

AS I REMEMBER THEM

"It's a very little thing to thank me for," Amos said. "But we had better start back if we want to be at the ship in time for lunch." You are forty, a respected scholar, taking a few days out to review your life, as many people do at your age. You have watched your mother and father coupling on the night they conceived you, watched yourself growing in her womb, first a red tadpole, then a thing like an embryo chicken, then a big-headed baby kicking and squirming. You have seen yourself delivered, seen the first moment when your the woods. His animals were at his heels. Lang stood up and shook Song's shoulder. Song came slowly back to them and sat down, still would have sustained life." 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. Moises was in the launch, working on the engine. He looked up as Nolan ran towards him, shouting. water. It isn't here now, but it can be created by properly designed plants. They engineered these plants. "So what about the crude?" Ralston asked. He didn't completely believe that part of the model they Westland stood there with his lower jaw down around his ankles watching Venerate polish off the last of the Zorph fleet The Admiral turned around grinning like a child of ten who has found a pony under the Christmas tree. "That is what I call action!" he cried. expression of almost sexual pleasure on his face. The thing's body got smaller and smaller, the skin on its. 140. "If I might be able to-" I bit my tongue but it was too late. She shrieked like a stricken animal and came at me swinging. The next moment it was Selene, wholly Selene, who stood there. She hurried across the room and knelt beside me. "Are you all right? You've got blood all over your head." Did she expect him to recognize her? She was beautiful enough, certainly, to have been someone he jogging, not running. She saw me about the same moment. She spun around as though to run away, then situation, all hoping to connect with some bona fide Permanent License holder, instead of which they major blowout. guys were already buying their booze on the cuff, and everybody had glum looks on their faces. I wasn't for a pair, since people with two blanks to fill could be presumed to be that much more desperate. Due later. He breaks off the circuit. All checks are done; there's nothing now on the circuits but a cut well, but there's another specialized animal that eats that type of plastic. It's recycled into the system. 170. "It is a map of many places and many treasures, and I need someone to help me find them." writer at all. Was it only my genes? And that's why I sold her. In the morning Brother Hart rose, but his movements were slow. "I wish I could stay," he said to his operation and our critical-historical apparatus always in high gear? or we may miss that subtle satire. The end result will be that though my clones, or some of them, might turn out to be valuable citizens of one kind or another, it would be very unlikely that any one of them would be another Isaac Asimov, and their production would not be worthwhile. Whatever good they might do would not be worth the reduction they would represent in the total gene variability of humanity. "That's fascinating, isn't it?" the Usher concluded, after setting forth further facts about this remarkable department store. common people like ourselves? If that's so, then we aren't acting in our own best interests at all; we're Far Rainbow, and when you go down into the garden, you can hear the water against the wall just like. 143. Vpstart point of hard fact, his second) the very next night. The fated encounter took place at Morone's One-Stop nursery. difficult-to-evolve specializations as intelligence are not likely to arise in the entire lifetime of a habitable. R Is for Spaceship, RAY BRADBURY to the trunk, lifted the lid, and tossed it in. far. Just out of curiosity, Barry wondered aloud, what kind of cash payment were they talking about? Jason said the standard fee, a year ago, for a single sticker had been a thousand dollars; two and a half for a pair, since people with two blanks to fill could be presumed to be that much more desperate. Due however to a recent disproportion between supply and demand, the going price for a single was now seventeen hundred; a double, a round four thousand. Jason said he could arrange an introduction at that price, if Barry were interested. inclination is to be up-front and betray everyone right from the start". big, white, puckered scar between its shoulder blades, at the top of its jutting backbone. consciousness aren't independent processes, after all. Talking is thinking turned inside-out. No more, no. "Right. The thing about cars is ... Well, I live in Elizabeth across the river, right? So any time I come here I've got to drive, right? Which you might think was a drag, but in fact I always feel terrific. You know?" to watch. He stepped backward and tripped over the suitcase. art difficult, imagine what happens when the issue is escape reading, i.e., something as idiosyncratic as happy executive. I don't know what we'll have to do, specifically, but I know we'll find the answers." "You want a cigarette?" 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. "It was an intolerable situation for her. She went catatonic to escape." But better to have the crew satisfy their curiosity in here where we can watch them, she reasoned, than stature as they watched, seeming to grow until she dominated the group with the intangible power that. Caution, an old habit, claimed him. He circled the clearing, never once making a sound. He. "Could you write a poem right now? About what you're thinking?" and clammy, and his fingers shook as they unscrewed the cap. For a moment Nolan wondered if he was. "Why," said Jack, "I am a prince because I am worthy to be a prince, and with me is a woman worthy to be a princess." She shakes her head. "It was a lot like this. My pa ran sheep. Maybe a hundred miles north." blood flowing around. If Milian had been murdered, there might be a link, however tenuous. But Milian's. That night Amos

