

HIS FINAL DEAL

his fingers.. "India," Moises said, pronouncing the word with all the contempt of one in whose veins ran a ten per-cent admixture of the proud blood of the conquistadores, "Who are we to know the way of savages?" He shrugged.. "Will you be finished before breakfast time?" asked Amos, glancing at the sun.. "I guess so. I don't think ?Commander Long? would wear well over five years. But you'd better still. 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..darkness.. "What happened to you?" asked Jack, and Amos told him..almost blew them over. Water condensed out of it in their faceplates, and suddenly they couldn't see very..you're guilty of breaking the law..I waited and waited and never did hear a shot.. "Hold it," Crawford said. "I just wanted to know if you had any ideas." He was secretly pleased at..But crazy in a dull, not an interesting way. He wondered how long they'd have to go on talking before the chairs switched round again. It seemed such a waste of time talking to another temp, since he could only get the endorsements he needed from people who held Permanent Licenses. Of course, the practice was probably good for him. You can't expect to like everyone you meet, as the Communications Handbook never tired of pointing out, but you can always try and make a good impression. Someday you'd meet someone it was crucial to hit it off with and your practice would pay off..I smiled. "Hello, I'm Bert Mallory. I just moved in to number five. Miss Nesbitt tells me you like to..She grimaced. "No need to panic. It's not an emergency. Fm licensed." 'The North Wind laughed so loud that Amos and the prince had to hold onto the walls to keep from..chair, watching the color change spread over the entire surface and the contours alter to a deeper, softer..He came in quickly and bolted the door behind him. He didn't notice the open curtain. He glanced.. "Sometimes it does you good to feel gloomy." One of the pills insisted on getting stuck in his throat. Just like, he thought, a lie..I mean think I am drunk;..In the Hall of the Martian Kings 147..I monitor crossflow conversations through plugs inserted in both ears as set-up people check out the lights, sound, color, and all the rest of the systems. Finally some nameless tech comes on circuit to give my stun console a run-through..a hero, but he wants to live to enjoy it, too..either Ike or I were, and by the time we reached the apron he was halfway up the scaffolding that flanked.. "You must show how clever you are," said Lea. "When I was free of this mirror, my teacher, in order..climbing out of his palanquin, he started pacing up and down the way he'd done on his first visit; only this..I tried to sit up but my head weighed a thousand kilos. I managed to turn over on my side and, as..20.. "What is this?" asked Hidalgo as they stepped inside. She picked up the glass prism from the top of..own cheek or forehead..The assumption here is that matters not subject to cut-and-dried "hard" proof don't bear any relation..the attached instructions being transmitted to your local printout facility..Again and again the call came. So Hinda went to the door, for she feared nothing in the wood. And who should come winded to the cottage but Brother Hart. He had no words to tell her his deer form, but blood beaded his head like a crown. It was the first time she had ever seen him bleed. He pushed past her and collapsed, shivering, on then- bed..229..Jain sways and the crowd sways; she thrusts and the crowd thrusts. It is one gigantic act It is as though a temblor shakes the Front Range..Tuesday, and do you suppose in all that time that the audience has ever voted for me to be Miss..and he worked up such a sweat that in all the cold he still had to take off his shirt. He worked so hard.. "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..put them on sale at prices ranging from \$49.95 to \$125. By the following day the word was beginning to.. "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.. "That light-hearted body, the Bach Choir, has had what I may befittingly call another shy at the Mass.. "Who was Detweiler visiting?" I asked as I lit the cigarette. The lighter felt cool and expensive in my..She looked miffed. "Don't flatter yourself, young man. I may have inveigled you into my apartment, Orulmhf.. "But it wasn't his handsomeness that attracted me." She smiled. "I've seen many handsome men in my day..though its expiration date may be extended by this means for a period of up to three months. A score hi..In short, a sexually reproducing species evolves much more quickly than a cloning species, and such difficult-to-evolve specializations as intelligence are not likely to arise in the entire lifetime of a habitable planet, without sexual reproduction..Just out of curiosity, Barry wondered aloud, what kind of cash payment were they talking about?..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?"..pass. And it did.. "And Birdie Pawlowicz: "Yeah, he typed a lot in his room."..In the HaU of the Martian Kings 131.114..performing a much more essential task. The brickmaker asked him how he'd perform it without the..His voice became more serious as he continued. "I don't want to go off into a lot of personal anecdotes and reminiscences. That kind of thing is customary on an occasion such as this, but it would be trivial, and I wouldn't want my last speech as president of NASDO to be marked by trivia. The times do not permit such luxury. Instead, I want to talk about matters that are of global significance and which affect every individual alive on this planet, and indeed the generations yet to be born--assuming there will be future generations." He paused. "I want to talk about survival--the survival of the human

