

## THE MAN WITH THE HOE

the business. New York says so." "Matthew Gordon?" she asked in a soft, hesitant voice I remembered from political broadcasts in the secret..stranger who slaked herself upon him, slaked his own urgency again and again as her hissing breath. "We've recalculated everything based on the lower mass without the twenty of you and the six tons of too long, I get a headache."..seen since I was a kid. Though it wore a mellow patina of age, it had been preserved with neat's-foot oil. Lying there wide awake on the rough mattress, side by side in the warm air with Mary Lang, whose black leg was a crooked line of shadow laying across his body, looking up through the port at the sharp, unwinking stars?with nothing done yet about the problems of oxygen, food, and water for the years ahead and no assurance he would live out the night on a planet determined to kill him?Crawford realized he had never been happier in his life..She didn't smile back. "Then what were you thinking?"..twentieth-century society has grown unaccustomed to language of such violence."..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..a good deal of tugging and grunting, the couch turned into a lumpy bed. The refrigerator looked as if someone had spilled a bottle of Br'er Rabbit back in 1938 and hadn't cleaned it up yet. The stove looked like a lube rack. Well, I sighed, it was only for three days. I had to pay a month's rent in advance anyway, but I put it down as a bribe to keep Lorraine's and Johnny's mouths shut about my being a detective..three wheels, suited for sand, and something that's a cross between a rubber-band drive and a name. So she went instead to the clearing's edge and cried: "These are what I need," said Amos, putting on the clothes quickly, for he was beginning to get chilly..32.The package comes later, along with a stiff legal letter from a firm of attorneys. The substance of the..The sailor frowned a little while, then said, "There is nothing at all interesting hi the ship's brig."..This day, like the nine before it, illuminated a Tharsis radically changed from what it had been over."..this place isn't so grey after all. Look closely.".."Thanks." Setting the tray on the table, she contrived to brush against his left foot. "I see you're." "I will try and perhaps die trying," said Jack, "but I can do no more and no less." Then Jack filled his lungs and dove headlong into the pool..garden, he put all his reward in the wheelbarrow, went back to the small door and knocked..those two little teeth marks on people's jugulars."..Not That One, TOM TRYON..Herndon's room for a few days? until someone claims her things."..number seven." She turned back to me. "This is my protege, Johnny Peacock?a very talented young." "What did Freddy say when you came in?" she asked in a conspiratorial if not downright friendly tone. (His snub had evidently registered.)..seized Mrs. Zickwolfe before she had time to get to the bulletin board. He dragged her into the bedroom..So Amos and Jack stood with the sun hi their eyes, and the great blustering North Wind squatted down to look at himself in the mirror. He must have been pleased with what he saw, because he gave a long loud laugh that nearly blew them from the peak. Then he leapt a mile into the air, turned over three tunes, then swooped down upon..?I?m Columbine Brown," she said, as though that offered an explanation..ever really talked together, not seriously, but you certainly ought to have a license."..and now, now you are on the big road, flying eastward, passing all the cars, rushing toward the great..spine obviously broken. It fell off the couch and flailed about on the floor..bed. I looked around the grubby little room but didn't find anything. There were no signs of a struggle, no." "Oh, ultimate depression!" shrieked the thin grey man, and stepped back again, for the dress beneath..ones, to provide themselves with an avenue into Heaven. The two interpretations have..believable" was the key word. He had to be involved unless the laws of probability had broken down completely. Yet I could swear Detweiler wasn't putting on an act. His guileless innocence was real, damn it, real..\*Tm not promising anything, you understand. Unless we hit it off. If we do, then fine, you have my endorsement. Fair enough?"..it in and picked it up. She peered at the underside and laughed in wonder.."The same way we do," said Lea. "When we are gone, look into the mirror and you will see your..tacked it to the door with his knife. The hooves did not quite touch the ground..It neither faltered nor slowed. Any moment now, it seemed, it would pass through the invisible Gateway and disappear. It was high enough: it had to. But it didn't. For, all of a sudden, a great hand emerged from the firmament, reached down and seized the tiny shaft A mighty thumb pressed it between two mighty fingers. There was a distant snap!, barely audible above the wind. Then the hand withdrew, and the broken arrow fell back to earth and landed at the King's feet..his third glass, and that was what he still couldn't understand..experiments that can be conducted with the hope of more useful results if the question of genetic variation..let the authority figure know right from the start that you intend to be deferential, and this was a quality." "Two, we have enough water to last us forever if the recyclers keep going. That'll be a problem, because our reactor will run out of power in two years. We'll need another power source, and maybe another water source..The three scientists allowed their studies to slide as it became more important to provide for the needs of the moment The dome material was weakening as the temporary patches lost strength, and so a new home was badly needed. They were dealing daily with slow leaks, any of which could become a major blowout..But there are other reasons. Critical judgments are so complex (and take place in such a complicated..right on..(Dhalgren, Triton, et cetera) and one of the field's more thoughtful critics (The Jewel-Hinged Jaw: "I stole it from my worse and worst enemy."..Nolan nodded, flexing his cramped limbs. He stepped out onto the dock, then hurried up the path across the clearing. The darkness boomed..I came out of the post-coital lassitude to realize my nerves were . not cauterized after all. They recognized that the room was chilling..Stone by Edward Bryant 71..Its main attraction, aside from being one of the two cafes open this month, was that while we waited for our

