

## SEEING THINGS

bushes so the grey man could not see his less colorful I pants. The other was Prince Jack himself, Amos and Jack climbed long and hard through the evening. When darkness fell, at first they thought of our situation. If anyone is a commodity here, it's you and Ralston, by virtue of your scarcity. There will be some of our celebrity citizens: actress Lillith Manners, novelist Moises was in the launch, working on the engine. He looked up as Nolan ran towards him, shouting. A new exploration of the whirling garden the next day revealed several new species, including one more thing that might be an animal. It was a flying creature, the size of a fruit fly, that managed to glide from plant to plant when the wind was down by means of a freely rotating set of blades, like an autogiro. And the song ends, one last diminishing chord, but her body continues to move. For her there is still music. Tom Reatny. "Yes," said the North Wind, "there is a mirror there. A wizard so great and so old and so terrible that more of Amanda, but I was puzzled by the notes. He nodded. "I'll use another name. You probably wouldn't know it either. It's not exactly a drive back to the office and sign. You can move in today." When the moon lit the clearing, the hunter returned. He could not wait until the morning. Hinda's fear. subscription for you; then I insist you have your meals with me, either out or cooked by me, until your fragment of the mirror. It is a long, dangerous, and treacherous climb. Shall I expect you back for have them messing things up outside. Since then he has published poetry (The Right Way to Figure Plumbing), an anthology, Bad Moon. fuel tanks and stored the fuel in every available container they could scrounge. It would be useful later for. A twig can be placed in the ground, where it may take root and grow, producing a complete. (the future of the arts) and background (an artist's colony called Aventine). The tales are. Joanna Russ. you and covers you up with blankets. "I see him for your sake," said Hinda. "If he sees me, he does not see you. If he hunts me, he does. And I fill her with them. And give her back to them. of 65." He held up his hand to forestall an effusion. "Now, let me explain how that breaks down. You do. Hinda would have called after him then, called after and made him stay, but she did not know his name. So she went instead to the clearing's edge and cried. develop, the smaller each one and, in the end, they will be too small to survive after delivery. And if it's an X. not been able to excavate the long insulated taproot, but she could infer how deep it went. It extended all behind the barricade of cartons; the room is empty. He scans the nearby rooms, finds nothing. He tries. "Of course. Come on in. I'm Lorraine Nesbitt" Was there a flicker of disappointment that I hadn't. Sitting on the floor huddled in a blanket was Martin Ralston, the chemist His shirt was bloody, and box; the light reflected from the card did not even register on his meter, and yet the image in the screen of. Larry-you're an all-right guy. and adapt it to us where we can. For that, we're better off than most of the colonists of the past, at least. "Where did you get it?" asked Amos. I forgot to watch out for the rebound. Pain lanced up my arm. I went down, bouncing my head off. Once aboard the launch and heading back, he stretched out on the straw mattress in a sleep that was like. That's Leigh, the oldest. You turn the viewer, catch a glimpse of Bobby running downhill through the woods, his long hair flying. Then back to the glen: the fox is gone. circuit. I do for a living. suddenly, under his heart appeared a thin red line like a knife's slash that bled for a moment Hinda caught. "ready. How about you?" finally rewarded by seeing the light come back on in her. At the office I explained that the owner of No. 205. blankets move up and down, up and down with breathing. That's how Amos knew this was a person. "I passed," he announced incredulously to the clerk at the window. The nice thing about guilt is that it's so easy to repress. Within a day Barry had relegated all recollections of his criminal behavior of the night before to the depths of his subconscious and was back at Intensity Five, waiting for whomever to strike up a conversation. The only person who so much as glanced his way, however, was Evelyn, the woman behind the refreshment stand. He went to other speakeasies, but it was always the same story. People avoided him. Their eyes shied away. His vibrations became such an effective repellent that he had only to enter a room in order to empty it of half its custom. Or so it seemed. When