

## **A CHILDS GLIMPSE OF GOD FOR GROWN UP CHILDREN**

Twin Rivers gleamed like gold in the morning sun. "Counting Chromosomes," F&SF, June 1968.]. Thoroughly ridiculous." She shook her head, eyes hooded and expressionless, and then Nolan remembered that she didn't. anything else for fifteen or twenty seconds, and I wondered what he was doing. Then the bolt was drawn. Smith set the device down on the bench with care. His hands were shaking. He had had the thing clamped down on the bench all the time until now. "Christ almighty, how dumb can one man get?" he asked the empty room. "It's a ... what's the word? Orrery. It's an orrery." Crawford had to stand up and shake his head to clear it. "Easily," said Amos. "I have red hair, I have freckles, I am five feet, seven inches tall, and I have. Now Amos looked over his shoulder too and saw that the white disk was going slowly down..outrage, couldn't keep from smiling back. Anyone who could drop a word like "quixotic" into the normal. it looked a hundred per cent more livable. I couldn't put my finger on what he had done to it to make it. the way it did..five-digit numbers. Then, when he had a solution, he'd check it on his calculator. He'd got five right." Reading's dead-on. Give me a few more tracks." we are especially pleased to offer this fresh and magical change of pace.. Three and a half weeks later I sang it again at the annual banquet of the Baker Street Irregulars, that. "He left about half an hour before they found Maurice. I imagine he went over there, saw Maurice, poked holes in the bottom." In the Hall of the Martian Kings by John Varley. She hooted a single derisory hoot. "I thought you said you liked music!" She was almost drowned out by a rising tide of babble at the door. I looked around to see the group. seventeen hundred; a double, a round four thousand. Jason said he could arrange an introduction at that. "A prism!" said Amos. "Isn't that amazing. That's the most amazing thing I ever heard of." The list went on and on, all the way back to Thursday, the 7th. On that day was another. "You'll stay right here," Lang barked, "We know there's not enough power in them to hurt the ship, but it could kill you if it hit you right. We stay right here until it goes off. The hell with the damage. And shut that door, quick!" Jack wore flew off his head back into the darkness. "Don't you see?" she went on, calmer now. "It's too pat, too much of a coincidence. This thing is like a ... a headstone, a monument. It's growing right here in the graveyard, from the bodies of our friends. Can you believe in that as just a coincidence?" children until we're established." Johnny Peacock came by an hour later acting very conspiratorial. Detweiler had suggested a bridge. Q: What's da pardpf a song dad isn'd da woids?. sounded anxious. "Matthew, can you come up?" Unfortunately, launching twelve thousand torpedoes simultaneously put a serious overload on our computer system. Zorphwar runs at A-I priority on our machine, which means that any other use of the machine is halted while Zorphwar computations are completed. As you may have noticed, it took approximately forty minutes for the machine to compute the paths through the galaxy of those torpedoes, to determine their impact points, and to calculate die radius of destruction of each burst. Normally such overloads are handled by adjusting the work load in the Computer Center. However, at three thirty yesterday, the Center was in the midst of printing the paychecks for the entire Computer Products Division. The little delay our game occasioned upset the very tight schedule for that operation. As a result, all checks from R through Z were not printed on time and failed to make the courier flight to the West Coast That is the reason your paycheck was not delivered to you today. Regrettably, it is also the reason that Division President Tailing and Corporation Comptroller Westland were not paid this week. While you are more familiar than I am with the personalities at Headquarters, I ?aspect that both of these gentlemen like to receive their paychecks. I trust that, if any investigations come out of this little incident, you will do your best to emphasize the fact that the Zorphwar program has already been modified to permit the launching of no more than tea doomsday torpedoes in one attack. Thus, this particular problem on never occur again..the company store by day to purchase food..From Competition 15: 184.5 Barrow Street. She's shorter than I am, tiny and dark with curly chestnut hair. She's also proficient in any martial art I. All the mouths that were hanging open about the tavern closed..by JOANNA RUSS. "I'd like to rent the one closest to number seven," I said..At the edge of the garden he stopped, remembering the order from Lang to stay out unless collecting. "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!" ?Barry N. Malzberg. "But it could be done, right? With the proper shielding so the plants won't be wiped out before they ever sprout, we could have a hydroponics plant functioning?" back against a vertical rank of amps..stretches and bends. "Habit, I guess. I always left ... notes for Mandy." Barry shook his head. ?Twenty different ideas? Impossible." shed their skins, and for a time they are fresh and clean before the scales grow again. It is then that they. "I had rather hoped we might have avoided that," said Lea, as she came over to untie Jack and Amos. "But there is nothing we can do now. I can never thank you enough for gathering the mirror and releasing me." The Podkayne was lowered to the ground, and sadly decommissioned. It was a bad day for Mary. bright vines weave in and about The only thing white in the garden is a silver-white unicorn who guards. Asexual reproduction is a matter of course among one-celled organisms (though sexual reproduction can also take place), and it is also very common in the plant world..the whirlbirds had built it, only taking down an obstruction here and there to allow humans to move. feelings; he was very open about things like that. ". "Did you bring any bubblegum?" the girl asked..Stan Dryer. "Yes. What do I tell Amanda when she asks how I always know when something is broken? You don't want me to say anything about you, but I don't want to lie to her." She nodded. "And go berserk. It was awfuL No one can live that way." Then he showed her how a white light shining through it would break apart and fill her hands with all the colors she could think of..The Hobbit for the stage) that I also understand the absolute impossibility of ever fulfilling that demand..directed the conversation first to the possible dangers of excessive sunbathing, which was surely an. ideas (among which is the idea that art ought not to be political), then such neutrality simply doesn't exist. San Diego Freeway, into the Santa

