

## **A DEPLOYABLE PRIMARY MIRROR FOR SPACE TELESCOPES**

asserting there's no such thing as great art; some, that whatever moves one intensely is great art. Both are. She shakes her head. "Just my pa." I guess I look curious because she looks away and adds, "My Sturgeon Lives Comfortably, THEODORE STURGEON Mr. Robot, That's Me, ISAAC ASIMOV. seized on December 13 by the KGB; Belov and two other members of the group were arrested, "Virtually none. Do you think I'd go around talking to myself in grocery stores if I had friends?" head, although without memory, experience, and the constant checking of novel objects against chair. She turned her head sideways and addressed the old woman behind the refreshment counter. "I'm pretty sure he didn't. I asked him about it. He said there was nothing to worry about, it would opportunity." Ten minutes later, Sirocco had worked out a hastily contrived fire-plan with his executive officer and relayed details to First, Second, and Fourth platoons, and Colman had briefed Third Platoon via his section leaden. Colman secured and checked his equipment; unloaded, reloaded, and rechecked his M32 assault cannon; checked and inventoried his ammunition, "Right? when you get it, you know where you can find us. We're always here on the same settee." 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." anything anyone said. The skit had been both essentially truthful and unjustifiably cruel. Too much. She was almost drowned out by a rising tide of babble at the door. I looked around to see the group from the street pouring into the cafe in loud and animated conversation with each other. One of them, a tall lithe man with hair, eye shadow, and fingernails striped fuchsia and lavender, broke off from the group and headed toward us with a grin. "The gate's going to be a lot bigger than last night," Jain had said. "Can you handle it?" Each of us adds to the other's pleasure, and it's better than the other times. But even when she comes, she stares through me, and I wonder whose face she's seeing? no, not even that: how many faces she's seeing. Babe, no man can fill me like they do. - stitions. And be couldn't afford to alienate Mama now. "I shall take precautions," he told her, gravely. "Right now I've got to rest And I want to see Robbie." nomenclature, but you'll have no trouble recognizing what they really are. ?master's in oceanography at UCLA in the afternoons. In the year I'd known her I'd seldom seen her stick her nose into the sunlight before eleven, "Miss Tremaine, will you get Gus Verdugo on the phone, please?" You are five, hiding in a place only you know. You are covered with bark dust, scratched by twigs, sweaty and hot. A wind sighs in the aspen leaves. A faint steady hiss comes from the viewer you hold in your hands; then a voice: "Lone, I see you? under the bam, eating an apple!" A silence. "Lone, come on out, I see you." Another voice. "That's right, she's in there." After a moment, sulkily: "Oh, okay." mainspring. Energy is stored in a coiled muscle and released slowly. I don't think it could travel more than houses in the compound, and now you see Bruce standing beside the corral, looking into his viewer, imagine Madeline, at her age and with her temperament, being in love with anybody. Still, that was her. and the other was in jail. Ah, machismo! and the children, who didn't know what they were laughing about but enjoyed the break in the tension. He went to the half wall separating the kitchen and poured two cups from a pot that looked like h. wrinkles. Without the contradiction of such eyes, her face would have seemed ruined and hopeless; with 38 possibilities. He didn't relish being a leader. He was hoping Lang would recover soon and take the First Ace printing; November 1981 Published Simultaneously in Canada. Topanga. The road isn't traveled much, there are no houses on it, and people don't like to get their cars. By day, in his deer shape, Brother Hart would go out and forage on green grass and budlings while spied four of the creatures. Song took a sample bag from her pouch and held it open in front of the beast. "So do I," Lang said, ending the discussion. But she explained her reasons to them. "That means," said Lea, "I was put in this trunk by a wizard so great and so old and so terrible that 247 Chills. Brother Hart," she cried. "It was for me you died. Now your enchantment is at an end." coincidences. Yeah, "un-believable" was the key word. He had to be involved unless the laws of. There was none, until Song spoke up thoughtfully. Rocky Mountain Central Arena. But it's made of a flexible plastic-variant and blowers funnel up heated. There was also a carbon copy of the story he'd just finished. The return address on the first page was a box number at the Hollywood post office. The title of the story was "Deathsong." I wished I'd had time to read it. agent in New York, to whom he wrote hi the same way, he contracted for ten thousand copies of an. "We've recalculated everything based on the lower mass without the twenty of you and the six tons of." "Hold on, honey," Lang said dryly. "If you conceive now, I'll be forced to order you to abort. We address was just around the corner from the Almsbury.) She had cut her wrists on a piece of broken. you will, one hundred Isaac Asimov clones! "This is what you were thinking just now?" he asked skeptically. "Are you disappointed?" 140. another. "Here's what we know for sure. The E.R.B. is useless to us. Oh, they'll help us out with plenty of." I guess so. I don't think "Commander Long\* would wear well over five years. But you'd better still think commander." "These are what I need," said Amos, putting on the clothes quickly, for he was beginning to get chilly standing in his underwear. Then he climbed over the edge of the boat into the swamp. He was so bright and colorful that nobody saw the figure hi dirty rags run quickly behind them to the far end of the ship and also climb over into the swamp. Had the figure been Amos? it was wearing Amos' rags? the red hair might have attracted some attention, but Jack's hair, for all his colorful costume, was a very ordinary brown. The next moment it was Selene, wholly Selene, who stood there. She hurried across the room and knelt beside me. "Are you all right? You've got blood all over your head." that some kind of closure had been achieved, which

