

AT BRITAIN BY HIS EXCELLENCY THOMAS HUTCHINSON THE HON ANDREW OLIVER

creatures..Everybody knows about Receptacle?fat best seller of the year. It's all fact, about the guy who went to Prague to have a dozen artificial vaginas implanted all over his body. Nerve grafts, neural rerouting, the works. Fd seen him interviewed on some talk show where he'd worn a jumpsuit zipped to the neck..Q: In Sword & Sorcery Poker, what beats a full castle?. "Sometimes it does you good to feel gloomy." One of the pills insisted on getting stuck in his throat..CENTRAL ARENA - "Tell me the truth."..turned away, and it blew. I guess it sort of stunned me. The next thing I knew, Marty was carrying me..could possibly be involved in a string of bloody deaths. Maybe it was just a series of unbelievable..He gestured her back. Nina's smile faded and she made a sound in her throat, a little gasp of..license, and peeled off an endorsement sticker..He came in quickly and bolted the door behind him. He didn't notice the open curtain. He glanced..it's such a good idea. Just look what we've done with it But all motion hi nature is confined to up and..Zorphwar! by Stan Dryer 59..Detweiler had broken his pattern. He didn't have an alibi. I couldn't believe it.. "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.. "I think a baby around here would be fun. Two should be twice as much fun. I think I'll start. Come on, Matty."..Sirocco came through on the compact a few moments later, and Colman summarized the situation. The audacity of the idea appealed to Sirocco immediately. "We'd have to handle it ourselves. There isn't enough time to involve Brigade, but we could pin down those guys on the other side while you went in, and roll a barrage in front of you to clear obstacles." He was referring to the Company controlled robot batteries set up to the rear, below the crest line of the ridge. "It would mean going in without any counter battery suppression when you break though. What do you think?".. "Robbie?" It comes into my left ear, on the in-house com circuit reserved for performer and me..Take that bulge apart and you'd be amazed at the resemblance to a human heart So there's another.. "Then how do you explain your extraordinary conclusions?"..From Competition 13: Excerpts from myopic early sf novels..know bow powerful it is or if it'll eat the-plastic in your boots, but we'd better play it safe. How about it..Sunday, the 24th, a wino had been knifed in MacArthur Park.. "Okay, Rob, I'm up in the booth above the east aisle. Give me just a tickle." My nipples were.. "Oh, baby, I'm sorry." Jam smiles and looks fourteen again. Then ?he stands and gives Stella a quick..Baird Searles for "Multiples"; Copyright ? 1980 by Baird Searles..the map..Her fear touched him. So he stood and smoothed down the skins of his coat. "I will go. But I will.. "The staple on your license?why is it there?"..Award finalist.. "No, honestly. Whatever is playing I usually like it. What are they playing here? I like that.".. "How can you help me?" asked the Wind..and Myrrh. But I'm here just as an ordinary citizen?a citizen who is doing his level best to try to..wait to experience the wonders of Earthly science..diaries pipe in one high but full-toned voice, "the lords of Creation."..us..tonight?"..She stopped moving. "I heard, Gordy.".. "What could he want with a woman worthy of a prince?" asked Amos..was as liable to develop arthritis in his hands as a brickmaker was in his feet and in addition was.. "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 oniy 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.".. "Of course before breakfast," said the prince, and fell to chopping. The ice chips flew around him..And the chase is going away from you, as you knew it would, but soon you will be older, as old as Nell and Jim; then you will be in the middle of dungs, and your life will begin..educated guesses from time to time about the tastes of some groups of readers. Editors must, such..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."..now; his head was throbbing with weariness..168..Ike and I were on picket duty when we heard that the latest bargaining session had gone Pffft! Eli..LUNDWALL'S What About Science: It's All Fiction.. "Matthew?Matthew, I'm sorry. I didn't meant to hurt you." Her hand stroked my forehead. "It was the name you called me. I hit out at the name. I know what happened wasn't really your fault Selene started it"..The Detweiler Boy by Tom Reamy 17..Weird Woman is given a childhood background of Caribbean voodoo. Much closer is the well-known.. "I simulate a job that Citibank is developing for another corporation, but only on an auxiliary basis..pieces are hidden."..togetherness, since his job kept him in Wilmington and hers kept her in New York. Additionally, her..KU, Old Man: You were right as to the reaction of our President and Comptroller. The old stuff really hit the fan with about a dozen.. "We were never suspected before."..Neither of us sleeps much the rest of the night. Sometime before dawn I doze briefly and awaken..brave and strong and beautiful, and could govern beside any man. He said I was proud, and that my pride was good. But then he saw how I looked in mirrors at my own face, and he said that I was vain, and my vanity was bad, and that it would keep me apart from the prince I was worthy of. The shiny surface of all things, he told me, will keep us apart, until a prince can gather the pieces of the mirror together again, which will release me."..little gismos." She tapped the blue ball representing the Earth with one foot.. "Then will you call my friend?"..a second phenomenal ram-fall again cause the Twin Rivers to overflow their banks to.. "I wondered from the start why you were along, Crawford." She was pacing slowly back and forth in..We shall dine on berry wine..trained toward the east. He knew he had to be watchful. Yesterday he had missed it entirely, snatched..And she was right Nolan knew it now. At least they'd be together and that would help see him through. He wouldn't need the bottle any

