

HOW TO BEAT A DEMON

"Sure. That's what I'm here for, isn't it?" .245. Well, no matter? it was ended now, over once and for all. Today the message had arrived from Belem: Darlene and Robbie were on the ship, ready for the flight to Manaus. Tomorrow morning he'd start downriver to meet them, escort them here. He'd had his qualms about their coming; they'd have to face three months in this hellhole before the year was up, but Darlene had insisted..She rolled to her feet Swinging up onto the deck, she began using the railing as a bar for ballet exercises. She shot me an amused glance. "Ever curious, aren't you, Gordy?" But before I could protest, she grinned. "We split when we were six. I told Mandy about it when we were seven, after we'd learned to read and write. Any more questions?"..an example of (to my mind) profound, searching, brilliant, political criticism, see Jean-Paul Sartre's Saint case, he went back and locked the trunk tightly..repeated these actions in reverse. Smith tinkered with the other controls until he got a view of the door didn't open at all and wasn't intended to. The bathroom and kitchen windows cranked out and."Hold on, honey," Lang said dryly. "If you conceive now, I'll be forced to order you to abort. We have the chemicals for it, you know."..I wasn't lucky enough to get number six or eight, but I did get five. Lorraine Nesbitt's nameless, dingy apartment court was a fleabag. Number five was one room with a closet, a tiny kitchen, and a tiny bath? identical with the other nine units she assured me. With."I mean I think these plants we've been seeing were designed to be the way they are. They're too perfectly adapted, too ingenious to have just sprung up in response to the environment" Her eyes seemed to.They had little trouble finding where the Matthews came from. They found dozens of.I bit my tongue but it was too late. She shrieked like a stricken animal and came at me swinging..with yourself, Barry? Few people are completely willing to talk about something. We've all got..down, because there wasn't a damn thing worth seeing near the camp. Even the exposed layering and its.He didn't look at the license till he was out on the street Staped to the back of it was a printed notice:."Sure," Song said, peering along his pointed finger. "Just show me the damn thing and I'll immortalize..So simple, so direct, and yet when you thought about it, almost impossible to understand..,Moises. Tell him I want the launch ready, pronto. We'll have to get her to the doctor at Manaus."..hundred."..his ears. The dome was dancing and straining, trying to fly. The floor heaved up in the center, throwing."Not in my book," I said. "But I can see why it would be in yours. After the King lets fly with his arrow, you guys with all the bread will be the first ones up the ladder."..I was brought up in a candy store under a father of the old school who, although he was Jewish, was..isfy their curiosity in here where we can watch them, she reasoned, than have them messing things up outside..Amanda screamed again. I tried to roll sideways but my body would not respond and I steeled."I will tell you," said Barry, "what you can do with your stickers.".."You have no choice." Tendrils of green and blue wormed their way into the pattern. "I'm as much a part of this body as you are. Hamstring me and we'll just both be cripples."..I raised my brows. "You've given up being hostess for your father?"..Jack and Amos frowned. The girl laughed, and the water bubbled..Ed took out his ID folder, took his license from the folder, tickled the edge of the endorsement.72 Edward Bryant..You are five, hiding in a place only you know. You are covered with bark dust, scratched by twigs, sweaty and hot. A wind sighs in the aspen leaves. A faint steady hiss comes from the viewer you hold in your hands; then a voice: "Lone, I see you?under the bam, eating an apple!" A silence. "Lone, come on out, I see you." Another voice. "That's right, she's in there." After a moment, sulkily: "Oh, okay.".."Thank you very much," said Amos and walked on till he came to another sailor whose feet were..She comes off the stage crying. I touch her arm as she walks past my console. Jam stops and rubs..Thoroughly ridiculous."..that have no connection with the real world are simply fake, and once readers realize that escape does."You want a cigarette?"..coughing and had to be slapped on the back several times..At home he spent the holidays experimenting with commercial ad-hesives in various strengths. He applied these to coated paper, let them dry, and cut the paper into rectangles. He numbered these rec-..you and covers you up with blankets."..Amanda, too, seemed to think going to Gateside was more trouble than she was worth, but I had my arguments ready. It was just a spectacular hour's ride away; the shopping was immeasurably better, including warehouses of Stargate imports; and since the train ran until midnight, we could have dinner and go to the theater before coming back. That persuaded her..P.M. He sees the Presidential motorcade making the turn onto Elm Street. Kennedy slumps forward..sector. You may fire off laser probes to determine the location of Zorph warships. You have a number of..I was never genius enough that I could have got a really good job with, say, Bell Futures or one of the big..done at birth, because the younger the cell, the more efficiently it is likely to clone.)..couch turned into a lumpy bed. The refrigerator looked as if someone had spilled a bottle of Br'er Rabbit..is," she explained. Then, contritely, "I hope you don't mind.".."And you're telling me those little spikes are what poked holes in the dome bottom? I'm not buying."No. I told you it was a stray-puppy relationship. I wish Murray were here. He's much better with words than I am. I'm visually oriented."..skinny grey man..water. It isn't here now, but it can be created by properly designed plants. They engineered these plants..She sighed again, but this time with relief. "The Detweiler boy was down here with me until six-thirty..surrealistic skit about a speakeasy for five-year-olds, and a novelist with a speech impediment who got..problem that would be unknown if we could just release a toe and have it grow into another individual..In the cottage Brother Hart cried out in his sleep, a swift sharp cry. His hand went to his side and, suddenly, under his heart appeared a thin red line like a knife's slash that bled for a moment Hinda caught his hand up in hers and at the sight of the blood grew pale. It was the second time she had seen Brother Hart bleed..my head is killing me."..wrapping them from head to toe in strips of webbing like human maypoles..wheelhouse to the second hatchway, and went down. The lamps were low, the jailor was huddled asleep..blood group can kill you."..I nodded again, at the same time wondering how Amanda Gail could ever, really, consider herself alone. The acrimonious divorce of former Olympic runner Margot Randall and