definitely was not the case; he'd panicked, pure and simple. "Those who lead, lead," he said, simply. "Til follow you as long as you keep leading," "You are as innocent as any creature in the woods," he said over and over in amazement. The top and so wide they could not see the far wall, and his hair brushed the ceiling, and his toenails. Even organisms as complex as insects can in some cases give birth to parthenogenetic young and, in the case of aphids, for instance, do. Detweiler wasn't feeling well at all. He was pale and drawn and fidgety. His eyelids were heavy and his speech was faintly blurred. I'm sure he was in pain, but he tried to act as if nothing were wrong. "Thank you, Matt." Congreve's voice rumbled in a gravelly baritone from the speakers all around. He glanced from side to side to take in the whole of his audience. "I, ah--I almost didn't make it here at all." He paused, and the last whispers of conversation died away. "A sign in the hall outside says that the fossil display is in twelve-oh-three upstairs." The American Archeological Society was holding its annual convention in the Hilton complex that week. Congreve shrugged "I figured that had to be where I was supposed to go. Luckily I bumped into Matt on the way, and he got me back on the right track." A ripple of laughter wavered in the darkness, punctuated by a few shouts of protest from some of the tables. He waited for silence, then continued in a less flippant voice. "The first thing I have to do is thank everybody here, and all the NASDO people who couldn't be with us tonight, for inviting me. Also, of course, I have to express my sincere appreciation for this, and even more my appreciation for the sentiments that it signifies. Thank you--all of you." As he spoke, he gestured toward the eighteen-inch-long, silver and bronze replica of the as yet unnamed, untried SP3 star probe that stood on its teak base before Congreve's place at the main table. "The other end of the rainbow?" asked Hidalgo. "Yes. Aventine has too many rich and famous residents to care about another celebrity, and as we have no hotels or public transportation and the cabletrain from Gateside is the only way in, aside from private aircraft on private landing fields, we manage to discourage most reporters and curiosity seekers." 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." "T've come to help you," she said. "You have gotten two thirds of the broken mirror. Now you must get the last piece." Lee KUIough. Nina stood before him and she was stark naked. Stark naked, her arms opening in invitation. "Where is he?". though a temblor shakes the Front Range. But with, 'How much does one pearly Gateway??. And she was right Nolan knew it now. At least they'd be together and that would help see him. know. They can build anything they need, make a blueprint in DNA, encapsulate it in a spore and bury it in stone. My first two fingers form the snipping blades of a pair of scissors. "I win!" she crows, delighted. Left to himself he couldn't stop thinking about the staple he'd seen on her license. It was like the. "Yes. He was very pleased, but he wants the man's name." The crawler skidded to a stop, nearly rolling over, beside the deflated dome. Two pressure-suited. with this wheelbarrow has proved you worthy of my opinion." DICK'S We Can Wholesale It For You, Remember? SILVERBERG'S Dead With The Born. emerged that for most of her childhood, Amanda Selene Gail had been two personalities, Amanda Gail. "I said," he said, with woozy precision, "my name is Ed." so poorly on my earlier exams. Assuming I did get a low score last time, which isn't certain since the. A Bit Unclear, H, BEAM PIPER. upon this insight and draw some interesting parallels between his experience and hers, Columbine. She was nothing if not honest. In the succeeding mornings, if I ran too slowly, she simply left me behind. She was blunt about what she thought and not at all hesitant about disagreeing with me. Still, there was no verbal swordplay and no pretense about her, which was as attractive in its way as Amanda's charming acquiescence. And I never ceased to be fascinated by the difference between Amanda's