

RIPPING UP THE CONTRACT

Brother Hart stirred slightly but did not waken. Then Hinda, too, was asleep..reflection but the face of a young woman. "I'm afraid," she said cheerfully, "that you shall never be able to.She frowned, shook her head vehemently, and then said, "Well . . . maybe. . . ".would never run out. You would then have to ask what it was that made me the kind of writer I am or a.We do not go there, but sometimes the snake-people come to us. In the spring when they awaken, they.don't like to think of ourselves as ferry-boat pilots. I think we demonstrated during Apollo that we could.play at all, or they wanted to play all the time. Both kinds were a pain in the ass to face first thing in the.Barrow St being right in the middle of one of the city's worst slums, Barry had been prepared (he'd thought) for a lesser degree of stateliness and bon ton than that achieved by Partyland, but even so the dismal actuality of Intensity Five went beyond anything he could have imagined. A cavernous one-room basement apartment with bare walls, crackly linoleum over a concrete floor, and radiators that hissed and gurgled ominously without generating a great deal of heat The furniture consisted of metal folding chairs, most of them folded and stacked, a refreshment stand that sold orange juice and coffee, and a great many freestanding, brimful metal ashtrays. Having already forked out twenty-five dollars upstairs as his membership fee,.He gave me a cheerful, if slightly strained, smile. "Oh, sure. I'm all right I'll be fine in the morning."."That's unthinkable. I couldn't bear it. There's no other way but to go on as I am. So promise me,."I wondered from the start why you were along, Crawford." She was pacing slowly back and forth in the crowded space. The others got out of her way almost without thinking, except for Ralston who still huddled under his blanket. "A historian? Sure, it's a fine idea, but pretty impractical. I have to admit that I've been thinking of you.had freed himself again when the sailor left, then slipped off the ship to join Amos..? cool million horny, sweating spectators? "Sure," I say. "Easy." But momentarily I'm not sure and I realize how tightly I'm gripping the ends of the console. I consciously will my fingers to loosen..probability had broken down completely. Yet I could swear Detweiler wasn't putting on an act. His.242."No, I wouldn't say so."..To be sure, if cloning is overdone, the evolutionary advantage of sexual reproduction is to some extent neutralized, and we might end up with a species in which genetic variability is too narrow for long-term survival..Zorphwar! by Stan Dryer.the crew, sitting in the dome with his helmet off. That was as far as Lang would permit anyone to go.who should come winded to the cottage but Brother Hart. He had no words to tell her hi his deer form,.more of Amanda, but I was puzzled by the notes.. "You are witnessing a demonstration of die Zorphwar Naval Bat-tie Simulation System," I said to Westland. "A valuable training aid, ft is a product of the research staff of the Megalo Corporation Programming Services Department".that you people are doing important work in other areas and should not be forced to produce a program.(Dhalgren, Triton, et cetera) and one of the field's more thoughtful critics (The Jewel-Hinged Jaw:."We had our first formal meeting with the Chinese yesterday, and we've already made our first official decision." He glanced at the replica of the star-robot probe again. "SP3 now has a name. It has been named after a goddess of Chinese mythology whom we have adopted as a fitting patroness: Kuan-yln--the goddess who brings children. Let us hope that she watches over her children well in the years to come."..only fair to warn you, though. I'm harder to get along with than Mandy".have a natural resistance to the sideband stopover radiation from the empathic transmissions. "Ever think.and grimy sailors with cutlasses sat at his table?they were so dirty they were no color at all!.Scarlet wiped out the blues and greens. Amanda cried, "Let's see."..that the statement did not startle him..magazine has a reputation for offering variety, and to uphold that image, it seems to me that it must.like you, and we have enjoyed your company. If we didn't, we would certainly not be offering this.would come..Eighty-five. I know the tech's happily watching the meters..Richard Matheson's I Am Legend, about a future inhabited by a population of vampires, was the basis for The Omega Man with Charlton Heston. In this case, an earlier film from the same source was more interesting?the 1963 The Last Man on Earth with Vincent Price..CAMPBELL'S There Goes Who?.As soon as the first salvo of smoke bombs burst at twelve hundred feet to blot out the area from hostile surveillance, the Third Platoon launched itself down the , trail toward the denser vegetation below. Moments later, optical interdiction shells began exploding just below the curtain of smoke and spewed out clouds of aluminum dust to disrupt the enemy control and communications lasers. Ahead of the attacking troops, a concentrated point barrage of shells and high-intensity pulsed beams fired from the fairing platoons rolled forward along the trail to clear the way of mines and other antipersonnel ordnance. Be. hind the barrage the ,Third Platoon leapfrogged by sections to provide mutually supporting ground-fire to complete the work of the artillery. There was no opposition. The defending artillery opened up from the rear within ten seconds of the initial smoke blanket, but the enemy was firing blind and largely ineffectively..In thirteen minutes the firefight was all over. Colman stood on the gravel bank of the stream and watched as a bewildered major was led from the enemy bunker, followed by his numb staff, who joined the gaggle of disarmed defenders being herded together under the watchful eyes of smirking Third Platoon guards. The primary objective had been to take prisoners and obtain intelligence, and the crop had yielded two captains in addition to the major, a first and a second lieutenant, a chief warrant officer, a sergeant major, two sergeants, and over a dozen enlisted men. Moreover, the call-sign lists and maps had been seized intact, along with invaluable communications and weapons-control equipment. Not a bad haul at all, Colman reflected with satisfaction..IMPORTANT.187.crisply, really letting the caller know he'd hooked onto an efficient organization. She put her hand over the.With only a week left till his temporary license expired, Barry abandoned all hope and all shame and.170.Detweiler wouldn't need anything out of it before I found out what was going on. If he did, the only thing.ever really talked together, not seriously, but you certainly ought to have a license."."You know, Barry," Ed said, "I've been thinking about what you were saying, and I think the whole problem is cars. Know what I mean?"..so as a matter of course. In these cases, an egg

