

A PROVENCE ROSE

antiseptic bay in which our own ship now sits, for example, is no less than a cubic kilometer in volume; When the blowout started, Lang had snapped on her helmet quickly. Then she had struggled against. Ten minutes later, Sirocco had worked out a hastily contrived fire-plan with his executive officer and relayed details to First, Second, and Fourth platoons, and Colman had briefed Third Platoon via his section leaden. Colman secured and checked his equipment; unloaded, reloaded, and rechecked his M32 assault cannon; checked and inventoried his ammunition, "What is this?" asked Hidalgo as they stepped inside. She picked up the glass prism from the top of the barrow. They looked at the floor. Then Jack got down on his hands and knees and looked under the cot. "There's a trap door there," he whispered to Amos, "and somebody's knocking." felt it sway lots of tunes, and I was no stranger to the wind. Amos and the well-muffled sailor climbed down onto the rocks that the sun had stained red, and started toward the slope of the mountain. Once the grey man raised his glasses as he watched them go but lowered them quickly, for it was the most golden hour of the sunset then. The sun sank, and he could not see them anymore. Even so, he stood at the rail a long time till a sound in the darkness roused him from his reverie: Blmvghm! Hollis says, "Video tape playback." "That's fine, but there is an even more important order of business. We have to go out to the dome. You turn the viewer, racing forward through dappled shade, a brilliance of leaves: there is the glen, "Jain!" I scream at the sky until my voice is gone and vertigo destroys my balance. The echoes die. A s Jain died. "Don't you see?" she went on, calmer now. "It's too pat, too much of a coincidence. This thing is like a ... a headstone, a monument. It's growing right here in the graveyard, from the bodies of our friends. Can you believe in that as just a coincidence?" his third glass, and that was what he still couldn't understand. only got a glimpse of it, but it might have been a cat. It was probably a stray looking for food or hiding from a dog. Okay, cat, you don't bother me and I won't bother you. I kept my eye on the couch, but it didn't show itself again. There were straps across his chest. "Not an easy woman to discourage, by the sound of it." The captain glares at me and balls his meaty hands into fists. I tense in expectation of blows which do. are stimulated, in a variety of ways depending on subtle factors, with the result that different cells in your. would have been exhausted in only a few of these cycles. So it must be that what we're thinking of as. And then I come also and? briefly? it doesn't matter. loved them, and took care of them. And they loved her back. (Once, a couple of years ago, a young. abject surrender, but so eternally does hope spring that inside of a quarter of an hour he had adjusted to. flow of conversation and make it seem so natural couldn't be all wrong. "Where were you climbing to?" about little windmills? ". Amos ran to get his wheelbarrow, pot the prism on top, and wheeled it to the mirror. Then, just in. "I said," he said, with woozy precision, "my name is Ed." action again, finds two gunmen on the grassy knoll, one aiming across the top of a station wagon, one. But that night, as the rain poured over the deck, and the drum-drum-drumming of heavy drops lulled everyone on the ship to sleep, Amos hurried over the slippery boards under the dripping eaves of the wheelhouse to the second hatchway, and went down. The lamps were low, the jailor was huddled asleep in a corner on a piece of grey canvas, but Amos went immediately to the bars and looked through. He lost his balance and toppled over. His arms flailed for equilibrium, but never found it He struck. "On what did you base your analysis of the situational display, Sergeant?" Sirocco asked, speaking in a clipped, high-pitched voice mimicking the formal tones of Colonel Wesserman, who was General Portney's aide. He injected a note of suspicion and accusation into the voice. "Was Corporal Swyley instrumental in the formulation of your tactical evaluation?" The question was bound to arise; the image analysis routines run at Brigade would have yielded nothing to justify the attack. slamming into my office to ask about a thousand questions about our schedules and the cost of running. capacity, according to its ads, of 780, but tonight wasn't one of its big nights and a lot of the seats were. odds. If you can't, let me know. ". around. It was a maze of gauzy walls and plastic struts, with clear plastic pipes running all over and. "The most unique collection of architecture in the world." "Thank you, Dr. Kolodny," Barry said, lingering in the doorway of the cubicle. "Thanks terrifically." "I feel . . . free. If that doesn't seem too ridiculous. Whenever I'm driving my car." I drove, not paying any attention to where I was going, almost as deeply in shock as he was. I finally. studying the development of embryos with known variations in their genes which, except for those. In Amber, no less. ". Again, that's not what you look like; it's what you feel like." kid. ". Jam says, "One, two, three." On "three," we each bring up our right hand. Hers is a clenched fist. Amanda's serenity and Selene's coiled-spring energy. began to go forward. .? I'm not lying. I was arguing that Selene shouldn't use any of your time." for Gene Autry at Channel 5.). don't modify an aerodynamic design lightly, not one that's supposed to hit the atmosphere at ten. The nice thing about guilt is that it's so easy to repress. Within a day Barry had relegated all recollections of his criminal behavior of the night before to the depths of his subconscious and was back at Intensity Five, waiting for whomever to strike up a conversation. The only person who so much as glanced his way, however, was Evelyn, the woman behind the refreshment stand. He went to other speakeasies, but it was always the same story. People avoided him. Their eyes shied away. His vibrations became such an effective repellent that he had only to enter a room in order to empty it of half its custom. Or so it seemed. When one is experiencing failure, it is hard to resist the comfort of paranoia. Sitting on the floor huddled in a blanket was Martin Ralston, the chemist His shirt was bloody, and. "I'm afraid I-have to say they're a liability. Lucy will be needing extra food during her pregnancy, and. First, there is the reactive pain. Only those who have reviewed, year in and year out, know how truly. "Selene!". She looked miffed. "Don't flatter yourself, young man. I may have inveigled you into my apartment. off." Toward metaphysical questions one day. was expelled?" Crawford to nurse the leg she had stepped on in her haste. Then he showed her how a white light shining through it would break apart and fill her hands with all the colors she could think of. "Why, what I meant was that without the morale uplift

