

A DREAM AND THE SONG OF CAEDMON

too. "Selene isn't the evil genius you think, Amanda." My voice sounded thin..to a carton, marked "On Consignment," to TV outlets in major cities, and the rest to private citizens. Then the picture changed, and he was looking down a familiar, seaside, cobbled street, wet with rain. A storm had just ended and the clouds were breaking apart. Down the block the sign of the Mariner's Tavern swung in the breeze..Nolan stood by the window watching as Nina moved away across the clearing. For a moment she.nauseating. Polys were appropriate for Amanda, though. They could suit both her and her alter ego and.blossoms, the purple fruit on the branches, the orange melons on the vines. The most annoying thing of.We shall dine on berry wine And"I mean quit everything: running, swimming, practicing. . .?". "Mrs. Bushyager called. Her sister and Mr. Bushyager are still missing." Humor Bill, this is definitely not the time for jokes. Something has gone wrong with the Megalo Banking.Robert F. Young for "Project Hi-Rise". "The door was bolted from the inside. They had to break it down to get in." Nolan followed her gaze. "No one out there." He moved to the window, peered at the clearing.This time Crawford was the last to know. He was called on the radio and found the group all squatted hi a circle around a growth in the graveyard..They all made a big show of going to bed hours before the scheduled breakaway..Crawford missed most of the interesting work, being more suited for the semiskilled manual labor.Not long afterward I left. I didn't want to be hung-over on my first spell of picket duty. It was a cool night, and the stars were thick in the sky. I caught glimpses of the Project as I made my way home through the narrow streets. It dominates the whole city. The whole Plain, for that matter. It had sort of a pale, blurred look in the starlight, the six completed stages blending together, the uncompleted seventh one softly serrated against the night sky. Working on it every day, I've kind of forgot how high it is, how much higher it's going to be when we get back on the job. The highest thing ever, they say. I won't dispute that. It makes a palm tree look like a blade of grass and a man look like an ant. Looking at it tonight, I felt proud to be one of the builders. It was as though I'd built the whole thing myself. That's the way a bricklayer feels sometimes. It's really great I feel sorry for brickmakers. You'd never catch me slogging all day in a mud hole..55.For the next many days Barry didn't speak to a soul. He felt no need to communicate anything to..So they started back and by noon had nearly reached the ship. Then the prince left the minor with Amos and darted on ahead to.They circled so high they cleared the clouds, and once again the stars were like diamonds dusting the.interesting episodes that I'd like you to tell me about someday, from your 'soldier-of-fortune? days?".He snuffed his cigarette out on pure-white alabaster and sat so prim and pristine I would have bet his feces came out wrapped in cellophane. He shrugged his eyebrows again. "Maurice picked him up somewhere the other night." a year. They are prized as wives, for they never nag their husbands." Naturally, the ordinary "somatic cells" of an adult human body, with their genetic equipment working only in highly specialized ways, cannot divide into a whole organism if left to themselves. Many body cells, such as those of the muscles or nerves, have become so specialized they can't divide at all. Only the sex cells, eggs and sperm, retain the lack of genetic specialization required to produce a new organism under the proper circumstances..He was genuinely surprised. "You didn't take that crack seriously, did you? I might as weQ admit it It was intentional, like that cattle prod you mentioned. You looked like you needed a kick in the ass.**."Oh, of course. Minor poets do nothing else. They positively swarm. I'd rather be major and lonely,."And well use it. You just speak up, I*11 be listening." She started to say something, then thought of something else. "Say, what are your ideas on a woman bossing this project? I've had to fight that all the way from my Air Force days. So if you have any objections you might as well tell me up front".I waited and waited and never did hear a shot.."We were never suspected before." .132.At this time tomorrow Columbine made another nonappearance, and Barry began to suspect she.We'll have to find a way to conserve it a lot more than we're doing. Offhand, I don't know how..By the end of July he had refined and miniaturized the device and had extended its sensitivity range.I look up as she bursts into raucous laughter. Til be goddamned. Will you look at this?" She points at the open catalogue on her lap..Asexual reproduction can take place among them as well. The more primitive the animal?that is, the less diversified and specialized its cells are?the more likely it is that asexual reproduction can take place..But crazy in a dull, not an interesting way. He wondered how long they'd have to go on talking before the chairs switched round again. It seemed such a waste of time talking to another temp, since he could only get the endorsements he needed from people who held Permanent Licenses. Of course, the practice was probably good for him. You can't expect to like everyone you meet, as the Communications Handbook never tired of pointing out, but you can always try and make a good impression. Someday you'd meet someone it was crucial to hit it off with and your practice would pay off..away from him in the middle of a long, unavoidable yawn. His jaw muscles stretched, but he controlled it."You must show how clever you are," said Lea. "When I was free of this mirror, my teacher, in order.(chorus) Clone, clone of my own,.Don't drink I am thunk?.Harry Spinner wasn't much use to anyone, not even himself, but I liked him. He'd helped me in a couple.executive terminal. I trust that you will see to the necessary arrangements..DC.At the Union Hall this evening the Organizer told us that another meeting between the Company and."No kidding!".s Jain died..232.In addition, endangered species could have their chances of survival increased if both males and females could be cloned over and over. When the number of individuals was sufficiently increased, sexual reproduction could be allowed to take over..Shopping, a mom-and-pop mini-grocery on Sixth Ave. right next to the International Supermarket.."All right, North Wind," cried Amos. "Take a look at yourself." "I agree with Lucy," Ralston said, surprisingly. Crawford had thought he would be the only one immune to the inevitable despair of the castaway. Ralston in his laboratory was the picture of carefree detachment, existing only to observe..In the first place, as an organism becomes more complex and specialized, its organs, tissues, and cells become more complex and specialized as well. The

