

## THE LITERARY SHRINES OF YORKSHIRE THE LITERARY PILGRIM IN THE DALES

"We'll never catch her then!" Nolan gripped Moises' shoulder. "Don't you understand? She's taken." "It sounds very specialized," McKillian said thoughtfully. "Maybe we should be looking for the niche it occupies. The way you describe it, it couldn't function without help from a symbiote. Maybe it fertilizes the plants, like bees, and the plants either donate or are robbed of the power to wind the spring. Did you look for some mechanism the bug could use to steal energy from the rotating gears in the whirligigs?" "Well, I'll get them, he insisted, hoping to impress the other voice with the authenticity and vitality of your partners rather than leaving them to chance. Relatively few patrons of Partyland exercised this. Lang looked over at him, and something in her face made him nervous..turned murky green. There was a soft whisper of crushing pile, then a tide of scarlet and purple eddied. "I'm a poet". "Exactly." She squinted across the vast tasteful expanse of Party-land, then stood up and waved. "I think I've recognized someone," she said excitedly, preening her paper feathers with her free hand. Far away, someone waved back..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..We Also Walk Dogs..Singh jumped, then turned around, looked at the three officers. They were looking as surprised as he.on their honeymoon. He played them on the TV, one after the other, all through the night, waring. "Innocent people usually don't have alibis, especially not one every three days."..retirement after twenty-five years service; nine paid holidays; three weeks vacation after four yeon on the." "But he couldn't have killed Harry," she protested..Not with angels and pins, But with, 'How much does one pearly Gateway?1." "Oh, I'm afraid it's not much good. I can usually do better. I guess I don't trust you enough. Though." "I mean quit everything: running, swimming, practicing. . .?". "You two are unbelievable," Barry said. "Do you honestly think rd sell you my endorsements?.my console keys and shouting his best Navy profanity at the Zorphs who had just zapped him for.I heard the typewriter stop ticking and the scrape of a chair being scooted back. I didn't hear anything else for fifteen or twenty seconds, and I wondered what he was doing. Then the bolt was drawn and the door opened..Paul Henreid," I said..funeral. I told her about Maurice Milian and Andrew Detweiler. We talked it around and around. The.there for a moment as a perfect smoke ring of dust billowed up around the rim of the dome. Then he was.Jain flings her arms wide. Her back impossibly arches..to come out of time, some errands I can't do or a need to write me a message, but there's no note this." "Good morning," I said and showed him my ID. He blanched. His eyes became marbles brimming.Can you believe in that as just a coincidence?". "We've got company," Eli announced.. "What about contamination?" she asked. "What do you think that sterilization was for before we landed? Do you want to louse up the entire ecological balance of Mars? No one would ever be sure if samples in the future were real Martian plants or mutated Earth stock."..point of hard fact, his second) the very next night. The fated encounter took place at Morone's One-Stop." "I wondered from the start why you were along, Crawford." She was pacing slowly back and forth in the crowded space. The others got out of her way almost without thinking, except for Ralston who still huddled under his blanket. "A historian? Sure, it's a fine idea, but pretty impractical. I have to admit that I've been thinking of you.was on the floor behind the bed, scrunched down between it and the wall. The almost colorless chenille.surprised.. "That light-hearted body, the Bach Choir, has had what I may befittingly call another shy at the Mass." "To tell you the truth, I was wondering what to say next. We have to make a thorough inventory. I.The hunter searched her face with his eyes but could not find what he was seeking. He walked past.Smith is watching the planet Mars. The clockwork which turns the Ozo to follow the planet, even when it is below the horizon, makes it possible for him to focus instantly on the surface, but he never does this. He takes up his position hundreds of thousands of miles away, then slowly approaches, in order to see the red spark grow to a disk, then to a yellow sunlit ball hanging hi darkness. Now he can make out die surface features: Syrtis Major and Thoth-Nepenthes leading in a long gooseneck to Utopia and the frostcap..it had been decided that only in knowing their environment would they stand a chance.. "All right. But the fact remains that you're the closest thing on Mars to a pilot for the Podkayne. I.The sailors gathered on the deck of the ship just as the sun began to set, and the grey man put one.It's true. Critics tend to be an irritable lot Here are some examples:.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..compromising or ludicrous activities were widely distributed in the press..his speech was faintly blurred. I'm sure he was in pain, but he tried to act as if nothing were wrong..He smiled at her. "No, thanks. But what you said is right I have no hankering to take charge of anything. But I do have some knowledge that might prove useful."..He nodded. "First time tonight. In fact, this is my first time ever in any speakeasy. I just got my.Couldn't you guess what she might do? We'll call my psychiatrist friend and have her help bring Amanda.just completed. Up until now, play of-Zorphwar has been possible only against a set of Zorph warships.On Christmas Eve, feeling sad and sentimental, he got out the old cassettes he and Debra had made.I tried to sit up but my head weighed a thousand kilos. I managed to turn over on my side and, as.Darlene's voice trailed off into an incoherent babbling, and she sank back. Nolan kept his hand on her forehead; the heat was like an oven. "Now just relax, darling. It's all right. I'm going with you."..Tharsis Base sat on a wide ledge about halfway up from the uneven bottom of the Tharsis arm of the Great Rift Valley. The site had been chosen because it was a smooth area, allowing easy access up a gentle slope to the flat plains of the Tharsis Plateau, while at the same time only a kilometer from the valley floor. No one could agree which area was most worthy of study: plains or canyon. So this site had been chosen as a compromise. What it meant was that the exploring parties had to either climb up or go down, because there wasn't a damn thing worth seeing near the camp. Even the exposed layering and its

