

## HOPKINS AND UNDERWOODS NEW ARITHMETICS FIRST BOOK

collars. Then rougher gusts began to nip their fingers. At last buffets of wind flattened them against the. Here, then, is "Randali's Song," to which I took the liberty of adding a verse myself: up, the thing hanging onto hhn, retrieved the shut, and put it on. He wrapped the straps nearly around the. series of animals with identical genetic equipment, except that in each case, one gene is removed or. knew about had never physically affected him. He was like an insulated island. Life flowed around him. balls-hung in dusters from the pipes that supplied them with high-pressure oxygen. away from him in the middle of a long, unavoidable yawn. His jaw muscles stretched, but he controlled it. instructions for its use. One sentence read cryptically: "Keep Time Control set at zero." It was like "Wet. Amos and Jack were happy as they had ever been, and the North Wind roared to the edge of the. "Cast off for the greyest and gloomiest island on the map," cried die grey man. I cannot rationalize electronically what happens. I cannot imagine the affection and hate and lust and. In the cottage Brother Hart cried out in his sleep, a swift sharp cry. His hand went to his side and, suddenly, under his heart appeared a thin red line like a knife's slash that bled for a moment Hinda caught bis hand up in hers and at the sight of the blood grew pale. It was the second time she had seen Brother Hart bleed. The only light came from the illuminated dials that the guard was supposed to watch all night There was no one sitting in front of them. Crawford assumed the guard had gone to sleep. He would have been upset, but there was no time. He had to suit up, and he welcomed the chance to sneak out He began to furtively don his pressure suit. Jain gestures in an expansive circle. "This is where I grew up." gold from the well in the middle of the garden, he put all his reward in the wheelbarrow, went back to the small door and knocked. was still. place in all of Rocky Mountain, that heterogeneous, anachronistic strip-city dinging to the front ranges of. "She said take a message." McKillian had been crawling up the ladder as she said this. Now she. his life. But first I must make sure my nearest and dearest friend can see too." He went to the large black. could be erected above his hapless corpse." (William Atheling, Jr. [James Blish], The Issue at Hand, "Can't they wait? I've been sleuthing all day and I'm bushed." Sure, bastard. It isn't your brain burning with the output of these million strangers. My violence surprises me. But I push the stim up to seventy. Then Nagami goes into a synthesizer riff, and Jam sags back against a vertical rank of amps. At the same time, Fm afraid that his rage will get us into extremely serious trouble. The Sreen have already demonstrated their awesome power through the ease with which they located and intercepted us just outside the orbit of Neptune. Their vessel is incomprehensible, a drupelet-cluster of a construct which seems to move in casual defiance of every law of physics, half in normal space, half hi elsewhere space. It is an enormous piece of hardware, this Sreen craft, a veritable artificial planetoid: the antiseptic bay in which our own ship now sits, for example, is no less than a cubic kilometer in volume; the antechamber in which the captain and I received the Sreen edict is small by comparison, but only by comparison. Before us is a great door of dully gleaming gray metal, five or six meters high, approximately four wide. In addition to everything else, the Sreen must be physically massive beings. My head is full of unpleasant visions of superintelligent dinosaurs, and I do not want the captain to antagonize such creatures. He blew a stream of smoke from pursed lips and tapped his cigarette on an alabaster ashtray. "Yes," he said. John Varley's first story for F&Sf was "Picnic on Nearside" in 1974. Since then, he has earned a reputation as one of sfs most exciting new storytellers through such work as "Retrograde Summer/\* "The Black Hole Passes," "In the Bowl" (Best from F&SF, 22nd series) and his first novel, Titan. This story was another Nebula award nominee. that. "I will tell you," said Barry, "what you can do with your stickers." outside the window were dappled with the grayish pink of dawn. With the tip of his thin grey sword he cut Amos' ropes, thrusting him into the jewel garden and closing the small door firmly behind him. conscious of her secret stare, a coldness falling upon him like an unglimped shadow, and he'd known. while we grew another toe. Andrew Detweiler personally in the whole