

## MASKS AND ICONS

the table, empty. "What I like about you, Barry, is that you manage to say what you think without." "Have you tried to agree with her?" "Fortunately, I intercepted your little jest before anyone else saw it. Now forget the fun and games and. But she did not go into the cottage to clean. She stood waiting for the hunter to come. Her eyes and ears strained for the signs of his approach. There were none. 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. The answer is that though all the genes are there in every cell of your body, they aren't all working alike. The cell is an intricate assemblage of chemical reactions, chemical building blocks, chemical products, and physical structures, all of which influence one another. Some genes are inhibited and some are stimulated, in a variety of ways depending on subtle factors, with the result that different cells in your body have genetic equipment in which only characteristic parts are working at characteristic rates. "I have a plan," said Amos. when they reached the bottom the sun was nowhere in sight, and they had a good half hour until. The current popularity of heroic fantasy scares me; I believe it to be a symptom of political and cultural. Megalo Network Message: July 18, 1977. The new marvel was a simple affair in the middle of that living petrochemical complex. It was a short. "clone" is Greek, exactly as it stands, provided you spell it in Greek letters, and it means "twig." [See. "We've recalculated everything based on the lower mass without the twenty of you and the six tons of. Amanda backed as she spoke, until she was stopped by a wall. The polycarpenter extending up the. You are thirteen, chasing a fox with the big kids for the first time. They have put you in the north field, the worst place, but you know better than to leave it. long, Mr. Mallory?" "It's a very little thing to thank me for," Amos said. "But we had better start back if we want to be at the ship in time for lunch." in all subjects he wanted to avoid. "What's it like in the Blue Ridge? Coon hunting? and moonshine?" Not long afterward I left. I didn't want to be hung-over on my first spell of picket duty. It was a cool. heard the name. record it. ?I'm not lying. I was arguing that Selene shouldn't use any of your time." die without him." His eyes met mine again. "He was insane, I think. I thought at first I'd go mad too, but I. toward the sound of her voice. Why do we do it? He had been loitering, alone and melancholy, for the better part of an hour, eavesdropping to his right. the less hardy, air-breathing varieties to come. They would warm the soil and bring the water closer to. well. I laugh and pull her close. "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." "Then I love you," and breaks off as the riff ends and she struts back out into the light. I reluctantly touch the console and push the stim to seventy-five. Fifty tracks are in. Jain, will you love me if I don't? methods of detecting sound through the device. By focusing on the interior of a speaker's larynx and. "I refuse to accept that as a final answer," he said. "But in the meantime we should explore the possibilities if what Mary says is true." these parts, if kept in their usual environment, will each grow into a complete organism. The new. comme fa. Even so, Khokolovna's Wolf was miles ahead of Adriana Motta's, or even Gwyneth. "PolySensitives," she said. "I haven't seen any of these since I was a little girl." She sat down in the chair, watching the color change spread over the entire surface and the contours alter to a deeper, softer look. "How fun." the beach several days later, I thanked her. "Gwendolyn. A Mrs. Bushyager came by. She wants you to find her little sister." "Ah," said Jack, "the second question is easy to answer, but the first is not so simple. I am a prisoner. ever really talked together, not seriously, but you certainly ought to have a license." She was in time to see McKillian and Ralston hurrying into the lab at the back of the ship. There was. "The other end of the rainbow?" asked Hidalgo. meadows, with red and white houses, and far off a golden castle against a blue sky. I closed the door quietly behind me and walked around the end of the bed so I could see all of him. He was huddled on his back with his elbows propped up by the wall and the bed. His throat had been cut. The blood hadn't spread very far. Most of it had been soaked up by the threadbare carpet under the bed. I looked around the grubby little room but didn't find anything. There were no signs of a struggle, no signs of forced entry? but then, my BankAmericard hadn't left any signs either. The window was open, letting in the muffled roar of traffic on the Boulevard. I stuck my head out and looked, but it was three stories straight down to the neon-lit marquee of the movie house. protected by its powerful energy screens. Your attack succeeded only in wiping out the remnants of your. I had put away the report I was writing on Lucas McGowan's hyperactive wife. (She had a definite predilection for gas-pump jockeys, car-wash boys, and parking-lot attendants. I guess it had something to do with the Age of the Automobile.) I propped my feet on my desk and leaned back until the old swivel chair groaned a protest. "Damn it," said the Admiral, "I don't want technical expertise. I want a working system." I helped her to her feet and into her cape. With a hand under her elbow, I guided her out of the Beta. Sure enough, Amanda called shortly before noon and asked if I had time to help her today. Caro looked disapproving but had to admit the appointment book was empty. advance. After all, he'd only been there three days. So sad about his back. Such a nice, gentle boy? a. The man neither spoke nor rose but stared at her face. She scooted up beside me, keeping the sheet over her breasts, and tamed on the light. She rummaged around on the nightstand for a cigarette. "Who wants to divorce him?" surface of the water. Then, below the surface, Lea appeared. I picked up Janice at her apartment in Westwood early Saturday morning. She was waiting for me and came striding out to the car all tugs and healthy golden flesh. She was wearing white shorts, sneakers, and that damned Dallas Cowboys jersey. It was authentic. The name and number on it were quite well-known? even to non-football fans. She wouldn't tell me how she got it, just smirked and looked smug. She tossed her suitcase in the back seat and slid up against me. She smelled like sunshine. The graveyard, where they had buried their fifteen dead crewmates on the first day of the disaster, had sprouted with life during the week after the departure of the Burroughs. It was separated from the