cells are so well adapted to perform their highly specialized functions, that they can no longer divide and differentiate as the original egg cells did.} :.words than I am. I'm visually oriented.".meaning we did not at first suppose to be there. We think we have understood our words, then learn that.At last the trees end and I climb over bare mountain grades. I rest briefly when the pain in my lungs is too sharp to ignore. At last I reach the summit..But he was alone in the castle hall. Jack and Lea had already left. Amos ran to the mirror just in time to see them walking away across the green and yellow meadows to the golden castle. Lea leaned her head on Jack's shoulder, and the prince turned to kiss her raven hair, and Amos thought: "Now there are two people living through the happiest moment of their lives." .should be proof enough for anybody. Now what do you look like?" "I have no idea. I only saw them in the hall a couple of times. Maurice and I were ... not close." He.chatter of monkeys intermingled with the screeching of a milling mindless birds.. "Did you just push the board to thirty?" The tech's voice sounds strange.. "Let's go over what we've learned. First, now that Lou's dead there's very little chance of ever lifting." In religion, mostly. But she didn't care to talk about it, unless you agreed with her." .Few of the younger astronauts, scientists, engineers, and North American Space Development Organization executives could remember NASDO without Congreve as its president. For all of them, things would never be quite the same again.. "Well," said Amos, "like this. You say you are really the North Wind. How can you prove it?" .good my criticism is; if enough readers think it's bad, and the editor thinks so too, presumably hell stop.Harry was also the only person in the world, except my mother, who called me Bertram. "What did." I'm afraid I'm skeptical, too," Lang said. "Surely there must be some other way to explain it." .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, "Smart thinking," said Venerate. "Now how do I get this game started?" .Tom Reamy wrote four stories for F&SF: ?Twilla," "Insects in Amber," "San Diego LJghtfoot.On a day exactly eight months after the disaster, two discoveries were made. One was in the.77.which seems to move in casual defiance of every law of physics, half in normal space, half hi.comes, she stares through me, and I wonder whose face she's seeing?no, not even that: how many.IX.Nolan scowled. "What is this?" .not quite right in there." .occasional crew mutinies. The console commands that control your warship are simple and are given in.find someone to talk to. It is a basic human need, after all. Perhaps the basic need. I had no choice." .remove it Furthermore, I was brought up during the Great Depression and had to find a way of making a.Examples of sf titles that have been retranslated back into English after."Sure." She raised her eyebrows. The one over the patch didnt go up as high as the other. "If you see him from the front, you can't even tell." .crucial point. He signed off and they joined the other survivors..?I'd like to see that process from the start," he said. "Where you suit up for the outside, I mean." ."Which," said Lea, "can be stated as: 'I've done it.' Roughly speaking." .unpleasant visions of superintelligent dinosaurs, and I do not want the captain to antagonize such."Hurry, hurry, step in! We can't keep it open too long." They groped their way in, scraping frost away with their hands. The web dosed behind them, and they were standing in the center of a very complicated network made of single strands of the webbing material. Singh's pressure gauge read 30 millibars..though void storms may toss you about a bit in space and time. In addition, you will have to handle a.Outside, the water lapped at the ship, and after a moment Jack said, "A river runs by the castle of the.Amanda's wrist bent back farther. Her fingers fought to hold on to the knife, but with each moment.At the Union Hall this evening the Organizer told us that another meeting between the Company and the Union has been arranged and that it's scheduled to take place day after tomorrow. This time, there's going to be a Mediator present?one that the King himself appointed. Maybe now we'll get somewhere. I hope so. We've only been out a week, but it seems twice that long, with nothing to do but hang around the house and with Debbie wondering out loud all the time about what we're going to do when our savings run out. To tell the truth, Fm kind of worried myself. Being a new Union, we don't have a strike fund, and we've got six more weeks to go before we become eligible for unemployment insurance. Meanwhile, the bills keep coming in..There was a tiny new star, brighter than all the rest, brighter than Phobos. It hurt to look at it but none of them looked away. It was the fusion drive of the Edgar Rice Burroughs, heading sunward, away from the long winter on Mars. It stayed on for long minutes, then sputtered and was lost. Though it was warm in the dome, Crawford was shivering. It was ten minutes before any of them felt like facing the barracks..energy has made the world rich, but the population is stable, even though early detection has wiped out."Yes?" She had a breathless voice. Her eyes quickly traveled the length of my body. That happened often enough to keep me feeling good, but this time it gave me a queasy sensation, like I was being measured for a mummy case. I showed her my ID, and asked if I could speak to her about one of the tenants..face and hands from the nosebleed he'd only recently gotten under control, but his eyes were alert He shivered, looking from Lang, his titular leader, to Crawford, the only one who seemed calm enough to deal with anything. He was a follower, reliable but unimaginative.."India," Moses said, pronouncing the word with all the contempt of one in whose veins ran a ten per-cent admixture of the proud blood of the conquistadores, "Who are we to know the way of savages?" He shrugged..Bill, Old Buddy: I hate to bring this up, but J.L. was down this morning to say that there have been.through what had to be every shop in Gateside before Amanda found a gift she thought worthy of her.bloody head broke into the light. You have seen yourself staggering about the nursery in rompers,.I fell head over heels just four evenings ago.From Competition 18: Transposed SF titles."I hope m be gone before then. I'm just on holiday until I decide what to do with my life." .kept him on the Edgar in the first place. But he did have a lot of training on the lander simulator back.it is, but it struck a chord in my soul. Soul," she mused. "Maybe that's it. He wears his soul on his face." .easily. What I don't know, I could learn. Some of the systems are computer-driven; give it the right.I monitor crossflow conversations through plugs inserted hi both ears as set-up people check out the lights, sound, color, and all the rest of the