again went to the brig. No one had missed the jailor yet So there was no guard at all. 163. intensity of the demand so well (having spent my twenties reading Eddison and Tolkien; I even adapted. to bat, with a shameful 43. But when two weeks had gone by and there was still no word from the Board. Of course it was Moises who did the actual driving; Nolan couldn't even chew them out properly. "Are you in command today, then?" I asked. .were led to the brig. .Examples of sf titles that have been retranslated back into English after. Smith made a disgusted sound. He opened the clamps that held the device and picked it up, reaching. "Well, welcome to the club." With a smile that might as well have been a sheer. "I suppose you're looking for endorsements?" .so as a matter of course. In these cases, an egg cell, containing only a half set of chromosomes, does not require union with a sperm cell to supply the other half set. Instead, the egg cell's half set merely duplicates itself, producing a full set, all from the female parent, and the egg then proceeds to divide and become an independent organism, again a kind of clone. .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 cruel 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. .came. It's nice to know we weren't forgotten." She said it with total assurance, and the others were. feel about any beautiful thing with one overwhelming flaw. .No good-bys. I know I'm canned. When I go into the Denver Alpertron office in another day and a. ?I'd like your comments," he went on. "This isn't absolutely final as yet." .Her hair had come loose during the lovemaking and was hanging down over her face. She parted it to look at me. My breathing stopped. Her eyes were goldstone. .had shifted; they were dancing now with the faint movements of his hand. Smith stared at them without. "Yes?" he asked. .Again Nolan looked down at the girl who lay curled beside him on the bed, silent and sated. She wasn't sweating; her skin was curiously cool to the touch, and in her eyes was a mystery. .Brother Hart by Jane Yolen. "When he gets it," Michelle amended. .She stooped closer to the ice cream and winced. "But then it's pure hell. I want to cut my leg off, have a. "No way," she says. "He didn't and he won't. He doesn't like what I do." I can't think of anything to say now. After a while Jain rescues me, "It isn't your hassle, and it isn't mine anymore." .It was small comfort, but Nolan had no choice. And he was too tired to protest, too tired to worry. Once aboard the launch and heading back, he stretched out on the straw mattress in a sleep that was like death itself. .form of data and supplies. There was one more capsule load due; after that, its presence would only be a. 'At dusk the sun began to fade and the cottage darken. Hinda got up. She went out to the clearing's edge and called. .group finds their instruments in the familiar darkness. The crowd is already going crazy. .cut. The blood hadn't spread very far. Most of it had been soaked up by the threadbare carpet under the. Chills. .by TOM REAMY. If I looked as guilty as I felt, I was glad she could not see my face. .like leeches. She had been quite a dish? forty years ago. She saw me looking at the photos and smiled. .I'm wired to a test set fully as powerful as the costume Jain'll wear later? just not as exotic. I slide a. I comply. She kisses me with lips and tongue, working down across my belly. .And what about this, Mallory? What if someone died nearby tonight while you were with Detweiler; what if he comes straight to his apartment and goes to bed; what if he wakes up hi the morning feeling fine; what if nothing is going on, you son of a bitch? . "Well, come in, then," said Billy, "and play me a game of jack-straws, and you can tell us all about it." .Earthiside that you couldn't do it. They've tried some experiments, coaching some very good pilots and. His first endorsement proved to have been beginner's lock. Though he went out almost every night to a different speakeasy and practically lived at Partyland during the weekends, when it was at hs liveliest, he never again had such a plum fall in his lap. He didn't get within sniffing distance of bis heart's desire. Most people he met were temps, and the few Permanent License holders inclined to be friendly to him invariably turned out, like the MacKinnons, to have already disposed of their allotted endorsements. Or so they said. As the weeks went by and anxiety mounted, he began to be of the cynical but widely held opinion that many people simply removed the stickers from their licenses so it would seem they'd been used. According to Jason MacKinnon, a completely selfless endorsement, like his from Ed, was a rare phenomenon. Quid pro quos were the gen-. He grinned his beguiling grin and picked up my discard. "Ifi very . . . unusual. Have you lived here long, Mr. Maliory?" .Briefly, to answer other statements in the letters: I apologize for implying that Tolkien's hobbits and. had freed himself again when the sailor left, then slipped off the ship to join Amos. .Nolan's tongue froze to the roof of bis mouth. Time itself was frozen as he stared down at the crushed and pulpy thing sprawled shapelessly beside the rocker, its sightless eyes bulging from the swollen purple face. .And there wasn't any sound at all. .bricks the brickmakers made and said he'd like to see him slog around in mud and straw eight hours a. makeshift, and enough ordinary debris to suggest a life being carried on, with normative difficulty, among. Division. The little delay our game occasioned upset the very tight schedule for that operation. As a. And so passed the day. . "Now before you play," I said, "you must understand that we did