species." "I can see I'll be drawing on your knowledge a lot in the years to come. What do you see as the next order of business?" Pramatica by Samuel R. Delany 243. "Tin no swimmer but I prefer hot water to ice," Amanda said. "I See You" is the first new Damon Knight story in many year; it was the feature story in. What was marvelous was the afternoon with Amanda clinging to my arm and greeting each new. under the unimaginative control of the computer. With the two-person game, one player commands the. him before the disaster. He had been a name on a roster and a sore spot in the estimation of the. "That means," said Lea, "I was put here to be the nearest and dearest friend to all those grim, grey people who cheat everybody they meet and who can enjoy nothing colorful in the world." "Then come with me," said the grey man, and the rough sailors with cutlasses rose about him and hoisted the trunk to their grimy shoulders? Onvbpmf, came the thick sound from the trunk? and the grey man flung out his cape, grabbed Amos by the hand, and ran out into the street. raising his hands to his throat. Smith presses a button to hold the moment in tune. He scans behind the. not necessary, for all he saw was a mass of confusing colors. "Nobody," he said. Nell and Jim; then you will be in the middle of things, and your life will begin. down to look at himself in the mirror. He must have been pleased with what he saw, because he gave a. "Take whom you like," said the grey man, "so long as you bring back my mirror." The well-muffled sailor with the coil of rope on his shoulder stepped forward with Amos. cleaning brushes. When he sat, the split in his shorts opened and exposed half his butt, which was also. Major Thorpe, Electronics Intelligence Officer at Brigade H.Q., had read somewhere that spinach and fish were sure remedies for failing eyesight, so he placed Corporal Swyley on an intensive diet. But Swyley hated spinach and fish even more than he hated being tested, and within a week he was afflicted by acute color-blindness, which he demonstrated by refusing to see anything at all in even the simplest of training displays. Then I only half listen as I look out from the plane across the scattered cloud banks and the Rockies. Destination: P.T. Warrington. proletariat becomes conscious of their oppressions, and they can't become conscious of anything until they are as articulate as their oppressors. Language and consciousness aren't independent processes, after all. Talking is thinking turned inside-out. No more, no less." So simple, so direct, and yet when you thought about it, almost impossible to understand. We made the cold dash across the beach to the cabin, picking up our clothes on the way. Inside we. the cafe looking at the paintings and sculpture on exhibition by local artists. "I agree with Lucy," Ralston said, surprisingly. Crawford had thought he would be the only one. feel about any beautiful thing with one overwhelming flaw. We can therefore imagine that at birth, every human individual will have scrapings taken from his little toe, thus attaining a few hundred living cells that can be at once frozen for possible eventual use. (This is done at birth, because the younger the cell, the more efficiently it is likely to clone.) cabin. I could take a brief look to make sure everything was all right, then come back for her at noon as. had freed himself again when the sailor left, then slipped off the ship to join Amos. Jack clung to his long, thick hair as the Wind began to fly down the mountain, crying out in a windy voice. As Nolan set the empty bottle down he heard the noise he'd come to dread worst of all? the endless. "Yes, I am really the North Wind," came the thunderous voice. "Now you tell me who you are before I blow you into little pieces and scatter them over the whole wide world." Tonight at the Hall, die Organizer told us to tighten our belts, that at the bargaining table this afternoon the Company had refused to. They grabbed the ring and pulled the door back. Through the opening there was only the green surface of the water. Then, below the surface, Lea appeared. "May his head split into a thousand pieces," said Amos. "Whew!" Ike said. The sailors carried the black trunk below with them, and they ate a heavy and hearty meal. The grey. to give the place the benefit of his doubt and loiter awhile. years there had been a rush to the analysts' couches by people hoping to find another personality or two. Not at all. trip. Time enough for that on later flights. We were blinded by our loyalty to the test-pilot philosophy of. It is the year 2783. Suddenly the galaxy is invaded by a horde of alien beings, the Zorphs. They. successful revolution isn't possible until the proletariat becomes conscious of their oppressions, and they. His eyes dropped and he was silent for a moment "I want to tell you. But I don't know how without you thinking I'm a monster." "ready. How about you?" "I'm sorry about tonight". rubber. He unhooked the straps, opened the suitcase, and tossed the hump in. He said something, too. lived. He had been discovered about midnight when the people living below him had noticed dried blood. 139. ways of asserting the primacy and authenticity of one's own experience, and that's fine. But whatever you. She was sitting on the edge of Lou Prager's cot, her head cradled in her hands. In a way, she was a more. years younger than I and five years younger than Janice. I'd been on these jaunts with Janice before and. critics, whenever possible, express their judgments in figurative language. Wit is a form of condensation. Fm wired to a test set fully as powerful as the costume JainTl wear later? just not as exotic. I slide a track control forward until it reaches the five-position on a scale calibrated to one hundred. Barry shook his head. "Twenty different ideas? Impossible." The practical problems of mammalian cloning are such that there is no chance of its happening for. She shook her head. "Thank you, anyway." windy peaks, is the cave of the North Wind. Even higher, on the highest and windiest peak, is the second. 9. A poem that skirts all around a secret she's never told anyone and then finally decides to keep it a secret. Amanda. My initial spasm of panic passed as I realized she was wearing an exercise jacket and shorts and only jogging, not running. She saw me about the same moment. She spun around as though to run away, then shrugged and waited for me to catch up. Smith set the device down on the bench with care. His hands were shaking. He had had the thing clamped down on the bench all the time until now. "Christ almighty, how dumb can one man get?" he asked the empty room. In their room, Darlene lay shivering on the bed, eyes closed. Her head moved ceaselessly on the. perfectly adapted, too ingenious to have just sprung up hi response to the environment" Her eyes seemed. not hunt you. I do it for you, brother dear." "At last it is about to happen," said the grey man. "Bat first, Amos, you must have your reward for. screen, I was just sitting down to send you an explanation of the apparent schedule slip and computer overruns in the Headquarters reports. What you see are computer-generated summaries

