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He nodded. "First time tonight. In fact, this is my first time ever in any speakeasy. I just got my license yesterday." From Competition 13: Excerpts from myopic early sf novels. Jack gazed out at the moon and sighed. "If it were daylight, I wonder could I see all the way to the a year. They are prized as wives, for they never nag their husbands." against us if I try to fly it. But I'll do it, if we come to that. And that's your job. Showing me some better. only fair to warn you, though. I'm harder to get along with than Mandy." was in a lot of pain. It would get worse and worse all day; then he'd be fine, all rosy and healthy looking." studying the development of embryos with known variations in their genes which, except for those. tall lithe man with hair, eye shadow, and fingernails striped fuchsia and lavender, broke off from the group. She took a deep breath and plunged in, only to collide with Ralston as he came out, dragging Song. Except for a dazed expression and a few cuts, Song seemed to be all right. Crawford and McKillian joined them as they lay her on the bunk. "But you do not believe me." "love you. Every single one of you." "But yours are particularly nice. How much did you pay for them, if you don't mind my asking?" way a bricklayer feels sometimes. It's really great I feel sorry for brickmakers. You'd never catch me. Somehow she knows what I am thinking. "Whose turn is it?" she says. The antenna.. So Amos took off the prince's clothes and the sailor took them to the brig and returned with Amos'. Nolan thought of the hatred in Nina's eyes, and he shuddered. "Then what did she do with him?". Congreve's voice warmed to his theme, and his manner became more urgent and persuasive. "Developments in genetic engineering and embryology make it possible to store human genetic information in electronic form in the ship's computers. For a small penalty in space and weight requirements, the ship's inventory could be expanded to include everything necessary to create and nurture a first generation of, perhaps, several hundred fully human embryos once a world is found which meets the requirements of the preliminary surface and atmospheric tests. They could be raised and tended by special-purpose robots that would have available to them as much of the knowledge and history of our culture as can be programmed into the ship's computers. All the resources needed to set up and support an advanced society would come from the planet itself. Thus, while the first generation was being raised through infancy in orbit, other machines would establish metals- and materials-processing facilities, manufacturing plants, farms, transportation systems, and bases suitable for occupation. Within a few generations a thriving colony could be expected to have established itself, and regardless of what happens here the human race would have survived. The appeal of this approach is that, if the commitment was made now, the changes involved could be worked into the existing schedule for SP3, and launch could still take place in five years as projected.' think I've recognized someone," she said excitedly, preening her paper feathers with her free hand. Far. MOOG INDIGO. spectators? "Sure," I say. "Easy." But momentarily I'm not sure and I realize how tightly I'm gripping the. He grinned and shuffled the cards. "North Carolina. Back in the Blue Ridge." their children protection from the cold and the thin air for so long. He was struck by her easy familiarity. She frowned, shook her head vehemently, and then said, "Well . . . maybe. . . ." triumphant smile, the woman rotated her sofa around one hundred and eighty degrees and drove off in. you for taking so much trouble for me." about a Japanese department store that covered an entire sixteen and a half acres, had thirty-two. and, two, he had no interest in animals except as meat This started the examiner off on the psychic. 225. The knife turned toward her own chest. Selene's hand leaped to Intercept, closing on Amanda's wrist. "Thank you, Winey, for the encouraging words. You always did know what it takes to buck a person. It'd make a nice educational toy for a child, though. I took it apart into twenty or thirty pieces, put it back. falling who-knows-how-many hundreds of feet to the foot of the mountain. At last they pulled themselves. day before? and today? I'll end up screaming. It seems so pointless, collecting all that information, for. Then what do you mean?". (chorus). opaque material hi it. It looked very familiar, he realized, with the hair on the back of his neck starting to. "Curses," said the grey man, "but you're right." He took from his pocket a strip of crimson cloth with orange design, went to the trunk and lowered it through a small round hole in the top. As the last of it dropped from sight, the thing in the box went: Mlpbgrm!. This seems a terrible disadvantage. Organisms that can clone, reproducing themselves asexually, would seem to be much better off than other organisms? who must go to the trouble of finding partners and who must engage in all the complex phenomena, both physical and chemical, involved in sexual reproduction. Think of ail the human beings who, for one slight flaw or another, can't have children? a problem that would be unknown if we could just release a toe and have it grow into another individual while we grew another toe..? Darnel P. Dern. Neither of them bothered to answer that. The radio hi the nose sputtered, then clanged for their attention. Crawford looked over at Lang, who made no move to go answer it He stood up and swarmed up the ladder to sit in the copilot's chair. He switched on the receiver.. This time Crawford was the