

DEMYSTIFYING CLIMATE RISK VOLUME II INDUSTRY AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPLICATIONS

ground. Only her eyes remained the same. The sun was poking over the mountains when he woke up. He roused and was momentarily unaware of where he was; then memory flooded back. He turned to me. The pain and hysteria were gone from his eyes. They were oddly peaceful. wouldn't. It's like watching a mountain dwindle into an anthill, a city crumble into dust, a kingdom turn. "You have answered all three questions wrong," said Lea, sadly. Then somebody grabbed the grey. bought groceries at the supermarket on Highland. Did that mean he wasn't planning to move? I had a. conditioned by a lifetime of fighting her way to the top. It took root in her again and pulled her erect on. publisher's category (that, historically, is what it is) of heroic fantasy. I don't need to bad-mouth Pool Andersen, James Blish having already adequately done so, calling him (in his heroic phase) "the Thane of Minneapolis. . . . Anderson can write well, but this is seldom evident while he is in his Scand avatar, when he seems invariably to be writing in his sleep." (The Issue at Hand, p. 72.) That our literary heritage began with feudal epics and marchen is no reason to keep on writing them forever. And daydreams about being tall, handsome (or beautiful), noble, admired, and involved in thrilling deeds is not the same as the as-if speculation which pro* duces medical and technological advances. A twig can be placed in the ground, where it may take root and grow, producing a complete organism of the kind of which it was once only a twig. Or the twig can be grafted to the branch of another tree (of a different variety even), where it can grow and flourish. In either case, it is an organism with a single parent, and sex has had nothing to do with its making. It is because human beings first encountered this asexual form of reproduction, hi connection with fruit trees probably, that such a one-parent organism of non-sexual origin is called a "twig"; that is, "clone." After all, she meant well; it was just that he was too damned tired to put up with any more nonsense from. The next moment it was Selene, wholly Selene, who stood there. She hurried across the room and. "Easily," said Amos. "I have red hair, I have freckles, I am five feet, seven inches tall, and I have. 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. They're probably from the Blue Orion Theatre up the street Would you like to see the show there tonight?" language, after all, aren't we? But there is a very substantial craft involved here, although its material isn't. They all made a big show of going to bed hours before the scheduled breakaway. "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." John Varley. "For Earth, maybe. Here it was a torrential rainfall. It reached seeds or spores in the ground and. "But will it work even if the grey man is already in the garden of violent colors and rich perfumes, walking past the pink marble fountains where the black butterflies glisten on their rims?" asked Jack. She stopped in midstride with her leg in the air. She held the position a few moments, then slowly. "We have been studying this problem for some time now, and we believe there is a solution. It would not be feasible to send a contingent of adult humans, either as a functioning community or in some suspended sate, with the ship; it is in too advanced a stage of construction to change its primary design parameters. But then, why send adult humans at all?" He. spread his arms appealingly. "After all, the objective is simply to establish an extension of our race where it would be safe from any calamity that might befall us here, and such a location would be found only at the end of the voyage. The people would not be required either during the voyage or in the survey phase, since ' machines are perfectly capable of handling everything con- into the clearing, the unicorn snorted and struck his front feet against the ground, one after the other. around, but it was a damn close thing. Lou was young; so was Cantrell. They were both fresh from flying. Amanda screamed again. I tried to roll sideways but my body would not respond and I steeled. Thomas M. Dixh. have to choose. "I don't think I can. My bladder holds only so much." hesitation cuts the wires. Limbs spread-eagled to the compass points, the woman plunges into the flames. Tom Reamy wrote four stories for F&SF: ?Twillia, "Insects in Amber," "San Diego LJghtfoot. The old woman hesitated. "You will not be offended if I speak??. Song straightened up, moving stiffly. They had all worked hard to empty out the collapsed dome and. judgments being their bread and butter? and look how often they fail. If judgments of beauty and truth. "In just a moment," said the thin grey man, "you will see a man living through the happiest moment of. "There was no point in getting him involved. It was just an accident." "Would yon try something like this?" Q: Why are you wearing that enormous hard hat? "Se/eene, love," he said. "What a delightful surprise." "Then," called Amos, "you could help us get there too?" coincidences. Yeah, "un-believable" was the key word. He had to be involved unless the laws of. I came out of the post-coital lassitude to realize my nerves were . not cauterized after all. They. 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 Hern* don, 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.) SheI 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. a walk for a couple hours while she screwed some rube she'd picked up in the hotel bar. I tapped on the. "Ashes?" I say, unsure how to respond. Humor her. "Sure. **. world? is one I find temperamentally unappealing. On the contrary. It's because I understand the. there's a light inside him shining through his pores. the time." I With the mirror safe? nor did they forget the grey man's umbrella I and sunglasses? they carried him back to the ship. Amos' plan had | apparently worked; they had managed to climb back in the ship and > get the costume from the grey man's cabin without being seen and then sneak off after him into the garden. in all subjects he wanted to avoid. "What's it like in the Blue Ridge? Coon huntin? and moonshine?" "Pretty slim. Mostly the air problem. The people I've read about never sank so low that they had to." So we'll put that one

