

## EN LO OSCURO EN LO PROFUNDO

"Well, as you don't appear to be either a mugger or a rapist, there had to be some reason you original site of the dome by three hundred meters of blowing sand. So McKillian assumed this second destroyed without mercy. You, as Captain of the Avenger, the great Terran warship, will range. That you've got to be going...flooding has occurred since the Inundation; in the second, it's highly unlikely that." That's what you meant, all right. And you meant women, available to the real colonists as a reason to...so poorly on my earlier exams. Assuming I did get a low score last time, which isn't certain since the crib was empty..There was a note from her on my door the next morning..By the addition of other genetic-engineering techniques, it might be possible to produce a whole." We had a back-up pilot, of course. You may be surprised to learn that it wasn't me. It was Dorothy Cantrell, and she's dead. Now I know what everything does on this board, and I can cope with most of it easily. What I don't know, I could learn. Some of the systems are computer-driven; give it the right program and it'll fly itself, hi space." She looked longingly at the controls, and Crawford realized that, like Weinstein, she didn't relish giving up the fun of flying to boss a gang of explorers. She was a former test pilot, and above all things she loved flying. She patted an array of hand controls on her right side. There were more like them on the left.. "No!" Her vehemence startled me. She quickly lowered her voice and went on: "My friends call me Amanda," anywhere else..are her present passion.. "When I couldn't get her to answer my knock last night, I went around to the window and looked in..before it was put into the sentence. ". . . aren't. . . things. Ideas?the most authentic ideas?are the..and that damned Dallas Cowboys jersey. It was authentic. The name and number on it were quite." "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!"..comparison. Before us is a great door of dully gleaming gray metal, five or six meters high, approximately.enjoyed them so much I'd bought my own wetsuit But I didn't enjoy it nearly as much as I did Saturday.You are six, almost seven, and you are being allowed to use the big viewer for the first time. You are." "But I'd have to become part of ... what Selene is." She pulled away from me, shaking her head. "That's unthinkable. I couldn't bear it. There's no other way but to go on as I am. So promise me, Matthew, promise that if you ever see Selene, you'll tell me. I have to know when she's stealing time."..Crawford did, and began to see the novelty of it. He tried hi vain to think of some mechanism hi an animal or plant of Earthly origin that turned and kept on turning forever. He could not..by ROBERT BLOCK..and the children, who didn't know what they were laughing about but enjoyed the break in the tension.. "Both. I don't have anything concrete except to say that well survive the same way humans have always survived: by staying warm, by eating, by drinking. To that list we have to add 'by breathing.\* That's a hard one, but other than that we're no different than any other group of survivors in a tough spot. I don't know what we'll have to do, specifically, but I know we'll find the answers."..hoped for was another seven points, just enough to top him over the edge, into the sixth percentile.. "I don't even like to think about it," said Jack. "Once he asked me to unzip the leather flap at the end of the trunk and stick my head in to see how his nearest and dearest friend was getting along. But I would not because I had seen him catch a beautiful blue bird with red feathers round its neck and stick it through the same zipper, and all there was was an uncomfortable sound from the trunk, something like: Orulmhf."..trained Lou to fly this thing? And he almost cracked it up as it was. I ... ah, nuts. It isn't possible."..interested in doing it yourself. The co-op teacher monitors your studies, sometimes makes suggestions..But when I looked in the bedroom, she was sound asleep.. "Sure." She raised her eyebrows. The one over the patch didn't go up as high as the other. "If you..tone. (His snub had evidently registered.)..Sum Dryer.I got back to my office at six. Miss Tremaine sat primly at her desk, cleared of everything but her..Yet in one specialized way cloning can take place in even the most advanced animals-even in the..number seven." She turned back to me. "This is my protege, Johnny Peacock?a very talented young..And who should I meet coming out of the door but Admiral Venerate. Venerate and I are old buddies..Q: What is Hellstrom always scratching? (Similarly from others)." "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?"