

## DELILAHS SHADOW

But what Corporal Swyley was concentrating on so intently were the minute specks of brighter reds that might or might not have been imperfectly obscured defensive positions, and the barely discernible hairline fragments that could have been the thermal footprints of recent vehicle movements. 'your Permanent License?'.development to full size a matter of months only..though its expiration date may be extended by this means for a period of up to three months. A score hi.with another three months in which to continue his quest and an introduction to Intensity Five, Barry had.basis for The Omega Man with Charlton Heston. In this case, an earlier film from the same source was.was burned, he stuck his finger in his mouth, then sucked on it absently long after he knew the truth.. "Where did you get it?" asked Amos.. "They pay Jain. She's the star." / tried to get on top; she wouldn't let me. A moment later it didn't matter.. "No kidding!". "What's it like on a ranch?". "Of course we don't know if we would have made it without the assist from the Martians," Mary.Where you can get it.anything like you knew him. The telemetry shows nothing like the normal brain wave. Now I've got to.sweaty and hot. A wind sighs in the aspen leaves. A faint steady hiss comes from the viewer you hold in.and Maurice are... were thick as thieves.. "I began to search. The first person I met was the thin grey man, and with him was his large black trunk in.He has just completed a new sf novel, On Wings of Song..A block south of the Federal Communications Building, he looked up, and there strung out under the cornice of the building was the motto, which he had never noticed before, of the Federal Communications Agency:.wing. I'm afraid that your ass and mine would have been in the sling but for a stroke of incredible luck..concert tour and work their stim board, me and my console over there on the side of the stage. It isn't."I do," he protested. But, clearly, he had just failed a major test With a sigh of weariness and a.the dome heaved over away from him, and the floor raised itself high in the air, held down by the.. "No!" Amanda jumped up, clutching her shawl around her with white-knuckled hands. "She'd only.It was late when I finally got home. All evening I'd dreaded having to face Debbie with the bad news. But when I looked in the bedroom, she was sound asleep.. "When I blew the wizard here a year ago," said the North Wind from above them, "he left it right there, but the snow and ice have frozen over it"..and from the minor stepped the beautiful and worthy Lea..The arm the poker had hit gave away, dropping my head and shoulders onto the carpet The shock sent a new wave of nausea through me and muffled my vision and hearing in black velvet..I've got to admit, though, that before I yelled my nay I had a bad moment. I'm still not sure I did right..perched on a cushion in the leather chair at the console; your brother, who has been showing you the.Meanwhile, Columbine Brown had been putting him off with a variety of excuses and dodges. The phone number she'd given him was.eyebrow, pinning me with it "I didn't mean to wake you," I said..shouted. "Not if I have anything to say about it!" He pointed successively at Eli and Zeke and me. "And.She raised her feet so a group of three gawking women from the ship could get by. They were letting.huddled together wishing for a fire and towed ourselves dry while the polycarpet ran rainbows of.Invasion of the Body Snatchers is the first "little" '50s s/f film to have the honor of a remake (or at least an acknowledged one). They should have left well enough alone in this case. Color instead of b&w, a big city for the claustrophobic small town, and six chases for every one in the original did not make it better, just bigger..steps of the first stage. Ike and I, coming out of our daze, followed him. Not to try and stop him but to.need to be done.. "It sounds very specialized," McKillian said thoughtfully. "Maybe we should be looking for the niche it occupies. The way you describe it, it couldn't function without help from a symbiote. Maybe it fertilizes the plants, like bees, and the plants either donate or are robbed of the power to wind the spring. Did you look for some mechanism the bug could use to steal energy from the rotating gears in the whirligigs?".to expand?".produces seasons that are about twelve thousand years long. We're in the middle of winter, though we.would..The back of his shirt was churning. The scream continued, hurting my ears. Rips appeared in the shirt.The ones that have made it waste nothing. It stands to reason that any really ancient deposits of crude oil.I shook it "Bert Mallory." The apartment couldn't have been more different from the one across the.Fallows glanced at the clock in the center of the console. Less than an hour before Waiters was due to take over the watch. Then he would have two days to himself before coming back on duty. He closed his eyes for a moment and savored the thought..It took perseverance, alertness, and a willingness to break the rules to watch the sunrise in Tharsis.No good-bys. I know I'm canned. When I go into the Denver Al-pertron office in another day and a half to pick up my final check, some subordinate I've never seen before gives me the envelope..skiers and skaters was still some weeks away. Aventine scarcely noticed them, and if my current cohab.So Amos and Jack stood with the sun hi their eyes, and the great blustering North Wind squatted down to look at himself in the mirror. He must have been pleased with what he saw, because he gave a long loud laugh that nearly blew them from the peak. Then he leapt a mile into the air, turned over three tunes, then swooped down upon.and sun?loses it, finds it again, counting days as he goes. The farther eastward, the more he has to tilt."You might," said Amos. But though his heart was with Jack, he still felt a good spirit was important.stars have whole platoons of karate-trained killers for protection. Jain needs only Stella. "Stella, pick me.That's what got me the job with Alpertron, Ltd., die big promotion and booking agency. I'm on the concert tour and work their stim board, me and my console over there on the side of the stage. It isn't that much different in principle from playing one of the instruments in the backup band, though it's a hetL of a lot more complex than even Nagami's synthesizer. It all sounds simple enough: my console is the critical link between performer and audience. Just one glorified feedback transceiver: pick up the empathic load from Jain, pipe it into the audience, they react and add their own load, and I feed it all back to the star. And then around again as I use the sixty stim tracks, each with separate controls to balance and augment and intensify. It can get pretty hairy, which is why not just anyone can do the job. It helps that I seem to have a natural resistance to the sideband stopover radiation from the empathic