not wish it known we were working on a proposed naval system. Thus, we have pretended that we are fighting a space war of the future against the mythical race of Zorphs. The weapons you will be using will not have the standard Navy nomenclature, but you'll have no trouble recognizing what they really are." . * . And she was right Nolan knew it now. At least they'd be together and that would help see him through. He wouldn't need the bottle any more, and he wouldn't need Nina. .In another hah* hour I said I had to call it a night. I had to get up early the next morning. I always spent Sunday with my mother in Inglewood. My mother was touring Yucatan at the time, but that was neither here nor there. I looked at Johnny. He nodded. He was to make sure Detweiler stayed at least another twenty minutes and then follow him when he did leave. If he went anywhere but his apartment, he was to come and let me know, quick. . "Wheels," she said. "The thing runs on wheels." .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, I'm 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...a woman worthy of a prince." He grinned and shuffled the cards. "North Carolina. Back in the Blue Ridge." The thing crouched on Detweiler's back and placed its lips against the wound. In the brig he saw immediately that there was no jailor and then that there was no prisoner. Furious, he rushed into the cell and began to tear apart the bundle of blankets in the corner. And out of the blankets rolled the jailor, bound and gagged and dressed in the colorful costume of the Prince of the Far Rainbow. For it was the jailor's clothes that Jack had worn when he had gone with Amos to the mountain...five hours to pass through two days of real time. The 23rd is calmer, but on the 24th another storm blows. framework of interlocking will just about cover the rent, and I'm smoking Bugler instead of Winstons. And any day now, as Debbie. The North Wind was happier than he had ever been since the wizard first made his cave. Milian, age 51, had fallen through the plate-glass doors leading onto the terrace of the high-rise where he. The eggs of reptiles and birds, however, are enclosed in shells, which adds to the technical difficulty. The eggs of mammals are very small, very delicate, very easily damaged. Furthermore, even if a mammalian egg has had its nucleus replaced, it would then have to be implanted into the womb of a female and allowed to come to term there...on the smooth facade of the man's compulsive nature. He got the feeling, more and more, that he was. But she got no further. A loud sound in the woods stayed her. It was too heavy for a deer. And when the hunter stepped out of the woods on the very path that Brother Hart usually took, Hinda gave a gasp, part delight, part fear. Getting a grip on the edge of the platform, the King chinned himself and swung his body onto the narrow. Invasion of the Body Snatchers is the first "little" '50s s/f film to have the honor of a remake (or at. They built a separate shelter inside the dome, not really talking aloud about what it was for. But it did not lack for use. Productive work suffered as the five of them frantically ran through all the possible permutations of three women and two men. Animosity developed, flourished for a few hours, and dissolved in tearful reconciliations. Three ganged up on two, two on one, one declared war on all the other four. Ralston and Song announced an engagement, which lasted ten hours. Crawford nearly came to blows with Lang, aided by McKillian. McKillian renounced men forever and had a brief, tempestuous affair with Song. Then Song discovered McKillian with Ralston, and Crawford caught her on the rebound, only to be thrown over for Ralston. In the gilded frame now was no longer then- reflection, but a rolling land of green and yellow meadows, with red and white houses, and far off a golden castle against a blue sky...must continually extend one's sensitivity, knowledge, and critical care to works that only abuse such. "Well, as you don't appear to be either a mugger or a rapist, there had to be some reason you followed a dotty old woman home from her latest nervous breakdown. Let's make a deal, shall we?" the company store by day to purchase food. After a while, she says, "Robbie, I'm cold," and so I move back 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. "I suppose we just guessed lucky, sir." about the very real financial benefits Lang stood to reap by being the first woman on Mars, rather than. hall. It was comfortable and cluttered, and dominated by a drafting table surrounded by jars of brushes. Mama's voice sank to a murmur. "It concerns the one outside." (see Freud if you think this is my arbitrary fiat) just as parody is a form of criticism (see Dwight. LeeKWough. "Barry what?"). A clone is any organism (or group of organisms) that arises out of a cell (or group of cells) by means other than sexual reproduction. Put it another way: It is an organism that is the product of asexual reproduction. Put it still another way: It is an organism with a single parent, whereas an organism that arises from sexual reproduction (except where self-fertilization is possible) has two parents. I am fortunate in that, unlike Hollywood, F&SF seems to be largely immune from trends. The magazine has a reputation for offering variety, and to uphold that image, it seems to me that it must carefully avoid trends and formulas in an effort to publish a balance of different types of fantasy and sf. And so we continue to look for good writing and fresh ideas and entertaining narratives, and once those general criteria are satisfied, we take on whatever seems to be pleasing our writers at the time. That's the best way I know of pleasing our leaders. Saturday morning, the third day since Miss Herndon died, I had a talk with Lorraine and Johnny. If

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