original site of the dome by three hundred meters of blowing sand. So McKillian assumed this second bloom was caused by the water in the bodies of the dead. What they couldn't figure out was why this patch should differ so radically from the first one.. "Okay, okay. She's a lovely girl, Rob. And like you say, she's the star." Come at my bidding.. Guilt and her pain tore at me. I chased through my head for something to comfort her. "Mandy, I?". "Just a few minutes. Hold tight." Crawford looked over to Lang and thought he saw tears, but he couldn't be sure in the dark.. drawings and notes.. I heard the typewriter stop ticking and the scrape of a chair being scooted back. I didn't hear.. "That's fine, but there is an even more important order of business. We have to go out to the dome.. you can lick! I'll tell you what, Barry: officially, I shouldn't tell you this myself, but I'm giving you a score.. 3. A poem embodying several important long-range economic forecasts.. the screen. You realize that these people have never seen anyone but their most intimate friends without.. "All right," he said. "Write a poem about how much you're in love with me.." that might as well have been made of Saran Wrap. He didn't say anything, just let his eyebrows rise.. Dramatization is another. I (like many reviewers) often stage a little play called *The Adventures of Byline*. Byline (or "1") is the same species of creature as the Kindly Editor or the Good Doctor, who appear from time to time in these pages. That is, she is a form of shorthand. When Byline rewrites story X, that doesn't mean that I?the real, historical personage? actually did or will or wish to rewrite story X, or that I expect its real, historical author to rewrite it to Byline's prescription, any more than my saying that "my" copy of *Bug Jack Ban-on* tried to punch "me" in the nose means that such an event really happened. Pauline Kael's *Movie Loon* is another such fiction; these little creatures we send scurrying about the page are not our real, live selves, and their exploits are dictated more by the exigencies of our form than by a desire for personal glory.. piece is on the top of a windy mountain so high the North Wind lives in a cave there.. cottage, she found voice to say "Tomorrow." She reached behind her and steadied herself on the door.. "Well have to get cutting tools from the ship," he told his crew. "They're probably in there. What a.." Virtually none. Do you think Fd go around talking to myself in grocery stores if I had friends?. Hollis, Moog Indigo's color operator, is seated behind her. She leans forward and cranes her neck.. By the end of July he had refined and miniaturized the device and had extended its sensitivity range into the infrared. He spent most of August, when he should have been on vacation, trying various methods of detecting sound through the device. By focusing on the interior of a speaker's larynx and using infrared, he was able to convert the visible vibrations of the vocal cords into sound of fair quality, but that did not satisfy him. He worked for a while on vibrations picked up from panes of glass in windows and on framed pictures, and he experimented briefly with the diaphragms in speaker systems, intercoms and telephones. He kept on into October without stopping and finally achieved a system that would give tinny but recognizable sound from any vibrating surface? a wall, a floor, even the speaker's own cheek or forehead.. STURGEON'S Well Sturgeon Is Alive and.. 6. A poem apologizing to the last person she had been especially rude to.. "Then I shall hunt the deer no more," he said, "if you will give me leave to hunt that which is now all at.. bought groceries at the supermarket on Highland. Did that mean he wasn't planning to move? I had a.. "I know a psychiatrist who spends her weekends here in Aventine. Perhaps she can help.." I laughed. I thought you were unlucky.. fire tools. "It hasn't been long at all since? since I told you I... trusted you.." "I see, I see," said Amos. "How did the skinny grey man steal it from you, and what does he want.. stood there, his eyes vacant, trembling. I saw people sticking their heads out of doors and Johnny.. upset, but there was no time. He had to suit up, and he welcomed the chance to sneak out He began to.. they saw that the light was even stronger above another ridge, and they did their best to climb it without.. As for the exception reports triggered by your schedule slippage, J.L. has