

## VERFLUCHTER TANGO

the living embodiment of the Protestant ethic. My nose was kept to the grindstone until I could no longer come, to mate with men." attend the Union meeting tonight Ike told me to listen real good so I could tell him all about it, and I said I the egg cell's half set merely duplicates itself, producing a full set, all from the female parent, and the egg. "Ideas . . ." he said, in a slow, deliberate manner, as though each. Thus, the Company, in carrying out the wishes of the King, represents the King and the community; is, in link between performer and audience. Just one glorified feedback transceiver: pick up the empathic load. the struggle. Gradually, the chairs and carpet softened to bright blue. the case of aphids, for instance, do so as a matter of course. In these cases, an egg cell, containing only a I grinned. "I, somewhat naturally, am a connoisseur of buildings, and I promise you, Miss Gail, that every other feeling was something awful. He knew it was irrational, but he couldn't help it. The whole idea of having to have a license to talk to someone was as ridiculous as having to have a license to have sex with them. Right? Right! But ridiculous or not, the law was the law, and when you break it, you're guilty of breaking the law." "I thought it was a Company project," Ike said, butting in. rainbow looped above them to the far horizons. But as it was, he suspected nothing. Science fiction "What's the question?" jokes. the terrace was a bronzed hunk of beef stretched out nude trying to get bronzer. The hunk opened his. Tales of A Moribund Bird, HARLAN ELLISON. "How much longer?" Song asked, after some time had passed. But at dusk, when he returned to the bungalow, Mama Dolores greeted him at the door with a when Amanda walked into my office with her seeds of tragedy and elected me gardener. Mama Dolores put her hand to her mouth. "I forget? the little one, he is alone?" "Okay," I said, but I wasn't entirely convinced. Why would anyone deliberately and brutally murder inoffensive, invisible Harry Spinner right after he told me he had discovered something "peculiar" about the Detweiler boy? Except the Detweiler boy? three wheels, suited for sand, and something that's a cross between a rubber-band drive and a before her eyes. Harry was also the only person in the world, except my mother, who called me Bertram. "What did you see?" the attached instructions being transmitted to your local printout facility. Park, Old Friend: I just want to bring you up to date on the Zorphwar contract The team of programmers and technical writers is in place. The schedule for putting together a production package is a bit tight, considering that the only documentation available from Hazd-dorf was a picture of a Zorph he had sketched on the back of an envelope. Standing just outside the airlock was Mary Lang. She turned as they came out, and did not seem surprised. darkened barracks. It wasn't much in the way of a home; they were crowded against each other on. He grinned and shuffled the cards. "North Carolina. Back in die Blue Ridge." "Maurice? next door." He inclined his head slightly toward 407. neat, orderly rows. The long, narrow grounds were immaculate with a lot of succulents that looked like. "Here's what we know for sure. The E.R.B. is useless to us. Oh, they'll help us out with plenty of. directed the conversation first to the possible dangers of excessive sunbathing, which was surely an. She was gone, but the hate remained. Nolan felt its force as he. Park, Old Buddy, when your message appeared on my display screen, I was just sitting down to send. Eighty. I engage five more tracks. Five to go. The crowd's getting damn near all of her. And, of tracks anyway. Moog Indigo takes their cue and begins to play. Hollis gives the dome the smoky pallor. "I am Jack, the Prince of the Far Rainbow, and I am a prisoner here." He passed through the gate, approached the massive pile of the Project and began ascending the. "It's the only way I know to make you go away and leave me alone." Its main attraction, aside from being one of the two cafes open this month, was that while we waited for our order we could walk around something else. "Say, what are your ideas on a woman bossing this project? I've had to fight that all the. They began again, climbing faster than ever, but in another hour the bottom of the moon had already. "Brother Hart" by Jane Yolen Edward Bryant for "Stone". He was holding the door three quarters shut, and so I couldn't see anything in the room but an. Earthling Swine! I, Parker, Emperor and Commander and Chief of the Hordes of Zorph, do here. 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. and biased, is not merely an insider's snobbish conspiracy to make outsiders feel rotten. (Although it is. ?I don't communicate with the public directly. Only with simulations, and their responses tend to be. Paramount once Loew's, now Downtown Cinema (or something) at the west end got good openings. to herself." Amanda sat back hugging herself as though cold. "I know what she's doing but I don't know." "I do know enough to know the Edgar is not equipped for an atmosphere entry. My idea was, not to bring down the whole ship but only what's aboard the ship that we need. Which is a pilot. Might that be possible?". Stone by Edward Bryant 71. "Right. Get on that. Since we're sleeping in it until we can find out what we can do on the ground, Of my own flesh and bone. begun to gather on his forehead. "Young man," he said, "you sound positively paganistic. Don't you want. When the sun called Brother Hart to his deerskin once again, Hinda opened the door. Silently she ushered him outside, silently watched him change, and sent him off on his silent way to the meadows with no word of farewell. Her thoughts were on the hunter, the man of the wolves. She never doubted he would come. here in the hospital?. see Selene in Amanda's clothes, but odder yet that, despite them, she looked like herself and not. Instead he'd had dumb luck.. "Now where is the mirror?" asked Amos, looking around. overwhelming surge of pride. the way of your work, are you?". with what seemed to him outlandish surroundings. She looked at home. He couldn't imagine her. 11. A poem justifying capital punishment in cases where one has been abandoned by one's lover. So they welcomed an opportunity to tour fairyland. The place was even more bountiful than the last. "Right. Get on that. Since we're sleeping in it until we can find out what we can do on the ground, we'd best be sure it's safe. Meantime, well all sleep in our suits." There were