systems. Finally some nameless tech comes on circuit to give my stun console a run-through.. "Tell me anyway. If he and Harry were friendly, he might know something. Why do you keep calling. hours) till she appeared. She was profusely apologetic, explained that she did have his sticker, there was. "That is not much for true friendship," said Amos.. to see them walking away across the green and yellow meadows to the golden castle. Lea leaned her. I found the Detweiler boy again on the 16th and the 19th. He'd moved into a rooming house near. little kid on the 22nd, Silver Lake on the 19th and 16th, etc., etc., etc.. and encircled his thighs, the stirring in his loins became a throbbing and the pounding in his head drowned. in return for a favor he did me a million years past, for it was he who made this cave for me by artful and. Stella enfolds Jain in her protection like a raincape. It sometimes amuses Jam; I can see that. Stella,. redivide? Would it go on to form an individual with the genetic equipment of the original somatic cell and,. think you should consider that when you're deciding what we should do." He shut up, afraid to sound like. Barry nodded. He didn't understand what Ed was saying in any very specific way, but he knew he agreed with him.. PHsmatica. don't want me to say anything about you, but I don't want to lie to her." Side by side, we pause directly before the door. My teeth, I suddenly realize, are chattering with fear. "Captain," I say as my resolve begins to disintegrate, "why are we doing this?". virtually the same position they had started: no romantic entanglements firmly established. But they knew. I scatter Jain's ashes on the wind.. and another calling herself Selene Randall. The revelation, and their decision to remain dissociated, had. 76. invaded by a horde of alien beings, the Zorphs. They enslave all planets in their path. Those that resist are. Lang stood up and shook Song's shoulder. Song came slowly back to them and sat down, still. as another enigma had cropped up which demanded their attention.. a moment one looks up, then another. The Mary Celeste, with three of the four sails on her foremast set,. wanted company." variations, would have identical genetic equipment (This would raise serious ethical questions, as all. "I don't have the faintest idea." He looked her straight in the eye as he said this. She almost didn't bother to answer, but curiosity got the best of her.. "What?" neither you nor I need worry about him." "Amanda," I called.. "How can you prove you are really you?" returned the Wind.. He returns to the motorcade, watches as the second shot strikes the President. He freezes time again,. Song Sue Lee was on her knees, examining one of the hundreds of short, stiff spikes extruding from the ground. She tried to scratch her head but was frustrated by her helmet.. 45

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