

MOUNTEBANK

three wheels, suited for sand, and something that's a cross between a rubber-band drive and a area. Therefore, in accordance with Bylaw 9(c), Section XII, of the Revised Federal Communications Act. And so passed the day. In the HaU of the Martian Kings. (Dhalgren, Triton, et cetera) and one of the field's more thoughtful critics (The Jewel-Hinged Jaw: decide on a second Inundation, you can rest assured that it will be of such dimensions. Selene hung up the phone. "She's gone." "See?" she said. "Cinderella B. Johnson. It was my mother's idea. My mother had a really weird. I smiled. "Hello, I'm Bert Mallory. I just moved in to number five. Miss Nesbitt tells me you like to. He shrugged. "No idea." was beginning to get the idea he was trying to play Doctor Watson to my Sherlock Holmes. The Brewster ran heavily in the red, but Birdie didn't mind. She had quite a bit of property in Westwood which ran very, very heavily in the black. She gave me an obscene leer as I approached the desk, but her good eye twinkled. 3. A poem embodying several important long-range economic forecasts. you. What spell had brought them there, deep in the wood, neither could recall. The woods, the meadow, the clearing, the deer hide, the cottage door were all they knew. Tm not disturbing you, am I? I heard the typewriter." The room was indeed identical to mine, though it looked a hundred per cent more livable. I couldn't put my finger on what he had done to it to make it that way. Maybe it was just the senudarkness. He had the curtains tightly closed and one lamp lit beside the typewriter. hard-and-fast, totally objective rules, the editor could hire anyone to do it and pay a lot less than he has. "Right," said Ed, nodding more vigorously. "But I liked what you were saying about cars. That made. never gets around to carving out a straight line or a perfect arc. Hie human encampment below him broke up the jagged lines of the rocks with regular angles and curves. measured for a mummy case. I showed her my ID, and asked if I could speak to her about one of the. Science: Clone, Clone of My Own by Isaac Asimov. wind tossed about in Amos? red hair and scurried in and out of his rags. Sitting on the railing of the ship. "What are you talking about?" "I wish you wouldn't take that attitude, Mr. Riordan," said Jason in a tone of sincere regret "We do. John Varley's first story for F&Sf was "Picnic on Nearside" in 1974. Since then, he has earned a reputation as one of sfs most exciting new storytellers through such work as "Retrograde Summer/* "The Black Hole Passes," "In the Bowl" (Best from F&SF, 22nd series) and his first novel, Titan. This story was another Nebula award nominee. "I mean it." Plain for the likes of us. We spread out all over. North and south and east and west. I went south. Right. The cause of this high morale rests with one programmer in our department, Morris Hazeldorf, the. "I had to catch you before you started following that tiresome woman with the car." "You might," said Amos. But though his heart was with Jack, he still felt a good spirit was important to keep up. "But we might see it a lot more clearly from the top of this mountain," But as he said it, the last light of the moon winked out. Now even the stars were gone, and the blackness about them was complete. But as they turned to seek shelter in the rising wind, Amos cried, "There's a light!". "This is no game." group finds their instruments in the familiar darkness. The crowd is already going crazy. smug. She tossed her suitcase in the back seat and slid up against me. She smelled like sunshine. Compared to the chill of the air, the water felt boiling hot. The heat drew out the last of my anger, though. door that Amos had not seen. The grey man pulled it open, tossed in the ruby, and slammed it quickly. "Do you know-I still can't believe it. This is my license: that's really incredible." The grey man took the third piece of mirror to his cabin, but he was too ill to fit the fragments together. So he put the last piece on top of the trunk, swallowed several aspirins, and lay down. Ninety. "Where is the third mirror hidden?" asked Amos. The knife turned toward her own chest. Selene's hand leaped to Intercept, closing on Amanda's wrist. another form, giving more details. Fortunately he'd brought the data the computer wanted, so he was able. by THOMAS M. DISCH. "And this was obviously such a time," said Hidalgo, "for you are back now and we are to be. Q: What is Hellstrom always scratching? (Similarly from others). Brother Hart lay on their straw bed. When he looked up at her, Hinda could not bear the twin. stopped and turned to face me. "I'll have to ask you for a favor. Mandy doesn't know about my practice." "I really do." Examples of sf titles that have been retranslated back into English after. told me what you and your nearest and dearest friend expect to find in the mirror." I Am Crying, Said the Policeman, PHILIP K. DICK. "You've heard of the long-period Martian seasonal theories? Well, part of it is more than a theory. Samuel R. Deltaty. rve known the question would come, though I hadn't known who'd articulate it? her or me. My hesitation stretches much longer in my head than it does in realtime. So much passion, Rob. . . . It seems to build. Would you kill for me? "Yes," I say. Park, Old Buddy, when your message appeared on my display screen, I was just sitting down to send. "Name it." Q: Who is that peeking out of a manila envelope in the slush pile? A: The Mote in God's Eye. "Um hmmm." She stretched, dug her knuckles fiercely into her eyes, and smoothed her hair back. predilection for gas-pump jockeys, car-wash boys, and parking-lot attendants. I guess it had something. "Bert, do that again." peered in. Several people at the back stood up and started clapping. The applause spread and turned into a standing ovation. Congreve grinned unabashedly to acknowledge the enthusiasm, stood for a while as the applause continued, and then grasped the sides of the podium again. "Sir," I say, "there's nothing we can do here. We're just going to have to return home and let Earth. Hinda stood at the door and raised her hand to shade her eyes. The last she saw of him was the flash. Stone 85. swamp. The first piece is at the bottom of a luminous pool in the center. But it is so grey there that the. Dame Fortune had become so well-disposed to him that he got his third endorsement (though in. word and knowing what it represents can be two different things. So let's go into the matter-The word. are her present passion, leave. I drove home reflecting what pleasant and restful company she was. A man could do far worse. case, he went back and locked the trunk tightly. a ... a headstone, a monument. It's growing right here in the graveyard, from the bodies of our friends. From Competition 19: SF limericks. The back of his shirt was churning. The scream continued, hurting my ears. Rips appeared in the

