

BLACK DIAMONDS

We shall dine on berry wine.read every third word, or quit in the middle. We can't We must read carefully, with our sensitivities at full.Excerpts from myopic early SF or Utopian novels."Just for the afternoon.".bloody head broke into the light. You have seen yourself staggering about the nursery in rompers,.The DetwtUer Boy 47.to intensify, to throw forth fire. It was the briefest of illusions, for a moment later he turned, climbed back.The second meeting is to take place this afternoon. All of us have.More reasonably, it could be argued that the clone of a great human being would retain his genetic."Am I a proletarian or an oppressor?".sector. You may fire off laser probes to determine the location of Zorph warships. You have a number of.she might return to her post as Miss Georgia. She had not left the promised sticker, and Lida seriously."Tomorrow evening when the sunset is golden and the sky is turquoise and the rocks are stained red.asserting there's no such thing as great art; some, that whatever moves one intensely is great art. Both are."May I run with you?" I called after her..finger in..took off her helmet. She was a large woman, in her thirties, with red hair shorn off close to the scalp..me from a hundred directions. The faded photographs covered every level surface and clung to the walls.It was not unexpected; Lang had been waiting for it to happen since the night the Burroughs left. But.Yahweh will again choose that particular form of chastisement should future foul-ups on."It's a good thing Senator Burkhart can't hear you say that" said another officer. But by the next afternoon everybody had heard it.Speaking of Hazeldorf, I was a little disappointed in his reaction to the project When I explained to."Til certainly try it," Barry promised. "But how do I get to be a member?".of the ultimate in computer games . . .Smith got his consignment of Ozos early in the week, took one home and left it to his store manager.The grey man was so happy he jumped from the trunk, turned a cartwheel, then fell to wheezing and.He strode toward the gate. The four of us were standing right in his path, and we stepped aside when.character for a moment to snap at Mary Lang..Upstart by Steven Utley 157."Nobody," he said..That knocking came again..pointed out the front window, "and right here is the other end.".blank. I envy people like you who are able to start talking out of the blue.".chemically inert as any plastic yet devised. But Lang had learned her lesson. And she had a talent for."I am tired," he answered. "My head aches where yesterday he struck me. My heart aches still with the fear. I tremble all over. You are right. I should sleep.".for him. "I wasn't lagging at you, young man," she told him, taking the same coolly aggrieved tone she'd.Johnny took the news of his impending stardom with total unconcern. He moved to the couch and sat down, yawning. "Detweiler? Don't think I ever laid eyes on the man. What'd he do?".Zeke brought us the news while we were on picket duty this morning. He came running up to the.the last piece of the mirror. Perhaps the grey man could get that piece himself, but he will not want to, I.Come at my crying.. "Would it be worth all the pearls you could put in your pockets, all the gold you could carry in one."Desmond?". "Will you pipe down in there," called the jailor without opening his eyes.. "I can understand the drink," he said, carefully. "Ethanol is a simple compound and could fit into many different chemistries. But it's hard to believe that you've survived eating the food these plants produced for you.".She picked up the pad. "I wanted to give you your calls.".what?".which is also where I was raised. I've got a degree in electrical engineering from MIT and some grad.funny when it reappeared as Heaven Can Wait, though Warren Beatty did a nice job as the dumb athletic.To give you an idea of the creativity of this young man, I have arranged for Zorphwar to be made.animal or plant of Earthly origin that turned and kept on turning forever. He could not."Brethren," he repeated. And then, "There's been considerable talk in the city and the suburbs since.like leeches. She had been quite a dish?forty years ago. She saw me looking at the photos and smiled..the jagged lines of the rocks with regular angles and curves..Genet..Westland. "A valuable training aid, ft is a product of the research staff of the Megalo Corporation."No, honestly. Whatever is playing I usually like it. What are they playing here? I like that.".Lee Killough has written a series of superior stories for F&SF that share a common theme (the future of the arts) and background (an artist's colony called Aventine). The tales are completely separate entities and may be enjoyed on their own. This one concerns the visit to Aventine of Selene and Amanda, two different personalities that snare the body of one beautiful young woman..Toward noon, the same wealthy merchant who'd come around before came around again. After.The captain, an Indian named Singh, got his crew started on erecting the permanent buildings, then.Tm not disturbing you, am I? I heard the typewriter." The room was indeed identical to mine, though.Why??Two reasons..Hinda's hand went to her mouth.. "Name it.".well cut your throat. You might as well not even be born, because life is an inevitably fatal struggle to.was a sailor splicing a rope.. "Smart thinking," said Venerate. "Now how do I get this game started?".In your mother's study after she dies, you find an elaborate chart of her ancestors and your father's. You retrieve the program for it, punch it in, and idly watch a random sampling, back into time, first me female line, then the male ... a teacher of biology in Boston, a suffragette, a corn merchant, a singer, a Dutch fanner in New York, a British sailor, a German musician. Their faces glow in the screen, bright-eyed, cheeks flushed with life. Someday you too will be only a aeries of images in a screen..Aubade."No," she screamed. "Selene, let go of my hand!". "It will work as long as the silver-white unicorn guards the fragment of the mirror," said Amos, "and the grey man doesn't have his hands on it. Now dive.".Maurice Milian was still listed as 407. I took the elevator to four and rang the bell of 409. The bell.hard into the webbing, you can just make me out. FU wave my arms. See?".to determine their impact points, and to calculate the radius of destruction of each burst. Normally such.of the bricklayers and one of the brickmakers about the free foot clinic. The bricklayer said that if they.with him without having heard anything but the reward.".back to the ship. Amos' plan had apparently worked; they had managed to climb back in the ship and get.the shelter of my arms, wrapping my coat around us both. "Do you want to go back down to the car?".From: P. T. Warrington.something. Always making me drink some mess she'd brewed up. She fed me, clothed me, educated

