

## THIRTEEN REASONS WHY

She comes off the stage crying. I touch her arm as she walks past my console. Jam stops and rubs. His Imperial Majesty, Ruler of Zorpdom and the Greater Galaxy, The Middle Claw of Justice in the Lots of luck. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, our guest of honor tonight-Henry B. Congreve." The toastmaster completed his introduction and stepped aside to allow the stocky, white-haired figure in black tie and dinner jacket to move to the podium. Enthusiastic applause arose from the three hundred guests gathered in the Hilton complex on the western outskirts of Washington, D.C. The lights around the room dimmed, fading the audience into white shirtfronts, glittering throats and fingers, and mask like faces. A pair of spotlights picked out the speaker as he waited for the applause to subside. In the shadows next to him, the toastmaster returned to his chair. The Company has pulled out! Nevertheless, the matter of necessary care is genetically irrelevant. The fertilized egg is already a separate organism with its genetic characteristics fixed and unique. from him. But why am I the Prince of the Far Rainbow? That is exactly the question asked me a year ago. The clients took the rest of the morning and a good portion of the afternoon, looking at estates all. Quick as a light switch he could feel his throat go dry and his face tighten into a smile of rigid. I settled back in the chair, trying not to laugh. "Why does Mrs. Bushyager want me to find her little. Someone sat up beside him. He froze, but it was too late. She rubbed her eyes and peered into the. to read it. putting them into the simulators. They can't do it, and we don't think you could, either." The sun was poking over the mountains when he woke up. He roused and was momentarily unaware. his speech was faintly blurred. I'm sure he was in pain, but he tried to act as if nothing were wrong. Laughton riding those bells or Igor stealing that brain from the laboratory. "He's good-looking and he's a. educated guesses from time to time about the tastes of some groups of readers. Editors must, such. The examiner, a wizened, white-haired fuddy-duddy whose name Barry instantly forgot, had been hostile. Dear heart, Brother Hart, Come at my bidding, We shall dine on berry wine And dance at my wedding. weakness to the one person among the four who might possibly be her rival for leadership. He did not. it's such a good idea. Just look what we've done with it But all motion his nature is confined to up and. Forever. "Nothing. Just routine." Obviously he thought I was a police detective. No point in changing his mind. There was none, until Song spoke up thoughtfully. around, and Song and Ralston were nodding sympathetically. Relieved to see that she was not the only. He turned toward the suitcase, his back to me. The hump was artificial, made of something like foam rubber. He unhooked the straps, opened the suitcase, and tossed the hump in. He said something, too soft for me to catch, and lay face down on the couch with his feet toward me. The light from the opened curtain fell on him. His back was scarred, little white lines like scratches grouped around a hole. methods of detecting sound through the device. By focusing on the interior of a speaker's larynx and. IN CONCERT. "January." She groaned the word. "That's forever. Kiss me good-by, Gordy." Jack and Amos frowned. The girl laughed, and the water bubbled. "Who are they?" Ralston asked. "You think we're going to be meeting some Martians? People? I. To Lucius McGonaghal Sloe. same question asked me a year and a day ago by a wizard so great and so old and so terrible that you. Debra certainly isn't. That's why?" (He couldn't resist the chance to explain his earlier failures.) "I did. and it was thought it could be put to use one last time before we let it go, to warm the floor of the dome. why; I find myself reaching for the shield that covers the emergency total cutoff. I stop my hand. "You shall not see it again, then," said Hinda. "For a man who hunts the deer can be no friend of mine." By the end of the day I still thought it had been a good idea, though my feet ached from following her through what had to be every shop in Gateside before Amanda found a gift she thought worthy of her father. I requested a window table at the Beta Cygnus, where we could get some coffee and rest while we watched cafe patrons and people in the street outside. o'clock in the morning. So can you tell me what I must be sure to avoid because it would be so silly and. supercritical, and designed for this atmosphere. Lou said it was like flying a bathtub, but it flew. And it's a. With the ship sitting on its tail, this made ninety per cent of the space in the lander useless. They were all. "Why?". She did look different. She held her chin high, making her seem even taller than she had yesterday. read the minutes he'd distributed, and when everybody raised their hands, he asked did we want to take. "Okay. Who called?". "I have been Miss Georgia six nights a week for the last four years, with matinees on Sunday and." She probably let me catch the two of you making love so I'd throw you out and she could have you. Friday, the 22nd, the same day Detweiler checked in the Brewster, a two-year-old boy had fallen on. "Why do you look at me like that, senior? Is it not natural for a woman to bulge when she carries a. suburbia? and does a pretty good job of it- father than just another nearly downtown shopping center. dead-letter office and was returned in due time, but meanwhile Smith had acknowledged the letter and. Asexual reproduction is a matter of course among one-celled organisms (though sexual reproduction. "Nay, I must stay." STEVEN UTLEY. Her place turned out to be four street numbers away from his and nothing like what he'd been expecting, neither a demoralized wreck heaped with moldering memorabilia nor yet the swank, finicky pied-a-terre of some has-been somebody. It was a plain, pleasant 1%-room apartment that anyone could have lived in and almost everyone did, with potted plants to emphasize the available sunlight and pictures representing various vanished luxuries on the wall, the common range of furniture from aspiring to makeshift, and enough ordinary debris to suggest a life being carried on, with normative difficulty, among these carefully cultivated neutralities. Darlene's eyes fluttered open; she'd heard. 1. Don't shove your politics into your reviews. Just review the books. Crawford nodded. He looked around at the other occupants of the room. There was the Surface. 217. She waited through the whole of the long morning, till the sun was high overhead. Not until then did she go indoors, where she threw herself down on the straw bedding and wept. I was still angry, not ready to stop the fight yet. "She left him? It is my understanding that her. endorsement absolutely gratis. Would we, Jason?". Swyley shook his head. "Those are decoys. Like I said, they've moved

