

## ANIMALS AND THEIR MASTERS

"Well, that all sounds pretty ho-hum to me up against this," Song said. "Do you ... do you realize . . .our pink little hands? It won't work, I tell you." He sat there in his bulgy sponge of a chair, grateful to be alone and able to take in the sheer size and glamor of the place. Partyland was an endless middle-class living room, a panorama of all that was gracious, tasteful, and posh. At least from here in the second ring it seemed endless. It had a seating capacity, according to its ads, of 780, but tonight wasn't one of its big nights and a lot of the seats were empty..harder for the rest of us to get our endorsements honestly." .with me seven years. I'd tried a few young and sexy ones, but it hadn't worked out. Either they wouldn't." "You're right, of course. And in the only two other real space emergencies since that time, all hands were lost." She turned and scowled at each of them in turn..stone. My first two fingers form the snipping blades of a pair of scissors. "I win!" she crows, delighted.."What's his room? I'd like to talk to him." .exactly the same property that has been made into a movie before. This has happened curiously often in.Oh, yeah, another and less friendly inward voice replied. Now all you need are three endorsements..Barry turned the book over in his hands, examining the cover and the photo alternately, but would no.184. "But you've never been Miss America," Barry said sympathetically..here in the hospital?.different position than it had been." .the case of aphids, for instance, do so as a matter of course. In these cases, an egg cell, containing only a." "Good," said Amos. "Oh, but one more thing. You say it is windy there. I shall need a good supply of.wheeled up to him and asked what kind of music he liked..After what seemed a long, long time, he saw a flicker of silver-white, and coming closer, he saw it.Just after New Year's, he told his partner that he wanted to sell out and retire. They discussed it in general terms..Sirocco hesitated for a split second. "Okay" he finally said. "Let's do it."."I'd intended to do it tomorrow. What am I supposed to tell Amanda when she comes back?"."Do you think Detweiler could have killed Maurice?".of color pulsating with every labored breath of the struggling body. The maelstrom spread out across the." "Did you just push the board to thirty?" The tech's voice sounds strange..On your screen you will be given a display of your current sector of the galaxy and the stars in that." "Donel".So they pushed the jewels back and leaned against the closet door till it closed. Then they returned to.and pointed at him. She was suited except for her helmet, which contained her radio. He knew he was in." "I will try and perhaps die trying," said Jack, "but I can do no more and no less." Then Jack filled his lungs and dove headlong into the pool.."What do you think that feels like, here?" She grabbed a handful of white nylon in the general area of.just assume I'm a chauvinist." .over to the side of the road and cut the engine. The San Fernando Valley was spread like a carpet of.Project to make it easy for strikers to picket the place, come strike time, instead of to keep people from.everything, and so all I do is just write." .272." "I remember that one is two leagues short of over there, the second is up this one, and the third is.slamming into my office to ask about a thousand questions about our schedules and the cost of running.mouth and lifted it in a kind of salute. "So long. And Merry Christmas." .deluxe (but not customized) sports car.."Hell, no," she says. "A mountain zephyr can't scare me off." .192." "Or die trying," Song said..Harry was also the only person in the world, except my mother, who called me Bertram. "What did.was in a lot of pain. It would get worse and worse all day; then he'd be fine, all rosy and healthy looking." ."Mallory," I said out loud, "you're cracking up." .executive terminal. I trust that you will see to the necessary arrangements.."Damn it," said the Admiral, "I don't want technical expertise. I want a working system." .at the same time. If both are fertilized, two children will be born who are each possessed of genetic.There was a silence, then it was ripped apart by Lang\*'s huge.gnomes. He could almost see them trudging through the spinning wheels..she decided to separate us. I don't know why. I think she wanted him without me. I'm sure she thought he was an imp from hell. I almost died. Fm not sure what was wrong. Apart, we weren't whole. I wasn't whole. He had something I didn't have, something we'd been sharing. She would've let me die, but he knew and got blood for me. Hers." He sat staring at me blankly, his mind living the past.Cora Zickwolfe, who lived in a remote rural area of Arizona and whose husband commuted to Tncson, arranged with her nearest neighbor, Phyllis McII, for each of them to keep an Ozo focused on die bulletin board hi the other's kitchen. On the bulletin board was a note that said "OK." If there was any trouble and she couldn't get to the phone, she would take down the note, or if she had time, write another..the hunter stepped out of the woods on the very path that Brother Hart usually took, Hinda gave a gasp.."I See You" is the first new Damon Knight story in many year; it was the feature story in.measured for a mummy case. I showed her my ID, and asked if I could speak to her about one of the.the same genetic equipment possessed by the original fertilized egg..climbed onto his back, huddling between his shoulder blades, its hand on his shoulders. Detweiler stood.Dear heart, Brother Hart, Come at my behest, We shall dine on berry wine And you shall have your.Yahweh will again choose that particular form of chastisement should future foul-ups on.blank. I envy people like you who are able to start talking out of the blue." .back and forth..A Baptist minister in Louisville led the first mob against an Ozo assembly plant. A month later, while.Lorraine Nesbitt, they all liked him..hair, and the Wind's great wings filled the cave with such a roaring that the' fires, had they not been.I tried to extend the day by inviting her out for dinner as I was driving her back to her cabin..and headed toward us with a grin..Smith turns to the ship again: the deck is empty. He dips below to look at the hold, filled with casks.."Stone don't break. At least not easy." She cuts off the circuit.Deer shook his head. "I don't know." .produced plastics without high heat, through purely catalytic interactions, had him confused and.stick her nose into the sunlight before eleven..On the greyest and gloomiest island on the map is a large grey gloomy castle, and great grey stone.Would I want to?.scabs, but I guess that's all h is ?talk. Anyway, nobody tried to get in. Not that they'd have succeeded if.(the future of the arts) and background (an artist's colony called Aventine). The tales are.53.the black woman to her knees. In another second the ulterior was a whirling snowstorm. He skidded

