

Mines of Behemoth By Michael Shea **Mines of Behemoth horror stories** They would suck the sap from the servants of the monstrous insectile queen — and they would bring back some of the ichor that she alone exuded — and they would be rich. **Book Mines of behemoth games** Mines of Behemoth For the British author of thrillers and non fiction see {site\_link} Michael Shea Michael Shea (1946 2014) was an American fantasy horror and science fiction author who lived in California. **PDF Mines of behemoth pdf** He was a multiple winner of the World Fantasy Award and his works include Niffth the Lean (1982) (winner of the World Fantasy Award) and The Mines of Behemoth (1997) (later republished together as The Incomplete Niffth 2000) as well as The ARak (2000) and In Yana the Touch of Undying (1985). **PDF Mines of behemoth band** For the British author of thrillers and non fiction see {site\_link} Michael Shea Michael Shea (1946 2014) was an American fantasy horror and science fiction author who lived in California. **Horror Mines of behemoth book** He was a multiple winner of the World Fantasy Award and his works include Niffth the Lean (1982) (winner of the World Fantasy Award) and The Mines of Behemoth (1997) (later republished together as The Incomplete Niffth 2000) as well as The ARak (2000) and In Yana the Touch of Undying (1985). **Book Mines of behemoth pdf** Shea's combination of quick pacing his awe-inspiring command of the English language and the endless horrors he transports from his mind to paper so well make THE MINES OF BEHEMOTH an intensely imaginative work. **Book Mines of behemoth band** Shea is often compared to Lovecraft and Vance but he uses their influence as a mere starting point in his fiction; he might be several streets up from either of them mostly because they're so old school. **Book Mines of behemoth free** 256 I couldn't wait to read this once I discovered it was a sequel to Niffth the Lean one of my favorite books of all time but it took a little getting into and I wasn't sure if I liked this version of Niffth as much; he is much darker more malevolent Niffth I don't know if it was because we were only granted short glimpses into his life in the first book and now his flaws are exposed in a full length novel. **Science Fiction Fantasy Mines of behemoth band** Герои успевают подоить муравьиную царицу размером с небольшую гору верхом на муравье-фуражире путешествуют в ад (где между делом выясняют что страшное царство всемогущих демонов — всего лишь ничтожное звено в пищевой цепочке) пытаются добыть эликсир полета а в свободную минуту всячески хитрят и обманывают работодателей которые н♦♦правили их в этот титанический лабиринт. **Kindle Mines of behemoth flyff** Книга более цельная чем Niffth the Lean характеры героев изображены сочнее юмор еще чернее идеи еще безумнее от плот твистов временами отваливается челюсть финал просто прекрасен своей античной красотой. **Mines of Behemoth epub file** Niffth and Barnar not quite Fafhrd and the Gray Mouser start to look back on their lives and feel that time is starting to run out on performing works that would net them immortality in legend. **Mines of Behemoth pdf book** It is obvious from its onset that this will eventually be his downfall and the reader (this reader) is put into the position of talking to the book—No stupid! Take what you have and get out of there!. **Book Mines of behemoth 2** As in Niffth the Lean it follows the latest get-rich-quick scheme of the titular thief and his comrade Barnar Hammerhand in this case their attempts to kickstart a failing mine owned by Barnar's greedy but inept nephew Costard. **Book Mines of behemoth 2** The mine in question is a 'sap mine' directly situated above a nest of behemoths giant ants from whose bodies the precious sap is extracted and who act as a sort of barrier between the human world and the demonic sub-realms which they scour for food. **Book Mines of behemoth 2** This is all a really interesting set-up and Shea uses the bulk of the novel exploring this fascinating ecology and the ways in which its various denizens (including humankind itself) interact to survive and thrive. **Horror Mines of behemoth book** It's a perfect example that great world-building doesn't need to involve an epic canvas but can be just as effectively developed on a smaller scale providing sufficient attention is paid to the complex dynamics of enough competing elements. **Book Mines of behemoth free** The camaraderie between Niffth and Barnar never approaches the level of say Fritz Leiber's Fafhrd and the Gray Mouser or even Moorcock's Elric and Moonglum and many of the secondary characters rarely rise above the two-dimensional. **Mines of Behemoth pdf filler** 256 In which Niffth the Northron and Barnar the Chilite travel to help Barnar's feckless nephew(? well relative at some close remove; and

he is in fact entirely lacking in feck) who's been mismanaging a sap mine. **Horror Mines of behemoth book** A bit of explanation is required: Niff's world is old and rotten and riddled with holes (or subworlds) like a wormy apple; and most of those subworlds are in fact full of feculent demonic life (SEE: The previous story The Fishing of the Demon Sea) that would like nothing more than to burst forth onto the surface and do terrible things to us; terrible things. **Mines of Behemoth pdf filler** But they're kept in check by a sort of terrestrial subcutaneous colony of giant insect-like creatures (the Behemoths in question); and people being people someone figured out that you could in fact descend into Behemothic caverns and drain some of the grubs to extract Sap a substance of great value and multifarious uses. **Science Fiction Fantasy Mines of behemoth band** It's not a