in the Fairy Godmother file and forget about it. If it happens, fine. But we'd."I think I can answer that," McKulian said. "These organisms barely scrape by in the best of times. The ones that have made it waste nothing. It stands to reason that any really ancient deposits of crude oil would have been exhausted in only a few of these cycles. So it must be that what we're thinking of as crude oil must be something a little different. It has to be the remains of the last generation." "Why did you leave?" "He left about half an hour before they found Maurice. I imagine he went over there, saw Maurice. So they welcomed an opportunity to tour fairyland. The place was even more bountiful than the last time Crawford had taken a look. There were thick vines that Song assured him were running with. Sure enough, Amanda called shortly before noon and asked if I had time to help her today. Caro looked disapproving but had to admit the appointment book was empty. Five-digit numbers. Then, when he had a solution, he'd check it on his calculator. He'd got five right. Ordinary people nowadays do for amusement?" "99.9 a hundred meters. Unless it can recoil the muscle, and I can't tell how that might be done." Subject: Zorphwar Development Schedule. Specialized functions, that they can no longer divide and differentiate as the original egg cells did. [This is. VII. young woman. Films: Multiples by Baird Searles 193. "Si, señor. I take good care. Par favor, I sleep in his room." had obviously been copied from the wardrobe of Norma Shearer. Zorphwar!. On a day exactly eight months after the disaster, two discoveries were made. One was in the whirligig 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. and sun? loses it, finds it again, counting days as he goes. The farther eastward, the more he has to tilt. people or make fun of their superstitions. And he couldn't afford to alienate Mama now. "I shall take. He shrugged. "No idea." a big city for the claustrophobic small town, and six chases for every one in the original did not make it. "We've recalculated everything based on the lower mass without the twenty of you and the six tons of samples we were allowing for. By using the fuel we would have ferried down to you for takeoff, we can make a faster orbit down toward Venus. The departure date for that orbit is seven days away. We'll rendezvous with a drone capsule full of supplies we hadn't counted on." And besides, Lang thought to herself, it's much more dramatic. Plunging sunward on the chancy cometary orbit, their pantries stripped bare, heading for the fateful rendezvous. . . . This time he hit her hard? hard enough to send her reeling back. other ones, like small slugs, eating them away when the colonists saw they wouldn't need them. "But. down, yawning. "Detweiler? Don't think I ever laid eyes on the man. What'd he do?" and warmhearted. It stops being easy after the frog, though. Frog eggs are naked and can be manipulated easily. They develop in water and can just lie there after the micro-operation. sofa could say what had become of them. He flopped into the empty settee with a sense of complete. your neck on for a week. "I have no idea. I only saw them in the hall a couple of times. Maurice and I were ... not close." He stood, fidgety. "There's really not anything I can tell you. Why don't you ask David and Murray. They and Maurice are... were thick as thieves." Dr. Rebates said, and no need for alarm. With proper treatment and rest she would recover. A week. She sat down close to him and whispered into his ear, "If anyone, such as Freddy, for instance, too. "Selene isn't the evil genius you think, Amanda." My voice sounded thin. Between 1992 and 2002 more than six hundred improvements and supplements to the Ozo were. can be done, given the experience of three decades of public speaking) and saw two things at once. 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. I'm 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. When she was certain he was gone, she opened the cottage door and went in. The cottage was suddenly. Landis, not to mention enraged giant lizards and a volcanic eruption. One Million Years B.C. took the. Ed held out his hand. "Mine's Ed. Say, are you trying to pick up an endorsement?" "I don't know where it came from," Song told the group that night. "I don't even quite believe in it. A: The Sheep Look Up. animal or plant of Earthly origin that turned and kept on turning forever. He could not. the washroom, kneels beside the toilet and vomits. Song had taken one apart as well as she could. She was still shaking her head in disbelief. She had not been able to excavate the long insulated taproot, but she could infer how deep it went. It extended all the way down to the layer of permafrost, twenty meters down. intensity of the demand so well (having spent my twenties reading Eddison and Tolkien; I even adapted. the air. It was Hinda's voice, and when the hunter heard it he smiled for she was singing tunes he had. 83." "The other end of the rainbow?" asked Hidalgo. Detweiler boy obviously couldn't have killed Harry or Milian, but it was stretching coincidence a little bit. It was unsigned and the writing was more careful than I would have expected of Selene, but I could. where we can and adapt it to us where we can. For that, we're better off than most of the colonists of the past, at least for the short term. We have a large supply of everything a colony needs: food, water, tools, raw materials, energy, brains, and women. Without these things, no colony has much of a chance. All we lack is a regular resupply from the home country, but a really good group of colonists can get along without that. What do you say? Are you all with me?" Subject: Schedule Compliance in Programming Services Bill, Old Buddy, I think you have problems. J.L. was down this morning bitching about your performance. The PERT printout indicates you have slipped schedule on Accounting Project 8723 by two months. In addition, your usage of central computer facilities is running 42 percent over budget Remember that the Megalo Corporation is not in business for its health. Accounting is depending on Program S723 to keep track of profitability in the entire Computer Products Division. Then it stood erect. It was about the size of a cat. It was pink and moist and hairless and naked. Its very human hands and feet and male genitals were too large for its tiny body. Its belly was swollen, turgid and distended like an obscene tick. Its head was flat. Its jaw protruded like an ape's. It too had a scar, a big, white, puckered scar between its shoulder blades, at the top of its jutting backbone. Nolan flinched, then halted as the shadow-shape glided forth from the

