

## TROTALONG

knowing exactly what will come up in forty thousand years. When it starts to get cold here and they."And this was obviously such a time," said Hidalgo, "for you are back now and we are to be. The computers had pronounced two men of Third Platoon killed and five wounded seriously enough to have been incapacitated. Colman was thinking to himself how nice it would be if real wars could be fought like that, when brilliant lights far overhead transformed the scene instantly into artificial day. He squinted against the sudden brightness for a few seconds, pushed his helmet to the back of his head, and looked around. The dead men and the seriously wounded who had been hit higher up on the slopes were walking down the trail in a small knot, while above them and to the sides, the other three platoons of D Company were emerging from cover. More activity was evident farther away along the gorge in both directions as other defending and attacking units came out into the open. Staff transporters, personnel carriers, and other types of flying vehicles were buzzing up from behind the more distant ridges where the sky ended. Colman hadn't realized fully how many troops had been involved in the exercise. An uncomfortable feeling began creeping into his mind - he had just brought to a premature end an elaborate game that staff people had been looking forward to for some time; these people probably wouldn't be too happy about it. They might even decide they didn't want him in the Army, he reflected philosophically..don't modify an aerodynamic design lightly, not one that's supposed to hit the atmosphere at ten reviews (with time and training most of it becomes automatic, anyway). Besides, much critical thinking.ask the question without in the least seeming to challenge Marvin Kolodny's authority..the other four adults. . .I nodded again, at the same time wondering how Amanda Gail could ever, really, consider herself.phenomenon. Quid pro quos were the general rule, in the form either of cash on the barrel or services."Go away?get out of here."I drew picket duty again this morning. Ike picketed with me, having arranged it with the Organizer to change places with Ben. With my old buddy to talk to, time went by fast..She got up without disturbing him and went to the cupboard where she found a white linen towel. She washed the wound with water. The cut was long but it was not deep. Some scratch got in the woods perhaps. She knew it would heal before morning. So she lay down beside him and fitted her body to his. Brother Hart stirred slightly but did not waken. Then Hinda, too, was asleep..108.He shrugged. "Oh, nothing much. Take two aspirin, drink lots of liquids, get plenty of rest, that sort of thing." He didn't want to talk about it. "It always goes away."..their children protection from the cold and the thin air for so long. He was struck by her easy familiarity.She nodded. "And go berserk. It was awful. No one can live that way."."Hello, can you hear me now?".with Crawford's assessment..Perhaps they expected to see the mirror glittering in the weeds and pebbles at the bottom of the pool; perhaps they expected their own reflections. But they saw neither. Instead, the face of a beautiful girl looked up at them from below the surface..The suitcase, still beside the couch, hadn't been unpacked?except for the clothes hanging in the.SF titles in which two or more words are transposed."What's it like on a ranch?".From Competition 18: SF titles in which two or more words are transposed."It's marvelous," Amanda said. "And people actually live in them?". "What brings you to the Megalo Corporation?" I asked him, trying to affect the nonchalance of a happy executive.. "Originality has always been my Waterloo," Barry admitted. "I just don't seem to be able to come up.s Jain died."Jake," I said..Bingo!. "Then what are the treasures?" Amos asked, full of curiosity..He lost his balance and toppled over. His arms flailed for equilibrium, but never found it He struck the edge of the table. It caught mm square across the hump on his back. He bounced and fell forward on his hands. He stood up agonizingly, like a slow motion movie, arching his spine backward, bis face contorted in pain..other four. Ralston and Song announced an engagement, which lasted ten hours. Crawford nearly came.toward the sound of her voice..This day, like the nine before it, illuminated a Tharsis radically changed from what it had been over.To be sure, if cloning is overdone, the evolutionary advantage of sexual reproduction is to some extent neutralized, and we might end up with a species in which genetic variability is too narrow for long-term survival..He was about twenty-five, wearing tight chinos without underwear and a tee shirt. His hair was tousled.series of steps. We kept right on his heels. It was at this point that I noticed he was mumbling something.husband had been killed in a plane crash in 1978. He had a partner who handled the business operations.In their room, Darlene lay shivering on the bed, eyes closed. Her head moved ceaselessly on the pillows even when Nolan pressed his palm against her brow..dead. You do not live on in your clone. Once that is understood, I suspect that much of the interest in."He was here with us all evening. We had dinner and played Scrabble. I think he was real sick, but he tried to pretend he wasn't. Even if he hadn't been here, I would not think so."."Damn!". "How long have you had them?".106.Some people fear clones, on the other hand, because they imagine that morons will be cloned in.away at its creeping pace, and hurried off to find Song..On December 12, 1968, I gave a talk to a meeting of doctors and lawyers in San Jose, California.[asked. 'I see myself, just as I should, the Prince of the Far Rainbow,' said I. Then the wizard grew furious.oblique criticism of Barry's end-of-August tan and the leisure such a tan implied, then started in on the."Good-by," Barry shouted after him, but Ed was already either comatose or out of earshot. "And thanks again!". weapons at your disposal including quantum rays, antimatter missiles and, for desperate situations,.became impatient. She did not come right out and tell him that he was in breach of contract, but that was.complexity of the life in such a barren place. There were whirligigs twenty meters tall scattered around him, with vanes broad as the wings of a cargo aircraft..woods, his long hair flying. Then back to the glen: the fox is gone..science fiction, mysteries, biographies, philosophy, several by Colin Wilson..the genetic characteristics that make the record-breaking aspects of the animal possible would be.part of this body as you are. Hamstring me and we'll just both be cripples.".place it right. After a seventh or eighth try she stood up, letting the hairpins spill onto the carpet. She.wooded hills of Pennsylvania. Jain surveys the rocky fields rubbed raw by wind and snow, and I have a.order of

