

THE INTERIM A HORROR NOVEL

maybe I shouldn't even touch it".nothing, why not conserve then" bodies when they die? They sprouted from the ground; isn't it possible.primitive. Now it is only a cluster of round cells, and the bee is different, more like a wasp. His year's.the first of the week, "At least we're getting to know one another.".feelings; he was very open about things like that.".Song had given her a sedative from the dead doctor's supplies on the advice of the medic aboard the.lowland meadows to graze..To be sure, if cloning is overdone, the evolutionary advantage of sexual reproduction is to some extent neutralized, and we might end up with a species in which genetic variability is too narrow for long-term survival..198.the floor below. At an open window a man kneels, holding a high-powered rifle. Smith photographs him..Bless you, what makes you think I know? (See, there goes Byline.) Actually, critics can make educated guesses from time to time about the tastes of some groups of readers. Editors must, such judgments being their bread and butter?and look how often they fail. If judgments of beauty and truth art difficult, imagine what happens when the issue is escape reading, i.e., something as idiosyncratic as guided daydreams. Perhaps the popularity of series novels is due in part to readers* desire for a reliable, easily reproducible pleasure. But the simplest good-bad scales (tike the Daily News system of stars) is always colliding with readers' tastes. Some writers and publishers, in order to be sure of appealing to at least a stable fraction of the market, standardize their product This can be done, but it tends to elimi-.They reached what must have been the center of the maze and found the people everyone had given.Hinda could see two slashes in the hide, one on each side, under the heart. The slash on the left was.female and allowed to come to term there..8, whereupon she insisted she didn't have any feelings about beets whatsoever. He refused to believe her,.Asexual reproduction is a matter of course among one-celled organisms (though sexual reproduction can also take place), and it is also very common in the plant world..".Still, it got you picked for this mission out of hundreds of applicants. The thinking was that you'd be."We sure did, and we were lucky to have Marty Ralston along. He kept telling us the fruits in the graveyard were edible by humans. Fats, starches, proteins; all identical to the ones we brought along. The clue was in the orrery, of course.".for me to risk seeming preoccupied or impatient. I kept smiling, though inside I felt as Selene looked.possible?". "That's right," said Jack..only on one end. If I have someone with me, I can hold him if he blows off and he can do the same for."Marvelous," Singh said, truly impressed. He had seen the tiny whirlbirds weaving the suits, and the other ones, like small slugs, eating them away when the colonists saw they wouldn't need them. "But without some sort of exhaust, you wouldn't last long. How is that accomplished?".Brother Hart, who was the only man she knew..that. What do you say? Are you all with me?".There was only a short line, and in a moment he was standing in front of the box office window..meadows, with red and white houses, and far off a golden castle against a blue sky..She washed the wound with water. The cut was long but it was not deep. Some scratch got in the woods.105.Cantrell, and she's dead. Now I know what everything does on this board, and I can cope with most of it.day and see how his feet felt come quitting time. The bricklayer said that where he came from the women.He Has a Hole in His Head and His Teeth Glow in the Dark, ROGER.blood group can kill you.".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 bom 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..Amanda screamed again. I tried to roll sideways but my body would not respond and I steeled myself for the second, almost surely fatal blow. But, instead, there was the thud of something dropping on the floor. I looked up through a starry haze of pain to see Amanda falling to her knees beside me, crying..".How long had Maurice and Detweiler known each other?**.driving..and kept his eyes firmly open..me that medical malpractice suits might interest both but would nevertheless not be a useful topic. I spoke.often enough..working for that they mean business when they say they want more money. Sure, I know the Project's an.control, bat his eyes were alert He shivered, looking from Lang, his titular leader, to Crawford, the only.married.".was confident he could have gone out and got three more a day if he'd needed to. He was off the hook..DICK'S We Can Wholesale It For You, Remember? SILVERBERG'S Dead With The Born.the illumination did not make them clearer. They were vaguely rectilinear shapes without any coherent.Barry told Cinderella of his ups and downs during the past six months..hollow with excitement, his throat and tongue getting tingly..death is sensational or the dead prominent, the story might be tucked in anywhere except the classifieds..".That's what you feel like," said Amos. "Not what you look like. I want to know how I would.She smiled. "That sounds lovely.".Singh stood up. He was moved, but did not trust himself to show ft adequately. So he sounded rather.ankle..Hinda would have called after him then, called after and made him stay, but she did not know his name. So she went instead to the. clearing's edge and cried:.stripping off her exercise suit. "I'm going to swim. Will you come with me?".structures and pulsing organs can be seen..I stood outside number seven suddenly feeling like a teen-ager about to pick up his first date. I could.if she were then to have the egg cell implanted into me womb of her own mother (who, we will assume, is.I shrugged. "It had occurred to me to wonder where Detweiler got his money.".We can therefore imagine that at birth, every human individual will have scrapings taken from his little.trip. Time enough for that on later flights. We were blinded by our loyalty to the test-pilot philosophy of."And this was obviously such a time," said Hidalgo, "for you are back now and we are to be.Pramatica by Samuel R. Delany 243.under the proper circumstances..Advent, Chicago, 1964, p. 83.)."Good," said Amos. "So one third of your magic mirror has been found. Tomorrow evening I go off."Do you know-I still can't believe it. This is my license: that's really incredible.".What does that include?". "It is Amos!" cried Billy Belay, thumping after her on his wooden leg..".No, absolutely not. We're still basically in love. After all, most married couples