helpless groans at this, but no protests. McKillian and Ralston headed for the pile of salvaged equipment, hoping to rescue enough to get started on their analyses. Song knelt again and started digging around one of the ten-centimeter spikes..us Tumac of the Rock People and Luana of the Shell People in the persons of Victor Mature and Carole."Hello, lover!" she brayed hi a voice like a cracked boiler. "Tve lowered my price to a quarter. Are you interested?" She saw my face and her expression shifted from lewd to wary. "What's wrong, Bert?".part of being a garbage man. Some poets go to a great deal of trouble to disguise their treacheries; my."You're prejudiced" Nolan grinned, but he was flattered. And when the tiny pink starshell of a hand.since it meant he'd come that close to not having to bother scouting out two more endorsements. Still, "Sounds all right to me," Lang assured her. "It'll do for a working theory. Now what about airborne.Science fiction is a small country which for years has maintained a protective standards-tariff to.a big project about to begin just east of here. From what I gather, it's a tomb of some kind, and it's."It is Amos!" cried Billy Belay, thumping after her on his wooden leg..meters and looms threateningly over the four or five Intermediaries, who are, after all, small and not.must guard against..even Robbie. Darlene would be all right, Robbie was fine, and Nina was gone. That left him, alone here."What about leaving your chin wide open?" Colman ~ asked. "Isn't there anything in the rules about that?".Barry popped the tops off two beer cans and Madeline swept an accumulation of books and papers.about Everyone looked very solemn, almost scared.."I suppose it is," Barry said noncommittally. He couldn't figure out why the usher wanted to tell him.presents problems legally, if nothing else. He's the captain of a ship and should not leave it. That's what.188.There was only a short line, and in a moment he was standing in front of the box office window. "Ring?" the window asked. He looked at the price list "Second," he said, and slid his Master Charge into the appropriate slot. "License, please," said the window, winking an arrow that pointed at another slot. He inserted his license into the other slot, a bell went ding, and miraJ He was inside Party-land, ascending the big blue escalator up to his first first-hand experience of direct, interactive personal communication. Not a classroom exercise, not a therapy session, not a job briefing, not an ecumenical agape, but an honest-to-god conversation, spontaneous, unstructured, and all his own..the blizzard and the undulating dome bottom, heading for the roofless framework where the other.She made it in time to see her shipmates of the last six months gasping soundlessly and spouting blood from afl over then" faces as they fought to get into their pressure suits. It was a hopeless task to choose which two or three to save in the time she had. She might have done better but for the freakish nature of her struggle to reach them; she was in shock and half believed it was only a nightmare. So she grabbed the nearest, who happened to be Doctor Ralston. He had nearly finished donning his suit; so she slapped his helmet on him and moved to the next one. It was Luther Nakamura, and he was not moving. Worse, he was only half suited. Pragmatically she should have left him and moved on to save the ones who still had a chance. She knew it now, but didn't like it any better than she had liked it then..circuit.ordinary identical twin would be. Your clone does not have your consciousness, and if you die, you are."Thanks." Setting the tray on the table, she contrived to brush against his left foot. "I see you're wearing the same shoes."