

INSIDE THE FLAVOR LEAGUE A SLIGHTLY BUZZED SATIRICAL NOVEL

just about the way Lorraine Nesbitt had described it If you called central casting and asked for a male. The next glimpse is that of a running figure who advances into the screen and disappears. Now the men. and now you see the fox, trotting through the shallows, blossoms of bright water at its feet. . . too long, I get a headache. . . you and covers you up with blankets. . . But Lea asked gently, "What did it say? I have studied the languages of men and perhaps I can help. What did it say?" Needed to understand the verse is merely the fact that, genetically, the distinction between human male and female is that every male cell has an X and a Y chromosome and that every female cell has two X chromosomes, therefore, if, at the moment of conception or shortly thereafter, a Y chromosome can somehow be changed to an X chromosome, a male will ipso facto be changed into a female. . . A: Postmarked the Stars. AMIS' Hell of New Maps. glass; Stella ignored me. "Who, senior?" In the afternoon: dead. In their place was a second network of pipes which wound around the derricks and spread. were nice to other poets, they'd be nice to you, on the basic principle of scratch-my-back. . . "We've recalculated everything based on the lower mass without the twenty of you and the six tons of samples we were allowing for. By using the fuel we would have ferried down to you for takeoff, we can make a faster orbit down toward Venus. The departure date for that orbit is seven days away. We'll rendezvous with a drone capsule full of supplies we hadn't counted on." And besides, Lang thought to herself, it's much more dramatic. Plunging sunward on the chancy cometary orbit, their pantries stripped bare, heading for the fateful rendezvous . . . John Varley's first story for F&Sf was "Picnic on Nearside" in 1974. Since then, he has earned. not, in fact, Larry. What difference does one letter make, after all? . . own. She's in the kitchen right now, fixing Robbie's formula. I'll go get her. "fragment of the mirror." Then he added, "which is more than your friend the wizard did, apparently." Jack. pass. And it did. . . trying to live in a hostile environment. The odds are very much against us, and we're not going to be here. The thing's eyes focused for a moment on Detweiler. It looked at him, beseeching, held out one hand, pleading. Its screams continued, that one monotonous, hopeless note repeated over and over. It lowered its arm and kept crawling about mindlessly, growing weaker. . . from the street pouring into the cafe in loud and animated conversation with each other. One of them, a. Amos and the prince began to brush the snow from a lump on the ground, and beneath the white covering was pure and glittering ice. It was a very large lump, nearly as large as the black trunk of the skinny grey man. Company's gone! They've struck their tents and left! . . "We had a back-up pilot, of course. You may be surprised to learn that it wasn't me. It was Dorothy Cantrell, and she's dead. Now I know what everything does on this board, and I can cope with most of it easily. What I don't know, I could learn. Some of the systems are computer-driven; give it the right program and it'll fly itself, hi space." She looked longingly at the controls, and Crawford realized that, like Weinstein, she didn't relish giving up the fun of flying to boss a gang of explorers. She was a former test pilot, and above all things she loved flying. She patted an array of hand controls on her right side. There were more like them on the left. . . know the cycle's drawing to an end, they seed the planet with the spores and . . . do something. Maybe. produced plastics without high heat, through purely catalytic interactions, had him confused and. one can bend a bow the way he can. But 4,227 cubits? Straight up? . . "Pretend then. And don't make it anything flip like that last one. Make it sad and delicate and use. Violence. This statement is, I think, based on a cognitive error inculcated (probably) by American high school. Barry said nothing, but his expression must have conveyed his disapproval. "Go away? get out of here. . . "It sounds very specialized," McKillian said thoughtfully. "Maybe we should be looking for the niche. nothing, why not conserve then" bodies when they die? They sprouted from the ground; isn't it possible. 212. went on between the three of them was of no concern to her as long as it stayed happy. . . "Neither one of those facts is so incredible compared to some of the strange things in this world," said. "Any kind, really. . . "Not at all," laughed Jack. "They didn't even notice that the jailor was gone." For what they had done last night after we left them, was to take the jailor's key, free the prince, and tie up the jailor and put him in the cell under all the grey blankets. In the morning, when the sailor had come to exchange clothes, Jack had freed himself again when the sailor left, then slipped off the ship to join Amos. . . As soon as the first salvo of smoke bombs burst at twelve hundred feet to blot out the area from hostile surveillance, the Third Platoon launched itself down the . . trail toward the denser vegetation below. Moments later, optical interdiction shells began exploding just below the curtain of smoke and spewed out clouds of aluminum dust to disrupt the enemy control and communications lasers. Ahead of the attacking troops, a concentrated point barrage of shells and high-intensity pulsed beams fired from the fairing platoons rolled forward along the trail to clear the way of mines and other antipersonnel ordnance. Be. hind the barrage the . Third Platoon leapfrogged by sections to provide mutually supporting ground-fire to complete the work of the artillery. There was no opposition. The defending artillery opened up from the rear within ten seconds of the initial smoke blanket, but the enemy was firing blind and largely ineffectively. . All Animals Are Vegetables, CLIFFORD SIMAK. twentieth-century society has grown unaccustomed to language of such violence. . I mean think I am drunk; My tongue's just a (hie) Little Fuzzy. . "He couldn't have killed Maurice after he left here?" . "I'm sorry," Lang said quietly. "Go on with what you were saying. . . bein' around might mark the baby. She taught me to read and I couldn't stop. She had a lot of books. As Nolan set the empty bottle down he heard the noise he'd come to dread worst of all? the endless echo of drums from the huts huddled beside the riverbank below. Miserable wretches were at it again. No wonder he had to drive them daily to fulfil the company's quota. The wonder was that they did anything at all after spending every night wailing to those damned drums. . Topanga. The road isn't traveled much, there are no houses on it, and people don't like to get their cars. cover the razor flint nature originally laid there. . antiseptic bay in which our own ship now sits, for example, is no less than a cubic kilometer in volume;. Ahead through the tall grey tree trunks, silvery light rose in the

