

OUR AUTHORS AN ENGLISH RENDERING FROM THE SECOND EDITION OF THE

us. With rationing, maybe a year and a half. That's assuming all the supply capsules reach us all right. In."I am Amos, and I am here to see what makes you so uninteresting that everyone tells me to avoid. 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..up the lid ever so slightly. Then he tossed the cat inside..The end result will be that though my clones, or some of them, might turn out to be valuable citizens of one kind or another, it would be very unlikely that any one of them would be another Isaac Asimov, and their production would not be worthwhile. Whatever good they might do would not be worth the reduction they would represent in the total gene variability of humanity..the Detweiler boy? Except the Detweiler boy?."We know that," McKillian said. She was tired and sick from the sight of the faces of her dead friends. "What's the use of all this talk?." "Sir," I say, "there's nothing we can do here. We're just going to have to return home and let Earth.the open catalogue on her lap..Somehow Stella's on the com line too: "You son of a bitch! You hurt her-". Then I only half listen as I look out from the plane across the scattered cloud banks and the Rockies looming to the west of us. Tomorrow night we play Denver. "It's about as close to home as Fm gonna get" Jain had said in New Orleans when we found out Denver "was booked..from life? Reality is horrible and wonderful, disappointing and ecstatic, beautiful and ugly. Reality is. There are more that I haven't mentioned; two films of She, two of The Lost World, innumerable.n.against me. She met my mouth hungrily, but when I started pulling her toward the fake animal pelt in front."No, I am not saying that SP3 could be modified from a robot craft to carry a human crew. The design could not feasibly be modified at this late stage. Too many things would have to be thought out again from the beginning, and such a task would require decades. And yet, nothing comparable to SP3 is anywhere near as advanced a stage of design at the present time, let alone near being constructed. The opportunity is unique and cannot, surely, be allowed to pass by. But at the same time we cannot afford the delay that would be needed to take advantage of that opportunity. Is there a solution to this dilemma?" He looked around as if inviting responses. None came..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.96.that he himself would very much like to see a woman worthy of a prince. 'Especially,' he said, 'such a."Be quiet and help me," said the thin grey man, "or I shall put you in the trunk with my nearest and."Tomorrow. I've got a date with Janice tonight." She reached in her desk drawer and pulled out my.time when science fiction magazines, and pulp magazines generally, were going strong, and when a young.The purplish cloud broke. "Well, you may rest assured you aren't going to!" the wealthy merchant shouted. "Not if I have anything to say about it!" He pointed successively at Eli and Zeke and me. "And neither are you or you or you!" With that, he stamped back to his palanquin, got in and yanked the curtains closed, and the bearers trotted off with it. We stood there laughing..license, and peeled off an endorsement sticker..beautiful than he'd remembered, more loving and tender than he'd ever known her to be, and in the union."You really like me so much?" The little-girl persona..read every third word, or quit in the middle. We can't We must read carefully, with our sensitivities at full.fascinating article by Joanna Russ on the pain of reviewing sf books, Baird Searles on "multiples" in sf.This day, like the nine before it, illuminated a Tharsis radically changed from what it had been over the last sleepy ten thousand years. Wind erosion of rocks can create an infinity of shapes, but it."Are you sure you feel like playing Scrabble tonight?" I asked..Unfortunately, I have used up my quota. However"?she held up a single perfect finger?"it's almost.3. A poem embodying several important long-range economic forecasts..lock dangling down over her temple. "There's no need. The courts won't recognize us as separate.He stopped at the clearing's edge, raised his head, and sniffed. The smell of man hung on the ah", heavy and threatening. He came through it as if through a swift current and stepped to the cottage door..This time Crawford was the last to know. He was called on the radio and found the group all.Morning after morning, she would hand me a note when I met her. I was always glad of an excuse to see."See?" she said. "Cinderella B. Johnson. It was my mother's idea. My mother had a really weird sense of humor sometimes. She's dead now, though. Do you like it?."Cinderella!" he exclaimed. "Cinderella Johnson! Are you working here?".a rescue mission now, easier to sell. But the design will need modification, if only to include five more.The editor hereby makes grateful acknowledgment to the following authors and authors1 representatives for giving permission to reprint the material in this volume:..slashed-wrist suicide near Western and Wilshire,.For instance, suppose you wanted one hundred Isaac Asimovs so that the supply of F&SF essays would never run out. You would then have to ask what it was that made me the kind of writer I amor a writer at all. Was it only my genes?.toes, your final desperate tactic of launching an twelve thousand of your doomsday torpedoes would.bother to answer, but curiosity got the best of her..Nolan turned and glanced at the girl who lay beside him. She stared up through the shadows with.The clients took the rest of the morning and a good portion of the afternoon, looking at estates all over Aventine. A sale of the size property they were interested in would bring a big commission, too big for me to risk seeming preoccupied or impatient. I kept smiling, though inside I felt as Selene looked when she forced herself to walk slowly beside me. I even took them back to the cabletrain, but I had no sooner seen them off than I was flinging myself back into the runabout and driving up to Amanda's cabin..Nolan thought of the hatred in Nina's eyes, and he shuddered. "Then what did she do with him?."Smith set the device down on the bench with care. His hands were shaking. He had had the thing.That afternoon I played gin with the Detweiler boy. He was genuinely glad to see me, like a friendly puppy. I was beginning to feel nice a son of a bitch..you really thought what it's going to take? Have you tried to visualize her getting into her pressure suit in.Half an hour later the curtains over the barred open window moved. I had squatted down in the closet and wasn't looking in that direction, but the

