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Chapter 1 : The King Is Always Above the People: Stories by Daniel Alarcón

Feb 25, 2015 · There's a quiet moment in *Abraham Lincoln Has Been Shot* - one of the more ambitious stories in Daniel Alarcón's memorable new collection - when Hank, who is splitting up with his

This young man has taken the literary world by storm with this collection of stories. I have become a huge fan of his short story collections. These stories are fascinating, well crafted, interesting and odd. This is my wheelhouse and Alarcon is a very talented writer with a new and different perspective. Alarcon writes about men of color of Latin descent. That said, it seems as if the collection only has one voice. Honestly each story could have been about the same person at different points in his life. The circumstances varied but the emotional resonances were very similar. Basically these are stories of men who are disillusioned with their place in the world. And they are all dissatisfied or restless or uncomfortable about something in their lives. The dice have been rolled and they came up snake eyes. I need to believe that there is more for these men than the bitterness and melancholy presented here. Shows that it starts how the children start Identifies that environment is a large part of the equation in gang warfare. The emotional element here is a young man with a good heart is forced to do bad things to survive is jailed and comes out wanting to walk the straight and narrow. Young man from a rural town moves to the capital of an unnamed country to improve his fortunes. The capital has a brutality to it that is unnerving. There is no avenue for success for someone from a rural town. A story of a young man in search of a good narrative country boy does good in the city. Emotional element here is a near do well goes to the city to make his fortune leaving behind his pregnant girlfriend. Moves back home to crushed dreams and a questionable future. A story about success, and wealth, and heirs, and airs, and judgements and disappointments. Emotional element here is the man in the chair is the cousin of the dentist.. For me, this was the best story in the book. Mean people profit off of a 10 year old boy helping a blind man beg. His father put him there for half of the take. When they prove to be pulling in less money because the boy is too kempt, the blind man orchestrates a beating from the father that makes him more sympathetic. The boy catches on and upends the entire deal in a dramatic way. Emotional elements are the callous nature and the desperation of some people. All the characters are creating their own reality about the couple who had recently died by walking off a bridge. The brother of the blind male interpreter thinks the wife could see and killed the hubby. Another interpreter thinks he killed his wife. Grappling with loneliness, a visitor to the city gets mugged Man abandons his family and stumbles upon a village where through his ego, he is duped into sexual slavery. Often times different stories reach for different emotions. Tugs on different parts of the heart. This book was very emotionally focused on nostalgia, regrets, selfishness, hubris, conceit, entitlement, callousness and a strange self-awareness in the midst of self-absorption. There is a mostly unstated acknowledgement that things could be better if these men were better people. All of this assessing and a touch of self-pity makes for a lyrical yet slightly unpalatable experience. Beautifully written, poignant and gloomy. Reminiscent of Toni Morrison, and Jesmyn Ward, reading Alarcon is a brilliant, unsettling and craggy experience.

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Abraham Lincoln Has Been Shot by Daniel Alarcón We were talking, Hank and I, about how that which we love is so often destroyed by the very act of our loving it.

