

Full of Hot Air + +

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MBS 808 — 19 Feb 2003, 15:58

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Andy Robertson — 19 Feb 2003, 16:10 · follows MBS 808

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Josh Geller — 19 Feb 2003, 16:46 · follows Andy Robertson

On Wed, 19 Feb 2003, Andy Robertson wrote:

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Lafayette.

This is a great story, or prose poem or whatever it is exactly.

One of my very favorites.

My wife knows how to do Flash animation, and it has always been in the back of my mind to do an animated version of either this or Last Day, but so far the actual will to do so has eluded me. Perhaps some day.

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Michael Andre-Driussi — 19 Feb 2003, 16:35 · follows Josh Geller

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Oh probably.

Another good story.

Not, in my opinion, on the same level as 'Against The Lafayette Escadrille', but good.

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Jeff Veyera — 20 Feb 2003, 02:05 · follows Josh Geller

Actually, I just happened to have read it. It's called "Straw", from Storeys from the Old Hotel, about what would happen had the hot air balloon been invented in 500 AD.

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From: MBS 808 [mailto:mbs808 at yahoo.com]

Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2003 7:59 AM

To: urth at urth.net

Subject: (urth) Full of Hot Air + +

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