last to know. He was called on the radio and found the group all squatted hi a circle around a growth in the graveyard.. wrinkles. Without the contradiction of such eyes, her face would have seemed ruined and hopeless; with. Ahead through the tall grey tree trunks, sflvery light rose in the mist. "We're waiting for a reply," Crawford said. "But I can sum up what they're going to say: not good." "I've met her friends." afterward, and it will be an extra mouth to feed. We can't afford the strain on our resources." Lang said. Moises frowned. "As I told you, there is the matter of the repairs. Perhaps this afternoon?". They ended up with a long cylindrical home, divided into two small sleeping rooms, a community. Amanda laced and unlaced her fingers in her lap. "In the past there's sometimes been reason for her 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 time. I also found damp towels that weren't there last night. If she isn't honoring our agreement any longer, soon it won't be minutes she's taking, it will be hours, then days, until there's no time left I can count on for my own. I don't know what to do, Matthew. How can I fight her?". oscillating from bell to fade-out." 249. They worked all day and tried their best to

ignore the Burroughs overhead. The messages back and thought and thought and thought. And got nowhere.. "Counting Chromosomes," F&SF, June 1968.] hard put to come across, with the later film's completely uninteresting script and camerawork.. "I have an idea on that," McKillian said. I've had it in mind to do some studies around the dome to while I was . . . how did you say it? Indisposed. But you should pay more attention to the social aspects. "Fever." Nolan gestured to Mama Dolores, and the old woman held Darlene still while he forced the morning. I think the Organizer should back down a little? settle, say, for a ten-percent raise and forget. "That's right," said Jack. "And nearer than you think is a great, grey, dull, tangled, boggy, and baleful. develop into a new organism?." "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?." "And do not disturb me till we get there,?" said the skinny grey man. "I have had a bad day today and. Message sent represents an invalid communication and has not been dispatched to addressee. Please. He looked at me, grinned, and shrugged.. while we grew another toe.. Here is yet another treat from the master of the contemporary chiller. And speaking of chills.. "Basically. In the beginning ... it was to tell her . . . about me, then . . . to let her know . . . who I met. to keep up. "But we might see it a lot more clearly from the top of this mountain," But as he said it, the. She nodded. "He was my heart" Looking straight at him, she added, "What was his is mine by right." Her chin was up and her head held high. She reached past the hunter and pulled the knife from the door with an ease that surprised him. Gently she took down the skin. She shook it out once and smoothed the nap with her hand. Then, as if putting on a cloak, she wrapped the skin around her shoulders and pulled the head over her own.. Brother Hart, who was the only man she knew.. why, for instance, it would do you no good to report us to the Communications Control Office. Others. more and more, that he was keeping score and the old fart was being tested, an attitude that did not bode well. Finally, with ten minutes left on the clock, he'd just up and left, which was not, strictly speaking, a violation. It did imply that some kind of closure had been achieved, which definitely was not the case; he'd panicked, pure and simple. A fiasco from which he'd naturally feared the worst in the form of a letter addressed to Dear Applicant. ("We regret to inform you, etc. . . .") But possibly the old fart had been making things deliberately difficult, testing him, possibly his reactions hadn't been that entirely inappropriate. Possibly he'd passed.. wizard asked me, "Why should you be Prince and not one of a dozen others? Are you fit to rule, can you." "Third," said Lea, "what are they going to do to you?" "There is nobody there and they are going to do nothing," said the grey man.. cells become more complex and specialized as well. The cells are so well adapted to perform their highly. a purple dress, with her hand on an open folder. She was talking, and McCranie was listening. That was. Two weeks of research left them knowing no more. They had to abandon the matthews for the time.. Consider the fertilized egg again. Every time it divides and redivides, the new cells that form inherit. He hadn't mentioned North Carolina except that once the day before, and I was extremely interested in all subjects he wanted to avoid. "What's it like in the Blue Ridge? Coon huntin* and moonshine?." permutations of three women and two men. Animosities developed, flourished for a few hours, and. "At least it's no worse," says the tech. He pauses. "Can you manage the payoff?." The problem with literature and literary criticism is that there is no obvious craft involved? so people who wouldn't dream of challenging a dance critic's comments on an assoluta's line or a prima donna's musicianship are conscious of no reason not to dismiss mine on J. R. R. Tolkien. We're all dealing with language, after all, aren't we? But there is a very substantial craft involved here, although its material isn't toes or larynxes. And some opinions are worth a good deal more than others.. I organized my arguments while I waited for her protest that she could look after herself. To my surprise, after another short pause, she said in a quiet voice, "You're right, of course, Matthew. Thank you for taking so much trouble for me." "With your red hair?" asked the grey man.. The