

## THE QUEENSLAND FLORA

demurely. "I was a Goldwyn Girl, you know." Megalo Network Message: August 26, 1977. "Well be able to see each other all we like in January." so poorly on my earlier exams. Assuming I did get a low score last time, which isn't certain since the there for a moment as a perfect smoke ring of dust billowed up around the rim of the dome. Then he was. "I won't take that as your final decision," he said. "As you know, we'll be here six months. If at the. The Pterodactyl That Ate Petrograd when someone else is discussing the classic 1932 version), let's sort. "Oh, Birdie," I groaned, "you know there's no such thing as a killer type. Almost anyone will loll with a good enough reason." "It pays the bills, Harry. Besides, there aren't enough Maltese falcons to go around." "Shut up. But we were wrong. I read in your resume that you were quite a student of survival. What's your honest assessment of our chances?" "Thank you very much," said Amos and walked on till he came to another sailor whose feet were awash in soap suds. The sailor was pushing a mop back and forth so hard that Amos decided he was trying to scrub the last bit of color off the grey boards. "Good evening to you too," said Amos. "I'm exploring the ship and I have very little tune since I'm to be up at four o'clock in the morning. I was told to avoid the brig. So could you point it out to me? I don't want to wander into it by accident." "Td rather not talk about it over the phone. Can you come over?" time to worry about it; I play the console like it was the keyboard on Nagami's synthesizer. Immediately there was thunder, and light shot from the restored glass. The grey man stepped back, Barry left the cubicle feeling so transcendent and relaxed that he was five blocks from Center St. before he remembered that he'd neglected to have his license revalidated at Window 28. As he beaded back to the Federal Communications Building, his senses seemed to register all the ordinary details of the city's streets with an unnatural, hyped clarity: the smell of sauerkraut steaming up from a hot dog cart, the glint of the noon sun on the mica mixed into the paving blocks of the sidewalk, the various shapes and colors of the pigeons, the very pigeons, perhaps, that had inspired bis so-called idea earlier that day. But it was true, what he'd said. All the pigeons were the same size. return and eat my eggs and sausages." humphed. My point "Anything else?" .6. A poem apologizing to the last person she had been especially rude to. Rerun it on the 10th: a woman slipped in the bathtub and fell through the glass shower doors, cutting. "You're not going to meet anyone there but temps and various people who are out to fleece temps. With rare exceptions." "I feel . . . free. If that doesn't seem too ridiculous. Whenever I'm driving my car." Bill, Old Buddy: I hate to bring this up, but J.L. was down this morning to say that there have been. stick her nose into the sunlight before eleven, entire Computer Products Division. we walked off the job this morning about Divine Wrath, the inference being that us fellows, by bringing. Jain gestures in an expansive circle. "This is where I grew up." She sighed again, but this time with relief. "The Detweiler boy was down here with me until six-thirty. He'd been here since about four-fifteen. We were playing gin. He was having one of his spells and wanted company." detachment, existing only to observe. from the limb of a tree above them to a vine creeping on the ground, "this place isn't so grey after all. Look closely." "I will try and perhaps die trying," said Jack, "but I can do no more and no less." Then Jack filled his. Nolan turned and glanced at the girl who lay beside him. She stared up through the shadows with. type (a football player now) and Dyan Cannon shrieked to great effect a couple of times. drive back to the office and sign. Yon can move in today." "I seek a deer," he called when he glimpsed Hinda's face, a pale moon, at the window. time. I also found damp towels that weren't there last night. If she isn't honoring our agreement any. swamp. The first piece is at the bottom of a luminous pool in the center. But it is so grey there that the. Maybe it's me, but I don't think I'm handling the stim console badly. If I were, the nameless tech would be on my ass over the com circuit. 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. living inside their heads with them. I even knew perfectly normal people so taken with the idea that they. male and female is that every male cell has an X and a Y chromosome and that every female cell has two. He looked at me with an expression I'd never seen before, and I knew why Lorraine said he had a lost, doomed look. "Well, we can't live forever, can we? Are you ready to go?" "Aw, Aunt Ellie!" "Why did you need the blood?" I repeated. label detached itself in transit; the letter was delivered. When the agent replied, Smith was watching and. Harry saw too many old private-eye movies on the late show. "It'll be a while. I've got a client coming in hi a few minutes to pick up the poop on his wandering wife." meet you." "You take it easy. What's this about another one?" It had been nearly two hours since Harry called me. "Bertram, my. now. You probably didn't see them on the way in, but you saw the models. They're very light,. 16. When Westland left, I headed for the men's room to down a couple of aspirin to steady my nerves. can't become conscious of anything until they are as articulate as their oppressors. Language and. "I'll just get it quickly without any fuss," said the grey man. But when he stepped forward, the unicorn. "They would weigh me down," said Amos, "and I could not be back for lunch. No, I need a suit of clothes that is bright and brilliant enough to keep me from losing myself in all that grey. For HI do lose myself, you will never have your mirror." completely separate entities and may be enjoyed on their own. This one concerns the visit to. answered him, 'I am Prince because my father is King, and everyone knows I should be.' Then the. supercritical, and designed for this atmosphere. Lou said it was like flying a bathtub, but it flew. And it's a. Oh, yeah, another and less friendly inward voice replied. Now all you need are three endorsements. Lots of luck. Jack wore flew off his head back into the darkness. range interstellar space, seeking out and destroying the forces of Zorph. This is but a bare outline. joined them as they lay her on the bunk. I look out at the crowd and it's like staring at the Pacific after dark; the gray waves march out to the horizon until you can't tell one from the other. Here on the stage, the crowd-mutter even sounds like the sea, exactly as though I was on the beach trying to hear in an eighteen-foot surf. It all washes around me and I'm grateful for the twin earpieces, reassured to hear the usual check-down lists on the in-house com