movement caught my eye. Something hopped in the window and scooted across the floor and went behind the couch. I. You are watching an old movie, Bob and Ted and Carol and Alice. The humor seems infantile and unimaginative to you; you are not interested in the actresses' occasional seminudity. What strikes you as hilarious is the coyness, the sidelong glances, smiles, grimaces hinting at things that will never be shown on the screen. You realize that these people have never seen anyone but then* most intimate friends without clothing, have never seen any adult shit or piss, and would be embarrassed or disgusted if they did. Why did children say "pee-pee" and "poo-poo," and then giggle? You have read scholarly books about taboos on "bodily functions," but why was shitting worse than sneezing? I brought the subject back to business. "If you come to May and aren't ready to leave, I'll find you another cabin." 189. into a clear plastic mask. He was on pure oxygen. There was blood seeping from his ears and nose. "Miss Tremaine, will you get Gus Verdugo on the phone, please?" .novel, Titan. This story was another Nebula award nominee. He hadn't mentioned North Carolina except that once the day before, and I was extremely interested. The North Wind rose up in his cave and sped toward the opening that was so high they could not see the top and so wide they could not see the far wall, and his hair brushed the ceiling, and his toenails scraped the floor, and the tips of his wings sent boulders crashing from either side as he leapt into the black. "What's that supposed to mean?" .skilled labor. I figure that as a bricklayer I can get on easy. What spell had brought them there, deep in the wood, neither could recall. The woods, the meadow, forever. No sense getting uptight; everything was going to be all right. around, clicking his tongue softly. His eyes caught on something at the end of the couch. He smiled. At. Though he minded, he hadn't the gumption to say so. "I don't remember. Not a lot. They're really nothing special." .When he stepped out of his skin and entered the cottage, he did not greet his sister with his usual. Selene laughed. She spun across the sand in time to some music only she could hear and grinned. And the song ends, one last diminishing chord, but her body continues to move. For her there is still. At intervals while dressing or looking into the bathroom mirror, he stared as if into an invisible camera. The gale blows itself out on the morning of the 26th. The sun is bright, the sea almost dead calm. Smith is able to catch glimpses of figures on deck, tilted above dark cross-sections of the hull. A sailor is splicing a rope in the stem, two others lowering a triangular sail between the foremast and the bowsprit, and a fourth is at the helm. A little group stands leaning on the starboard rail; one of them is a woman. The next glimpse is that of a running figure who advances into the screen and disappears. Now the men are lowering a boat over the side; the rail has been removed and lies on the deck. The men drop into the boat and row away. He hears them shouting to each other but cannot make out the words. Earth. Your back pay should add up to quite a sum. Take it. artists inspire me with the warmest possible regard. . . . When my critical mood is at its height personal. alone. The acrimonious divorce of former Olympic runner Margot Randall and Senator Charles. The thing's eyes focused for a moment on Detweiler. It looked at him, beseeching, held out one hand, 217. "Terrific!" Hollis says. "You could leave an album of greatest hits. You know, for posterity. Free concerts on the grass every Sunday." .spied four of the creatures. Song took a sample bag from her pouch and held it open in front of the beast. Samuel R. (Chip) Delany has for some time been one of sfs most interesting novelists (Dhalgren, Triton, et cetera) and one of the field's more thoughtful critics (The Jewel-Hinged Jaw: Notes of the Language of Science Fiction). He has not written much short fiction recently, and so we are especially pleased to offer this fresh and magical change of pace. "How is our friend doing?" Amos asked the prince, pointing to the bundle of blankets in the corner. "But will it work even if the grey man is already in the garden of violent colors and rich perfumes. Since I first heard her in Washington, I've loved this song the best. I push more keys. Eighty-two. Eighty-five. I know the tech's happily watching the meters. 239. to do with that?" "Ah, who gives a shit?" Sirocco looked up. "Anyhow, won't be much longer before we find out." It's always a shock the first time you come up against some particular kind of authority figure? a. Q: What's this red, gritty stuff in my egg salad sandwich? .essentially neutral area. But if "politics" means the relations of power that obtain between groups of. one-man show. So if he thought he could do it, he'd be down here in a minute to bail us out and grab the. "So what about the crude?" Ralston asked. He didn't completely believe that part of the model they. But that was legend, like Mama Dolores' stories about the snake-people. Strange? did every race have its belief in such creatures? Could there be some grotesque, distorted element of truth behind all these old wives' tales? .ears strained for the signs of his approach. There were none. wind. .arises from sexual reproduction (except where self-fertilization is possible) has two parents. "I don't think Pm unique that way," said Ed. out of them. ?For two days she has waited there. I see you with her now when you return. And I see you with her. It was like a rerun. He lived a block away from where a man was mugged, knifed, and robbed in an alley on the 13th? though the details of the murder didn't seem to fit the pattern. But he was sick, had an alibi, and moved to Silver Lake. "That," said Amos, "is the other end of the far rainbow." She found the pins. Sitting down in the same chair Selene had occupied, she swept her hair up with. of encyclopedias? published in 1911. "But that was legend, like Mama Dolores' stories about the snake-people. Strange? did every race. so terrible that you and I need not worry about him." "Yes?" She had a breathless voice. Her eyes quickly traveled the length of my body. That happened often enough to keep me feeling good, but this time it gave me a queasy sensation, like I was being measured for a mummy case. I showed her my ID, and asked if I could speak to her about one of the tenants. .descended on them. The jailor had at last woken up and, finding his captives gone, had organized a. "It's a very little thing to thank me for," Amos said. "But we had better start back if we want to be at. interstellar space, seeking out and destroying the forces of Zorph. .closet and wasn't looking in that direction, but the movement caught my eye. Something hopped in the. "That's unthinkable. I couldn't bear it. There's no other way but to go on as I am. So promise me. "I'm fine, and how is yourself, and what are you doing down here?" More blankets had fallen away, and besides a red as bright as his own hair, he could see a green the. swamp. * Those of my Gentle Readers who know that under no circumstances wfl I take a plane need not register shock. I traveled to

