

# EVOLUTION THE HERBERT SPENCER LECTURE DELIVERED AT THE MUSEUM

from the bottom of the luminous pool." effort..The crawler skidded to a stop, nearly rolling over, beside the deflated dome. Two pressure-suited figures got out. They started for the dome, hesitantly, in fits and starts. One grabbed the other's arm and pointed to the lander. The two of them changed course and scrambled up the rope ladder hanging over the side..The area isn't big on apartments or rooming houses, but there are a few. I found the Detweiler boy at the."I thought it was a Company project," Ike said, butting in..of Selene's friends I feel like spiders are crawling over me. They're all so ... grotesque." Amanda.members of Local 209 stand to benefit from the Project as much as the rest of the.In Defense of Criticism.sible, you being an examiner and all... but I wish I knew you in a personal way. Truly. You're a very heavy individual..".No!" Amanda jumped up, clutching her shawl around her with white-knuckled hands. "She'd only.Q: What did the man who sold the moon do next?.in B minor." (George Bernard Shaw, Music in London, v. ii, Constable & Co., Ltd.. London, 1956, p..out a deck of cards..He laughed again. "No. I doubt if he knew what the word means..".result, all checks from R through Z were not printed on time and failed to make the courier flight to the."We'll never catch her then!" Nolan gripped Moises\* shoulder. "Don't you understand? She's taken Robbiel".Barry was as good as his word and went to Center St. the very next morning to take his third exam. The computer assigned him to..spread-eagled to the compass points, the woman plunges into the flames. She is instantly and utterly consumed. The face of Atropos remains shrouded in shadows..The inner lock door was pulled open, and there was McKillian, squinting into the bare bulb that lighted the lock while she held her shirt in front of her with one hand..".I guess I was feeling sorry..".scabs, but I guess that's all h is ?talk. Anyway, nobody tried to get in. Not that they'd have succeeded if."It will be the greatest happiness of myself and of my nearest and dearest friend..".From Competition ig: Limericks incorporating an sf title into the last line.Just out of curiosity, Barry wondered aloud, what kind of cash payment were they talking about?.against the straw mattress in the stern of the vibrating launch. They made Manaos by dawn and roused..by tears rake fingers across the sky. It is an old, old song:."Well it's about tune," said the grey man, and began walking toward it. But as soon as he stepped into the clearing, the unicorn snorted and struck his front feet against the ground, one after the other..The sailor leaned his chin on his mop handle awhile, then said, "If you want to avoid it, don't go down.leave. I drove home reflecting what pleasant and restful company she was. A man could do far worse.No sweat. That was a laugh. All he'd done since he got here was sweat. Patrolling the plantation at.You've got to give the Mediator credit. Somehow he managed to get the two sides together again..as a luxury, and about as useful as the nipples on a man's chest. But I was wrong. All the NASA people were wrong. The Astronaut Corps fought like crazy to keep you off this trip. Time enough for that on later flights. We were blinded by our loyalty to the test-pilot philosophy of space flight. We wanted as few scientists as possible and as many astronauts as we could manage. We don't like to think of ourselves as ferry-boat pilots. I think we demonstrated during Apollo that we could handle science jobs as well as anyone. We saw you as a kind of insult, a slap in the face by the scientists in Houston to show us how low our stock has fallen..".invaded by a horde of alien beings, the Zorphs. They enslave all planets in their path. Those that resist are."I can understand the drink," he said, carefully. "Ethanol is a simple compound and could fit into many different chemistries. But it's hard to believe that you've survived eating the food these plants produced for you..".blowing away. "It is so high and so cold up there that you will never reach it," said the Wind. "Even the."I asked, but I didn't get any answers..".And from half a dozen directions they heard: Come on, just a little way. . . just a little way. . . little.THE ORGANIZER: Very well. But keep in mind that the typical member of Local 209 is concerned solely with how much his efforts will net him, not with the use to which their end result will be put.The Man Who Had No Idea."How long?". "They'll just keep tossing men and women at the stats until someone does come back. Sreen or no Sreen." The captain strikes the door again, with the edge of his fist this time. "Sreen!" A bellow which, curiously, does not echo in the vast antechamber. "Sreen! SREEN!". "Or die trying," Song said..Getting a grip on the edge of the platform, the King chinned himself and swung his body onto the narrow.inoffensive, invisible Harry Spinner right after he told me he had discovered something "peculiar" about."You're in bad trouble with New York if there isn't," says the tech. "I want to register a jag. Now..". "Hello, lover!" she brayed hi a voice like a cracked boiler. I've lowered my price to a quarter. Are."I don't think Pm unique that way," said Ed..An organ replacement would be grown and since it would have precisely the same genetic equipment."Free, hell." Jain grins. "Anybody who wants to catch the show can put a dollar in the slot..".the touch, limbs that could writhe in boneless contortion to squeeze the breath from a man and crush him.?Al Sarrantonio.me..". "Are you sure you feel like playing Scrabble tonight?" I asked..".Very well then, I have a plan." Again Amos began to whisper through the bars, and Jack smiled and nodded..Too soon, it seemed, Selene was shouting, "Don't go to sleep, Gordy. It's time to get out..".This day, like the nine before it, illuminated a Tharsis radically changed from what it had been over..and sand had drifted in rippled waves through the opening. The stern of the ship was nearly buried..die Twin Rivers gleamed like gold in the morning sun..Green Giant com niblets, the woman who had been standing in front of the frozen food locker suddenly."Haven't you done enough?" I sighed. "When I called you, I didn't mean for you to push her like that..International Red Cross and to volunteer organizations in Europe, Asia and Africa. He got drunk.For beneath her scarlet cape was a veil of green satin, and topazes flashed yellow along the hem in..There was a silence. Then Zeke said, "I've got to go tell the rest of the guys..". He looked at us kind of helplessly. "I guess there's not much sense picketing any more..".you will if you stay here long enough?they know genetics. They really know it We have a thousand.otherwise, asking about her tenants wasn't a new thing. I walked into the doiled room, and she looked at..wouldn't. It's like watching a mountain dwindle into an anthill, a city crumble into dust, a kingdom turn..case, he went back and locked the trunk

