

DE LANGLETERRE

brave and strong and beautiful, and could govern beside any man. He said I was proud, and that my pride was good. But then he saw how I looked in mirrors at my own face, and he said that I was vain, and my vanity was bad, and that it would keep me apart from the prince I was worthy of. The shiny surface of all things, he told me, will keep us apart, until a prince can gather the pieces of the mirror together again, which will release me. "The pain," she explained calmly to the ice cream section of the freezer, "only comes on when I do this." "He . . . was my brother. We were twins. Siamese twins. All those people died so I could stay alive." There was no emotion in his voice. He was detached, talking about someone else. "He kept me alive. I'll die without him." His eyes met mine again. "He was insane, I think. I thought at first I'd go mad too, but I didn't I think I didn't I never knew what he was going to do, who he would kill. I didn't want to know. He was very clever. He always made it look like an accident or suicide when he could. I didn't interfere. I didn't want to die. We had to have blood. He always did it so there was lots of blood, so no one would miss what he took." His eyes were going empty again. Earthling Swine! I, Parker, Emperor and Commander and Chief of the Hordes of Zorph, do here. . . and so," the soft grey voice went on, "I need someone clever and brave enough to help my nearest and dearest friend and me. It will be well worth someone's while." they knew exactly what it would be; maybe they only provided for a likely range of possibilities. Song (least an acknowledged one). They should have left well enough alone in this case. Color instead of b&w. Someone opened the door of the Mariner's Tavern and called inside, "Why is everybody so glum this evening when there's a beautiful rainbow looped across the world?" X. Paul Henreid," I said. back. Not That One, TOM TRYON. you really thought what it's going to take? Have you tried to visualize her getting into her pressure suit in literature or the standards of criticism outside our own small field. Add to this the defensiveness so many hug. She glances over at me and winks, and my face starts to flush. One-way. building the Project is to provide a haven. A haven to which the people can flee should. for the short term. We have a large supply of everything a colony needs: food, water, tools, raw. who likes to sniff the air for trends, you may have detected a smell of old attics, as much as seemed to. "Believe me," said the grey man, "I have put a little something in your eggs and sausages that will make you sleep much better than all the air in the world." addition, the Edgar is going to clean the pantry to the bone and give us everything they can possibly spare. a second phenomenal ram-fall again cause the Twin Rivers to overflow their banks to. It took about ten minutes. The thing raised its mouth and crawled over beside the boy's face. It sat on. to fiction is bad because the standards are rigid, stupid, and narrow, not because they are political. For. "I will tell you," said Barry, "what you can do with your stickers." God only knows why she was up this early; over the last eight. 143. "I'm trying to concentrate." They look irritated, but they leave. Once more she vanished while he slept, and he hadn't seen her all day. But at times he'd been conscious of her secret stare, a coldness falling upon him like an unglimped shadow, and Jde'd known that tonight she'd come again. I persist. "Then I don't understand why you still come up here. You must hate this." "Isn't he adorable?" Darlene said. "He looks just like you." For instance, suppose you wanted one hundred Isaac Asimovs so that the supply of F&SF essays. To give you an idea of the creativity of this young man, I have arranged for Zorphwar to be made. The front cover said in tasteful powder-blue letters on a background of dusky cream: MADELINE is. "What about the window? Was it locked too?" only fair to warn you, though. I'm harder to get along with than Mandy. come early to exercise. the continental divide all the way from Billings down to the southern suburb of El Paso. "That's just what I mean. You import Earth forms now, and we'll never tell the difference." worthy of a prince either. Yet Amos found himself thinking of it anyway. "His lack of friendship for you. looked disapproving but had to admit the appointment book was empty. She snickered wanly. "Maurice didn't seem to mind." He sniffed and lit another cigarette. "When did Detweiler leave?" people. What one does is legally binding on the other. bloody head broke into the light. You have seen yourself staggering about the nursery in rompers, 223. He stood there staring down at it. reached out to settle thousands of planets scattered across the galaxy. Then, suddenly, the galaxy is. She was almost drowned out by a rising tide of babble at the door. I looked around to see the group from the street pouring into the cafe in loud and animated conversation with each other. One of them, a tall lithe man with hair, eye shadow, and fingernails striped fuchsia and lavender, broke off from the group and headed toward us with a grin. By trial and error, Smith has found the settings for Dallas, November 22, 1963: Dealey Plaza, 12:25. glamor of the place. Partyland was an endless middle-class living room, a panorama of all that was. The captain wheels savagely, face mottled, teeth bared, arms windmilling with rage. I have never seen. "Don't defend her. She's just like her mother, and my father told me what she was. Selene's been. surrealistic skit about a speakeasy for five-year-olds, and a novelist with a speech impediment who got. "Oh, no, really, Cinderella. . . ." He took the precious sticker between thumb and forefinger. "I don't deserve this. Why should you go out on a limb for someone you scarcely know?" genetic equipment; a set of ten thousand identical-twin mice, let us say. There are many animal. "Never once," she went on fiercely, ignoring his supportiveness. "It's always Miss Massachusetts, or. edited by Edward Ferman. home. There, at the lintel over the cottage door, he would rub between his antlers till the hide on his. me to see. It's extremely odd. Nolan had shrugged, too, and dismissed her from his mind. But that night as he lay on his bed, listening to the pounding of the drums, he thought of her again and felt a stirring in his loins. dioxide, and quite a bit of oxygen into the atmosphere. Not much, but maybe more than it seems, considering the low concentrations that are naturally available. We've altered the biome. Does anyone know where the exhaust air from the dome was expelled?" "I don't know quite what to do with it," Song admitted. "If it's the only one, I don't dare dissect it, and. Satisfied, Brother Hart sat down to eat. But Hinda was not hungry. She watched her brother for a while through slotted eyes. "I'm pretty sure he didn't. I asked him about it. He said there was

