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It was originally published in the October 31, 1994 issue of The New Yorker. In 1995, he won the World Fantasy Award and the O. Henry Award for best short film. In 1997, it was published in the six stories limited edition collection. In 2002, it was included in King's collection, Everything's Eventual. King described the play as a tribute to the story of Nathaniel Hawthorne Young Goodman Brown. He also states that the story evolved from one his friend told him, in which his friend told him him his friend told him. The Man in the Black Suit tells the story of Gary, a nine-year-old boy whose brother died a short time ago from a bee sting. One day, Gary went fishing and fell asleep. When he wakes up, he gets scared to discover a bee sitting on the edge of his nose. Although Gary doesn't share his brother's allergy to them, he's still scared. Suddenly, he hears a clap and the bee is dead. Turning around, Gary discovers a man with burning eyes hovering over him. Dressed in a black three-piece suit, the man — whose body odor smells like burned heads — tells Gary terrible things: that his mother died while he was away, that his father intends to molest him, that he (the man) intends to eat him. At first, Gary doesn't believe him, he makes his escape. However, the man in the black suit swallows the whole fish and chases Gary to the outskirts of the forest. When Gary thinks he's lost him, he sees the man right behind him. Throwing his fishing rod at the man, Gary runs deeper into the woods. At home, Gary meets his mother in the kitchen. Gary realizes that the things the man said were false. Even so, he's haunted by the incident for the rest of his long life. The is narrated by Gary, looking at from his perspective as an elderly man. He is haunted by his belief that he escaped the devil by sheer luck or his own intelligence. As the story nears its end, we discover that he is frightened by the idea of his death approaching and the possibility of a second encounter with the man in a black suit. Gary knows he won't be able to esand him or run away from him in old age. Short film adaptation The book was adapted into a short film in 2004, with actor/writer and comedian John Viener in the lead role. See also the short fiction bibliography of Stephen King External References links The Man in the Black Suit on IMDb Stephen King Short Films Recovered from Story Collection in March 2002 Anthology Unknown 2011 Comments Share The Man in the Black Suit is a short story written by Stephen King. The story was originally published in the October 31, 1994 issue of The New Yorker, and subsequently won the 1995 World Fantasy Award for Best Short Film and the 1996 O. Henry Award. The story was later included in King's 1997 collection, Six Stories, as well as his 2002 everything's eventual collection. Summary The story tells about Gary, a nine-year-old boy whose brother had died shortly before due to a bee sting. One day Gary went fishing and fell asleep. When he wakes up, he discovers that a bee is hovering near his face. Due to the allergy he shared with his brother he is very scared, but then he hears a clap and the bee dies. He turns around and discovers a man in a black three-piece suit, as described in the story, bright and burning eves, as if there was a fire inside him, hovering over him, with pale skin and claws for his fingers, and horrible, sharp, shark-like teeth when he smiles. The man — whose body odor smells like burned heads — tells Gary terrible things; that his mother died while he was away, and that the man intends to eat him. Gary doesn't believe it at first, but soon realizes that this man is really the devil, and makes his escape by throwing his caught fish at the stranger; he then flees as the creature swallows the entire fish and chases the boy to the outskirts of the forest. The things the man said were false, but Gary is still haunted by the incident for the rest of his life. Gary tells the story from his perspective as a terrified old man. He is haunted by his belief that he only escaped the devil by sheer luck or his own ability. At the end of the possibility of death. Will he go to God, to whom has he prayed his whole life? Or will the man in the Black Suit come back to take him away now that he's too old to run away from him again? Adaptations The story adapted for a short film in 2004. Community content is available in CC-BY-SA unless noted otherwise. Top ratings The latest top ratings sad to say, in the long run, I was not impressed with The Man in the Black Suit. The synopsis says it all. And by that, I mean really -- everything interesting about this book is in the synopsis. The synopsis with the promise of an intrigue set in Paris and revolving around the arts aroused my curiosity. I'm equally curious and cautious about any book set in my city, and although accurately described, it seemed a lot like tourists from Paris just want to read about. Personally, I'm over it, but I understand that I'm sad to say that, in the long run, I wasn't impressed with The Man in the Black Suit. The synopsis with the promise of an intrigue set in Paris and revolving around the arts aroused my curiosity. I'm equally curious and cautious about any book set in my city, and although accurately described, it seemed a lot like tourists from Paris just want to read about. Personally, I got over it, but I understand the appeal to readers interested in visiting or intrigued by Paris. Eu really thought I had a winner on my hands when I started The Man in the Black Suit. I felt enchanted and intrigued by the hero and the mystery that surrounded him. His presence so dominant and imposing, I was literally overwhelmed by his persona. So much so that I devoured more than a third of this book only driven by my desire, my need to find out who the Man in the Black Suit was and how deep his connections ran, how he seems to be... Almighty. I