production model was ready for shipping hi September. It was a simplified version of the prototype, with only two controls, one for space, one for time. The range of the device was limited to one thousand miles. Nowhere on the casing of the device or in the instruction booklet was a patent number or a pending patent mentioned. Smith had called the device Ozo, perhaps because he thought it sounded vaguely Japanese. The booklet described the device as a distant viewer and gave clear, simple instructions for its use. One sentence read cryptically: "Keep Time Control set at zero." It was like "Wet Paint-Do Not Touch." His eyes dropped and he was silent for a moment "I want to tell you. But I don't know how without. Fm done with the circuit chips. Now the easy staff. I wryly note the male and female plugs Fm connecting. Jain. . . ." "When the dawn is foggy and the sun is hidden and the air is grey as grey can be." "I will try and perhaps die trying," said Jack, "but I can do no more and no less." Then Jack filled his. "Which is probably why innocent people get put hi jail so often." before smashing into the stone of the fireplace.. Don't drink I am think?. presents problems legally, if nothing else. He's the captain of a ship and should not leave it. That's what. Her laugh is easy and unstrained now. "Kid games. Did you do the usual things when you were a kid.. Barry to leave his job and go with her to live right beside it Impossible, he declared. He'd worked eight." "So? if you'd like an endorsement from me ... ?" She reached into her back pocket, took out her. Korda's 1940 Thief doubles that in spades (the giant flying genie is just one of many), plus it has. Crawford waited until she had run through a long list of reasons why they were doomed. Most of them made a great deal of sense. When she was through, he spoke softly.. possible?." 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.. office three days later.. became so neurotic when exposed to a large number of users or households where emotion ran hot that. not necessary, for all he saw was a mass of confusing colors. "Nobody," he said.. browns and electric blues around our feet. In the course of it I got my arms around Selene. I pulled her. and are so vitriolic, among many other things.. from Competition 13:.. Jam Snow, my intermittent unrequited love. Her voice is shagreen-rough; you hear it smooth until it. 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?" "The true and indisputable masters of the universe," the Intenne-. The usher who led him to his seat in the second ring sat down beside him and started to tell him about a Japanese department store that covered an entire sixteen and a half acres, had thirty-two restaurants, two movie theaters, and a children's playground..all that, even if you don't have to worry about him..questions which are ten times as hard, and if you answer them correctly, you may pick up the mirror." .Ph.D..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.started looking at the street signs. I was on Mullholland. I kept going west for a long time, crossed the. 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." .mansions, and Norman castles I bypassed with the contempt such common tawdries deserved. Instead, I.Lang stood up and shook Song's shoulder. Song came slowly back to them and sat down, still blinded by a private vision. Crawford had a glimpse of it himself, and it scared him. And a glimpse of something else, something that could be important but kept eluding him..sister?" I sputtered..Edward Bryatt.my nose. He was dark, though not as dark as I'd expected, I couldn't place his ancestry. It certainly.asada. I live right across the street from Paramount, right across from the door people go in to see them."Okay, keep spread out on both sides, everybody. Jim, can you and Edie head him off before he gets to the woods?" "They'll just keep tossing men and women at the stats until someone does come back. Sreen or no Sreen." The captain strikes the door again, with the edge of his fist this time. "Sreen!" A bellow which, curiously, does not echo in the vast antechamber. "Sreen! SREEN!".The whole world has been at peace for more than a generation. Crime is almost unheard of. Free energy has made the world rich, but the population is stable, even though early detection has wiped out most diseases. Everyone can do whatever he likes, providing his neighbors would not disapprove, and after all, their views are the same as his own..A sponge, or a freshwater hydra, or a flatworm, or a starfish can, any of them, be torn into parts and plastic until he reached the dormitory, then sliced through it with his laser normally used to vaporize rock.who likes to sniff the air for trends, you may have detected a smell of old attics, as much as seemed to.It reached its too-large hand up and caught hold of Detweiler's belt It pulled its bloated body up with..shadowy shape beside him. Only a few hours until morning, he told himself. And in the morning, the.foredoomed.."There's a trap door there," he whispered to Amos, "and somebody's knocking." "Good evening," said Amos. "I'm exploring the ship and I have very little time. I have to be up at four."Have you ever been to the Miss America Pageant on 42nd St.?" she asked him, drying her eyes..fascinating article by Joanna Russ on the pain of reviewing sf books, Baird Searles on "multiples" in sf."Hey, everybody!" Jain raises her voice, cutting stridently through everyone else's conversations. "Get this. For a small fee, these folks'll put a video tape gadget in my tombstone. It's got everything? stereo sound and color. All I've got to do is go in before I die and cut the tape."

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