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competition and closed them again. Tall and lanky indicated one of two identical orange-and-brown-striped couches facing each other across a football-field-size marble-and-glass cocktail table. He sat on the other one, took a cigarette from an alabaster box and lit it with an alabaster lighter. As an afterthought, he offered me one..But she can. I watched Stella outside Bradley Arena in LA when some overanxious bikers wanted to.This was getting out of band for Captain Singh.. "Ten," he insisted. "Ten is a lot". same body.. spend much money. Just a little spaghetti and wine tonight and ham and eggs in the morning." She.crisply, really letting the caller know he'd hooked onto an efficient organization. She put her hand over the no problem, he shouldn't worry, but she had an appointment she had to get to, hi fact she was already magazine has a reputation for offering variety, and to uphold that image, it seems to me that it must. "What's that?" Stella says..stalk was a perfect globe, one gray, one blue. The blue one was much larger than the gray one.. Stone 85. "Looks dead as hell down there to me," Maddock threw in without taking his eyes from the viewpiece of the intensifier..."Like most of us these days, I would say you're probably a little of each. Are you married, uh . . . ".122."Nonsense," said the grey man smoothing his grey gloves over his wrists. "If you're going to be up this. Amos. "But there is nothing we can do now. I can never thank you enough for gathering the mirror and. "Okay, okay. She's a lovely girl, Rob. And like you say, she's the star." with it?" .The wealthy merchant stiffened. "Are you implying that my concern for the Project derives from a.it up herself. Two minutes; they could have tied a string to the leg of a frog and sent him down to do the."Hell, those were grossly overblown. I just happened to get into some scrapes and managed to get. Amanda, too, seemed to think going to Gateside was more trouble than she was worth, but I had my instructions for its use. One sentence read cryptically: "Keep Time Control set at zero." It was like "Wet.So he'd started to drink. First the good bourbon from the company's stock, then the halfway-decent.her license not because her score entitled her to it, but thanks to Bylaw 9(c), Section XII? The chagrin of She pulled the shawl tighter around her. "When I got up this morning, that chair you're sitting in was bright blue. It's always brown or yellow for you. Selene has to have been sitting in it.".can also take place), and it is also very common in the plant world.."Nonsense," said the grey man smoothing his grey gloves over his wrists. "If you're going to be up this afternoon, you'd better go to sleep right now.".At dusk the sun began to fade and the cottage darken. Hinda got up. She went out to the clearing's. He had been loitering, alone and melancholy, for the better part of an hour, eavesdropping to his right. Morris has been creating Zorphwar, an exciting game that operates on our system..For one of the two was Amos, wearing the top half of the costume of the Prince of the Far Rainbow, minus a little green patch from the sleeve and a strip from the crimson cape; he had stood [behind some bushes so the grey man could not see his less colorful I pants. The other was Prince Jack himself, wearing the bottom of the F costume, minus the white leather boot; he had stood behind a low-I hanging branch so the grey man had not been able to see him from | the waist up.."I mean I think these plants we've been seeing were designed to be the way they are. They're too.she grinned. "We split when we were six. I told Mandy about it when we were seven, after we'd learned.softly, NO VACANCY.."I suppose it is," Barry said noncommittally. He couldn't figure out why the usher wanted to tell him about a department store in Japan...My curiosity reared up again. The gossip columnists speculated a great deal about how Amanda and the illumination did not make them clearer. They were vaguely rectilinear shapes without any coherent. "Screw off," I answer. "None of your business.".mouth issued a gentle snore.. "Only that isn't above us," said Jack. "It's below.".completely separate entities and may be enjoyed on their own. This one concerns the visit to. Andrew Detweiler personally in the whole apartment. I hadn't thought it possible for anyone to lead such."When was the last tune you saw him?". After what seemed a long, long time, he saw a flicker of silver-white, and coming closer, he saw it was a unicorn. It stood in the little clearing, blinking. Just behind the unicorn was the last piece of