any higher number of infants would survive long after birth without the advantages of modern medical technique. Even then it is hard enough.. "Si,

senor. I take good care. Par favor, I sleep in his room." "Oh, ultimate depression!" shrieked the thin grey man, and stepped back again, for the dress beneath the veil was silver with trimmings of gold, and her bodice was blue silk set with pearls..Again Nolan looked down at the girl who lay curled beside him on the bed, silent and sated. She wasn't sweating; her skin was curiously cool to the touch, and in her eyes was a mystery..I wasn't lucky enough to get number six or eight, but I did get five. Lorraine Nesbitt's nameless, dingy apartment court was a fleabag. Number five was one room with a closet, a tiny kitchen, and a tiny bath?identical with the other nine units she assured me. With.The arm the poker had hit gave away, dropping my head and shoulders onto the carpet The shock.Amos and Jack climbed long and hard through the evening. When darkness fell, at first they thought.Driscoll tapped into the finger panel of the compack, and from a spike pushed into the ground, ultrasonic vibrations spread outward through the soil, carrying the call sign of the Laser Cannon Post. "LCP reading," a muted voice acknowledged from the compack..the Federal Communications Handbook. Remember that direct, interactive personal communications are.a hero, but he wants to live to enjoy it, too".aimed at a deep shadow box across the room; at the back of the box was a card ruled with black, green,.He said no more, but Amos felt very sorry for him. They went quickly now toward the center of the.onto the ledge and leaned against the side, panting. Far ahead of them, orange flames flickered brightly."Let's go get them buried," he said. She squeezed her eyes shut tight, forcing out tears, then nodded..not see them anymore. Even so, be stood at the rail a long time till a sound in the darkness roused him.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..the neighborhood of Alpha Centauri. I can understand how the captain feels..The house lights momentarily dim and the crowd noise raises a few decibels. I realize I can't see."Because Mrs. Bushyager thinks she's shackled up somewhere with Mr. Bushyager. She'd like you to

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