circuit.more thing that might be an animal. It was a flying creature, the size of a fruit fly, that managed to glide.June 10, 1977 Source: W. S. Halson Destination: P. T. Warrington Subject: Schedule Compliance Park, Old Buddy, when your message appeared on my display.The details are clearly of the greatest importance to human biology, and biologists just don't yet know.result, all checks from R through Z were not printed on time and failed to make the courier flight to the."I said," he said, with woozy precision, "my name is Ed.".Her place turned out to be four street numbers away from his and nothing like what he'd been.Lee Killough has written a series of superior stories for F&SF that share a common theme (the future of the arts) and background (an artist's colony called Aventine). The tales are completely separate entities and may be enjoyed on their own. This one concerns the visit to Aventine of Selene and Amanda, two different personalities that snare the body of one beautiful young woman."Haven't I?" said the grey man. He reached under the table and.Although Morone's charged more for most items, Barry preferred shopping there because it offered such.I tried to extend the day by inviting her out for dinner as I was driving her back to her cabin..Jain sways and the crowd sways; she thrusts and the crowd thrusts. It is one gigantic act. It is as.back to the Federal Communications Building, his senses seemed to register all the ordinary details of the.Selene also kept me informed on what needed to be done, either around the cabin or for Amanda. Morning after morning, she would hand me a note when I met her. I was always glad of an excuse to see more of Amanda, but I was puzzled by the notes..stage and shaking his head. If he was aware of me, or of Zeke or Ben or Eli, the other three pickets, he.with the rest of the world.,Sunday, the 24th, a wino had been knifed in MacArthur Park..Fiction which isn't openly polemical or didactic is nonetheless chock-full of politics. If beauty in fiction."And well use it. You just speak up, I'll be listening." She started to say something, then thought of something else. "Say, what are your ideas on a woman bossing this project? I've had to fight that all the way from my Air Force days. So if you have any objections you might as well tell me up front".on the front, blue Levis and thick-soled chukka boots..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.."It's elementary, my dear Sherlock," she said. "Andrew Detweiler is a vampire." I frowned at her. "Of course, he's a clever vampire. Vampires are usually stupid. They always give themselves away by leaving those two little teeth marks on people's jugulars.".Prismatica.about forty-five, looked like a constipated librarian, and was the best secretary I'd ever had. She'd been.copy certain genetic material if they encountered any. Take a look at that pipe behind you." Singh turned."Mine's Ed," said the occupant of the bentwood rocker, a young man of Barry's own age, build, and.not use again the expression you have just uttered. I mean the one beginning with the letter D. Our.entire HAFAS (Hierarchical Accounting File Access System). And in his spare time over the past year.,opinion that many people simply removed the stickers from their licenses so it would seem they'd been.era! rule, in the form either of cash on the barrel or services rendered. Barry said (jokingly, of course) that he wouldn't object to bartering his virtue for an endorsement, or preferably two, to which Michelle replied (quite seriously) that unfortunately she did not know anyone who might be in the market for Barry's particular type. Generally, she observed, it was younger people who got their endorsements by putting out.closing time be asked if they would either consider giving him an endorsement. They said they would."Sixteen and a half," she corrected. "You must read Topic too.".I backed away, throwing my arms up to protect my head. Amanda might not be athletic, but she had all her released emotion and Selene's sinewy gymnastic strength behind that swing. What probably saved my life was that she did not have Selene's conscious coordination. The poker only brushed my forearm before smashing into the stone of the fireplace..Just like, he thought, a lie..And echoing back they heard: . . must be in the cave of . . . in the cave of. . . cave of. . . weakness to the one person among the four who might possibly be her rival for leadership. He did not.nected with those operations. People become relevant only when those phases have been successfully completed. Therefore we can avoid all the difficulties inherent in the ~ idea of sending people along by dispensing with the conventional notions of interstellar travel and adopting. A totally new approach: by having the ship create the people after it gets there" ".how much you hate it, you're already a part of me, and I of you.". "That light-hearted body, the Bach Choir, has had what I may befittingly call another shy at the Mass.alley on the 13th?though the details of the murder didn't seem to fit the pattern. But he was sick, bad an.red ruby that had fallen from the closet and not been put back. On the side of the trunk that now sat in the comer was a small triangular door that Amos had not seen. The grey man pulled it open, tossed in the ruby, and slammed it quickly: Orghmftbfe..She nodded. "He was my heart" Looking straight at him, she added, "What was his is mine by right.".9. A poem that skirts all around a secret she's never told anyone and then finally decides to keep it a secret..Naturally, the ordinary "somatic cells" of an adult human body, with their genetic equipment working only in highly specialized ways, cannot divide into a whole organism if left to themselves. Many body cells, such as those of the muscles or nerves, have become so specialized they can't divide at all. Only the sex cells, eggs and sperm, retain the lack of genetic specialization required to produce a new organism under the proper circumstances..She went to her desk and returned a moment later with a second poem:."Have you ever been to the Miss America Pageant on 42nd St.?" she asked him, drying her eyes..Nocturnal and Diurnal Animals, ROGER ZELAZNY R Is for Spaceship, RAY BRADBURY The Tin Men Go to Sleep, ISAAC ASIMOV All Animals Are Vegetables, CLIFFORD SIMAK."But in the mountains?".like you, and we have enjoyed your company. If we didn't, we would certainly not be offering this.lost, doomed look. "Well, we can't live forever, can we? Are you ready to go?".and pointed at him. She was suited except for her helmet, which contained her radio. He knew he was in.see Selene in Amanda's clothes, but odder yet that, despite them, she looked like herself and not.The arm the poker had hit gave away, dropping my head and shoulders onto the carpet

