

## DE FROM THE HARVEST A COLLECTION OF ADVENTUROUS INSPIRATIONAL ESSAYS

your Permanent License?" All in all, I didn't find anything. Except for the books and the deck of cards, there was nothing of. 192. David Labor, possible rescue. The more they thought about it, the less happy they looked. They all seemed to agree. 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-. VIII. Up above the burning city, a woman wails the blues. How she cries out, how she moans. Flames fed by tears rake fingers across the sky. It is an old, old song. At the cabin she said, "I'm sorry I was poor company." "You impress me as being a sensible young man," he said. "What's your name?" and the ship is gone. He turns back again until he finds it standing out under light canvas past Sandy. I heard the door open. I turned and saw Detweiler run out. diaries pipe in one high but full-toned voice, "the lords of Creation." The wind flays us for a moment; Jain's hair whips and she shakes it back from her eyes. I pull her into. "But we're middlemen, you see. We have only limited flexibility in the terms we can offer. Say, fifteen." "What did you find this time, Harry? A nest of international spies or an invasion from Mars?" I guess. But with, 'How much does one pearly Gateway??" "It will be tomorrow at four o'clock in the morning," said the grey man. "So don't stay up too late." "My red hair," said Amos, "is only on the top of my head. My clothes are ragged and dirty and will. faces she's seeing. Babe, no man can fill me like they do. stand up." "What do you win?" Corporation is twelve ingots of gold of 100-kilogram weight per week. These should be placed on the. have no hotels or public transportation and the cabletrain from Gateside is the only way in, aside from. muscles protest to watch. She never broke the rhythm of them and her voice came in gasps between. "Not at all!" I said and his eyes cleared. "What kind of stories do you write?" to do with that? ". works out that way." Fitt me like the mountains Fill me like the sea. And there it was. Like the lights in a theater after the show is over: just a quick brightening, a splash. "Selene, did you hear me?" "?love you. Every single one of you." "Of course not, no question." understand why certain other citizens have put their personal interests above the common interests of the. of Jack McCranie's office; the picture was still dim, but sharp enough that Smith could see the expression. Tin continuously aware; she's only conscious when she's out." "Not much. He's only been here since Sunday night. He's very handsome, like an angel, a dark angel. But it wasn't his handsomeness that attracted me." She smiled. "I've seen many handsome men in my day, you know. It's difficult to verbalize. He has such an incredible innocence. A lost, doomed look that Byron must have had. A vulnerability that makes you want to shield and protect him. I don't know for sure what it is, but it struck a chord in my soul. Soul," she mused. "Maybe that's it. He wears his soul on his face." She nodded, as if to herself. "A dangerous thing to do." She looked back up at me. "If that quality, whatever it is, would photograph, he would become a star overnight, whether he could act or not. Except ?of course?for his infirmity." meters and looms threateningly over the four or five Intermediaries, who are, after all, small and not. This seems a terrible disadvantage. Organisms that can clone, reproducing themselves asexually, would seem to be much better off than other organisms?who must go to the trouble of finding partners and who must engage in all the complex phenomena, both physical and chemical, involved in sexual reproduction. Think of ail the human beings who, for one slight flaw or another, can't have children ?a problem that would be unknown if we could just release a toe and have it grow into another individual while we grew another toe. From Competition 14: Science fiction "What's the question?" jokes. The house lights go all the way down; the only illumination comes from a thousand exit signs and the equipment lights. Then Moog Indigo troops onstage as the crowd begins to scream in anticipation. The group finds their instruments in the familiar darkness. The crowd is already going crazy. "Sizzling hot and waiting," said the grey man, lifting his sunglasses. "Where is the sailor you took to help you?" and she pointed to the wheelbarrow full of gold and jewels "?is a man to be taken seriously." "It sounds very specialized," McKillian said thoughtfully. "Maybe we should be looking for the niche." I am Amos and this is Jack, Prince of the Far Rainbow," said. to wander, and she stood up and gazed into the valley below them. It was as barren as anything that. where you do fall down is in Notional Content and Originality. There you could do better." (2nd verse). Science fiction is a small country which for years has maintained a protective standards-tariff to encourage native manufactures. Many readers are, in fact, unacquainted with the general canon of English literature or the standards of criticism outside our own small field. Add to this the defensiveness so many people feel about high culture and you get the wholesale inflation of reputations James Blish lambaste in The Issue at Hand. Like him, I believe that somebody has to stop handing out stars and kisses: If "great writer" means Charles Dickens or Virginia Woolf (not to mention William Shakespeare), then it does not mean C. S. Lewis or J. R. R. Tolkien, about whom the most generous consensus of mainstream critical opinion is that they are good, interesting, minor authors. And so on.. could possibly be involved in a string of bloody deaths. Maybe it was just a series of unbelievable. "Smart thinking," said Venerate. "Now how do I get this game started?" for him. "I wasn't lagging at you, young man," she told him, taking the same coolly aggrieved tone she'd. Isaac Astmav. dismal actuality of Intensity Five went beyond anything he could have imagined. A cavernous one-room. asleep now." CLAUSE'S Tales White From the Hart. started toward the slope of the mountain. Once the grey man raised his glasses as he watched them go. other back here in New York.. After what seemed a long, long time, he saw a flicker of silver-white, and coming closer, he saw it. He smiled at her. "Special circumstances. Short-term problems." the same genetic equipment possessed by the original fertilized egg.. dirt of kingdoms she had never seen. He sang songs she had never heard before, singing them softly into. The years Fallows remembered had come later, when the slender fingers of gleaming new cities were beginning to claw skyward once more from the deserts of rubble, and new steel and aluminum plants were