signed off on the necessary forms to justify a new schedule. We have doubled the expected times required to complete phases four through seven. While this stretches out the predicted completion for Project 8723 by two years, we feel that you people are doing important work in other areas and should not be forced to produce a program of use only to those uptight jokers hi Accounting.. By the time I filled Lucas McGowan in on all the details (I got the impression he was less concerned.. "Does she believe that?" Mama's gaze was grave. "You must teO her to go.." and raised one finger. In his last years he wrote some poems.. voice, "the lords of Creation.." complain, but I could tell he was wantin' company to take his mind off it We played gin until six-thirty.. gleamed about him. The walls were much too high to climb and they went all the way around. Being a.. "I can't say I have. I always mean to, but you know how it is. It?s the same with the Statue of Liberty.. months, I've never seen her get op before noon on a concert day. That kind of sleep-in routine would.. neat, orderly rows. The long, narrow grounds were immaculate with a lot of succulents that looked like.. "No reason to stay. When I was eight, my parents were killed in a fire. Our house burned down. I was taken in by a balmy old woman who lived not far away. I had some kin, but they didn't want me." He looked at me, trusting me. "They're pretty superstitious back in there, you know. Thought I was . . . marked. Anyway, the old woman took me in. She was a midwife, but she fancied herself a witch or something. Always making me drink some mess she'd brewed up. She fed me, clothed me, educated me, after a fashion, tried to teach me all her conjures, but I never could take 'em seriously." He grinned sheepishly. "I did chores for her and eventually became a sort of assistant, I guess. I helped her birth babies . . . I mean, deliver babies a couple of times, but that didn't last long. The parents were afraid me bein' around might mark the baby. She taught me to read and I couldn't stop. She had a lot of books she'd dredged up somewhere, most of 'em published before the First World War. I read a complete set of encyclopedias? published in 1911.. Zorphwar. I tried to get him to try using the program, but he was too upset to listen to reason. He gave.. "I don't know where it came from," Song told the group that night. "I don't even quite believe in it.. It took perseverance, alertness, and a willingness to break the rules to watch the sunrise in Tharsis.. was finally rewarded by seeing the light come back on in her. At the office I explained that the owner of No. 43 would only let the cabin until May. Was that all right with her?. No use calling her name again; she'd never hear it And Robbie?. tangles, pasted them onto letter envelopes, some of which he

stacked loose; others he bundled together and secured with rubber bands. He opened the stacks and bundles and examined them at regular intervals. Some of the labels curled up and detached themselves after twenty-six hours without leaving any conspicuous trace. He made up another batch of these, typed his home address on six of them. On each of six envelopes he typed his office address, then covered it with one of the labels. He stamped the envelopes and dropped them into a mailbox. All six, minus their labels, were delivered to the office three days later. At first he'd assumed that he'd failed. A reasonable assumption, since he had struck out his first time. I showed him my ID. Instead of going pale, he only looked interested, "I was told by the man in 409. passion in his foolishness, and it is an infectious passion. "How dare they treat us this way? What do they. from his reverie: BImvghm!.despair) which make their heroism far from simple or unquestioned-by-the-authors-them-selves. As for. return and eat my eggs and sausages.". Barry said nothing, but his expression must have conveyed his disapproval.. "Is something the matter?" she asked, handing him the uppers with a glass of water. "You look. She sat down close to him and whispered into his ear, "If anyone, such as Freddy, for instance, should happen to ask what we were talking about, say it was the New Woolly Look, okay?". In the sky the clouds swirled and bumped each other, trying to upset the rain.. Jain goes into her final number. It does not work. The audience is enthusiastic and they want an

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