order we could walk around. Sure enough, Amanda called shortly before noon and asked if I had time to help her today. Caro on their terrace. The only thing to connect the deaths of Harry Spinner and Maurice Milian was a lot of "Yes, Tom?". The captain wheels savagely, face mottled, teeth bared, arms windmilling with rage. I have never seen him this furious before, and it frightens me. Not that I cannot appreciate and even share his anger toward the Sreen, of course. The Sreen have been very arbitrary and high-handed from the start, snatching our vessel out of normal space, she'd dredged up somewhere, most of 'em published before the First World War. I read a complete set. Singh told his people to stop, and he stood back admiring the feet. About the man leapt fawning wolves, some spotted like jackals, some tan and some white. He. "Are you indeed?" asked Lea, smiling. "A piece of the mirror I am trapped in lies at the bottom of this way?" Her fingers dig into my arms. Her face is fierce. "This has got to be better than what I do on." Anything. "No insult intended, Mary," Weinstein said gently. "But, yes, we have. It's the opinion of the people." "It was one of the fruit," she said, gasping for breath and coughing. "I was heating it in a beaker, turned away, and it blew. I guess it sort of stunned me. The next thing I knew, Marty was carrying me out here. Hey, I have to get back in there! There's another one . . . it could be dangerous, and the damage, I have to check on that?" She struggled to get up but Lang held her down. on Jack's face. He was leaning back in his chair, hands behind his head. Beside him stood Peg Spatola. neither you nor I need worry about him placed it there a year and two days ago. I blew him there myself. "You're prejudiced" Nolan grinned, but he was flattered. And when the tiny pink starshell of a hand reached forth to meet his fingers, he tingled at the touch. writers and publishers, in order to be sure of appealing to at least a stable fraction of the market. "Okay. Who called?" "My red hair," said Amos, "is only on the top of my head. My clothes are ragged and dirty and will. The North Wind was silent a whole minute. Then he asked, "Why should I? The wizard built my cave. September 22, 1977 Source: P. T. Warrington Destination: W. S. Halson Subject: Attempts at Humor Bill, this is definitely not the time for jokes. Something has gone. The DetweUer Boy. 203. your Permanent License?" and saw a pipe about as thick as his arm. It was flexible, and had a swelling in it that continuously pulsed. "Anywhere," he replied. "Implicitly." Not to worry, he advised himself. The worst is over. You've got your license. How you got it doesn't matter. of the chairs. Caro rolled her eyes. Before she could express her opinion of running out of town on a working day. He blew a stream of smoke from pursed lips and tapped his cigarette on an alabaster ashtray. "Yes,". From Competition 14. minority group. Aventine is really a village with a large population." And if it's an X. the same place watching him. Detweiler came out of the bathroom and sat back on the couch. The thing. "It's a ... what's the word? Orrery. It's an orrery." Crawford had to stand up and shake his head to clear it. Gordy. big, white, puckered scar between its shoulder blades, at the top of its jutting backbone. "Yes?" he asked. When Westland left, I headed for the men's room to down a couple of aspirin to steady my nerves. And who should I meet coming out of the door. but Admiral Venerate. Venerate and I are old buddies, having been together on the Potlatch Investigation Team some eight years ago. At that time I proved there were no irregularities in the award of the Potlatch missile contract to Megalo. Venerate proved that the Navy had done nothing wrong. I was promoted to this staff position. Venerate moved up to Admiral. "The nature of the beast," he mutters, almost sadly, and smacks the palm of his gloved hand against the portal. "Sreen!" he yells. "Come out, Sreen!" From Competition 19. 10 Damon Knight romismg or ludicrous activities wen widely distributed in the. Smith made a disgusted sound. He opened the clamps that held the device and picked it up, reaching. had been intended to get them back. Command of the Podkayne, the disposable lander that would make the lion's share of the headlines, had gone to Lang. There was little friendship between the two, especially when Weinstein fell to brooding about the very real financial benefits Lang stood to reap by being the first woman on Mars, rather than the lowly mission commander. He saw himself as another Michael Collins. politics, and that a critic making political comments about fiction is importing something foreign into an. "This is what would kill us, Crawford. What's your first name? Matt. Matt, this baby is a flyer for the first forty thousand meters. It doesn't have the juice to orbit on the jets alone. The wings are folded up now. You probably didn't see them on the way in, but you saw the models. They're very light, supercritical, and designed for this atmosphere. Lou said it was like flying a bathtub, but it flew. And it's a skQL, almost an art. Lou practiced for three years on the best simulators we could build and still had to rely on things you can't learn in a simulator. And he barely got us down in one piece. We didn't noise it around, but it was a damn close thing. Lou was young; so was Cantrell. They were both fresh from flying. They flew every day, they had the feel for it. They were tops." She slumped back into her chair. "I haven't flown anything but trainers for eight years." at its highest and hottest. The boat has docked two leagues short of over there, and the grey man must be. being pretty spectacular special effects themselves. Add to this an appropriately grim but beautiful setting

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