provided by members of the opposite sex, a falling who-knows-how-many hundreds of feet to the foot of the mountain. At last they pulled themselves her." Ralston laughed. It wasn't a bitter laugh; he sounded genuinely amused. Crawford plowed on..the washroom, kneels beside the toilet and vomits..offspring cell may then go on to develop into a complete organism of its own. The result is a pair of."It is Amos!" cried Billy Belay, thumping after her on his wooden leg..We played gin the rest of the afternoon and talked-talked a lot Detweiler seemed eager to talk or, at least, eager to have someone to talk with. He never told me anything that would connect him to nine deaths, mostly about where he'd been, things he'd read. He read a lot, just about anything he could get his hands on. I got the impression he hadn't really lived Me so much as he'd read it, that all the things he knew about had never physically affected him. He was like an insulated island. Life flowed around him but never touched him, I wondered if the hump on his back made that much difference, if it made him such a green monkey he'd had to retreat into his insular existence. Practically everyone I had talked to liked him, mixed with varying portions of pity, to be sure, but liking nevertheless. Harry Spinner liked him, but had discovered something "peculiar" about him. Birdie Pawlowicz, Maurice Mitian, David Fowler, Lorraine Nesbitt, they all liked him.."Well," said Amos, "like this. You say you are really the North Wind. How can you prove it?" He bent forward, undid the laces, pulled off his right shoe, and handed it to Cinderella..As soon as the first salvo of smoke bombs burst at twelve hundred feet to blot out the area from hostile surveillance, the Third Platoon launched itself down the , trail toward the denser vegetation below. Moments later, optical interdiction shells began exploding just below the curtain of smoke and spewed out clouds of aluminum dust to disrupt the enemy control and communications lasers. Ahead of the attacking troops, a concentrated point barrage of shells and high-intensity pulsed beams fired from the fairing platoons rolled forward along the trail to clear the way of mines and other antipersonnel ordnance. Behind the barrage the ,Third Platoon leapfrogged by sections to provide mutually supporting ground-fire to complete the work of the artillery. There was no opposition. The defending artillery opened up from the rear within ten seconds of the initial smoke blanket, but the enemy was firing blind and largely ineffectively..the door didn't open at all and wasn't intended to. The bathroom and kitchen windows cranked out and..Where you can get it..It was too early to drop around, and so I ate breakfast, hoping this was one of the times Detweiler stuck around for more than three days. Not for a minute did I doubt he would be living at the apartment court on Las Palmas, or not far away..So they pushed the jewels back and leaned against the closet door till it closed. Then they returned to the map..His eyes dropped and he was silent for a moment "I want to tell you. But I don't know how without you thinking I'm a monster."..but had discovered something "peculiar" about him. Birdie Pawlowicz, Maurice Milian, David Fowler..So simple, so direct, and yet when you thought about it, almost impossible to understand..Naturally, I was asked to speak on some subject that would interest both groups. Some instinct told..haven't explored yet. But I can't really say if it's alive in the sense we use. I mean, it runs on wheels! It has..159..so poorly on my earlier exams. Assuming I did get a low score last time, which isn't certain since the..you. Next week is the Senator's birthday. Mandy will be asking you to take her shopping for a gift." She.."We're doing some diving off Catalina tomorrow. Want to come along?"..Opinion..I don't buy that.".."Virtually none. Do you think Fd go around talking to myself in grocery stores if I had friends?"..23..But at dusk, when he returned to the bungalow, Mama Dolores greeted him at the door with a.."No." Selene's voice came through clenched teeth. "I won't allow that, Mandy. And I won't retire..?That it?" Mr. Morone asked..black box, and stuffed it into a small square door: Orlnnb!..Ralston. They were waiting, and she had to blush and smile slowly at them..just arrived a day or two before, paddling a crude catamaran downriver from somewhere out of the..Each of us adds to the other's pleasure, and it's better than the other times. But even when she comes, she stares through me, and I wonder whose face she's seeing?no, not even that: how many faces she's seeing. Babe, no man can fill me like they do..In the garden the grey man, with sunglasses tightly over his eyes and an umbrella above his head, was.."Mine's Ed," said the occupant of the bentwood rocker, a young man of Barry's own age, build, and..the livid fury blazing in her eyes..But the rising sun summoned him outside. He donned the deerskin and leapt away.."I'm sure," she mumbled. "You people know how long they..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..adult found he had a limping heart or fading pancreas or whatever, or if a leg had been lost in an accident..you will if you stay here long enough?they know genetics. They really know it We have a thousand..Zorphwar we had yesterday, and I most commend you on how weU you handled the forces of Zorph. It was a challenge all the way, and if I had not been on my toes, your final desperate tactic of launching an twelve thousand of your doomsday torpedoes would have destroyed me. However, when you made your attack, I was safely docked at a base star and thus protected by its powerful energy screens. Your attack succeeded only in wiping out the remnants of your own forces..242..He laughed delightedly. "Have both of them!".."You're right," he said. "What we need is a pilot, and that pilot is Commander Weinstein. Which presents problems legally, if not otherwise. He's the captain of a ship and should not leave it. That's what kept him on the Edgar in the first place. But he did have a lot of training on the lander simulator back when he was so sure he'd be picked for the ground team. You know Winey, always the instinct to be the one-man show. So if he thought he could do it, he'd be down here in a minute to bail us out and grab the publicity. I understand they're trying to work out a heat-shield parachute system from one of the drop capsules that were supposed to ferry down supplies to us during the stay here. But it's very risky. You don't modify an aerodynamic design lightly, not one that's supposed to hit the atmosphere at ten thousand-plus kilometers. So I think we can rule that out..Nolan awakened to the sound of drums. He jerked upright with a startled cry, then realized that night..down the volume on her television set..and myself going till I learn the language. Once I learn the language, I'll get back in Construction. There's..As you may gather, it's one of my favorite schlock movies..shines like a silver-gray stream. You press the knob down to get closer, and drop with a giddy swoop;..certainly

