

MISS GORILLA LOST HER KEYS

Downtown Cinema (or something) at the west end got good openings. The Nu-View, across the street and down, was showing an X-rated double feature. It was too depressing. So I closed the blind..seized Mrs. Zickwolfe before she had time to get to the bulletin board. He dragged her into the bedroom.The crawler skidded to a stop, nearly rolling over, beside the deflated dome. Two pressure-suited.didn't speak Spanish or Portuguese either. Not that she'd made any attempts to communicate; she kept.But this evening as Amos came into the tavern, Billy was quiet, and so was everyone else. Even Hidalgo, the woman who owned the tavern and took no man's jabbering seriously, was leaning her elbows on the counter and listening with opened mouth..16.He watched the disaster unfold before his eyes, silent except for the rhythmic beat of the alarm bell in."Perhaps it would," Amos admitted..series of animals with identical genetic equipment, except that in each case, one gene is removed or.They are titans, they are the true and indisputable masters of the universe, the lords of Creation, and they are unhappy with us. They speak, and theirs is a voice that shatters mountains. "WHO. ARE. YOU?". "So we'll put that one in the Fairy Godmother file and forget about it. If it happens, fine. But we'd better plan on the assumption that it won't. As you may know, the E.R.B.-Podkayne are the only ships in existence that can reach Mars and land on it. One other pair is in the congressional funding stage. Winey talked to Earth and thinks there'll be a speedup in the preliminary paperwork and the thing'll start building in a year. The launch was scheduled for five years from now, but it might get as much as a year boost. It's a rescue mission now, easier to sell. But the design will need modification, if only to include five more seats to bring us all back. You can bet on there being more modifications when we send in our report on the blowout. So we'd better add another six months to the schedule."In the garden the grey man, with sunglasses tightly over his eyes and an umbrella above his head, was.call her tonight". "It must be ... unusual . . . to live in the same place all your life."..night, and the stars were thick in the sky. I caught glimpses of the Project as I made my way home.I'd gone to a hospital, they'd have wanted to know how I'd stayed alive so far. Sometimes I'm glad if s." . . . criticism written without personal feeling is not worth reading. It is the capacity for making good or bad art a personal matter that makes a man [sic] a critic. . . . when people do less than their best, and do that less at once badly and self-complacently, I hate them, loathe them, detest them, long to tear them limb from limb and strew them in gobbets about the stage or platform. ... In the same way really fine artists inspire me with the warmest possible regard. . . . When my critical mood is at its height personal feeling is not the word; it is.need to be done".last night after we left them, was to take the jailor's key, free the prince, and tie up the jailor and put him.distant glitter on the talus slope..discover, and he hated beets) and handed it to Mr. Morone with the can of Spam..What the woman was saying was of a character to suggest that she had just that minute gone crazy. "The pain," she explained calmly to the ice cream section of the freezer, "only comes on when I do this." She stooped closer to the ice cream and winced. "But then it's pure hefl. I want to cut my leg off, have a lobotomy, anything to make it stop. Yet I know the problem isn't in my leg at all. It's in my back. Here." She touched the small of her back. "A kind of short circuit Worse than bending over is twisting sideways. Even turning my head can set it off. Sometimes, when I'm alone, FII start crying just at the thought of it, at knowing Fve become so damned superannuated." She sighed. "Well, it happens to everyone, and I suppose it could be worse. There's no use complaining. Life goes on, as they say."The grey man looked after Amos until he disappeared. Then he put his hand on his head, which was.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..the typewriter..Nolan nodded, flexing his cramped limbs. He stepped out onto the dock, then hurried up the path."I can see I'll be drawing on your knowledge a lot in the years to come. What do you see as the next order of business?".That night Amos again went to the brig. No one had missed the jailor yet So there was no guard at.All six had the same blood group..and a very good imitation calf-length mink swept into the room, took a quick survey of those present,.they developed shapes and colors whose effect on humans ranged from mildly annoying to violently.thousand more went to Europe, South and Central America, and the Middle East..The grey man took the last piece of the mirror, went to the wall, and fitted it in place, saying, "The.Tve come to help you," she said. "You have gotten two thirds of the broken mirror. Now you must get the last piece."..She looked back without stopping. "If you like. I'd like having someone besides myself to talk to. It's."We like it here. It's a good place to raise a family, not like Earth the last time I was there. And it couldn't be much better now, right after another war. And we can't leave, even if we wanted to." She flashed him a dazzling smile and patted the ground again.. "What's the matter," she muttered, "too much spaghetti?**.CLAUSE'S Tales White From the Hart.and a computerized tracer device which would keep the Ozo focused on any subject..credit at Cal Tech in electronics. "Not suitable, Mr. Clary," said the dean. "You lack the proper team."Fine," he says. "About a minute, stand by. Ms, Snow wants to say hello.".151.by STEVEN UTLEY.third one I checked. It was a block and a half from where the little kid fell on the rake..At the same time, Fm afraid that his rage will get us into extremely serious trouble. The Sreen have already demonstrated their awesome power through the ease with which they located and intercepted us just outside the orbit of Neptune. Their vessel is incomprehensible, a drupelet-cluster of a construct which seems to move in casual defiance of every law of physics, half in normal space, half hi elsewherepace. It is an enormous piece of hardware, this Sreen craft, a veritable artificial planetoid: the antiseptic bay in which our own ship now sits, for example, is no less than a cubic kilometer in volume; the antechamber in which the captain and I received the Sreen edict is small by comparison, but only by comparison. Before us is a great door of dully gleaming gray metal, five or six meters high, approximately four wide. In addition to everything else, the Sreen must be physically massive beings. My head is full of unpleasant visions of superintelligent dinosaurs, and I do not want the captain to antagonize such creatures.."Because Mrs. Bushyager thinks

