

## PLANTATION PAGEANTS

It was like a rerun. He lived a block away from where a man was mugged, knifed, and robbed in an alley on the 13th though the details of the murder didn't seem to fit the pattern. But he was sick, had an alibi, and moved to Silver Lake. Here comes the second reason, then. There's an evolutionary advantage to sexual reproduction that more than makes up for all the inconveniences.\* In cloning, the genetic contents of new organisms remain identical with those of the original organisms, except for occasional mutations. If the organism is very efficiently adapted to its surroundings, this is useful, but it is an extremely conservative mechanism that reduces the chance of change. Any alteration in the environment could quickly lead to the extinction of a species..keeping score and the old fart was being tested, an attitude that did not bode well. Finally, with ten. And the song ends, one last diminishing chord, but her body continues to move. For her there is still. Company's gone! They've struck their tents and left!". "Well, what's in it?". "Tell him I'll get back on it Monday.".time. I'm almost afraid to say what gas I think it is, but I have a hunch that our problems are solved.".FASF's special Damon Knight issue (November 1976). As might be expected, it is a totally fresh.on six jointed legs, waving its antennae, its mouth parts busy. And its four bright eyes stare into his,. "But if she knows?" I began, then, as her light went out entirely, said, "I'm sorry; I didn't mean to.shuddered. "I don't know how she can actually live with such creatures. I suppose it's her nature. I've.only get the endorsements he needed from people who held Permanent Licenses. Of course, the practice.That's what got me the job with Alpertron, Ltd., die big promotion and booking agency. I'm on the concert tour and work their stim board, me and my console over there on the side of the stage. It isn't that much different in principle from playing one of the instruments in the backup band, though it's a hetL of a lot more complex than even Nagami's synthesizer. It all sounds simple enough: my console is the critical link between performer and audience. Just one glorified feedback transceiver: pick up the empathic load from Jain, pipe it into the audience, they react and add their own load, and I feed it all back to the star. And then around again as I use the sixty stim tracks, each with separate controls to balance and augment and intensify. It can get pretty hairy, which is why not just anyone can do the job. It helps that I seem to have a natural resistance to the sideband stopover radiation from the empathic transmissions. "Ever think of teaching?" said the school voc counselor. "No," I said. "I want the action.".bein' around might mark the baby. She taught me to read and I couldn't stop. She had a lot of books.The Detweiler Soy."No! There's no other way. Oh, not people like us, maybe. Maybe we're seeing them right now,.48."What?".When they checked into a motel, I went home and went to bed..201.closet and not been put back. On the side of the trunk that now sat in the corner was a small triangular.debated in the Arabian Desert with tactical nuclear weapons..After all, a human being is more than his genes. Your clone is the result of your nucleus being placed.Honuft This corner of hell, where die drums dinned and the shadows leaped and capered before nickering fires?.uppers.. "How long had Maurice and Detweiler known each other??" "Good evening," Amos said. "How are you?". "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?".Jain goes into her final number. It does not work. The audience is enthusiastic and they want an encore, but that's just it: they, shouldn't want one. They shouldn't need one..approached the cottage from the side, and Hinda's singing led him on. When he reached the window, he.Well, Local 209 pulled out, just like the Company did. We knew there'd be no more jobs on the Plain for the Jikes of us. We spread out all over. North and south and east and west. I went south. Right now, I've got a flunky's job in a granary. It doesn't pay very much, but it'll keep Debbie and Little Jake and myself going till I learn the language. Once I learn the language, I'll get back in Construction. There's a big project about to begin just east of here. From what I gather, it's a tomb of some kind, and it's supposed to set a new trend. Building it may take as long as a year, and they're going to need all lands of skilled labor. I figure that as a bricklayer I can get on easy..Wilson does), and the writers of Bored of the Rings, the Lampoon parody, from which came.existence that can reach Mars and land on it. One other pair is in the congressional funding stage. Winey.honest-to-god conversation, spontaneous, unstructured, and all his own..bare, heading for the fateful rendezvous . . .He grinned with pleasure. "Thanks. It's for a paperback cover.\*\*.Org! This sound was not from the trunk; it was Amos swallowing his last piece of sausage much too.Dukes numerous and Nine Princes.There was no emotion in his voice. He was detached, talking about someone else. "He kept me alive. I'll.From Competition 14: Science fiction "What's the question?" jokes..She grinned. "That's funny. You look like Bette Davis. Who's Andrew Detweiler?".under the proper circumstances.. "You won't tell her, will you?" she asked anxiously..Selene also kept me informed on what needed to be done, either around the cabin or for Amanda.. "I like shoes pretty much generally," she went on. "I guess you could say I'm a kind of shoe freak.". "You know, Barry," Ed said, "I've been thinking about what you were saying, and I think the whole.Her fear touched him. So he stood and smoothed down the skins of his coat. "I will go. But I will return.". "An Irish name: that explains it then.".teeth chattered.I killed time earlier tonight reading the promo pamphlet on this place. As the designer says, the."Very well then, I have a plan." Again Amos began to whisper through the bars, and Jack smiled and nodded..CONTENTS."The usher who showed you to your seat. I saw him sit down and talk with you.".Most people he met were temps, and the few Permanent License holders inclined to be friendly to him."You. Just for a little while." She pulls my hands close and lays them on her body..Silver Lake Park on the night of the 13th and moved out again on the 19th. The landlady hadn't refunded.Lang pointed to the twin globes in the middle of the room, still keeping perfect Earth time..a muscle..I was so pleasantly pooped I completely forgot about Andrew Detweiler. Until Monday morning when I was sitting at my desk reading the Times..colorful prince as you.' I carried his trunk for many months, and at last he paid me a great deal of money.oxygen-breathing, water-economy beings who needed protection for their bodies until the full

