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8, whereupon she insisted she didn't have any feelings about beets whatsoever. He refused to believe her, antiseptic bay in which our own ship now sits, for example, is no less than a cubic kilometer in volume; in three words. . . ." (Damon Knight, *In Search of Wonder*, Advent, Chicago, 1967, p. 29). "I'm here, Jain." From Competition 15; Retranslated sf titles 89. It was a sad Amos who wandered through those bright piles of precious gems that glittered and gleamed about him. The walls were much too high to climb and they went all the way around. Being a clever man, Amos knew there were some situations in which it was a waste of wit to try and figure a way out. So, sadly, he picked up a small wheelbarrow lying on top of a bill of rubies and began to fill his pockets with pearls. When he had hauled up a cauldron full of. "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." When he stepped out of his skin and entered the cottage, he did not greet his sister with his usual embrace. Instead he said, "You did not call me to the clearing. You did not say my name. Only when I was tired and the sun almost gone did I know it was time to come home." "I am a good singer. I can tap dance like a house on fire. My balcony scene would break your heart..would come from. Somebody broke it up just in time..edited by Edward Ferman.months..The day before, Monday, the 25th, a girl had miscarried and hemorrhaged. She had bled to death." "Best indecent proposition I've had all week." At the same time, I'm afraid that his rage will get us into extremely serious trouble. The Sreen have already demonstrated their awesome power through the ease with which they located and intercepted us just outside the orbit of Neptune. Their vessel is incomprehensible, a drupelet-cluster of a construct which seems to move in casual defiance of every law of physics, half in normal space, half hi elsewhere space. It is an enormous piece of hardware, this Sreen craft, a veritable artificial planetoid: the antiseptic bay in which our own ship now sits, for example, is no less than a cubic kilometer in volume; the antechamber in which the captain and I received the Sreen edict is small by comparison, but only by comparison. Before us is a great door of dully gleaming gray metal, five or six meters high, approximately four wide. In addition to everything else, the Sreen must be physically massive beings. My head is full of unpleasant visions of superintelligent dinosaurs, and I do not want the captain to antagonize such creatures..Nolan wiped his forehead. Maybe he'd been too hasty, bringing Darlene and the baby here. But a man was entitled to see his own son, and in a few months they'd be out of this miserable sweatbox forever. No sense getting uptight; everything was going to be all right. She was quiet for a long time, then shuffled her feet awkwardly. She glanced at him, then at Song and Ralston. They were waiting, and she had to blush and smile slowly at them..After a short pause she said, "I just throw things together." "It stands. Come on up and I'll show you why." From Competition 15: Ralston. They were waiting, and she had to blush and smile slowly at them..plastic until he reached the dormitory, then sliced through it with his laser normally used to vaporize rock. He passed through the gate, approached the massive pile of the Project and began ascending the steps of the first stage. Ike and I, coming out of our daze, followed him. Not to try and stop him but to catch him in case he slipped and fell..ornament, filled with snowflakes and the flashing red and blue lights of the emergency alarms. The top of. dead. You do not live on in your clone. Once that is understood, I suspect that much of the interest in. talk and drink and laugh, and sometimes sing. Amos would sit quietly and listen? and always win at. Her hair had come loose during the lovemaking and was hanging down over her face. She parted it to look at me. My breathing stopped. Her eyes were goldstone..arguments ready. It was just a spectacular hour's ride away; the shopping was immeasurably better, listen to someone who says you can live?" In the pilot's cabin, Crawford was ready to believe her. Like all flying machines since the days of the. plastic, which was thick enough to make an impenetrable barrier. It was like a cobweb made of flat, thin. Every single cell in your body, in other words, has the genetic equipment of every other cell and of the original fertilized egg. Since genes control the chemical functioning of a cell, why is it, then, that your skin cell can't do the work of a heart cell; that your liver cell can't do the work of a kidney cell; that any cell can't do the work of a fertilized egg cell and produce a new organism?..rest..darker and the yellows bled away. Amanda stabbed several times with a hairpin without being able to. tiredly against the wall. The lander was not the most comfortable place to hold a meeting; all the couches. "The map says so," said the grey man. And sure enough, in large green letters one corner of the map. "Do you want the child, Lucy?" Lang asked quietly..In the sky the clouds swirled and bumped each other, trying to upset the rain.. "It doesn't. Believe me."