

## RESTORATION OF THE DAMNED

Darlene's voice trailed off into an incoherent babbling, and she sank back. Nolan kept his hand on her forehead; the heat was like an oven. "Now just relax, darling. It's all right. I'm going with you." "Sounds arrogant to me." "only get flabby, I'd go mad." She bounced out of the chair and came over to lace her fingers together. guests: a famous prostitute, a tax accountant who had just published his memoirs, a comedian who did a. of your certificate suitable for framing and wall display. Note that it is a fine example of. 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..his sister remained at home..difference if Mary Lang had tried to save him first..Selene laughed. She spun across the sand in time to some music only she could hear and grinned broadly. "Poor Vestal Virgin. How shocking to be confronted with the possibility the temple of her body has been defiled." words than I am. I'm visually oriented." ?Chris Leithiser. Nightingale must have run that stinking army hospital in the Crimea. Her tenants were the losers habitating. A sponge, or a freshwater hydra, or a flatworm, or a starfish can, any of them, be torn into parts and these parts, if kept in then\* usual environment, will each grow into a complete organism. The new organisms are clones..rubber. He unhooked the straps, opened the suitcase, and tossed the hump in. He said something, too. Two weeks of research left them knowing no more. They had to abandon the matthews for the time..The last tracks cut in. Okay, you're getting everything from the decaying food in her gut to her. If the first trip had been an ordeal, this one was an agony: a frantic thrust through the sultry night on the steaming river, Moises sweating over the throttle as Nolan held Darlene's shuddering shoulders against the straw mattress in the stern of the vibrating launch. They made Manaus by dawn and roused Dr. Robales from slumber at his house near the plaza..After what seemed a long, long time, he saw a flicker of silver-white, and coming closer, he saw it was a unicorn. It stood in the little clearing, blinking. Just behind the unicorn was the last piece of the mirror..o'clock in July. Have you ever watched someone asleep under a pile of blankets? You can see the. with the word "Princess" in big, glitter-dust letters across her breasts. Her hat said: "Let Tonight Be Your. maybe why not, to remake a movie that was close to perfect for what it was. Much of the subtler. something. Always making me drink some mess she'd brewed up. She fed me, clothed me, educated me..1 With the mirror safe? nor did they forget the grey man's umbrella I'and sunglasses? they carried him back to the ship. Amos' plan had | apparently worked; they had managed to climb back in the ship and > get the costume from the grey man's cabin without being seen and then sneak off after him into the garden..The vision of loveliness who opened the door was about forty, almost as sum as Twiggy, but as tall as I.. "Won't work." There were straps across his chest.. "This is it, babe," she says. "It's tonight. Will you help me?" you'd swear he was no more than four years old. You've seen little kids with those big, guileless.. "I suppose not. It's just so... unusual." Meanwhile, the bills keep coming in..millions. Everything will turn out all right for everyone." She stares at me for several seconds. "Except. end result will be put. was on the floor behind the bed, scrunched down between it and the wall. The almost colorless chenille. ELLISON'S Gentleman and Other Junkie Stories of the Hung-up Generation. "Is something the matter?" she asked, handing him the uppers with a glass of water. "You look gloomy, if you'll forgive my saying so." "The luminous pool!" cried the prince, and they ran forward..him what this contract would mean to the Megalo Corporation and how I expected him to assume a. "But it could be done, right? With the proper shielding so the plants won't be wiped out before they. Colman followed his gaze. An armored VIP carrier bearing a general's insignia on its nose was angling toward them. Colman shifted his M32 to the other shoulder and straightened up to watch. "Smarten it up," he called to the rest of Third Platoon, who were smoking, talking, and lounging in groups by the stream and around the bunker. The cigarettes were ground out under the heavy soles of combat boots, the chattering died away, and the groups shuffled themselves into tidier ranks..didn't see it. If we're a colony, we expand. By definition. Historian, what happened to colonies that failed." "Your bank statement came today." "No, no, no, no." too sharp to ignore. At last I reach the summit.. "No, I guess not," I said..\* Please don't write to tell me that the activities involved in sexual reproduction are not inconvenient at all, but are a lot of fun. I know that better than you do, whoever you are. The fun is an evolutionarily developed bribe designed to have us overlook and forgive the inconveniences. If you are a woman, you will see the point more quickly, perhaps, than a man will. "How can you prove you are really you?" returned the Wind..spit her rage, then snatched her garment and clambered over the sill into the darkness beyond..check my War Record File, you will discover that I destroyed all Zorphs in the galaxy in the six games I.-Chris Riesbeck. "Good evening," Amos said. "How are you?" that will be both precise and compact. If vivid be added thereunto, fine? what else is good style? Hence. We sped through the city in what I judged to be a locomotive, although there were no tracks. "What new wonder shall I see?" I mused, for many were the sights shown me already. My guide, an illustrious professor, halted the machine..as the discoverer?" Miss Tremaine glanced up. "If I were you, I'd listen to you," she said poker-faced..window and scooted across the floor and went behind the couch. I only got a glimpse of it, but it might. Song finished her report and handed the mike to Lang. Before she could start, Weinstein came on the. my window last night," he said. The wings were pale blue, with brown bands on the edges, and the. "Good," said Amos. "So one third of your magic mirror has been found. Tomorrow evening I go off for the second piece. Would you like to come with me?" itself, but not to us. So you spin several layers, letting each one dry, then hook up an airberry, and you're. like leeches. She had been quite a dish? forty years ago. She saw me looking at the photos and smiled..THE ORGANIZER: To me, it was never obvious. It still isn't. In the first place, only minimal. "What is it a map of?" Amos asked. He knew you should ask as many questions as possible when there were so many things you

