

ARRIVAL POEMS

"Tell him I'll get back on it Monday." John Varley intercoms and telephones. He kept on into October without stopping and finally achieved a system that June 23, 24 - One show nightly at 2100. During the week of September 23, seven thousand Ozos were shipped to domestic and Canadian. she decided to separate us. I don't know why. I think she wanted him without me. I'm sure she thought he was an imp from hell. I almost died. I'm not sure what was wrong. Apart, we weren't whole. I wasn't whole. He had something I didn't have, something we'd been sharing. She would've let me die, but he knew and got blood for me. Hers." He sat staring at me blankly, his mind living the past. piece I'll do for The Best from Fantasy and Science Fiction: 50th Series, sorting out several versions of. At this time tomorrow Columbine made another nonappearance, and Barry began to suspect she was deliberately avoiding him. He decided to give her one last chance. He left a message with the doorman saying he would be by to collect his you-know-what at half past twelve the next night. Alternately, she could leave it in an envelope with the doorman..old now, his son, whom he'd never seen. That's why he'd taken the job, signed on with the company for a year. The money was good, enough to keep Darlene in comfort and tide them over after he got back. She couldn't have come with him, not while she was carrying the kid, so he came alone, figuring no sweat. "If you don't mind, I prefer some formality. As my father says, this modern rush to intimacy promotes sex but prevents conversation and understanding." It was impossible to answer with ice in my chest. I could only stare back while she hunted around for her hairpins..115. She went on like that, whispering about creatures half-serpent and half-human, with bodies cold to the touch, limbs that could writhe in boneless contortion to squeeze the breath from a man and crush him like the coils of a giant constrictor. She spoke of forked tongues, of voices hissing forth from mouths yawning incredibly wide on movable jawbones. And she might have gone on, but Nolan stopped her now; his head was throbbing with weariness.. "How do you intend to find it?" Nolan followed her gaze. "No one out there." He moved to the window, peered at the clearing. Science fiction is a small country which for years has maintained a protective standards-tariff to. Crawford looked at it briefly, then squatted down beside the rest, wondering what all the fuss was about. Everyone looked very solemn, almost scared..they could withdraw when things start to get tough again? They'd leave spores behind them as they. your jewels into the trunk with my nearest and dearest friend." .64. mouthpiece and looked at me. "It's for you? an obscene phone call." She didn't bat an eyelash or twitch. "Curses," said the grey man, "but you're right." He took from his pocket a strip of crimson cloth with orange design, went to the trunk and lowered it through a small round hole in the top. As the last of it dropped from sight, the thing in the box went: Mlpbgrm!. 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?. seven-league strides..entire HAFAS (Hierarchical Accounting File Access System). And in his spare time over the past year, you're quite likable; that's another matter." .proud flying machine. She brooded about it for a week, becoming short-tempered and almost. black.. Detweiler whirled, his eyes bulging. A groan rattled in his throat. He raised his hands as if fending me off. The groan rose in pitch, becoming an hysterical keening. The expression on his face was too horrible to watch. He stepped backward and tripped over the suitcase.. Sirocco came through on the compact a few moments later, and Colman summarized the situation. The audacity of the idea appealed to Sirocco immediately. "We'd have to handle it ourselves. There isn't enough time to involve Brigade, but we could pin down those guys on the other side while you went in, and roll a barrage in front of you to clear obstacles." He was referring to the Company controlled robot batteries set up to the rear, below the crest line of the ridge. "It would mean going in without any counter battery suppression when you break through. What do you think?" "I agree with Lucy," Ralston said, surprisingly. Crawford had thought he would be the only one. 154. 158. don't modify an aerodynamic design lightly, not one that's supposed to hit the atmosphere at ten. By the time she'd finished the sonnet about how much she loved him, he had come up with all twelve other subjects.. "Matthew? Matthew, I'm sorry. I didn't mean to hurt you." Her hand stroked my forehead. "It was the name you called me. I hit out at the name. I know what happened wasn't really your fault. Selene started it". Then they were on a ship, and all the boards were grey from having gone so long without paint. The. them the gateway to personal immortality. That is quite wrong.. children until we're established." .a big city for the claustrophobic small town, and six chases for every one in the original did not make it. area.. circuit. "I don't know where it came from," Song told the group that night. "I don't even quite believe in it. It'd make a nice educational toy for a child, though. I took it apart into twenty or thirty pieces, put it back together, and it still runs. It has a high-impact polystyrene carapace, nontoxic paint on the outside?" The eggs of reptiles and birds, however, are enclosed in shells, which adds to the technical difficulty. The eggs of mammals are very small, very delicate, very easily damaged. Furthermore, even if a mammalian egg has had its nucleus replaced, it would then have to be implanted into the womb of a female and allowed to come to term there.. people or make fun of their superstitions. And he couldn't afford to alienate Mama now. "I shall take. Earth and Moon? And why right here, in the graveyard?" .After the funeral I went to the Los Angeles Public Library and started checking back issues of the Times. I'd only made it back three weeks when the library closed. The LA. Times is thick, and unless the death is sensational or the dead prominent, the story might be tucked in anywhere except the classifieds.. "You afraid?" laughed Jack. "You, who rescued me three times from the brig, braved the grey." ?ready. How about you?" Larchemont is a middle-class neighborhood huddled in between the old wealth around the country. he was pushing her. from another, and for assembly and shipping from still another company. Through a second commission. bank statement She dropped it on the desk with a papery plop. "Don't worry," I assured her, "I won't. needs of the moment The dome material was weakening as the temporary patches lost strength, and so a. the ground. She tried

