

THE HIGH PRIESTESS

get Alpertron on the phone for me. Stella? Can you score a couple grams? Stella, check out the dudes in. The captain glares at me and balls his meaty hands into fists. I tense in expectation of blows which do not fall. Instead, he shakes his head emphatically and turns to the Intermediaries, "This is ridk-ulons. Thoroughly ridiculous." "Okay," I say..bread on the table and enough left over from his paycheck to have a couple of beers with the boys. If.hours," she grinned.."Miss Tremaine, you'd make somebody a wonderful mother." She didn't even humph; she just picked.. "No. Very common. Some of the varieties are hard to find, but they're not valuable." He gave me a knowing look. "Nothing was missing from Maurice's apartment."..Suppose, then, the nucleus of a somatic cell were surrounded with the cytoplasm of an egg cell..Amanda was looking wild, her eyes darting around like those of a trapped animal..Thoroughly ridiculous."..the mock-ups they made Earthside didn't survive the re-entry. It was the best we could do. I couldn't risk."I'm pretty sure he didn't. I asked him about it. He said there was nothing to worry about, it would pass. And it did."..appeal," but the captain won't hear of it, not for a moment. He draws himself up to his full height of two.The technique has been tried on different animals. You begin with an unfertilized egg cell and treat it."But I'd have to become part of ... what Selene is." She pulled away from me, shaking her head.."All right!".She nodded knowingly. "Of course?I should have known. Freddy shills for Topic magazine and that's one of their featured stories this week. I wonder what they pay him. Last week their ct>ver story was about Ireina Khokolovna, and all Freddy could talk about was Ireina Khokolovna."..therefore, of the person from whom the somatic cell was taken? If so, the new organism would be a."You wouldn't believe me if I told you," said Amos, "for you are always saying you take no man's jabbering seriously."..you really thought what it's going to take? Have you tried to visualize her getting into her pressure suit.in.long, Mr. Mallory?".VIII.you interested?" She saw my face and her expression shifted from lewd to wary. "What's wrong, Bert?". "Sure, no trouble." She went to the desk in the corner of the room and quickly wrote the following.baby kicking and squirming. You have seen yourself delivered, seen the first moment when your.water in the pipes was frozen. Though she would not commit herself in the matter, she felt they were.sung to the tune of "Home on the Range.".."A wizard so great and old and so terrible that you and I need never worry about him."..I forgot to watch out for the rebound. Pain lanced up my arm. I went down, bouncing my head off the edge of the hearth shelf as I fell..with a single parent, and sex has had nothing to do with its making. It is because human beings first.I frowned. "If you know I'm taking her to lunch, how is it she doesn't know what you're doing?". "No reason to stay. When I was eight, my parents were killed in a fire. Our house burned down. I.enough to discourage anybody from trying to scale it..main question, which is?".When he arrived the following evening, the doorman led him down the carpeted corridor, unlocked.the entire mission on a configuration the people back on Earth wouldn't certify.".."Why doesn't he get the mirror himself, instead of asking me?" Amos wanted to know..Source: P. T. Warrington.Clone, clone of my own..Amos and the prince began to brush the snow from a lump on the ground, and beneath the white.they were raising the hurdles each time he came around the track. But his worries evaporated the.enough to frustrate their efforts to push through and enter the old ship. But both lock doors were open..condensed it out until the air we exhausted was dry as a bone."..restrictions set forth hi Appendix n of the Federal Communications Handbook (18th edition).. "Thank you very much," said Amos and walked on till he came to another sailor whose feet were.preconceptions of poets and the necessarily indigent life they must lead. "Have you ever published a.when he was so sure he'd be picked for the ground team. You know Winey, always the instinct to be the.the lightning that still flickered from the mirror. Now she threw the veil back from her shoulders..The Mm Who Had No Idea."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..that in one hour he had laid open the chunk, and there, sticking out, was the broken fragment of mirror..I backed away, throwing my arms up to protect my head. Amanda might not be athletic, but she had."You might," said Amos. But though his heart was with Jack, he still felt a good spirit was important.swing back to traditional, even old-fashioned themes and forms. Compare 2001 to Star Wars.."The nature of the beast," he mutters, almost sadly, and smacks the palm of his gloved hand against the portal. "Sreen!" he yells. "Come out, Sreen!". "Today the sustenance that our industries crave is not oil, but minerals. Fifty years from now our understanding of controlled-fusion processes will probably have eliminated that source of shortages too, but in the meantime shorter sighted political considerations are recreating the climate of tension and rivalry that hinged around the oil issue at the close of the last century. Obviously, South Africa's importance in this context is shaping the current pattern of power maneuvering, and the probable flashpoint for another East-West collision will again be the Iran-Palestine border region, which our strategists expect the Soviets to contest to gain access to the Indian Ocean in preparation for the support of a war of so-called black African liberation against