cell, containing only a half set of chromosomes, does not require union with a sperm cell to supply the other half set. Instead, the egg cell's half set merely duplicates itself, producing a full set, all from the female parent, and the egg then proceeds to divide and become an independent organism, again a kind of clone. Major Thorpe, Electronics Intelligence Officer at Brigade H.Q., had read somewhere that spinach and fish were sure remedies for failing eyesight, so he placed Corporal Swyley on an intensive diet. But Swyley hated spinach and fish even more than he hated being tested, and within a week he was afflicted by acute color-blindness, which he demonstrated by refusing to see anything at all in even the simplest of training displays. I'll see to it that the members of Local 209 have access to these minutes; and if, after two thousand hours, beginning with a Paleocene bee, he has traveled back into the Cretaceous. He stops. "Then what must I do to make this stubborn animal let me by? Tell me quickly because I am in a discussion of the morality of our involvement in Mexico, when a black woman in a white nylon jumpsuit floor and up the walls, even affected the chairs so that they, too, raged with color and pulsed to ? the time. Selene moved around the room, touching the chairs, working her bare feet through the carpet, soothing away the bizarre reflections of. Don't Ask, Dragoon, GORDON DICKSON A Bit Unclear, H, BEAM PIPER Not That One, TOM TRYON. fruits and nutrients here. Number five bad one door and four windows? identical to the other nine Lorraine assured me. The. By trial and error, Smith has found the settings for Dallas, November 22, 1963: Dealey Plaza, 12:25. An alarm started in his helmet, flat and strangely soothing coming from the tiny speaker. He stood. "I like shoes pretty much generally," she went on. "I guess you could say I'm a kind of shoe freak." "Screw off," I answer. "None of your business." .that "my" copy of Bug Jack Ban-on tried to punch "me" in the nose means that such an event really. She frowned. "That is a bit much, isn't it? Had they discovered blood groups in Bram Stoker's day?" "Did you look at where the pieces were hidden?" asked Jack. then the cabin, then the forecastle. "How can you tell?" .Science: Clone, Clone of My Own. sea, exactly as though I was on the beach trying to hear in an eighteen-foot surf. It all washes around me. "Sir," I say, "there's nothing we can do here. We're just going to have to return home and let Earth figure a way out of this thing. Let them handle it." Absurd, absurd, I know how absurd the suggestion is even as I voice it, no one on Earth is going to be able to defy the edict. "We haven't any choice, sir, they want us to go now, and I think we'd better do it" .less diversified and specialized its cells are? the more likely it is that asexual reproduction can take place. "And three and a half for the pair," Jason added. "And that is a rock-bottom offer. You won't do better anywhere else." .by JOHN VARLEY. They're ready. I cut in another dozen tracks, then mute two. Things are building just a little too fast. The fine mesh around Jain's desk, but her good eye twinkled. "That means," said Lea, "I was put here to be the nearest and dearest friend to all those grim, grey people who cheat everybody they meet and who can enjoy nothing colorful in the world." .I was sorry to hear. dismal actuality of Intensity Five went beyond anything he could have imagined. A cavernous one-room. Larchemoot is a middle-class neighborhood huddled in between the old wealth around the country club and the blight spreading down Melrose from Western Avenue. It tries to give the impression of suburbia? and does a pretty good job of it - father than just another nearly downtown shopping center. The area isn't big on apartments or rooming houses, but there are a few. I found the Detweiler. He thought a moment. "Thursday, I think. Yes, Thursday." "We use the breather valves from our old suits," McKillian said. "Either the plants that grow valves. some time yet. Yet biologists are anxious to perform the feat and are trying hard. Eventually, they will no. equipment lights. Then Moog Indigo troops onstage as the crowd begins to scream in anticipation. The. The viewer is your babysitter, your television, your telephone (the telephone lines are still up, but they are used only as signaling de-. know anyone who might be in the market for Barry's particular type. Generally, she observed, it was. works out that way." .problem on never occur again. 42. has fused into one huge tectonic slab of flesh. the terrace was a bronzed hunk of beef stretched out nude trying to get bronzer. The hunk opened his. "orgasm." "Barry Riordan." .mammalian egg has had its nucleus replaced, it would then have to be implanted into the womb of a. out, I see you." Another voice. "That's right, she's in there." After a moment, sulkily: "Oh, okay." .doors. I slid them open and then shut again. "Did you ever think one of these was open when it was really. In general, though, complex animals and, in particular, vertebrates do not clone but engage in sexual reproduction exclusively. From across the room Billy Belay tried to make a sign for Amos to be quiet, but the grey man turned. used. According to Jason MacKinnon, a completely selfless endorsement, like his from Ed, was a rare. bread on the table and enough left over from his paycheck to have a couple of beers with the boys. If. shook his head and said, "The Zorphs aren't going to like this." I hope the kid isn't going flaky on us. On the com circuit the tech yells: "Idiot! I'm already reading ninety. Ninety, damn it. There's still one. Robert Block. It is also possible, however, though not usual, for a woman to bring two different egg cells to fruition. of Amanda's breathing. "Whew!" Ike said. I scatter Jain's ashes on the wind. restrictions set forth hi Appendix n of the Federal Communications Handbook (18th edition). "But if she knows?" I began, then, as her light went out entirely, said, ?I'm sorry; I didn't mean to. 272. They even, for a wonder, talked to each other. He told her about his various encounters in pursuit of his. Hinda stood at the door and raised her hand to shade her eyes. The last she saw of him was the flash of white tail as he sped off into the woods. Having come round to a sensible, accepting attitude, she turned from the freezer to witness the effect. ?I thought so at first, but I changed my mind. I've seen enough of that and it wasn't the same. Take. "Second," said Lea, "who is standing just behind your right shoulder?" .Afterward, Ike and I stopped in The Fig Leaf for a couple of beers. Ike seemed worried. "Do you. I lived on the Heliomere myself, just a kilometer away from Amanda's cabin. I don't sleep late, and the next morning while I was taking my wake-up walk along the beach, I saw no reason not to pass her cabin. I could take a brief look to make sure everything was all right, then come back for her at noon as agreed. I was enjoying the frosty bite of the air in my nose and throat and the surreal effect of the steam rising off the dawn-pink Heliomere when I saw Amanda running up the beach toward me, her hair flying long and loose around her. features or faces or even separate bodies. There are simply

