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She dug into her ID folder, which was made of the same velvet as her dress, and took out her license. It was blue, like his (a Temporary License), and, again like his, there was a staple in the upper left-hand corner. I couldn't find a morning paper at that hour closer than Western and Wilshire. The story was on page. "Your greatest happiness will be to look into this mirror?" era! rule, in the form either of cash on the barrel or services rendered. Barry said (jokingly, of course) that he wouldn't object to bartering his virtue for an endorsement, or preferably two, to which Michelle replied (quite seriously) that unfortunately she did not know anyone who might be in the market for Barry's particular type. Generally, she observed, it was younger people who got their endorsements by putting out Joanna Russ for "In Defense of Criticism". the edge of the clearing. So he asked Moises who she was, and Moises didn't know. Apparently she'd. CAPER'S URR. thing." He didn't want to talk about it. "It always goes away." 121. In fact, the controls on this machine are unfamiliar, die little viewers you have used all your life have only one knob, for nearer or farther? to move up/down, or left/right, you just point the viewer where you want to see. This machine has dials and little windows with numbers in them, and switches and pushbuttons, most of which you don't understand, but you know they are for special purposes and don't matter. The main control is a metal rod, right in front of you, with a gray plastic knob on the top. The knob is dull from years of handling; it feels warm and a little greasy in your hand. The console has a funny electric smell, but the big screen, taller than you are, is silent and dark. You can feel your heart beating against your breastbone. You grip the knob harder, push it forward just a little. The screen lights, and you are drifting across the next room as if on huge silent wheels, chairs and end tables turning into reddish silhouettes that shrink, twist and disappear as you pass through them, and for a moment you feel dizzy because when you notice the red numbers jumping in the console to your left, it is as if the whole house were passing massively and vertiginously through itself; then you are floating out the window with the same slow and steady motion, on across the sunlit pasture where two saddle horses stand with their heads up, sniffing the wind; then a stubbled field, dropping away; and now, below you, the co-op road shines like a silver-gray stream. You press the knob down to get closer, and drop with a giddy swoop; now you are rushing along the road, overtaking and passing a yellow truck, turning the knob to steer. At first you blunder into the dark trees on either side, and once the earth surges up over you in a chaos of writhing red shapes, but now you are learning, and you soar down past the crossroads, up the farther hill, and now, now you are on the big road, flying eastward, passing all the cars, rushing toward the great world where you long to be. The North Wind was silent a whole minute. Then he asked, "Why should I? The wizard built my cave." "Better," the tech says. "But keep it rising. I'm still only registering a sixty per cent." She sat down close to him and whispered into his ear, "If anyone, such as Freddy, for instance, should happen to ask what we were talking about, say it was the New Wooly Look, okay?" HERBERT'S The Frank Worlds of Herbert. made any attempts to communicate; she kept to herself, sleeping in the catamaran moored beside the bank across the river and not even venturing into the company store by day to purchase food. The topmost platform of the scaffolding was on a level with the serrated apex of the unfinished wall. Getting a grip on the edge of the platform, the King chinned himself and swung his body onto the narrow planking. He stood up, and the wind set his ringleted hair to dancing about his golden crown. As soon as we got word that the strike was on, we walked off the job. It was 10:40 A.M. Those of. Dear heart, Brother Hart, Come at my behest, We shall dine on berry wine And you shall have your rest. sticker from the back of the license with his fingernail, and offered it to Barry. "Now let us find your luminous pool," said Amos, "so we can be back by lunch." 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. Rainbow. For it was the jailor's clothes that Jack had worn when he had gone with Amos to the popular man on Mars. song she always tops her concerts with, the number that really made her. bearers bore him away. Under her cloak she wore a scarlet cape with flaming rubies that glittered in the lightning. Now she loosed her scarlet cape and that too fell to the floor. Limericks incorporating an sf title into the last line. Amos himself was well aware how long he would have hesitated had the question been asked of him. the fear. I tremble all over. You are right. I should sleep." She started off up the beach. begin costing out the proposal for a production version of Zorphwar. They are talking about a system. "Oh, now," said Michelle placatingly. "We're still your jriends, Mr. Riordan, but business is business. If it were our own personal stickers we were discussing, we wouldn't hesitate to give you an endorsement absolutely gratis. Would we, Jason?" John Varley's first story for F&Sf was "Picnic on Nearside" in 1974. Since then, he has earned a reputation as one of sfs most exciting new storytellers through such work as "Retrograde Summer/* "The Black Hole Passes," "In the Bowl" (Best from F&SF, 22nd series) and his first novel, Titan. This story was another Nebula award nominee. that time the drinks were coming pretty fast, and an argument had broken out down the bar between one. Funny, I thought Goldwyn was dead. Maybe he wasn't. slamming into my office to ask about a thousand questions about our schedules and the cost of running. studying the development of embryos with known variations in their genes which, except for those. "See?" she said. "Cinderella B. Johnson. It was my mother's idea. My mother had a really weird sense of humor sometimes. She's dead now, though. Do you like it?" No good-bys. I know I'm canned. When I go into the Denver Al-pertron office in another day and a half to pick up my final check, some subordinate I've never seen before gives me the envelope. that way. Maybe it was just the semi-darkness. He had the curtains tightly closed and one lamp lit beside. our lighter forms of entertainment. I presume you are referring to something in the nature of a Music Hall. DENVER. LeeKWough. is one of film's most underrated

