

## THE TROUBLE WITH DUKES

San Diego Freeway, into the Santa Monica Mountains. The pavement ends a couple of miles past the bearers bore him away.. "But what about the food? Surely it's too much to expect for these Martians to eat the same things we do. Wouldn't you think so?". Upstart by Steven Utley. society. Place me on a desert island and I shall quickly perish since I don't know the first thing about the. "Not long.". "Will you pipe down in there," called the jailor without opening his eyes.. II. spirit. Frankly speaking, you are selfish. And a cheat.". And there it was. Like the lights in a theater after the show is over: just a quick brightening, a splash. Mary Lang was laving sideways across the improvised cot that had recently held the Podkayne pilot.. Crawford was not about to answer. He said, with a perfectly straight face, "Me? Maybe you should just assume I'm a chauvinist.". "Pardon?" said Barry.. grabbed the nearest, who happened to be Doctor Ralston. He had nearly finished donning his suit; so she. "Why, what I meant was that without the morale uplift provided by members of the opposite sex, a colony will lack the push needed to make it.". I thought about it a minute. There seemed to be no harm in Selene being here. "No, I won't tell her.". other back here in New York.. I charged after him. My legs felt rubbery but I caught him at the street He didn't struggle. He just. 203. maintained by magic, would have been blown out. The sound of the great wing feathers clashing against. you'd swear he was no more than four years old. You've seen little kids with those big, guileless,. more of Amanda, but I was puzzled by the notes.. He smiled at her, a commiserating guilty smile, and she smiled back, a mechanical next-please smile.. spine obviously broken. It fell off the couch and flailed about on the floor.. When Amos came up to the ship with the mirror under his arm, he called, "Here's your mirror. Where are my eggs and sausages?". Afterward, Ike and I stopped in The Fig Leaf for a couple of beers. Ike seemed worried. "Do you. more have thought of looking inside than of lifting Madeline's skirts to peek at her underclothes. "What's. feelings; he was very open about things like that.". Amanda,. answers when his chair reared up, god bless it, and bore him off toward . . . Would it be the couple. Q: Who is that peeking out of a manila envelope in the slush pile? A: The Mote in God's Eye. group finds their instruments in the familiar darkness. The crowd is already going crazy.. "Or die trying." He grinned at her. She at least had grasped the essence of the situation. Whether survival was possible or not, it was. And hearing her voice, Brother Hart raced home.. immune to the inevitable despair of the castaway. Ralston in his laboratory was the picture of carefree. Using the tracer, an entomologist in Mexico City is following the ancestral line of a honey bee. The images bloom and expire, ten every second: the tracer is following each queen back to the egg, men the egg to the queen that laid it, then that queen to the egg. Tens of thousands of generations have passed; in two thousand hours, beginning with a Paleocene bee, he has traveled back into the Cretaceous. He stops at intervals to follow the bee in real time, then accelerates again. The hive is growing smaller, more primitive. Now it is only a cluster of round cells, and the bee is different, more like a wasp. His year's labor is coming to fruition. He watches, forgetting to eat, almost to breathe.. prototype, with only two controls, one for space, one for time. The range of the device was limited to. "Oh, ultimate depression!" shrieked the thin grey man, and stepped back again, for the dress beneath. "Anywhere," he replied. "Implicitly.". number or a pending patent mentioned. Smith had called the device Ozo, perhaps because he thought it. "Sure, when I was really young." I repeat by long-remembered rote: "Rock breaks scissors, scissors cut paper, paper covers rock.". otherwise, asking about her tenants wasn't a new thing. I walked into the doilied room, and she looked at. When the ship finally did show up, it was no longer a NASA ship. It was sponsored by the fledgling International Space Agency. Its crew came from all over Earth. Its drive was new, too, and a lot better than the old one. As usual, war had given research a kick in the pants. Its mission was to take up the Martian exploration where the first expedition had left off and, incidentally, to recover the remains of the twenty Americans for return to Earth.. He shrugged. "Oh, nothing much. Take two aspirin, drink lots of liquids, get plenty of rest, that sort of thing." He didn't want to talk about it. "It always goes away.". The sun was poking over the mountains when he woke up. He roused and was momentarily unaware of where he was; then memory flooded back. He turned to me. The pain and hysteria were gone from his eyes. They were oddly peaceful.. 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?". because the promise held out by heroic fantasy? the promise of escape into a wonderful Other. Thomas Disch is one of the handful of writers whose work is as much admired by critics (and. "Then marry me," said Amos, "for I always thought you had uncommonly good sense in matters of whom to believe and whom not to. Your last words have proved you worthy of my opinion.". I was dismayed by the effect the question had on her. I forced heartiness into my voice. "Then let's drive back to the office and sign. You can move in today.". 73. Things did settle down, as Lang had known they would. They entered their second week alone in virtually the same position they had started: no romantic entanglements firmly established. But they knew each other a lot better, were relaxed in the close company of each other, and were supported by a new framework of interlocking. "Oh, I couldn't I'm too unlucky.". Stella enfolds Jain in her protection like a raincape. It sometimes amuses Jam; I can see that. Stella, get Alpertron on the phone for me. Stella? Can you score a couple grams? Stella, check out the dudes in the hall. Stella? It never stops.. The grey man took the last piece of the mirror, went to the wall, and fitted it in place, saying, "The one thing I have always wanted more than anything else, for myself, for my nearest and dearest friend, is a woman worthy of a prince.". In answer to all the requests for more positive, upbeat sf with some good old-fashioned Heros,. our pink little hands? It won't work, I tell you.". and saw a pipe about as thick as his arm. It was flexible, and had a swelling in it that continuously pulsed. "His back?". Lying there wide awake on the rough mattress, side by side in the warm air with Mary Lang, whose. 116. o'clock in the morning. So can you tell me what I must be sure to avoid because it would be so silly and. shadowy shape beside him. Only a few hours until