bloom of head, although without memory, experience, and the constant checking of novel objects against genetic equipment; a set of ten thousand identical-twin mice, let us say. There are many animal with me seven years. I'd tried a few young and sexy ones, but it hadn't worked out. Either they wouldn't. As the hunter watched, she began to change. Like a rippled reflection in a pool coming slowly into focus, he saw slim brown legs. John Varley. "Muzak," she said dismissively. She waited through the whole of the long morning, till the sun was high overhead. Not until then did she bit her lip. "I don't think the Detweiler boy killed him." Singh and everyone else was silent for a while. He found he really was beginning to believe in the. "What you can do with your stickers," Barry said resolutely, "is stick them up your ass. Your asses, rather." trouble. He saw her turn away and bend to the ground to pick up her helmet, so she could tell him what. "Where have you been?" cried Hidalgo. "We all thought you were dead." She started walking toward the cabin again, leaning forward as though straining against an invisible leash. I could almost hear the crackle of contained energy within her. 242. I didn't want to die. We had to have blood. He always did it so there was lots of blood, so no one would. "I'm Columbine Brown," she said, as though that offered an explanation. All of us applauded. It was just what we'd wanted to hear. After the applause died away, the Organizer outlined what we were striking for, and I paid strict attention so I could tell Ike. It adds up to a pretty nice package: a fifteen-percent across-the-board hourly rate increase; full-paid hospitalization; retirement after twenty-five years service; nine paid holidays; three weeks vacation after four years on. I knocked on the door. "I'd like your comments," he went on. "This isn't absolutely final as yet." He turned toward the suitcase, his back to me. The hump was artificial, made of something like foam rubber. He unhooked the straps, opened the suitcase, and tossed the hump in. He said something, too soft for me to catch, and lay face down on the couch with his feet toward me. The light from the opened curtain fell on him. His back was scarred, little white lines like scratches grouped around a hole. LUNDWALL'S What About Science: It's All Fiction. "The verdict will probably end up accidental death. Everybody's bonded. Jain was insured for apartment court was a fleabag. Number five was one room with a closet, a tiny kitchen, and a tiny. The King shook his fist at the blue and cloudless sky. "I knew all along that fucking Organizer was working for you!" he shouted, "He never fooled me for a second! But he wasted his time, because I'm still gonna do what I said I was gonna do, right from here!" And with that, the King unslung his bow, fitted the arrow to the bowstring and launched it into the sky. "I know a psychiatrist who spends her weekends here in Aventine. Perhaps she can help." He stopped at the clearing's edge, raised his head, and sniffed. The smell of man hung on the air. The Podkayne was barely visible behind a network of multicolored vines. The vines were tough. "Why write?" I asked Selene. home watching Willy Marx? or anywhere but Partyland. "It's gonna be a hell of a concert tonight I know it" Jain had said and smiled at me when she. tall lithe man with hair, eye shadow, and fingernails striped fuchsia and lavender, broke off from the group. Jam says, "One, two, three." On "three," we each bring up our right hand. Hers is a clenched fist. From the mirror there was a laugh. scarlet webwork of broadcast power reaching out from my console to those million skulls. I don't know. "Perhaps somewhere nearer than you think, up this one, and two leagues short of over there, the pieces are hidden." embryos into all sorts of specialized bypaths that would produce a kind of monster that had a full-sized. "Then it says something for his endurance that he was able to pot. came? the hum of insect hordes, the bellow of caimans, the snorting snuffle of peccary, the ceaseless. for the short term. We have a large supply of everything a colony needs: food, water, tools, raw. could not see into it at all. wished I coulda gone to school," he murmured softly. sidewalk. Going to Selma or the Boulevard to turn a trick and make a few extra bucks. Lorraine must. His first elation fizzled out and he was left with his usual flattened sense of personal inconsequence. "Are you feeling better?" and now, now you are on the big road, flying eastward, passing all the cars, rushing toward the great. The Organizer had the minutes of the meeting Xeroxed and distributed them among the members. I grown, as all human base camps seem to grow, without pattern. He was reminded of the footprints. tomorrow. "I'm big and I'm cold and I'm blustery. . . ." "Well," said Amos, "if you help get us to the top of the mountain, we will let you look into the fragment of the mirror." Then he added, "which is more than your friend the wizard did, apparently." Jack gave Amos a little kick, for it is not a good thing to insult a wizard so great and so old and so terrible as all that, even if you don't have to worry about him. "Okay," she says. "Let's play." I must look doubtful. "Rob," she Bays warningly. "Third," said Lea, "what are they going to do to you?" runabout and proceeded to demonstrate what I meant. The sultan's palaces, Greek temples, antebellum. cut the tough material, they had constructed a much smaller dome. They erected it on an outcropping of. The clients took the rest of the morning and a good portion of the afternoon, looking at estates all. different chemistries. But it's hard to believe that you've survived eating the food these plants produced. Yet in one specialized way cloning can take place in even the most advanced animals—even in the human being. "Doesn't matter," I say. 22. or I'll find you the farthest place you can go. Nocturnal and Diurnal Animals, ROGER ZELAZNY. thermometer between her lips. "Not really polystyrene," Ralston interjected. Three weeks later, the Tharsis Canyon had been transformed into a child's garden of toys. Crawford had thought of no better way to describe it. Each of the plastic spikes had blossomed into a fanciful windmill, no two of them just alike. There were tiny ones, with the vanes parallel to the ground and no more than ten centimeters tall. There were derricks of spidery plastic struts that would not have looked too out of place on a Kansas farm. Some of them were five meters high. They came in all colors and many configurations, but all had vanes covered with a transparent film like cellophane, and all were spinning into colorful blurs in the stiff Martian breeze. Crawford thought of an industrial park built by gnomes. He could almost see them trudging through the spinning wheels. we have a problem. That was a great game of Zorphwar we had yesterday, and I most commend you on. I drove, not paying any attention to where I was going, almost as deeply in shock as he was. I finally started looking at the street signs. I was on Mullholland. I kept going west for a long time, crossed the San Diego Freeway, into the Santa Monica Mountains. The pavement ends a couple of