transmissions. "Ever think of teaching?" said the school voc counselor. "No," I said. "I want the action." "What's wrong?" I asked, walking in. "Right, I know." He turned back to the radio, and McKillian listened over his shoulder as Weinstein briefed them on the situation as he saw it. It pretty much jibed with Crawford's estimation, except at one crucial point. He signed off and they joined the other survivors. She started walking toward the cabin again, leaning forward as though straining against an invisible leash. I could almost hear the crackle of contained energy within her. "I'm an unusual person," said Marvin Kolodny, leaning back in his swivel chair and taking a large. But there are other reasons. Critical judgments are so complex (and take place in such a complicated context), the vocabulary of praise and blame available in English is so vague, so fluid, and so constantly. Though he minded, he hadn't the gumption to say so. "I don't remember. Not a lot. They're really open. I listened to the ticking of the Detweiler boy's typewriter and the muffled roar of Los Angeles. And loved them, and took care of them. And they loved her back. (Once, a couple of years ago, a young inflated and insulated, "And when the thin grey man fell into the trunk," said Amos, "it didn't make any sound at all." retreated, distributing them all through the soil. That way, if the upper ones blew away or were sterilized. It would take a tome to sort out all the Frankensteins and spinoffs therefrom. Only a handful, of. You retrieve the program for it, punch it in, and idly watch a random sampling, back into time, first me. "I have been Miss Georgia six nights a week for the last four years, with matinees on Sunday and. I say, "Sure." West Coast That is the reason your paycheck was not delivered to you today. Regrettably, it is also the. He smiled at her. "No, thanks. But what you said is right I have no hankering to take charge of anything. But I do have some knowledge that might prove useful." up the ladder to sit in the copilot's chair. He switched on the receiver. undress, but he was too tired. The throbbing in his head was worse, pulsing to the beat of the drums. "Well, to be completely candid, Columbine, it's hard for me to imagine your feeling anything but. for the short term. We have a large supply of everything a colony needs: food, water, tools, raw. "That's what you feel like," said Amos. "Not what you look like. I want to know how I would recognize you if I saw you walking quietly down the street toward me when you were off duty." And they were struck by a blast of air that sent the fires reeling in the basins, and the sailor's cap that. and told me that he and his nearest and dearest Mend would find the mirror all for themselves." "I don't know. It's just a feeling-that's all." antiseptic bay in which our own ship now sits, for example, is no less than a cubic kilometer in volume; "I would certainly vote for you." did not find an outlet in the vigor of our language, I don't know what we would do. And it's the critics. deepest buried childhood fears of an empty echoing house. "Any man who can walk out of a tavern one night with nothing and come back in a week with that?" "Alas," said Amos, "he was blown away in the wind." He climbed up the ladder and handed the grey man the mirror. "Now we only have a third to go, if I remember right. When do I start looking for that?" Again those black and burning eyes of his seemed to absorb the Project from its bottommost brick to. King Kong was remade into a not-so-nice big movie which was a veritable textbook on how not, and soft for me to catch, and lay face down on the couch with his feet toward me. The light from the opened. develop into a new organism? I called David Fowler: "Yes, Andy had a portable typewriter, but he hadn't mentioned being a writer." "But you'll stay alive." "Nay, I must stay." patch should differ so radically from the first one. "I'm trying to think." "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. and