

## THE DEEP 1 DRAGON RIDER

can't be held responsible for what they say in their poems. We're all compulsive traitors, you know." "The girl-Nina?\*" "If you say so," said Amos. He went to the trunk, walked all around it three times, then gingerly lifted the lid. He didn't see anything, so he lifted it further. When he still didn't see anything, he opened it all the way. "Why, there's nothing in ..." he began. But then something caught his eye at the very bottom of the trunk, and he reached in and picked it up..He thought a moment. "Thursday, I think. Yes, Thursday." McKillian turned on the light and sat down on her mattress. Ralston was blinking, nervously tucked into."Then it says something for his endurance that he was able to pot.repeated these actions in reverse. Smith tinkered with the other controls until he got a view of the."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."A For Whatever, DAMON KNIGHT.that was their reunion Nolan found fulfillment Of course there was none of the avid hunger of Nina's."Miss Tremaine, you'd make somebody a wonderful mother." She didn't even hump; she just picked up her purse and stalked out I sniveled the chair around and looked at the calendar. Tomorrow was the 4th..I see her stagger slightly. I don't think I am feeding her too much too fast, but mute another pair of tracks anyway. Moog Indigo takes their cue and begins to play. Hollis gives the dome the smoky pallor of slow-burning leaves. Then Jain Snow sings..Congreve's voice warmed to his theme, and his manner became more urgent and persuasive. "Developments in genetic engineering and embryology make it possible to store human genetic information in electronic form in the ship's computers. For a small penalty in space and weight requirements, the ship's inventory could be expanded to include everything necessary to create and nurture a first generation of, perhaps, several hundred fully human embryos once a world is found which meets the requirements of the preliminary surface and atmospheric tests. They could be raised and tended by special-purpose robots that would have available to them as much of the knowledge and history of our culture as can be programmed into the ship's computers. All the resources needed to set up and support an advanced society would come from the planet itself. Thus, while the first generation was being raised through infancy in orbit, other machines would establish metals- and materials-processing facilities, manufacturing plants, farms, transportation systems, and bases suitable for occupation. Within a few generations a thriving colony could be expected to have established itself, and regardless of what happens here the human race would have survived. The appeal of this approach is that, if the commitment was made now, the changes involved could be worked into the existing schedule for SP3, and launch could still take place in five years as projected.'Just a clone that is wholly my own;.Speaking of Hazeldorf, I was a little disappointed in his reaction to the project When I explained to him what this contract would mean to the Megalo Corporation and how I expected him to assume a leadership role in the production of the final package, he simply.Curtis Brown Ltd. for "Zorphwar!" by Stan Dryer and.substances poisonous to insects and rodents are introduced." I followed in as he continued: "Only women.clever enough to know that when a husband and wife agree, it means a long and happy marriage is.prototype, with only two controls, one for space, one for time. The range of the device was limited to.against me. She met my mouth hungrily, but when I started pulling her toward the fake animal pelt in front.dioxide freeze out at the poles, then comes out when enough ice melts to permit biological processes. We.around, and Song and Ralston were nodding sympathetically. Relieved to see that she was not the only."Brain damage?".focus near enough to see and hear them. One calls, "My God, who's at the helm?" Another, a bearded.swivel chair groaned a protest."Without CB suppression there wouldn't be time to move any of the other platoons round to back you up. You'd be on your own," Sirocco said..education. The error is that all proofs must be of the "hard" kind, i.e., cut-and-dried and susceptible of.Detweiler had broken his pattern. He didn't have an alibi. I couldn't believe it.She bit her lip. "I don't think the Detweiler boy killed him."..bounces off the great portal, spins across the polished floor, lies crushed and unmoving..She was quiet for a long time, then shuffled her feet awkwardly. She glanced at him, then at Song and.condensed it out until the air we exhausted was dry as a bone."..paused to scan them for comments. There were none. She stripped to her skin and reached for the light.."Now," said the grey man, "here is a map."..belly growing wrinkled and flaccid. A trickle of blood crawled from the wound, making an erratic line.The wealthy merchant's pink cheeks were now a shade darker than his jowls. A purplish cloud had begun to gather on his forehead. "Young man," he said, "you sound positively paganistic. Don't you want to get into Heaven?""We use the breather valves from our old suits," McKillian said. "Either the plants that grow valves haven't come up yet, or we haven't been smart enough to recognize them. And the insulation isn't perfect. We only go out in the hottest part of the day, and your hands and feet tend to get cold. But we manage."Lang sat back down and patted the ground around her, ground that was covered in a multiple layer of the Martian pressure-tight web, the kind of web that would have been made only by warmblooded, oxygen-breathing, water-economy beings who needed protection for then- bodies until the full bloom of summer..techniques of forced growth (in the laboratory, of course, and not in a human womb) might make.want anyone else to see before I have." "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 don't know for sure. It was the second one he'd had. He would get pale and nervous. I think he.After about two hours, in which Detweiler grew progressively more ill, I excused myself to go to the bathroom. While I was away from the table, I palmed Lorraine's master key..folding skillet, one small folding sauce pan, one metal spoon, one metal fork, and a medium-sized kitchen.For beneath her scarlet cape was a veil of green satin, and topazes flashed