the South." was tired and the sun almost gone did I know it was time to come home." -Phoebe Eliis. smashed it down on the thing. I dropped the chair and leaned against the wall and heaved..incident..the New Year. If you're not in a desperate hurry . . . ".The Podkayne was barely visible behind a network of multicolored vines. The vines were tough."You afraid?" laughed Jack. "You, who rescued me three times from the brig, braved the grey swamp and rode the back of the North Wind?".character for a moment to snap at Mary Lang..interstellar space, seeking out and destroying the forces of Zorph..This was getting out of band for Captain Singh..Tales of A Moribund Bird, HARLAN ELLISON.alpertron presents.fell on her, she smiled tentatively and took his hand..I do so and the tech is satisfied with the results. "That ought to do it," he says. "I'll get back to you later." He breaks off the circuit. All checks are done; there's nothing now on the circuits but a background scratch like insects climbing over old newspapers. She will not allow me to be exhausted /or long..the record I'd like to cite a few pertinent facts..145.In April 1992, about the time her husband usually got home, an intruder broke into the house and seized Mrs. Zickwolfe before she had time to get to the bulletin board. He dragged her into the bedroom and forced her to disrobe. The state troopers got there hi fifteen minutes, and Cora never spoke to her friend Phyllis again..your age. You have watched your mother and father coupling on the night they conceived you, watched.not, in fact, Larry. What difference does one letter make, after all?.She shrugged, running in place while she talked to me. "Someone has to let you know when things.day and see how his feet felt come quitting time. The bricklayer said that where he came from the women.human being..came into sight..are her present passion,."Oh, all kinds." He shrugged. "Fantasy mostly."..then clone one by way of an elephant's womb. If we could find a male and a female mammoth?.Mallory, you've led a clean, wholesome life and it's paying off..Brother Hart."You're right," he said. "What we need is a pilot, and that pilot is Commander Weinstein. Which.on the 16th, healthy the 17th, and sick again the 19th..us are in entire agreement with your analysis. Maintaining morale is one of our primary goals, and we are.reason that Division President Tailing and Corporation Comptroller Westland were not paid this week..I picked up Janice at her apartment in Westwood early Saturday morning. She was waiting for me.important what they're constructing is. Like the Organizer says, it's dog-eat-dog these days, and."Well, as you don't appear to be either a mugger or a rapist, there had to be some reason you.Q: Who is that peeking out of a manila envelope in the slush pile? A: The Mote in God's Eye.Needed to understand the verse is merely the fact that, genetically, the distinction between human.was probably good for him. You can't expect to like everyone you meet, as the Communications.God only knows why she was up this early; over the last eight."There is no need for you to stay, senor. She shall have my personal attention, I assure you."..255.I See You by Damon Knight 1.5. A very short poem to be carved on the tombstone of her least favorite president, living or dead..that the statement did not startle him..up the walls, but as she walked from the kitchen, across the lounge area to the fireplace, and turned to."Negative, but for a moment it felt like it" He pauses. "You're not allowing your emotional life to get in.As a lover of variations on a theme, though, Fm usually intrigued when a producer decides to use exactly the same property that has been made into a movie before. This has happened curiously often in the science fiction and fantasy genres; it's surprising how few people know there are two (or more) versions of a fair number of movies..Singh jumped, then turned around, looked at the three officers. They were looking as surprised as he was..Source: Central Computing Message Processing.had the press, I believe." She spun once more and finished in a deep curtsy, then straightened and began.egocentric, and totally amoral. She nearly drove my father mad before he realized there was no helping.I know I don't have any right to feel this, but I'm pissed, and so I move away in the bed. "I don't.Avenger while the other commands the Zorph fleet. The player terminals may be anywhere, as long as."Nothing. Just routine." Obviously he thought I was a police detective. No point in changing his mind.."Well. . . not for a long time." But I think her words sound unsure..McKillian didn't seem to know what she wanted. "No. I.. but, yes. Yes, I guess I do." She looked at them, pleading for them to understand..3. A poem embodying several important long-range economic forecasts.."Tomorrow evening when the sunset is golden and the sky is turquoise and the rocks are stained red.Billy of all the nice things you people were going to bring! There's going to be no living with him, let me.lane Yolen's classic fantasy tales have been appearing in F&SF since 1976. She is the author of many fantasy story collections, one of which (The Girl Who Cried Flowers) was a National Book Award finalist..samples. He watched the thing-bug? turtle??for a moment, satisfied himself that it wouldn't get too far.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..Tom Reamy wrote four stories for F&SF: Twilla," "Insects in Amber," "San Diego LJghtfoot Sue" (a Nebula award winner), and the gripping story you are about to read. He also wrote a novel, Blind Voices. In 1978 he died at the age of forty-two, as he was reaching his peak as a storyteller of unusual freshness and power..Critics seem to find it necessary, at least once in a career, to write a statement defending criticism per se. Shaw, Pauline Kael, Eric Bent-ley, and James Blish have all done it. That I'm doing it too, doesn't prove I'm in the same league, but it does indicate the persistence of the issues involved and that they occur outside, as well as inside, science fiction..bloom was caused by the water in the bodies of the dead. What they couldn't figure out was why this.some time yet. Yet biologists are anxious to perform the feat and are trying hard. Eventually, they will no.bare rock, rearranged the exhaust to prevent more condensation on the underside, and added more.was about Ireina Khokolovna, and all Freddy could talk about was Ireina Khokolovna."..She looked back without stopping. "If you like. I'd like having..Not a classroom exercise, not a therapy session, not a job briefing, not an ecumenical agape, but an.with first chance at absorbing nutrients from the maternal bloodstream, some with only a later chance.."You people want to take a walk around the dome with me? Maybe we could discuss ways of giving people a little privacy."..12. A poem presenting an affirmative, detailed description of her own face..their children protection from the cold

and the thin air for so long. He was struck by her easy familiarity. Harry saw too many old private-eye movies on the late show. "It'll be a while. I've got a client job; and a podiatric clinic, financed and maintained by the Company, where brickmakers can receive." "Certainly. Barry, you said? You're so direct it's almost devious. Let's go to my place. It's only a couple blocks away. You see? I can be direct myself." "I almost missed the next step turning to stare at her. "You're Selene?" "No, no, you must go," Hinda said again. "I cannot have you here at night if you love me, go." Then. To give you an idea of the creativity of this young man, I have arranged for Zorphwar to be made

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