

THE CONSERVATION OF BOOKS AND DOCUMENTS

"Do you mind my giving you some honest advice, Barry??" "Hey, everybody!" Jain raises her voice, cutting stridently through everyone else's conversations. "Get this. For a small fee, these folks'll put a video tape gadget in my tombstone. It's got everything? stereo sound and color. All I've got to do is go in before I die and cut the tape." .have been a cat. It was probably a stray looking for food or hiding from a dog. Okay, cat, you don't.and they didn't fit. The sun was coming in off the Boulevard, shining through the window, projecting the.But when he said it, it sounded false. It wasn't false..fast. He and the grey man looked at one another, and neither said anything. The only sound was from the.retreated, distributing them all through the soil. That way, if the upper ones blew away or were sterilized.down to look at himself in the mirror. He must have been pleased with what he saw, because he gave a.Assuming"?he knocked on the varnished walnut coffee table?" "I pass my exam." .black leg was a crooked line of shadow laying across his body, looking up through the port at the sharp,. " This eloquent novel,* says the jacket of Taylor Caldwell's The Devi's Advocate, making two errors in three words. . . ." (Damon Knight, *In Search of Wonder*, Advent, Chicago, 1967, p. 29.). "Free, hell." Jain grins. "Anybody who wants to catch the show can put a dollar in the slot." .sudden pang in my belly. What if he was staying because of his friendship with me? I felt more like a son.Books: In Defense of Criticism.Nightingale must have run that stinking army hospital in the Crimea. Her tenants were the losers habitating.kid." .and the door opened..them on your own. Even though everyone breaks it, the law is still the law. Individuals operating on their.I lived on the Heliomere myself, just a kilometer away from Amanda's cabin. I don't sleep late, and the next morning while I was taking my wake-up walk along the beach, I saw no reason not to pass her cabin. I could take a brief look to make sure everything was all right, then come back for her at noon as agreed. I was enjoying the frosty bite of the air in my nose and throat and the surreal effect of the steam rising off the dawn-pink Heliomere when I saw Amanda running up the beach toward me, her hair flying long and loose around her..shape hanging by the cottage door. It was a deerskin, a fine buck's hide, hung by the antlers and the legs.helping me so much." .consists in gestalt thinking, or the recognition of patterns, which does occur instantaneously in the critic's.tonight?" .together, and it still runs. It has a high-impact polystyrene carapace, nontoxic paint on the outside?" .option, since the whole point of the place was that you could just sit back and let your chair do the." "Yes. It's all over." .They crowded into the airlock, carefully not looking at each other's faces as they waited for the.7. Never mind all that stuff. Just tell me what I'd enjoy reading..Nocturnal and Diurnal Animals, ROGER ZELAZNY.looking down at us with his big golden eyes, his face glowing as it always does at such times, as though.own." .buried in this frozen shard of ice. Once, when I was a girl, I chopped through a chunk of ice to get to an.She pulled the shawl tighter around her. "When I got up this morning, that chair you're sitting in was.40.a lot more complex than even Nagami's synthesizer. It all sounds simple enough: my console is the critical.The details are clearly of the greatest importance to human biology, and biologists just don't yet know.cave of a lower form of man, and a beautifully original score consisting mostly of rocks struck together..269.it?" They did, and as they looked, a section of the webbing was pulled open and a rush of warm air." "Why do I say what I think? It's easiest." .evaluated. Now I can say without equivocation that our morale down here has never been higher.." "Did he get my report?" . "Maybe Andrew Detweiler is twins. One of them commits the murders and the other establishes the alibis." . "Look, I've never had one, and never planned to. I'm thirty-four years old and never, never felt the lack. I've always wanted to go places, and you can't with a baby. But I never planned to become a colonist on Mars, either. I... things have changed, don't you see? I've been depressed." She looked around, and Song and Ralston were nodding sympathetically. Relieved to see that she was not the only one feeling the oppression, she went on, more strongly. "I think if I go another day like yesterday and the day before?and today?I'll end up screaming. It seems so pointless, collecting all that information, for what?" .at a grey spider web that spread from the limb of a tree above them to a vine creeping on the ground,.Not with angels and pins, But with, 'How much does one pearly Gateway?1." .?I?m continuously aware; she's only conscious when she's out." .I did not feel ready to dispute Senator Gail. "Then I take it you don't want me to call you Mandy?" .I stood, too, and cupped her face between my hands. "Would that be so terrible? Then all the time." "I have come," he said. His back was to her. "I wish to God I had not." .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 die group were arrested, imprisoned and tortured. By that rims over forty other Ozos were in the hands of dissidents..And Birdie Pawlowicz: "Yeah, he typed a lot in his room." .He nodded. "Ticky-tacky." .By the time the rescue expedition arrived, no one was calling it that There had been the little matter of a long, brutal war with the Palestinian Empire, and a growing conviction that the survivors of the First Expedition had not had any chance in the first place. There had been no time for luxuries like space travel beyond the Moon and no billions of dollars to invest while the world's energy policies were being debated in the Arabian Desert with tactical nuclear weapons..He surmounted the second stage. The third. Ike and I stayed right behind him. The fourth. The fifth.." "We won't question it," said Jack, "we'll just open it." .tantalizes the audience as nakedly, only occasionally obscured by the cloudy metal mesh that transforms.We shall dine on berry wine.and who must engage in all the complex phenomena, both physical and chemical, involved in sexual.started it" . "A six-pack of Schlitz," he said, quite off the top of his head..Naturally, I was asked to speak on some subject that would interest both groups. Some instinct told.opens; a dark-haired man takes her in his arms; they kiss..from his reverie: Blmvghm!.embrace. Instead he said, "You did not call me to the clearing. You did not say my name. Only when I." "Yeah. Really isolated. My pa convinced himself he was one of the original settlers. He was actually a laid-off aerospace engineer out of

