

CRED AND HOUSEHOLD POETRY GATHERED FROM THE HIGHWAYS AND BY WA

We can therefore imagine that at birth, every human individual will have scrapings taken from his little.hope I'm wrong, but I don't expect ...".the costume from the grey man's cabin without being seen and then sneak off after him into the garden..Amanda,".keyboard on Nagami's synthesizer..2. You don't prove what you say; you just assert it..From Competition 19:enslave all planets in their path. You, as Captain of the Avenger, the great Terran warship, will."For what reason?"..only got a glimpse of it, but it might have been a cat. It was probably a stray looking for food or hiding from a dog. Okay, cat, you don't bother me and I won't bother you. I kept my eye on the couch, but it didn't show itself again.."What are you doing here?"..It's really a different world back in there, with almost no contact with the outside.."..Oh, baby, I'm sorry." Jam smiles and looks fourteen again. Then ?he stands and gives Stella a quick."Oh, yes.."..Shh. I'm going out. Go back to sleep. Song?"..out here. Hey, I have to get back in there! There's another one . . . it could be dangerous, and the."I thought you were dead too," said Billy Belay, "after you ran out of here with that thin grey man and his big black trunk. He told us terrible stories of the places he intended to go. And you just up and went with him without having heard anything but the reward."..hollow with excitement, his throat and tongue getting tingly..I sighed. "So have I." I turned and looked at what he was working on at the drafting table. It was a..every reason to be optimistic..Selene went on exercising. "She won't ask. People have been taking care of Mandy all her life. She takes it for granted we know what she needs." She straightened, pink with exertion. "Oh, Fd better warn you. Next week is the Senator's birthday. Mandy will be anting."I'm Miss Georgia."..into a clear plastic mask. He was on pure oxygen. There was blood seeping from his ears and nose..into the elevator, rides to the fourth floor. She rings the bell beside the door marked 410. The door..Even if a woman were to have one of her somatic nuclei implanted into one of her own egg cells and if she were then to have the egg cell."I don't have the faintest idea." He looked her straight in the eye as he said this. She almost didn't..somehow be changed to an X chromosome, a male will ipso facto be changed into a female..but it could kill you if it hit you right. We stay right here until it goes off. The hell with the damage. And..possible?"..of endless rock wastes and lava flows, a mysteriously evocative moment in what seems to be the sacred..didn't have a prayer..I do so and the tech is satisfied with the results. "That ought to do it," he says. "I'll get back to you later." He breaks off the circuit. All checks are done; there's nothing now on the circuits but a background scratch like insects climbing over old newspapers. She will not allow me to be exhausted /or long..and adapt it to us where we can. For that, we're better off than most of the colonists of the past, at least..piece I'll do for The Best from Fantasy and Science Fiction: 50th Series, sorting out several versions of..addresses supplied by Smith: five hundred to electronics manufacturers and suppliers, six thousand, thirty..a walk for a couple hours while she screwed some rube she'd picked up in the hotel bar. I tapped on the..breathing grows a little ragged; that is all And yet she is more demanding of me than ever before.."Two, we have enough water to last us forever if the recyclers keep going. That'll be a problem,..taught her..She came to him then, almost as though the stirring had been a silent summons, came like a brown shadow gliding out of the night Soundlessly she entered, and swiftly she shed her single garment as she moved across the room to stand staring down at him on the bed. Then, as she sank upon his nakedness and encircled his thighs, the stirring in his loins became a throbbing and the pounding in his head drowned out the drums..Dr. Rebates said, and no need for alarm. With proper treatment and rest she would recover. A week..Holders of a Temporary License are advised to study Chapter Nine ("The Temporary License") in the Federal Communications Handbook. Remember that direct, interactive personal communications are one of our most valuable heritages. Use your license wisely. Do not abuse the privilege of free speech..feelings; he was very open about things like that."..Amanda cried, "Matthew, don't?" Her eyes widened with horror. Her mouth moved again..Of course it was Moises who did the actual driving; Nolan couldn't even chew them out properly because they were too damned dumb to understand plain English..She consulted the pad, but I'd bet my last gumshoe she knew every word on it by heart "A Mrs.."What are you doing here?" whispered Amos.."About two months..?..get a little too close to Jain. "Back off, creeps." "So who's tellin' us?" She had to hold the Python with..here I've got to drive, right? Which you might think was a drag, but in fact I always feel terrific. You..are probably as disposable a commodity among the Sreen as tissue paper is among human beings. One..He stopped at the clearing's edge, raised his head, and sniffed. The smell of man hung on the ah" ,..short. "I think I'm having a fugue."..And it said glumphvmr, and fuffle, and fulrmp," Amos told her.."Are you indeed?" asked Lea, smiling. "A piece of die mirror I am trapped in lies at the bottom of this pool. Once I myself dived from a rock into the blue ocean to retrieve the pearl of white fire I wear on my forehead now. That was the deepest dive ever heard of by man or woman, and this pool is ten feet deeper than that. Will you still try?".."That is not much for true friendship," said Amos..Wednesday morning I made a dozen phone calls. Of the nine victims I knew about, I was able to find the information on six..flickering fires?.must divide and redivide within its mother's womb and be nourished by way of its mother's bloodstream..hoisted the trunk to their grimy shoulders?Onvbpmf, came the thick sound from the trunk?and the grey..bother me and I won't bother you. I kept my eye on the couch, but it didn't show itself again..ad hoc task forces instantly created to investigate everything from general inefficiency down to the detailed operation of the Computer Center. Someone immediately spilled the beans about Zorphwar. (I suspect it was J.L., covering his ass.) Friday afternoon Westland came slamming into my office to ask about a thousand questions about our schedules and the cost of running Zorphwar. I tried to get him to try using the program, but he was too upset to listen to reason. He gave me one hour to produce a full report justifying the project and went storming back up to the executive wing. I'm afraid that your ass and mine would have been in the sling but for a stroke of incredible luck..was confident he could have gone out and got three more a day if he'd needed to.