While most of these books are superb, these three were the standout short story collections. *What It Means When a Man Falls From the Sky* by Lesley Nneka Arimah There is something so unique and remarkable about this debut from prize winning Nigerian writer Lesley Nneka Arimah, that in a year of brilliant short story collections, it stands out on its own because of its sheer ingenuity. One of the best things about reading this electrifying debut is that because of the versatility of writing, you are never sure where Lesley will take her stories next. From surrealism to Southern Gothic and realism, the stories in this book seamlessly extend across different genres and styles. Every story is unique and the only common threads between the stories are that most of them are based in Nigeria and the US and that they are mostly about women and their complex yearnings. Often the stories start backwards, which, rather than killing the suspense, adds a sense of urgency and inevitability to the the narrative. From utopian parables to fables and horror grounded in psychological realism, Lesley has concocted a flavorful, mesmerizing collection of short stories. Most short story collections tend to get monotonous after a while, but *What It Means* rewards re-reading. This is an enchanting work of fiction which deftly tackles subjects both timeless and universal. These are stories about immigrants and wanderers in high stakes situations. Slyly political with a dark edge, these stories are dynamic, bleakly humorous and thoroughly engrossing. All the stories have strong political undertones, incisively tackling topics like violence, dictatorship, and immigration. This book is a masterclass in short story writing and explores isolation, redemption, and family loyalty with heart wrenching precision. **John Harrison Spoiler Alert:** Harrison is known to be genre-defying writer and his exhilarating originality is evident in this collection. He effortlessly takes unusual concepts and grounds them in concrete reality. The stories in his latest book are about existential dread, marital strife, and demands of modern life. From mordantly funny flash fiction to disorienting stories about regular people, Harrison juxtaposes the mundane with the bizarre, with utter disregard of convention. Here, the prisoner spends decades chipping away at the wall of his cell, only to find more walls behind it. Rather than being discouraged, this seems to spur him on as he continues to tirelessly work. The story ends with readers finding out that the door to his cell was unlocked and he could have walked out any time. Harrison has this uncanny ability to excavate the disturbing from the ordinary events of our life. With resolutely dry wit, the stories in this subversive collection are by turn strange, weird, and outlandish, while at the same time extremely humane.

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Abraham Lincoln has been shot / Daniel Alarcon: Bit forgive / Maile Chapman: End of narrative (; or) / Peter LaSalle: Kiss / Melora Wolff. Classifications.

Mary did return in November , and Lincoln courted her for a time; however, they both had second thoughts about their relationship. On August 16, , Lincoln wrote Mary a letter suggesting he would not blame her if she ended the relationship. She never replied and the courtship ended. Mary Todd Lincoln kept house, often with the help of a relative or hired servant girl. Edward died on February 1, , in Springfield, probably of tuberculosis. Abraham Lincoln suffered from "melancholy", a condition which now is referred to as clinical depression. Lincoln was close to the Todds, and he and his family occasionally visited the Todd estate in Lexington. In , at age 23, Lincoln and a partner Denton Offutt bought a small general store on credit in New Salem , Illinois. That March he began his political career with his first campaign for the Illinois General Assembly. He had attained local popularity and could draw crowds as a natural raconteur in New Salem, though he lacked an education, powerful friends, and money, which may be why he lost. He advocated navigational improvements on the Sangamon River. At his first speech, when he saw a supporter in the crowd being attacked, Lincoln grabbed the assailant by his "neck and the seat of his trousers" and threw him. Of his learning method, Lincoln stated: He won election to the state legislature; though he ran as a Whig , many Democrats favored him over a more powerful Whig opponent. He partnered with Stephen T. Logan from until Then Lincoln began his practice with William Herndon , whom Lincoln thought "a studious young man". He first articulated this in , saying, "[The] Institution of slavery is founded on both injustice and bad policy, but the promulgation of abolition doctrines tends rather to increase than abate its evils. House of Representatives, 1849 Lincoln in his late 30s as a member of the U. From the early s, Lincoln was a steadfast Whig and professed to friends in to be "an old line Whig, a disciple of Henry Clay". House of Representatives in , but was defeated by John J. However, Lincoln won support for the principle of rotation, whereby Hardin would retire after only one term to allow for the nomination of another candidate. Lincoln hoped that this arrangement would lead to his nomination in He was the only Whig in the Illinois delegation, but he showed his party loyalty by participating in almost all votes and making speeches that echoed the party line. Giddings , wrote a bill to abolish slavery in the District of Columbia with compensation for the owners, enforcement to capture fugitive slaves, and a popular vote on the matter. He abandoned the bill when it failed to garner sufficient Whig supporters. The war had begun with a Mexican slaughter of American soldiers in territory disputed by Mexico and the U. Polk insisted that Mexican soldiers had "invaded our territory and shed the blood of our fellow-citizens on our own soil". One Illinois newspaper derisively nicknamed him "spotty Lincoln". List of cases involving Abraham Lincoln Lincoln in Lincoln returned to practicing law in Springfield, handling "every kind of business that could come before a prairie lawyer". As a riverboat man, Lincoln initially favored those interests, but ultimately represented whoever hired him. The idea was never commercialized, but Lincoln is the only president to hold a patent. Barret, who had refused to pay the balance on his pledge to buy shares in the railroad on the grounds that the company had changed its original train route. The decision by the Illinois Supreme Court has been cited by numerous other courts in the nation. Based on this evidence, Armstrong was acquitted. Instead of holding Lincoln in contempt of court as was expected, the judge, a Democrat, reversed his ruling, allowing the evidence and acquitting Harrison. Slave and free states and Abraham Lincoln and slavery Lincoln in , the year of his debates with Stephen Douglas over slavery The debate over the status of slavery in the territories exacerbated sectional tensions between the slave-holding South and the North, and the Compromise of failed to defuse the issue. Douglas of Illinois proposed popular sovereignty as a compromise measure; the proposal would take the issue of slavery out of the hands of Congress by allowing the electorate of each territory to decide the status of slavery themselves. The proposal alarmed many Northerners, who hoped to stop the spread of slavery into the territories. I cannot but hate it. I