tightly..At first he'd assumed that he'd failed. A reasonable assumption, since he had struck out his first time to bat, with a shameful 43. But when two weeks had gone by and there was still no word from the Board of Examiners, he wondered if maybe he'd managed to squeak through. He didn't see how he could have. The examiner, a wizened, white-haired fuddy-duddy whose name Barry instantly forgot, had been hostile and aggressive right from the word go, telling Barry that he thought his handshake was too sincere. He directed the conversation first to the possible dangers of excessive sunbathing, which was surely an oblique criticism of Barry's end-of-August tan and the leisure such a tan implied, then started in on the likelihood that dolphins were as intelligent as people. Barry, having entered the cubicle resolved to stake all his chips on a tactic of complete candor, had said, one, he was too young to worry about skin cancer and, two, he had no interest in animals except as meat This started the examiner off on the psychic experiences of some woman he'd read about in Reader's Digest. Barry couldn't get a toehold anywhere on the smooth facade of the man's compulsive natter. He got the feeling..As for schedules, I have discussed the matter with JX. and demonstrated Zorphwar to him. Both of us are in entire agreement with your analysis. Maintaining morale is one of our primary goals, and we are sure you have things under control. J.L. is, by the way, interested in access to Zorphwar on his own executive terminal. I trust that you will see to the necessary arrangements..160."Right. And the little one keeps one face turned to the big one. The big one rotates once in twenty-four hours. It has an axial tilt of twenty-three degrees..".chatter about it among themselves in autumn and rise and doff their caps to me before a winter storm..".went around colliding with each other..It is important to remember that the most important genetic possession of any species is not this gene or that, but the whole mixed.By now, I am sure, the Naval Support Bid Team has descended upon Programming Services to begin costing out the proposal for a production version of Zorphwar. They are talking about a system with one hundred terminals running on two Megalo 861's for starters. Eventually they may order a dozen 861's. Everyone here in Headquarters is too excited about the prospect of selling that kind of hardware to worry about why the program was written in the first place..in unison, "No, no, what you request is impossible. The decision of the Sreen is final, and, anyway..".Don't tease me, Bertram. There's a boy here in the hotel. I saw something I don't think he wanted.skim it, at least..".Cause if they didn't visit us, they must have prepared other spores. Spores that would analyze new.When the blowout started, Lang had snapped on her helmet quickly. Then she had struggled against the blizzard and the undulating dome bottom, heading for the roofless framework where the other members of the expedition were sleeping. The blowout was over in ten seconds, and she then had the problem of coping with, the collapsing roof, which promptly buried her in folds of clear plastic. It was far too much like one of those nightmares of running knee-deep in quicksand. She had to fight for every meter, but she made it..Hinda stood at the door and raised her hand to shade her eyes. The last she saw of him was the flash of white tail as he sped off into the woods..She stared, then laughed and ran her hands along the back of a chair. It, too, changed color, to a pattern.tone. (His snub had evidently registered..).".For Earth, maybe. Here it was a torrential rainfall. It reached seeds or spores in the ground and triggered them to start growing. We're going to have to watch it when we use anything containing plastic. What does that include?..".On the greyest and gloomiest island on the map is a large grey gloomy castle, and great grey stone steps lead up from the shore to the castle entrance. This was the skinny grey man's gloomy grey home. On the following grey afternoon, the ship pulled up to the bottom of the steps, and the grey man, leading two bound figures, walked up to the door..Detweiler whirled, his eyes bulging. A groan rattled in his throat He raised his hands as if fending me.space and time measured in my heart."Pretty slim. Mostly the air problem. The people I've read about never sank so low that they had to worry about where their next breath was coming from..".get the last piece..".Amos was so delighted he jumped up and down. The prince swam to shore, and Amos helped him out. Then they leaned the mirror against a tree and rested for a while. "It's well I wore these rags of yours," said Jack, "and not my own clothes, for the weeds would have caught in my cloak and the boots would have pulled me down and I would have never come up. Thank you, Amos..".matter of practical fact, however, a mother's womb can only hold so much, and if there are multiple.bother to answer, but curiosity got the best of her..like leeches. She had been quite a dish?forty years ago. She saw me looking at the photos and smiled..closet and wasn't looking in that direction, but the movement caught my eye. Something hopped in the.reached him and said in a lower voice, "Matt, she's pretty broken up. You'd better take over for now..".She stopped in midstride with her leg in the air. She held the position a few moments, then slowly lowered the leg and hooked her hair behind her ears while fixing me with a speculative topaz gaze. Her voice was deliberate. "Why should I be? Nothing happened, Teddy is a dear thing and Mandy's archaic sensibilities are her problem, not mine..".things like 'When is your program going to be over?' Some people just aren't that interested in talking..She had given a lot of thought to the last emergency, which she still saw as partly a result of her lag in responding. This time she was through the door almost before the reverberations had died down, leaving Crawford to nurse the leg she had stepped on in her haste..Rainbow. For it was the jailor's clothes that Jack had worn when he had gone with Amos to the.looked, a section of the webbing was pulled open and a rush of warm air almost blew them over. Water condensed out of it in their faceplates, and suddenly they couldn't see very well..The vision of loveliness who opened the door was about forty, almost as sum as Twiggy, but as tall as I..Daman Knight.the continental divide all the way from Billings down to the southern suburb of El Paso..evicted every other feeling was something awful. He knew it was irrational, but he couldn't help it. The.viewer on him), your library, your school. Before puberty you watch other people having sex, but even."Then will you call my friend?..".In fact, the controls on this machine are unfamiliar, die little viewers you have used all your life have only one knob, for nearer or farther?to move up/down, or left/right, you just point the viewer where you want to see. This machine has dials and little windows with numbers in them, and switches and pushbuttons, most of which you don't understand, but you know they are for special purposes and don't matter. The main

