

STAGE COACH 1943

by LEE KILLOUGH. "Harry Spinner. You'd better get the cops, Birdie. Somebody killed him." "That's none of your business!" Nolan reddened. "Besides, it's all over now." 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. "You really like me so much?" The little-girl persona. "Where can I reach you?" she asked as I hung up the phone. All but one, that is. For as Nolan moved forward, another shadow glided out from the deeper darkness beside the bungalow. Your clone is not you. Your clone is your twin brother (or sister) and is no more you than your ordinary identical twin would be. Your clone does not have your consciousness, and if you die, you are dead. You do not live on in your clone. Once that is understood, I suspect that much of the interest in clones will disappear. "I was going to ask you?" the rest of the group, and then Moog Indigo slides into the last number with scarcely a pause. Jain turns. Phoebe Ellis. their year that way. But rather than distress Amanda further by asking about it, I bit my tongue and. When I first met her, I thought that Stella was the coldest person I'd ever encountered. And in Des Moines I saw her crying alone in a darkened phone booth? Jain had awakened her and told her to take a walk for a couple hours while she screwed some rube she'd picked up in the hotel bar. I tapped on the glass; Stella ignored me. Amos. "My runabout is outside. IT! show you what I have available." The background music changed from Vivaldi's Four Seasons to a Sondheim medley, and all the chairs in Barry's area suddenly lifted their occupants up in the air and carried them off, legs dangling, to their next conversational destination. Barry found himself sitting next to a girl in a red velvet evening dress with a hat of paper feathers and polyhedrons. The band of the hat said, "I'm a Partyland Smarty-pants." She looked back without stopping. "If you like. I'd like having." "I meant, would you like some now, with me? I've got a six-pack." "Not at all," laughed Jack. "They didn't even notice that the jailor was gone." For what they had done last night after we left them, was to take the jailor's key, free the prince, and tie up the jailor and put him in the cell under all the grey blankets. In the morning, when the sailor had come to exchange clothes, Jack had freed himself again when the sailor left, then slipped off the ship to join Amos. the illumination did not make them clearer. They were vaguely rectilinear shapes without any coherent selves on report." She laughed and beckoned them over to her. They linked arms and stood staring up at the sky. 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. PROLOGUE. pointed to the lander. The two of them changed course and scrambled up the rope ladder hanging over. by tears rake fingers across the sky. It is an old, old song: boy, Tve nm across something very peculiar. I don't really know what to make of it." ?Chris Leithiser. "A temp." The only man speaking was tall, thin, and grey. He wore a grey cape, grey gloves, grey boots, and. Source: P. T. Warrington, Headquarters, Los Gringos, California. wit than the rest of Mr. Reeves' spaghetti spectaculars, containing some good film magic of its own and a way. . . . 78. As Nolan set the empty bottle down he heard the noise he'd come to dread worst of all? the endless. She found the pins. Sitting down in the same chair Selene had occupied, she swept her hair up with. mean, ordering us to go home and stay there because they own the universe?" reappeared. He turned the other way; they whirled back. So he lay down on the bed and Hinda sat by him. She rubbed cinquefoil on his head to soothe it and. figures got out. They started for the dome, hesitantly, in fits and starts. One grabbed the other's arm and. wrote a story and sent it to a magazine. They bought it; paid me fifty dollars. Thought I was rich, so I. "I don't know quite what to do with it," Song admitted. "If it's the only one, I don't dare dissect it, and maybe I shouldn't even touch it". She beamed. "Isn't it wonderful? I started three days ago. It's like a dream come true." "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. five-digit numbers. Then, when he had a solution, he'd check it on his calculator. He'd got five right. happened. Pauline Kael's Movie Loon is another such fiction; these little creatures we send scurrying. the argument; it got them both thinking along the right lines, moved them from the deadly apathy they. Consider a human egg cell, fertilized by a human sperm cell. We now have a fertilized egg cell which contains a half set of genes from its mother and a half set from its father. interstellar space, seeking out and destroying the forces of Zorph. (the future of the arts) and background (an artist's colony called Aventine). The tales are. "How do you know for sure?" Mama Dolores took over Robbie's schedule while Nolan made his daily rounds in the fields. I stared at her. "You don't like Amanda, do you?" "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." limb from limb and strew them in gobbets about the stage or platform. ... In the same way really fine. thinks they've visited us, back in the Stone Age. In some ways it's easier to believe than the alternative. An undercurrent of murmuring rippled quickly around the hall. Congreve nodded, indicating his anticipation of the 'objections he knew would come. He raised a hand for attention and gradually the noise abated. "No. He was . . . visiting." left, his other foot on the pinnacle to the right, and bent down and set them on the tallest peak in the. get Alpertron on the phone for me. Stella? Can you score a couple grams? Stella, check out the dudes in. "So what do you want me to think?" I say. "Now wait a minute. What about all this line about 'colonists' you've been feeding us ever since we. each other. To tell the truth, Dr. Kolodny, I've never been much of a talker.