morning, he told himself. And in the morning, the. "I'd advise you to do it," Crawford said. "I know my opinion means nothing after shooting my mouth. As Atropos raises the terrible, cold-shining blades of the Norn-shears and with only the barest. As for the exception reports triggered by your schedule slippage, J.L. has signed off on the necessary forms to justify a new schedule. We have doubled the expected times required to complete phases four through seven. While this stretches out the predicted completion for Project 8723 by two years, we feel that you people are doing important work in other areas and should not be forced to produce a program of use only to those uptight jokers hi Accounting. It took Smith six weeks to increase the efficiency of the image in-tensifier enough to bring up the ghost pictures clearly. When he succeeded, the image on the screen was instantly recognizable. It was a view of Jack McCranie's office; the picture was still dim, but sharp enough that Smith could see the expression on Jack's face. He was leaning back in his chair, hands behind his head. Beside him stood. scarlet fingernails on the dolled Formica desk top. "How long had Harry been dead?". orange design. His shirt was gold with rainbow checks, and one boot was white and the other was black. Yet cloning would not be totally useless, either. There would be the purely theoretical advantage of studying the development of embryos with known variations in their genes which, except for those variations, would have identical genetic equipment (This would raise serious ethical questions, as all human experimentation does, but that is not the issue at the moment). "I like them," she insisted. Then, "My name's Cinderella. What's yours?". Harley-Wankel. The bikers backed off very quickly. "Don't rub it in." MAD AGAIN: New Poems by Madeline Swain. On the back there was a picture of her sitting in this. successful revolution isn't possible until the proletariat becomes conscious of their oppressions, and they. Just after New Year's, he told his partner that he wanted to sell out and retire. They discussed it in general terms. Eighty. I engage five more tracks. Five to go. The crowd's getting damn near all of her. And, of. Td Hke to see that process from the start," he said. "Where you suit up for the outside, I mean." .movie star except for his back." .Since I first heard her in Washington, I've loved this song the best. I push more keys. Eighty-two. Eighty-five. I know the tech's happily watching the meters. .timer that would allow him to stop a scene, or advance or regress it at any desired rate. He ordered. believable" was the key word. He had to be involved unless the laws of probability had broken down completely. Yet I could swear Detweiler wasn't putting on an act. His guileless innocence was real, damn it, real. .52. the continental divide all the way from Billings down to the southern suburb of El Paso. Amanda Gail and Selene Randall came to Aventine during the autumn hiatus, when the last of the. Tonight at the Hall, the Organizer told us to tighten our belts, that at the bargaining table this. literature or the standards of criticism outside our own small field. Add to this the defensiveness so many. 7. Never mind all that stuff. Just tell me what I'd enjoy reading. .The meeting started out with everybody shouting and talking at once; then the Organizer showed up. "Though, truly," said Amos, glancing at the ceiling, "I had a friend once named Billy Belay, an old. his device was sharp and bright When he varied the inputs to the components in a certain way, the bright. clothes is burn them. We'll all smell better for it. Song, you take the watch." She flicked out the lights and. something moved inside it, and they saw it was the form of a lovely girl. It was Lea, who had appeared to. half set of chromosomes, does not require union with a sperm cell to supply the other half set. Instead, .Her voice faltered only a little but her hands began to shake. The orange in the chair's color went darker and the yellows bled away. Amanda stabbed several times with a hairpin without being able to place it right. After a seventh or eighth try she stood up, letting the hairpins spill onto the carpet. She walked to the far end of the fireplace, where she stood with her back to me, toying with the tops of the fire tools. "It hasn't been long at all since? since I told you I... trusted you." Crawford and Lang hung around as the scientists looked things over. They were not anxious to get back to the task that had occupied them for the last two weeks: that of bringing the Podkayne to a horizontal position without wrecking her. The ship had been rigged with stabilizing cables soon after landing, and provision had been made in the plans to lay the ship on its side in the event of a really big windstorm. But the plans had envisioned a work force of twenty, working all day with a maze of pulleys and gears. It was slow work and could not be rushed. If the ship were to tumble and lose pressure, they didn't have a prayer. .Meanwhile, Columbine Brown had been putting him off with a variety of excuses and dodges. The. often end up with the most sophisticated, flawed, or least-accessible works of great writers: .III. with him without having heard anything but the reward." . "Somewhere in Gateside." Detweiler stepped toward it, ignoring me, tears pouring down his face. The thing's struggles grew. license. Their entire conversation had been illegal. The guilt that immediately marched into his mind and. The door starts to swing back on noiseless hinges, and a breath of cold, unbelievably cold air touches our faces. The door swings open. The door swings open. The door swings open forever before we finally see into the next chamber. .interested in doing it yourself. The co-op teacher monitors your studies, sometimes makes suggestions, .deepest buried childhood fears of an empty echoing house. .Congreve pushed himself back from the podium with his arms and straightened. When he resumed speaking, his tone had lightened slightly. "In the area that concerns all of us here in our day-to-day lives, the accelerating pace of the space program has brought a lot of excitement in the last two decades. Some inspiring achievements have helped offset the less encouraging news from other quarters: We have established permanent bases on the Moon and Mars; colonies are being built in space; a manned mission has reached the moons of Jupiter; and robots are out exploring the farthest reaches of the Solar System and beyond. But" --he extended his arms in an animated sigh-- "these operations have been national, not international. Despite the hopes and the words of years gone by, militarization has followed everywhere close on the heels of exploration, and we are led to the inescapable conclusion that a war, if it comes, would soon spread beyond the confines of the surface and jeopardize our species everywhere. We must face up to the fact that the danger now threatening us in the years ahead is nothing less than that." .selves on report." She laughed and beckoned them over to her. They linked arms and stood staring up at the sky. .There was a man outside in the clearing. At least she thought it was a man. Yet he did not look like Brother Hart, who was the only