she's shackled up somewhere with Mr. Bushyager. She'd like you to call her tonight". "How's that?". The examiner, a wizened, white-haired fuddy-duddy whose name Barry instantly forgot, had been hostile. "It will be tomorrow at four o'clock in the morning," said the grey man. "So don't stay up too late." In this, the twenty-third volume in a series, I have continued the practice begun in number 22 of including non-fiction material from F&SF's regular departments. The aim is to provide readers of these anthologies with something like a very good and very big issue of the magazine. Thus we offer a fascinating article by Joanna Russ on the pain of reviewing sf books, Baird Searles on "multiples" in sf films, Isaac Asimov on cloning, and a sampling from our competitions..Detweiler left his room that afternoon for the first time since I'd been there. He went north on Las Palmas, dropped a large Manila envelope in the mailbox (the story he'd been working on, I guess), and bought groceries at the supermarket on Highland. Did that mean he wasn't planning to move? I had a sudden pang in my belly. What if he was staying because of his friendship with me? I felt more like a son of a bitch every minute..that you are still in charge down there and that all of this is merely some kind of poor-taste humor..?John Bittingsley..So he'd started to drink. First the good bourbon from the company's stock, then the halfway-decent trade gin, and now the cheap rum..outlets or at the door..in unison, "No, no, what you request is impossible. The decision of the Screen is final, and, anyway..long, Mr. Mallory?". "Oh, awful things," said Amos, "like onvbpmf, and elmbmpf, and orghmflbfe.".Nagami's synthesizer spews a volcanic flow of notes like homing magma..I was dismayed by the effect the question had on her. I forced heartiness into my voice. "Then let's..Overthrow the United States Government by Force & Violence." Yeah. I broke my own rule. But so did you two. Consider yourselves on report." She laughed and."And three and a half for the pair," Jason added. "And that is a rock-bottom offer. You won't do better anywhere else."..runabout and proceeded to demonstrate what I meant. The sultan's palaces, Greek temples, antebellum..rest of us mortals. And I was feeling my resolve begin to crumble. It was hard to believe this beguiling kid..Amanda sat wrapped in a shawl and staring into the empty fireplace. The polychair had turned pale..Although the room was already quiet, the silence seemed to ~intensify with these words. Here and there in the audience, faces turned to glance curiously at one another. Clearly, this was not to be just another retirement speech. Congreve went on. "We have already come once to the brink of a third world war and hung precariously over the edge. Today, in 2015, twenty-three years have passed since U.S. and Soviet forces clashed in Baluchistan with tactical nuclear weapons, and although the rapid spread of a fusion based economy at last promises to solve the energy problems that brought about that confrontation, the jealousies, mistrusts, and suspicions which brought us to the point of War then and which have persistently plagued our race throughout its history are as much in evidence as ever..Writhing in the heat, she stands where there is no support The fire licks her body..enough to frustrate their efforts to push through and enter the old ship. But both lock doors were open..terms of pottery shards and atom bombs." I sat up so fast I almost fell out of the chair. I gave her a long, hard stare, but her neutral expression."Where's a lighter cried Jack..".Haven't I?" said the grey man. He reached under the table and..our lighter forms of entertainment. I presume you are referring to something in the nature of a Music Hall..sucked air through her teeth and clamped her fingers to her scarlet lips. "Do you think he had something..on watch at all times. In drills, they had come from a deep sleep to full pressure-integrity in thirty.Q: In Sword & Sorcery Poker, what beats a full castle?.Science fiction is a small country which for years has maintained a protective standards-tariff to."What?" I practically screamed..When the cops finally got there, I told them all I knew-except I didn't mention the Detweiler boy. I."Enough to get by."..In the garden the grey man, with sunglasses tightly over his eyes and an umbrella above his head, was indeed walking through the violent colors and rich perfumes, past the pink marble fountains where the black butterflies glistened. It was hot, he was dripping with perspiration, and his head was in agony..valley floor. No one could agree which area was most worthy of study: plains or canyon. So this site had..She scooped up beside me, keeping the sheet over her breasts, and tamed on the light. She rummaged around on the nightstand for a cigarette. "Who wants to divorce him?".So he lay down on the bed and Hinda sat by him. She rubbed cinquefoil on his head to soothe it and..some of our celebrity citizens: actress Lillith Manners, novelist..that's one of their featured stories this week. I wonder what they pay him. Last week their cover story..Thank you, Barry. I know you mean that, and I'm flattered Well, then?" He took his pipe from his..203."Fro glad to hear it"..finally rewarded by seeing the light come back on in her. At the office I explained that the owner of No..the first of the week, "At least we're getting to know one another."..there for a moment as a perfect smoke ring of dust billowed up around the rim of the dome. Then he was..too out of place on a Kansas farm. Some of them were five meters high. They came in all colors and."Look at it, Matt. Really look at it." So he did, feeling foolish, wondering what the joke was. He..cleaning brushes. When he sat, the split in his shorts opened and exposed half his butt, which was also."Be quiet and help me," said the thin grey man, "or I shall put you in the trunk with my nearest and..and decided to eat out I took a jug of Lysol to the bathroom and crossed my fingers. Miss Tremaine..After what seemed a long, long time, he saw a flicker of silver-white, and coming closer, he saw it..writer."..a good deal of tugging and grunting, the couch turned into a lumpy bed. The refrigerator looked as if someone had spilled a bottle of Br'er Rabbit back in 1938 and hadn't cleaned it up yet. The stove looked like a lube rack. Well, I sighed, it was only for three days. I had to pay a month's rent in advance anyway, but I put it down as a bribe to keep Lorraine's and Johnny's mouths shut about my being a detective..Lying there wide awake on the rough mattress, side by side in the warm air with Mary Lang, whose black leg was a crooked line of shadow laying across his body, looking up through the port at the sharp, unwinking stars?with nothing done yet about the problems of oxygen, food, and water for the years ahead and no assurance he would live out the night on a planet determined to kill him?Crawford realized he had never been happier in his life..".Listen, Jain?". "That's what you meant, all right. And you meant women, available to the real colonists as a reason to..course, the opposite's true..antifreeze solution that was fifty per cent ethanol. It

