

## REPORT OF ST ANDREWS CHURCH CARLETON PLACE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DE

The sun was poking over the mountains when he woke up. He roused and was momentarily unaware. not necessary, for all he saw was a mass of confusing colors. "Nobody," he said. . . been a starlet in the Twenties or Thirties, but success had eluded her. So she had tried to freeze herself in. "I honestly don't know, Miss . . ." (He'd forgotten her last name.) ". . . Georgia." "An Irish name: that explains it then." "I won't take that as your final decision," he said. "As you know, we'll be here six months. If at the end of that time any of you want to go, you're still citizens of Earth." . . name. So she went instead to the . clearing's edge and cried: "Hey?" Jason grabbed Barry's hand and gave it an earnest squeeze. "Don't forget, if you do get. When it's done, she holds me close and very tightly. Her rate of breathing slows and becomes. sense of humor sometimes. She's dead now, though. Do you like it?" . Saturday morning, the third day since Miss Herndon died, I had a talk with Lorraine and Johnny. If. "Robbie?" It comes into my left ear, on the in-house com circuit reserved for performer and me. She didn't smile back. "Then what were you thinking?" . It's disheartening to see how little has changed. On the other hand, there is no pleasure like finding. Her goldstone eyes widened in disbelief. "Architecture?" . talkers, which was a further attraction of their store, since one's exchanges with them were limited to such. I couldn't find a morning paper at that hour closer than Western and Wilshire. The story was on page seven. Fortunately they found the body in time for the early edition. A woman named Sybil Herndon, age 38, had committed suicide in an apartment court on Las Palmas. (Detweiler hadn't gone very far. The address was just around the corner from the Almsbury.) She had cut her wrists on a piece of broken mirror. She had been discovered about eleven-thirty when the manager went over to ask her to turn down the volume on her television set. Half an hour later the curtains over the barred open window moved. I had squatted down in the. A young physicist started to stray Toward metaphysical questions one day. . The MacKinnons were not in their blue settee, and neither Freddy the usher nor Madge of the green sofa could say what had become of them. He flopped into the empty settee with a sense of complete, abject surrender, but so eternally does hope spring that inside of a quarter of an hour he had adjusted to the idea of never being licensed and was daydreaming instead of a life of majestic, mysterious silence on the rim of the Grand Canyon. He rolled out the console and ordered a slice of pineapple pie and some uppers. . See "Counting Chromosomes," F&SF, June 1968. . Brother Hart by Jane Yolen. At the same time, I'm afraid that his rage will get us into extremely serious trouble. The Sreen have already demonstrated their awesome power through the ease with which they located and intercepted us just outside the orbit of Neptune. Their vessel is incomprehensible, a drupelet-cluster of a construct which seems to move in casual defiance of every law of physics, half in normal space, half in elsewhere. It is an enormous piece of hardware, this Sreen craft, a veritable artificial planetoid: the antiseptic bay in which our own ship now sits, for example, is no less than a cubic kilometer in volume; the antechamber in which the captain and I received the Sreen edict is small by comparison, but only by comparison. Before us is a great door of dully gleaming gray metal, five or six meters high, approximately four wide. In addition to everything else, the Sreen must be physically massive beings. My head is full of unpleasant visions of superintelligent dinosaurs, and I do not want the captain to antagonize such creatures. . man," he said. "A man who has traveled far and seen much, but never a beauty such as yours." . Having called for a discussion, McKillian proceeded to clam up. Song and Crawford sat on their. hoped for was another seven points, just enough to top him over the edge, into the sixth percentile. . Having come round to a sensible, accepting attitude, she turned from the freezer to witness the effect. His eyes clouded. "Then she . . . died. I was fifteen, so I left I did odd jobs and kept reading. Then I started toward the slope of the mountain. Once the grey man raised his glasses as he watched them go. "When I blew the wizard here a year ago," said the North Wind from above them, "he left it right there, but the snow and ice have frozen over it." . Novelist and critic Joanna Russ teaches English at the University of Washington. When our starting book reviewer, Algis Budrys, tires, our favorite relief reviewer is Ms. Russ. Here she offers a fascinating article (in response to some critical letters) which tells why critics are such snobs and are so vitriolic, among many other things. . I stood, too, and cupped her face between my hands. "Would that be so terrible? Then all the time." "And three and a half for the pair," Jason added. "And that is a rock-bottom offer. You won't do better anywhere else." "Okay, if you don't like people," she says slowly, obviously recalling details. "My pa didn't". seem to have fooled these plants; they thought summer was here when the water vapor content went up. Samuel It Delarty. Writhing in the heat, she stands where there is no support. . She went on like that, whispering about creatures half-serpent and half-human, with bodies cold to the touch, limbs that could writhe in boneless contortion to squeeze the breath from a man and crush him like the coils of a giant constrictor. She spoke of forked tongues, of voices hissing forth from mouths yawning incredibly wide on movable jawbones. And she might have gone on, but Nolan stopped her now; his head was throbbing with weariness. . Bill, Old Buddy: I hate to bring this up, but J.L. was down this morning to say that there have been no reports on the progress of the Zorphwar project from you people. Please get the necessary input into the computer as quickly as possible so we can start tracking this vital project. I hope that this omission on your part does not mean that schedules are slipping down there. "I have come," he said. His back was to her. "I wish to God I had not." . Song straightened up, moving stiffly. They had all worked hard to empty out the collapsed dome and. In the pilot's cabin, Crawford was ready to believe her. Like all flying machines since the days of the. I shook my head. "You've lost me. A kilo of buildings?" "Thanks," I say. He stares at me and says nothing. "The wetsuit comes off about four; then we'll have Saturday night and all of Sunday." . ^Tomorrow I'm going back to Center St. and take the exam again." "Wait a moment," Song broke in. "Why can't they . . . I mean they have plenty of time, don't they?" "Mary, I wanted. . . is it all right if I call you Mary?" . s Jain died. . She threw up her hands. "How can I make you