more, and he wouldn't need Nina..against me. She met my mouth hungrily, but when I started pulling her toward the fake animal pelt in front. ^Tomorrow I'm going back to Center St. and take the exam again."..Just out of curiosity, Barry wondered aloud, what kind of cash payment were they talking about?.The Hobbit for the stage) that I also understand the absolute impossibility of ever fulfilling that demand.."What makes you think that women are a natural resource, Crawford?" she said, slowly and..flung herself into a succession of cartwheels and forward flips. She went around a curve of the beach and..I shuddered. "You need more than that I'm going to call a food service in Gateside and take out a subscription for you; then I insist you have your meals with me, either out or cooked by me, until your first week's supply of meals is delivered."..name?"..superb release from Deutsche Grammophon. She was at her best in Schumann, her Wolf was comme ci..,Sue" (a Nebula award winner), and the gripping story you are about to read. He also wrote a..Crawford shrugged, uneasy at the question. He didn't know if it was the right time to even postulate..with a tumbleweed bush of red hair; her face isn't so much pretty as it is intense. I've never known.."No, no, you must go," Hinda said again. "I cannot have you here at night If you love me, go." Then she added softly, her dark eyes on his, "But come again in the morning."..mountain..Asexual reproduction can take place among them as well. The more primitive the animal?that is, the less diversified and specialized its cells are?the more likely it is that asexual reproduction can take place..That stopped me for a minute, but I'm not sure why. I mustVe had a mental picture of Charles Laughton riding those bells or Igor stealing that brain from the laboratory. "He's good-looking and he's a hunchback?"..He sat for a moment then solemnly held out his hand. I took it He shook my hand, then opened the glove compartment He removed the gun and slipped out of the car. He went down the hill into the brush..hours ago, just as I arrive."..And groom your domestic balrogs,,deaths, mostly about where he'd been, things he'd read. He read a lot, just about anything he could get.of your certificate suitable for framing and wall display. Note that it is a fine example of.reflection but the face of a young woman. "I'm afraid," she said cheerfully, "that you shall never be able to.and warmhearted..Nolan glanced up quickly. "What's the matter?" he said..surprises me. But I push the stim up to seventy. Then Nagami goes into a synthesizer riff, and Jam sags.By trial and error, Smith has found the settings for Dallas, November 22,1963: Dealey Plaza, 12:25 P.M. He sees the Presidential motorcade making the turn onto Elm Street. Kennedy slumps forward, raising his hands to his throat. Smith presses a button to hold the moment in tune. He scans behind the motorcade, finds the sixth floor of the Book Depository Building, finds the window. There is no one behind the barricade of cartons; the room is empty. He scans the nearby rooms, finds nothing. He tries the floor below. At an open window a man kneels, holding a high-powered rifle. Smith photographs him. He returns to the motorcade, watches as the second shot strikes the President. He freezes time again, scans the surrounding buildings, finds a second marksman on a roof, photographs him. Back to the motorcade. A third and fourth shot, the last blowing off the side of the President's head. Smith freezes the action again, finds two gunmen on the grassy knoll, one aiming across the top of a station wagon, one kneeling in the shrubbery. He photographs them. He turns off the power,, sits for a moment, then goes to the washroom, kneels beside the toilet and vomits..THE MEDIATOR: The Company Representative has informed me that considerable.I was brought op in a candy store under a father of the old school who, although he was Jewish, was."I have an idea on that," McKillian said. T've had it in mind to do some studies around the dome to.191.THE COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE: I cannot, of course, speak for the King. But I should imagine that he considered it so glaringly obvious that there was no need for the dissemination of such information..Lang sat back down and patted the ground around her, ground that was covered in a multiple layer of the Martian pressure-tight web, the kind of web that would have been made only by warmblooded, oxygen-breathing, water-economy beings who needed protection for then- bodies until the full bloom of summer..should happen to ask what we were talking about, say it was the New Wooly Look, okay?"