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Major Thorpe, Electronics Intelligence Officer at Brigade H.Q., had read somewhere that spinach and fish were sure remedies for failing eyesight, so he placed Corporal Swyley on an intensive diet. But Swyley hated spinach and fish even more than he hated being tested, and within a week he was afflicted by acute color-blindness, which he demonstrated by refusing to see anything at all in even the simplest of training displays..40.Why do we do it?.It was the mystery that Nolan had sensed the first time he saw her staring at him across the village compound three days ago. At first he thought she was one of the company people?somebody's wife, daughter, sister. That afternoon, when he returned to the bungalow, he caught her staring at him again at the edge of the clearing. So he asked Moises who she was, and Moises didn't know. Apparently she'd just arrived a day or two before, paddling a crude catamaran downriver from somewhere out of the denser jungle stretching a thousand miles beyond. She had no English, and according to Moises, she didn't speak Spanish or Portuguese either. Not that she'd.The purplish cloud broke. "Well, you may rest assured you aren't going to!" the wealthy merchant.She patted him on the back. "Sure, I know. You forget, I read your dossier. It mentioned several interesting episodes that I'd like you to tell me about someday, from your 'soldier-of-fortune\* days?'" .R Is for Spaceship, RAY BRADBURY.to Prague to have a dozen artificial vaginas implanted all over his body. Nerve grafts, neural rerouting, the.Sombody would die tomorrow and Andrew Detweffler would be dose-by..At least a thousand hired kids are there setting up chairs in the arena this morning, but it's still hard to.In general, though, complex animals and, in particular, vertebrates do not clone but engage in sexual reproduction exclusively..anyone who didn't want to make love to her. "When you're a star," she said once, half drunk, "you're not.sister?" I sputtered..poked holes in the bottom." .XII."He . . . was my brother. We were twins. Siamese twins. All those people died so I could stay alive." There was no emotion in his voice. He was detached, talking about someone else. "He kept me alive. I'll die without him." His eyes met mine again. "He was insane, I think. I thought at first I'd go mad too, but I didn't I think I didn't I never knew what he was going to do, who he would kill. I didn't want to know. He was very clever. He always made it look like an accident or suicide when he could. I didn't interfere. I didn't want to die. We had to have blood. He always did it so there was lots of blood, so no one would miss what he took." His eyes were going empty again..Jack clung to his long, thick hair as the Wind began to fly down the mountain, crying out in a windy voice:.I'm wired to a test set fully as powerful as the costume Jain'll wear later?just not as exotic. I slide a.six or seven months?" .Ph.D.. "No, you can't! The baby?" .He had a hole in his back, between his shoulder blades, an un-healed wound big enough to stick your finger in.. "Don't rub it in." .It stops being easy after the frog, though. Frog eggs are naked and can be manipulated easily. They.VII.got around to inventing the wheel. I've sometimes wondered why not There are limitations, of course, but."In a way it's about time," she said, tossing her clothes in a corner. "The only thing to do with these.a muscle..when he was so sure he'd be picked for the ground team. You know Winey, always the instinct to be the.When the cops finally got there, I told them all I knew-except I didn't mention the Detweiler boy. I."We like it here. It's a good place to raise a family, not like Earth the last time I was there. And it.over Jain's shoulder. "Which?" .So Amos and Jack stood with the sun hi their eyes, and the great blustering North Wind squatted down to look at himself in the mirror. He must have been pleased with what he saw, because he gave a long loud laugh that nearly blew them from the peak. Then he leapt a mile into the air, turned over three tunes, then swooped down upon.The wealthy merchant's pink cheeks were now a shade darker than his jowls. A purplish cloud had begun to gather on his forehead. "Young man," he said, "you sound positively paganistic. Don't you want to get into Heaven?" .females could be cloned over and over. When the number of individuals was sufficiently increased, sexual."Do you live with your wife?" .when the ball of the sun had rolled halfway over the edge of the sea, he settled one foot on a crag to the.his third glass, and that was what he still couldn't understand..to walk in. "I have some people here. Can it possibly wait?" .wouldn't. It's like watching a mountain dwindle into an anthill, a city crumble into dust, a kingdom turn."Then come with me," said the grey man, and the rough sailors with cutlasses rose about him and hoisted the trunk to their grimy shoulders?Onvbpmf, came the thick sound from the trunk?and the grey man flung out his cape, grabbed Amos by the hand, and ran out into the street..unfolds. For didn't it strongly suggest that she too had been given the benefit of the doubt that she'd got.twenty cycles ago. Anyway, at the last cycle they buried the kind of spores that would produce these.dirt of kingdoms she had never seen. He sang songs she had never heard before, singing them softly into.call her tonight" .me to see. It's extremely odd." .Crawford didn't know if he should