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"A broken mirror is bad luck," said Amos. "Who broke it?" It was the mystery that Nolan had sensed the first time he saw her staring at him across the village compound three days ago. At first he thought she was one of the company people?somebody's wife, daughter, sister. That afternoon, when he returned to the bungalow, he caught her staring at him again at the edge of the clearing. So he asked Moises who she was, and Moises didn't know. Apparently she'd just arrived a day or two before, paddling a crude catamaran downriver from somewhere out of the denser jungle stretching a thousand miles beyond. She had no English, and according to Moises, she didn't speak Spanish or Portuguese either. Not that she'd.expansion-contraction pumps with valves very like those in a human heart.She frowned, shook her head vehemently, and then said, "Well . . . maybe. . .".never see baby pigeons? All the pigeons you see out on the street are the same size-full-grown. But.DENVER."How long had Maurice and Detweiler known each other??.now. I was never genius enough that I could have got a really good job with, say, Bell Futures or one of the big space firms. But I've got one marketable talent?what the interviewer called a peculiarly coor-dinative affinity for multiplex circuitry. He looked a tittle stunned after I finished with the stim console. "Christ, kid, you really get into it, don't you?"".Not That One, TOM TRYON.So I made one..She dug into her ID folder, which was made of the same velvet as her dress, and took out her.The list went on and on, all the way back to Thursday, the 7th. On that day was another.They circled so high they cleared the clouds, and once again the stars were like diamonds dusting the velvet night. He flew so long that at last the sun began to shoot spears of gold across the horizon; and when the ball of the sun had rolled halfway over the edge of the sea, he settled one foot on a crag to the left, his other foot on the pinnacle to the right, and bent down and set them on the tallest peak in the middle.. "Si, senior. I take good care. Par favor, I sleep in his room.".the company store by day to purchase food.."Curses," said the grey man, "but you're right." He took from his pocket a strip of crimson cloth with orange design, went to the trunk and lowered it through a small round hole in the top. As the last of it dropped from sight, the thing in the box went: Mlpbgrm!.AH rights reserved. No part of this book may be reproduced in any form or by any means, except for the inclusion of brief quotations in a review, without permission in writing from the publisher..(2nd verse) O, give me a clone,."Tomorrow evening when the sunset is golden and the sky is turquoise and the rocks are stained red.Amanda, too, seemed to think going to Gateside was more trouble than she was worth, but I had my.wind in the scaffolding. Then a loud sob reached our ears. Another. We turned away and slowly descended the successive stages to the ground. We didn't look back?not once. You might think you'd enjoy seeing a king cry, but you wouldn't. It's like watching a mountain dwindle into an anthill, a city crumble into dust, a kingdom turn into trash..Nolan hadn't anticipated the intensity of his own reaction. But now, after the long trip back in the wheezing launch, he stood beside the crib in the spare bedroom and gazed down at his son with an overwhelming surge of pride..The sailor leaned his chin on his mop handle awhile, then said, "If you want to avoid it, don't go down.man the mirror. "Now we only have a third to go, if I remember right. When do I start looking for that?".jabbering seriously..In the Hall of the Martian Kings by John Varley 113.When the sun called Brother Hart to his deerskin once again, Hinda opened the door. Silently she."Oh, of course. Minor poets do nothing else. They positively swarm. I'd rather be major and lonely, his way with his heavy-booted feet. The Intermediaries break easily, and it occurs to me then that they.do us much good. The answers that will save us are the long-term ones, the sort of answers a colony.DC.The couple rose in unison and greeted her with cries of "Maggie!" and "Son of a gun!" It was.When she was certain he was gone, she opened the cottage door and went in. The cottage was suddenly.After all, she meant well; it was just that he was too damned tired to put up with any more nonsense from.Destination: P. T. Warrington.like a mail slot, and slid the moth inside..Is it simply that I'm screwing up on my own hook, or is it because we're exploring a place no performance has ever been? I don't have.published his memoirs, a comedian who did a surrealistic skit about a speakeasy for five-year-olds, and a novelist with a speech impediment who got into an argument with the comedian about whether his skit was essentially truthful or unjustifiably cruet In the middle of their argument Barry came down with a murderous headache, took two aspirins, and went to bed. Just before he fell asleep, he thought: I could call them and tell them what / thought.. "Why did you need the blood?" I repeated..Amanda Gail and Selene Randall came to Aventine during the autumn hiatus, when the last of the."I swear, man, if you had touched me with a cattle prod you couldn't have got a bigger rise out of me than you did with what you said a few minutes ago. Do I dare ask?".?I'm not sure. I've never been more than three days. I can't stand it any longer than that. He knew..But there are other reasons. Critical judgments are so complex (and take place in such a complicated.all his chips on a tactic of complete candor, had said, one, he was too young to worry about skin cancer.He was large where Brother Hart was slim. He was fair where Brother Hart was dark. He was hairy.Barry's chair just sat there, glued to the spot, while they nattered knowledgeably on. He wished he were.stupid." She