..An organ replacement would be grown and since it would have precisely the same genetic equipment as the old, the body would not reject it ?Surely that is the best possible application of cloning..Applicant. ("We regret to inform you, etc. . . .") But possibly the old fart had been making things.Jack's head emerged, and a moment later his hand holding the huge fragment of a broken mirror.48."It's marvelous," Amanda said. "And people actually live in them?"..cells become more complex and specialized as well. The cells are so well adapted to perform their highly.Hinda could not answer. She could not even look at him. His nakedness shamed her more than his words. She put their food on the table and they ate their meal in silence. Then they slept like beasts and without dreams..the touch, limbs that could writhe in boneless contortion to squeeze the breath from a man and crush him.I am fortunate in that, unlike Hollywood, F&SF seems to be largely immune from trends. The magazine has a reputation for offering variety, and to uphold that image, it seems to me that it must carefully avoid trends and formulas in an effort to publish a balance of different types of fantasy and sf. And so we continue to look for good writing and fresh ideas and entertaining narratives, and once those general criteria are satisfied, we take on whatever seems to be pleasing our writers at the time. That's the best way I know of pleasing our leaders..That's what got me the job with Alpertron, Ltd., die big promotion and booking agency. I'm on the concert tour and work their stim board, me and my console over there on the side of the stage. It isn't that much different in principle from playing one of the instruments in the backup band, though it's a hetL of a lot more complex than even Nagami's synthesizer. It all sounds simple enough: my console is the critical link between performer and audience. Just one glorified feedback transceiver: pick up the empathic load from Jain, pipe it into the audience, they react and add their own load, and I feed it all back to the star. And then around again as I use the sixty stim tracks, each with separate controls to balance and augment and intensify. It can get pretty hairy, which is why not just anyone can do the job. It helps that I seem to have a natural resistance to the sideband stopover radiation from the empathic transmissions. "Ever think of teaching?" said the school voc counselor. "No," I said. "I want the action."..Maybe Detweiler was a vampire..pretty

easy to walk through one of them if you thought it was open. "Are all the apartments alike? Those which is also where I was raised. I've got a degree in electrical engineering from MIT and some grad. Dame Fortune had become so well-disposed to him that he got his third endorsement (though in point of hard fact, his second) the very next night. The fated encounter took place at Morone's One-Stop Shopping, a mom-and-pop mini-grocery on Sixth Ave. right next to the International Supermarket. Although Morone's charged more for most items, Barry preferred shopping there because it offered such a limited and unchallenging range of choices (cold meats, canned goods, beer, Nabisco cookies) that he never felt intimidated and ashamed of his selections at the check-out counter. He hated to cook, but was that any reason he should be made to feel inadequate? Morone's was made to order for people like Barry, of which there are great numbers..swing back to traditional, even old-fashioned themes and forms. Compare 2001 to Star Wars..and encircled his thighs, the stirring in his loins became a throbbing and the pounding in his head drowned.Gordy,

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