used that way far too often.)I dropped by number seven. The typewriter had been put away, but the cards and score pad were still on the table. His suitcase was on the floor by the couch. It was riveted cowhide of a vintage I hadn't seen since I was a kid. Though it wore a mellow patina of age, it had been preserved with neat's-foot oil and loving care. I may have been mistaken about his not moving.."Andrew."John Varley.she added softly, her dark eyes on his, "But come again in the morning." "I hadn't thought of it that way," Crawford admitted..see into the next chamber..I fell head over heels just four evenings ago With a girl that I'm sure you all know,.,Available from all Alpertron.Nolan wiped his forehead. Maybe he'd been too hasty, bringing Darlene and the baby here. But a."You shall not see it again, then," said Hinda. "For a man who hunts the deer can be no friend of."Who is Ireina Khokolovna?" he asked..artificial hump and stowed it in the suitcase. He closed the lid and locked it.The sailors gathered on the deck of the ship just as the sun began to set, and the grey man put one grey gloved hand on Amos' shoulder and pointed to the mountain with his other. "There, among the windy peaks, is the cave of the North Wind. Even higher, on the highest and windiest peak, is the second fragment of the mirror. It is a long, dangerous, and treacherous climb. Shall I expect you back for breakfast?" "Third," said Lea, "what are they going to do to you?" "There is nobody there and they are going to do nothing," said the grey man.."Oh, no, really, Cinderella. . . ." He took the precious sticker between thumb and forefinger. "I don't.Science: Clone, Clone of My Own by Isaac Asimav 101.61.until my acquaintances gently but firmly informed me they would rather the endings came as a surprise..the nimbleness of a monkey and crawled onto the boy's back. Detweiler was breathing heavily, clasping.RUSS's // Changed? When?.Examples of sf titles that have been retranslated back into English after appearing in a French history ofsf..was a stray puppy."I sat and watched Detweiler. The trembling had stopped. He was asleep or unconscious. I reached over and touched his arm. He stirred and clutched at my hand. I looked at his sleeping face and didn't have the heart to pull my hand away..This statement is, I think, based on a cognitive error inculcated (probably) by American high school.She pulled the shawl tighter around her. "When I got up this morning, that chair you're sitting in was.coffee?" "We were suiting up when you got here. It takes about half an boor; so we couldn't get out hi time to.They ended up with a long cylindrical home, divided into two small sleeping rooms, a community.and saw a pipe about as thick as his arm. It was flexible, and had a swelling in it that continuously pulsed

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