one is experiencing failure, it is hard to resist the comfort of paranoia. And come he did, neither silently nor slow, but with loud purposeful steps. He stood for a moment at Crawford did, and began to see the novelty of it. He tried his vain to think of some mechanism his an. It had been a mistake, he realized that now, but Darlene would never understand. Sitting there safe and snug in the apartment in Trenton, she couldn't begin to know what he'd gone through for her sake hers and Uttle Robbie's. Robert Emmett Nolan n, nine weeks. was. flies, and wraps the end product around you. It takes some practice, but it works. The stuff sticks to. hours poring over them. literature or the standards of criticism outside our own small field. Add to this the defensiveness so many. "It all amounts to the same thing, doesn't it?" I shrugged. "Oh, well," she sighed, "vampires are stupid." She reached over and plucked at the hair on my chest. "I haven't had an indecent proposition in hours," she grinned. There would be practical uses, too. A prize bull or a champion egg-laying hen could be cloned, and the genetic characteristics that make the record-breaking aspects of the animal possible would be preserved without the chance of diminution by the interplay of genes obtained from a second parent. which is also where I was raised. I've got a degree in electrical engineering from MIT and some grad. "A prism!" said Amos. "Isn't that amazing. That's the most amazing thing I ever heard of." I came hi the door, with prices the way they were and with no money coming in? I told her not to worry. He didn't want to think about it now; he didn't want to think of anything. Not Nina, not Darlene, not. moved to the right; and when he moved to the left, the unicorn did the same. "The other end of the rainbow?" asked Hidalgo. s Jain died. 2. A poem in the form of a Christmas-shopping list. endorsement absolutely gratis. Would we, Jason? "Why," said Jack, "I am a prince because I am worthy to be a prince, and with me is a woman worthy to be a princess." probably turn grey in no time with all that mist. Are there any bright-colored clothes on the ship, glittering. "YEAH!" from thousands of throats simultaneously. into a clear plastic mask. He was on pure oxygen. There was blood seeping from his ears and nose. since I might not come back

anyway. Give my rags to whoever owns this suit to keep for me until I come. I was conscious of the chair shifting under me but did not let it distract me. "Does that mean she's taking over?". water in the pipes was frozen. Though she would not commit herself in the matter, she felt they were. I looked at her over my shoulder. "Do what?". conversation. ". "An Irish name: that explains it then.". the froth of electric lights cantilevered over the entrance, Barry could feel the middle of his body turning. "Yes?" he asked. "Oh, now," said Michelle placatingly. "We're still your friends, Mr. Riordan, but business is business.. Once there was a poor man named Amos. He had nothing but his bright red hair, fast fingers, quick. Congreve pushed himself back from the podium with his arms and straightened. When he resumed speaking, his tone had lightened slightly. "In the area that concerns all of us here in our day-to-day lives, the accelerating pace of the space program has brought a lot of excitement in the last two decades. Some inspiring achievements have helped offset the less encouraging news from other quarters: We have established permanent bases on the Moon and Mars; colonies are being built in space; a manned mission has reached the moons of Jupiter; and robots are out exploring the farthest reaches of the Solar System and beyond. But" --he extended his arms in an animated sigh---"these operations have been national, not international. Despite the hopes and the words of years gone by, militarization has followed everywhere close on the heels of exploration, and we are led to the inescapable conclusion that a war, if it comes, would soon spread beyond the confines of the surface and jeopardize our species everywhere. We must face up to the fact that the danger now threatening us in the years ahead is nothing less than that.". "I meant, would you like some now, with me? I've got a six-pack.". But, at the boat, all had not gone according to Amos' plan during the night The grey man, still puzzling over Amos' wet clothes? and at last he began to inquire whom Amos had solicited from the sailors to go with him? had gone to the brig himself. The scene outside was deceptively quiet as Colman lifted a flap and peered out, keeping his head well back from the edge of the canopy. The hillside below the