understand? This is nothing like anything I've ever. Though he minded, he hadn't the gumption to say so. "I don't remember. Not a lot. They're really nothing special." vivant, and wit, Randall Garrett Out of the corner of my eye, I noticed a piece of paper placed on the exercises. She shot me an amused glance. "Ever curious, aren't you, Gordy?" But before I could protest, All in all, I didn't find anything. Except for the books and the deck of cards, there was nothing of Andrew Detweiler personally in the whole apartment. I hadn't thought it possible for anyone to lead such a turnip existence..As if she had broken a spell, the man spoke at last "I am but a man," he said. "A man who has." "No way," she says. "He didn't and he won't. He doesn't like what I do." I can't think of anything to say now. After a while Jain rescues me, "It isn't your hassle, and it isn't mine anymore." wonder my mother left him." She began dancing again.. "Not once you understand what this graveyard is and why it became what it did," Song said. She was sitting cross-legged on the floor nursing her youngest, Ethan..truncated Martian day that would never touch the blackness over his head..until two the night before, doing all the night spots in Santa Monica with some dude I hadn't identified yet..That night Amos again went to the brig. No one had missed the jailor yet So there was no guard at all.. "Are these treasures the pearls and gold and diamonds and emeralds you told me about?"..he so generously offered to..On a day exactly eight months after the disaster, two discoveries were made. One was in the whirlygig garden and concerned a new plant that was bearing what might be fruit. They were clusters of grape-sized white balls, very hard and fairly heavy. The second discovery was made by Lucy McKillian and concerned the absence of an event that up to that time had been as regular as the full moon..don't want me to say anything about you, but I don't want to lie to her."..you really thought what it's going to take? Have you tried to visualize her getting into her pressure suit in." "Don't worry," he promised, tugging his hand out of Jason's. "I'm not the quixotic type."..The assembled crew smiled, and Song gave a high-pitched cheer. Weinstein was not the most popular man on Mars..about your job, Barry? Doesn't that give you opportunities to develop communication skills?"..She sat down close to him and whispered into his ear, "If anyone, such as Freddy, for instance.." "Of course," said Jack. "But how?"..to their unwitting acceptance of the popular interpretation of the Project's purpose..The production model was ready for shipping hi September. It was a simplified version of the..clever enough to know that when a husband and wife agree, it means a long and happy marriage is..gnomes. He could almost see them trudging through the spinning wheels..hard-and-fast, totally objective rules, the editor could hire anyone to do it and pay a lot less than he has..At four o'clock the next morning when the dawn was foggy and the sun was hidden and the air was..A: The Demolished Man..You should have insisted on dinner last night. Playing hostess for the Senator never included kitchen duty. Help Mandy get a meal subscription..put them on sale at prices ranging from \$49.95 to \$125. By the following day the word was beginning to..138.a ... a headstone, a monument. It's growing right here in the graveyard, from the bodies of our friends..THE ORGANIZER: Very well. But keep in mind that the typical member of Local 209 is..When he left the store with his dinner and the beer in a plastic bag, she was already outside waiting for him. "I wasn't lagging at you, young man," she told him, taking the same coolly aggrieved tone..Message sent represents an invalid communication and has not been dispatched to addressee. Please respond immediately to Central Processing with date and time of initial tribute delivery..finger in..10 Damon Knight romismg or ludicrous activities wen widely distributed in the..was finally rewarded by seeing the light come back on in her. At the office I explained that the owner of No. 43 would only let the cabin until May. Was that all right with her?..Straight up, it sped, impervious to the wind, seeming to gather momentum with every cubit it traveled. Ike and I no longer breathed. Everything in all creation except that arrow had ceased to exist for us. In our eyes it had become a thunderbolt? a thunderbolt cast heavenward by a madman in a magnificent, if senseless, gesture of defiance..has fused into one huge tectonic slab of flesh..rasped in his ears.." "A wizard so great and old and so terrible that you and I need never worry about him."..my console keys and shouting his best Navy profanity at the Zorphs who had just zapped him for..friends. "What's the use of all this talk?"..The topmost platform of the scaffolding was on a level with the serrated apex of the unfinished wall..Ike and I remained on the apron below..incident..Relief flooded me. "Then she's still alive." "If you say so," said Amos. He went to the trunk, walked all around it three times, then gingerly lifted the lid. He didn't see anything, so he lifted it further. When he still didn't see anything, he opened it all the way. "Why, there's nothing in ..." he began. But then something caught his eye at the very bottom of the trunk, and he reached in and picked it up..In the sky the clouds swirled and bumped each other, trying to upset the rain.."Aw, shuddup." The computer returned obediently to its meditations..alibis."..246 Samuel R. Ddany..the frenzy but managed to stay aloof from most of it. She went to the shelter with whoever asked her..Once there was a poor man named Amos. He had nothing but his bright red hair, fast fingers, quick feet, and quicker wits. One grey evening when the rain rumbled in the clouds, about to fall, he came down the cobbled street toward Mariner's Tavern to play jackstraws with Billy Belay, the sailor with a wooden leg and a mouth full of stories that he chewed around and spit out all evening. Billy Belay would talk and drink and laugh, and sometimes sing. Amos would sit quietly and listen?and always win at jackstraws..From the mirror there was a laugh..you've been feeding us ever since we got stranded here? Who ever heard of a colony without babies? If we don't grow, we stagnate, right? We have to have children." She looked back and forth from Lang to Crawford, her face expressing formless doubts..gray. "She's trying to take over, Matthew."..frostcap.."What does the title mean?" he asked, hoping it might modify the unfriendly message of the four short lines that followed.."What I really wanted to talk to you about is this: You said you couldn't fly this ship. But you were not yourself, you were depressed and feeling hopeless. Does that still stand?"..Crawford missed most of the interesting work, being more suited for the semiskilled manual labor..two bound figures, walked up to the door.."Elevations?"..His first elation fizzled out and he was left with his usual flattened sense of personal inconsequence. Tucking the license into his ID folder, he felt like a complete charlatan, a nobody pretending to be a somebody. If he'd scored in the first percentile, he'd have been issued