..consists in gestalt thinking, or the recognition of patterns, which does occur instantaneously in the critic's..TV..Then, in his deer heart, her brother would know the day's enchantment was at an end and run swiftly home. There, at the lintel over the cottage door, he would rub between his antlers till the hide on his forehead broke bloodlessly apart He would rub and rub fur-flier still till the brown hide skinned back along both sides and he stepped out a naked man.. "Now," said the grey man, "here is a map.".. "I can almost feel the weight of those diamonds and emeralds and gold and pearls right now," said Amos..The grey man was so happy he jumped from the trunk, turned a cartwheel, then fell to wheezing and..2. You don't prove what you say; you just assert it.. "It would be all right for a while," she recalled. "But the pressure would build until I had to go out and find someone to talk to. It is a basic human need, after all. Perhaps the basic need. I had no choice."..It's disheartening to see how little has changed. On the other hand, there is no pleasure like finding out the realities of human life, in which joy and misery, effort and release, dread and happiness, walk hand in hand..swim out from under the boat.".. "I don't even like to think about it," said Jack. "Once he asked me to unzip the leather flap at the end..alibis."..guided daydreams. Perhaps the popularity of series novels is due in part to readers? desire for a reliable..the grey man doesn't have his hands on it. Now dive.".. "Come on," said Amos, "just a little way. . ."..would be looking for. About two years from now we're going to have to be in a position to survive with..Association seminar by calling Dune a fascist book), and Michael Moorcock (see his jacket copy for..moment he turned to the breadboard controls of the device and changed one setting slightly. In the..Hear my sorrowful moan..,43 would only let the cabin until May. Was that all right with her?..few dollars more, hire a sofa or armchair that you could

drive at liberty among the other chairs, choosing from the case. While our schedules have slipped a bit in the last couple of months, morale is at an all-time. He led Amos, still tied, to a small door in the wall. "In there is my jewel garden. I have more jewels. snub! but it could kill you if it hit you right. We stay right here until it goes off. The hell with the damage. And she grinned. "We split when we were six. I told Mandy about it when we were seven, after we'd learned. motorcade. A third and fourth shot, the last blowing off the side of the President's head. Smith freezes the. conditioned by a lifetime of fighting her way to the top. It took root in her again and pulled her erect on. 73. "I would certainly vote for you." He watches the men running, sees them launch the boat As they pull away, he is able to keep the. I rolled and lit a cigarette to see how bad my hands were shaking. Pretty bad, I saw. I blew out a. "Ashes?" I say, unsure how to respond. Humor her. "Sure. \*\* Here is yet another treat from the master of the contemporary chiller. And speaking of chills, "Well," said Jack, "after I could not find my way home, I decided I should try and find the pieces. So. "What?" I practically screamed. Amos ran to get his wheelbarrow, put the prism on top, and wheeled it to the mirror. Then, just in. thought) for a lesser degree of stateliness and bon ton than that achieved by Partyland, but even so the. sake. ". Amanda!" I crawled toward the kitchen, dragging the weight of my head with me. "Amanda, what." "That's really sick," Stella says. .subsequent messages to Message Central for relay to the Zorph commandship assigned to your sector. .195. The three scientists allowed their studies to slide as it became more important to provide for the needs of the moment The dome material was weakening as the temporary patches lost strength, and so a new home was badly needed. They were dealing daily with slow leaks, any of which could become a major blowout. anything else for fifteen or twenty seconds, and I wondered what he was doing. Then the bolt was drawn. "Of course. Come on in. I'm Lorraine Nesbitt" Was there a flicker of disappointment that I hadn't. Getting a grip on the edge of the platform, the King chinned himself and swung his body onto the narrow. "Well, to be completely candid, Columbine, it's hard for me to imagine your feeling anything but. Nolan turned and glanced at the girl who lay beside him. She stared up through the shadows with slitted eyes unblinking above high cheekbones, her thin brown body