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chore by itself. The troll, I found, had whacked its ugly head into the wall upon falling and a corner of the old armor--wow, they made that stuff strong, I thought--was sticking out of its back. For good measure, I stuck my sword into the neck of the troll, and that was that.

Footsteps finally got closer, but by the

time they found me, I was standing proudly over a dead body, cleaning my sword with a handkerchief. Liza and Nethane, who'd come with the others, grinned.

"Bravo!" said the king admiringly, squinting at the sword Grampa had left me. "That's an antique, you know."

## CONVERGENCE

by David Landrum

Dull boy, but dutiful, Prince Caspian  
Learned war and statecraft. Yet his mind was drawn  
To myths and stories of the era when  
Dwarf, dryad, centaur, maenad, elf and faun,  
And talking beast, roamed in mead and dale  
And woods of Narnia; when branch and limb  
Would rise and take on forms of birch-girls pale  
And green-haired willow-women, sad and slim.  
These things were not united, till the night  
He saw Tarva and Alambil align  
And fill the Narnian sky with flaming light  
From two stars joining, making heaven shine.  
That night his heart and mind blazed: conjunction  
Of reasoning with imagination.