me, McKillian didn't seem to know what she wanted. "No. I... but, yes. Yes, I guess I do." She looked at the cases, nosing around in places only the Harry Spinners of the world can nose around in unnoticed. "Not your fault." It was Nina. "They would weigh me down," said Amos, "and I could not be back for lunch. No, I need a suit of clothes that is bright and brilliant enough to keep me from losing myself in all that grey. For I do lose myself, you will never have your mirror." Bill, Old Buddy: I hate to bring this up, but J.L. was down this morning to say that there have been no reports on the progress of the Zorphwar project from you people. Please get the necessary input into the computer as quickly as possible so we can start tracking this vital project. I hope that this omission on your part does not mean that schedules are slipping down there. Tonight at the Hall, the Organizer told us to tighten our belts, that at the bargaining table this Steven Utley for "Upstart" general criteria are satisfied, we take on whatever seems to be pleasing our writers at the time. That's the. Examples of sf titles that have been retranslated back into English after appearing in a French history of science. "Oh, ultimate depression!" shrieked the thin grey man, and stepped back again, for the dress beneath. know how powerful it is or if it'll eat the plastic in your boots, but we'd better play it safe. How about it. This fertilized egg cell cannot become an independently living organism for some nine months, for it must divide and redivide within its mother's womb and be nourished by way of its mother's bloodstream. It must develop, specialize, and grow larger until it has developed the necessary ability to live independently. Even after it emerges from its mother's womb, it requires constant and unremitting care for a period of time before it can be trusted to care for itself. "We sure did, and we were lucky to have Marty Ralston along. He kept telling us the fruits in the graveyard were edible by humans. Fats, starches, proteins; all identical to the ones we brought along. The clue was in the orrery, of course." "Since ... I was a kid." He grinned. "You think it was one of those brews the old witch-woman gave. She patted him on the back. "Sure, I know. You forget, I read your dossier. It mentioned several. Crawford looked away from the madly whirling rotors of the windmill farm. He was with the rest of the crew. It's nice to know we weren't forgotten." She said it with total assurance, and the others were. Ed took out his ID folder, took his license from the folder, tickled the edge of the endorsement sticker from the back of the license with his fingernail, and offered it to Barry. hu-manoid pigs in my galaxy. Be at your console at the appointed hour! You are forewarned but. The new marvel was a simple affair in the middle of that living petrochemical complex. It was a short. I looked unhappily at the couple standing in the outer office with my secretary. What a time for clients to walk in. "I have some people here. Can it possibly wait?" the company store by day to purchase food. 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. In a voice of such preternatural calm it terrified me, Amanda said, "Who were you talking to?" "Um hmmm." She stretched, dug her knuckles fiercely into her eyes, and smoothed her hair back from her face. She was dressed in a loose-fitting bottom of a ship suit, a gray piece of dirty cloth that badly needed washing, as did all their clothes. For a moment, as he watched her shadow stretch and stand up, he wasn't interested in the Burroughs. He forced his mind away from her. think. He smiled at her. "No, honey, but maybe there's some in the ship." She seemed satisfied. She would. because the promise held out by heroic fantasy? the promise of escape into a wonderful Other. Now, months later, I remember it and my skin again goes warm. "Get out of here," I say to the lads. they die, or maybe they have some other way of passing the time. But they know they'll return. It was the mystery that Nolan had sensed the first time he saw her staring at him across the village compound three days ago. At first he thought she was one of the company people? somebody's wife, daughter, sister. That afternoon, when he returned to the bungalow, he caught her staring at him again at the edge of the clearing. So he asked Moises who she was, and Moises didn't know. Apparently she'd just arrived a day or two before, paddling a crude catamaran downriver from somewhere out of the denser jungle stretching a thousand miles beyond. She had no English, and according to Moises, she didn't speak Spanish or Portuguese either. Not that she'd. over the tenant directory. All the names seemed to be male, but none of them was Andrew Detweiler. "Okay, keep spread out on both sides, everybody. Jim, can you and Edie head him off before he gets to the woods?" "Oh, yes." She sighed. "It's so unfair for such a beautiful young man to have a physical impairment."

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