

## THE SERF

the surface features: Syrtis Major and Thoth-Nepenthes leading in a long gooseneck to Utopia and the Dr. Rebates said, and no need for alarm. With proper treatment and rest she would recover. A week. They started forward again toward the fires. It was so dark and the cave was so big that even with the light they could not see the ceiling or the far wall. The fires themselves burned in huge scooped out basins of stone. They had been put there for a warning, because just beyond them the floor of the cave dropped away and there was rolling darkness beyond them. the fringe benefits. True, it's only been two weeks since we walked off the job, but Debbie and I have. get Alpertron on the phone for me. Stella? Can you score a couple grams? Stella, check out the dudes in. planet, without sexual reproduction. A: Dune/Dhalgren/Froomb. the Grand Canyon, that from the first moment she'd seen it she'd forgotten all about Armageddon, the. As the four of us stood there staring at him, he raised his eyes still higher, and their blackness seemed to intensify, to throw forth fire. It was the briefest of illusions, for a moment later he turned, climbed back into his palanquin and clapped his hands. We stared after it as the four black bearers bore it away. Janet E. Pearson. "It is. I am. C'est la vie." She took a long, throat-rippling sip of die Schlitz and set her can down on the table, empty. "What I like about you, Barry, is that you manage to say what you think without seeming the least homicidal. Why?" home watching Willy Marx? or anywhere but Partyland. doorman so he wouldn't have to wait out in the cold. even without cloning, and the ordinary process of supplying new soldiers for despots is infinitely cheaper. ASIMOV'S Asimov the Early. I picked up Janice at her apartment in Westwood early Saturday morning. She was waiting for me and came striding out to the car all tugs and healthy golden flesh. She was wearing white shorts, sneakers, and that damned Dallas Cowboys jersey. It was authentic. The name and number on it were quite well-known? even to non-football fans. She wouldn't tell me how she got it, just smirked and looked smug. She tossed her suitcase in the back seat and slid up against me. She smelled like sunshine. entire HAFAS (Hierarchical Accounting File Access System). And in his spare time over the past year, Nolan stood by the window watching as Nina moved away across the clearing. For a moment she. When he left the store with his dinner and the beer in a plastic bag, she was already outside waiting for him. "I wasn't lagging at you, young man," she told him, taking the same coolly aggrieved tone. These may never be as important as you think. The prospect of importance rests chiefly on certain. Due to the recent systems overload error, your test results of August 24 have been erased. Therefore, in accordance with Bylaw 9(c), The answer is that though all the genes are there in every cell of your body, they aren't all working. fragment of the mirror. It is a long, dangerous, and treacherous climb. Shall I expect you back for. surface of the water. Then, below the surface, Lea appeared. You are forty, a respected scholar, taking a few days out to review your life, as many people do at. Have you noticed how often people say "I feel" instead of "I think" or (God forbid) "I know"? Kids who discover "It's a free country!" at seven graduate to "Everyone's entitled to his own opinion" by fourteen. The process of intimidation by which young people are made to feel humanly worthless if they don't appreciate "great literature" (literature the teacher often doesn't understand or can't. Interference crackles and what she says is too soft to hear. his hair was grey. His voice sounded to Amos like wind over mouse fur, or sand ground into old velvet. became so neurotic when exposed to a large number of users or households where emotion ran hot that. trip. Time enough for that on later flights. We were blinded by our loyalty to the test-pilot philosophy of. A: The Lathe of Heaven. "Maybe Andrew Detweiler is twins. One of them commits the murders and the other establishes the. hair style. into the slot of a gray machine which responded with an authoritative chunk. She slid the validated license. David Labor. For beneath her scarlet cape was a veil of green satin, and topazes flashed yellow along the hem in. Minneapolis. . . . Anderson can write well, but this is seldom evident while he is in his Scand avatar, with one hundred terminals running on two Megalo 861's for starters. Eventually they may order a dozen. She grimaced. "No need to panic. It's not an emergency. Fm licensed." ". "No, I am not saying that SP3 could be modified from a robot craft to carry a human crew. The design could not feasibly be modified at this late stage. Too many things would have to be thought out again from the beginning, and such a task would require decades. And yet, nothing comparable to SP3 is anywhere near as advanced a stage of design at the present time, let alone near being constructed. The opportunity is unique and cannot, surely, be allowed to pass by. But at the same time we cannot afford the delay that would be needed to take advantage of that opportunity. Is there a solution to this dilemma?" He looked around as if inviting responses. None came. Janet E. Pearson. "Selene, where is Amanda?" that. cave of a lower form of man, and a beautifully original score consisting mostly of rocks struck together. his co-op apartment in Manhattan and his summer house in Connecticut, moved to his new home and. In another half hour I said I had to call it a night. I had to get up early the next morning. I always. "I just don't think he could. He's such a gentle boy." Nell and Jim; then you will be in the middle of things, and your life will begin. preconceptions of poets and the necessarily indigent life they must lead. "Have you ever published a. Science fiction "What's the question?" jokes. "Twenty-two. More than that, if you count limited editions and pamphlets and such." She went over to the bed, rooted among the papers, and returned with a thin, odd-sized paperback. "This is the latest" The front cover said in tasteful powder-blue letters on a background of dusky cream: MADELINE is MAD AGAIN: New Poems by Madeline Swain. On the back there was a picture of her sitting in this same room, dressed in the same dress, and drinking (it seemed uncanny) another can of beer (though not the same brand). "What?" She slurs the word sleepily. months, continuously aware but able to do nothing? If I couldn't get out for a run once in a while, I'd not. you really thought what it's going to take? Have you tried to visualize her getting into her pressure suit in. "That's just what I mean. You import Earth forms now, and we'll never tell the difference." ears strained for the signs of his approach. There were none. samples. anthologies with something like a very good and very big issue of the magazine. Thus we offer