end up not saying. "The question is: would you be willing to give it?" said the grey man.. "Whose idea was it that Detweiler have dinner and spend the evening with you?". would never run out. You would then have to ask what it was that made me the kind of writer I am or a. There was a pause while she debated. "I guess so, but, please, come when you can.". for the upkeep on their property. They were all over Aventine, from a few apartments down near the. you will if you stay here long enough? they know genetics. They really know it We have a thousand. something moved inside it, and they saw it was the form of a lovely girl. It was Lea, who had appeared to. "You are talking of my nearest and dearest friend," said the grey voice, softly.. before?". 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.. "I don't even like to think about it," said Jack. "Once he asked me to unzip the leather flap at the end. Now she lay on the bunk, her feet sprawled carelessly in front of her. She slowly shook her head back and forth.. Did she expect him to recognize her? She was beautiful enough, certainly, to have been someone he ought to recognize, but if he had seen her on TV, he didn't remember. In a way she seemed almost too beautiful to be a noted personality, since there is usually something a little idiosyncratic about each of them, so they can be told apart. Columbine Brown was beautiful in the manner not of a celebrity but of a deluxe (but not customized) sports car.. Virginia Kidd for "The Detweiler Boy" by Tom Reamy. from his eyes, and I could see his thin chest throbbing. He gave me a blank look that meant he'd never. 124. them come through in groups of five every hour. They didn't dare open the outer egress more often than. "I'd advise you to do it," Crawford said. "I know my opinion means nothing after shooting my mouth off. I know I'm a fine one to talk; I won't be cooped up in here. But the colony needs it We've all felt it: the lack of a direction or a drive to keep going. I think we'd get it back if you went through with this.". but that did not satisfy him. He worked for a while on vibrations picked up from panes of glass in. began with feudal epics and marchen is no reason to keep on writing them forever. And daydreams. daughter, sister. That afternoon, when he returned to the bungalow, he caught her staring at him again at. The captain glares at me and balls his meaty hands into fists. I tense in expectation of blows which do not fall. Instead, he shakes his head emphatically and turns to the Intermediaries, "This is ridk-ulons. Thoroughly ridiculous.". Home? This corner of hell, where the drums dinned and the shadows leaped and capered before. questions were harder than any questions ever heard by man or woman. I am going to ask you three. important what they're constructing is. Like the Organizer says, it's dog-eat-dog these days, and. think he really has our best interests at heart, Jake?" he asked.. saw her step up to the dome wall and wipe a clear circle to look through. She spotted his bright red suit. first you blunder into the dark trees on either side, and once the earth surges up over you in a chaos of. "Please, Aunt Ellie!". The Man Who Had No Idea. When you can get it. In a voice of such preternatural calm it terrified me, Amanda said, "Who were you talking to?". It was too early to drop around, and so I ate breakfast, hoping this was one of the times Detweiler. O, give me a clone. when he was so sure he'd be picked for the ground team. You know Winey, always the instinct to be the. "That's what I want to do in the morning," Song said. "Unless Mary will let us take a look tonight?" She said it hopefully, but without real expectation. Mary Lang shook her head decisively.. space and time measured in my heart. "You've heard of the long-period Martian seasonal theories? Well, part of it is more than a theory. The combination of the Martian polar inclination, the precessional cycle, and the eccentricity of the orbit produces seasons that are about twelve thousand years long. We're in the middle of winter, though we landed in the nominal 'summer/ It's been theorized that if there were any Martian life it would have adapted to these longer cycles. It hibernates in spores during the cold cycle, when the water and carbon dioxide freeze out at the poles, then comes out when enough ice melts to permit biological processes. We seem to have fooled these plants; they thought summer was here when the water vapor content went up around the camp.". Morris has been creating Zorphwar, an exciting game that operates on our system.. So I made one.. Amanda walked into my arms and buried her face against my neck. "Next to my father, you're the. "Do not trouble yourself. I will look after the little one." Mama's voice was soothing. "Now you must rest". "Maurice didn't seem to mind." He sniffed and lit another cigarette. "When did Detweiler leave?". my life was that she did not have Selene's conscious coordination. The poker only brushed my forearm. windstorm. But the plans had envisioned a work force of twenty, working all day with a maze of pulleys. belly growing wrinkled and flaccid. A trickle of blood crawled from the wound, making an erratic line. blood from all over their faces as they fought to get into their pressure suits. It was a hopeless task to. Rozsa music for Korda).. Lang groaned. "All the air-lock seals, for one thing." There were grimaces from all of them at the thought of that. "For another, a good part of our suits. Song, watch it, don't step on that thing. We don't know how powerful it is or if it'll eat the-plastic in your boots, but we'd better play it safe. How about it, Ralston? Think you can find out how bad it is?". 247. If I looked as guilty as I felt, I was glad she could not see my face.. Detweiler stepped toward it, ignoring me, tears pouring down his face. The thing's struggles grew weaker, the scream became a breathless rasping. I couldn't stand it any longer. I picked up a chair and smashed it down on the thing. I dropped the chair and leaned against the wall and heaved.. "I like shoes pretty much generally," she went on. "I guess you could say I'm a kind of shoe freak." She snickered wanly.

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