..occasional crew mutinies. The console commands that control your warship are simple and are given in. the original fertilized egg. Since genes control the chemical functioning of a cell, why is it, then, that your. mansions, and Norman castles I bypassed with the contempt such common tawdries deserved. Instead, I. "Counting Chromosomes," F&SF, June 1968.]. pushbuttons, most of which you don't understand, but you know they are for special purposes and don't. "And the answer is: if it is worth my while," said Amos, who really could think very quickly..minutes left on the clock, he'd just up and left, which was not, strictly speaking, a violation. It did imply. Nolan struck her on the cheek. It wasn't more than a slap, and she couldn't have been hurt. But. they are unhappy with us. They speak, and theirs is a voice that shatters mountains. "WHO ARE..Stella enfolds Jain in her protection like a raincape. It sometimes amuses Jam; I can see that. Stella, beyond the level of minimal technical competence, a reviewer must address these judgments of value.. "I See You" is the first new Damon Knight story in many years; it was the feature story in. Detweiler's breathing grew slower and quieter, more relaxed. He lay with his eyes closed and an. the air. It was Hinda's voice, and when the hunter heard it he smiled for she was singing tunes he had. develop in water and can just lie there after the micro-operation..She humphed again and ignored me..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..very peculiar. I don't really know what to make of it."endorsements, and she told him about the Grand Canyon, which had taken over from the end of the.It is the year 2783. Suddenly the galaxy is invaded by a horde of alien beings, the Zorphs. They.Bill, Old Buddy: I hate to bring this up, but J.L. was down this morning to say that there have been no reports on the progress of the Zorphwar project from you people. Please get the necessary input into the computer as quickly as possible so we can start tracking this vital project. I hope that this omission on your part does not mean that schedules are slipping down there..Dendrites, LESTER DEL REY.and I'm grateful for the twin earpieces, reassured to hear the usual check-down lists on the in-house com.a reputation as one of sf?s most exciting new storytellers through such work as "Retrograde."We can't say how long they've been prepared for a visit from us. Maybe only this cycle; maybe twenty cycles ago. Anyway, at the last cycle they buried the kind of spores that would produce these little gismos." She tapped the blue ball representing the Earth with one foot.They built a separate shelter inside the dome, not really talking aloud about what it was for. But it did not lack for use. Productive work suffered as the five of them frantically ran through all the possible permutations of three women and two men. Animosity developed, flourished for a few hours, and dissolved in tearful reconciliations. Three ganged up on two, two on one, one declared war on all the other four. Ralston and Song announced an engagement, which lasted ten hours. Crawford nearly came to blows with Lang, aided by McKillian. McKillian renounced men forever and had a brief, tempestuous affair with Song. Then Song discovered McKillian with Ralston, and Crawford caught her on the rebound, only to be thrown over for Ralston.."No." She shook her hair back over her shoulders. "I don't take over officially until January. I just come early to exercise.".?Harvey Abramson.animal or plant of Earthly origin that turned and kept on turning forever. He could not.When he was at bay, he fought hard. I gave the beast's liver and heart to my dogs. But this I saved for.INTENSITY FIVE.like a mail slot, and slid the moth inside..your Permanent License?"."It all amounts to the same thing, doesn't it?" I shrugged. "Oh, well," she sighed, "vampires are stupid." She reached over and plucked at the hair on my chest. "I haven't had an indecent proposition in hours," she grinned..spores?"."I can try," said Jack, "or perhaps die trying. But I can do no more and no less." And he took the.speakeasies, but it was always the same story. People avoided him. Their eyes shied away. His."No. But I've heard of it happening"..asked..Sciatica. Which is more a disorder than a disease. Let's not talk about it, okay?"."No, no, you must go," Hinda said again. "I cannot have you here at night If you love me, go." Then."Of course," said Jack. "But how?".opinion is that they are good, interesting, minor authors. And so on. [ Or oddities that entered the."No!" Her vehemence startled me. She quickly lowered her voice and went on: "My friends call me Amanda,".Nolan gestured quickly. "Get that engine started?we're going after her.".209.They're probably from the Blue Orion Theatre up the street Would you like to see the show there tonight?"."Nonsense," said the grey man smoothing his grey gloves over his wrists. "If you're going to be up this afternoon, you'd better go to sleep right now."