Senator Charles Christopher Gail had traumatically divided not only Amanda's childhood but her very psyche. Five years ago, when Margot Randall died in a hovercraft accident and Amanda moved to Washington full-time, it emerged that for most of her childhood, Amanda Selene Gail had been two personalities, Amanda Gail and another calling herself Selene Randall. The revelation, and their decision to remain dissociated, had made them the darlings of the gossip columns. Selene managed their dual existence, but because neither personality gave interviews on the subject, it before her eyes. A bitter look. The grey man took the third piece of mirror to his cabin, but he was too ill to fit the fragments together. So he put the last piece on top of the trunk, swallowed several aspirins, and lay down. She smiled at them and said, "I am glad you have come for the second piece of the mirror, but it is. There was much rustling and squirming for the next few minutes as they got out of their clothes. Song brushed against Crawford in the dark and they murmured apologies. Then they all bedded down in their own bunks. It was several tense, miserable hours before anyone got to sleep. She rolled to her feet. Swinging up onto the deck, she began using the railing as a bar for ballet. "What's wrong?" I asked, walking in. "Most of them." / hardly ever won, but then I liked to play games with outrageous risks. -get started easy. And then things'll get hard. Yeah?*. I thought you like to sleep late," I said. scale, becoming a shriek, and filled though I am with terror of the Screen, I am also caught up in fierce. It's always a shock the first time you come up against some particular kind of authority figure? a dentist, a psychiatrist, a cop? who is younger than you are, but it needn't lead to disaster as long as you let the authority figure know right from the start that you intend to be deferential, and this was a quality that Barry conveyed without trying. "It looks like plastic. But I have a strong feeling it's the higher life-form Lucy and I were looking for. time when science fiction magazines, and pulp magazines generally, were going strong, and when a young. That ended the subject for her. She was quiet the remaining ride home. She reached for my hand after a few minutes, though, and held it, squeezing a bit from time to time. I was content. She waited through the whole of the long morning, till the sun was high overhead. Not until then did. "You are witnessing a demonstration of the Zorphwar Naval Bat-tie Simulation System," I said to Westland. "A valuable training aid, it is a product of the research staff of the Megalo Corporation Programming Services Department". was still. "He's gone too. We can't find him anywhere." crossed my arms, and leaned against the doorframe. "Well?" .can also take place), and it is also very common in the plant world. almost blew them over. Water condensed out of it in their faceplates, and suddenly they couldn't see very. "Please, Aunt Ellie!" "You're not trying, babe," beckoned them over to her. They linked arms and stood staring up at the sky. 137. As Amos was about to leave, the grey man picked up a brilliant. Barrow St being right in the middle of one of the city's worst slums, Barry had been prepared (he'd thought) for a lesser degree of stateliness and bon ton than that achieved by Partyland, but even so the dismal actuality of Intensity Five went beyond anything he could have imagined. A cavernous one-room basement apartment with bare walls, crackly linoleum over a concrete floor, and radiators that hissed and gurgled ominously without generating a great deal of heat. The furniture consisted of metal folding chairs, most of them folded and stacked, a refreshment stand that sold orange juice and coffee, and a great many freestanding, brimful metal ashtrays. Having already forked out twenty-five dollars upstairs as his membership fee, she looked back without stopping. "If you like. I'd like having someone besides myself to talk to. It's. name. So she went instead to the. clearing's edge and cried: "Right here on the mountain?" I say. Have you noticed how often people say "I feel" instead of "I think" or (God forbid) "I know"? Kids. tomorrow." "Yeah. I broke my own rule. But so did you two. Consider your-. swollen purple face. Left to himself he couldn't stop thinking about the staple he'd seen on her license. It was like the seemingly insignificant clue in a detective story from which the solution to the whole mystery gradually unfolds. For didn't it strongly suggest that she too had been given the benefit of the doubt that she'd got her license not because her score entitled her to it, but thanks to Bylaw 9(c), Section XII? The cha-. If, after the first cell division, the two offspring cells, for any reason, should happen to fall apart, each offspring cell may then go on to develop into a complete organism of its own. The result is a pair of identical twins, each with the same genetic equipment and each of the same sex, of course. In a sense, each twin is a clone of the other. to herself, sleeping in the catamaran moored beside the bank across the river and not even venturing into. over the tenant directory. All the names seemed to be male, but none of them was Andrew Detweiler. to expand?" .reproduction exclusively. with a tumbleweed bush of red hair; her face isn't so much pretty as it is intense. I've never known. grey man took Amos into his cabin and they sat down on opposite sides of a table. cover the razor flint nature originally laid there. a woman worthy of a prince." "Does she believe that?" Mama's gaze was grave. "You must tell her to go." When he nodded, she sealed her helmet and started into the lock. She turned and looked speculatively at Crawford. What did it say?" "Fro glad to hear it". Crawford didn't know if he should let it drop. one-man show. So if he thought he could do it, he'd be down here in a minute to bail us out and grab the. "Well enough," said Jack. "I gave him food and water when they brought me some. I think he's asleep now." 94. We made the cold dash across the beach to the cabin, picking up our clothes on the way. Inside we. It is also possible, however, though not usual, for a woman to bring two different egg cells to fruition at the same time. If both are fertilized, two children will be born who are each possessed of genetic equipment different from the other. What results are "fraternal twins" who need not be of the same sex and who need not resemble each other any more than siblings usually do. o'clock in July. Have you ever watched someone asleep under a pile of blankets? You can see the. up the walls, but as she walked from the kitchen, across the lounge area to the fireplace, and turned to. "No." Selene's voice came through clenched teeth. "I won't allow that, Mandy. And I won't retire. You'll just have to live with me as always." "Oh, I've got till March." .Scott Meredith Literary Agency for "Nina" by Robert Bloch Joanna Russ for "In Defense of Criticism" Isaac Asimov for "Clone, Clone of My Own" John Varley for "In the Hall of the Martian Kings" Steven Utley for "Upstart" Lee Killough for "A House Divided" Baird Searles for "Multiples"; Copyright ? 1980 by Baird. "Miss Tremaine, I'll be back in an hour or so. K any

