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"Don't mention it." He opened the door for me and then closed it behind me. I sighed and walked. First you blunder into the dark trees on either side, and once the earth surges up over you in a chaos of. Tired but smiling, the prince lifted it from the ice and handed it to Amos. Then he went to pick up his shirt. "You're stuck, Mandy," Selene said. "There's no way out." "Sir, I'll ask her, but I don't think she'll come. This is still her operation, you know." He didn't give Weinstein time to reply to that Weinstein had been trapped by his own seniority into commanding the Edgar Rice Burroughs, the orbital ship that got them to Mars and. I showed him my ID. Instead of going pale, he only looked interested, "I was told by the man in 409. awakened him. He sat up with a start, realizing he must have slept for hours, because the shadows. What you see are computer-generated summaries of our progress, mere pieces of paper that do not. would pay me a great deal of money with which I could buy a ship and continue my search. He told me. "I do," he protested. But, clearly, he had just failed a major test. With a sigh of weariness and a. A lot of the other Union members had stopped in The Fig Leaf, and the place was full. Some of the. I did not like that idea, either, but ... "What else can we do? Shall I lie to Amanda and hate you for. spent a good deal importing all those tons of sand from some distant world on the stargate system to. trace, and the car can go no further. With the metal cylinder in one hand I flee on foot until I no longer. her grey cloak and it fell about her feet. "I know," she sighed, "but I still can't believe it" She tapped her. at a grey spider web that spread from the limb of a tree above them to a vine creeping on the ground. Megalo Network Message: July 18, 1977. Fonest Jakovich, and our extraterrestrial, Gepbhal Gepbhanna. I. "I haven't had an indecent proposition from you in days. So I thought I'd make one of my own." His first endorsement proved to have been beginner's lock. Though he went out almost every night to a different speakeasy and practically lived at Partyland during the weekends, when it was at its liveliest, he never again had such a plum fall in his lap. He didn't get within sniffing distance of his heart's desire. Most people he met were temps, and the few Permanent License holders inclined to be friendly to him invariably turned out, like the MacKinnons, to have already disposed of their allotted endorsements. Or so they said. As the weeks went by and anxiety mounted, he began to be of the cynical but widely held opinion that many people simply removed the stickers from their licenses so it would seem they'd been used. According to Jason MacKinnon, a completely selfless endorsement, like his from Ed, was a rare phenomenon. Quid pro quos were the gen-. up. Now, it is a well-known fact that the King is a great hunter? a mighty hunter. No. Edward Bryant for "Stone". She sighed in relief. "Gordy, you're a friend. Well meet again." I wait for the concert. "I won't take that as your final decision," he said. "As you know, we'll be here six months. If at the end of that time any of you want to go, you're still citizens of Earth." slapped his helmet on him and moved to the next one. It was Luther Nakamura, and he was not moving. "Good evening," Amos said. "How are you?" I killed time earlier tonight reading the promo pamphlet on this place. As the designer says, the. funny when it reappeared as Heaven Can Wait, though Warren Beatty did a nice job as the dumb athletic. "Why do you look at me like that, senor? Is it not natural for a woman to bulge when she carries a baby in her belly?" Next year I'm supposed to start full-time. "The nice thing about guilt is that it's so easy to repress. Within a day Barry had relegated all recollections of his criminal behavior of the night before to the depths of his subconscious and was back at Intensity Five, waiting for whomever to strike up a conversation. The only person who so much as glanced his way, however, was Evelyn, the woman behind the refreshment stand. He went to other speakeasies, but it was always the same story. People avoided him. Their eyes shied away. His vibrations became such an effective repellent that he had only to enter a room in order to empty it of half its custom. Or so it seemed. When one is experiencing failure, it is hard to resist the comfort of paranoia. A kiss. "All right, North Wind," cried Amos. "Take a look at yourself." "No. She was a dumpy brunette." Zorphwar! by Stan Dryer 59. That stopped me for a minute, but I'm not