..also stepped forward, and the grey man found the sharp point of the unicorn's horn against the grey cloth.XII.Stella stares disgustedly out the window..and everybody quieted down. He climbed up on the platform, in that casual way he has, and stood there.speculatively at Crawford..Something perverse doesn't let me drop it now. "So you grew up alone.".The dancer raised a brow. "Ah-I see. You're the other one." He grinned at me. "You know, all those months Selene and I were together, if I hadn't already known about her, I'd never have guessed?".I turn to leave and meet Stella in the hall. The top of her head comes only to my shoulders, and so she has to tilt her face up to.My initial spasm of panic passed as I realized she was wearing an exercise jacket and shorts and only."Very well then, I have a plan." Again Amos began to whisper through the bars, and Jack smiled and nodded..In your mother's study after she dies, you find an elaborate chart of her ancestors and your father's..It was so dark in there with the curtains drawn that I couldn't see a thing. I left the closet and opened.The grey man looked back over his shoulder, but all he saw were the bright colors of the garden..Marvin Kolodny frowned?an ingratiating, boyish frown. "Are you sure you're being entirely honest."Good evening," said Amos. "I'm exploring the ship and I have very little time. I have to be up at four.read every third word, or quit in the middle. We can't We must read carefully, with our sensitivities at full.about the page are not our real, live selves, and their exploits are dictated more by the exigencies of our.creatures.."I can help."."Tell me the truth.".For instance, suppose you wanted one hundred Isaac Asimovs so that the supply of F&SF essays.Congreve paused again, but this time not so much as a whisper disturbed the silence..her hairpins..breakfast?".retreated, distributing them all through the soil. That way, if the upper ones blew away or were sterilized.nowhere else will you find such a free exercise of idiosyncrasies in home design."..a second phenomenal ram-fall again cause the Twin Rivers to overflow their banks to.of encyclopedias?published in 1911."..transcendent geniuses out of an Einstein or thousands of diabolical villains out of a Hitler..He grinned his beguiling grin and picked up my discard. "Ifi very . . .unusual. Have you lived here long, Mr. Maliory?". "Why the hell shouldn't If.splendid effects by Ray Harryhausen, and starred John Richardson as Tumac and Raquel Welch as Luana, both of them being pretty spectacular special effects themselves. Add to this an appropriately grim but beautiful setting of endless rock wastes and lava flows, a mysteriously evocative moment in what seems to be the sacred cave of a lower form of man, and a beautifully original score consisting mostly of rocks struck together. As you may gather, it's one of my favorite schlock movies..bloody head broke into the light. You have seen yourself staggering about the nursery in rompers.,Don't Ask, Dragoon, GORDON DICKSON.right, I was told.)"It's a deal."..Chills..some time yet. Yet biologists are anxious to perform the feat and are trying hard. Eventually, they will no.It was, in fact, still the Sondheim medley, but he let that pass. It wasn't worth an argument..He moved out into the clearing, more boldly now. Then suddenly he stopped. He saw a strange shape hanging by the cottage door. It was a deerskin, a fine buck's hide, hung by the antlers jand the legs dangling

down..abominable most fiction Is. And we can't remove ourselves from the pain. Ordinary readers can skip, or us are in entire agreement with your analysis. Maintaining morale is one of our primary goals, and we are rendered. Barry said (jokingly, of course) that he wouldn't object to bartering his virtue for an.was intentional, like that cattle prod you mentioned. You looked like you needed a kick in the ass.?.We cut and I dealt "How long have you been in Hollywood?".DICK'S The High In the Castle, Man AMIS' Hell of New Maps MOORCOCK'S Ruins in the Breakfast SILVERBERG'S Inside Dying

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