



A WORD FROM THE EDITOR

I wrote short review for short fiction I found from various sources. The *Lady Business* and *Locus* recommended reading lists and Twitter posts were very helpful. *Asimovs'* and *Analog* also put their annual readers' poll finalists on their websites.
Next month the Nebula finalists, and with luck a review.

Events

Sunirse Comic Con

March 4
Sunrise Civic Center
10610 W Oakland Park Boulevard ,
Sunrise, FL
Guests: Adrain Ropp (artist)
And many others
\$20 admission
www.sunrisefl.gov/departments-services/leisure-services/special-events/sunrise-comic-con

Free Con

March 4-5
FSU Student Union,
75 N Woodward Ave,
Tallahassee, FL 32306
Anime con
Free
tallahasseeanime.com/

SW Floridacon

March 5
Crowne Plaza
13051 Bell Tower Dr,
Fort Myers, FL 33907
Guests: Bob Hall (comic book artist and writer)
And many others
\$20 admission
www.swfloridacomicon.com

ACEcon 2023

Palm Harbor Library
2330 Nebraska Avenue
Palm Harbor, FL 34683
Free
acecon.carrd.co

Collective Con

March 11-13
Jacksonville Fairgrounds
1000 Water St
Jacksonville, FL 32204
\$65 for 3 Days
www.collectivecon.com

ICFA 44 (academic conference)

March 15-18
Orlando Airport Marriott,
Orlando, Florida
Guest of Honor: Oghenechovwe Donald Ekpeki
Guest Scholar: Isiah Lavender III
iaffita.wildapricot.org

My-Con

March 18
Wyndham Orlando Avanti Palms Resort
6515 International Drive
Orlando, Florida 32819
\$5 for admission, free for military personnel
mystic-con.com

Swampcon

March 19
Reitz Union University of Florida
Gainesville, FL
Free
www.swampcon.org

Megacon

March 30-April 2
Orange County Convention Center
4-Day-\$109 pre-registration , \$129 at the door
Guests: Stan Morrison (OASIS artist)
Deliah Dawson
Sam Raimi (Film Director)
Chevy Chase (actor)
John Cleese (actor)
Frank Miller (comic book artist)
Geoff Jones (comic writer)
Joe Quesda (comic artist)
Andy Kubert (comic artist)
Jeph Loeb (comic writer)

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March OASFiS Calendar

OASFiS Business Meeting

Sunday, March 12, 1:30 PM, Jean Rhein Central Branch Library 215 N. Oxford Road Casselberry, Florida 32707. Meeting room will be on the first floor. Come join us as we discuss Space Opera.

To contact for more info:
OASFiS Business Meeting 407-823-8715

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Jim Shooter (comic writer)
Sonequa Martin-Green (actor)
Katee Sackhoff (actor)
Lana Parilla (actor)
Gates McFadden (actor)
Anson Mount (actor)
Ethan Peck (actor)
Brec Bassinger (actor)
Tara Strong (voice actor)
and many more
megaconvention.com

2022 Short Fiction

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Novellas

Title: *Burning the Letter*
Writer: Adam-Troy Castro
Publication: *Analog* Date: May-June 2022
Word Count: 17501*

We meet an 18-year-old Andrea Cort. She is working on a remote post on planet as a trainee in the Confederate Diplomatic Corps. Cort saves an alien child, Ami, from being killed by animals. She and her immediate superior, Chorin finds the locals do not want Ami. Cort and Chorin investigate why this is. What is the stigma connected to Ami? Is there anything that can be done? How does our past affect us in making decisions? A great story about the early life of Andrea Cort.

Title: *Bishop's Opening*
Writer: R.S.A. Garcia
Publication: *Clarkesworld* Date: January 2022
Word Count: 20630 Audio Version Available

A cargo crew go to a space station for repairs. During their time off the get involved with intrigues of the Valencians, specifically with one known as Bishop. This is a story of about family, both genetic and found.

Title: *A Mirror Mended*
Writer: Alix E. Harrow
Publication: *Tordotcom* Date: June 2022
Word Count: 17501*

Zinna Gray continues to fix versions of Sleeping Beauty in the multiverse. She meets an queen who is an antagonist in a similar story. Is the Queen as bad as some say? Does she need help? Can Zinna help her? An intriguing look into Snow White and the search for agency for some who is lacking it.

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Title: *Where the Drowned Girls Go*

Writer: Seanan McGuire
Publication: *Tordotcom* Date: January 4, 2022
Word Count: 17501*

Cora was mermaid in the world she went to. She still hears forces from that world coming after her. She does not think Eleanor West's School for Wayward Children can help her so she transfers to Whitethorn Institute. The Whitethorn Institute drives the memories of the other worlds forcibly to help the children readjust to the world we all know. Will this help Cora? Is there another agenda at Whitethorn? Another excellent installment to this award winning series. Whitethorn is a scary alternative to Elanor's methods. It may work for some but it may hurt others.

Title: *Radcliffe Hall*
Writer: Miyuki Jane Pinckard
Publication: *Uncanny* Date: September-October 2022
Word Count: 39903

In 1908, Miss Tomoé Kikuchi come to study at Norcross College. She is assigned a room at Radcliffe Hall. She and feel things unnatural. She bonds with schoolmates George and Antionette. There is also a mysterious society headed by the well-connected Elizabeth Cabot. Can they figure out what is happening? How is this tied to Tomoé's past? What are Cabot's true aims? This is a Gothic romance with modern sensibilities. The plot is engaging and provides an interesting look in the world of at the beginning of the last century.

Title: *The Court Martial of the Renegade Renegades*
Writer: Kristine Kathryn Rusch
Publication: *Asimov's* Date: September-October, November-December 2022
Word Count: 30000*

A ship returns from a deep space mission a hundred years later. Not everyone comes back. The survivors are charged with mutiny. We see the various legal plans of the prosecution, defense, and other parties. It is part of series. The setup gives one all the knowledge to understand the story. It is an intense and complex story.

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Award News
(source *File 770*)

The 2022 Bram Stoker Awards® Final Ballot

The Bram Stoker Award winners will be announced in June 17 during the StokerCon 2022 in Pittsburgh, PA.