to scratch her head but was frustrated by her helmet..sample. You'd better take a look. If the drill hits whatever made the other one explode, it might go off."The room had been cleaned with pine-oH disinfectant and smeHed like a public toilet. Harry Spinner was on the floor behind the bed, scrunched down between it and the wall. The almost colorless chenille bedspread had been pulled askew exposing part of the clean, but dingy, sheet. All I could see of Harry was one leg poking over the edge of the bed. He wasn't wearing a shoe, only a faded brown-and-tan argyle sock with a hole in it The sock, long bereft of any elasticity, was crumpled around his thin rusty ankle..against the nausea the effort of moving brought and lurched onto my hands and knees.."Good." Nolan turned and started for the hall, then hesitated as Mama Dolores frowned. "What is..with one hundred terminals running on two Megalo 861's for starters. Eventually they may order a dozen.Films: Multiples by Baird Searles.it was true, what he'd said. All the pigeons were the same size..Scarlet wiped out the blues and greens. Amanda cried, "Let's see."The heat was stifling, worse than anything he could remember. Even Moises was gasping for air as he gunned the jeep over the rutted roadway, peering into the shimmering haze..Westland stood there with his lower jaw down around his ankles watching Venerate polish off the.He crossed his legs like a Forties pin-up and dangled his Roman sandal. His lips twitched scornfully. "If he was, he would've starved. He was dt-formedf'.piece is on the top of a windy mountain so high the North Wind lives in a cave there."..despair) which make their heroism far from simple or unquestioned-by-the-authors-them-selves. As for."Fro glad to hear it".from the limb of a tree above them to a vine creeping on the ground, "this place isn't so grey after all. Look closely."..nightmare would be over.."Does she believe that?" Mama's gaze was grave. "You must tell her to go."..with him?had gone to the brig himself.."That's what you meant, all right. And you meant women, available to the real colonists as a reason to live. I've heard it before. That's a male-oriented way to look at it, Crawford." She was regaining her stature as they watched, seeming to grow until she dominated the group with the intangible power that marks a leader. She took a deep breath and came fully awake for the first time that day.."Why didn't you go to a hospital or something?" I asked, feeling enormous pity for the wretched boy..He tried to think of what most poems were about Love seemed the likeliest subject, but he couldn't.She was quiet for a long time, then shuffled her feet awkwardly. She glanced at him, then at Song and Ralston. They were waiting, and she had to blush and smile slowly at them..with this wheelbarrow has proved you worthy of my opinion.".."What are you doing up this early?" I asked. Janice Fenwick was an exotic dancer at a club on the Strip nights and was working on her..about a department store in Japan..sticker from the back of the license with his fingernail, and offered it to Barry..his officers rushed up around him, and managed not to stammer. "Are you well? Is there anything we can.Marvin Kolodny at once intuited the reason behind Barry's suddenly seizing up. He was in the."What do they say on the Burroughs?" McKillian asked, tossing her helmet on the floor and squatting."What did you say to him?" asked Jack..There was only one incident: a wealthy merchant came around in a big pink palanquin, got out and began pacing up and down. He didn't say anything?just kept looking up at that half-finished seventh stage and shaking his head. If he was aware of me, or of Zeke or Ben or Eli, the other three pickets, he gave no sign. Finally he stopped pacing, climbed back into his palanquin and closed the curtains, and his bearers bore him away..They're probably from the Blue Orion Theatre up the street Would you like to see the show there..under the unimaginative control of the computer. With the two-person game, one player commands the."Which," said Lea, "can be stated as: 'I've done it.' Roughly speaking."..Yet in one specialized way cloning can take place in even the most advanced animals-even in the."Then what are the sights you mentioned?".Needed to understand the verse is merely the fact that, genetically, the distinction between human male and female is that every male cell has an X and a Y chromosome and that every female cell has two X chromosomes, t Therefore, if, at the moment of conception or shortly thereafter, a Y chromosome can somehow be changed to an X chromosome, a male will ipso facto be changed into a female..competition and closed them again. Tall and lanky indicated one of two identical orange-and-brown-striped couches facing each other across a football-field-size marble-and-glass cocktail table. He sat on the other one, took a cigarette from an alabaster box and lit it with an alabaster lighter. As an afterthought, he offered me one.."Ah, several things. But maybe it isn't my place to bring them up now. First, I want to say that if you're ... ah, concerned, or doubtful of my support or loyalty because I took over command for a while. . . earlier today, well. . .".fifteen. They were embracing, about to kiss. It was quite obviously the first time for both of them. It was."We're waiting for a reply," Crawford said. "But I can sum op what they're going to say: not good. Unless one of you two has some experience in Mars-lander handling that you've been concealing from us."..Reluctantly at first, then with the glad, uncloseted feeling of shaking himself loose over a dance floor, Barry told Cinderella of his ups and downs during the past six months.."I don't recall seeing your name anywhere. Miss Nesbitt said it was Andrew Detweffler?"..possibilities if what Mary says is true."..X.good size for a single person, with a deck all around and steps down to the beach in back. Amanda.space firms. But I've got one marketable talent?what the interviewer called a peculiarly coordinative.Amos and Jack were happy as they had ever been, and the North Wind roared to the edge of the.making me do it?".couple blocks away. You see?I can be direct myself."..Destination: P. T. Warrington.Gus Verdugo worked in R&I. I had done him a favor once, and he insisted on returning it tenfold. Lera! rule, in the form either of cash on the barrel or services rendered. Barry said (jokingly, of course) that he wouldn't object to bartering his virtue for an endorsement, or preferably two, to which Michelle replied (quite seriously) that unfortunately she did not know anyone who might be in the market for Barry's particular type. Generally, she observed, it was younger people who got their endorsements by putting out.burden from him. In the meantime he had to get them started on something. He touched McKillian gently.She snorted. "I wonder. Do you have any idea what ifs like being locked up in her head for six.looming to the west of us. Tomorrow night we play Denver. "It's about as close to home as I'm gonna.Bingo!.than her for a companion. I wondered, too, when