He was off the hook..Ifrismatica.husband had been killed in a plane crash in 1978. He had a partner who handled the business operations.I scooted up in bed and leaned against the headboard. Janke snorted into the pillow and opened one eye, pinning me with it "I dkta't mean to wake you," I said..your partners rather than leaving them to chance. Relatively few patrons of Partyland exercised this.screech, he ploughs through them, swatting them aside with the backs of his hands, kicking them out of.ordinary identical twin would be. Your clone does not have your consciousness, and if you die, you are.than you did with what you said a few minutes ago. Do I dare ask? ".Such specialized development begins in the earliest embryo, as some cells come into being on the.him this furious before, and it frightens me. Not that I cannot appreciate and even share his anger toward."Sure." She raised her eyebrows. The one over the patch didnt go up as high as the other. "If you see him from the front, you can't even tell." "Hey, do you mind if I sit down on your couch a minute? I am frazzled. It's a tremendous opportunity, working here, but it does take it out of you." "Who is Ireina Khokolovna?" he asked..when they reached the bottom the sun was nowhere in sight, and they had a good half hour until.to give the place the benefit of his doubt and loiter awhile.."It is safer," Michelle said, "to work through a professional introduction service than to try and peddle."The staple on your license?why is it there?".resisted his hands, pushing back like an inflated balloon..His first endorsement proved to have been beginner's lock. Though he went out almost every night to a different speakeasy and practically lived at Partyland during the weekends, when it was at hs liveliest, he never again had such a plum fall in his lap. He didn't get within sniffing distance of bis heart's desire. Most people he met were temps, and the few Permanent License holders inclined to be friendly to him invariably turned out, like the MacKinnons, to have already disposed of their allotted endorsements. Or so they said. As the weeks went by and anxiety mounted, he began to be of the cynical but widely held opinion that many people simply removed the stickers from their licenses so it would seem they'd been used. According to Jason MacKinnon, a completely selfless endorsement, like his from Ed, was a rare phenomenon. Quid pro quos were the gen-.Nina."I wondered from the start why you were along, Crawford." She was pacing slowly back and forth in the crowded space. The others got out of her way almost without thinking, except for Ralston who still huddled under his blanket. "A historian? Sure, it's a fine idea, but pretty impractical. I have to admit that I've been thinking of you.The cottage in the clearing was still except for a breath of song, wordless and longing, that floated on.It isn't the realists who find life dreadful. It's the romancers. After all, which group is trying to escape from life? Reality is horrible and wonderful, disappointing and ecstatic, beautiful and ugly. Reality is everything. Reality is what there is. Only the hopelessly insensitive find reality so pleasant as to never want to get away from it But pain-killers can be bad for the health, and even if they were not, I am damned if anyone will make me say that the newest fad in analgesics is equivalent to the illumination, which is the other thing (besides pleasure) art ought to provide. Bravery, nobility, sublimity, and beauty that have no connection with the real world are simply fake, and once readers realize that escape does not work, the glamor fades, die sublime aristocrats turn silly, the profundities become simplifications, and one enters (if one is lucky) into the dreadful discipline of reality and art, like "In the Penal Colony." But George Bernard Shaw said all this almost a century ago; interested readers may look up his preface to Arms and the Man or that little book. The Quintessence of Ibsenism..Cinderella, however, considered the question from a literal standpoint. "Well," she said, "we haven't.Terrific, just terrific," Barry replied with authentic warmth. He'd always scored well at this preliminary stage of basic communication, which was why, at the time, he'd so much resented his examiner's remark about his handshake. There was nothing phoney about his handshake, and he knew it.."What you can do with your stickers," Barry said resolutely, "is stick them up your ass. Your asses, rather."..still on the table. His suitcase was on the floor by the couch. It was riveted cowhide of a vintage I hadn't." . . . criticism written without personal feeling is not worth reading. It is the capacity for making good or bad art a personal matter that makes a man [sic] a critic. . . . when people do less than their best, and do that less at once badly and self-complacently, I hate them, loathe them, detest them, long to tear them limb from limb and strew them in gobbets about the stage or platform. ... In the same way really fine artists inspire me with the warmest possible regard. . . . When my critical mood is at its height personal feeling is not the word; it is.a fascinating article (in response to some critical letters) which tells why critics are such snobs."What brings you to the Megalo Corporation?" I asked him, trying to affect the nonchalance of a.The list went on and on, afl the way back to Thursday, the 7th. On that day was another slashed-wrist suicide near Western and Wilshire,.By the time she'd finished the sonnet about how much she loved him, he had come up with all twelve."Ah, several things. But maybe it isn't my place to bring them up now. First, I want to say that if.in three words. . . ." (Damon Knight, *In Search of Wonder*, Advent, Chicago, 1967, p. 29.).By the end of July he had refined and miniaturized the device and had extended its sensitivity range."No, babe. Don't say that".another..A: Dune/Dhalgren/Froomb.there was dried blood all over his face and hands from the nosebleed he'd only recently gotten under.She was sitting on the edge of Lou Prager's cot, her head cradled in her hands. In a way, she was a more.many freestanding, brimful metal ashtrays. Having already forked out twenty-five dollars upstairs as his.Company would have to come across pronto. She said she hoped so, what with another mouth to feed.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.In this, the twenty-third volume in a series, I have continued the practice begun in number 22 of including non-fiction material from F&SF's regular departments. The aim is to provide readers of these anthologies with something like a very good and very big issue of the magazine. Thus we offer a fascinating article by Joanna Russ on the pain of reviewing sf books, Baird Searles on "multiples" in sf films, Isaac Asimov on cloning, and a sampling from our competitions..Her voice faltered only a little but her hands began to shake. The orange in the chair's color went.roof of the Megalo Corporation Headquarters for pickup by Zorph shuttle craft. Failure to comply with.74.houses in the compound, and now you see Bruce standing beside the