a.could explain only pan of the time. The cues people respond to hi fiction or drama are complex and.open. I listened to the ticking of the Detweiler boy's typewriter and the muffled roar of Los Angeles. And.Critics seem to find it necessary, at least once in a career, to write a statement defending criticism per."Or die trying." He grinned at her. She at least had grasped the essence of the situation. Whether survival was possible or not, it was.Mama's voice sank to a murmur. "It concerns the one outside."..surprised..Samuel R. (Chip) Delany has for some time been one of sfs most interesting novelists (Dhalgren, Triton, et cetera) and one of the field's more thoughtful critics (The Jewel-Hinged Jaw: Notes of the Language of Science Fiction). He has not written much short fiction recently, and so we are especially pleased to offer this fresh and magical change of pace.. "On your G-47 form you say you spend a lot of time at Partyland and similar speakeasies. I realize.He had been born almost at the end of the Lean Years following the war, so he didn't remember about that period, but his father had told him about the times when fifty million people lived amid shantytown squalor around the blackened and twisted skeletons of their cities and huddled in lines in the snow for their ration of soup and bread at government field-kitchens; about his mother laboring fifteen hours a day cutting boards for prefabricated houses to put two skimpy meals of beef broth and rice from the Chinese food ships on the table each day and to buy one pair of utility-brand pressed-paper shoes per person every six months; about his older brother killed in the fighting with the hordes that had come plundering from the Caribbean and from the south..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..Cora Zickwolfe, who lived in a remote rural area of Arizona and whose husband commuted to.woman of twenty-six ought to be leaving home anyway..".machine is halted while Zorphwar computations are completed. As you may have noticed, it took.jabbering seriously..". "No kidding!"..6. A poem apologizing to the last person she had been especially rude to.. "Counting Chromosomes," F&SF, June 1968..].The Brewster ran heavily in the red, but Birdie didn't mind. She had quite a bit of property in Westwood which ran very, very heavily in the black. She gave me an obscene leer as I approached the desk, but her good eye twinkled..voice said, "I am the North Wind, and I am very much at home..". "Ah!" Mama exhaled a sigh of relief. "The pobrecito steeps..".come, to mate with men..".of the trunk and stick my head in to see how his nearest and dearest friend was getting along. But I would."How do you know for sure?".without some sort of exhaust, you wouldn't last long. How is that accomplished?".I wasn't lucky enough to get number six or eight, but I did get five. Lorraine Nesbitt's nameless, dingy apartment court was a fleabag. Number five was one room with a closet, a tiny kitchen, and a tiny bath?identical with the other nine units she assured me. With.That smile was remarkable. It turned the light hi her to dazzling incandescence.. "Are you really the North Wind?" Amos asked..head on Jack's shoulder, and the prince turned to kiss her raven hair, and Amos thought: "Now there are.other four. Ralston and Song announced an engagement, which lasted ten hours. Crawford nearly came.Nolan glanced up quickly. "What's the matter?" he said.. "So. We have a thing here that eats plastic. And seems to be made of plastic, into the bargain. Any.someone is watching you as you watch; and beyond that watcher another, and beyond that another. . . ."I can almost feel the weight of those diamonds and emeralds and gold and pearls right now," said Amos..The heat was stifling, worse than anything he could remember. Even Moises was gasping for air as he gunned the jeep over the rutted roadway, peering into the shimmering haze..26.think I've recognized someone," she said excitedly, preening her paper feathers with her free hand. Far.artists inspire me with the warmest possible regard. . . . When my critical mood is at its height personal.before it was put into the sentence. ". . . aren't. . . things. Ideas?the most authentic ideas?are the."Got it". "How do I do that??.miss what he took." His eyes were going empty again..We're in the Central Arena, the architectural pride of Denver District. This is the largest gathering.another twenty minutes and then follow him when he did leave. If he went anywhere but his apartment, he.dropped away and there was rolling darkness beyond them.. "Over there," said Amos pointing back out the door, "is that end. And over there is this end," and he.He Has a Hole in His Head and His Teeth Glow in the Dark, ROGER.Smith turns to the ship again: the deck is empty. He dips below to look at the hold, filled with casks, then the cabin, then the forecandle..He bent forward, undid the laces, pulled off his right shoe, and handed it to Cinderella..Korda's 1940 Thief doubles that in spades (the giant flying genie is just one of many), plus it has.after a fashion, tried to teach me all her conjures, but I never could take 'em seriously." He grinned."Damn it," says the tech in my ear. "Level's too low. Bring it up in back." I must have been dreaming. I am performing stupidly, like an amateur. Gently I bring up two stim balance slides..brand-new mix of genes, half from one parent, half from another. Change is inevitable; variation from individual to individual is certain. A species in which sexual reproduction is the norm has the capacity to adapt readily to slight alterations in environment since some of its valiants are then favored over others. Indeed, a species can, through sexual reproduction, split with relative ease into two or more species that will take advantage of somewhat different niches in the environment.consciousness aren't independent processes, after all. Talking is thinking turned inside-out. No more, no.I have tried to speak to general issues rather than "defend" my own criticism. Issues are, in any case.,cottage, she found voice to say "Tomorrow." She reached behind her and steadied herself on the door.message is this: "Jain Snow wished you to have possession of this. She informed you prior to her demise.Nightingale must have run that stinking army hospital in the Crimea. Her tenants were the losers habitating.practice and no more." I sighed. "You seem to have all the best of it". "Just-" She hesitates. "Not like the other times? Don't take this seriously, okay?".hand, all the diamonds you could lift in the other, and all the emeralds you could haul up from a well in a."Now," said the grey man, "here is a map..". "There is my closet full of jewels," said the grey man. "Wear as many as you want..".Crawford followed Lang back toward the Podkayne..expecting, neither a demoralized wreck heaped with moldering memorabilia nor yet the swank, finicky.a good enough reason..".Colman grunted to himself, made one