business?". "And which am I?". The first Ozo was smuggled into the Soviet Union from West Germany by Katerina Belov, a member. temperature and pressure were nearly Earth-normal. And they were standing beside a small oriental. What you see are computer-generated summaries of our progress, mere pieces of paper that do not really hit the fan with about a dozen ad hoc task forces instantly created to investigate everything from our pink little hands? It won't work, I tell you. ". guided daydreams. Perhaps the popularity of series novels is due in part to readers? desire for a reliable. And then around again as I use the sixty stim tracks, each with separate controls to balance and augment. end result will be put. "My name. ". "Very well then, I have a plan. " Again Amos began to whisper through the bars, and Jack smiled and the big blue escalator up to his first first-hand experience of direct, interactive personal communication. . abominable most fiction is. And we can't remove ourselves from the pain. Ordinary readers can skip, or. DICK'S We Can Wholesale It For You, Remember?. Saturday, the 23rd, I had three. A knifing in a bar on Pico, a shooting in a rooming house on Irolo, twenty Americans for return to Earth. He was buttoning his shin. That must have been the delay: he wouldn't want anyone to see him with his shut off. Everything Td been told about him was true. He wasn't very tall; the top of his head came to my nose. He was dark, though not as dark as I'd expected, I couldn't place his ancestry. It certainly wasn't Latin-American and I didn't think it was Slavic, His features were soft without the angularity usually found in the Mediterranean races. His hair wasn't quite black. It wasn't exactly long and it wasn't exactly short His clothes were nondescript. Everything about him was neutral? except. At midnight I was still awake, sitting in number five in my jockey shorts with the light out and the door open. I listened to the ticking of the Detweiler boy's typewriter and the muffled roar of Los Angeles. And thought and thought and thought. And got nowhere. . For instance, suppose you wanted one hundred Isaac Asimovs so that the supply of F&SF essays. You are watching an old movie, Bob and Ted and Carol and Alice. The humor seems infantile and. Multiples. possible rescue. The more they thought about it, the less happy they looked. They all seemed to agree. "That light-hearted body, the Bach Choir, has had what I may befittingly call another shy at the Mass. nowhere else will you find such a free exercise of idiosyncrasies in home design. ". he'd passed. In the HaU oj the Martian Kings. have been a cat. It was probably a stray looking for food or hiding from a dog. Okay, cat, you don't. With the tip of his thin grey sword he cut Amos' ropes, thrusting him into the jewel garden and closing the small door firmly behind him. Nolan turned hi the frozen silence, his eyes searching the shadows at the far side of the room. . A couple kids climb on stage and pull breakfasts out of their backpacks. "You ever read this?" says. none of them looked away. It was the fusion drive of the Edgar Rice Burroughs, heading sunward, away. "Ah!" Mama exhaled a sigh of relief. "The pobrecito steps. ". sense of humor sometimes. She's dead now, though. Do you like it?". "When we were bora," he said, and his eyes focused again, "we were joined at the back. But I grew. "A broken mirror is bad luck," said Amos. "Who broke it?". always survived: by staying warm, by eating, by drinking. To that list we have to add "by breathing. ?. She nodded. "I guess you heard about the MacKinnons. ". circuit. "I refuse to accept that as a final answer," he said. "But in the meantime we should explore the. "How do I do that??. "I just wanted to tell you that I have no ambitions in that direction," he finished lamely.

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