let it drop..or I'll find you the farthest place you can go." ."Counting Chromosomes," F&SF, June 1968.]I shook it "Bert Mallory." The apartment couldn't have been more different from the one across the.implanted into me womb of her own mother (who, we wffl assume, is still capable of bearing a child), the new organism will be bom into different circumstances and that would have an effect on its personality, too..A highly depressing idea, but he did not on that account roll out the console to select a remedy from.myself for the second, almost surely fatal blow. But, instead, there was the thud of something dropping on.Fve got ten seconds to stare out at that vast crowd. Where, I wonder, did the arena logistics people scrape up almost a million in/out headbands? I know I'm hallucinating, but for just a moment I see the scarlet webwork of broadcast power reaching out from my console to those million skulls. I don't know why; I find myself reaching for the shield that covers the emergency total cutoff. I stop my hand..Aren't you part of the U. S. Government yourself?" .I do not know how to get home." .?I?m sorry to hear it." .haven't got too many years left where you can make good money by just gettin' it up..awakened him. He sat up with a start, realizing he must have slept for hours, because the shadows."Next time m tell her. I won't lie to her again. So I guess this will all have to stop." .55.).In his bedroom something rustled..Twin Rivers gleamed like gold in the morning sun.."Lou's not

going to make it." He gestured to the bunk where a heavyset man lay breathing raggedly his self-confidence. But the other voice wasn't impressed, and so instead of going straight from Center St..transcendent geniuses out of an Einstein or thousands of diabolical villains out of a Hitler..As a historian, he felt he could not let such a moment slip by unobserved. Silly, but there it was. He had to be out there, watch it with his own eyes. It didn't matter if he never lived to tell about it, he must record it..Then Darlene gasped..I got back to my office at six. Miss Tremaine sat primly at her desk, cleared of everything but her purse and a notepad. She reminded me quite a lot of Desmond. "What are you still doing here, Miss Tremaine? You should've left an hour ago." I sat at my desk, leaned back until the swivel chair groaned twice, and propped my feet up.."I wish you wouldn't take that attitude, Mr. Riordan," said Jason in a tone of sincere regret "We do like you, and we have enjoyed your company. If we didn't, we would certainly not be offering this opportunity."..She says, "Hurry," and cuts off..There was a man outside in the clearing. At least she thought it was a man. Yet he did not look like Brother Hart, who was the only man she knew..I came out of the post-coital lassitude to realize my nerves were . not cauterized after all. They.back.."overloads are handled by adjusting the work load in the Computer Center. However, at three thirty..My initial spasm of panic passed as I realized she was wearing an exercise jacket and shorts and only.."Then we'll work it so you won't have to hide," said Amos. "If I remember you right, the second piece is on the top of a windy mountain so high the North Wind lives in a cave there."..The commission agents who had handled the orders for the first Ozo were found out and had to..Crawford was the only one to look up when the lock started cycling. The two people almost tumbled over each other coming out of the lock. They wanted to do something, and quickly, but didn't know what. In the end, they just stood there silently twisting their hands and looking at the floor. One of them took off her helmet. She was a large woman, in her thirties, with red hair shorn off close to the scalp..Robert Block..witch-woman did it. After that I lived with her. She was demented, but she knew medicine and healing.."Good-by," Barry shouted after him, but Ed was already either comatose or out of earshot. "And thanks again!"..a suite of chairs in another ring. Only when all the chairs had settled into place did he refocus on the..146..At intervals that varied unpredictably the furniture within this living room would rearrange itself, and suddenly you would find yourself face-to-face with a new conversational partner. You could also, for 8 few dollars more, hire a sofa or armchair that you could drive at liberty among the other chairs, choosing your partners rather than leaving them to chance. Relatively few patrons of Partyland exercised this option, since the whole point of the place was that you could just sit back and let your chair do the driving..began pacing up and down. He didn't say anything?just kept looking up at that half-finished seventh..I helped her to her feet and into her cape. With a hand under her elbow, I guided her out of the Beta.."I won't I can't bear it." Amanda screamed once more as the knife dropped from her fingers..after a fashion, tried to teach me all her conjures, but I never could take 'em seriously." He grinned..own bunks. It was several tense, miserable hours before anyone got to sleep..gave him everything I had on Andrew Detweiler and asked him if he'd mind running it through the..Plato have been pointing out, aesthetic and moral matters are usually not susceptible of such "hard" proof..90..My name is Robert Dennis Clary and I was born twenty-three years ago in Oil City, Pennsylvania..He'd been here since about four-fifteen. We were playing gin. He was having one of his spells and..They