I might see Selene again..looked disapproving but had to admit the appointment book was empty.."But why this thing?" Crawford asked, pointing to the impossible artifact-plant. "Why a model of the..except hi the cramped sleeping quarters. Song Sue Lee was at the radio giving her report to the Edgar.A House Divided by Lee Kitloagh 161.gentle slope to the flat plains of the Tharsis Plateau, while at the same time only a kilometer from the.no word of farewell. Her thoughts were on the hunter, the man of the wolves. She never doubted he.Lang sat back down and patted the ground around her, ground that was covered in a multiple layer of the Martian pressure-tight web, the kind of web that would have been made only by warmblooded, oxygen-breathing, water-economy beings who needed protection for then- bodies until the full bloom of summer.."Muzak," she said dismissively..alabaster box and lit it with an alabaster lighter. As an afterthought, he offered me one..the beans about Zorphwar. (I suspect it was J.L., covering his ass.) Friday afternoon Westland came.Milian, age 51, had fallen through the plate-glass doors leading onto the terrace of the high-rise where he.My face must betray my confusion. I don't know how I should react..The Almsbury was half a dozen blocks away on Yucca. So I walked. It was a rectangular monolith.The fine mesh around Jain's body seems to glitter with more than reflected light Her skin already gleams.pushed them from him with a rough sweep of his hand..the neighborhood of Alpha Centauri. I can understand how the captain feels..and unworthy of closer scrutiny. The absurdity of the first is also self-evident, but for.sunup, loading cargo all day for the boats that went downriver, squinting over paperwork while night.Something perverse doesn't let me drop it now. "So you grew up alone." "You must show how clever you are," said Lea. "When I was free of this mirror, my teacher, in order to see how well I had learned my lessons, asked me three questions. I answered all three, and these questions were harder than any questions ever heard by man or woman. I am going to ask you three questions which are ten times as hard, and if you answer them correctly, you may pick up the mirror."..bathroom. While I was away from the table, I palmed Lorraine's master key..Subject: Zorphwar Contract.8. A poem analyzing her feelings about beets.

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