slinky blondes come in wanting me to find their. The grey man was so happy he jumped from the trunk, turned a cartwheel, then fell to wheezing and. "You must show how clever you are," said Lea. "When I was free of this mirror, my teacher, in order to see how well I had learned my lessons, asked me three questions. I answered all three, and these questions were harder than any questions ever heard by man or woman. I am going to ask you three questions which are ten times as hard, and if you answer them correctly, you may pick up the mirror." Ike and I were on picket duty when we heard that the latest bargaining session had gone Pffft! 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.. Jain had flashed me another brilliant smile and left And so I sit here substituting circuit chips.. feet into the carpet. She stood with her eyes searching the cabin as though she expected to find an answer there. Her gaze fixed on the kitchen.. witch-woman did it. After that I lived with her. She was demented, but she knew medicine and healing.. I laughed. I thought you were unlucky.. "We're doing some diving off Catalina tomorrow. Want to come along?". when the ball of the sun had rolled halfway over the edge of the sea, he settled one foot on a crag to the. Lang groaned. "All the air-lock seals, for one thing." There were grimaces from all of them at the. What you see are computer-generated summaries of our progress, mere pieces of paper that do not. He examined the dome as he walked back to camp. There was a figure hazily visible through the plastic. At this distance he would have been unable to tell who it was if it weren't for the black face. He saw her step up to the dome wall and wipe a clear circle to look through. She spotted his bright red suit and pointed at him. She was suited except for her helmet, which contained her radio. He knew he was in trouble. He saw her turn away and bend to the ground to pick up her helmet, so she could tell him what she thought of people who disobeyed her orders, when the dome shuddered like jellyfish.. trouble. He saw her turn away and bend to the ground to pick up her helmet, so she could tell him what. gurgled ominously without generating a great deal of heat The furniture consisted of metal folding chairs.. He looked at me with an expression I'd never seen before, and I knew why Lorraine said he had a lost, doomed look. "Well, we can't live forever, can we? Are you ready to go?"

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