serenity and Selene's coUed-spring energy. John Varley for "In the Hall of the Martian Kings". The meeting started out with everybody shouting and talking at once; then the Organizer showed up, and everybody quieted down. He climbed up on the platform, in that casual way he has, and stood there looking down at us with his big golden eyes, his face glowing as it always does at such times, as though there's a light inside him shining through his pores. When they checked into a motel, I went home and went to bed. "shut?". reappeared. He turned the other way; they whirled back. all his chips on a tactic of complete candor, had said, one, he was too young to worry about skin cancer. Earthling Swine! I, Parker, Emperor and Commander and Chief of the Hordes of Zorph, do here give warning. Tomorrow afternoon at 14:00 hours I shall commence the obliteration of all decadent hu-manoid pigs in my galaxy. Be at your console at the appointed hour! You are forewarned but foredoomed. There would be practical uses, too. A prize bull or a champion egg-laying hen could be cloned, and. "What I really wanted to talk to you about is this: You said you couldn't fly this ship. But you were. cut. The blood hadn't spread very far. Most of it had been soaked up by the threadbare carpet under the." "Cause if they didn't visit us, they must have prepared other spores. Spores that would analyze new proteins and be able to duplicate them. Further than that, some of the plants might have been able to copy certain genetic material if they encountered any. Take a look at that pipe behind you." Singh turned and saw a pipe about as thick as his arm. It was flexible, and had a swelling in it that continuously pulsed in expansion and contraction. "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." Well, you see, Dr. Kolodny, what she believes is that the end of the world is about to happen. Next. Smith is able to catch glimpses of figures on deck, tilted above dark cross-sections of the hull. A sailor is. The minute she saw me, Debbie's face fell. When we voted the Union hi last month, she had a fit, and ever since dien she's been dreading a walkout. How were we going to manage now, she asked me when I came hi the door, with prices the way they were and with no money coming in? I told her not to worry, that with the Project so dose to completion and the King on their backs morning, noon and night, the Company would have to come across pronto. She said she hoped so, what with another mouth to feed any day now and our savings account down to two figures, and what would I like for dinner? baked fish or fried figs? I said baked fish. rubber. He unhooked the straps, opened

the suitcase, and tossed the hump in. He said something, too. Not long afterward I left. I didn't want to be hung-over on my first spell of picket duty. It was a cool night, and the stars were thick in the sky. I caught glimpses of the Project as I made my way home through the narrow streets. It dominates the whole city. The whole Plain, for that matter. It had sort of a pale, blurred look in the starlight, the six completed stages blending together, the uncompleted seventh one softly serrated against the night sky. Working on it every day, I've kind of forgot how high it is, how much higher it's going to be when we get back on the job. The highest thing ever, they say. I won't dispute that. It makes a palm tree look like a blade of grass and a man look like an ant. Looking at it tonight, I felt proud to be one of the builders. It was as though I'd built the whole thing myself. That's the way a bricklayer feels sometimes. It's really great I feel sorry for brickmakers. You'd never catch me slogging all day in a mud hole..performance has ever been? I don't have time to worry about it; I play the console like it was the. My curiosity reared up again. The gossip columnists speculated a great deal about how Amanda and see the red spark grow to a disk, then to a yellow sunlit ball hanging hi darkness. Now he can make out.unfolds. For didn't it strongly suggest that she too had been given the benefit of the doubt that she'd got

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