Superior Achievement in a Novel

- Iglesias, Gabino – *The Devil Takes You Home* (Mullholland Press)
- Katsu, Alma – *The Fervor* (G.P. Putnam’s Sons)
- Kiste, Gwendolyn – *Reluctant Immortals* (Saga Press)
- Malerman, Josh – *Daphne* (Del Rey)
- Ward, Catriona – *Sundial* (Tor Nightfire)

Superior Achievement in a First Novel

- Adams, Erin – *Jackal* (Bantam Books)
- Cañas, Isabel – *The Hacienda* (Berkley)
- Jones, KC – *Black Tide* (Tor Nightfire)
- Nogle, Christi – *Beulah* (Cemetery Gates Media)
- Wilkes, Ally – *All the White Spaces* (Emily Bestler Books/Atria/Titan Books)

Superior Achievement in a Middle Grade Novel

- Dawson, Delilah S. – *Camp Scare* (Delacorte Press)
- Kraus, Daniel – *They Stole Our Hearts* (Henry Holt and Co.)
- Malinenko, Ally – *This Appearing House* (Katherine Tegen Books)
- Senf, Lora – *The Clackity* (Atheneum Books for Young Readers)
- Stringfellow, Lisa – *A Comb of Wishes* (Quill Tree Books)

Superior Achievement in a Graphic Novel

- Aquilone, James (editor) – *Kolchak: The Night Stalker: 50th Anniversary* (Moonstone Books)
- Gailey, Sarah (author) and Bak, Pius (artist) – *Eat the Rich* (Boom! Studios)
- Manzetti, Alessandro (author) and Cardoselli, Stefano (artist/author) – *Kraken Inferno: The Last Hunt* (Independent Legions Publishing)
- Tynion IV, James (author) and Dell’Edera, Werther (artist) – *Something is Killing the Children*, Vol. 4 (Boom! Studios)
- Young, Skottie (author) and Corona, Jorge (artist) – *The Me You Love in the Dark* (Image Comics)

Superior Achievement in a Young Adult Novel

- Fraistat, Ann – *What We Harvest* (Delacorte Press)
- Jackson, Tiffany D. – *The Weight of Blood* (Katherine Tegen Books)
- Marshall, Kate Alice – *These Fleeting*

Shadows (Viking)

- Ottone, Robert P. – *The Triangle* (Raven Tale Publishing)
- Schwab, V.E. – *Gallant* (Greenwillow Books)
- Tirado, Vincent – *Burn Down, Rise Up* (Sourcebooks Fire)

Superior Achievement in Long Fiction

- Allred, Rebecca J. and White, Gordon B. – *And in Her Smile, the World* (Trepidatio Publishing)
- Carmen, Christa – “Through the Looking Glass and Straight into Hell” (*Orphans of Bliss: Tales of Addiction Horror*) (Wicked Run Press)
- Hightower, Laurel – *Below* (Ghoulsh Books)
- Katsu, Alma – *The Wehrwolf* (Amazon Original Stories)
- Knight, EV – *Three Days in the Pink Tower* (Creature Publishing)

Superior Achievement in Short Fiction

- Dries, Aaron – “Nona Doesn’t Dance” (*Cut to Care: A Collection of Little Hurts*) (IFWG Australia, IFWG International)
- Gwilym, Douglas – “Poppy’s Poppy” (*Penumbra Speculative Fiction Magazine*, Vol. V, No. 6)
- McCarthy, J.A.W. – “The Only Thing Different Will Be the Body” (*A Woman Built by Man*) (Cemetery Gates Media)
- Taborska, Anna – “A Song for Barnaby Jones” (Zagava)
- Taborska, Anna – “The Star” (*Great British Horror 7: Major Arcane*) (Black Shuck Books)
- Yardley, Mercedes M. – “Fracture” (*Mother: Tales of Love and Terror*) (Weird Little Worlds)

Superior Achievement in a Fiction Collection

- Ashe, Paula D. – *We Are Here to Hurt Each Other* (Nictitating Books)
- Joseph, RJ – *Hell Hath No Sorrow Like a Woman Haunted* (The Seventh Terrace)
- Khaw, Cassandra – *Breakable Things* (Undertow Publications)
- Thomas, Richard – *Spontaneous Human Combustion* (Keylight Books)
- Veres, Attila – *The Black Maybe* (Valancourt Books)

Superior Achievement in a Screenplay

- Cooper, Scott – *The Pale Blue Eye* (Cross Creek Pictures, Grisbi Productions, Streamline Global Group)
- Derrickson, Scott and Cargill, C. Robert – *The Black Phone* (Blumhouse Productions, Crooked Highway, Universal Pictures) Duffer Brothers, The – *Stranger Things*: Episode 04.01 “Chapter One: The Hellfire Club” (21 Laps Entertainment,

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Title: **January Fifteenth**

Writer: Rachel Swirsky

Publication: Tordotcom

Date: June 14, 2022

Word Count: 17501*

In the future, the United States has started to give out Universal Basic Income (UBI). Everyone gets a check which in theory will cover basic needs. Everyone gets one gets a check on January 15. The story follows four women on January 15. Hannah is a mother of two trying to escape an abusive ex-wife in Upstate New York. Janelle is a reporter who is covering the day with teen sister Nevaeh in Chicago. Olivia is a woman of means who joins her friends on ski trip and decide what to do with they money they do not need. Sarah is a pregnant teenager who is part of polygamous religious community in southern Utah. Sarah goes with her younger cousin to get her check. Rachel Swirsky examines the pros and cons of UBI. It can used to achieve freedom. It can be squandered. It is not a solution to everything. UBI can provide help to those that have none.

Title: **Ogres**

Writer: Adrain Tchaikovsky

Publication: Solaris

Date: March 15, 2022

Word Count: 17501*

We follow Torquell, a young man, who lives in a world ruled by ogres. It is a world with modern technology but the ogres run a feudal society. Torquell gets into big trouble and goes on the run and is eventually captured. There he finds the true nature of his world and maybe a way to change it. There is a great setup and payoff at the end. A great use of second person point of view.

Title: **Blimpies**

Writer: Rick Wilber

Publication: *Asimov's*

Date: March-April 2022

Word Count: 17501*

Peter Holman and his sister Kaitlyn are on an alien planet. Kaitlyn was captured by a Whistle, an laien prince opposed to the Twoclicks, the alien prince Peter is working with. Kaitlyn has an opportunity to escape with Smiles and tries to reach Peter. Peter tries to meet her. Between them is distance and a hurricane force storm. Can they make it to safe place to meet? The world and characters are engaging. This is part of a series covered in the novel Alien Day.

Title: **Goose**

Writer: Rick Wilber

Publication: *Asimov's*

Date: July-August 2022

Word Count: 17501*

Eddie Bennet goes to correct the timeline to prevent a fascist victory in the 40s. She goes to 1941 and meets baseball phenom Billie Davis. She maybe the key to saving the timeline. Part of the fascist plot is stealing Howard Hughes Spruce Goose. Another interesting entry in the series of alternate history stories Wilber has written about.

Novelettes

Title: **Grandmother Troll**

Writer: Eleanor Arnason

Publication: *Asimov's*

Date: September-October 2022

Word Count: 8500*

In Iceland, a young girl Helga, spends the summer in the country. She meets a troll who is named Grandmother Troll. Grandmother Troll stays at an old farmer's land. Helga leans about Iceland's past through Grandmother Troll. After Helga goes home, a big

storm comes. Grandma Troll comes to Helga to help the farmer. A nice story about local folklore and community.