man she knew.. "Then we have been found out and all is lost," said the prince. "For it is noon already, and the sun is at its highest and hottest. The boat has docked two leagues short of over there, and the grey man must be about to go for the third mirror himself." "I swear, man, if you had touched me with a cattle prod you couldn't have got a bigger rise out of me than you did with what you said a few minutes ago. Do I dare ask?". pretty easy to walk through one of them if you thought it was open. "Are all the apartments alike? Those.8. A poem analyzing her feelings about bees.. But when I looked in the bedroom, she was sound asleep.. "An aubade is a traditional verse-form that a lover addresses to his (or her) beloved at dawn, when one of them is leaving for work." ". . . Not your fault". It would have been inconsiderate to break in upon such testimony by mentioning that his name was. "No. But I've heard of it happening." . return and eat my eggs and sausages." . possibilities if what Mary says is true." . She went on like that, whispering about creatures half-serpent and half-human, with bodies cold to. "I remember that one is two leagues short of over there, the second is up this one, and the third is.93. the top and so wide they could not see the far wall, and his hair brushed the ceiling, and his toenails. to herself." Amanda sat back hugging herself as though cold. "I know what she's doing but I don't know.\* Please don't write to tell me that the activities involved in sexual reproduction are not inconvenient at all, but are a lot of fun. I know that better than you do, whoever you are. The fun is an evolutionarily developed bribe designed to have us overlook and forgive the inconveniences. If you are a woman, you will see the point more quickly, perhaps, than a man wilt. Nolan followed her gaze. "No one out there." He moved to the window, peered at the clearing. at the same time. If both are fertilized, two children will be born who are each possessed of genetic. you really have something?" . gnomes. He could almost see them trudging through the spinning wheels.. Here is yet another treat from the master of the contemporary chiller. And speaking of chills, Robert Bloch's latest book is a collection of scary stories published by Doubleday and titled Cold Chills.. The game started out like a Marx Brothers routine. Lorraine and Johnny acted like two canaries playing Scrabble with the cat, but Detweiler was so normal and unconcerned they soon settled down. Conversation was tense and ragged at first until Lorraine got off on her "career" and kept us entertained and laughing. She had known a lot of famous people and was a fountain of anecdotes, most of them funny and libelous. Detweiler proved quickly to be the best player, but Johnny, to my surprise, was no slouch. Lorraine played dismally but she didn't seem to mind.. from her face. She was dressed in a loose-fitting bottoms of a ship suit, a gray piece of dirty cloth that. inquiringly as his eyes flicked down, then up.. Organizer outlined what we were striking for, and I paid strict attention so I could tell Ike. It adds up to a. When he reached the apron of the second stage, he strode across it and began ascending the second. 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.\*\*." "Unfortunately, I have used up my quota. However?" she held up a single perfect finger?" it's almost. And when I'm alone. It didn't surprise them too much. The Burroughs had given them: just about everything it could hi the form of data and supplies. There was one more capsule load due; after that, its presence would onl> be a frustration to both groups. There was a great deal of irony hi having two such powerful ships so close to each other and being so helpless to do anything concrete. It was telling on the crew of the Burroughs.. should imagine that he considered it so glaringly obvious that there was no need for the.237. driving.. concerts on the grass every Sunday." . dangling down.

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