actors, but his straightforward non-intellectual approach to the doctor. A SUDDEN CHANGE in the colors and format of one of the displays being presented around him in the monitor room of the Drive Control Subcenter caught Bernard Fallows's eye and dismissed other thoughts from his mind. The display was one of several associated with Number 5 Group of the Primary Fuel Delivery System and related to one of the batteries of enormous hydrogen-feed boost pumps located in the tail section of the vessel, five miles from where Fallows was sitting..again." "Pretty slim. Mostly the air problem. The people I've read about never sank so low that they had to worry about where their next breath was coming from." .184. "What did you say?" cried Amos above the howl..neither here nor there. I looked at Johnny. He nodded. He was to make sure Detweiler stayed at least. That, I think, would be a waste of time. We are not necessarily going to breed thousands of transcendent geniuses out of an Einstein or thousands of diabolical villains out of a Hitler..were more like them on the left..He had walked a long time, and even through his dark glasses he could make out the green and red blossoms, the purple fruit on the..civil and criminal suits against all the rioters were still pending, tapes showing each one of them in..Each of these two cells divides again, and each of the four that results divides again and so on..There, he thought, that should keep her busy long enough for me to think of the next one. He opened a second beer and took a meditative swallow. Did poets ever write poems about drinking beer? Or was that too general? Better to ask her to write about her favorite brand of beer, a kind of advertisement. The left hand dodged. "You don't seem to understand, Mandy? I can't. We're joined indissolubly, till I stood, too, and cupped her face between my hands. "Would that be so terrible? Then all the time..matter. The main control is a metal rod, right in front of you, with a gray plastic knob on the top. The..**I see him; he's in the brook, going upstream..**. But for those with conventional pets we should mention..The usher continued to hover, smiling, over his chair. Finally Barry realized he was waiting for a tip. Without any idea of what was customary, he gave him a dollar, which seemed to do the trick..Having called for a discussion, McKillian proceeded to clam up. Song and Crawford sat on their..In the swamp, Amos waited until the prince had found him. "Did you have any trouble?" Amos..Its eyes looked uncomprehendingly about. It pulled itself along with its arms, dragging its useless legs, its..briefings in the shelter. He remembered nothing about any animal life being discovered, and so when he.. "I can try," said Jack, "or perhaps die trying. But I can do no more and no less." And he took the..coming in his a few minutes to pick up the poop on his wandering wife." "Brain damage?"..The practical problems of mammalian cloning are such that there is no chance of its happening for..since the departure of the Edgar Rice Burroughs..there was dried blood all over his face and hands from the nosebleed he'd only recently gotten under..Then I hurl the empty cylinder down toward the timberline; it rolls and clatters and finally is only a distant glitter on the talus slope..Prismatica by Samuel R. Delany..in a corner on a piece of grey canvas, but Amos went immediately to the bars and looked through..And hearing her voice, Brother Hart raced home..another cabin."..but nonetheless jealous and possessive husband, who was a patent attorney employed by Dupont in..half to pick up my final check, some subordinate I've never seen before gives me the envelope..After a while, she says, "Robbie, I'm cold,** and so I move bade to her and hold her and say nothing. I realize, rubbing against her hip, that I'm again hard; she doesn't object as I pour back into her all the frustration she unloaded in me earlier..It was painful to leave the mystery for later, but there was nothing to be done about it. They could not bring themselves to uproot the thing, even when five more like it sprouted in the graveyard. There was a new consensus among them to leave the Martian plants and animals alone. Like nervous atheists, most of them didn't believe Song's theories but had an uneasy feeling of trespassing when they went through the gardens. They felt subconsciously that it might be better to leave them alone in case they turned out to be private property.. "Nope." Jain shakes her head. "I'm not going to need one."..There are such things as identical triplets and quadruplets, but I doubt that any higher number of." "Perhaps it would," Amos admitted..In Defense of Criticism..have lived in and almost everyone did, with potted plants to emphasize the available sunlight and pictures..his hair was grey. His voice sounded to Amos like wind over mouse fur, or sand ground into old velvet..Caro rolled her eyes. Before she could express her opinion of running out of town on a working day..Her place turned out to be four street numbers away from his and nothing like what he'd been expecting, neither a demoralized wreck heaped with moldering memorabilia nor yet the swank, finicky pied-a-terre of some has-been somebody. It was a plain, pleasant 1%-room apartment that anyone could have lived in and almost everyone did, with potted plants to emphasize the available sunlight and pictures representing various vanished luxuries on the wall, the common range of furniture from aspiring to makeshift, and enough ordinary debris to suggest a life being carried on, with normative difficulty, among these carefully cultivated neutralities..day to see if she needed anything..charger. The Lunamere's main attraction in winter was that it froze over, making sixteen kilometers of ice..that Barry conveyed without trying..wearing the same shoes." "You. Just for a little while." She pulls my hands close and lays them on her body..reclined heavily on her mattress.. "Did you see her?" "Tell me anyway. If he and Harry were friendly, he might know something. Why do you keep calling..210..For a moment, Amos was just a little afraid..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.. "I do," he protested. But, clearly, he had just failed a major test With a sigh of weariness and a

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