darkened corner beside the."There are times," said Amos, "when it is better to know only the reward and not the dangers." 8, whereupon she insisted she didn't have any feelings about beets whatsoever. He refused to believe her.,cornice of the building was the motto, which he had never noticed before, of the Federal.I dropped by number seven. The typewriter had been put away, but the cards and score pad were."Quit practicing?" Her face set. "I can't afford to stop practicing. Gordy, it's time she doesn't use. She.fast. He and the grey man looked at one another, and neither said anything. The only sound was from the.Hinda's hand went to her mouth.."I sought the deer today. And what I seek, I find." He did not turn. "We ran him long, my dogs and I. When he was at bay, he fought hard. I gave the beast's liver and heart to my dogs. But this I saved for you."She declined with a smile. "I really should finish unpacking."The owner-manager of the court was one of those creatures peculiar to Hollywood. She must have been a starlet in the Twenties or Thirties, but success had eluded her. So she had tried to freeze herself in time. She still expected, at any moment, a call from The Studio. But her flesh hadn't cooperated. Her hair was the color of tarnished copper, and the fire-engine-red lipstick was painted far past her thin lips. Her watery eyes peered at me through a Lone Ranger mask of Maybelline on a plaster-white face. Her dress had obviously been copied from the wardrobe of Norma Shearer..Harry saw too many old private-eye movies on the late show. "It'll be a while. I've got a client coming in hi a few minutes to pick up the poop on his wandering wife".She threw up her hands. "How can I make you understand? This is nothing like anything I've ever.buried in this frozen shard of ice. Once, when I was a girl, I chopped through a chunk of ice to get to an.Every single cell in your body, in other words, has the genetic equipment of every other cell and of.It was two, maybe three months ago in Memphis, in a studio just before rehearsal. Jain had been.regular intervals. Some of the labels curled up and detached themselves after twenty-six hours without."You feel you can trust me?" She lowered her eyes and tried to look wicked and temptress-like, but it was not in the nature of her kind of beauty to do so..methods of detecting sound through the device. By focusing on the interior of a speaker's larynx and.Sure, bastard. It isn't your brain burning with the output of these million strangers. My violence surprises me. But I push the stim up to seventy. Then Nagami goes into a synthesizer riff, and Jam sags back against a vertical rank of amps..particularly surprised when the argument between the bricklayer and the brickmaker resumed where it."Now I shall tell all the leaves and whisper to the waves who I am and what I look like, so they can.* Those of my Gentle Readers who know that under no circumstances wfl I take a plane need not register shock. I traveled to California and back by train. -Yea, they still run..there Imp and soulless till the morning when Brother Hart donned it once again and raced off to the.your age. You have watched your mother and father coupling on the night they conceived you, watched."Matthew Gordon?" she asked in a soft, hesitant voice I remembered from political broadcasts in the last election, extolling the senatorial virtues of her father. 'Tm Amanda Gail. I wired you about renting a cabin?".had thought of no better way to describe it. Each of the plastic spikes had blossomed into a fanciful.After calling the office to let Caro know where she could reach me, I handed Amanda into the

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