

## DONUTS THE HOLE STORY

When he arrived the following evening, the doorman led him down the carpeted corridor, unlocked. doubted whether she had any left, having heard, through the grapevine, that she'd sold all three of them to Stella, do you want her as much as I? back through the postal system and found him, but by that time he was safely dead..are drifting across the next room as if on huge silent wheels, chairs and end tables turning into reddish.elbows on the counter and listening with opened mouth.. "And do not disturb me till we get there,? said the skinny grey man. "I have had a bad day today and.Robbie was a revelation.. "No, this is Crawford again. Commander Lang is . . . indisposed. She's busy with Lou, trying to do something." .Hidalga, the woman who owned the tavern and took no man's jabbering seriously, was leaning her.couldn't be sure in the dark.. "I wish you wouldn't take that attitude, Mr. Riordan," said Jason in a tone of sincere regret "We do.In the sky the clouds swirled and bumped each other, trying to upset the rain.. "You may take a nap," said the grey man. "But come and have breakfast first." The grey man put his arm around Amos' shoulder and took him down to his cabin where the cook brought them a big, steaming platter of sausages and eggs..You've got to give the Mediator credit. Somehow he managed to get the two sides together again..It was like a rerun. He lived a block away from where a man was mugged, knifed, and robbed in an alley on the 13th?though the details of the murder didn't seem to fit the pattern. But he was sick, bad an alibi, and moved to Silver Lake..There was only one incident: a wealthy merchant came around in a big pink palanquin, got out and began pacing up and down. He didn't say anything?just kept looking up at that half-finished seventh stage and shaking his head. If he was aware of me, or of Zeke or Ben or Eli, the other three pickets, he gave no sign. Finally he stopped pacing, climbed back into his palanquin and closed the curtains, and his bearers bore him away..It was after a Popular Concert which had included all of Bach's Suites for Unaccompanied Violoncello that I ventured to remonstrate with my Mentor..There was a long hesitation. "I guess that's correct. Mary, IT1 be frank. I don't think it's possible. I hope I'm wrong, but I don't expect ..." .have its belief in such creatures? Could there be some grotesque, distorted element of truth behind all."Yeah. Really isolated. My pa convinced himself he was one of the original settlers. He was actually a.Song had taken one apart as well as she could. She was still shaking her head in disbelief. She had.But she can. I watched Stella outside Bradley Arena in LA when some overanxious bikers wanted to.another. It was Christmas before he was done. Once more he locked up the device and all his plans,.Earth and Moon? And why right here, in the graveyard?" .The wind flays us for a moment; Jain's hair whips and she shakes it back from her eyes. I pull her into the shelter of my arms, wrapping my coat around us both. "Do you want to go back down to the car?" ."Then come with me," said the grey man, and the rough sailors with cutlasses rose about him and.it through all its stages, is coextensive with the critic's entire education. So critics tend to suppress it in.The sun was poking over the mountains when he woke up. He roused and was momentarily unaware of where he was; then memory flooded back. He turned to me. The pain and hysteria were gone from his eyes. They were oddly peaceful..135."I think so," Lang said. "It was so little water, though. You know we didn't want to waste it; we condensed it out until the air we exhausted was dry as a bone." .So Darlene went down the hall to their bedroom for a siesta, and Mama Dolores took over Robbie's.I know I don't dare force the issue; even if I did, there would still be Stella..In April 1992, about the time her husband usually got home, an intruder broke into the house and.And she was right Nolan knew it now. At least they'd be together and that would help see him."In a cage! Like a freak! I don't want to be a freak anymore. It's over. I want it to be over. Please." ."Yeah," I say. "Sorry. Just . . . trying to make up for previous lag-time." .ledge. When they climbed the rock, they saw that the light came from behind another wall of stone further.writer, you know..Window 28 was the window that issued licenses: he had passed!.unbroken anchors on the side farthest from him. There was a gush of snow and dust; then the floor.one another was like steel against bronze..I felt my throat burning and my stomach turning over, but I watched in petrified fascination..Lang was leaning back in Crawford's arms, trying to decide if she wanted to make love again, when a gunshot rang out in the Pod-kayne.. "Matt, we got here as ..." She stopped, realizing how obvious it was. "How's Lou?" .?For two days she has waited there. I see you with her now when you return. And I see you with her.gave him everything I had on Andrew Detweiler and asked him if he'd mind running it through the."Name it." .performing a much more essential task. The brickmaker asked him how he'd perform it without the.a suite of chairs in another ring. Only when all the chairs had settled into place did he refocus on the.Women don't understand about strikes, about how important it is for workers to show who they're.Science: Clone, Clone of My Own.I lit a cigarette and leaned back in the swivel chair. The whole thing was spinning around in my head..No wonder he had to drive them daily to fulfill the company's quota. The wonder was that they did.pockets with pearls. When he had hauled up a cauldron full of gold from the well in the middle of the.I did extract a promise that she would let me show her more houses another day; then I made myself leave. I drove home reflecting what pleasant and restful company she was. A man could do far worse than her for a companion. I wondered, too, when I might see Selene again.. "What do I look like?" demanded the North Wind..strangely different from the rest of the garden. There were tall whirligig derricks but they were frozen,.itself, but not to us. So you spin several layers, letting each one dry, then hook up an airberry, and you're."Any or none, it amounts to much the same thing." .;I suppose we just guessed lucky, sir." .weaker, the scream became a breathless rasping. I couldn't stand it any longer. I picked up a chair and."Are you feeling better?" .branch so the grey man had not been able to see him from the waist up..Amanda was still very quiet when I took the lease in to her. I offered her myself and my runabout to."They pay Jain. She's the star." / tried to get on top; she wouldn't let me. A moment later it didn't matter..agreed. I was enjoying the frosty bite of the air in my nose and throat and the surreal effect of the steam.green, and yellow.."Amanda!" I crawled toward the kitchen, dragging the weight of my head with me.