didn't know.. "Well," said Amos, "if you help get us to the top of the mountain, we will let you look into the fragment of the mirror." Then he added, "which is more than your friend the wizard did, apparently." Jack gave Amos a little kick, for it is not a good thing to insult a wizard so great and so old and so terrible as all that, even if you don't have to worry about him..249. Barry shook his head. "Twenty different ideas? Impossible." "What do they say on the Burroughs?" McKillian asked, tossing her helmet on the floor and squatting. The stories in this book cover the period from our November 1976 issue through the middle of 1979, a period of great growth in the science fiction field, at least in terms of numbers. If you're the sort who likes to sniff the air for trends, you may have detected a smell of old attics, as much sf seemed to swing back to traditional, even old-fashioned themes and forms. Compare 2001 to Star Wars.. "this place isn't so grey after all. Look closely." "It looks like plastic. But I have a strong feeling it's the higher life-form Lucy and I were looking for yesterday." Amos. "And we wandered into your cave by accident and meant nothing impolite. But the mooa went down, so we had to stop climbing, and we saw your light." "When was the last tune you saw him?" musicianship are conscious of no reason not to dismiss mine on J. R. R. Tolkien. We're all dealing with. Books: In Defense of Criticism by Joanna Russ. "Matthew, I'd like to leave." Amanda fumbled for her cape.. "Do you mean it?" Barry asked, marveling over Marvin's tattoo as they shook hands. He managed to. Sturgeon Lives Comfortably, THEODORE STURGEON. reasonable demands made upon the Company by Local 209.. "A Mr. Bloomfeld called. He wants you to get the goods on Mrs. Btoomfeid so he can sue for divorce." "Don't worry," he promised, tugging his hand out of Jason's. "I'm not the quixotic type." the beach several days later, I thanked her.. soft for me to catch, and lay face down on the couch with his feet toward me. The light from the opened. The eggs of mammals are very small, very delicate, very easily damaged. Furthermore, even if a. "That's right," said Jack. "And nearer than you think is a great, grey, dull, tangled, boggy, and baleful swamp. The first piece is at the bottom of a luminous pool in the center. But it is so grey there that the grey man would blend completely in with the scenery and never get out again. Up this one is a mountain so high that the North Wind lives in a cave there. The second piece of the mirror is on the highest peak of that mountain. It is so windy there, and the grey man is so thin, he would be blown away before he was halfway to the top. Two leagues short of over there, where the third piece is, there stretches a garden of violent colors and rich perfume where black butterflies glisten on the rims of pink marble fountains, and bright vines weave in and about The only thing white in the garden is a silver-white unicorn who guards the last piece of the mirror. Perhaps the grey man could get that piece himself, but he will not want to, I know, for lots of bright colors give him a headache." not see them anymore. Even so, he stood at the rail a long time till a sound in the darkness roused him. to a carton, marked "On Consignment," to TV outlets in major cities, and the rest to private citizens. "I'm trying to concentrate." They look irritated, but they leave.. 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." "That's the land of the Far Rainbow!" cried Jack. "We could almost step through into it!" And he began to go forward.. just outside the orbit of Neptune. Their vessel is incomprehensible, a drupelet-cluster of a construct. while I was . . . how did you say it? Indisposed. But you should pay more attention to the social aspects. imprisoned and tortured. By that time over forty other Ozos were in the hands of dissidents.. When he was sure the others were asleep, Crawford opened his eyes and looked around the darkened barracks. It wasn't much in the way of a home; they were crowded against each other on rough pads made of insulating material. The toilet facilities were behind a flimsy barrier against one wall, and smelled. But none of them would have wanted to sleep outside in the dome, even if Lang had allowed it.. lift in the other, all the emeralds I can haul up from a well in a brass kettle, and a chance to see a man. "It's gonna be a hell of a concert tonight I know it" Jain had said mat and smiled at me when she. again, close and insistent. She ran to the window to see.. his third glass, and that was what he still couldn't understand.. performing a much more essential task. The brickmaker asked him how he'd perform it without the. "I've met her friends." I got back to my office at six. Miss Tremaine sat primly at her desk, cleared of everything but her. screwball friend Ha-zeldorf has gotten into the guts of the message-switching system and reprogrammed. "I will tell the cook," said the grey man.. was content to follow her lead.. 256. Amanda cried, "Matthew, don't?" Her eyes widened with horror. Her mouth moved again.. "Do you know what it's called?" he asked. "The disease you've got?" Smith made a disgusted sound. He opened the clamps that held the device and picked it up, reaching for the power switch with his other hand. He never touched it. As he moved the device, the ghost images had shifted; they were dancing now with the faint movements of his hand. Smith stared at them without breathing for a moment. Holding the cord, he turned slowly. The ghost images whirled, vanished, reappeared. He turned the other way; they whirled back.. that they might fail.. I'd found a pattern for the victims, but I didn't know if it was the pattern. It just didn't make sense.. John VaHey. He strode toward the gate. The four of us were standing right in his path, and we stepped aside when

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