mist. "Hold on, honey," Lang said dryly. "If you conceive now, I'll be forced to order you to abort. We bodge from its original offer of a flat five-percent raise and that he, as our representative, had informed them they could shove it and that despite the Mediator's pleas both sides had walked out. focus near enough to see and hear them. One calls, "My God, who's at the helm?" Another, a bearded. There had been a brief lifting of spirits among Song, Ralston, and McKillian at the thought of a. I called David Fowler: "Yes, Andy had a portable typewriter, but he hadn't mentioned being a writer." The first Ozo was smuggled into the Soviet Union from West Germany by Katerina Belov, a member of a dissident group in Moscow, who used it to document illegal government actions. The device was seized on December 13 by the KGB; Belov and two other members of the group were arrested, imprisoned and tortured. By that time over forty other Ozos were in the hands of dissidents. "If you don't mind, I prefer some formality. As my father says, this modern rush to intimacy promotes." To tell you the truth, I was wondering what to say next. We have to make a thorough inventory. I weaker, the scream became a breathless rasping. I couldn't stand it any longer. I picked up a chair and. "It's just a whole new area," McKillian whispered back. "Think about it Back on Earth, nature never got around to inventing the wheel. I've sometimes wondered why not There are limitations, of course, but it's such a good idea. Just look what we've done with it But all motion in nature is confined to up and down, back and forth, in and out, or squeeze and relax. Nothing on Earth goes round and round, unless we built it. Think about it." "I'll certainly try it," Barry promised. "But how do I get to be a member?" Hinda was sitting on a low straw bed, and beside her, his head in her lap, lay a man. The man was slim and naked and dark. His hair was long and straight and came to his shoulders. The hunter could. "And the water vapor collected on the underside of the dome when it hit the cold air. Right, Do you. funny when it reappeared as Heaven Can Wait, though Warren Beatty did a nice job as the dumb athletic. came through here about ten. She'd swept down the center aisle in a flurry of feathers and shimmering. Evidently no one could. But likewise, Crawford could see no reason why it should have happened the way it did. Source: W. S. Halson Destination: P. T. Warrington Subject: Zorphwar Exposure Park Baby, I think. "Who are you?" asked the particolored prisoner. More reasonably, it could be argued that the clone of a great human being would retain his genetic equipment and, therefore, would be another great human being of the same kind. In that case, the chief use of cloning would be to reproduce genius.. order of business?".. about Everyone looked very solemn, almost scared.. shook his head and said, "The Zorphs aren't going to like this." I hope the kid isn't going flaky on us.. damage, I have to check on that?" She struggled to get up but Lang held her down.. operation and our critical-historical apparatus always in high gear? or we may miss that subtle satire. "You run and get back in your cell," said Amos, "and when I have given you enough time, I shall return and eat my eggs and sausages." vra. (This in its final, expanded form was to become the longest poem in her next collection, "The Ballad of. In this, the twenty-third volume in a series, I have continued the practice begun in number 22 of including non-fiction material from F&SF's regular departments. The aim is to provide readers of these anthologies with something like a very good and very big issue of the magazine. Thus we offer a fascinating article by Joanna Russ on the pain of reviewing sf books, Baird Searles on "multiples" in sf films, Isaac Asimov on cloning, and a sampling from our competitions.. Hinda's eyes followed him down the path until she counted even ' the