

Junie Moon

The Urth list — 3 messages, 2 voices, 14 Jun 2002

<https://urth.darkrealm.vip/thread/urth/3319>

Exported from an unofficial mirror of a public mailing list. Copyright in each message remains with the person who wrote it. Email addresses are obscured as `user at host`, the form the original archive published. This file was rebuilt from parsed fields rather than retained headers, so it is faithful in content but not byte-exact.

Fernando Q. Gouvea — 14 Jun 2002, 02:17

I just re-read Wolfe's "Has Anybody Seen Junie Moon", in the Moon Shots anthology edited by Peter Crowther. The story is a homage to R. A. Lafferty, and it refers to a Lafferty story about a small moon that orbits very close to the Earth's surface. I remember reading that story, but don't remember its title or where I read it. Can anyone help?

Thanks,

Fernando

Fernando Q. Gouvea
Department of Mathematics Editor, FOCUS and MAA Online
Colby College Mathematical Association of America
Waterville, ME 04901 <http://www.maa.org>
fqgouvea at colby.edu

=====

Reality is for people who lack imagination.

--

Alex David Groce — 17 Jun 2002, 16:09 · follows Fernando Q. Gouvea

I just re-read Wolfe's "Has Anybody Seen Junie Moon", in the Moon Shots anthology edited by Peter Crowther. The story is a homage to R. A. Lafferty, and it refers to a Lafferty story about a small moon that orbits very close to the Earth's surface. I remember reading that story, but don't remember its title or where I read it. Can anyone help?

It's "You Can't Go Back" in Iron Tears. One of Lafferty's better stories, which is saying a lot. While the intention was, I'm sure, all to the good, I think "Junie Moon"'s main virtue is in pointing out that imitation Lafferty just doesn't work.

"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32

--

Alex David Groce (agroce+ at cs.cmu.edu)
Ph.D. Student, Carnegie Mellon University - Computer Science Department
8112 Wean Hall (412)-268-3066
<http://www.cs.cmu.edu/~agroce>

--

Fernando Q. Gouvea — 17 Jun 2002, 16:43 · follows Alex David Groce

**** On Mon, 17 Jun 2002 12:09:49 -0400, you said:

I just re-read Wolfe's "Has Anybody Seen Junie Moon", in the Moon Shots anthology edited by Peter Crowther. The story is a homage to R. A. Lafferty, and it refers to a Lafferty story about a small moon that orbits very close to the Earth's surface. I remember reading that story, but don't remember its title or where I read it. Can anyone help?

Alex> It's "You Can't Go Back" in Iron Tears. One of Lafferty's better Alex> stories, which is saying a lot. While the intention was, I'm sure, Alex> all to the good, I think "Junie Moon"'s main virtue is in pointing Alex> out that imitation Lafferty just doesn't work.

To some extent, I agree, but I still enjoyed the story, both because it reminded me of the Lafferty (a pleasure in itself) and because of little touches, such as Junie (whose real name must be Juno) sending "Hercules" on his labors.

Fernando

Fernando Q. Gouvea
Department of Mathematics Editor, FOCUS and MAA Online
Colby College Mathematical Association of America
Waterville, ME 04901 <http://www.maa.org>
fqgouvea at colby.edu

=====

This is the way the world ends
This is the way the world ends
This is the way the world ends
Not with a bang but a whimper.
-- T. S. Eliot, The Hollow Men

--