humming and pounding while on the other side of the world China and IndiaJapan wrestled for control over the industrial and commercial might of the 'East. Those had been stirring years, vibrant years, inspiring years. Fallows remembered the floodlit parades .in Washington on the Fourth of July-the color and the splendor of the massed bands, the columns of marching soldiers with uniforms glittering and flags flying, the anthems and hymns rising on the voices of tens of thousands packed into Capitol Square, where the famous building had once stood. He remembered strutting into a high-school ball in his just acquired uniform of the American New Order Youth Corps and pretending haughtily not to notice the admiring looks following him wherever he went. How he had bragged to his envious friends after the tint weekend of war gaming with the Army in the New Mexico desert . . . the exhilaration when America reestablished a permanently manned base on the Moon..The Isaac Asimov clones, once they grow op, simply won't live in the same social environment I did."Can you stay alive if you get regular transfusions?". "Hey?" Jason grabbed Barry's hand and gave it an earnest squeeze. "Don't forget, if you do get.154.After the meeting a bunch of us stopped in The Fig Leaf for a few beers. I was still there when Ike got off picket duty and dropped by. I told him about the package and he agreed it was a nice one. By that time the drinks were coming pretty fast, and an argument had broken out down the bar between one of the bricklayers and one of the brickmakers about the free foot clinic. The bricklayer said that if they were going to furnish a free foot clinic, they should furnish a free hand clinic too, because a bricklayer was as liable to develop arthritis in his hands as a brickmaker was in his feet and in addition was performing a much more essential task. The brickmaker asked him how he'd perform it without the bricks the brickmakers made and said he'd like to see him slog around in mud and straw eight hours a day and see how his feet felt come quitting time. The bricklayer said that where he came from the women did the slogging, and the brickmaker said that that was just the kind of a place a labor-faker like him would come from. Somebody broke it up just in time.."But it could be done, right? With the proper shielding so the plants won't be wiped out before they ever sprout, we could have a hydroponics plant functioning?".and pointed at him. She was suited except for her helmet, which contained her radio. He knew he was in."I had rather hoped we might have avoided that," said Lea, as she came over to untie Jack and Amos. "But there is nothing we can do now. I can never thank you enough for gathering the mirror and releasing me."."How do you like it?". "I don't really get it," Crawford admitted, talking quietly to Lucy McKillian. "What's so revolutionary about little windmills?".Thank you, Barry. I know you mean that, and I'm flattered Well, then?" He took his pipe from his."Tomorrow. I've got a date with Janice tonight." She reached in her desk drawer and pulled out my."I have a plan," said Amos, who could think very quickly when he had to. "Simply do as I say." Amos began to whisper through the bars. Behind them the jailor snored on his piece of canvas..Tales of A Moribund Bird, HARLAN ELLISON.tattooed on his right forearm. On a scroll circling the flagpole was the following inscription: Let's All.There is no sign of anything wrong?no explosion, no fire, no trace of violence. When he looks up."But you'll stay alive.".Yet cloning would not be totally useless, either. There would be the purely theoretical advantage of.But not quite. He still had to get one more endorsement But now it seemed possible, likely, even.briefings in the shelter. He remembered nothing about any animal life being discovered, and so when he.the black woman to her knees. In another second the ulterior was a whirling snowstorm. He skidded on.So there we are?a nice symbolic obtuse triangle. And yet? We're all just one happy show-biz family..image-intensification device that was puzzling because it was too good. He had it on his bench now..prototype, with only two controls, one for space, one for time. The range of the device was limited to."What are you doing up this early?" I asked. Janice Fenwick was an exotic dancer at a club on the.Far Rainbow from here."..now. You probably didn't see them on the way in, but you saw the models. They're very light.,205.I was never genius enough that I could have got a really good job with, say, Bell Futures or one of the big.she grinned. "We split when we were six. I told Mandy about it when we were seven, after we'd learned."At last it is about to happen," said the grey man. "Bat first, Amos, you must have your reward for.the edge of the table. It caught mm square across the hump on his back. He bounced and fell forward on."I thought it was a Company project," Ike said, butting in..263.including non-fiction material from F&SF's regular departments. The aim is to provide readers of these.variations, would have identical genetic equipment (This would raise serious ethical questions, as all.because the promise held out by heroic fantasy?the promise of escape into a wonderful Other.his hands. He stood up agonizingly, like a slow motion movie, arching his spine backward, his face.This is Alpertron, Ltd.'s, own chartered jet, flying at 37,000 feet above western Kansas. Stella and

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