shadows of trees as his own. When she was certain he was gone, she opened the cottage door and went in. The cottage was suddenly close and dark, filled with the musk of deer.. you really get into it, don't you?".. computer. He wouldn't mind. He called back in fifteen minutes. The computer had never heard of. "Do not trouble yourself. I will look after the little one." Mama's voice was soothing. "Now you must rest".. spectators? "Sure," I say. "Easy." But momentarily I'm not sure and I realize how tightly I'm gripping the. I'm not used to this much open space; it scares me a little, though I'm not going to admit that to Jain.. In short, a sexually reproducing species evolves much more quickly than a cloning species, and such. I? ". 214. competition and closed them again. Tall and lanky indicated one of two identical orange-and-brown-striped couches facing each other across a football-field-size marble-and-glass cocktail table. He sat on the other one, took a cigarette from an alabaster box and lit it with an alabaster lighter. As an afterthought, he offered me one.. Selene hung up the phone. "She's gone".. pressure of oxygen. By then, thousands of years from now, these early forms will have vanished. These.. In the Hall of the Martian Kings 129. Weinstein time to reply to that Weinstein had been trapped by his own seniority into commanding the. dismal actuality of Intensity Five went beyond anything he could have imagined. A cavernous one-room. you are being issued a Temporary License, valid for three months from the date of issue, subject to the. the whirlbirds had built it, only taking down an obstruction here and there to allow humans to move. Some people fear clones, on the other hand, because they imagine that morons will be cloned in order to make it possible to build up a great army of cannon fodder that despots will use for world conquest.. simplest requirements for self-support. J. It was unsigned and the writing was more careful than I would have expected of Selene, but I could not imagine anyone else writing it. her chest. Her eyes were half-open.. His first endorsement proved to have been beginner's luck. Though he went out almost every night to a different speakeasy and practically lived at Partyland during the weekends, when it was at his liveliest, he never again had such a plum fall in his lap. He didn't get within sniffing distance of his heart's desire. Most people he met were temps, and the few Permanent License holders inclined to be friendly to him invariably turned out, like the MacKinnons, to have already disposed of their allotted endorsements. Or so they said. As the weeks went by and anxiety mounted, he began to be of the cynical but widely held opinion that many people simply removed the stickers from their licenses so it would seem they'd been used. According to Jason MacKinnon, a completely selfless endorsement, like his from Ed, was a rare phenomenon. Quid pro quos were the gen-. Even if a woman were to have one of her somatic nuclei implanted into one of her own egg cells and. Suppose, then, the nucleus of a somatic cell were surrounded with the cytoplasm of an egg cell. Would the genetic equipment in the nucleus unblock, and would the egg cell then proceed to divide

and redivide? Would it go on to form an individual with the genetic equipment of the original somatic cell and, therefore, of the person from whom the somatic cell was taken? If so, the new organism would be a clone of the person who donated the somatic cell..was still..Q: Who is that peeking out of a manila envelope in the slush pile? A: The Mote in God's Eye."You should sleep," she said at last. "Sleep and I will rub your head and sing to you."..plastic. At this distance he would have been unable to tell who it was if it weren't for the black face. He.Why bother? There has never been any difficulty hi finding cannon fodder anywhere in the world,

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