pleasant task -- the caverns are hot and the Behemothic life forms seem to start at about the size of a Greyhound bus and go upwards from there; and would have no compunction about treating human interlopers the same way they treat demons (i. **Book Mines of behemoth band** with lots of rending and eating) but if you paint your entire body and clothing and appurtenances orange then you should be safe because the Behemoths' eyes cannot perceive light of that particular wavelength. **Horror Mines of behemoth book** Anyway so Niff and Barnar suitably dyed find themselves lowered into the caverns to take over running of the sap mines and of course they have a few other plans as to how they might be able to make some extra cash on the side and of course complications ensue. **Mines of Behemoth ebooks air** Unlike the original Niff the Lean this is a single full-length novel and honestly? It's almost a bit too much to take endlessly grotesquely rich and inventive; but I was still very happy to spend more time with everybody's favorite Northron and Chilite. **Book Mines of behemoth flyff** Unlike any other book I have read I really felt like I went on an adventure here to the point where I was almost exhausted by the end as if I had been right there with Niff and Barnar. **Mines of Behemoth ebook 256** A couple years ago I wrote a piece on the similarities and differences between old-school Heroic Fantasy (essentially the same as Sword and Sorcery I guess) and the new wave of relativist materialist fantasy that the time was mostly called Grimdark but now has thankfully transcended that label. **Horror Mines of behemoth book** The crux of the matter is that while both waves share a focus on factional conflict and material well-being as opposed to universal moral precepts only one of them is actually interested in those things. **Book Mines of behemoth free** So on one hand Mines of Behemoth is kind of a dream come true - its worldbuilding is deeply ecological on practically every level and composed from arthropods geology and parasitology - but since it's a Sword and Sorcery book it's barely recognizable as an attempt at good fiction. **Mines of Behemoth kindle books** How I would love a real book in this world! It has a kind of anime fantasy premise not about the subtle differences between a bunch of kingdoms but instead built around a really big premise. **EPub Mines of behemoth** But that conflict is now mediated by a species of giant ants which eat the demons and metabolize them into a kind of nutrient that humans can extract and use as a source of energy. **Book Mines of behemoth free** This is already a super cool premise - I like to think about a fantasy society where humans have to deal with a single species that is rang on them but this is even cooler because there are two societies in tension with each other with this third party shaping all those interactions. **Book Mines of behemoth 2** It's not clear how long the Behemoths have been around; people talk as if there is a time and memory that humans and humans interacted without them but on the other hand they have been around long enough that an enormous ecology of parasitoids inquilines ecto-parasites hyper-parasites commensals and predators have evolved to exploit the opportunities they create. **Mines of Behemoth booker** Many of these are classed as demons and the demons are also described is somewhat insectlike so it's not clear if these might not in fact all just be branches of the same clade. **PDF Mines of behemoth flyff** The job requires them to learn about the senses and behaviors of the species itself how all the castes interact their developmental biology and what it's actually like to move around inside their nests. **Book Mines of behemoth band** Of the stress the protagonists motivations more in a bit but one of them is strongly committed to three for staying his homeland and frequently fantasizes about how the treasure their obtaining will allow him to pay for the teams of specialists needed to manage species of animal necessary to fertilize the unique trees that one-

stroke the economy of his people. **Mines of Behemoth book review** But the conflict between these two scenarios is the only point of distinction between the two; on every point at every moment of thought will occur to one and they will look to see that the other has already acted on the same thought or state it and find they agree. **PDF Mines of behemoth book** Moreover the dreams they have for using their treasure doesn't inform their personality in the moment at all (a good reminder that the function of these dreams in characterization is to say something about the character that the real meaning is deeper than the appearance). **Mines of Behemoth horror stories** Their motivation is simple greed and while it pushes them to some feats of daring it also prevents them from expressing any kind of kindness generosity or curiosity about any single thing in the world or person that isn't immediately mercenary. **Book Mines of behemoth pdf** It's not clear to me why this choice was made; it's incredibly boring and saps any sense of long-term narrative interest and doesn't seem to have been aimed at any commentary on the ills of greed or anything like that. **Book Mines of behemoth pdf** The fact that the demons sweat gold and bleed gemstones or whatever especially reminded me that all this intricate ecology was just created in service to the shallow avarice of Sword and Sorcery. **Horror Mines of behemoth book** It's all just so cheap and boring! The stark juxtaposition of this kind of storytelling in this kind of setting is the greatest example I could imagine of the difference between so-called "nihilism" and true postmodernism in fantasy.