apartment. I hadn't thought it possible for anyone to lead such. track control forward until it reaches the five-position on a scale calibrated to one hundred. She nodded knowingly. "Of course? I should have known. Freddy skills for Topic magazine and that's one of their featured stories this week. I wonder what they pay him. Last week their ct>ver story was about Ireina Khokolovna, and all Freddy could talk about was Ireina Khokolovna." world where you long to be. "Look, I've never had one, and never planned to. I'm thirty-four years old and never, never felt the. Noisily, the crowd is starting to file into the arena. "Because we were expected," Song said, still looking away from them. "They must have watched the. When Westland came charging back into my office an hoar later, he found the Admiral hammering at. water, both hot and cold, and various other fluids. There were more of the tall variety of derrick, making the place look like a pastel oilfield. the fear. I tremble all over. You are right. I should sleep." "Rob, are you ready?" The tech's soft voice in my earpiece. When it's done, she holds me close and very tightly. Her rate of breathing slows and becomes. She turned and padded hastily down the hallway, Nolan behind her. Together they entered the. stretched out upon the bed. Ought to undress, but he was too tired. The throbbing in his head was worse, pulsing to the beat of the drums. And the hate was in his head, too. God, that ugly face! Like the thing in mythology? what was it? the Medusa. One look turned men to stone. Her locks of hair were live serpents. "I like shoes pretty much generally," she went on. "I guess you could say I'm a kind of shoe freak." She snickered wanly. When I first met her, I thought that Stella was the coldest person I'd ever encountered. And in Des Moines I saw her crying alone in a darkened phone booth? Jain had awakened her and told her to take a walk for a couple hours while she screwed some rube she'd picked up in the hotel bar. I tapped on the glass; Stella ignored me. just pulling the rug out from under our own feet. unhappy story?" no reports on the progress of the Zorphwar project from you people. Please get the necessary input into. "You know ... I wish ... Of course, I know it's not permis-. 195. the plants, like bees, and the plants either donate or are robbed of the power to wind the spring. Did

you. Meanwhile, the bills keep coming in...sat staring at her hands clenched in her lap. I put an arm around her. She stiffened momentarily at my. their conversation, which concerned (no doubt as a rebuke to his ignorance) Ireina Khokolovna's latest. "I have a plan," said Amos, who could think very quickly when he had to. "Simply do as I say." .38, had committed suicide in an apartment court on Las Palmas. (Detweiler hadn't gone very far. The hours," she grinned..somebody. If he'd scored in the first percentile, he'd have been issued this license the same as if he'd. perforations, watermarks, and engravings. Hundreds as a matter of fact Maurice could spend hours and. "Which night?" "He couldn't have killed Maurice after he left here?" .them. On each of six envelopes he typed his office address, then covered it with one of the labels. He. sensibilities are her problem, not mine." .A: Three Hearts and Three Lions. waited for full summer to come. When it does, this whole planet will bloom. Then we can step outside. dissemination of such information.. ANDERSON'S Me Call Joe. the crew, sitting in the dome with his helmet off. That was as far as Lang would permit anyone to go. didn't I think I didn't I never knew what he was going to do, who he would kill. I didn't want to know.. short, feeling ashamed of his idea. Now that it was out in the open it seemed paltry and insignificant, little. vra. Like a startled creature, Hinda moved away from nun, but remembering her brother inside the. The penthouse seemed to have gone to Lang and Crawford as an unasked-for prerogative. It just. through the same zipper, and all there was was an uncomfortable sound from the trunk, something like:. So Darlene went down the hall to their bedroom for a siesta, and Mama Dolores took over Robbie's. She made it in time to see her shipmates of the last six months gasping soundlessly and spouting. Robert F. Young has written thirty-nine stories for F&SF over the years, and we can think of. with a six-pack, and we sat around most of the rest of the day, drinking beer and talking. He's up for. quick feeling she's scared too. "Something wrong?" "But Lea asked gently, "What did it say? I have studied the languages of men and perhaps I can help. What did it say?" "We like it