miles past the freeway, and there's ten or fifteen miles of dirt road before the pavement picks up again nearly to Topanga. The road isn't traveled much, there are no houses on it, and people don't like to get their cars dusty. I was about in the middle of the unpaved section when Detweiler seemed to calm down. I pulled over to the side of the road and cut the engine. The San Fer-1 See You 7. The only light came from the illuminated dials that the guard was supposed to watch all night There. "Remain at ready. Out." part of being a garbage man. Some poets go to a great deal of trouble to disguise their treacheries; my. "I have just been given the ultimate garbage presentation," he said. "Your boys should know better. became so neurotic when exposed to a large number of users or households where emotion ran hot that. predilection for gas-pump jockeys, car-wash boys, and parking-lot attendants. I guess it had something. "Well have to get cutting tools from the ship," he told his crew. "They're probably in there. What a place this is! I can see we're going to be busy." He walked along the edge of the dense growth, which now covered several acres. He came to a section where the predominant color was purple. It was strangely different from the rest of the garden. There were tall whirligig derricks but they were frozen, unmoving. And covering all the derricks was a translucent network of ten-centimeter-wide strips of plastic, which was thick enough to make an impenetrable barrier. It was like a cobweb made of flat, thin material instead of fibrous spider-silk. It bulged outward between all the crossbraces of the whirligigs. the case of aphids, for instance, do so as a matter of course. In these cases, an egg cell, containing only a. IMPORTANT. finally rewarded by seeing the light come back on in her. At the office I explained that the owner of No.. kneeling in the shrubbery. He photographs them. He turns off the power., sits for a moment, then goes to. "Oh, my nearest and dearest friend," said the grey man, "I had almost forgotten you. Forgive me." He. "Exactly," said the grey man. "Look, we are here." "Sounds all right to me," Lang assured her. "It'll do for a working theory. Now what about airborne spores?". The Project swayed, ever so slightly. But that was all right. The engineers had allowed for the wind. I'd. "Barry what?"

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