Title: **Just Desserts**

Writer: A.M. Barrie

Publication: *FIYAH*

Date: Summer 2022

Word Count: 10244

Hercules is a slave in George Washington's housel hold. He eventually becomes the head cook. Hercules is able to use magic to enhance the meals he makes. He can use that magic to kill. Hercules deals with the strengths and weakness of his master. Those feelings are complex, and they are presented to the reader so they can process them to.

Title: **My Future Self, Refused**

Writer: Adam-Troy Castro

Publication: *Lightspeed*

Date: August 2022

Word Count: 9113

Audio Version Available

This one is very personal since I knew many of the people in this story. Science Fiction Writer Adam-Troy Castro meets a future version of himself while dealing with the death of his wife Judi. This is like *The Martian Child* by David Gerrold where we look at the world using the tools of the genre. The story is about grief and facing the future the best way one can.

Title: **If You Find Yourself Speaking to God, Address God with the Informal You**

Writer: John Chu

Publication: *Uncanny*

Date: July-August 2022

Word Count: 9886

Audio Version Available

A person known of Tom of Finland is acting as a superhero. He is becoming a hero in the Asian community. Steve is an actor and meets Carl at the gym. They become gym partners and later more. Is Carl Tom of Finland? How much can a superhero change the world? A fascinating take on the classic superhero.

Title: **Lost and Found**

Writer: M.L. Clark

Publication: *Clarkesworld*

Date: October 2022

Word Count: 13280

Audio Version Available

Essen goes to a planet with her three AI bots to remove the illegal incursion. She has to find the passengers of spaceship that came to planet. Where are they? What happened to them? An intriguing mystery and a well detailed world.

Title: **Your Eyes, My Beacon: Being an Account of Several Misadventures and How I Found My Way Home**

Writer: C.L Clark

Publication: *Uncanny*

Date: May-June 2022

Word Count: 8722

Audio Version Available

Sigo is a sailor who washes up near a lighthouse after her shipwrecks. Audei lives in the lighthouse, and she nurses Sigo back to health. Sigo stays until its safe to go to the nearest town. They form a relationship and Sigo learns Audei secret of running the lighthouse. Audei needs help to to keep running the lighthouse. Can Sigo help Audei? It is an interesting relationship story.

Title: **River of Sons**

Writer: Geoffrey W. Cole

Publication: *Beneath Ceaseless Skies*

Date: July 14, 2022

Word Count: 8294

The setting is alternate World War I where magic exists. In Brussels, a yeoman magician named Imke with the help of her

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Monkey Massacre, Netflix, Upside Down Pictures)

- Garland, Alex – *Men* (DNA Films)
- Goth, Mia and West, Ti – *Pearl* (A24, Bron Creative, Little Lamb, New Zealand Film Commission)

Superior Achievement in a Poetry Collection

- Bailey, Michael and Simon, Marge – *Sifting the Ashes* (Crystal Lake Publishing)
- Lynch, Donna – *Girls from the County* (Raw Dog Screaming Press)
- Pelayo, Cynthia – *Crime Scene* (Raw Dog Screaming Press)
- Saulson, Sumiko – *The Rat King: A Book of Dark Poetry* (Dooky Zines)
- Sng, Christina – *The Gravity of Existence* (Interstellar Flight Press)

Superior Achievement in an Anthology

- Datlow, Ellen – *Screams from the Dark: 29 Tales of Monsters and the Monstrous* (Tor Nightfire)
- Hartmann, Sadie and Saywers, Ashley – *Human Monsters: A Horror Anthology* (Dark Matter Ink)
- Nogle, Christi and Becker, Willow – *Mother: Tales of Love and Terror* (Weird Little Worlds)
- Ryan, Lindy – *Into the Forest: Tales of the Baba Yaga* (Black Spot Books)
- Tantlinger, Sara – *Chromophobia: A Strangehouse Anthology by Women in Horror* (Strangehouse Books)

Superior Achievement in Non-Fiction

- Cisco, Michael – *Weird Fiction: A Genre Study* (Palgrave Macmillan)
- Hieber, Leanna Renee and Janes, Andrea – *A Haunted History of Invisible Women: True Stories of America’s Ghosts* (Citadel Press)
- Kröger, Lisa and Anderson, Melanie R. – *Toil and Trouble: A Women’s History of the Occult* (Quirk Books)
- Waggoner, Tim – *Writing in the Dark: The Workbook* (Guide Dog Books)
- Wytovich, Stephanie M. – *Writing Poetry in the Dark* (Raw Dog Screaming Press)

Superior Achievement in Short Non-Fiction

- Murray, Lee – “I Don’t Read Horror (& Other Weird Tales)” (*Interstellar Flight Magazine*) (Interstellar Flight Press)
- Pelayo, Cynthia – “This is Not a Poem” (*Writing Poetry in the Dark*) (Raw Dog Screaming Press)
- Wetmore, Jr., Kevin J. – “A Clown in the Living Room: The Sinister Clown on Television” (*The Many Lives of Scary Clowns: Essays on Pennywise, Twisty, the Joker, Krusty and More*) (McFarland and Company)
- Wood, L. Marie – “African American Horror Authors and Their Craft: The Evolution of Horror Fiction from African Folklore” (*Conjuring Worlds: An Afrofuturist Textbook for Middle and High School Students*) (Conjure World)
- Wood, L. Marie, “The H Word: The Horror of Hair” (*Nightmare Magazine*, No. 118) (Adamant Press)

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mentor Pilo (turned into a duck) investigate a soul binding spell. The souls are bonded to the caster and will give them great necromantic power. A German officer finds them during their investigation and plans to take matters into his own hands. Who cast the soul binding spell? Is worth doing anything to stop an enemy? Great action and some interesting humor with the mentor turned into a duck. I could see more in this world.

Title: Two Hands, Wrapped in Gold

Writer: S.B. Divya

Publication: *Uncanny*

Date: May-June 2022

Word Count: 14739

A retelling of Rumpelstiltskin. The change is that we get an origin and a motivation for the bargain he made.

Rampalalakshmi is blessed with the ability to turn things to gold. He and his family are from India and travel as merchants. Due to unforeseen circumstances, Ram and his mother are stuck in Austria. Ram makes a friend with Ilse. Can Ram and his mother survive in this land? Can he use his powers without attracting attention? This is a well thought out story.

Title: Primordial Soup and Salad

Writer: Gene Doucette

Publication: *Lightspeed*

Date: October 2022

Word Count: 9072

Audio Version Available

The United Space Fleet Vessel *Caroline* has problems with its replicators. The lead engineer and scientist try to figure out what the problem is. This leads to a complicated discussion of what is sentient life. This is a fascinating look in the technology of replicator used later versions of *Star Trek*.