appreciated how fierce and independent the heroine was. Acacia Santos was a woman and I especially enjoyed seeing her intelligently against power and wealth in any form that appeared. Strong and motivated, she was honorable and honest. Veiled suspicions, tension and pranks were delivered with enthusiasm and I had fun in it. I didn't care, so as the invented things led Acacia to associate with the hero, it seemed like everything she needed to hear to be reassured and encouraged on her journey as associates could be arranged by The Man in the Black Suit. Whatever it takes, Nicholas Cassirer can make it happen! I know, fiction work, I should suspend all disbelief and follow the flow, but it was very difficult for me to keep my skepticism at bay. Man had more power than all european leaders united! Forget Jason Bourne, James Bond and people like them. Nicholas' life and technological resources were a legend. I got tired — and paranoid — of his team sweeping everywhere for microphones and recording devices. I don't believe Tom Clancy himself could have dreamed of a more resourceful and capable hero. Despite all that has happened and against Acacia a better judgment — as had secrets of her own, she took a leap of faith and agreed to follow Nicholas in his quest against art thieves. Follows absurdity after absurd nonsense no-problem and I lost any concern I had for the main plot or enthusiasm to open The Man in the Black Suit. Then the novel happened. Instantly. Out of the blue. And it all took an unexpected turn for me. I had no care for the insta-love that the author tried to show without taking any care to build around it. I had this unmistakable feeling about it. The lack of connection between Acacia and Nicholas prevented me from believing that something serious was at work —and yet the hero began early to make dolls of French affections as if addressing a lover of many years. His tone in addressing the heroine seemed so patronizing that it was disturbing. Perhaps for someone who does not understand French, they can be received as beautiful, sweet and a proof of their affections. For me, however, this just reinforced my opinion about a novel to show with very little substance and no meaning. His love read as formulated, the novel was tacky, which was not helped in any way by the use of sweet French finger. It was too much and was not appropriate for his level of trust and intimacy. I must point out that i wouldn't have the first idea of how to translate it for you, it's such a ridiculous and annoying word in French, but if you can think of the cheesiest and cheesive word to address a lover, a word used by unrefined people, then that would be the word. Details you'll say. Probably. You killed his character for me. What I liked early about heroin also started to annoy me. I like an independent woman, but you can accept help and stay true to yourself. She couldn't decide what she wanted, help Nicholas, work for him, trust him, accept his money, refuse his money, refuse his money, be his mistress, accept his friendship, go back to Paris—where she is well aware that the bad guys are waiting for her—, keep running away... The list goes on and turns and then rotates in a circle. She seemed to look for non-existent problems when they glready had their fair share of unresolved business to take care of. Aggravating! But wait, what were they going after in the first place? Last but not least, as if Nicholas' enemies around the world weren't enough, we're graced by layers of the heroine's super-secret revelations. I'm not going to divulge them, but I'll tell you this: big eye-roll. Especially since you gave the heroine a reason to create one more... non-question about hers and Nicholas's different upbringing. Sigh.My interest already in the decline, somewhere along the 50% mark I lost what little remained of it as it became clear to me that the main intention of the author was to make me travel and make a show his erudite skills with words, new places and acquisition of new knowledge on various subjects, but the pedantic demonstration of knowledge launched in this book failed to awaken my curious nature. Quite the contrary, actually. The author's prose was what I would call strangely private. It seemed pleasantly different from what I'm used to at first, but it became increasingly tiring and Dare I say... pretentious to read. I wondered if Sylvain Reynard was French, or what his native language was. The way he constructs sentences, his sentence seemed slanted at times, wordy and not something I'm familiar with. It takes a while to adapt to her writing, and I had to re read it a few sentences many times to get their meaning right. It was also confusing how the third-person narrative referred to Nicholas as the guest whenever he was in the hotel building. I would have understood that from someone on the team, say, the heroine... But no, a third-person narrative referring to characters in any way other than their names or pronouns is simply strange. I don't think I've ever read anything like this before. A few statements here and there made absolutely no sense to me: She inspected the shampoo in the shower. The Arabic and French label stated that it had been made in Morocco. Morocco. Of course she had no idea where she was in Morocco because... the labels say that the product was made in this country. I'm glad anyone who owns this bathroom belongs to local stores because according to the label on the shower gel sitting in my shower, I'm currently in Germany. Not in France, Interesting logic. To conclude, I was excited by the premise and enjoyed the setting, but many things happening at once and my inability to get used to the author's long-term writing as well as ruined characters made me struggle to enjoy the story after the first half. I received an early review copy in exchange for my reviews and lectures of books in: You can find me here also :... more Page 22