was good stuff, Captain Singh reflected as he drained. "Well?". And there it was. Like the lights in a theater after the show is over: just a quick brightening, a splash of localized bluish-purple over the canyon rim, and he was surrounded by footlights. Day had come, the truncated Martian day that would never touch the blackness over his head. barracks. tape The Odd Couple. Every Friday night when I see them lining up out there, I think I might go. Crawford was not about to answer. He said, with a perfectly straight face, "Me? Maybe you should. steaming platter of sausages and eggs. "But why?" Dan asked. to wander, and she stood up and gazed into the valley below them. It was as barren as anything that. I scooted up in bed and leaned against the headboard. Janice snorted into the pillow and opened one. When we were fifteen she decided to separate us. I don't know why. I think she wanted him without me. I laughed. I thought you were unlucky. "Well be able to see each other all we like in January." "January." She groaned the word. "That's forever. Kiss me good* by, Gordy." I blow you into little pieces and scatter them over the whole wide world. "You will not see him again. You will tell him to go." At four o'clock the next morning when the dawn was foggy and the sun was hidden and the air was. 98. with a hat of paper feathers and polyhedrons. The band of the hat said, "I'm a Partyland Smarty-pants." windstorm. But the plans had envisioned a work force of twenty, working all day with a maze of pulleys. his feet! count on for my own. I don't know what to do, Matthew. How can I fight her?" Lang sat back down and patted the ground around her, ground that was covered in a multiple layer. They ended up with a long cylindrical home, divided into two small sleeping rooms, a community. cook it, but we have nothing to bum and couldn't risk it with the high oxygen count, anyway." He had phoned me about ten after five. I had found the body at seven. "Awhile," I said. "The blood was mostly dry." explained the choices to Amanda as I handed her into the runabout and unplugged the car from its. off. That is, unless Mary thinks she can absorb everything she needs to know about piloting the. 861's. Everyone here in Headquarters is too excited about the prospect of selling that kind of hardware. are stimulated, in a variety of ways depending on subtle factors, with the result that different cells in your. "The other end of the rainbow?" asked Hidalgo. A couple kids climb on stage and pull breakfasts out of their backpacks. "You ever read this?" says one, pulling a tattered paperback from his hip pocket His friend shakes her head. "You?" He turns the book in my direction; I recognize the cover. When the sun called Brother Hart to his deerskin once again, Hinda opened the door. Silently she ushered him outside, silently watched him change, and sent him off on his silent way to the meadows with no word of farewell. Her thoughts were on the hunter, the man of the wolves. She never doubted he would come. back to the ship. Amos' plan had apparently worked; they had managed to climb back in the ship and get. San Diego Freeway, into the Santa Monica Mountains. The pavement ends a couple of miles past the. Date: September 23, 1977. She consulted the pad, but I'd bet my last gumshoe she knew every word on it by heart "A Mrs. Carmichael called. Her French poodle has been kidnaped. She wants you to find her." "Come on in," she said, stepping back. "We might as well talk about this." They entered, and. "Sounds all right to me," Lang assured her. "It'll do for a working theory. Now what about airborne spores?"

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