sure why. I must've had a mental picture of Charles Laughton riding those bells or Igor stealing that brain from the laboratory. "He's good-looking and he's a hunchback?" sunlight and not have them killed by the ultraviolet. . . . trying to scrub the last bit of color off the grey boards. "Good evening to you too," said Amos. "I'm. on a conversation about somebody's drastic need to develop a more effective persona and to his left on a. He looked at the children. One wide-eyed little girl of eight years was kneeling at his feet. As his eyes fell on her, she smiled tentatively and took his hand. not see them anymore. Even so, he stood at the rail a long time till a sound in the darkness roused him. them, grabbing them up and setting them on his shoulders. Amos and Jack clung to his long, thick hair as the Wind began to fly down the mountain, crying out in a windy voice: "Now I shall tell all the leaves and whisper to the waves who I am and what I look like, so they can chatter about it among themselves in autumn and rise and doff their caps to me before a winter storm." The North Wind was happier than he had ever been since the wizard first made his cave. hunchback?" artists. "He must have been talking about the Detweffler boy," she said, frowning. "Harry's been kinda friendly with him, felt sorry for him, I guess." I sighed. Miss Tremaine closed the pad. "Okay. No to Mrs. Car-mknael and make appointments for Bushyager and Bloomfeld." She lowered her eyelids at me. I spread my hands. "Would Sam Spade go looking for a French poodle named Gwendolyn?*1." "It's a ... what's the word? Orrery. It's an orrery." Crawford had to stand up and shake his head to. "Yeah, I was working on a story, but I'd rather play gin." He grinned, open and artless. "If I could. And that's why I sold her, To Lucius McGonaghal Sloe. Congreve pushed himself back from the podium with his arms and straightened. When he resumed speaking, his tone had lightened slightly. "In the area that concerns all of us here in our day-to-day lives, the accelerating pace of the space program has brought a lot of excitement in the last two decades. Some inspiring achievements have helped offset the less encouraging news from other quarters: We have established permanent bases on the Moon and Mars; colonies are being built in space; a manned mission has reached the moons of Jupiter; and robots are out exploring

the farthest reaches of the Solar System and beyond. But" --he extended his arms in an animated sigh---"these operations have been national, not international. Despite the hopes and the words of years gone by, militarization has followed everywhere close on the heels of exploration, and we are led to the inescapable conclusion that a war, if it comes, would soon spread beyond the confines of the surface and jeopardize our species everywhere. We must face up to the fact that the danger now threatening us in the years ahead is nothing less than that."..might have attracted some attention, but Jack's hair, for all his colorful costume, was a very ordinary.of the trunk and stick my head in to see how his nearest and dearest friend was getting along. But I would."You must prove yourself worthy," said Lea..His Imperial Majesty, Ruler of Zorphdom and the Greater Galaxy, The Middle Claw of Justice in the.11.private aircraft on private landing fields, we manage to discourage most reporters and curiosity seekers."."The girl-Nina?*"..And echoing back they heard: . . must be in the cave of . . . in the cave of. . . cave of. . .we've not seen the end of all the copies, blatant and otherwise, of Star Wars..She waited through the whole of the long morning, till the sun was high overhead. Not until then did she go indoors, where she threw herself down on the straw bedding and wept."Only the shiny surface of things keeps us apart," said Lea. "Now if you dive through here, you can.87.opaque material hi it. It looked very familiar, he realized, with the hair on the back of his neck starting to.55.in all subjects he wanted to avoid. "What's it like in the Blue Ridge? Coon huntin? and moonshine?".Mission Commander, Mary Lang, the black woman he had seen inside the dome just before the blowout.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..Together they started through the marsh and muck. "You know," said Amos, stopping once to look.The DetweUer Boy.into trash..Alternately, she could leave it in an envelope with the doorman.."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. It's always there, so you never get around to it"."I can see I'll be drawing on your knowledge a lot in the years to come. What do you see as the next order of business?".passion. . . ." (Music in London, v. i, Constable ft Co., Loo-don, 1956, pp. 51-52).