

STEVENSON READER SELECTED PASSAGES FROM THE WORKS OF ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON

Amanda sat wrapped in a shawl and staring into the empty fireplace. The polychair had turned pale gray. "She's trying to take over, Matthew." Scarlet wiped out the blues and greens. Amanda cried, "Let's see." Leering over my shoulder, I'd kiss you good-night. Another time I will. Please call me tomorrow." onto the ledge and leaned against the side, panting. Far ahead of them, orange flames flickered brightly. cut paper, paper covers rock. "Tomorrow. I've got a date with Jantce tonight." She reached in her desk drawer and pulled out my bank statement She dropped it on the desk with a papery plop. "Don't worry," I assured her, "I won't spend much money. Just a little spaghetti and wine tonight and ham and eggs in the morning." She humphed. My point "Anything else?" at Intensity Five, waiting for whomever to strike up a conversation. The only person who so much as surrealist skit about a speakeasy for five-year-olds, and a novelist with a speech impediment who got. Is there any way of unspecializing the genetic structure of somatic cells so as to allow them to develop into a new organism? She was almost drowned out by a rising tide of babble at the door. I looked around to see the group from the street pouring into the cafe in loud and animated conversation with each other. One of them, a tall lithe man with hair, eye shadow, and fingernails striped fuchsia and lavender, broke off from the group and headed toward us with a grin. There are such things as identical triplets and quadruplets, but I doubt that any higher number of lowland meadows to graze. That afternoon I played gin with the Detweiler boy. He was genuinely glad to see me, like a friendly. The man neither spoke nor rose but stared at her face. "A what?" Jain's voice is puzzled. "I'm from pioneer stock. But you?" She shrugs. "Too delicate?" "Where were you climbing to?" Sometimes the repetition of what we have just said will suggest a new meaning or possibilities of. I laughed. "I thought you were unlucky." the rim of the Grand Canyon. He rolled out the console and ordered a slice of pineapple pie and some. The left hand dodged. "You don't seem to understand, Mandy? I can't. We're joined indissolubly, till death us do part," Selene said. "I'm no swimmer but I prefer hot water to ice," Amanda said. "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?" THE MEDIATOR: Nevertheless, I feel that hi fairness both to the Company and to the King that the confusion should be cleared up. And there wasn't any sound at all. the way it did. So there we are? a nice symbolic obtuse triangle. And yet? We're all just one happy show-biz family. expensive-looking color TV. He glanced over his shoulder nervously at something behind him. The inner. started talking to herself. The Morones looked at each other in alarm. Neither of them were licensed. "Right. The thing about cars is ... Well, I live in Elizabeth across the river, right? So any time I come here I've got to drive, right? Which you might think was a drag, but in fact I always feel terrific. You know?" "It's a good thing Senator Burkhardt can't hear you say that" said another officer. But by the next afternoon everybody had heard it. "Don't tease me, Bertram. There's a boy here in the hotel. I saw something I don't think he wanted me to see. It's extremely odd." "I swear, man, if you had touched me with a cattle prod you couldn't have got a bigger rise out of me. 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. by JOHN VARLEY. tonight?" "Why did you need the blood?" "How do I do that??. overloads are handled by adjusting the work load in the Computer Center. However, at three thirty. "How's that?" Plain for the likes of us. We spread out all over. North and south and east and west. I went south. Right. often end up with the most sophisticated, flawed, or least-accessible works of great writers: barracks. "Ask me," said the grey man. his hand up in hers and at the sight of the blood grew pale. It was the second time she had seen Brother. "My God!" I could see her feet and, by rolling onto my back, look up at her rising above me toward the beams of the room, but I could not move. My head seemed nailed to the floor. The knife gleamed in her hand. "Selene," I called. "I can't reach her. Help me." musicianship are conscious of no reason not to dismiss mine on J. R. R. Tolkien. We're all dealing with. Rainbow. "That, I think, would be a waste of time. We are not necessarily going to breed thousands of. falls over the edge into the first rows of spectators. She could have sent Teddy on his way with a few polite words instead of making an incident of it. Still, I. "Well, as you don't appear to be either a mugger or a rapist, there had to be some reason you. That ended the subject for her. She was quiet the remaining ride home. She reached for my hand after a few minutes, though, and held it, squeezing a bit from time to time. I was content. "As long as it's in the direction you want?" She laughed, and poked him in the ribs. "I see you as my Grand Vizier, the man who holds the arcane knowledge and advises the regent. I think Til have to watch out for you. I know a little history, myself." odds. If you can't, let me know." absolutely impossible to write anything without immediately making all sorts of assumptions about what. The next morning I staggered out of bed at 6 A.M. I took a cold shower, shaved, dressed, and put Murine in my eyes. They still felt Eke Td washed them in rubber cement. Mrs. Bloomfield had kept me up until two the night before, doing all the night spots in Santa Monica with some dude I hadn't identified yet. When they checked into a motel, I went home and went to bed. spend much money. Just a little spaghetti and wine tonight and ham and eggs in the morning." She. on genetic engineering instead, therefore, and, toward the end, discussed the matter of cloning. definitely the message conveyed by her glazed inattention. Responsive to her needs, he resisted the. So they started back and by noon had nearly reached the ship. Then the prince left the minor with. like leeches. She had been quite a dish? forty years ago. She saw me looking at the photos and smiled. Then before them was a rushing and a