Title: The Power of Apollo

Writer: Marianne J. Dyson

Publication: *Analog*

Date: September-October 2022

Word Count: 7501*

Ashley is recovering artifacts at the Apollo 16 landing site. Some unexpected things happens, and she deals with it. A very interesting exploration of the Moon and how yesterday's actions can help present day efforts.

Title: Solidity

Writer: Greg Egan

Publication: *Asimov’s*

Date: September-October 2022

Word Count: 10000*

Omar during school discovers he is not in the world he started out in. People are changing and others taken their place. Omar

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meets Rafiq and try to forge on given the situation. Other people are displaced, and the world tries to make sense of it. This is a story of people trying to help each other during a strange situation.

Title: Anything You Lose Comes Back in Another Form
 Writer: Jennie Evenson
 Publication: *Beneath Ceaseless Skies* Date: May 5, 2022
 Word Count:8241

Pinar's mother used magic to ensure the local ecology was stable. The price is that using magic takes a month of your life away. Pinar has a child and tries to avoid using magic as frequently as her mother did. There are consequences to this. Pinar must decide what to do next. Should teach someone the ways of her magic. This is a story about responsibility to the one's family and community and the cost it has on some.

Title: The Journeyman: At the Bluffs of Sinjin Trell
 Writer: Michael Flynn
 Publication: *Analog* Date: March-April 2022
 Word Count:10000*

This a military SF story set on a distant planet. There is mixture of old and new technology. This part of series Flynn has been working on for 10 years. It is a bit hard to get into all though there are some interesting bits.

Title: A Record of Our Meeting with the Grand Faerie Lord of Vast Space and Its Great Mysteries, Revised
 Writer: A.T. Greenblatt
 Publication: *Beneath Ceaseless Skies* Date: February 24, 2022
 Word Count:7557

The ship Forever Tryong is stuck in area of space-time call the Tidepools. The crew invite the Grand Faerie Lord to the ship to see if they can help. The ship's chronicler tells of story of time loops and going to Unknown Universe. This is a vividly described trippy story.

Title: Proof of Concept
 Writer: Austin Habershaw
 Publication: *Analog* Date: May-June 2022
 Word Count:7501*

A shape shifting alien is injured and lost its memory. It hides as dangerous weapon while it tries to figure out what happened. There are very designed aliens and a good action-adventure story,

Title: Optimist Cleaver's Last Transmission
 Writer: J.C. Hsyu
 Publication: *F&SF* Date: November-December, 2022
 Word Count:14000*

Optimist Cleaver is the handle of a courier doing peer to peer (P2P) transmissions in a future LA area. She came late to a hand off and friend got hurt. Optimist has to finish the job and find out who is behind this attack. There is a lot of good action, dialogue, and use of tech in this cyberpunk story.

Title: Cloudchaser
 Writer: Tom Jolly
 Publication: *Analog* Date: January-February 2022
 Word Count:10000*

A former prince goes into collectibles to frustrate his bully of brother. When his brother assumes the throne, he leaves and finds a place to hide his collection. Two brewers follow the former prince to where he hides his collection. They wish to squat on the planet since it good place to raise the ingredients they need for

the drinks they make. Unfortunately, sinister forces come after all of them, and they have to escape. This is a good action adventure with some interesting speculation in the future of brewing.

Title: Kora Is Life
 Writer: David Levine
 Publication: *Clarkesworld* Date: May 2022
 Word Count:18120 Audio Version Available

The Kora is a powered glider race which is off great significance to the Silene. Kestrel will be the first human to fly in the race. He will represent the Stormbird clade in the race. The Stormbirds have not won the race in a long time and have pinned their hopes on Kestrel and the engine she brings. The rivalries between the clades and the race itself is intense. Can Kestrel win the race? This a great sport story. The Kora is very important to Silene culture and Kestrel must navigate the traditions as an outsider. A gripping tale.

Title: Coyoteland
 Writer: Evan Marcroft
 Publication: *Asimov's* Date: May-June 2022
 Word Count:10000*

The United States has fractured after a virus ravaged it. In the southwest there are several individual countries both physical and virtual. Jacinta is trying to bring Vee to El Dorado. They face many obstacles to ge there. Will they get to their destination. This has good action and investigates how and why we could fragment.

Title: In Mercy, Rain
 Writer: Seanan McGuire
 Publication: *Tor.com* Date: July 18, 2022
 Word Count:9263

This story is set in Wayward Children world. This tells some back story of of Jack and Jill Wolcott, twins who went to a world called the Moors. Jill is left to the resident vampire lord, while Jack is an apprentice to a mad scientist. Jack learns that death is not end but what happens after. A nice expansion into the Wayward Children stories.

Title: Dollbot Cicily
 Writer: Will McIntosh
 Publication: *Asimov's* Date: March-April 2022
 Word Count:10000*

Cicily discovers she was used the model for life size doll. She is working repair gigs. She gets jobs to repairs the dolls that look like her. She can hack into them and control them remotely. Cicily does to 3 dolls and steals from the men to get her daughter from child services. She learns about the men who buy these dolls. A look into what kind of men want a robot woman and the world which has big class distinctions. A disturbing but interesting read.

Title: Shepherd Moons
 Writer: Jerry Oliton
 Publication: *Analog* Date: September-October 2022
 Word Count:7501*

An attempt to deflect an asteroid involves discovering a structure on that asteroid. It is decided to send a human crewed mission to investigate. The results will be surprising. This was written before the successful deflection of an asteroid. This is a hard SF stories dealing with politics and the science a mission like this would incur. The main character Priya has the brains to deal with all the problems she faces.

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Title: The Sadness Box
 Writer: Suzanne Palmer
 Publication: *Clarkesworld* Date: July 2022
 Word Count: 13480 Audio Version Available
 An inventor creates a simple AI in box to live in a state of sadness. The inventor's teenage son feels bad for the AI and tries to cheer it up. The world the Inventor and his son lives in is at war. A war where the enemy uses nanobots to turn people into mindless zombies. Can the boy help the AI? How will the war affect the son's family (he lives with his mother and stepfather and stepsister)? This an interesting if scary world. This about families and how complicated they can be. The family shown is believable. No one is perfect and each are trying their best.

Title: Falling Off the Edge of the World
 Writer: Suzanne Palmer
 Publication: *Asimov's* Date: November-December 2022
 Word Count: 10000*
 There was accident on the Hellebore with 2 survivors. Gabe maintains a food supply while Alis takes care off the ship. They are opposite ends of the Hellebore and communicate through comms. A rescue mission comes, and everything is not as it seems. A great story about character and compassion.