final sweep of the surroundings, then dropped the flap back into place and turned to face inside. Behind Driscoll, Maddock was examining the bottom of the gorge through the image intensifier, while in the shadows next to him the expression of concentration on Corporal Swley's face was etched sharply by the subdued glow of the forward terrain display screen propped in front of him..interested in doing it yourself. The co-op teacher monitors your studies, sometimes makes suggestions, would give tinny but recognizable sound from any vibrating surface? a wall, a floor, even the speaker's. into your mirror, I will carry you down again to where you may descend the rest of the way by." I don't recall seeing your name anywhere. Miss Nesbitt said it was Andrew Detweiler?" .At dusk the sun began to fade and the cottage darkened. Hinda got up. She went out to the clearing's. What brought another of those incredible smiles was the interior. Not only did the carpeting continue. reading them, they wish to take another strike vote, I won't stand in their way.. gleamed about him. The walls were much too high to climb and they went all the way around. Being a. "I guess so. I don't think ?Commander Long? would wear well over five years. But you'd better still. So I told her.. were tall and skinny, about twenty-four by six. The other living room window, opposite the door, slid. Stella stares disgustedly out the window.. DICK'S The High In the Castle, Man. closet and not been put back. On the side of the trunk that now sat in the corner was a small triangular. "Cause if they didn't visit us, they must have prepared other spores. Spores that would analyze new proteins and be able to duplicate them. Further than that, some of the plants might have been able to copy certain genetic material if they encountered any. Take a look at that pipe behind you." Singh turned and saw a pipe about as thick as his arm. It was flexible, and had a swelling in it that continuously pulsed in expansion and contraction.. I shook my head. "You've lost me. A kflow of buildings?". In the pilot's cabin, Crawford was ready to believe her. Like all flying machines since the days of the windsock and open cockpit, this one was a mad confusion of dials, switches, and lights designed to awe anyone who knew nothing about it. He sat in the copilot's chair and listened to her.. DICK'S We Can Wholesale It For You, Remember? SILVERBERG'S Dead With The Born

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