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"Oh, all kinds." He shrugged. "Fantasy mostly." "shut that door, quick!" "See "Counting Chromosomes," F&SF, June 1968. the ship in time for lunch." His first elation fizzled out and he was left with his usual flattened sense of personal inconsequence. Tucking the license into his ID folder, he felt like a complete charlatan, a nobody pretending to be a somebody. If he'd scored in the first percentile, he'd have been issued this license the same as if he'd scored in the tenth. And he knew with a priori certainty that he hadn't done that well. The most he'd hoped for was another seven points, just enough to top him over the edge, into the sixth percentile. Instead he'd had dumb luck..of Amanda's breathing..The next morning I staggered out of bed at 6 A.M. I took a cold shower, shaved, dressed, and put Murine in my eyes. They still felt like they'd washed them in rubber cement. Mrs. Bloomfeld had kept me up until two the night before, doing all the night spots in Santa Monica with some dude I hadn't identified yet. When they checked into a motel, I went home and went to bed..Then, in his deer heart, her brother would know the day's enchantment was at an end and run swiftly home. There, at the lintel over the cottage door, he would rub between his antlers till the hide on his forehead broke bloodlessly apart He would rub and rub fur-flier still till the brown hide skinned back along both sides and he stepped out a naked man..clothes is burn them. We'll all smell better for it. Song, you take the watch." She flicked out the lights and they are connected to our central computer. Thus, one player could be out there in California and the..of pastel greens and yellows..of their way and showed an orange belly..myself for the second, almost surely fatal blow. But, instead, there was the thud of something dropping on the computer as quickly as possible so we can start tracking this vital project. I hope that this omission on..IMPORTANT.I was sitting there, wondering how in hell I would find him, when the phone rang again. Miss Tremaine stopped typing and lifted the receiver without breaking rhythm. "Mr. Mallory's office," she said crisply, really letting the caller know he'd hooked onto an efficient organization. She put her hand over the mouthpiece and looked at me. "It's for you?an obscene phone call." She didn't bat an eyelash or twitch a muscle..its arm and kept crawling about mindlessly, growing weaker..some reason beyond the Grand Canyon for her wanting to move to Arizona? She insisted it was strictly..Jane Yolen's classic fantasy tales have been appearing in F&SF since 1976. She is the author.I lie down unpeacefully?exhausted?and sleep, and my dreams are of weathered stone. And I..?ready. How about you?." "I had it clamped down, and the drill-did I turn it on, or not? I can't remember. I was after a core sample. You'd better take a look. If the drill hits whatever made the other one explode, it might go off." "I helped her to her feet and into her cape. With a hand under her elbow, I guided her out of the Beta Cygnus, leaving the dancer staring open-mouthed after us..finally rewarded by seeing the light come back on in her. At the office I explained that the owner of No..Toward noon, the same wealthy merchant who'd come around before came around again. After climbing out of his palanquin, he started pacing up and down the way he'd done on his first visit; only this time instead of looking up at the half-finished seventh stage and shaking his head, he kept glancing sideways at Ike and Eli and Zeke and me. Finally he singled me out and came over to where I was standing, ^shooting the breeze with Ike. He had pink cheeks, with." "The treasure is happiness, for me and my nearest and dearest Mend."..he would like to clear this little matter up before proceeding further with the..The inner lock door was pulled open, and there was McKillian, squinting into the bare bulb that lighted the lock while she held her shirt in front of her with one hand..sounded almost religious when she said it..hemoglobin. It's sort of like fermented blood. Human blood..?" "The other end of the rainbow?" asked Hidalgo..upon this insight and draw some interesting parallels between his experience and hers, Columbine." "Fifteen," she countered..a moment one looks up, then another. The Mary Celeste, with three of the four sails on her foremast set." "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?" "I stare across the stage and she's looking back at me. Her eyes flash emerald in the wave from Hollis'. about to go for the third mirror himself."..easily reproducible pleasure. [Though Dune is, strictly speaking, science fiction. Wilson was talking about." "If there is anything I can do in return . . . ?" "me?" His voice is like a sword coming out of its scabbard, an angry, menacing, deadly metal-on-metal..lost, doomed look. "Well, we can't live forever, can we? Are you ready to go?"..subscription for you; then I insist you have your meals with me, either out or cooked by me, until your..against the nausea the effort of moving brought and lurched onto my hands and knees..two people Jiving through the happiest moment of their lives."..Nolan smiled at the sound, then nodded at Mama. ?I'm going to turn in now. You take good care of..to expand?"..seats to bring us all back. You can bet on there being more modifications when we send in our report on..When I was through with my talk and with the question-and-answer session, I sang "Randall's Song". "Well, as you don't appear to be either a mugger or a rapist, there had to be some reason you followed a dotty old woman home from her latest nervous breakdown. Let's make a deal, shall we?"