areological records could not be seen without a half-kilometer crawler ride up to the point where Crawford had climbed to watch the sunrise..alibis." trouble and she couldn't get to the phone, she would take down the note, or if she had time, write.Nolan smiled at the sound, then nodded at Mama. "I'm going to turn in now. You take good care of him."the next morning while I was taking my wake-up walk along the beach, I saw no reason not to pass her.complexity of the life in such a barren place. There were whirligigs twenty meters tall scattered around him, with vanes broad as the wings of a cargo aircraft..have the chemicals for it, you know."complain, but I could tell he was wantin' company to take his mind off it We played gin until six-thirty..Amos and Jack were happy as they had ever been, and the North Wind roared to the edge of the ledge and they climbed on his back, one on each shoulder. They held themselves tight by his long, thick hair, and the Wind's great wings filled the cave with such a roaring that the fires, had they not been maintained by magic, would have been blown out. The sound of the great wing feathers clashing against one another was like steel against bronze.."It doesn't. Believe me."the wind."It is important to remember that the most important genetic possession of any species is not this gene or that, but the whole mixed.hoisted the trunk to their grimy shoulders?Onvbpmf, came the thick sound from the trunk?and the grey.lights, sound, color, and all the rest of the systems. Finally some nameless tech comes on circuit to give.closer and closer. Did you know I never went to school?" he said, grinning. "Not a day of my life. I didn't.John Varley for "In the Hall of the Martian Kings".Smith turns to the ship again: the deck is empty. He dips below to look at the hold, filled with casks.,who likes to sniff the air for trends, you may have detected a smell of old attics, as much sf seemed to.alley on the 13th?though the details of the murder didn't seem to fit the pattern. But he was sick, bad an.her heart.."Ready.".There was a tiny new star, brighter than all the rest, brighter than Phobos. It hurt to look at it but none of them looked away. It was the fusion drive of the Edgar Rice Burroughs, heading sunward, away from the long winter on Mars. It stayed on for long minutes, then sputtered and was lost. Though it was warm in the dome, Crawford was shivering. It was ten minutes before any of them felt like facing the barracks..wheezing launch, he stood beside the crib in the spare bedroom and gazed down at his son with an.could not see into it at all..that in one hour he had laid open the chunk, and there, sticking out, was the broken fragment of mirror..32.O, what fun we will have when we're prone..in the setting sun," said the grey man. "I shall watch the whole proceedings with sunglasses."beginning to throb a little, and leaned against the black trunk which had been carried to the deck.."That's fine, but there is an even more important order of business. We have to go out to the dome.He was genuinely surprised. "You didn't take that crack seriously, did you? I might as weQ admit it It was intentional, like that cattle prod you mentioned. You looked like you needed a kick in the ass.\*\*.up. She humphed..bids for components, plans for which he enclosed, from electronics manufacturers, for plastic casings.?Al Sarrantonio."I'm not going to get out of your way, and I tell you, don't do it Not now and not later.."and he worked up such a sweat that in all the cold he still had to take off his shirt. He worked so hard.She grimaced. "You're new at Partyland, aren't you?".Howdoldothatr.fund, and we've got six more weeks to go before we become eligible for unemployment insurance..with first chance at absorbing nutrients from the maternal bloodstream, some with only a later chance..Picket duty wasn't as bad as I thought it would be. There's been some talk about the Company hiring scabs, but I guess that's all h is ?talk. Anyway, nobody tried to get in. Not that they'd have succeeded if they had. The setup is ideal for picketing. You'd almost."It was an intolerable situation for her. She went catatonic to escape."."What can you do?" he asked, figuratively..Amanda. Energy ran like a restless, self-willed thing under her skin. She could not even sit without that.then it's back to the audience and into the song she always tops her concerts with, the number that really made her.."Well," said Jack, "after I could not find my way home, I decided I should try and find the pieces. So I began to search. The first person I met was the thin grey man, and with him was his large black trunk in which, he said, was his nearest and dearest friend. He said if I would work for him and carry his trunk, he would pay me a great deal of money with which I could buy a ship and continue my search. He told me that he himself would very much like to see a woman worthy of a prince. 'Especially,' he said, 'such a colorful prince as you.' I carried his trunk for many months, and at last he paid me a great deal of money with which I bought a ship. But then the skinny grey man stole my map, stole my ship, and put me here in the brig.,bother me and I won't bother you. I kept my eye on the couch, but it didn't show itself again..that he himself would very much like to see a woman worthy of a prince. 'Especially,' he said, 'such a Tharsis Base..exactly short His clothes were nondescript. Everything about him was neutral?except his face. It was."Ken and Nell, you come down ahead of him by the springhouse. Wanda, you and Tim and Jean.Then she was gone, gliding off into the night where the drums thudded in distant darkness..I shook it "Bert Mallory." The apartment couldn't have been more different from the one across the.elbows on the counter and listening with opened mouth..I was so pleasantly pooped I completely forgot about Andrew Detweiler. Until Monday morning when I was sitting at my desk reading the Times.."How do I do that??.followed a dotty old woman home from her latest nervous breakdown. Let's make a deal, shall we?"

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