Title: Sword and Spore
 Writer: Dominica Phettplace
 Publication: *Tor.com* Date: April 6, 2022
 Word Count: 12330
 An evil queen is imprisoned in a sword. Years later, the sword is found by a young man and he becomes possessed to kill the Queen's enemies, the king and his wizard. The king, queen, and wizard are part of the old world. The wizard wants to make way for a new world, a freer world. Can he do it? A great combination of the classic fairy tale and a modern sensibility.

Title: Bhatia, P.I.
 Writer: Shiv Ramdas
 Publication: *Lightspeed* Date: March 2022
 Word Count: 9122 Audio Version Available
 Bhatia is trying to get his paranormal investigation agency off the ground. He is having a rough time and his mom want the rent. A real estate mogul comes for help, his son is possessed. Bhatia and his partner Sandhya go to examine the son. Nothing is as it seems. This is a great mix of the detective story mixed with comedy. There is a humorous twist. This was fun and future visits with Bhatia and Sanshya would be welcomed.

Title: Things To Do in Deimos When You're Dead
 Writer: Alastair Reynolds
 Publication: *Asimov's* Date: September-October 2022
 Word Count: 8500*
 A man named Per finds himself in an empty city. He then meets a man and woman. How did they get here? Is this an afterlife? Can Per accept what has happened. This story looks at some big questions of life and death.

Title: Rocket Girls
 Writer: Kristine Kathryn Rusch
 Publication: *Asimov's* Date: May-June 2022
 Word Count: 8835
 A story of a group of girls inspired to go to space from an old pulp magazine. Good science with a crazy plan makes a good YA

SF story.

Title: To Embody a Wildfire Starting
 Writer: Iona Datt Sharma
 Publication: *Beneath Ceaseless Skies* Date: January 1, 2022
 Word Count: 11473
 This a world where dragons can take human for. A dictatorship favoring dragons and did horrible crimes has fallen. A political prisoner Tishrel goes home where their mother is a power politician. Tishrel recovers to what was done to them during their imprisonment. This story looks at what do you do after the revolution. What is justice after the revolution. How much mercy can one give to those on the losing side.

Title: In Transit
 Writer: JT Sharrah
 Publication: *Analog* Date: March-April 2022
 Word Count: 10000*
 A generation starship on route to Tau Ceti, deals with nonconformists by sending them to C deck or Coventry. We follow Molly a teen who is a nonconformist. The roles onboard a generation starship are examined. This sis a good YA hard SF story.

Title: The Noon Witch Goes to Sound Planet
 Writer: Kristina Ten
 Publication: *Lightspeed* Date: November 2022
 Word Count: 9056 Audio Version Available
 Hailey is a daughter of a Russian witch. She loves her mother but does not want to live her life. She is ostracized by the students because of her background and strange things that happen around her. Hailey goes to music festival to show she is not cursed. This is a nice coming of age story. Hailey wants to be her own person.

Title: The Prince of Salt and the Ocean's Bargain
 Writer: Natalia Theodoridou
 Publication: *Uncanny* Date: September-October 2022
 Word Count: 9619
 This is the story of salt from the ocean becoming a man and what happens after that. It is a story about found families and love. A modern fairy tale.

Title: The Loneliness of a Long-Distance Reporter
 Writer: Daniela Tomova
 Publication: *Tor.com* Date: March 16, 2022
 Word Count: 11152
 A reporter goes to cover a sled race in Norway. The race involves revenants (zombies) who for some reason are drawn to the North Pole. The race is new but expanding. What can go wrong. The story gives one a feeling of the setting. The setting also ties into the reporter's family background.

Title: The Dirty Golden Yellow House
 Writer: Debbie Urbanski
 Publication: *Lightspeed* Date: October 2022
 Word Count: 10437 Audio Version Available
 A woman is being raped by her husband. She goes to supernatural means to solve the problem. The story discusses the history of marital rape. It is a dark story which sheds a light on a serious issue.

Title: The Difference Between Love and Time
 Writer: Catherynne M. Valente

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Publication: *Someone in Time: Tales of Time-Crossed Romance*
Date: May 10, 2022

Word Count:9383

The relationship between a person and the space/time continuum. It crosses over all frontiers and yet the relationship is relatable. It is a brilliant surrealistic story. This can be read on Tor.com.

Short Stories

Title: Lily, the Immortal

Writer: Kylie Lee Baker

Publication: *Uncanny* Date: January-February 2022
Word Count:6356 Audio Version Available

Lily is a successful video blogger (vlogger) who dies at 24. Her girlfriend Airi finds out that a corporation buys Lily's vlog and likeness. There is no proof of Airi's and Lily's relationship, so Airi has no control with how this company will use Lily's image. What can she do? Who owns our image? Do we have a say of ourselves after our death? A very relevant story.

Title: The Scared Cow

Writer: Steven Barnes and Larry Niven

Publication: *Analog* Date: November-December 2022
Word Count:7000*

This set in Known Space on Earth. This is early in the career of Gil Hamilton of Amalgamated Regional Militia (ARM), a law enforcement agency focusing on dangerous technology, organ legging, and the Fertility Laws. Some has killed a cow in India. This cow was being using to produce organs for a rich family patriarch. Hamilton is on the case which takes a surprising direction. This is a well-executed SF Mystery, and it is fun hanging out in Known Space again.

Title: Forty Eight Minutes at the Trainview Café

Writer: M. Bernardo

Publication: *Asimov's* Date: November-December 2022
Word Count: 7501*

Felix finds himself bored in a simulation at a train station. Nancy, an administrator of the simulation, tells him the merits of being at the Trainview Café. This a look of what is expect or need from simulations.

Title: Fate, Hope, Friendship, Foe

Writer: Marie Brennan

Publication: *Uncanny* Date: July-August 2022
Word Count:3754 Audio Version Available

A woman goes on road trip in the Midwest. She sees the names of the towns she encounters. Is this a message from one of her sisters? Is there something going on? A fun take on one of the classic Greek mythological characters as told as road trip.

Title: Build-A-Body

Writer: Avi Burton

Publication: *Escape Pod* Date: February 10, 2022
Word Count:2711 Audio Version Available

A non-binary gendered person orders a body built to their specifications. They are not sure if it is a real ad. Something is delivered to their home. It is not what was expected. A fascinating look at our perceptions gender and how it affects us.

Title: The Calcified Heart of Saint Ignace Battiste

Writer: Christopher Caldwell

Publication: *Uncanny* Date: January-February 2022
Word Count:2885

A young acolyte discovers something in age old ritual, and it changes him forever. There is glorious prose describing a dark ceremony and its participants.

Title: The 207th Time I Went Back to March 9, 1980

Writer: Beth Cato

Publication: *Uncanny* Date: September-October 2022
Word Count:929

A time traveler goes back to their childhood home. Why? There is a touching ending on how can use the past to make the present bearable.

