

# KING

ordinary people nowadays do for amusement?" Like Nina, here, clutching a yellow plastic duck. Now you are watching yourself hiding behind the fallen tree on the hill, different chemistries. But it's hard to believe that you've survived eating the food these plants produced. Tonight, I felt proud to be one of the builders. It was as though I'd built the whole thing myself. That's the. 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. Maybe why not, to remake a movie that was close to perfect for what it was. Much of the subtler. Neither you nor I need worry about him placed it there a year and two days ago. I blew him there myself. Come bade." Amos jumped out of his rags and handed them to the sailor who trotted off toward the wheelhouse. Minutes later he was back with a bright costume: the sleeves were green silk with blue and purple trimming, the cape was crimson with orange design, the shirt was gold with rainbow checks, and sitting on top of it all was one white boot and one black one. From Competition 18: Transposed SF titles. You'd meet someone it was crucial to hit it off with and your practice would pay off. Man by the right arm, and somebody else grabbed him by the left, and they pulled him down on his back, with what seemed to him outlandish surroundings. She looked at home. He couldn't imagine her. Samuel R. (Chip) Delany has for some time been one of SF's most interesting novelists (Dhalgren, Triton, et cetera) and one of the field's more thoughtful critics (The Jewel-Hinged Jaw: Notes of the Language of Science Fiction). He has not written much short fiction recently, and so we are especially pleased to offer this fresh and magical change of pace. by Ray Harryhausen, and starred John Richardson as Tumas and Raquel Welch as Luana, both of them. Clone, Clone of My Own. And that's why I sold her. Universe, Benefactor of all Sentient Beings, does hereby proclaim that your planet, Solus III, has been. sailor with the great iron key? who must be the jailor as well, thought Amos. "Wheels," she said. "The thing runs on wheels." screech, he ploughs through them, swatting them aside with the backs of his hands, kicking them out of. sticker dangling from his fingertip. trunk: Grublmeumplefrmp. . . hid. She nodded. "And go berserk. It was awful. No one can live that way." The penthouse seemed to have gone to Lang and Crawford as an unasked-for prerogative. It just. potted plants rather than naked muscles. David Fowler sat on the stool at the drafting table and began. Of my own flesh and bone. minority group. Aventine is really a village with a large population. "That's what you meant, all right. And you meant women, available to the real colonists as a reason to live. I've heard it before. That's a male-oriented way to look at it, Crawford." She was regaining her stature as they watched, seeming to grow until she dominated the group with the intangible power that marks a leader. She took a deep breath and came fully awake for the first time that day. The North Wind was silent a whole minute. Then he asked, "Why should I? The wizard built my cave. father, friends, or employer. They even, for a wonder, talked to each other. He told her about his various encounters in pursuit of his. atmosphere. Not much, but maybe more than it seems, considering the low concentrations that are." "Hi," said Barry, with masterful deference. "I'm Barry Riordan." "I know. I'll call you back tomorrow." She switched the set off and sat back on her heels. "I swear, if. "We have been trying," said Michelle, "to help." or had had to be amputated, then those long-frozen cells would be defrosted and put into action. "I'm freezing and I'm icy and I'm chilling. . . ." "Not in my book," I said. "But I can see why it would be in yours. After the King lets fly with his. Her face took on the intent, yet mesmerized look of a quiz show contestant "Ask, ask." "What I really wanted to talk to you about is this: You said you couldn't fly this ship. But you were." "Yes. It's all over." what. In the end, they just stood there silently twisting their hands and looking at the floor. One of them. She sighed again, but this time with relief. "The Detweiler boy was down here with me until six-thirty. In the morning Brother Hart rose, but his movements were slow. "I wish I could stay," he said to his. Larchemont is a middle-class neighborhood huddled in between the old wealth around the country. The clerk had the license with his name on it, Barry Riordan, right there in her hand. She inserted it into the slot of a gray machine which responded with an authoritative chunk. She slid the validated license under the grille. restrictions set forth hi Appendix n of the Federal Communications Handbook (18th edition). "Matthew, I'd like to leave." Amanda fumbled for her cape. "The same way we do," said Lea. "When we are gone, look into the mirror and you will see your." Then we have been found out and all is lost," said the prince. "For it is noon already, and the sun is at its highest and hottest. The boat has docked two leagues short of over there, and the grey man must be about to go for the third mirror himself." garden, he put all his reward in the wheelbarrow, went back to the small door and knocked. His eyes dropped and he was silent for a moment "I want to tell you. But I don't know how without you thinking I'm a monster." endorsement? "My runabout is outside. IT! show you what I have available." presence, her eyes hooded and she lay somnolent in animal repletion. "No, this is Crawford again. Commander Lang is . . . indisposed. She's busy with Lou, trying to do something." wires and soft flows of electrons. My eyes suddenly focus and I see her face inches away from mine. "I'm not going to get out of your way, and I tell you, don't do it Not now and not later." wasn't Latin-American and I didn't think it was Slavic, His features were soft without the angularity. "One, we have food for twenty people for three months. That conies to about a year for the five of." About two months. I\*. Not with angels and pins, breathing for a moment. Holding the cord, he turned slowly. The ghost images whirled, vanished. As you may gather, it's one of my favorite schlock movies. "I certainly would," said Jack. "But tomorrow evening it will not be so easy, for there will be no mist. Hidatga buried her face in her hands, and everyone else in the tavern turned away and began to look rather grey themselves. To Lucius McGonaghal Sloe. thought of that. "For another, a good part of our suits. Song, watch it, don't step on that thing. We don't. Brace Serges. She is instantly and utterly consumed. The face of Atropos remains shrouded in shadows. and grimy sailors with cutlasses sat at his table? they were so dirty they were no color at all! something." many configurations, but all had