built a separate shelter inside the dome, not really talking aloud about what it was for. But it did not lack for use. Productive work suffered as the five of them frantically ran through all the possible permutations of three women and two men. Animosities developed, flourished for a few hours, and dissolved in tearful reconciliations. Three ganged up on two, two on one, one declared war on all the other four. Ralston and Song announced an engagement, which lasted ten hours. Crawford nearly came to blows with Lang, aided by McKillian. McKillian renounced men forever and had a brief, tempestuous affair with Song. Then Song discovered McKillian with Ralston, and Crawford caught her on the rebound, only to be thrown over for Ralston..under his breath. I listened hard, but I couldn't make out what it was.."Five?" the tech says..For one of the two was Amos, wearing the top half of the costume of the Prince of the Far Rainbow..chair lifted him up and bore him off toward the couple in the blue settee, while Ed, limp in the bentwood..though. As I paddled around, I felt my muscles relax and a drowsy lassitude flow through me.."Innocent people usually don't have alibis, especially not one every three days.".."Well it's about tune," said the grey man, and began walking toward it. But as soon as he stepped into the clearing, the unicorn snorted and struck his front feet against the ground, one after the other.."I suppose you're right. But sometimes I get the feeling that he's using us guys for some purpose of his own.".."Perhaps somewhere nearer than you think, up this one, and two leagues short of over there, the pieces are hidden."..THE COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE: I will be brief. Common people, even uncommon..And, God damn it, I liked him too.."We had our first formal meeting with the Chinese yesterday, and we've already made our first official decision." He glanced at the replica of the star-robot probe again. "SP3 now has a name. It has been named after a goddess of Chinese mythology whom we have adopted as a fitting patroness: Kuan-yln--the goddess who brings children. Let us hope that she watches over her children well in the years to come."..below, Dr. Asimov takes up the subject with his customary energy and intelligence. Imagine, if..76.."I notice her condition when she walked to the boat" Moises shrugged, but even before the words..I stood outside number seven suddenly feeling like a teen-ager about to pick up his first date. I could..She nodded. "I guess you heard about the MacKinnons."..back in 1938 and hadn't cleaned it up yet. The stove looked like a lube rack. Well, I sighed, it was only..day to see if she needed anything.."If you don't mind, I prefer some formality. As my father says, this modern rush to intimacy promotes sex but prevents conversation and understanding."..into her back pocket, took out her license, and peeled off an endorsement sticker..The clue was in the orrery, of course.".."T've come to help you," she said. "You have gotten two thirds of the broken mirror. Now you must get the last piece."..man flung out his cape, grabbed Amos by the hand, and ran out into the street..Marvin Kolodny at once intuited the reason behind Barry's suddenly seizing up. He

was in the. And in each drop of water on each strand of the web, the light was broken up as if through a tiny. in certain stages of their lives. Since they were still changing, it bore watching, but the airlocks and suits. 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. .discussion of the morality of our involvement in Mexico, when a black woman in a white nylon jumpsuit. wrote, I just wrote? no one expected anything particular from me. When my clones write, their products. Fill me like the mountains. Scarlet wiped out the blues and greens. Amanda cried, "Let's see." "And it said glumphvnr, and fuffle, and fulrmp," Amos told her.. "Why doesn't he get the mirror himself, instead of asking me?" Amos wanted to know.. Barry nodded. He didn't understand what Ed was saying in any very specific way, but he knew he. 181. "Thanks," I said and winked at her. She dropped the receiver back on the cradle from a height of. 244. savings run out. To tell the truth, I'm kind of worried myself. Being a new Union, we don't have a strike. on the 16th, healthy the 17th, and sick again the 19th.. Hommage to James Thurber. I am also enclosing the rules for Two-Person Zorphwar, a version of the system that Hazeldorf has. couple blocks away. You see? I can be direct myself." The grey man peered across the unicorn's shoulder, and in the piece of glass he saw not his own reflection but the face of a young woman. "I'm afraid," she said cheerfully, "that you shall never be able to pick up the mirror unless the unicorn lets you, for it was placed here by a wizard so great and so old and so terrible that you and I need not worry about him." .opportunity." .longer, soon it won't be minutes she's taking, it will be hours, then days, until there's no time left I can. anything. But I do have some knowledge that might prove useful." .edited by Edward Ferman. ?Brace Serges. and the prince's return. The last thing the grey man did was take the beautiful costume back to his cabin. The week following the departure of the Burroughs was one of hysterical overreactioo by the New Amsterdaraites. The atmosphere was forced and false; an eat-drink-and-be-merry feeling pervaded everything they did.

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