this license the same as if he'd scored in the tenth. And he knew with a priori certainty that he hadn't done that well. The most he'd hoped for was another seven points, just enough to top him over the edge, into the sixth percentile. Instead he'd had dumb luck.. "You mean identify the solvent these things use? Probably, if we can get some sort of work space. Investigations. I got up and looked out. This section of the Boulevard wasn't rotting yet, but it wouldn't. contains a half set of genes from its mother and a half set from its father.. They're ready. I cut in another dozen tracks, then mute two. Things are building just a little too fast. The fine mesh around Jain's." "When he gets it," Michelle amended, "have found men and women like us, hunting and living hi caves. Building fires, using clubs, chipping. Detweiler didn't show for another hour. By that time I was sitting flat on the floor trying to keep my legs from cramping. My position wasn't too graceful if he happened to look in the closet, but it was too late to get up.. husband's ideal of conversation was very divergent from her own. He enjoyed talking about money, "Sounds arrogant to me." Ike and I were on picket duty when we heard that the latest bargaining session had gone Pffff! Eli was on too, and a bricklayer named Dan. It was clear by this time that the Organizer had no intention of settling for a smaller package, and it was equally as clear that the Company had no intention of coming through with a bigger one.. McCranie sounded puzzled. "Is anything the matter?" In the screen, he had swiveled his chair and was talking to Peg, gesturing with short, choppy motions of his arm.. bids for components, plans for which he enclosed, from electronics manufacturers, for plastic casings. broadly. "Poor Vestal Virgin. How shocking to be confronted with the possibility the temple of her body.? Joanna Russ. "I told him I could speak all the languages of men, that I was. rasp. "You take us to these God-damned Sreen of yours and let us talk to them." It was painful to leave the mystery for later, but there was nothing to be done about it. They could not. Mary Lang sighed, slapped her thighs, and stood up. Like all the others, she was nude and seemed. "The Company is in the King's employ. The King, ex officio, is the very essence of (be community.. Pentagon, exclaimed, "My God, with this we could dismantle half the establishment? all we've got to do. expected, fully as tall as I was, but no media camera had ever captured the glow that shone out through." "That means," said Lea, " I was put here to be the nearest and dearest friend to all those grim, grey people who cheat everybody they meet and who can enjoy nothing colorful in the world."

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