nothing to worry about, it would. His first endorsement proved to have been beginner's lock. Though he went out almost every night to. "What did Freddy say when you came in?" she asked in a conspiratorial if not downright friendly tone. (His snub had evidently registered.) They ended up with a long cylindrical home, divided into two small sleeping rooms, a community. "Mary," McKillian said, "it occurs to me that I'd better start looking for airborne spores. If there are. cover the razor flint nature originally laid there. the air. It was Hinda's voice, and when the hunter heard it he smiled for she was singing tunes he had. "Over there," said Amos pointing back out the door, "is that end. And over there is this end," and he pointed out the front window, "and right here is the other end." his speech was faintly blurred. I'm sure he was in pain, but he tried to act as if nothing were wrong. club and the blight spreading down Melrose from Western Avenue. It tries to give the impression of. support myself with ease as a writer, provided I am surrounded by a functioning and highly organized. production of Star Wars, featuring Mark Hamill as Obi-wan Kenobi. rather late by then, and they were famished). Before she'd had three mouthfuls, the poem started coming. The door starts to swing back on noiseless hinges, and a breath of cold, unbelievably cold air touches. A: Piers Anthony's "Orn." steps lead up from the shore to the castle entrance. This was the skinny grey man's gloomy grey home. surface responded to her touch with art exploding aurora of hot oranges, reds, and violets. "Don't worry, there's another over behind you." Now that they were looking for them, they quickly. THE MEDIATOR: Nevertheless, I feel that hi fairness both to the Company and to the King that the confusion should be cleared up. Christopher Gail had traumatically divided not only Amanda's childhood but her very psyche. Five years. "Let's put our cards on the table, shall we, Mr. Riordan? I am a Permanent Card holder. What are you?" imprisoned and tortured. By that time over forty other Ozos were in the hands of dissidents. "Right," said Ed, nodding more vigorously. "But I liked what you were saying about cars. That made. Can you believe in that as just a coincidence?" been so frightened in my life. alley on the 13th? though the details of the murder didn't seem to fit the pattern. But he was sick, bad an. Meanwhile, the bills keep coming in. "I See You" is the first new Damon Knight story in many year; it was the feature story in. flung herself into a succession of cartwheels and forward flips. She went around a curve of the beach and. never included kitchen duty. Help Mandy get a meal subscription. an old wound, crusted but clean. The slash on the right was new, and from it blood still dripped. Nolan struck her on the cheek. It wasn't more than a slap, and she couldn't have been hurt But. Moises shook bis head. "This I do not know. But I am sure she has no need of another infant." Amanda screamed again. I tried to roll sideways but my body would not respond and I steeled. The only man speaking was tall, thin, and grey. He wore a grey cape, grey gloves, grey boots, and his hair was grey. His voice sounded to Amos like wind over mouse fur, or sand ground into old velvet The only thing about him not grey was a large black trunk beside him, high as his shoulder. Several rough and grimy sailors with cutlasses sat at his table? they were so dirty they were no color at all! the company store by day to purchase food. "Miss Tremaine, I'll be back in an hour or so. K any slinky blondes come in wanting me to find their kid sisters, tell 'em to wait". "Right, I know." He turned back to the radio, and McKillian listened over his shoulder as Weinstein. "It would be all right for a while," she recalled. "But the pressure would build until I had to go out and. dusty. I was about in the middle of the unpaved section when Detweiler seemed to calm down. I pulled. (1st verse). been a starlet in the Twenties or Thirties, but success had eluded her. So she had tried to freeze herself in. Hinda could see two slashes in the hide, one on each side, under the heart. The slash on the left was an old wound, crusted but clean. The slash on the right was new, and from it blood still dripped. "Did you look at where the pieces were hidden?" asked Jack. "You must have quite an artists' colony here," Amanda said, looking over the collection. She ran a hand down the smooth curves of a sonatrophic sculpture by Drummond Caspar. The trope leaned toward the sound of her voice. and biased, is not merely an insider's snobbish conspiracy to make outsiders feel rotten. (Although it is. ASIMOV'S The Trilogy Foundation. A sword. A New Experience in Interpersonal Intimacy. Invasion of the Body Snatchers is the first "little" '50s s/f film to have the honor of a remake (or at. kept him on the Edgar in the first place. But he did have a lot of training on the lander simulator back. I gave her a suspicious frown, got up, and walked over to the bathroom door. I turned around, beautiful to be a noted personality, since there is usually something a little idiosyncratic about each of. Rainbow," he said. mountain. "When?". From Competition 14: SF "What's the question" jokes 69

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