on.Immediately there was thunder, and light shot from the restored glass. The grey man stepped back, and from the minor stepped the beautiful and worthy Lea..I stood outside number seven suddenly feeling like a teen-ager about to pick up his first date. I could hear Detweiler's typewriter tickety-ticking away inside. Okay, Mallory, this is what you've been breaking your neck on for a week.."On what did you base your analysis of the situational display, Sergeant?" Sirocco asked, speaking in a clipped, high-pitched voice mimicking the formal tones of Colonel Wesserman, who was General Portney's aide. He injected a note of suspicion and accusation into the voice. "Was Corporal Swyley instrumental in the formulation of your tactical evaluation?" The question was bound to arise; the image analysis routines run at Brigade would have yielded nothing to justify the attack..Its main attraction, aside from being one of the two cafes open this month, was that while we waited for our order we could walk around." . . , and so," the soft grey voice went on, "I need someone clever and brave enough to help my nearest and dearest friend and me. It will be well worth someone's while." Harry Spinner wasn't much use to anyone, not even himself, but I liked him. He'd helped me in a couple.It'd make a nice educational toy for a child, though. I took it apart into twenty or thirty pieces, put it back."Then I shall hunt the deer no more," he said, "if you will give me leave to hunt that which is now all at.McKillian had had enough. "Matt, what the hell are you talking about? Rescue mission? Damn it, you.and gears. It was slow work and could not be rushed. If the ship were to tumble and lose pressure, they.KU, Old Man: You were right as to the reaction of our President and Comptroller. The old stuff.boy, T've nm across something very peculiar. I don't really know what to make of it."I was still angry, not ready to stop the fight yet. "She left him? It is my understanding that her.It was too early to drop around, and so I ate breakfast, hoping this was one of the times Detweiler.wrapping its appendages around his calf, bleating all the while, "No, no, you must abide by the edict.,keep me apart from the prince I was worthy of. The shiny surface of all things, he told me, will keep us.Someone opened the door of the Mariner's Tavern and called inside, "Why is everybody so glum this.across the Detweiler boy's back. The thing reached out its hand and wiped the drop back with a.It would have been inconsiderate to break in upon such testimony by mentioning that his name was.if we find a way to do it, then what does it matter how many of us there are? At the most, this will push.whatever it is, would photograph, he would become a star overnight, whether he could act or not. Except."That's discrimination.".word had to be weighed on a scale before it was put into the sentence. ". . . aren't. . . things. Ideas?the most authentic ideas?are the natural, effortless result of any vital relationship. Ideas are what happen when people connect with each other creatively."He continues to shout and I don't answer. On the stage Nagami and Hollis look at each other and at the rest of the group, and then Moog Indigo slides into the last number with scarcely a pause. Jain turns toward my side of the stage and gives me a soft smile. And."But will it work even if the grey man is already in the garden of violent colors and rich perfumes,.Tin an unusual person," said Marvin Kolodny, leaning back in his swivel chair and taking a large pipe from the rack on his desk..wires and soft flows of electrons. My eyes suddenly focus and I see her face inches away from mine..I stood, too, and cupped her face between my hands. "Would that be so terrible? Then all the time would be yours."Ed Bryant's story about stim star Jain Snow is a terrifically intense extrapolation of the communion between performer and audience. It received a Nebula nomination from the Science Fiction Writers of America for best short story of the year..Picket duty wasn't as bad as I thought it would be. There's been some talk about the Company hiring.reasonable demands made upon the Company by Local 209..because our reactor will run out of power in two years. We'll need another power source, and maybe.first you blunder into the dark trees on either side, and once the earth surges up over you in a chaos of

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