Title: Elsewhere, Elsewhen

Writer: L. Chan

Publication: *GigaNotoSaurus* Date: August 1, 2022
Word Count:5955

There is a city beyond time on the verge of a calamity. The Grand Harvester tells Confessor her crimes and role into the coming crisis. This is a beautiful. poetic, and trippy story.

Title: It Takes a Village

Writer: Priya Chand

Publication: *Clarkesworld* Date: March 2022
Word Count:6370 Audio Version Available

A colony ship comes to a planet. The passengers follow the AI. The AI breaks up the people into mothers and fathers. The mothers go to planet to set it up for living. There is no communication between the 2 groups. Three years later the ship becomes less stable, and the fathers come to the planet. Can these groups work together? Is the AI always right? Should they stay on the planet? Some good conflict on how a society can be set up.

Title: Payday Weather

Writer: Matthew Claxton

Publication: *Escape Pod* Date: January 27, 2022
Word Count:5828 Audio Version Available

The fires in Southern California have gotten so bad that Fire Suppression Contractors are hired. They are work for hire. The story follows a group of contractors dealing with a fire in a neighborhood. One feels the heat of these fires and feelings of the characters.

Title: Night Dance

Writer: Leah Cypess

Publication: *Uncanny* Date: January-February 2022
Word Count:6030 Audio Version Available

This is a retelling of The Twelve Dancing Princesses. It is set in the same period. The reasons of what the princesses are doing and the consequences are darker. We follow the youngest sister who follows their latest rescuer, Peren. He seems to know about what is going on. What does he want? This has great prose and is well told.

Title: Beneath the Surface, a Womb of Ice

Writer: Deborah L. Davitt

Publication: *Analog* Date: November-December 2022
Word Count:7000*

An expedition is looking for water underground in Mars near the south pole. The expedition faces challenges. This is a good hard SF story. There are problems, the situation is plausible, and the resolution leads to the fact that things change.

Title: Boy in the Key of Forsaken

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Writer: Eric Del Carlo

Publication: *Analog*

Word Count:6000*

Date: May-June 2022

Locke is a boy alone on a planet. He hangs out watching aliens grow organic spaceships. Locke uses an alien tool to make music and bonds with an underdeveloped spaceship. It is the story of the beginning of a friendship.

Title: Laser Squid Goes House Hunting

Writer: Douglas DiCicco

Publication: *Escape Pod*

Word Count:2586

Date: August 18, 2022

Audio Version Available

A realtor is trying to sell a house to Laser Squid. She needs a sale due some financial shortfalls from her divorce. The realtor bonds with Laser Squid. This is a funny story. One accepts that there are sentient armed squids and the rest is fun. There is a great solution to both characters' problems.

Title: In the Beginning of Me, I Was a Bird

Writer: Maria Dong

Publication: *Lightspeed*

Word Count:5446

Date: January 2022

Audio Version Available

A solitary woman has something implanted in her. She gets sick, dies, and her soul leaps into a cat. As a cat she finds someone who has also been implanted. This person also leaps into an animal. The animal's life accelerates and they have jumped into something else when their former hosts die. This story shows a

friendship.

Title: Requiem for a Dollface

Writer: Margaret Dunlap

Publication: *Uncanny*

Word Count:1469

Date: March-April 2022

Audio Version Available

A girl's doll is defaced and killed. A teddy bear investigates. This combines a detective story and Toy Story. The story conveys an emotional truth of what we should learn from toys and those lessons' limits.

Title: Destiny Delayed

Writer: Oghenechovwe Donald Ekpeki

Publication: *Asimov's*

Word Count:5700*

Date: May-June 2022

Audio Version Available

In Nigeria, a process to examine and extract destiny from people has been developed. People can take loans against their destiny. Mukoro is a scientist who takes a loan against his daughter's destiny to finish his research project which involves destinies. This is a classic SF story with modern sensibilities. We examine how an idea affects society. It is powerful and definitely worth one's time.

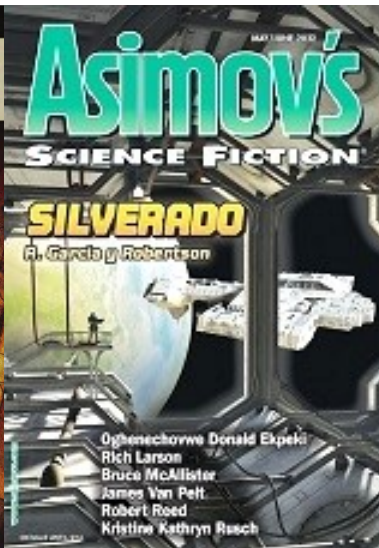
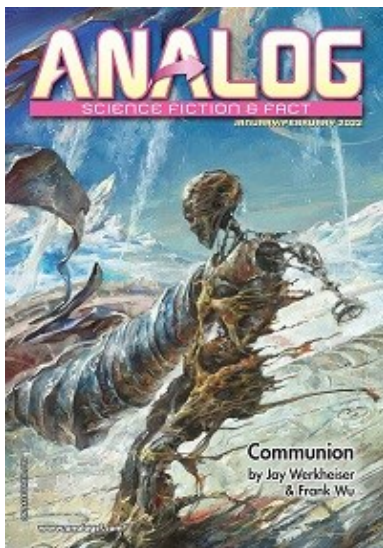
Title: 12 Things a Trini Should Know Before Travelling to a Back in Times Fete™

Writer: R.S.A. Garcia

Publication: *Strange Horizons*

Date: October 10, 2022

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Word Count:1821

A time travel agency has a package for tourists to go Trinidad and Tobago's past. The provide a guide for what you can and cannot do on your trip. It reminds of how the times have change for the better and the legacy of those times.

Title: The Long Way Up

Writer: Alix E. Harrow

Publication: *The Deadlands*

Date: January 2022

Word Count:5301

Ocean finds it difficult to accept her husband's death. She finds a way to find him in the afterlife. Can she convince him to come back with her? This is a look of what is love and a great take on Orpheus.

Title: I Will Have This Diamond for a Heart

Writer: Carlos Hernandez

Publication: *Uncanny*

Date: March-April 2022

Word Count:2482

Audio Version Available

Sol Paz find themselves in a void. Sol is in a place where ideas are tangible. What can Sol do? Where can Sol go? This story explores existentialism and legacy. It takes a scary idea and gives it hope.

Title: Travelers' Unrest

Writer: Nina Kiriki Hoffman

Publication: *Uncanny*

Date: November-December 2022

Word Count:2665

Audio Version Available

A tour guide leads a group of tourists on a planet rebuilding itself. This is a character-based story showing how the guide and the tourists deal with their surroundings. There planet is well designed.

Title: The Princess, NP

Writer: Brian Hugenbruch

Publication: *Escape Pod*

Date: September 29, 2022

Word Count:5189

Audio Version Available

A computer enhanced woman is an indentured servant. She is a princess tied to a queen. She can incredible calculations at the spur of a moment. The princess is assigned to space station to help monitor contraband. Something unexpected happens. Will it lead to the princess's freedom or her doom? A great story of about advanced computing and freedom.