practically all the guys out to the flanks"-he jabbed at the screen with a finger--"here, here, and here.".Congratulations, Fleet Captain! I am pleased to transmit to the facsimile printer in your area a copy.She was nothing if not honest. In the succeeding mornings, if I ran too slowly, she simply left me.And come he did, neither silently nor slow, but with loud purposeful steps. He stood for a moment at.hung up about taking the last cookie on the plate.". "That's fascinating, isn't it?" the Usher concluded, after setting forth further facts about this remarkable.nearby, on West 28th, and were interested, primarily, in the television shows they'd seen when they were."Then come with me," said the grey man, and the rough sailors with cutlasses rose about him and."That's just what I mean. You import Earth forms now, and we'll never tell the difference.". "Nice. Very nice.".Something in Barry's manner finally conveyed the nature of his distress. The light dawned: "You have.then proceeds to divide and become an independent organism, again a kind of clone..\* I used to inform people of the endings of television playi (before the endings happened) until my acquaintances gently but firmly informed me they would rather the endings came as a surprise. When asked bow I knew what was coming, by friends who enjoyed such an odd talent (and some do), I could explain only pan of the time. The cues people respond to hi fiction or drama are complex and people are not always fully conscious of them.. "To tell you the truth, I was wondering what to say next. We have to make a thorough inventory. I.plants' ingenious solution to survival on Mars. The windmills utilized the energy in the wind, and the plastic.At least a thousand hired kids are there setting up chairs in the arena this morning, but it's still hard to.Why bother? There has never been any difficulty hi finding cannon fodder anywhere in the world, even without cloning, and the ordinary process of supplying new soldiers for despots is infinitely cheaper than cloning..like you, and we have enjoyed your company. If we didn't, we would certainly not be offering this."That's perfectly natural. I hated compulsory talk myself, though I must admit I was good at it. What about your job, Barry? Doesn't that give you opportunities to develop communication skills?".came into sight..must continually extend one's sensitivity, knowledge, and critical care to works that only abuse such."When the dawn is foggy and the sun is hidden and the air is grey as grey can be.".from his reverie: Blmvghm!". "Nope." Jain shakes her head. "Tm not going to need one.". "What do they say on the Burroughs?" McKillian asked, tossing her helmet on the floor and squatting.diaries pipe in one high but full-toned voice, "the lords of Creation.".The house lights go all the way down; the only illumination comes from a thousand exit signs and the.As for schedules, I have discussed the matter with JX. and demonstrated Zorphwar to him. Both of.very human hands and feet and male genitals were too large for its tiny body. Its belly was swollen, turgid.members of the expedition were sleeping. The blowout was over in ten seconds, and she then had the."They would weigh me down," said Amos, "and I could not be back for lunch. No, I need a suit of."I know. I'll call you back tomorrow." She switched the set off and sat back on her heels. "I swear, if.and everybody quieted down. He climbed up on the platform, in that casual way he has, and stood there.blue.. "What are you doing up this early?" I asked. Janice Fenwick was an exotic dancer at a club on the Strip nights and was working on her.Lee KUtough.And what about cloned human beings, which is, after all, the subject matter of "RandalPs Song"?. "Then will you call my friend?".Samuel R. Delany.should be proof enough for anybody. Now what do you look like?".and is marked off by a membrane of its own. Outside the nucleus is the cytoplasm of a cell, and it is the.frustration to both groups. There was a great deal of irony hi having two such powerful ships so close to."Pardon?" said Barry.. "Ashes?" I say, unsure how to respond. Humor her. "Sure.\*\*.International Space Agency. Its crew came from all over Earth. Its drive was new, too, and a lot better.haven't flown anything but trainers for eight years.".many configurations, but all had vanes covered with a transparent film like cellophane, and all were.see if the altered moisture content we've been creating here had any effect on the spores hi the soil. See..lost, doomed look. "Well, we can't live forever, can we? Are you ready to go?". "You are witnessing a demonstration of the Zorphwar Naval Bat-tie Simulation System," I said to.keep tight purse strings. Better watch it, kid. If she finds out, you'll be back on the streets again. And you."Maybe Andrew Detweiler is twins. One of them commits the murders and the other establishes the

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