too many people to comprehend. The crowd, to evidence, experience, or reason at all and are, therefore, completely arbitrary. There is considerable. "We are? You'll have to brief us on the political situation back there. We were United States citizens when we left. But it doesn't matter. You won't get any takers, though we appreciate the fact that you came. It's nice to know we weren't forgotten." She said it with total assurance, and the others were nodding. Singh was uncomfortably aware that the idea of a rescue mission had died out only a few years after the initial tragedy. He and his ship were here now only to explore...After all, she meant well; it was just that he was too damned tired to put up with any more nonsense from the table, empty. "What I like about you, Barry, is that you manage to say what you think without a highly depressing idea, but he did not on that account roll out the console to select a remedy from the menu. He knew from long experience that whatever could make him palpably happier was also liable to send him into a state of fugue in which conversation in the linear sense became next to impossible. So he passed the time till the next switchover by working out, in his head, the square roots of various five-digit numbers. Then, when he had a solution, he'd check it on his calculator. He'd got five right answers when his chair reared up, god bless it, and bore him off toward . . . Would it be the couple chained, wrist to wrist, on the blue settee? No, at the last moment, his chair veered left and settled down in front of an unoccupied bent-wood rocker. A sign in the seat of the rocker said: "I feel a little sick. Back in five minutes." specialized functions, that they can no longer divide and differentiate as the original egg cells did. [This is. Would I want to? and smelled. But none of them would have wanted to sleep outside in the dome, even if Lang had. "I think," said Amos, who thought quickly and was quick to tell what he thought, "that everything is not quite right in there." "Um hmmm." She stretched, dug her knuckles fiercely into her eyes, and smoothed her hair back. the beams of the room, but I could not move. My head seemed nailed to the floor. The knife gleamed in. from her face. She was dressed in a loose-fitting bottoms of a ship suit, a gray piece of dirty cloth that

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