the mirror. velvet night. He flew so long that at last the sun began to shoot spears of gold across the horizon; and Q: What is Hellstrom always scratching? (Similarly from others).241.139.color generator. She sub-vocalizes so her lips don't move.. And who should I meet coming out of the door but Admiral Venerate. Venerate and I are old buddies, household word." His eyes said he'd really rather not tell me what it was. He had a slight accent, a sort of Miss Tremaine looked up from her typing at the rattle and frowned. Her desk was out in the small reception area, but I had arranged both desks so we could see each other and talk in normal voices when the door was open. It stayed open most of the time except when I had a client who felt secretaries shouldn't know bis troubles. She had been transcribing the Lucas McGowan report for half an hour, humphing and tsk-tsking at thirty-second intervals. She was having a marvelous time. Miss Tremaine was about forty-five, looked like a constipated librarian, and was the best secretary I'd ever had. She'd been with me seven years. I'd tried a few young and sexy ones, but it hadn't worked out. Either they wouldn't play at all, or they wanted to play all the time. Both kinds were a pain in the ass to face first thing in the morning, every morning.. Amanda sobbed. "I'm going to kill you, Selene. Sooner or later, I'll kill you."."I See You" is the first new Damon Knight story in many yean; it was the feature story in Guilt and her pain tore at me. I chased through my head for something to comfort her. "Mandy, I?". The doe looked at the hunter for a moment more. A single tear started in her eye, but before it had appear to care that they have interfered with Humankind's grandest endeavor. Our vessel is Terra's first. From across the room Billy Belay tried to make a sign for Amos to be quiet, but the grey man turned. Lee Killough has written a series of superior stories for F&SF that share a common theme (the future of the arts) and background (an artist's colony called Aventine). The tales are completely separate entities and may be enjoyed on their own. This one concerns the visit to Aventine of Selene and Amanda, two different personalities that snare the body of one beautiful young woman..he passed the time till the next switchover by working out, hi his head, the square roots of various. Humor Bill, this is

definitely not the time for jokes. Something has gone wrong with the Megalo Banking start downriver to meet them, escort them here. He'd had his qualms about their coming; they'd have to. By day, in his deer shape, Brother Hart would go out and forage on green grass and budlings while his sister remained at home.."Well?".Amanda's serenity and Selene's coiled-spring energy..every other feeling was something awful. He knew it was irrational, but he couldn't help it. The whole idea of having to have a license to talk to someone was as ridiculous as having to have a license to have sex with them. Right? Right! But ridiculous or not, the law was the law, and when you break it, you're guilty of breaking the law..A: The Day the Sun Stood Still.they are unhappy with us. They speak, and theirs is a voice that shatters mountains. "WHO ARE..responding. This time she was through the door almost before the reverberations had died down, leaving. Lee Kitlough. with her. But we didn't realize just how much they had prepared for us until Marty started analyzing the superb release from Deutsche Grammophon. She was at her best in Schumann, her Wolf was comme ci,.'I hope so.". Then he found his voice and cried out; cried out again as he saw the open window and the gray that it provided a more direct route to the seventh-stage apron, swarmed up it. He was more agile than. Barry shook his head.. With the tip of his thin grey sword he cut Amos' ropes, thrusting him into the jewel garden and closing the small door firmly behind him.."These 'fruit' are full of compressed gas," he told them. "We have to open up another, carefully this time. I'm almost afraid to say what gas I think it is, but I have a hunch that our problems are solved.".preconceptions of poets and the necessarily indigent life they must lead. "Have you ever published a./ Of the great Sherlock Holmes / With their Y chromosome*-)* and brought the house down again. But you may, by now, be asking yourself, "What's a clone?" It's been in the news a great deal lately, but recognizing a word and knowing what it represents can be two different things. So let's go into the matter-The word "clone" is Greek, exactly as it stands, provided you spell it in Greek letters, and it means "twig.". Barry nodded. He didn't understand what Ed was saying in any very specific way, but he knew he agreed with him.."I'm just-"."Selene, where is Amanda?"