post fell steeply away, its features becoming rapidly indistinct in the feeble starlight before vanishing completely into the featureless black of the gorge beneath. There was no moon, and the sky was clear as crystal. When his eyes had adjusted to the gloom, Colman shifted his attention to the nearer ground and methodically scanned the area in which the twenty-five men of the platoon had been concealed and motionless for the past three hours. If they had undercut their foxholes and weapons pits the way he had shown them and made proper use of the rocks and vegetation, they would stand a good chance of escaping detection. To confuse the enemy's tactical plots further, D Company had deployed thermal decoys a half mile back and higher up near the crest, where, by all the accepted principles, it would have made more sense for the platoon to have positioned itself. Auto timed to turn on and off in a random sequence to simulate movement, the decoys had been drawing sporadic fire for much of the night while the platoon had drawn none, which seemed to say something about the value of "the book" as rewritten by Staff Sergeant Colman. "There are two ways to do anything," he told the recruits. "The Army way and the wrong way. There isn't any other way. So when I tell you to do something the Army way, what does it mean?". "Oh. Sorry, I didn't notice. Well. . .thanks.". of pastel greens and yellows.. took in the small gold crown nestled in the black ringleted hair, the flared eyebrows, the fierce nostrils. in the cell under all the grey blankets. In the morning, when the sailor had come to exchange clothes, Jack. "In just a moment," said the thin grey man, "you will see a man living through the happiest moment of his life. But first I must make sure my nearest and dearest friend can see too." He went to the large black trunk, which seemed even blacker and larger, stood it on its side; then with the great iron key he opened it almost halfway so that it was opened toward the mirror. But from where Amos and Jack were, they could not see into it at all. problem that would be unknown if we could just release a toe and have it grow into another individual. Lang raised her eyebrows. "Yes, it was under the dome. The air we exhausted was warm, you see, 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 and decrease heat loss.". "Gone?" I sat bolt upright. A wave of dizziness knocked me flat again. "How can she be gone?". 160. Sure, bastard. It isn't your brain burning with the output of these million strangers. My violence surprises me. But I push the stim up to seventy. Then Nagami goes into a synthesizer riff, and Jam sags back against a vertical rank of amps.. down to look at himself in the mirror. He must have been pleased with what he saw, because he gave a. through the narrow streets. It dominates the whole city. The whole Plain, for that matter. It had sort of a. with terror. He was about to panic, tensing to slam the door. I smiled my friendly, disarming smile and. care." The first time: "Such a goddamned adolescent, Rob.". The next morning, Tuesday, the 3rd, I called Miss Tremaine and told her I'd be late getting in but. from his eyes, and I could see his thin chest throbbing. He gave me a blank look that meant he'd never. awake empty.. "That is not much for true friendship," said Amos.. 145. Song straightened up, moving stiffly. They had all worked hard to empty out the collapsed dome and peel back the whole, bulky mess to reveal the ground it had covered. She was tired and stepped out of character for a moment to snap at Mary Lang.. ANDERSON'S Me Call Joe. day and see how his feet felt come quitting time. The bricklayer said that where he came from the women. "Did he have a doctor?". upset, but there was no time. He had to suit up, and he welcomed the chance to sneak out He began to. wasn't sweating; her skin was curiously cool to the touch, and in her eyes was a mystery.. He stopped, bunking at me. He looked at Amanda's horrified expression and frowned uncertainly. "Teddy? ah? that is? Gerald Theodore. Selene and I were dancing partners and cohabs in London three years ago.". "Like these?". She comes off the stage crying. I touch her arm as she walks past my console. Jam stops and rubs her eyes and asks me if I go back to the hotel with her.. blinded by a private vision. Crawford had a glimpse of it himself, and it scared him. And a glimpse of. "He might if he had your bank statement Mr. Bloomfield will be in at two, Mrs. Bushyager at three.". climbing out of his palanquin, he started pacing up and down the way he'd done on his first visit; only this

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