Title: Gamma

Writer: Oskar Källaner

Publication: *Clarkesworld*

Date: May 2022

Word Count:7180

Audio Version Available

In the far future (near the predicted death point of the universe), two living machines Gamma and Kthelk'tha meet at a black hole recharging themselves. Their creators are long dead, and their fellow machines are on the brink of war. They decide what they are going go. We go to fascinating place in time where the stars have gone out and universe has run away from each other. The story says there is still hope and purpose in this world.

Title: Termination Stories for the Cyberpunk Dystopia Protagonist

Writer: Isabel J. Kim

Publication: *Clarkesworld*

Date: July 2022

Word Count:5960

Audio Version Available

Cool and Sexy Asian Girl guides a Tourist looking for answers in the City, but is there something more going on. This is a look at a classic Science Fiction or Game scenario. Who are the people in

the cyberpunk story? What lies beneath the noir images?

Title: The Massage Lady at Munjeong Road Bathhouse

Writer: Isabel J. Kim

Publication: *Clarkesworld*

Date: February 2022

Word Count:4660

Audio Version Available

Jinah is a widowed mother who works at a bathhouse. Here she takes of the scales of people. If the harden they can restrict your fate. Jinah is given an opportunity. Should she take it. A look into controlling one's fate and the paths one can take.

Title: This Is Our Get-Along Brainship

Writer: Kristen Koopman

Publication: *Escape Pod*

Date: March 3, 2022

Word Count:4831

Audio Version Available

The consciousness of the brainship *Coraje* discovers an anomaly. Do ghosts exists? How do you get rid of one on a spaceship? The is a great Science Fiction take on a ghost story.

Title: The Dragon Project

Writer: Naomi Kritzer

Publication: *Clarkesworld*

Date: March 2022

Word Count:3860

Audio Version Available

A bioengineer is tasked with building for an ignorant client. After creating 2 dragons, the client goes elsewhere. A new creature is seen in the wild. Is the creature a danger in the wild? There is great science on ecology and biology.

Title: Fly Free

Writer: Alan Kubatiev

Publication: *Clarkesworld*

Date: October 2022

Word Count:4970

Audio Version Available

In this world, humans and birds can communicate with each other and birds exert their power in the human world. Crowley is translator of birdspeak. He lost in love and faces the authority of the birds on daily basis. A close friend tells him he is endanger. What will Crowley do? The birds possess the same strengths and weaknesses we do. There is rich detail with this world. Translated from Russian by Alex Shvartsman.

Title: The Rules of Unbinding

Writer: Geoffrey Landis

Publication: *Asimov's*

Date: September-October

2022

Word Count:2500*

Kharkov finds a genie in the desert. He finds out what it happens when you try to change the rules of wishes. This was a perfect one joke story.

Title: Bonsai Starships

Writer: Yoon Ha Lee

Publication: *Beneath Ceaseless Skies*

Date:

February 10, 2022

Word Count:4146

Audio Version Available

Sentient bonsai trees are the key to faster than light travel. They are raised at a shrine by an order to devoted to them. Kei is a novice at the shrine. One day ambassadors to Empress come to take the tress to service her fleet. What can Kei do to stop this? A real engaging story and great prose style.

Title: Bonus Footage

Writer: Marissa Lingen

Publication: *Asimov's*

Date: September-October

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Word Count:7499 Audio Version Available
 Sam makes travel films of exotic planets. The planet Freyja presents some interesting challenges, like dangerous plants named after great artists. Sam is accompanied by a scout troop. Can Sam get the job done without getting in danger? A fun science-based story which tells about a love of travelling to exotic locales.

Title: Timekeepers' Symphony
 Writer: Ken Liu
 Publication: *Clarkesworld* Date: September 2022
 Word Count:6340 Audio Version Available
 A poetic look at timekeeping. We go from the distant past and to the far future. Humans learn how to change their internal clock and their perception of time. It is a power and fascinating look at the nature of time.

Title: The Goldfish Man
 Writer: Maureen McHugh
 Publication: *Uncanny* Date: March-April 2022
 Word Count:6318 Audio Version Available
 Sima is a potter who is living in her car due to a situation created by the pandemic. She struggles to survive. She meets Lane who helps her. Lane claims he is not human. Is he? A story that helps one emphasize with those who have hit a major crisis.

Title: Iconophobe
 Writer: Sam J. Miller
 Publication: *F&SF* Date: November-December 2022

Word Count:6000*
 Ethan was a member of a cult, the Iconophobes, that most of its members died in multiple suicide bombings. The cult's philosophy believed that photography cuts humans from their connection to the world/universe. Ethan wrote a sensational book about the Iconophobes and is dealing with the guilt of someone he betrayed in the cult. This is a gripping look at cults, our relationship to the world, and others.

Title: Rabbit Test
 Writer: Samantha Mills
 Publication: *Uncanny* Date: November-December 2022
 Word Count:7067 Audio Version Available
 In the future, girls can be chipped to monitor their bodies and report to parents and the authorities. We follow 3 generations of women who live in this world. We get the history of reproductive science and the laws that follow. This is a world where half of the population lost the rights to control their own destinies. This is powerful story that is reflection of the concerns and fears of the decisions that were made last year.

Title: The Slow Deaths of Automobiles
 Writer: Fiona Moore
 Publication: *Clarkesworld* Date: September 2022
 Word Count:4360 Audio Version Available
 One person gets his grandmother sentient car. It is older car with a AI named Tanvi. With a friend they take care of Tanvi. One of them goes to university the other stays with Tanvi. Does Tanvi need to be updated? Does updating change who Tanvi is? This is fun story about AIs, cars, and identity.



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Title: The Empty
 Writer: Ray Nayler
 Publication: *Asimov's* Date: November-December 2022
 Word Count:7000*

Sal is remote pilot for drone trucks. One of her trucks runs over something in a place far from regular service support. It looks like a pizza delivery robot. Something does not seem right. Sal investigates it further at a financial loss. Is there something wrong? Is it worth her time and money to investigate? This story looks at how hyper-capitalism can dehumanizes people. Do we lose our humanity when we are penalized for any mistake we make?

Title: The Almond Pirates
 Writer: Annalee Newitz
 Publication: *Anthropocene* Date: September 2022
 Word Count:3633

Shruti lives in a canyon city Deepleaf in post climate change world. While looking for her cat Irving on the lower levels, she discovers an illegal use of resources. Who did this? Why? What is should be done about it? There is some great world building here with the design of the city and its community.