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Niff the Lean and his companion-at-arms Barnar Hammer-Hand were often lucky. **Book Mines of behemoth 2** Enroute to working Costard's sap mine — very dangerous and sometimes nauseating work far below ground — they were shipwrecked. **Book Mines of behemoth band** But this proved fortuitous when they met Bunt who had been seeking just such as they, **Book Mines of behemoth 2** If they would work the sap mine but also bring back twenty gills of fluid he would make them exceedingly wealthy, **EPub Mines of behemoth** Of course the best laid plans sometimes do go a little astray, **Book Mines of behemoth 2** {site\_link} It ain't fair THE MINES OF BEHEMOTH gets short shrift in the Niff canon. **Science Fiction Fantasy Mines of behemoth andreas** The novel is an almost calisthenic display of the imagination, **PDF Mines of behemoth labs** I felt like I was riding on the back of one of those giant ants hurtling along at 100 mph, **Book Mines of behemoth labs** I'm sure Clive Barker influenced Shea too both deliver the visceral goods writing eloquently while doing so, **Book Mines of behemoth definition** MINES rivals 'Fishing of the Demon-Sea' as far as I'm concerned as the best of Niff. **Mines of Behemoth horrortale** I'd ask are you scared it might bite you but there's no telling what grisly beastie will slither out of the cracks of a Michael Shea story: **PDF Mines of behemoth pdf** The story revolving around milking Behemoths (titanic creatures who feed on demon-kind) is good and soon in typical Niff fashion becomes convoluted with schemes. **Science Fiction Fantasy Mines of behemoth band** This journey into the demon filled underworld was a highlight and did the amazing job of being even better than the first trip down in Niff the Lean, **Mines of Behemoth kindle reader** 256 Еще одна история из жизни беспринципного вора Ниффта и его друга Барнара: **EPub Mines of behemoth labs** На этот раз не новелла а полноценный роман, **Mines of Behemoth horrortale** Практически все действие книги происходит в бесконечных подземных муравейниках но скучать не приходится. **Mines of Behemoth horrortale** Похождения с оторванной головой демона — вообще материал для отдельной книги. **Science Fiction Fantasy Mines of behemoth band** Thieves of world renown they may be still Niff and Barnar feel the perils of avarice, **Book Mines of behemoth labs** Kind of a tough slog but I found Shea's use of language very compelling, **Book Mines of behemoth 2** 256 Like Niff the Lean this book is full of creative monsters clever dialogue and adventures in the subworld: **Book Mines of behemoth free** This is the fourth Michael Shea book that I've read and I see now that I'm going to have to track down the rest of his work: **Mines of Behemoth pdf** Even if I have to pay too much for beat-up used paperbacks: **Book Mines of behemoth pdf** 256 This is one

of those books that contains so much to write about here that I have to carefully pick and choose what things to mention. **Mines of Behemoth epub.pub** Both feel that the potentially ample rewards of this adventure pooled together may fund one such great thing. **Book Mines of behemoth labs** But whose? Each feels that the other has reneged on the oath sworn to complete his pet quest: **Mines of Behemoth kindle app** This drives a wedge between the two that can only fester. **Book Mines of behemoth** It is made worse by a creeping petty avarice that consumes both adventurers which Niffit in narration casts as reasonableness fooling nobody. **Book Mines of behemoth 2** Just this characterization in itself is wonderful: a man who does not understand why everyone around him reacts with disgust to his miserly behavior. **Book Mines of behemoth andreas** The situation that Niffit and Barnar find themselves is plot ingenuity itself: **Book Mines of behemoth games** A family obligation puts them to work at a sap mine where mine workers harvest the ichor of vast grublike beings who themselves predate on subworld demons, **Mines of Behemoth horror stories** These temporary laborers of course manage to turn this limited gratis employment into the opportunity for vast profit and catastrophic