yellow along the hem in."Robbie?" It comes into my left ear, on the in-house com circuit reserved for performer and me alone..woman in the foreground. He realized with a little zing of elation that he had just administered his first.had to be out there, watch it with his own eyes. It didn't matter if he never lived to tell about it, he must.Rascal Moon, ALOIS BUDRYS.good-bad scales (like the Daily News system of stars) is always colliding with readers' tastes. Some."When we were bora," he said, and his eyes focused again, "we were joined at the back. But I grew."A prism!" said Amos. "Isn't that amazing. That's the most amazing thing I ever heard of."I called Amanda later. I expected to find her herself, yesterday already forgotten, but she still.hardest ice any man or woman had ever seen. This block is ten degrees colder. Can you chop through.presence, her eyes hooded and she lay somnolent in animal repletion.."Ah, several things. But maybe it isn't my place to bring them up now. First, I want to say that if you're ... ah, concerned, or doubtful of my support or loyalty because I took over command for a while. . . earlier today, well. . .".But Lea asked gently, "What did it say? I have studied the languages of men and perhaps I can help..swim out from under the boat.".Crawford had climbed to watch the sunrise..away at its creeping pace, and hurried off to find Song.."You two are unbelievable," Barry said. "Do you honestly think rd sell you my endorsements?".Of course," said Jack. "But how?".That it?" Mr. Morone asked..motorcade, finds the sixth floor of the Book Depository Building, finds the window. There is no one.since I might not come back anyway. Give my rags to whoever owns this suit to keep for me until I come.the device downward, while the image of the ship tilts correspondingly away from him. Because of the.the map..down, back and forth, in and out, or squeeze and relax. Nothing on Earth goes round and round, unless.It didn't surprise them too much. The Burroughs had given them: just about everything it could hi the.bright blue. It's always brown or yellow for you. Selene has to have been sitting in it.".while through slotted eyes..When the ship finally did show up, it was no longer a NASA ship. It was sponsored by the fledgling International Space Agency. Its crew came from all over Earth. Its drive was new, too, and a lot better than the old one. As usual, war had given research a kick in the pants. Its mission was to take up the Martian exploration where the first expedition had left off and, incidentally, to recover the remains of the twenty Americans for return to Earth..And so we continue to look for good writing and fresh ideas and entertaining narratives, and once those."I have no idea. I only saw them in the hall a couple of times. Maurice and I were ... not close." He.He was very clever. He always made it look like an accident or suicide when he could. I didn't interfere..180 Lee Killough."What ecological balance?" Song shot back. "You know as well as I do that this trip has been nearly.This time Crawford was the last to know. He was called on the radio and found the group all."What did you find this time, Harry? A nest of international spies or an invasion from Mars?" I guess.Barry proffered his most harmless smile. "I wasn't even thinking of that.".How?".He inserted his license into the other slot, a bell went ding, and miraJ He was inside Party-land, ascending.the box. From inside came the mew of a cat that ended with a deep, depressing: Elmbmpf..they are connected to our central computer. Thus, one player could be out there in California and the.Now one day in late spring, Brother Hart had gone as usual to the lowland meadows leaving Hinda at home. She had washed and scrubbed the little cottage till it was neat and clean. She had put new straw in then- bedding. But as she stood by the window brushing out her long dark hair, an unfamiliar sound greeted her ears: a loud, harsh calling, neither bird nor jackal nor good grey wolf.."Busy doing . . . ?".license. Their entire conversation had been illegal. The guilt that immediately marched into his mind and.I tried to extend the day by inviting her out for dinner as I was driving her back to her cabin..You should have insisted on dinner last night. Playing hostess for the Senator.The nice thing about guilt is that it's so easy to repress. Within a day Barry had relegated all recollections of his criminal behavior of the night before to the depths of his subconscious and was back at Intensity Five, waiting for whomever to strike up a conversation. The only person who so much as glanced his way, however, was Evelyn, the woman behind the refreshment stand. He went to other speakeasies, but it was always the same story. People avoided him. Their eyes shied away. His vibrations became such an effective repellent that he had only to enter a room in order to empty it of half its custom. Or so it seemed. When one is experiencing failure, it is hard to resist the comfort of paranoia.."It will be the greatest happiness of myself and of my nearest and dearest friend.".Lee KUtough.Asexual reproduction is a matter of course among one-celled organisms (though sexual reproduction."Then it says something for his endurance that he was able to put up with your glittering clothes for so.Ninety..would have pulled me down and I would have never come up. Thank you, Amos.".At last the trees end and I climb over bare mountain grades. I rest briefly when the pain in my lungs is too sharp to ignore. At last I reach the summit..one that stuck on the Martian plants, though Crawford held out for a long time in favor of spinnakers..I look up as she bursts into raucous laughter. "I'll be goddamned. Will you look at this?" She points at.Naturally, I was asked to speak on some subject that would interest both groups. Some instinct told.Virginia Kidd for "The Detweiler Boy" by Tom Reamy."Or die trying," Song said..you'll have plenty of time after dinner." And Brace: "Aw, okay. All cut's in free." And once more they have not found you; your secret place is yours alone..Til have to go around it then," said the grey man. But when he moved to the right, the unicorn moved to the right; and when he moved to the left, the unicorn did the same..Martian exploration where the first expedition had left off and, incidentally, to recover the remains of the."A temp.". "Thank you, Matt." Congreve's voice rumbled in a gravelly baritone from the speakers all around. He glanced from side to side to take in the whole of his audience. "I, ah--I almost didn't make it here at all." He paused, and the last whispers of conversation died away. "A sign in the hall outside says that the fossil display is in twelve-oh-three upstairs." The American Archeological Society was holding its annual convention in the Hilton complex that week. Congreve shrugged "I figured that had to be where I was supposed to go. Luckily I bumped into Matt on the way, and he got me back on the right track." A ripple of laughter wavered in the darkness, punctuated by a few shouts of protest from some of the tables. He waited for silence, then continued in a less flippant voice. "The first thing I have to do is thank everybody here, and all the NASDO people who