Seattle."II."I know," she sighed, "but I still can't believe it" She tapped her scarlet fingernails on the dolled.Harley-Wankel. The bikers backed off very quickly..type (a football player now) and Dyan Cannon shrieked to great effect a couple of times..even without cloning, and the ordinary process of supplying new soldiers for despots is infinitely cheaper."Five?" the tech says..Then Darlene gasped..Well, Local 209 pulled out, just like the Company did. We knew there'd be no more jobs on the.215.rather grey themselves.. "What's the matter," she muttered, "too much spaghetti??" "Then what must I do to make this stubborn animal let me by? Tell me quickly because I am in a hurry and have a headache.."and another calling herself Selene Randall. The revelation, and their decision to remain dissociated, had.Darlene's voice trailed off into an incoherent babbling, and she sank back. Nolan kept his hand on.I told him I hoped he was right..down the volume on her television set..3. A poem embodying several important long-range economic forecasts.. "They were arrested, for trafficking, right here on this couch, while they were taking money from the agent that had set them up. There's no way they can wiggle out of it this time. People say how sorry they are and everything, but I don't know: they were criminals, after all. What they were doing only makes it harder for the rest of us to get our endorsements honestly."On Christmas Eve, feeling sad and sentimental, he got out the old cassettes he and Debra had made.definitely the message conveyed by her glazed inattention. Responsive to her needs, he resisted the.Then all the blankets fell away, and a man with more colors on him than Amos had ever seen sat up.denser jungle stretching a thousand miles beyond. She had no English, and according to Moises, she.Nolan flinched, then halted as the shadow-shape glided forth from the darkened corner beside the open window.. "This is what would kill us, Crawford. What's your first name? Matt. Matt, this baby is a flyer for the first forty thousand meters. It doesn't have the juice to orbit on the jets alone. The wings are folded up now. You probably didn't see them on the way in, but you saw the models. They're very light, supercritical, and designed for this atmosphere. Lou said it was like flying a bathtub, but it flew. And it's a skQI, almost an art. Lou practiced for three years on the best simulators we could build and still had to rely on things you can't learn in a simulator. And he barely got us down in one piece. We didn't noise it around, but it was a damn close thing. Lou was young; so was Cantrell. They were both fresh from flying. They flew every day, they had the feel for it. They were tops." She slumped back into her chair. "I haven't flown anything but trainers for eight years."Half an hour later the curtains over the barred open window moved. I had squatted down in the closet and wasn't looking in that direction, but the movement caught my eye. Something hopped in the window and scooted across the floor and went behind the couch. I.was the power system created by focusing the Ozo at a narrow aperture on die interior of the Sun. Others included the system of satellite slave units in stationary orbits and a computerized tracer device which would keep the Ozo focused on any subject.She considered the accusation. "I wouldn't choose her for a friend. I think she's insipid and gutless..somewhere nearer than you thought."."Why, no-she's in Cleveland, Tom."..nearest and dearest friend and me. It will be well worth someone's while."..odds. If you can't, let me know."."Well. . . not for a long time." But I think her words sound unsure..seized on December 13 by the KGB; Belov and two other members of the group were arrested,,being classified in the same category with such a nitwit! Partyland was probably full of people in their.down the cobbled street toward Mariner's Tavern to play jackstraws with Billy Belay, the sailor with a.250.being pumped, but not by the now-familiar system of windmills. Spaced along each of the pipes were.Climb on my shoulders and I shall carry you up to the highest peak of this mountain. When I have looked."To tell you the truth, I was wondering what to say next. We have to make a thorough inventory. I.the unfinished seventh-stage wall..of the King to get high enough above the ground so he can shoot an arrow into Heaven."Right here on the mountain?" I say..decide on a second Inundation, you can rest assured that it will be of such dimensions."The second thing I have to announce tonight is that such a commitment has now been made. As I mentioned a moment ago, this subject has been under study for a considerable period of time. I can now inform you that, three days ago, the President of the United States and the Chairman of the Eastern Co-Prosperity Sphere signed an agreement for the project which I have briefly outlined to be' pursued on a joint basis, effective immediately. The activities of the various national and private research institutions and other organizations that will be involved in the venture will be coordinated with those of the North American Space Development Organization and with those of our Chinese and Japanese partners under a project designation of Starhaven."..ones, tend to romanticize reality, often to fantastic extremes, and invariably in these.Standing just outside the airlock was Mary Lang. She turned as they came out, and did not seem surprised..And, God damn it, I liked him too.."Just before you came down."..suddenly had a hurting in my gut I felt the same unfairness and sadness the others had, the way you would.Michelle MacKinnon leaned across the coffee table that separated the blue settee from Barry's.ROAD TO LASTING.n.56.where all the pieces were hidden. Only it did not show me how to get back to the Far Rainbow. And still."Thank you, Winey, for the encouraging words. You always did know what it takes to buck a person up. By the way, that other mission, the one where you were going to ride a meteorite down here to save our asses, that's scrubbed, too?".you for taking so much trouble for me."."I will tell you," said Barry, "what you can do with your stickers."."First," said Lea, "who is standing just behind your left shoulder?".She did look different She held her chin high, making her seem even taller than she had yesterday..reproduction. Think of all the human beings who, for one slight flaw or another, can't have children ?a."I suppose, then," said Amos, "I've done well to avoid coming here." And he turned around and left..Before they could shut it they heard a whistling, like a teakettle.that the only thing the Project win be a haven for will be fish. But I'll play the game fair.. "It's Amos!" cried Hidalgo, running from behind the counter..A similar case is that of H. G. Wells's *The Island of Dr. Moreau*, filmed with superbly demonic atmosphere as *Island of Lost Souls* in 1932. Charles Laughton, maybe the best actor yet to appear on film, gives an extraordinary performance as Dr. M., and Bela Lugosi captures the spirit of the beast men as the Speaker of the Law with the abhuman quality that characterized his *Dracula*. Now Burt Lancaster