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hate it because of the monstrous injustice of slavery itself. I hate it because it deprives our republican example of its just influence in the world Reflecting the demise of his party, Lincoln would write in , "I think I am a Whig, but others say there are no Whigs, and that I am an abolitionist [Trumbull was an antislavery Democrat, and had received few votes in the earlier ballots; his supporters, also antislavery Democrats, had vowed not to support any Whig. As the elections approached, Lincoln abandoned the defunct Whig Party in favor of the Republicans. The convention platform asserted that Congress had the right to regulate slavery in the territories and called for the immediate admission of Kansas as a free state. Lincoln gave the final speech of the convention, in which he endorsed the party platform and called for the preservation of the Union. Lincoln strongly supported the Republican ticket, campaigning for the party throughout Illinois. The Democrats nominated former Ambassador James Buchanan , who had been out of the country since and thus had avoided the debate over slavery in the territories, while the Know Nothings nominated former Whig President Millard Fillmore. Though Lincoln did not himself win office, his vigorous campaigning had made him the leading Republican in Illinois. Lincoln denounced the Supreme Court decision in Dred Scott v. Sandford as part of a conspiracy to extend slavery. Eric Foner contrasts the abolitionists and anti-slavery Radical Republicans of the Northeast who saw slavery as a sin, with the conservative Republicans who thought it was bad because it hurt white people and blocked progress. Foner argues that Lincoln was a moderate in the middle, opposing slavery primarily because it violated the republicanism principles of the Founding Fathers , especially the equality of all men and democratic self-government as expressed in the Declaration of Independence. The opinion by Chief Justice Roger B. Taney held that blacks were not citizens and derived no rights from the Constitution. While many Democrats hoped that Dred Scott would end the dispute over slavery in the territories, the decision sparked further outrage in the North. Lincoln's Douglas debates and Cooper Union speech Douglas was up for re-election in , and Lincoln hoped to defeat the powerful Illinois Democrat. I believe this government cannot endure permanently half slave and half free. I do not expect the Union to be dissolvedâ€"I do not expect the house to fallâ€"but I do expect it will cease to be divided. It will become all one thing, or all the other. Lincoln warned that " The Slave Power " was threatening the values of republicanism, and accused Douglas of distorting the values of the Founding Fathers that all men are created equal , while Douglas emphasized his Freeport Doctrine , that local settlers were free to choose whether to allow slavery or not, and accused Lincoln of having joined the abolitionists. Douglas said that Lincoln was defying the authority of the U. Supreme Court and the Dred Scott decision.

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