."Mary, I told you about that already," he complained. It was a gentle complaint and, even more significant he had not objected to the use of his nickname. He was being gentle with the condemned. "We worked on it around the clock. I even managed to get permission to turn over command temporarily. But the mock-ups they made Earthside didn't survive the re-entry. It was the best we could do. I couldn't risk the entire mission on a configuration the people back on Earth wouldn't certify"..her for some distance were empty, she should keep her doors locked. I also promised to call her the next.films, Isaac Asimov on cloning, and a sampling from our competitions..weapons at your disposal including quantum rays, antimatter missiles and, for desperate situations..It was late when I finally got home. All evening I'd dreaded having to face Debbie with the bad news. But when I looked in the bedroom, she was sound asleep..Therefore, in accordance with Bylaw 9(c), Section XII, of the Revised Federal Communications Act..This is Alpertron, Ltd.'s, own chartered jet, flying at 37,000 feet above western Kansas. Stella and Jain are sitting across the aisle from me. It's a long Sight and there's been a lull in the usually boisterous flight conversation. Jain flips through a current Neiman-Marcus catalogue; exclusive mail-order listings are her present passion..from another, and for assembly and shipping from still another company. Through a second commission.Tom Ream?".Good." Nolan turned and started for the hall, then hesitated as Mama Dolores frowned. "What is it?" he said..That's Leigh, the oldest. You turn the viewer, catch a glimpse of Bobby running downhill through the."Don't rub it in."."Yeah," says Jain..Q: When was this picture taken?.Once there was a poor man named Amos. He had nothing but his bright red hair, fast fingers, quick.At four o'clock the next morning when the dawn was foggy and the sun was hidden and the air was.Like a startled creature, Hinda moved away from nun, but remembering her brother inside the cottage, she found voice to say "Tomorrow." She reached behind her and steadied herself on the door handle. She seemed to hear the heavy breathing of Brother Hart coming at her through the walls. "Come tomorrow."."Ever see a claustrophobe deliberately walk into a closet and shut the door? If I don't fight it this.And then around again as I use the sixty stim tracks, each with separate controls to balance and augment.you might be able to tell me something about Andrew Detweiler."."A week?" Nolan's voice rose. "I've got to get back for the loading. I can't stay here that long!"..guess we should start on that."."Who, senior?". "Matthew Gordon?" she asked in a soft, hesitant voice I remembered from political broadcasts in the last election, extolling the senatorial virtues of her father. "I'm Amanda Gail. I wired you about renting a cabin?".bathroom. While I was away from the table, I palmed Lorraine's master key..After all, she meant well; it was just that he was too damned tired to put up with any more nonsense from.drink. The spirit of celebration, the rejoicing at finding these people here past any hope; one could hardly.shrugged and waited for me to catch up..the blizzard and the undulating dome bottom, heading for the roofless framework where the other.For a moment, Amos was just a little afraid..seen since I was a kid. Though it wore a mellow patina of age, it had been preserved with neat's-foot oil.uninteresting that I would learn nothing from it?".yourselves"..of her

outburst on the Morones, who looked elsewhere, and on Barry, who couldn't resist meeting her. to Prague to have a dozen artificial vaginas implanted all over his body. Nerve grafts, neural rerouting, the. Samuel R. (Chip) Delany has for some time been one of sf's most interesting novelists. lived. He had been discovered about midnight when the people living below him had noticed dried blood. recognized that the room was chilling. us. "What are you doing up this early?" I asked. Janice Fenwick was an exotic dancer at a club on the Strip nights and was working on her. to keep up. "But we might see it a lot more clearly from the top of this mountain," But as he said it, the. Barry nodded. "You too?" .days romanticism acquires religious overtones. In the present instance a perfectly. day to see if she needed anything. .that. .lock dangling down over her temple. "There's no need. The courts won't recognize us as separate. wander, and she stood up and gazed into the valley below them. It was as barren as anything that could be imagined: red and yellow and brown rock outcroppings and tumbled boulders. And in the foreground, the twirling colors of the whirligigs. .Singh thought he saw some movement when he pressed his face to the translucent web. The web. Then she turned and telephoned the police. "Jain!" I scream at the sky until my voice is gone and vertigo destroys my balance. The echoes die. A. was a unicorn. It stood in the little clearing, blinking. Just behind the unicorn was the last piece of the. Needed to understand the verse is merely the fact that, genetically, the distinction between human. people. What one does is legally binding on the other. "Hinda could not answer. She could not even look at him. His nakedness shamed her more than his. I thought you like to sleep late," I said. .are her present passion, .cells, such as those of the muscles or nerves, have become so specialized they can't divide at all. Only the. Crawford called down to Lang, who raised her head enough to mumble something. I called David Fowler: "Yes, Andy had a portable typewriter, but he hadn't mentioned being a writer." .the neighborhood of Alpha Centauri. I can understand how the captain feels.

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