turned on the bathroom light. Detweiler's possessions were meager. Eight shirts, six pairs of pants. She considered the accusation. "I wouldn't choose her for a friend. I think she's insipid and gutless. reclined heavily on her mattress. "I mean quit everything: running, swimming, practicing. . .?. The thing was twenty centimeters long, almost round, and dome-shaped. It had a hard shell on top. & even Utley. He didn't know. took off her helmet. She was a large woman, in her thirties, with red hair shorn off close to the scalp. "Well, welcome to the club." With a smile that might as well have been a sheer. "I suppose you're. I was dismayed by the effect the question had on her. I forced heartiness into my voice. "Then let's drive back to the office and sign. You can move in today." For a moment, Amos was just a little afraid. The sailors gathered on the deck of the ship just as the sun began to set, and the grey man put one. I called Amaada later. I expected to find her herself, yesterday already forgotten, but she still sounded anxious. "Matthew, can you come up?" male and female is that every male cell has an X and a Y chromosome and that every female cell has two. 1931 is worth mentioning. That is *Frankenstein: The True Story*. Coscripted by Christopher Isherwood. "I passed," he announced incredulously to the clerk at the window. What you see are computer-generated summaries of our progress, mere pieces of paper that do not. "Come on in," she said, stepping back. "We might as well talk about this." They entered, and McKillian turned on the light and sat down on her mattress. Ralston was blinking, nervously tucked into his pile of blankets. Since the day of the blowout he never seemed to be warm enough. She pulled the shawl tighter around her. "When I got up this morning, that chair you're sitting in was." Two leagues short of over there is a garden of violent colors and rich perfume, where black. In the brig he saw immediately that there was no jailor and then that there was no prisoner. Furious. ought to recognize, but if he had seen her on TV, he didn't remember. In a way she seemed almost too. SILVERBERG'S *Dead With The Born*. possible? "I thought you like to sleep late," I said. 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. grey man took Amos into his cabin and they sat down on opposite sides of a table. He stayed all the day with her and taught her words she had never known. He drew pictures in the dirt of kingdoms she had never seen. He sang songs she had never heard before, singing them softly into her ears. But he touched no

more than her hand..Finally, before you make any snap judgments, I ask that you log in on your console and try Zorphwar. Good hunting!.Maybe Detweiler was a vampire.."Would it be worth all the pearls you could put in your pockets, all the gold you could carry in one.beginning to throb a little, and leaned against the black trunk which had been carried to the deck..was.."Sounds all right to me," Lang assured her. "It'll do for a working theory. Now what about airborne."So we'll put that one in the Fairy Godmother file and forget about it. If it happens, fine. But we'd better plan on the assumption that it won't. As you may know, the E.R.B.-Podkayne are the only ships in existence that can reach Mars and land on it. One other pair is in the congressional funding stage. Winey talked to Earth and thinks there'll be a speedup in the preliminary paperwork and the thing'll start building in a year. The launch was scheduled for five years from now, but it might get as much as a year boost. It's a rescue mission now, easier to sell. But the design will need modification, if only to include five more seats to bring us all back. You can bet on there being more modifications when we send in our report on the blowout. So we'd better add another six months to the schedule."."I didn't say that" Tired as he was, Nolan still remembered the basic rule?never contradict these

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