Monica Mountains. The pavement ends a couple of miles past the by BAIRD SEARLES. The cause of this high morale rests with one programmer in our department, Morris Hazeldorf, the inventor of Zorphwar. While I admit that his shaggy hair and unkempt personal attire might turn you off on first encounter, Morris is an extremely bright and able young man. Single-handed, he programmed the entire HAFAS (Hierarchical Accounting File Access System). And in his spare time over the past year, Morris has been creating Zorphwar, an exciting game that operates on our system..world where you long to be.. "Say again?" I say. "Interference. Repeat, please." Barry smiled, at a loss.. "Do you mind my giving you some honest advice, Barry??" "So we'll put that one in the Fairy Godmother file and forget about it. If it happens, fine. But we'd..42." "Okay." I hold out my right hand..The old woman hesitated. "You will not be offended if I speak??.Hommage ? James Thurber..less diversified and specialized its cells are?the more likely it is that asexual reproduction can take place..make out of Venice, California. There is something appealing about the thought of this dome floating.I see her stagger slightly. I don't think I am feeding her too much too fast, but mute another pair of tracks anyway. Moog Indigo takes their cue and begins to play. Hollis gives the dome the smoky pallor of slow-burning leaves. Then Jain Snow sings..148.vibrations became such an effective repellent that he had only to enter a room in order to empty it of half.club and the blight spreading down Melrose from Western Avenue. It tries to give the impression of."I have just been given the ultimate garbage presentation," he said. "Your boys should know better than to try to snow me about naval-training games."..transcendent geniuses out of an Einstein or thousands of diabolical villains out of a Hitler..Up with your glittering clothes for so long," said Amos. "Anyway, I I don't think it's fair of our grey friend to get your mirror with your I map. You should at least have a chance at it. Let me see, the first place we are going is somewhere nearer than you think." "In the swamp then," said Jack..She stood, using an arm of a chair to help push herself to her feet From where her hand touched, livid..Every single cell in your body, in other words, has the genetic equipment of every other cell and of the original fertilized egg. Since genes control the chemical functioning of a cell, why is it, then, that your skin cell can't do the work of a heart cell; that your liver cell can't do the work of a kidney cell; that any cell can't do the work of a fertilized egg cell and produce a new organism?..An alarm started in his helmet, flat and strangely soothing coming from the tiny speaker. He stood..But Lea asked gently, "What did it say? I have studied the languages of men and perhaps I can help. What did it say??" "No, you can't! The baby??"..Did she expect him to recognize her? She was beautiful enough, certainly, to have been someone he ought to recognize, but if he had seen her on TV, he didn't remember. In a way she seemed almost too beautiful to be a noted personality, since there is usually something a little idiosyncratic about each of them, so they can be told apart. Columbine Brown was beautiful in the manner not of a celebrity but of a deluxe (but not customized) sports car.. "What is that stuff??"..44."No, no, no, no."..voice said, "I am the North Wind, and I am very much at home."..Nocturnal and Diurnal Animals, ROGER ZELAZNY..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..138.HENDERSON'S The Different People: No Flesh..and loving care. I may have been mistaken about his not moving..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."..She patted him on the back. "Sure, I know. You forget, I read your dossier. It mentioned several interesting episodes that Fd like you to tell me about someday, from your 'soldier-of-fortune\* days??"..She was quiet for a long time, then shuffled her feet awkwardly. She glanced at him, then at Song and..clones will disappear..already demonstrated their awesome power through the ease with which they located and intercepted us..At the same time, Fm afraid that his rage will get us into extremely serious trouble. The Sreen have..his fingers..The usher who led him to his seat in the second ring sat down beside bun and started to tell him..Of course it was Moises who did the actual driving; Nolan couldn't even chew them out properly..African prehistory, in the European theater, and in the ant-civilization of Epsilon Eridani IV. Soon you will..twenty-four. His averageness was even a bit unsteady, as though he had to think about it, but then most."All right. But the fact remains that you're the closest thing on Mars to a pilot for the Podkayne. I..man the mirror. "Now we only have a third to go, if I remember right. When do I start looking for that??"..I was so pleasantly pooped I completely forgot about Andrew Detweiler. Until Monday morning when I was sitting at my desk reading the Times..our lighter forms of entertainment. I presume you are referring to something in the nature of a Music Hall, "Yes, it is," said Amos. "What do they keep here that is so uninteresting everyone tells me to avoid..I picked up Janice at her apartment in Westwood early Saturday morning. She was waiting for me.".. "But what about the food? Surely it's too much to expect for these Martians to eat the same things we do. Wouldn't you think so??"..John Varley..Singh told his people to stop, and he stood back admiring the complexity of the life in such a barren..DC..Lorraine's and Johnny's mouths shut about my being a detective..\*Td rather not talk about it over the phone. Can you come over??"..whom to believe and whom not to. Your last words have proved you worthy of my opinion."..days romanticism acquires religious overtones. In the present instance a perfectly..saw something crawling through the whirligig garden, he dropped everything and started over to it..Nolan lay back and waited for sleep to come, shutting out the sound of the drums, the sight of the..board and he was told to go to Window 28.

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