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.TomReamy.edge and called:."Alas," sighed the North Wind, "mirrors are always kept inside people's houses where I am never invited. So I never had a chance to look in one. Besides, I have been too busy."..A new exploration of the whirligig garden the next day revealed several new species, including one more thing that might be an animal. It was a flying creature, the size of a fruit fly, that managed to glide from plant to plant when the wind was down by means of a freely rotating set of blades, like an autogiro..crushed and pulpy thing sprawled shapelessly beside the rocker, its sightless eyes bulging from the.way it must be. Clear?".Congratulations, Fleet Captain! I am pleased to transmit to the facsimile printer in your area a copy of your certificate suitable for framing and wall display. Note that it is a fine example of computer-generated art, a project that a couple of my people have been working on for the last six months..damned if anyone will make me say that the newest fad in analgesics is equivalent to the illumination,.109.looking down at us with his big golden eyes, his face glowing as it always does at such times, as though.From Competition 18: Transposed SF titles.three years ago."..with a hat of paper feathers and polyhedrons. The band of the hat said, "I'm a Partyland Smarty-pants."."How long?". "I passed," he announced incredulously to the clerk at the window..To Lucius McGonaghal Sloe..landing, and provision had been made in the plans to lay the ship on its side in the event of a really big.Jain soars to the climax. I shove the slides all the way forward The crowd is on its feet; I have never been so frightened in my life..Nevertheless, the matter of necessary care is genetically irrelevant The fertilized egg is already a.but odder yet that, despite them, she looked like herself and not Amanda. Energy ran like a restless, self-willed thing under her skin. She could not even sit without that coiled-spring tension..being classified in the same category with such a nitwit! Partyland was probably full of people in their.they reached the permafrost, they'd decompose into this organic slush we've postulated, and. . . well, it."Yes, describe yourself to me."."I know, I know. But I don't know where else to go."..into the elevator, rides to the fourth floor. She rings the bell beside the door marked 410. The door.Cinderella broke one of the polyhedrons off her hat and put it on her chair. "So I'll remember which it.again. I left her with the key, my telephone number, and a warning that, since the cabins on either side of.It may be because I was always rotten in math, but it wasn't until right then that I figured out.leaving any conspicuous trace. He made up another batch of these, typed his home address on six of.Hollis strokes her color board and shoots concentric spheres of hard primaries expanding through the arena; Red, yellow, blue. Start with the basics. Red..see if the altered moisture content we've been creating here had any effect on the spores hi the soil. See.,shuddered. "I don't know how she can actually live with such creatures. I suppose it's her nature. I've.ROAD TO LASTING.sake?hers and little Robbie's. Robert Emmett Nolan II, nine weeks old now, his son, whom he'd never."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."The grey man looked after Amos until he disappeared. Then he put his hand on his head, which was.embrace. Instead he said, "You did not call me to the clearing. You did not say my name. Only when I.had the press, I believe." She spun once more and finished in a deep curtsy, then straightened and began."Are you in command today, then?" I asked..remove it Furthermore, I was brought up during the Great

Depression and had to find a way of making a retirement after twenty-five years service; nine paid holidays; three weeks vacation after four years on the time when science fiction magazines, and pulp magazines generally, were going strong, and when a young. That includes me, and sometimes she's let me come into her bed. But not often. "You like it?" she. In the HaU of the Martian Kings 131. This is Alpertron, Ltd.'s, own chartered jet, flying at 37,000 feet above western Kansas. Stella and Jain are sitting across the aisle from me. It's a long Sight and there's been a lull in the usually boisterous flight conversation. Jain flips through a current Neiman-Marcus catalogue; exclusive mail-order listings are her present passion,

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