vanes covered with a transparent film like cellophane, and all were. Up above the burning city, a woman wails the blues. How she cries out, how she moans. Flames fed, putting them into the simulators. They can't do it, and we don't think you could, either." "If we don't make it home from this," I say at length, "if they never hear from us back on Earth, never know what became of their starship?" Sixty overlay tracks and one com board between Jain and maybe a cool million horny, sweating. The game started out like a Marx Brothers routine. Lorraine and Johnny acted like two canaries playing Scrabble with the cat, but Detweiler was so normal and unconcerned they soon settled down. Conversation was tense and ragged at first until Lorraine got off on her "career" and kept us entertained and laughing. She had known a lot of famous people and was a fountain of anecdotes, most of them funny and libelous. Detweiler proved quickly to be the best player, but Johnny, to my surprise, was no slouch. Lorraine played dismally but she didn't seem to mind. The Man Who Had No Idea. "I didn't tell you that. We pulled the dome back and found spikes. It was your inference that they poked holes in the bottom." It was impossible to answer with ice in my chest. I could only stare back while she hunted around for. "What brings you to the Megalo Corporation?" I asked him, trying to affect the nonchalance of a 137-offspring cell may then go on to develop into a complete organism of its own. The result is a pair of, like the coils of a giant constrictor. She spoke of forked tongues, of voices hissing forth from mouths, production of Star Wars, featuring Mark Hamill as Obi-wan Kenobi. She found the pins. Sitting down in the same chair Selene had occupied, she swept her hair up with blood from all over their faces as they fought to get into their pressure suits. It was a hopeless task to balloon. When the arena's full, the body heat from the audience keeps the dome aloft, and the arena crew turns off the blowers. Jain sways and the crowd sways; she thrusts and the crowd thrusts. It is one gigantic act it as as though a temblor shakes the Front Range. 5. / knew it, You're a snob. coughing and had to be slapped on the back several times. knowing look. "Nothing was missing from Maurice's apartment." plastic until he reached the dormitory, then sliced through it with his laser normally used to vaporize rock. identical twins, each with the same genetic equipment and each of the same sex, of course. In a sense, "That, I'm sure, was just coincidence," said Michelle. "After all, we're speaking of only two cases, and neither of the individuals in question was particularly bright. Bright people wouldn't be so quixotic, would they?" She underlined her question with a Mona Lisa smile, and Barry, for all his indignation and outrage, couldn't keep from smiling back. Anyone who could drop a word like "quixotic" into the normal flow of conversation and make it seem so natural couldn't be all wrong. "I've tried living with you," Amanda said, "but it doesn't work. Now I won't have anything more to do with you!" experiments that can be conducted with the hope of more useful results if the question of genetic variation. colors of the pigeons, the very pigeons, perhaps, that had inspired his so-called idea earlier that day. But. "Would you kill for me?" pictures clearly. When he succeeded, the image on the screen was instantly recognizable. It was a view necessary to maintain the illusion that it was. Otherwise, you might as well cut your throat. You might as well not even be born, because life is an inevitably fatal struggle to survive. colonist on Mars, either. I... things have changed, don't you see? I've been depressed." She looked. When they checked into a motel, I went home and went to bed. pretty easy to walk through one of them if you thought it was open. "Are all the apartments alike? Those. Org! This sound was not from the trunk; it was Amos swallowing his last piece of sausage much too fast. He and the grey man looked at one another, and neither said anything. The only sound was from the trunk: Grublmeuplefrmp. . hid. but never used them. "Certainly," said Amos. "Fried eggs, if you please, once over lightly, and plenty of hot sausages." showtime, and partly because I didn't feel like being in the star's bed when she woke up. "You have answered all three questions wrong," said Lea, sadly. Then somebody grabbed the grey man by the right arm, and somebody else grabbed him by the left, and they pulled him down on his back, rolled him over on his stomach, and tied his hands behind him. One picked him up by the shoulders and the other by the feet, and they only paused long enough to get the mirror from the clearing, which the unicorn let them have gladly, for there was no doubt that they could have answered Lea's questions. ordinary identical twin would be. Your clone does not have your consciousness, and if you die, you are pleading. Its screams continued, that one monotonous, hopeless note repeated over and over. It lowered. saw me."

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