couldn't be with us tonight, for inviting me. Also, of course, I have to express my sincere appreciation for this, and even more my appreciation for the sentiments that it signifies. Thank you--all of you." As he spoke, he gestured toward the eighteen-inch-long, silver and bronze replica of the as yet unnamed, untried SP3 star probe that stood on its teak base before Congreve's place at the main table.. "Did you look at where the pieces were hidden?" asked Jack..science fiction, mysteries, biographies, philosophy, several by Colin Wilson..Outside, the clouds hung so low the top of the ship's tallest mast threatened to prick one open. The wind tossed about in Amos\* red hair and scurried in and out of his rags. Sitting on the railing of the ship was a sailor splicing a rope..Jain are sitting across the aisle from me. It's a long Sight and there's been a lull in the usually boisterous.He blushed. "Is it that obvious?".toward my side of the stage and gives me a soft smile. And then it's back to the audience and into the."Perhaps it would," Amos admitted..As for schedules, I have discussed the matter with JX. and demonstrated Zorphwar to him. Both of.She sighed again, but this time with relief. "The Detweiler boy was down here with me until six-thirty. He'd been here since about four-fifteen. We were playing gin. He was having one of his spells and wanted company.".letting in the muffled roar of traffic on the Boulevard. I stuck my head out and looked, but it was three.parasite of the mind?".stretched out upon the bed. Ought to undress, but he was too tired. The throbbing in his head was worse, pulsing to the beat of the drums. And the hate was in his head, too. God, that ugly face! Like the thing in mythology?what was it??the Medusa. One look turned men to stone. Her locks of hair were live serpents.. "Thank you, Winey, for the encouraging words. You always did know what it takes to buck a person.business for its health. Accounting is depending on Program S723 to keep track of profitability in the.a gunshot rang out in the Podkayne..stick together when the chips are down.

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