shirt. Edward L. Ferman to us. We'll write it down on paper, but I can give you a general rundown." He counted off the points on. Something perverse doesn't let me drop it now. "So you grew up alone." wheelhouse. Minutes later he was back with a bright costume: the sleeves were green silk with blue and. "Have you seen a doctor? A real one?" Wednesday morning I made a dozen phone calls. Of the nine victims I knew about, I was able to find the information on six.. yourself growing in her womb, first a red tadpole, then a thing like an embryo chicken, then a big-headed. Pramatica by Samuel R. Delany 243. When Amos woke up, he was lying on the floor of the ship's brig inside the cell, and Jack, in his underwear? for the sailors had jumped on him when he came back in the morning and given the jailor back his clothes? was trying to wake him up.. VII. arrow, you guys with all the bread will be the first ones up the ladder." making the place look like a pastel oilfield.. Caro rolled her eyes. Before she could express her opinion of running out of town on a working day,, a small defiance, shrugged his eyebrows. "Sure, but there's not much I can tell you." I became aware of the wind. It was blowing steadily up from the south. I could smell the sea in it. I moved in enough clothes for three days, some sheets and pillows, took another look at the kitchen. seventeen hundred; a double, a round four thousand. Jason said he could arrange an introduction at that. came, Nolan knew.. The sailors gathered on the deck of the ship just as the sun began to set, and the grey man put one. 61. "No way," she says. "He didn't and he won't. He doesn't like what I do." I can't think of anything to. Now one day in late spring, Brother Hart had gone as usual to the lowland meadows leaving Hinda. Subject: Admission to Commonwealth of Zorph His Imperial Majesty, Ruler of Zorphdom and the Greater Galaxy, The Middle Claw of Justice in the Universe, Benefactor of all Sentient Beings, does hereby proclaim that your planet, Solus HI, has been admitted to the Commonwealth of Zorph as a Status V member. As a member in this privileged class, you will be expected to pay tribute in measure of your standing. The requisite payment for your Corporation is twelve ingots of gold of 100-kilogram weight per week. These should be placed on the roof of the Megalo Corporation Headquarters for pickup by Zorph shuttle craft. Failure to comply with this order will result in immediate penalties, including criminal trials of your leaders. Address all subsequent messages to Message Central for relay to the Zorph commandship assigned to your sector.. my nose. He was dark, though not as dark as I'd expected, I couldn't place his ancestry. It certainly. I was sorry to hear. There are such things as identical triplets and quadruplets, but I doubt that any higher number of infants would survive long after birth without the advantages of modern medical technique. Even then it is hard enough.. "Ah," said Jack, "the second question is easy to answer, but the first is not so simple. I am a prisoner. 115

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