..The hunter whirled around to face her then. "He was your brother?" he asked..235." "I'd like to rent the one closest to number seven," I said..communion between performer and audience. It received a Nebula nomination from the Science." "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..we are especially pleased to offer this fresh and magical change of pace..beautiful to be a noted personality, since there is usually something a little idiosyncratic about each of..to read it..In your mother's study after she dies, you find an elaborate chart of her ancestors and your father's..presents problems legally, if nothing else. He's the captain of a ship and should not leave it. That's what." "In the swamp then," said Jack..secret..had to look for intellectual companionship outside the bonds of marriage. But when he began to elaborate..keyboard on Nagami's synthesizer..the light they could not see the ceiling or the far wall. The fires themselves burned in huge scooped out..Three and a half weeks later I sang it again at the annual banquet of the Baker Street Irregulars, that fine group of Sherlock Holmes fanciers,

adjusting it slightly to its new task (O, give me some clones. have to see it himself. By the time he'd finally agreed to go there on his next vacation, they had been. must guard against.. controls with a bored and superior air, has just left the room, saying, "All right, if you know so much, do." "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!. She took a deep breath and plunged in, only to collide with Ralston as he came out, dragging Song.. "Yeah. Gin."..out. So, sadly, he picked up a small wheelbarrow lying on top of a bill of rubies and began to fill his. "We have been studying this problem for some time now, and we believe there is a solution. It would not be feasible to send a contingent of adult humans, either as a functioning community or in some suspended state, with the ship; it is in too advanced a stage of construction to change its primary design parameters. But then, why send adult humans at all?" He spread his arms appealingly. "After all, the objective is simply to establish an extension of our race where it would be safe from any calamity that might befall us here, and such a location would be found only at the end of the voyage. The people would not be required either during the voyage or in the survey phase, since 'machines are perfectly capable of handling everything con-." "Yes. He was very pleased, but he wants die man's name." "JAIN SNOW." "Believe me, a little air would make me sleep much better.".. maybe. Not very tall, about five-five or six. Slim, dark curly hair, a real good-looking boy. Looks like a. Amanda's wrist bent back farther. Her fingers fought to hold on to the knife, but with each moment they loosed more.. "She said take a message." McKillian had been crawling up the ladder as she said this. Now she reached him and said in a lower voice, "Matt, she's pretty broken up. You'd better take over for now.".. into a foreign egg cell and the foreign cytoplasm in that egg cell will surely have an effect on the. gardens. They felt subconsciously that it might be better to leave them alone in case they turned out to be. "Jake. Well, Jake, I happen to be a wealthy merchant, as you may have guessed. In Frankincense and Myrrh. But I'm here just as an ordinary citizen? a citizen who is doing his level best to try to understand why certain other citizens have put their personal interests above the common interests of the community-as-a-whole and aborted a community project". you're guilty of breaking the law.. "Who was Detweiler visiting?" I asked as I lit the cigarette. The lighter felt cool and expensive in my. "In this mill, fine white flour is made. All unwholesome parts of the grain are removed and certain. THE MEDIATOR: Nevertheless, I feel that his fairness both to the Company and to the King that the confusion should be cleared up.. "I am Amos, and I am here to see what makes you so uninteresting that everyone tells me to avoid you and covers you up with blankets.".. "You're sure you want me to have this?" Barry asked, incredulous, with the white curl of the sticker dangling from his fingertip.. Andrew Detweiler personally in the whole apartment. I hadn't thought it possible for anyone to lead such. At long last the Mediator has got both sides to agree to another meeting. It's to take place tomorrow morning. I think the Organizer should back down a little? settle, say, for a ten-percent raise and forget the fringe benefits. True, it's only been two weeks since we walked off the job, but Debbie and I have already run up a sizable food bill at the Mom & Pop store around the corner, what's left of our savings will just about cover the rent, and I'm smoking Bugler instead of Winstons. And any day now, as Debbie keeps reminding me, we're going to have another mouth to feed. Feeding it doesn't worry me half so much as paying the hospital and doctor bills.. Park, Old Friend: I just want to bring you up to date on the Zorphwar contract The team of programmers and technical writers is in place. The schedule for putting together a production package is a bit tight, considering that the only documentation available from Hazd-dorf was a picture of a Zorph he had sketched on the back of an envelope.. Chills.. meaning we did not at first suppose to be there. We think we have understood our words, then learn that they saw that the light was even stronger above another ridge, and they did their best to climb it without. Thank you, Barry. I know you mean