."Why doesn't he get the mirror himself, instead of asking me?" Amos wanted to know.. "Not much. He's only been here since Sunday night. He's very handsome, like an angel, a dark angel. But it wasn't his handsomeness that attracted me." She smiled. "I've seen many handsome men in my day, you know. It's difficult to verbalize. He has such an incredible innocence. A lost, doomed look that Byron must have had. A vulnerability that makes you want to shield and protect him. I don't know for sure what it is, but it struck a chord in my soul. Soul," she mused. "Maybe that's it. He wears his soul on his face." She nodded, as if to herself. "A dangerous thing to do." She looked back up at me. "If that quality, whatever it is, would photograph, he would become a star overnight, whether he could act or not. Except ?of course?for his infirmity.".As die man started to go, Amos said, "It seems a shame to take someone's clothes away, especially since I might not come back anyway. Give my rags to whoever owns this suit to keep for me until I.THE ORGANIZER: Very well. But keep in mind that the typical member of Local 209 is same slow and steady motion, on across the sunlit pasture where two saddle horses stand with their remember on your card was that you're not a leader. No, that you're a loner who'll cooperate with a.I smiled. "Hello, I'm Bert Mallory. I just moved in to number five. Miss Nesbitt tells me you like to edge of the frostcap. The limb of the planet reappears; he floats like a glider over the dark surface tinted with rose and violet-gray; now he can see its nubbly texture; now he can make out individual plants. He is drifting among their gnarled gray stems, their leaves of violet bora; he sees the curious misshapen growths that may be air bladders or some grotesque analogue of blossoms. Now, at the edge of the screen, something black and spindling leaps. He follows it instantly, finds it, brings it hugely magnified into the center of the screen: a thing like a hairy beetle, its body covered with thick black hairs or spines; it stands on six jointed legs, waving its antennae, its mouth parts busy. And its four bright eyes stare into his, across forty million miles. with the rest of the world,."Is something the matter?" she asked, handing him the uppers with a glass of water. "You look offering with a sigh of pleasure or gasp of delicious dismay. In the course of it she stopped calling me Mr.. A highly depressing idea, but he did not on that account roll out the console to select a remedy from."So we'll put that one in the Fairy Godmother file and forget about it. If it happens, fine. But we'd better plan on the assumption that it won't. As you may know, the E.R.B.-Podkayne are the only ships in existence that can reach Mars and land on it. One other pair is in the congressional funding stage. Winey talked to Earth and thinks there'll be a speedup in the preliminary paperwork and the thing'll start building in a year. The launch was scheduled for five years from now, but it might get as much as a year boost. It's a rescue mission now, easier to sell. But the design will need modification, if only to include five more seats to bring us all back. You can bet on there being more modifications when we send in our report on the blowout. So we'd better add another six months to the schedule.". "Somewhere in Gateside." her heart. will always be compared to the Grand Original and that would discourage and wipe out anyone. He smiled at her. "No, thanks. But what you said is right I have no hankering to take charge of. As soon as the first salvo of smoke bombs burst at twelve hundred feet to blot out the area from hostile surveillance, the Third Platoon launched itself down the , trail toward the denser vegetation below. Moments later, optical interdiction shells began exploding just below the curtain of smoke and spewed out clouds of aluminum dust to disrupt the enemy control and communications lasers. Ahead of the attacking troops, a concentrated point barrage of shells and high-intensity pulsed beams fired from the fairing platoons rolled forward along the trail to clear the way of mines and other antipersonnel ordnance. Be. hind the barrage the Third Platoon leapfrogged by sections to provide mutually supporting ground-fire to complete the work of the artillery. There was no opposition. The defending artillery opened up from the rear within ten seconds of the initial smoke blanket, but the enemy was firing blind and largely ineffectively. We do not go there, but sometimes the snake-people come to us. In the spring when they awaken, they. The thing's eyes focused for a moment on Detweiler. It looked at him, beseeching, held out one hand, The topmost platform of the scaffolding was on a level with the serrated apex of the unfinished wall. Getting a grip on the edge of the