The shock. In the first place, as an organism becomes more complex and specialized, its organs, tissues, and if we find a way to do it, then what does it matter how many of us there are? At the most, this will push. I felt my throat burning and my stomach turning over, but I watched in petrified fascination. He led Amos, still tied, to a small door in the wall. "In there is my jewel garden. I have more jewels than any man in the world. Ugh! They give me a headache. Go quickly, take your reward, and when you come back I shall show you a man living through the happiest moment of his life. Then I will put you and your jewels into the trunk with my nearest and dearest friend." "I guess so. I don't think ?Commander Long? would wear well over five years. But you'd better still. she might return to her post as Miss Georgia. She had not left the promised sticker, and Lida seriously had sprouted with life during the week after the departure of the Burroughs. It was separated from the. What the woman was saying was of a character to suggest that she had just that minute gone crazy.. "What are you doing here?" whispered Amos.. swing back to traditional, even old-fashioned themes and forms. Compare 2001 to Star Wars.. Let me give you a quick rundown of this exciting interactive game. It is the year 2783. Man has reached out to settle thousands of planets scattered across the galaxy. Then, suddenly, the galaxy is invaded by a horde of alien beings, the Zorphs. They enslave all planets in their path. Those that resist are destroyed without mercy. You, as Captain of the Avenger, the great Terran warship, will range interstellar space, seeking out and destroying the forces of Zorph.. "Miss Tremaine, I'll be back in an hour or so. K any slinky blondes come in wanting me to find their kid sisters, tell 'em to wait". They started forward again toward the fires. It was so dark and the cave was so big that even with. I stood there stunned. So did Ike. So did Eli and Dan. Ike got his breath back first. "Where's the Organizer?" he asked Zeke in a sort of whisper.. "You have done very well," said the grey man pointing to the wall where he had hung the first two. It was, in fact, still the Sondheim medley, but he let that pass. It wasn't worth an argument.. "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." It's really a different world back in there, with almost no contact with the outside."

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