that, and I'm flattered Well, then?" He took his pipe from his. conquest.. Before they could shut it they heard a whistling, like a teakettle. their next conversational destination. Barry found himself sitting next to a girl in a red velvet evening dress. he never again had such a plum fall in his lap. He didn't get within sniffing distance of his heart's desire.. "You're right," she said. "Your opinion doesn't mean anything." She slapped his knee delightedly. one small folding sauce pan, one metal spoon, one metal fork, and a medium-sized kitchen knife. All of it together would barely fill a shoebox.. Dear heart, Brother Hart, Come at my bidding, We shall dine on berry wine And dance at my wedding.. "Don't defend her. She's just like her mother, and my father told me what she was. Selene's been after my time ever since her mother died. Now she wants everything that makes my time worth living, too." She clutched her hands together, lacing and unlacing the fingers.. In the first place, as an organism becomes more complex and specialized, its organs, tissues, and. Singh realized he had strayed from his original question.. More blankets had fallen away, and besides a red as bright as his own hair, he could see a green the color of parrot's feathers, a yellow as pale as Chinese mustard, and a blue brilliant as the sky at eight o'clock in July. Have you ever watched someone asleep under a pile of blankets? You can see the blankets move up and down, up and down with breathing. That's how Amos knew this was a person. "J?sssst," he said, "You colorful but uninteresting person, wake up and talk to me.".. 44. Conversation was tense and ragged at first until Lorraine got off on her "career" and kept us entertained. "I remember that one is two leagues short of over there, the second is up this one, and the third is. Nocturnal and Diurnal Animals, ROGER ZELAZNY. dead, and decided to disappear. Can't say as I blame him. The police might've gotten some funny ideas.. I was conscious of the chair shifting under me but did not let it distract me. "Does that mean she's taking over?".. Scarlet wiped out the blues and greens. Amanda cried, "Let's see.".. 20. The knife turned toward her own chest. Selene's hand leaped to Intercept, closing on Amanda's wrist Amanda screamed inarticulately. Her whole body convulsed with the effort to tear loose. Selene held on. Slowly, Selene twisted the wrist back and down while the poly around them swirled in wave after wave of color pulsating with every labored breath of the struggling body. The maelstrom spread out across the floor and up the walls, even affected the chairs so

that they, too, raged with color and pulsed to ? the time of Amanda's breathing..appearing in a French history of SF..two bound figures, walked up to the door..I scatter Jain's ashes on the wind..Neither of us sleeps much the rest of the night. Sometime before dawn I doze briefly and awaken..five-digit numbers. Then, when he had a solution, he'd check it on his calculator. He'd got five right.IX."Nor can we thank you," said Amos, "for helping us do it"..and the defiant jaw, that I was looking at the King..After the funeral I went to the Los Angeles Public Library and started checking back issues of the Times. I'd only made it back three weeks when the library closed. The LA. Times is thick, and unless the death is sensational or the dead prominent, the story might be tucked in anywhere except the classifieds..Crawford looked back to the newest arrivals. They were Lucy Stone McKillian, the red-headed.He sat for a moment then solemnly held out his hand. I took it He shook my hand, then opened the."Stone don't break. At least not easy." She cuts off the circuit.The next morning, Tuesday, the 3rd, I called Miss Tremaine and told her Fd be late getting in but would check in every couple of hours to find out if the slinky blonde looking for her kid sister had shown up. She humphed.. "Fust you have to understand that all this you see"?she waved around at the meters of hanging soft-sculpture, causing Ethan to nearly lose the nipple?"was designed to contain .beings who are no more adapted to this Mars than we are. They need warmth, oxygen at fairly high pressures, and free water. It isn't here now, but it can be created by properly designed plants. They engineered these plants to be triggered by the first signs of free water and to start building places for them to live while they waited for full summer to come. When it does, this whole planet will bloom. Then we can step outside without wearing suits or carrying airberries."..and unclasping his fingers on the arm of the couch..For instance, suppose you wanted one hundred Isaac Asimovs so that the supply of F&SF essays would never run out. You would then have to ask what it was that made me the kind of writer I amor a writer at all. Was it only my genes?.one-parent organism of non-sexual origin is called a "twig"; that is, "clone."..yellow veil, obscures the curved neck of Thoth-Nepenthes; then he is beyond it, drifting down to the..door had a heavy-duty bolt that couldn't be fastened or unfastened from the outside. The window beside.I am performing stupidly, like an amateur. Gently I bring up two stim balance slides..The day before, Monday, the 25th, a girl had miscarried and hemorrhaged. She had bled to death.by STAN DRYER.Thank you, Barry. I know you mean that, and I'm flattered Well, then?" He took his pipe from his mouth and lifted it in a kind of salute. "So long. And Merry Christmas."."Se/eene, love," he said. "What a delightful surprise."..Megalos Network Message: July 13, 1977

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