reached over and plucked at the hair on my chest. "I haven't had an indecent proposition in."Andrew Detweiler." She looked blank. "Young, good-looking, with a hunchback..". "Bullshit," said Barry. It was the first time he'd used an obscenity conversationally, and he brought it off with great conviction. "You knew when my license would expire, and you've just been stringing me along, hoping I'd get panicky..".by JOHN VARLEY.one, pulling a tattered paperback from his hip pocket His friend shakes her head. "You?" He turns the.Jain sways and the crowd sways; she thrusts and the crowd thrusts. It is one gigantic act. It is as.?Joanna Russ.long-term survival..rest..She was in time to see McKillian and Ralston hurrying into the lab at the back of the ship. There was a red light flashing, but she quickly saw it was not the worst it could be; the pressure light still glowed green. It was the smoke detector. The smoke was coming from the lab.. "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?" That way they'd know our genetic structure and what lands of food we'd eat, and could prepare..He stood there staring down at it..Marvin Kolodny frowned?an ingratiating, boyish frown. "Are you sure you're being entirely honest.Sometimes the repetition of what we have just said will suggest a new meaning or possibilities of meaning we did not at first suppose to be there. We think we have understood our words, then learn that we have not, since their essential meaning only dawns on us the second tune round..course, the opposite's true..Samuel R. Deltaty."The map says so," said the grey man. And sure enough, in large green letters one corner of the map.And in each drop of water on each strand of the web, the light was broken up as if through a tiny."It means do it your way, Sergeant." .that." .That sweet, yielding, dependency is no more than what her father trained into her. It's the Senator I.Detweiler's flush of health was wearing off that afternoon. He wasn't ill, just beginning to feel like the rest of us mortals. And I was feeling my resolve begin to crumble. It was hard to believe this beguiling kid could possibly be involved in a string of bloody deaths. Maybe it was just a series of unbelievable coincidences. Yeah, "un-."Here's what we know for sure. The E.R.B. is useless to us. Oh, they'll help us out with plenty of."I do hope you aren't going to say it was me, not with a chair adapted to Selene right beside you." .curiously, does not echo in the vast antechamber. "Sreen! SREEN!".The old light bulb went on inside my head. "You want a working system?" I said. "You follow me."?Barry N. Malzberg."Ah, yes. The India." Moises nodded. "She is gone, in her catamaran, up the river. Two, maybe three.Batterham's, who, for all her real intelligence, was developing a distinct wobble in her upper register..and finished suiting him up. But it was already too late. He didn't know if it would have made any."You." She points at me. "Here." She indicates the rock face. The words are simple commands given to a child.."Hell, those were grossly overblown. I just happened to get into some scrapes and managed to get out of them." .More reasonably, it could be argued that the clone of a great human being would retain his genetic equipment and, therefore, would be another great human being of the same kind. In that case, the chief use of cloning would be to reproduce genius..I'm not used to this much open space; it scares me a little, though I'm not going to admit that to Jain..While Caro typed in the blanks, I wondered at the difference between Amanda Gall's attitude toward.In the first place, as an organism becomes more complex and specialized, its organs, tissues, and.death itself..Hollis, Moog Indigo's color operator, is seated behind her. She leans forward and cranes her neck over Jain's shoulder. "Which?".ends of the console. I consciously will my fingers to loosen.."That is not much for true friendship," said Amos..Mary Lang let it work itself out, only interfering when it got violent. She herself was not immune to the frenzy but managed to stay aloof from most of it. She went to the shelter with whoever asked her, trying not to play favorites, and gently tried to prod them back to work. As she told McKillian toward the first of the week, "At least we're getting to know one another." ."No, no, you must go," Hinda said again. "I cannot have you here at night If you love me, go." Then.one morning, defying the weather, he posted himself outside her building and waited (five miserable."If we don't make it home from this," I say at length, "if they never hear from us back on Earth, never.instructions for its use. One sentence read cryptically: "Keep Time Control set at zero." It was like "Wet.keep me apart from the prince I was worthy of. The shiny surface of all things, he told me, will keep us."Tin continuously aware; she's only conscious when she's out." .and the other was in jail. Ah, machismo!.remove it Furthermore, I was brought up during the Great Depression and had to find a way of making a."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..gunned the jeep over the rutted roadway, peering into the shimmering haze..the table, empty. "What I like about you, Barry, is that you manage to say what you think without.He moved out into the clearing, more boldly now. Then suddenly he stopped. He saw a strange.Crawford missed most of the interesting work, being more suited for the semiskilled manual labor that never seemed to be finished. So he and Lang had to learn about the new discoveries at the nightly briefings in the shelter. He remembered nothing about any animal life being discovered, and so when he saw something crawling through the whirligig garden, he dropped everything and started over to it.twenty-centimeter lumps on the sides of the large derricks. They evidently grew from them like tumors

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