California and back by train. -Yea, they still run..Smith locked up the device and all his notes, went home and spent the rest of the day thinking..This statement is, I think, based on a cognitive error inculcated (probably) by American high school education. The error is that all proofs must be of the "hard" kind, i.e., cut-and-dried and susceptible of presentation in syllogistic form. An acquaintance with the modern philosophy of science would disabuse people of this notion; even a surprising amount of scientific proof is not of this kind. As philosophers since Plato have been pointing out, aesthetic and moral matters are usually not susceptible of such "hard" proof..slim and naked and dark. His hair was long and straight and came to his shoulders. The hunter could not of a bitch every minute..Ninety..He stood up and went in the bathroom. The light came on and I heard water running. The thing sat in.The Nu-View, across the street and down, was showing an X-rated double feature. It was too.enough to frustrate their efforts to push through and enter the old ship. But both lock doors were open., "The usher who showed you to your seat. I saw him sit down and talk with you." "Thank you very much," said Amos and hurried off to the wheel-house. When he found the second.I brought the subject back to business. "If you come to May and aren't ready to leave, I'll find you.off a tabletop and onto a many-cushioned bed. They sat down at the table..the box. From inside came the mew of a cat that ended with a deep, depressing: Elmlmpf.. "That's no use. The doctor says it's a miracle he's still breathing. If he wakes up at all, he won't be anything like you knew him. The telemetry shows nothing like the normal brain wave. Now I've got to talk to Commander Lang. Have her come up." The voice of Mission Commander Weinstein was accustomed to command, and about as emotional as a weather report.days romanticism acquires religious overtones. In the present instance a perfectly.Lorraine Nesbitt, they all liked him.

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