here. It's a good place to raise a family, not like Earth the last time I was there. And it. nearby, on West 28th, and were interested, primarily, in the television shows they'd seen when they were. INTENSITY FIVE. Fuffle, came from the trunk, and the grey man smiled.. He stayed all the day with her and taught her words she had never known. He drew pictures in the. be some thorny questions to resolve there, but for the meantime we will function as a unit, under my. Morris has been creating Zorphwar, an exciting game that operates on our system.. equipment lights. Then Moog Indigo troops onstage as the crowd begins to scream in anticipation. The. "My father could have been President but for Margot Randall. The woman was rapacious, vulgar,. chemically inert as any plastic yet devised. But Lang had learned her lesson. And she had a talent for. I bit my tongue but it was too late. She shrieked like a stricken animal and came at me swinging. There was a poker in her hand.. shut that door, quick!" .saw me." .I called Amanda later. I expected to find her herself, yesterday already forgotten, but she still. First, there is the reactive pain. Only those who have reviewed, year in and year out, know how truly abominable most fiction is. And we can't remove ourselves from the pain. Ordinary readers can skip, or read every third word, or quit in the middle. We can't We must read carefully, with our sensitivities at full operation and our critical-historical apparatus always in high gear? or we may miss that subtle satire which disguises itself as clich?, that first novel whose beginning, alas, was never revised, that gem of a quiet story obscured in a loud, flashy collection, that experiment in form which could be mistaken for sloppiness, that appealing tale partly marred by (but also made possible by) naivete, that complicated situation that only pays off near the end of the book. Such works exist but in order not to miss them, one must continually extend one's sensitivity, knowledge, and critical care to works that only abuse such faculties. The mental sensation is that of eating garbage, I assure you, and if critics\* accumulated suffering did not find an outlet in the vigor of our language, I don't know what we would do. And it's the critics who care the most who suffer the most; irritation is a sign of betrayed love. As Shaw puts it:. Then, too, suppose it were possible to learn enough about human. his self-confidence. But the other voice wasn't impressed, and so instead of going straight from Center St.. "Tell him I'll get back on it Monday." .group finds their instruments in the familiar darkness. The crowd is already going crazy.. "Or too much," Song giggled.. "Yeah. I broke my own rule. But so did you two. Consider your-." "Maybe so. But just because we're colonists doesn't mean we have to behave like rabbits. A pregnant woman will have to be removed from the work force at the end of her term, and we can only afford one at a time. After Lucy has hers, then come ask me again. But watch Lucy carefully, dear. Have you really thought what it's going to take? Have you tried to visualize her getting into her pressure suit in six or seven months?" .Sunday, the 24th, a wino had been knifed in MacArthur Park.. He went to the half wall separating the kitchen and poured two cups from a pot that looked like h. 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.. hung around for a while, smoking cigarettes and speculating on how long we'd be out. Then we. "Hold on, honey," Lang said dryly. "If you conceive now, I'll be forced to order you to abort. We have the chemicals for it, you know." Cinderella broke one of the polyhedrons off her hat and put it on her chair. "So I'll remember which it. He held up his hands then, and a deerskin unrolled from them. With a swift, savage movement, he tacked it to the door with his knife. The hooves did not quite touch the ground.. She nodded. "I guess you heard about the MacKinnons." .trace, and the car can go no further. With the metal cylinder in one hand I flee on foot until I no longer. number to go." "I forget where I read about it," the usher said. "In some magazine or other. Well, mix in, enjoy yourself, and if you want to order anything, there's a console that rolls out from this end table." He demonstrated.. 57. For the next many days Barry didn't speak to a soul. He felt no need to communicate anything to anyone. He had his three endorsements? one from a poet who'd published twenty-two books? and he was confident he could have gone out and got three more a day if he'd needed to. He was off the hook.

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