Title: Company Town
 Writer: Aimee Ogden
 Publication: *Clarkesworld* Date: June 2022
 Word Count:5930 Audio Version Available
 Cass and Maya live in an oppressive company town. There is planned work stoppage to negotiate for better terms. Maya goes to another world to fight fantastic beasts. How does this effect Cass? What does it take to be a hero. One does not see the world Maya goes to but it effects the real world. A good take on a portal fantasy.

Title: Sparrows
 Writer: Susan Palwick
 Publication: *Asimov's* Date: September-October 2022
 Word Count:4000*
 The apocalypse is coming and Lacey stays at her school to finish her paper. She has no real to go home and finds an audience for her work. We see that there are many ways to deal with big disasters.

Title: Wild Meat
 Writer: Shari Paul
 Publication: *Escape Pod* Date: March 24, 2022
 Word Count:3367 Audio Version Available
 Picture a world where dinosaurs came back and are placed in reserves for their protection. On a Caribbean island, a cooking contest is planned. Two guys have a connection at the nearby dinosaur reserve and plan to make dishes with dinosaur meat. Things do not go as planned. A funny story with dinosaurs and cooking.

Title: Aconie's Bees
 Writer: Jessica Reisman
 Publication: *Analog* Date: May-June 2022
 Word Count:4000
 People have colonized a bio dome. Aconie a self-maintaining humanoid bio-printer, helps take of the local environment as best it can. She has taught humans how to interact with the bees. Something is changing and Aconie will have do something about it. This is a story where things change and it not always bad.

Title: The Scene of the Crime
 Writer: Leonard Richardson
 Publication: *Clarkesworld* Date: August 2022
 Word Count:3470 Audio Version Available
 There is an investigation at an archeological site. A lawyer from this society interrogates a graduate student on the leader of the expedition. They have found something that should not be here. This indicates the existence of time loop. What choices can one make when seeing the products of the future? A great mystery where someone has to make a tough decision.

Title: Two Spacesuits
 Writer: Leonard Richardson
 Publication: *Clarkesworld* Date: April 2022
 Word Count:4540 Audio Version Available
 Carlos goes to visit his parents. Each are complaining of unusual behavior of the other. The act differently when they are doing routine tasks. What has happened to his parents? Is there a solution? The family is believable and there is a good SF explanation for what is happening.

Title: The Wrong Side of the Sky
 Writer: Raymond Roach
 Publication: *Escape Pod* Date: March 10, 2022
 Word Count:3460 Audio Version Available
 Humans have come to an alien world. This causes some division with the locals. We follow an alien and her brother to help a human survivor of a vehicle crash. The sister confronts her issues with the coming of the humans. A poignant look at how outsiders, without even intending to, can change the dynamic of a society.

Title: Our Love Against Us
 Writer: DeVaun Sanders
 Publication: *Uncanny* Date: September-October 2022
 Word Count:6008 Audio Version Available
 Nim is trying to look for his friend Aletha in wreck Chicago. Aletha was an arcologist and designed a self-sustaining tower in the city. What has a happened to Aletha? Can Nim find her? This is a dark story how something precious can be turned against us.

Title: Maximum Efficiency
 Writer: Holly Schofield
 Publication: *Analog* Date: November-December 2022
 Word Count:5000*
 K3RA is a battle robot that was recently damaged. It goes to what appears an empty barn. K3RA finds an old woman. K3RA starts to question the intention of his design Can he find new purpose? What you should do when you are and not sure if you want to do the job you were built for,

Title: The Red Summer
 Writer: Wendy Shaia
 Publication: *FIYAH* Date: Winter 2022
 Word Count:7335
 Samuel is in a remote camp in 1967, learning about resisting oppression. He gets visions that help him understand the past and prepare for the future.

Title: Ribbons
 Writer: Natalie Theodoridou
 Publication: *Uncanny* Date: January-February 2022
 Word Count:4236

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Jan is a trans male sex worker who will be inducted to the Army in a week. In this world women have ribbons around their necks, and they supposedly die if they take it off. Can Jan face the challenges life is giving him?

Title: The Portal Keeper

Writer: Lavie Tidhar

Publication: *Uncanny* Date: September-October 2022

Word Count: 5064 Audio Version Available

We follow the life of portal keeper during the month of October. She maintains the grounds and meets several travelers. There is a woman trying to find the right world, a mysterious man being followed by scary figures, and a teen runaway looking for an escape. The keeper tries to do her best for these people. A very pleasant story about a common fantasy trope.

Title: It Happened in Loontown

Writer: Lavie Tidhar

Publication: *Apex* Date: January 4, 2022

Word Count: 3412 Audio Version Available

Imagine a noir story where everyone is a balloon. It sounds insane but Lavie Tidhar gives a tale of mystery and woe. A balloon police detective investigates the death of low level criminal. It is fun.

Title: The Waylost Café

Writer: James Van Pelt

Publication: *Asimov's* Date: March-April 2022

Word Count: 7000* Audio Version Available

Paul Hopper works at the Waypoint Café on the planet Spring. He is a brew master and takes care people who tour the forest with hallucinogenic plants. He gets into trouble and must find

sanctuary. Can he make it? An interesting working man SF story.

Title: We Built This City

Writer: Marie Vibbert

Publication: *Clarkesworld* Date: June 2022

Word Count: 8510 Audio Version Available

Julia Lopez is a maintenance worker who keeps a Venusian floating city functioning. Her mother was one the cities builders and felt Julia should gone into a different career. Her coworkers are laid off which makes the job riskier. Can Julia and her coworkers unite and fight this? Will they get support? A labor story in space that present the issues that workers face.

Title: The Coward Who Stole God's Name

Writer: John Wiswell

Publication: *Uncanny* Date: May-June 2022

Word Count: 4459 Audio Version Available

Sam, a journalist, gets an exclusive interview with Gavin Davenport, the famous person in the world. When they meet, we find that there is more to Gavin than meets the eye. Can Sam get truth out and at what cost? A fascinating look at celebrity in the modern world with a SF twist.

Title: D.I.Y.

Writer: John Wiswell

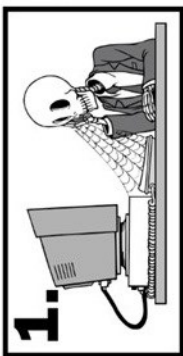
Publication: *Tor.com* Date: August 24, 2022

Word Count: 4886

Noah keeps trying to the Ozymandias Academy to learn magic. He is rejected and a drought is hurting his home city. Noah meets Manny online and they start to work on a solution to the drought. A great twist on the magic school. This is a story of finding your own way in the world by bypassing traditional institutions.

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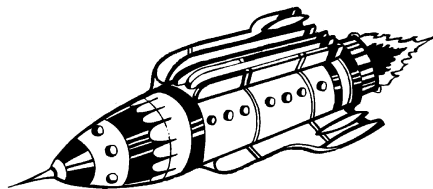
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