adventure: **Book Mines of behemoth** I don't remember any other sword and sorcery story that starts with the principals assisting a wayward nephew regain his business. **Science Fiction Fantasy Mines of behemoth band** 256 This is one of the best S&S novels I've ever read a splendidly inventive tale told with humor and great gusto, **Book Mines of behemoth labs** It is down to Niffit and Barnar to brave the dangers of the nest and come back with enough sap to fulfil Costard's contractual obligations, **Horror Mines of behemoth book** But the lure of the subworld and its fields of infinite riches soon draw them deeper than they ever thought to go: **Book Mines of behemoth free** Shea lavishes so much attention on the world-building that characterisation often takes a backseat. **Book Mines of behemoth definition** On the plus side Niffit is such a powerful and engrossing narrative voice that it's easy to ignore these occasionally flat moments in the overall sweep of the story. **Horror Mines of behemoth game** 256 Michael Shea totally understood the spirit of sword and sorcery unlike any other modern author, **Horror Mines of behemoth labs** When reading the Niffit books for example I feel like I'm in the middle of a living Frank Franzetta painting: **Book Mines of behemoth flyff** When coming up with this insane shit he must have had smoke coming out of his ears as he furiously wrote it down in blood: **Book Mines of behemoth pdf** The other seems pathologically disinterested in everything except the narrowest conception of adventure, **Mines of Behemoth horror stories** There are humans on the surface of the planet then demons living deep underground and they're in internal conflict or something. **EPub Mines of behemoth free** On the other hand the demons are implied to have a complex lifecycle more akin to a fungus or a parasitic worm, **Book Mines of behemoth labs** A decent chunk of the story is dedicated to just touring this ecosystem and its relationships. **EPub Mines of behemoth free** This is achieved by making the protagonists take on a job mining sap from the Behemoth larvae: **Horror Mines of behemoth book** It's a great example of how posing ecological tasks justifies showing off ecological worldbuilding experientially: **Book Mines of behemoth games** It also extends to some extent up to the surface exploring the uses of sap how its price fluctuates etc, **Mines of Behemoth horror stories** But this isn't even the limit of how important ecology seems to be in the imagination of this world: **Mines of Behemoth horror stories** That to me shows an above and beyond level of interest in environmental history from the author's perspective, **Book Mines of behemoth** I could go on nerding out about how theoretically cool this world is for a while obviously, **Horror Mines of behemoth book** The problem is that while Shea is obviously interested in this stuff on some level the book is incapable of doing anything more than basically stating it, **Horror Mines of behemoth book** The prose is indulgently ornamented with fancy and unusual words but it rarely seems to even try creating any kind of immersion. **Mines of Behemoth book 2** The two main characters might actually be worse than any of the other barbarians that populate this worthless subgenre: **Mines of Behemoth epub file** Both of them have clearly envisioned dream scenarios things they would like to accomplish with their life. **Book Mines of behemoth 2** I'll also say that I didn't find the flavor of the world outside of the abstracts outlines of its ecology particularly imaginative. So it was settled. It seemed relatively easy. They

wouldn't have to go to hell at all for instance. So go ahead and try it you just might like it. Поставил бы 6/5 если б мог. 256 So well written and amazing. Also so very very weird. Glad I read it. Or for that matter with whaling giant insect larvae. Things are of course not that simple. The novel is not without its weak points.e. With Mines of Behemoth he cranks it up to 11.It's such a shame that things have to be this way. It makes things a lot more complex and dynamic. They might as well be the same person. Nor do they have any other characterization. 256