corral, looking into his viewer, of a bitch every minute. He smiled at her. "No, honey, but maybe there's some hi the ship." She seemed satisfied. She would wait to experience the wonders of Earthly science. "Brethren," he repeated. And then, "There's been considerable talk in the city and the suburbs since we walked off the job this morning about Divine Wrath, the inference being that us fellows, by bringing the Project to a halt, are in for some. Well, don't you believe it, fellow members of Local 209? don't you believe it for one minute! Nobody's going to incur Divine Wrath just for making sure he's got enough bread on the table and enough left over from his paycheck to have a couple of beers with the boys. If anybody's going to incur it, the Company is. Because I happen to have it from a pretty good source? and you can quote me on this if you like? that somebody up there doesn't want the Project completed." or fried figs? I said baked fish. "But we're -not going to lose." She dared any of them to disagree, and no one was about to. She. "It must be in the center of this chunk of ice," said Jack. As they stared at the shiny, frozen hunk, something moved inside it, and they saw it was the form of a lovely girl. It was Lea, who had appeared to them in the pool. There was a special meeting tonight at the Union Hall. At it, the Organizer asked if everybody had. When Westland came charging back into my office an hoar later, he found the Admiral hammering at my console keys and shouting bis best Navy profanity at the Zorphs who had just zapped him for fifteen-hundred energy units. Thomas Disch is one of the handful of writers whose work is as much admired by critics (and readers) of mainstream as well as science fiction. He wrote six fine stories for F&SF in the 1960s. Since then he has published poetry (The Right Way to Figure Plumbing), an anthology, Bad Moon Rising, and three remarkable novels, The Genocides (1964), Camp Concentration (1968) and 334. He has just completed a new sf novel, On Wings of Song. ideas (among which is the idea that art ought not to be political), then such neutrality simply doesn't exist. "Don't defend her. She's just like her mother, and my father told me what she was. Selene's been. came through here about ten. She'd swept down the center aisle in a flurry of feathers and shimmering. Section XII, of the Revised Federal Communications Act, you are being issued a Temporary License, valid for three months from the date of issue, subject to the restrictions set forth hi Appendix n of the Federal Communications Handbook (18th edition). "Terrific!" Hollis says. "You could leave an album of greatest hits. You know, for posterity. Free. by JOHN VARLEY. Sum Dryer. the surface, then disappear when their function was over. (chorus) Clone, clone of my own. first forty thousand meters. It doesn't have the juice to orbit on the jets alone. The wings are folded up. darker and the yellows bled away. Amanda stabbed several times with a hairpin without being able to. here in the hospital?. runabout and proceeded to demonstrate what I meant. The sultan's palaces, Greek temples, antebellum. death is sensational or the dead prominent, the story might be tucked in anywhere except the classifieds. "I know. I'll call you back tomorrow." She switched the set off and sat back on her heels. "I swear, if the Earthside tests on a roll of toilet paper didn't ... he wouldn't. . ." She cut the air with her hands. "What am I saying? That's petty. I don't like him, but he*s right" She stood up, puffing out her cheeks as she exhaled a pent-up breath. Q: What did the man who sold the moon do next?. supercritical, and designed for this atmosphere. Lou said it was like flying a bathtub, but it flew. And it's a. "A Toyota." "Do you mean it?" Barry asked, marveling over Marvin's tattoo as they shook hands. He managed to ask the question without in the least seeming to challenge Marvin Kolodny's authority. sunup, loading cargo all day for the boats that went downriver, squinting over paperwork while night. 53

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