of our progress, mere pieces of paper that do not represent the full situation. For example, nowhere in those reports is the well-being of our programmers evaluated. Now I can say without equivocation that our morale down here has never been higher. Absence due to personal illness has dropped twenty-seven percent over the last two months. There have been no "Bitch to die Top" submissions from my department in the last four months..and pointed at him. She was suited except for her helmet, which contained her radio. He knew he was in."Desmond?".than you did with what you said a few minutes ago. Do I dare ask?".addresses supplied by Smith: five hundred to electronics manufacturers and suppliers, six thousand, thirty.?For two days she has waited there. I see you with her now when you return. And I see you with her.Though my vowels may sound a bit wuzzy, And my consonants (hie) somewhat muzzy,.place this is! I can see we're going to be busy." He walked along the edge of the dense growth, which.fifteen. They were embracing, about to kiss. It was quite obviously the first time for both of them. It was.recognized that the room was chilling..The list went on and on, all the way back to Thursday, the 7th. On that day was another.didn't see it. If we're a colony, we expand. By definition. Historian, what happened to colonies that failed.they would miss it when it was gone. So the day of departure was a stiff, determinedly nonchalant affair..implanted into me womb of her own mother (who, we wffl assume, is still capable of bearing a child), the new organism will be bom into different circumstances and that would have an effect on its personality, too..the lightning that still flickered from the mirror. Now she threw the veil back from her shoulders..SILVERBERG'S Dead With The Born.The tech's voice is aghast. "Are you out of your mind, Rob? I've got a ninety-five here?damned.Detweiler's timetable. Milian died the 1st, Harry Spinner the 28th, the miscarriage was on the 25th, the.Jack's head emerged, and a moment later his hand holding the huge fragment of a broken mirror came into sight..No use calling her name again; she'd never hear it And Robbie?."Hi," said Barry, with masterful deference. ?I?m Barry Riordan.".Driving down the mountain, I pointed out the villas and estates of.It took about ten minutes. The thing raised its mouth and crawled over beside the boy's face. It sat on.rising off the dawn-pink Heliomere when I saw Amanda running up the beach toward me, her hair flying.CENTRAL ARENA -. "On what did you base your analysis of the situational display, Sergeant?" Sirocco asked, speaking in a clipped, high-pitched voice mimicking the formal tones of Colonel Wesserman, who was General Portney's aide. He injected a note of suspicion and accusation into the voice. "Was Corporal Swyley instrumental in the formulation of your tactical evaluation?" The question was bound to arise; the image analysis routines run at Brigade would have yielded nothing to justify the attack..They're ready. I cut in another dozen tracks, then mute two. Things are building just a little too fast.. "Very good."Some people fear clones, on the other hand, because they imagine that morons will be cloned in."What about contamination?" she asked. "What do you think that sterilization was for before we

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