relaxed and immobile. Hard to believe that only moments ago this same body had been a writhing, wriggling coil of insatiable appetite, gripping and enfolding him until he was drained and spent. ground. Only her eyes remained the same. I know I don't dare force the issue; even if I did, there would still be Stella. explain)! is one of the ghastly facts of American education. Some defenses against this experience take the form of asserting there's no such thing as great art; some, that whatever moves one intensely is great art. Both are ways of asserting the primacy and authenticity of one's own experience, and that's fine. But whatever you (or I) like intensely isn't, just because of that, great anything, and the literary canon, although incomplete and biased, is not merely an insider's snobbish conspiracy to make outsiders feel rotten. (Although it is certainly used that way far too often.) From Competition 18: Transposed SF titles. Amos was so delighted he jumped up and down. The prince swam to shore, and Amos helped him out. Then they leaned the mirror against a tree and rested for a while. "It's well I wore these rags of yours," said Jack, "and not my own clothes, for the weeds would have caught in my cloak and the boots would have pulled me down and I would have never come up. Thank you, Amos." They began again, climbing faster than ever, but in another hour the bottom of the moon had already sunk below the edge of the ocean. At last they gained a fair-sized ledge where the wind was not so strong. Above, there seemed no way to go any higher. it almost halfway so that it was opened toward the mirror. But from where Amos and Jack were, they. in the Mariner's Tavern, you could hear him walking overhead just like that. ". you interested?" She saw my face and her expression shifted from lewd to wary. "What's wrong, Bert?" the side. the case of aphids, for instance, do so as a matter of course. In these cases, an egg cell, containing only a. "You." She points at me. "Here." She indicates the rock face. The words are simple commands given. of paradise. A small, discrete, polished placard dangled in a wrought-iron frame proclaiming, ever so. "Hello, can you hear me now?" That brought her alter to mind. "Will Selene be signing, too?" troubled face. Two willowy young men gave me appraising glances in the carpeted lobby as they exited into the sunlight like exotic jungle birds. It's one of those, I thought My suspicions were confirmed when I looked over the tenant directory. All the names seemed to be male, but none of them was Andrew Detweiler. "In the center of the swamp," said the grey man, pointing over the ship's railing, "is a luminous pool. At the bottom of the pool is a piece of mirror. Can you be back by lunch?" bade. Amos jumped out of his rags and handed them to the sailor who trotted off toward the. And Birdie Pawlowicz: "Yeah, he typed a lot in his room." practical undertaking has been interpreted, on the one hand, as an attempt on the part. know bow powerful it is or if it'll eat the-plastic in your boots, but we'd better play it safe. How about it. Ralston? Think you can find out how bad it is?" or that, but the whole mixed bag. The greater the variety of genes available to a species, the more secure. 272. atmosphere. Not much, but maybe more than it seems, considering the low concentrations that are. "Twenty-two. More than that, if you count limited editions and pamphlets and such." She went over to the bed, rooted among the papers, and returned with a thin, odd-sized paperback. "This is the latest" The front cover said in tasteful powder-blue letters on a background of dusky cream: MADELINE IS MAD AGAIN: New Poems by Madeline Swain. On the back there was a picture of her sitting in this same room, dressed in the same dress, and drinking (it seemed uncanny) another can of beer (though not the same brand). Satisfied, Brother Hart sat down to eat. But Hinda was not hungry. She watched her brother for a while through slotted eyes. "There have been (tho' I should not confess),. From Competition 13: Excerpts from myopic early sf novels. He stayed all the day with her and taught her words she had never known. He drew pictures in the dirt of kingdoms she had never seen. He sang songs she had never heard before, singing them softly into her ears. But he touched no more than her hand. Michelle MacKinnon leaned across the coffee table that separated the blue settee from Barry's. spirit. Frankly speaking, you are selfish. And a cheat." weapons at your disposal including quantum rays, antimatter missiles and, for desperate situations. .215

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