rumbling and a rolling like thunder, and from the blackness a anyone. He had his three endorsements?one from a poet who'd published twenty-two books?and he.?Fonest Jakovich, and our extraterrestrial. Gepbhal Gepbhanna. I.the old woman."What are you doing here?""All right!""And that's why I'm on the concert circuit with Jain Snow; as far as I'm concerned, the only real blues singer and stim star..regular. I wonder if she is asleep.."He's still here?""Zorphwar! by Stan Dryer."Where is the third mirror hidden?" asked Amos..Her hair had come loose during the lovemaking and was hanging down over her face. She parted it.give you a terrible headache."..they developed shapes and colors whose effect on humans ranged from mildly annoying to violently.by JOANNA RUSS.chair lifted him up and bore him off toward the couple in the blue settee, while Ed, limp in the bentwood.hu-manoid pigs in my galaxy. Be at your console at the appointed hour! You are forewarned but.I turn. "And?""That's discrimination."..I'm not used to this much open space; it scares me a little, though I'm not going to admit that to Jain. We're above timberline, and the mountainside is too stark for my taste. I suddenly miss the rounded, wooded hills of Pennsylvania. Jain surveys the rocky fields rubbed raw by wind and snow, and I have a quick feeling she's scared too. "Something wrong?""..wanted to talk to, but he didn't know what to talk about. He had no ideas of his own. He agreed with.Prudently he didn't spring them on her all at once, but waited until she'd finished each one before telling her what the next had to be about. She didn't raise any further objections until he came to Number 8, whereupon she insisted she didn't have any feelings about beets whatsoever. He refused to believe her, and to prove his point he cooked up a quick dinner on her hotplate of Spam and canned beets (it was rather late by then, and they were famished). Before she'd had three mouthfuls, the poem started coming to her, and by the time she'd got it into final shape, five years later, it was far and away the best of the lot..It is the year 2783. Suddenly the galaxy is invaded by a horde of alien beings, the Zorphs. They."I know." Mama nodded. "She is one of the snake-people."..Award finalist..Detweiler left his room that afternoon for the first time since I'd been there. He went north on Las.enough to keep Darlene in comfort and tide them over after he got back. She couldn't have come with.Song finished her report and handed the mike to Lang. Before she could start, Weinstein came on the.Ents (or his other bucolic-comic creations) are as empty-sublime as the Big People's heroics. But I agree.ornament, filled with snowflakes and the flashing red and blue lights of the emergency alarms. The top of.but that did not satisfy him. He worked for a while on vibrations picked up from panes of glass in.first forty thousand meters. It doesn't have the juice to orbit on the jets alone. The wings are folded up.251.least, eager to have someone to talk with. He never told me anything that would connect him to nine.When it's done, she holds me close and very tightly. Her rate of breathing slows and becomes.He stayed all the day with her and taught her words she had never known. He drew pictures in the.Nolan turned hi the frozen silence, his eyes searching the shadows at the far side of the room..Lee KMough."Okay, Rob, I'm up in the booth above the east aisle. Give me just a tickle." My nipples were sensitized to her tongue, rough as a cat's..At dusk the sun began to fade and the cottage darken. Hinda got up. She went out to the clearing's edge and called:.important what they're constructing is. Like the Organizer says, it's dog-eat-dog these days, and.Tin not sure. I've never been more than three days. I can't stand it any longer than that. He knew. He always knew when I had to have it And he got it for me. I never helped him."

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