is one of film's most underrated actors, but his straightforward non-intellectual approach to the doctor role undermined the '70s trip to the Island; Richard Basehart didn't help matters by looking like a beneficent Old Testament prophet in the Lugosi role. But even Laughton and Lugosi would have been hard put to come across, with the later film's completely uninteresting script and camerawork.. "Two leagues short of over there is a garden of violent colors and rich perfume, where black butterflies glisten on the rims of pink marble fountains, and the only thing white in it is a silver-white unicorn who guards the third piece of the mirror." "yourselves." "I'll see to it that the members of Local 209 have access to these minutes; and if, after. She threw up her hands. "How can I make you understand? This is nothing like anything I've ever. The last step took the thin grey man right into the open trunk. He cried out, stumbled, the trunk. incident." "Glowing behind those rocks," cried Amos. "dioxide freeze out at the poles, then comes out when enough ice melts to permit biological processes. We." "You run and get back in your cell," said Amos, "and when I have given you enough time, I shall. basins of stone. They had been put there for a warning, because just beyond them the floor of the cave. on the smooth facade of the man's compulsive natter. He got the feeling, more and more, that he was. Three weeks later, the Tharsis Canyon had been transformed into a child's garden of toys. Crawford. tSee "Counting Chromosomes," F&SF, June 1968.. "Barry Riordan." "I fell head over heels just four evenings ago. ?I'm big and I'm cold and I'm blustery. . . ." "I was dismayed by the effect the question had on her. I forced heartiness into my voice. "Then let's

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