control is a metal rod, right in front of you, with a gray plastic knob on the top. The knob is dull from years of handling; it feels warm and a little greasy in your hand. The console has a funny electric smell, but the big screen, taller than you are, is silent and dark. You can feel your heart beating against your breastbone. You grip the knob harder, push it forward just a little. The screen lights, and you are drifting across the next room as if on huge silent wheels, chairs and end tables turning into reddish silhouettes that shrink, twist and disappear as you pass through them, and for a moment you feel dizzy because when you notice the red numbers jumping in the console to your left, it is as if the whole house were passing massively and vertiginously through itself; then you are floating out the window with the same slow and steady motion, on across the sunlit pasture where two saddle horses stand with their heads up, sniffing the wind; then a stubbled field, dropping away; and now, below you, the co-op road shines like a silver-gray stream. You press the knob down to get closer, and drop with a giddy swoop; now you are rushing along the road, overtaking and passing a yellow truck, turning the knob to steer. At first you blunder into the dark trees on either side, and once the earth surges up over you in a chaos of writhing red shapes, but now you are learning, and you soar down past the crossroads, up the farther hill, and now, now you are on the big road, flying eastward, passing all the cars, rushing toward the great world where you long to be..took in the small gold crown nestled in the black ringleted hair, the flared eyebrows, the fierce nostrils."I passed," he announced incredulously to the clerk at the window..51-52).still don't really believe in them, but you will if you stay here long enough?they know genetics. They really know it We have a thousand theories about what they may be like, and I won't bore you with them yet, but this is one thing we do know. They can build anything they need, make a blueprint in DNA, encapsulate it in a spore and bury it, knowing exactly what will come up in forty thousand years. When it starts to get cold here and they know the cycle's drawing to an end, they seed the planet with the spores and ... do something. Maybe they die, or maybe they have some other way of passing the time. But they know they'll return..On Christmas Eve, feeling sad and sentimental, he got out the old cassettes he and Debra had made.offspring cell may then go on to develop into a complete organism of its own. The result is a pair of."I'd advise you to do it," Crawford said. "I know my opinion means nothing after shooting my mouth.Ed Bryant's story about stim star Jain Snow is a terrifically intense extrapolation of the.by the ultraviolet, the ones just below them would still thrive when the right conditions returned. When.105.On December 12, 1968, I gave a talk to a meeting of doctors and lawyers in San Jose, California.\* Naturally, I was asked to speak on some subject that would interest both groups. Some instinct told me that medical malpractice suits might interest both but would nevertheless not be a useful topic. I spoke on genetic engineering instead, therefore, and, toward the end, discussed the matter of cloning..268

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