I think I was put off it by the.175.could scrounge. It would be useful later for heating, and for recharging batteries. They managed to convert plastic packing crates into fuel containers by lining them with sheets of the double-walled material the whirligigs used to heat water. They were nervous at this vandalism, but had no other choice. They kept looking nervously at the graveyard as they ripped up meter-square sheets of it..?I'm continuously aware; she's only conscious when she's out.".Batterham's, who, for all her real intelligence, was developing a distinct wobble in her upper register.. "That's fine, but there is an even more important order of business. We have to go out to the dome.admitted to the Commonwealth of Zorph as a Status V member. As a member in this privileged class.. "I was afraid that might happen," Crawford said. "What do we do, Mary?".big, white, puckered scar between its shoulder blades, at the top of its jutting backbone..with the word "Princess" in big, glitter-dust letters across her breasts. Her hat said: "Let Tonight Be Your.It was a small story on page three, not very exciting or newsworthy. Last night a man named Maurice.warm in the dome, Crawford was shivering. It was ten minutes before any of them felt like facing the.couple blocks away. You see?I can be direct myself.".Virginia Kidd for "The Detweiler Boy" by Tom Reamy.and to prove his point he cooked up a quick dinner on her hotplate of Spam and canned beets (it was.ROCKY MOUNTAIN.Crawford called down to Lang, who raised her head enough to mumble something.. "Better," the tech says. "But keep it rising. I'm still only registering a sixty per cent.".picket duty tonight; I'm not scheduled till tomorrow morning. Fm glad, because that'll give me a chance to.When he left the store with his dinner and the beer in a plastic bag, she was already outside waiting.18.arena; Red, yellow, blue. Start with the basics. Red..MAD AGAIN: New Poems by Madeline Swain. On the back there was a picture of her sitting in this.could govern beside any man. He said I was proud, and that my pride was good. But then he saw how I."Does she believe that?" Mama's gaze was grave. "You must tell her to go.".Needed to understand the verse is merely the fact that, genetically, the distinction between human.organisms developing, each is sure to be smaller than a single organism. The more organisms that.compulsory talk we had to do in high school.. "Slowly, Selene twisted the wrist back and down while the poly around them swirled in wave after wave.By the time the rescue expedition arrived, no one was calling it that There had been the little matter of.complain, but I could tell he was wantin' company to take his mind off it We played gin until six-thirty..Not to worry, he advised himself. The worst is over. You've got your license. How you got it doesn't matter..on a proposed naval system. Thus, we have pretended that we are fighting a space war of the future."I'm not taking over, though. You know that's just a paranoid fantasy. I use only enough time for."What did you say to him?" asked Jack.. "This eloquent novel,* says the jacket of Taylor Caldwell's The DeviTs Advocate, making two errors in three words. . . ." (Damon Knight, In Search of Wonder, Advent, Chicago, 1967, p. 29.).standing in his underwear. Then he climbed over the edge of the boat into the swamp. He was so bright.I led the Admiral into my office and fired up Zorphwar on the tube..popular man on Mars.. "Remain at ready. Out..".talk to Commander Lang. Have her come up." The voice of Mission Commander Weinstein was."We've got company," Eli announced..The hunter whirled around to face her then. "He was your brother?" he asked..necessary to maintain the illusion that it was. Otherwise, you might as well cut your throat. You might as well not even be born, because life is an inevitably fatal struggle to survive..stop. The hissing died away, and Crawford picked it up. It was lighter than it had been. There was a.keyboard on Nagami's synthesizer..Hence angry readers can make the objection above, or add:.She frowned, shook her head vehemently, and then said, "Well . . . maybe. . . ".them on your own. Even though everyone breaks it, the law is still the law. Individuals operating on their.selfish desire to be one of the first ones through the Gateway?".representing various vanished luxuries on the wall, the common range of furniture from aspiring to.become much more fluent these past months.".your honest assessment of our chances?".I called Amaada later. I expected to find her herself, yesterday already forgotten, but she still sounded anxious. "Matthew, can you come up?".It crawled halfway into the bag, then seemed to think something was wrong. It stopped, but Song nudged.He tried to think of a compliment that wouldn't be completely insincere. "Heavy," he allowed at last..In the gilded frame now was no longer then- reflection, but a rolling land of green and yellow meadows, with red and white houses, and far off a golden castle against a blue sky.. "And what is that?". "I wondered from the start why you were along, Crawford." She was pacing slowly back and forth in the crowded space. The others got out of her way almost without thinking, except for Ralston who still huddled under his blanket. "A historian? Sure, it's a fine idea, but pretty impractical. I have to admit that I've been thinking of you." "No, no, no, no." "I don't think I can. My bladder holds only so much..".rebound, only to be thrown over for Ralston..substances poisonous to insects and rodents are introduced." I followed in as he continued: "Only women.her hairpins..He moved down the line of bungalows silent as a shadow. He turned south when he reached the."How?".can't happen over and over, so that three or four or any number of organisms might not develop from the original fertilized egg. As a matter of practical fact, however, a mother's womb can only hold so much, and if there are multiple organisms developing, each is sure to be smaller than a single organism. The more organisms that develop, the smaller each one and, in the end, they will be too small to survive after delivery.. "Never?".gurgled ominously without generating a great deal of heat The furniture consisted of metal folding chairs,.chilling quality comes from the very ordinariness of the people involved, and the professor's wife of.109."Damn it," said the Admiral, "I don't want technical expertise. I want a working system..".crossed my arms, and leaned against the doorframe. "Well?".The second meeting is to take place this afternoon. All of us have our fingers crossed..I was terrified by the desperation in Amanda's wail. "Selene, stop it!". "We have to have children." She looked back and forth from Lang to Crawford, her face expressing.219."You'll stay right here," Lang barked, "We know there's not enough power in them to hurt the ship,

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