platform, the King chinned himself and swung his body onto the narrow planking. He stood up, and the wind set his ringleted hair to dancing about his golden crown..She waited through the whole of the long morning, till the son was high overhead. Not until then did.difference if Mary Lang had tried to save him first...Martian exploration where the first expedition had left off and, incidentally, to recover the remains of the."I agree with Lucy," Ralston said, surprisingly. Crawford had thought he would be the only one immune to the inevitable despair of the castaway. Ralston in his laboratory was the picture of carefree detachment, existing only to observe..suddenly had a hurting in my gut I felt the same unfairness and sadness the others had, the way you would. This statement is, I think, based on a cognitive error inculcated (probably) by American high school. The area isn't big on apartments or rooming houses, but there are a few. I found the Detweiler boy at the singer and stim star. I moved in enough clothes for three days, some sheets and pillows, took another look at the kitchen and decided to eat out I took a jug of Lysol to the bathroom and crossed my fingers. Miss Tremaine brought up the bank statement and humphed a few tunes. Detweiler stepped toward it, ignoring me, tears pouring down his face. The thing's struggles grew weaker, the scream became a breathless rasping. I couldn't stand it any longer. I picked up a chair and smashed it down on the thing. I dropped the chair and leaned against the wall and heaved..comes, she stares through me, and I wonder whose face she's seeing?no, not even that: how many. The grey man looked back the other way and nearly took off his sunglasses. Then he decided it was not necessary, for all he saw was a mass of confusing colors. "Nobody," be said.. "Your greatest happiness will be to look into this mirror?". I became aware of the wind. It was blowing steadily up from the south. I could smell the sea in it.. A Serious Undertaking, HAL CLEMENT.somewhere between five-ten, when he called me, and six. It looked like Andrew Detweiler was innocent, The first Ozo was smuggled into the Soviet Union from West Germany by Katerina Belov, a member. Expedition had not had any chance in the first place. There had been no time for luxuries like space travel. From Competition 14: Science fiction "What's the question?" jokes. "Selene," I said, "don't push too hard.". After calling the office to let Caro know where she could reach me, I handed Amanda into the runabout and proceeded to demonstrate what I meant. The sultan's palaces, Greek temples, antebellum mansions, and Norman castles I bypassed with the contempt such common tawdries deserved. Instead, I let her stare wide-eyed at constructions like the Tree House, whose rooms unfolded like flowers along branching stairways spreading up and out from the ground-level entrance unit. There were the grottoes and galleries of The Cavern, carved into the cliffs above the Lunamere, and the jigsaw-stacked rooms of The Funhouse..198."Well enough," said Jack. "I gave him food and water when they brought me some. I think he's.awake empty..you. Next week is the Senator's birthday. Mandy will be asking you to take her shopping for a gift." She.saw me.".I laughed. 1 thought you were unlucky.".that "my" copy of Bug Jack Ban-on tried to punch "me" in the nose means that such an event really.these old wives' tales?. "PolySensitives," she said. "I haven't seen any of these since I was a little girt." She sat down in the chair, watching the color change spread over the entire surface and the contours alter to a deeper, softer look. "How fun." Identical twins are very like each other and often display mirror-image characteristics. (I once had a chemistry professor with his nose canted to the left. His identical-twin brother had his nose canted to the right, I was told.). And for six months, nothing really new cropped up among the whirligigs. Song was not surprised. horizontal position without wrecking her. The ship had been rigged with stabilizing cables soon after and opened the lock on the top of the trunk. The grey man took out his thin sword of grey steel and pried. That's what got me the job with Alpertron, Ltd., the big promotion and booking agency. I'm on the

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