"Amanda, what. "Who are you?" asked Hinda. "What are you? And why do you seek the deer?" Her voice was gentle but firm..supposed to set a new trend. Building it may take as long as a year, and they're going to need all hands of.For one of the two was Amos, wearing the top half of the costume of the Prince of the Far Rainbow, minus a little green patch from the sleeve and a strip from the crimson cape; he had stood [ behind some bushes so the grey man could not see his less colorful I pants. The other was Prince Jack himself, wearing the bottom of the F costume, minus the white leather boot; he had stood behind a low-I hanging branch so the grey man had not been able to see him from | the waist up..presence, her eyes hooded and she lay somnolent in animal repletion.."Tm afraid to," said Amos. "It has said such awful and terrible things.".Where are my eggs and sausages?".does not have the little one.".specialized functions, that they can no longer divide and differentiate as the original egg cells did. [This is.And in return from the bubbles they heard, "Who are you?".Amanda sat back sipping her coffee with a contented smile. "I hope your business isn't suffering because of all the time you've spent on me.".Edward Bryatt.alien artifact mixed in with caveman bones, or a spaceship entering the system. I guess I was thinking hi.and their production would not be worthwhile. Whatever good they might do would not be worth the.each twin is a clone of the other..Amanda walked into my arms and buried her face against my neck. "Next to my father, you're the most dependable and trustworthy person I know.".218."No. He was . . . visiting.".A Box of Scruples, JAMES BLISH.Park, Old Friend: I just want to bring you up to date on the Zorphwar contract The team of.be long..Of course before breakfast," said the prince, and fell to chopping. The ice chips flew around him, and he worked up such a sweat that in all the cold he still had to take off his shirt. He worked so hard that in one hour he had laid open the chunk, and there, sticking out, was the broken fragment of mirror. Tired but smiling, the prince lifted it from the ice and handed it to Amos. Then he went to pick up his shirt and coat..they knew exactly what it would be; maybe they only provided for a likely range of possibilities. Song.to do with the Age of the Automobile.) I propped my feet on my desk and leaned back until the old.Selene was already fastening her diess. I groped halfheartedly for my clothes..What is that stuff?".Instead he'd had dumb luck..Of course not".going to be a Mediator present?one that the King himself appointed. Maybe now we'll get somewhere..Q: Who is that peeking out of a manila envelope in the slush pile? A: The Mote in God's Eye.stupid." She reached over and plucked at the hair on my chest. "I haven't had an indecent proposition in."Have you seen a doctor? A real one?".that's one of their featured stories this week. I wonder what they pay him. Last week their cover story.in three words. . . ." (Damon Knight, In Search of Wonder, Advent, Chicago, 1967, p. 29.).Fiction Writers of America for best short story of the year..guess we should start on that.".This time, he had brought his bow with him. It was slung diagonally across his back. His right hand.My mother told me once she was sorry I wasn't handsome enough to get by without working. Listen.,rasped in his ears..A: Piers Anthony's "Orn.".sex cells, eggs and sperm, retain the lack of genetic specialization required to produce a new organism.African prehistory, in the European theater, and in the ant-civilization of Epsilon Eridani IV. Soon you will.the blizzard and the undulating dome bottom, heading for the roofless framework where the other."Well try. There he is!".up, the thing hanging onto hhn, retrieved the shut, and put it on. He wrapped the straps nearly around the.We might even dream of finding a frozen mammoth with some cell nuclei not entirely dead. We might.Robbie lay in his crib, a shaft of moonlight from the window bathing his tiny face. From his rosebud.repeated these actions in reverse. Smith tinkered with the other controls until he got a view of the

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