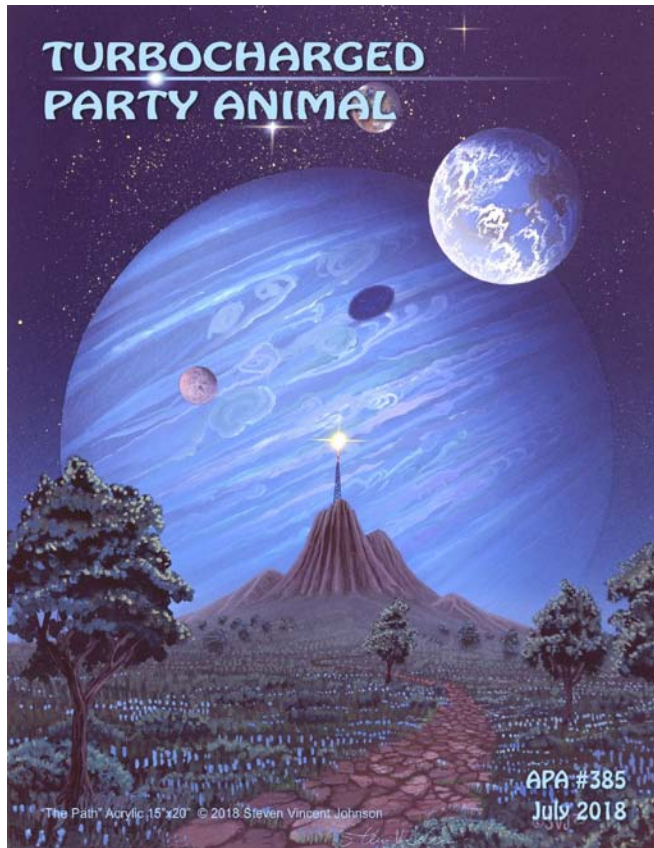


OrionWorks Sonova Quark

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About July's Cover

"The Path" Acrylic 15"x20" painted in 1979

The Path was painted at the beginning of my SF&F fan art career. There were many planets and planetary civilizations I wanted to paint. I kept visualizing civilizations inhabiting moons circling giant gas giants, like Jupiter. Lots of civilizations inhabiting double-star solar systems as well. When James Cameron's blockbuster film, *Avatar* came out decades later, it was interesting *deja vu*. The image has been a popular greeting card.

Or

Diverticulitis Strikes Back!

On July 13 Darlene drove me to urgent care due to extreme abdominal pain. I knew the symptoms. My last bout was back in May. This is the fourth encounter with the nasty condition. These inflammations are occurring with increasing frequency. I'm currently on AMOX-CLAV antibiotics. They are doing the trick. I want to know what the hell is triggering these painful flair-ups. Doctors haven't been helpful on that matter. Recent studies seem to indicate that previously suspected foods (nuts, seeds, popcorn and corn) are not necessarily the culprits. I'll have to wing it. It might have been the raw chopped up snow peas placed in my salad for dinner. I consumed them on two consecutive evenings. Too much raw roughage. Bye-bye snow peas! I'm scheduled for another colonoscopy in September. A CAT scan done on July 19 told me I have a mild form diverticulitis. Duh! Glad it wasn't diagnosed as a moderate case, or worse.

Or

Charm Under The Weather

Our cat Charm Has been developing some health issues that have been difficult to diagnose. She is what you would call a special needs cat. She develops crystals in her urine which means she needs to eat a special diet. The special food is more acidic, and she doesn't like it as much. Lately, it's been difficult to get her to eat it. She also has an enzyme deficiency which involves enzyme supplements. There's a lot of work involved in keeping her healthy. And she's not as healthy or as heavy as she should be right now. She's currently on a steroid and an antibiotic and a herbicide. Yes, you heard that right it, a herbicide. Probably complements of her being an outdoor cat PLUS Summer allergies, and/or a fungal reaction, and/or a parasite reaction. It's also possible that

she has developed asthma. Trying to cure her, trying to make her well has been a difficult long drawn out process. So far, it cost us over \$600 in the past week and we're still not out of the clear yet. But she is our Charm. Despite all the crap and burritoing we have been doing to her in order to force pills down her gullet, she still trusts us... well... after she gets over having been burritoed.

Or



Hi Andy! This is God talking.



Charm waiting patiently to ambush Zoey