

## OLD FOOLS NHB MODERN PLAYS

reception area, but I had arranged both desks so we could see each other and talk in normal voices.as a luxury, and about as useful as the nipples on a man's chest. But I was wrong. All the NASA people were wrong. The Astronaut Corps fought like crazy to keep you off this trip. Time enough for that on later flights. We were blinded by our loyalty to the test-pilot philosophy of space flight. We wanted as few scientists as possible and as many astronauts as we could manage. We don't like to think of ourselves as ferry-boat pilots. I think we demonstrated during Apollo that we could handle science jobs as well as anyone. We saw you as a kind of insult, a slap in the face by the scientists in Houston to show us how low our stock has fallen."The next moment it was Selene, wholly Selene, who stood there. She hurried across the room and knelt beside me. "Are you all right? You've got blood all over your head."me one hour to produce a full report justifying the project and went storming back up to the executive.gardens. They felt subconsciously that it might be better to leave them alone in case they turned out to be.bloom was caused by the water in the bodies of the dead. What they couldn't figure out was why this.toward my side of the stage and gives me a soft smile. And then it's back to the audience and into the."Hey, do you mind if I sit down on your couch a minute? I am frazzled. It's a tremendous.Books: In Defense of Criticism by Joanna Russ 51.waiting for her at Intensity Five. She never showed. By mid-February, he'd begun to be alarmed. Early.\* Please don't write to tell me that the activities involved in sexual reproduction are not inconvenient at all, but are a lot of fun. I know that better than you do, whoever you are. The fun is an evolutionarily developed bribe designed to have us overlook and forgive the inconveniences. If you are a woman, you will see the point more quickly, perhaps, than a man wilt."Why the hell shouldn't I?."Like most of us these days, I would say you're probably a little of each. Are you married, uh . . .".blossoms, the purple fruit on the branches, the orange melons on the vines. The most annoying thing of.concert tour and work their stim board, me and my console over there on the side of the stage. It isn't.off.".resorted to aping the signs of dissociation..I remember the stricture and say, "You know why."Again those black and burning eyes of his seemed to absorb the Project from its bottommost brick to.In short, a sexually reproducing species evolves much more quickly than a cloning species, and such difficult-to-evolve specializations as intelligence are not likely to arise in the entire lifetime of a habitable planet, without sexual reproduction.."I am tired," he answered. "My head aches where yesterday he struck me. My heart aches still with the fear. I tremble all over. You are right. I should sleep."We do not go there, but sometimes the snake-people come to us. In the spring when they awaken, they.falling who-knows-how-many hundreds of feet to the foot of the mountain. At last they pulled themselves.goldstone than the feral warmth of topaz. Too, despite her slow walk beside me, she radiated energy so.never felt intimidated and ashamed of his selections at the check-out counter. He hated to cook, but was.The sailor frowned a little while, then said, "There is nothing at all interesting hi the ship's brig.".Subject: Schedule Compliance in Programming Services Bill, Old Buddy, I think you have problems. J.L. was down this morning bitching about your performance. The PERT printout indicates you have slipped schedule on Accounting Project 8723 by two months. In addition, your usage of central computer facilities is running 42 percent over budget Remember that the Megalo Corporation is not in business for its health. Accounting is depending on Program S723 to keep track of profitability in the entire Computer Products Division..glamor of the place. Partyland was an endless middle-class living room, a panorama of all that was.or fried figs? I said baked fish..I stood outside number seven suddenly feeling like a teen-ager about to pick up his first date. I could."I thought you'd write something about me." "Would you like me to do that?" "It's too late now." "Not at all."Jam says, "One, two, three." On "three," we each bring up our.Amanda's serenity and Selene's coiled-spring energy..Not from you, he wanted to tell her. Instead he looked off into the distance at the perambulations of."What would you do for me, if I asked you?".The camp was anything but orderly. No one would get the impression that any care had been taken.Hinda could not answer. She could not even look at him. His nakedness shamed her more than his."I certainly would," said Jack. "But tomorrow evening it will not be so easy, for there will be no mist.Just out of curiosity, Barry wondered aloud, what kind of cash payment were they talking about? Jason said the standard fee, a year ago, for a single sticker had been a thousand dollars; two and a half for a pair, since people with two blanks to fill could be presumed to be that much more desperate. Due however to a recent disproportion between supply and demand, the going price for a single was now seventeen hundred; a double, a round four thousand. Jason said he could arrange an introduction at that price, if Barry were interested..city's streets with an unnatural, hyped clarity: the smell of sauerkraut steaming up from a hot dog cart, the."Great," said Barry. "Fine. Terrific. I could use some company."crushed and pulpy thing sprawled shapelessly beside the rocker, its sightless eyes bulging from the.Number. I've kept the stim tracks plateaued for the past three sets. "Coining," I say. "It's coming. There's.199.over and touched his arm. He stirred and clutched at my hand. I looked at his sleeping face and didn't.177.The arm the poker had hit gave away, dropping my head and shoulders onto the carpet The shock sent a new wave of nausea through me and muffled my vision and hearing in black velvet.."Hey, do you mind if I sit down on your couch a minute? I am frazzled. It's a tremendous opportunity, working here, but it does take it out of you."."I'm afraid I'm skeptical, too," Lang said. "Surely there must be some other way to explain it."96."Say again?" I say. "Interference. Repeat, please."200.Tm not disturbing you, am I? I heard the typewriter." The room was indeed identical to mine, though."Yes, I am really the North Wind," came the thunderous voice. "Now you tell me who you are before I blow you into little pieces and scatter them over the whole wide world."Left to himself he couldn't stop thinking about the staple he'd seen on her license. It was like the.like you, and we have enjoyed your company. If we didn't, we would certainly not be offering this."I hope m be gone before then. I'm just on holiday until I decide what to do with my life."head, although without memory,

experience, and the constant checking of novel objects against now. You probably didn't see them on the way in, but you saw the models. They're very light. The grey man took the last piece of the mirror, went to the wall, and fitted it in place, saying, "The one thing I have always wanted more than anything else, for myself, for my nearest and dearest friend, is a woman worthy of a prince." conquest. the portal. "Screen!" he yells. "Come out, Screen!". Sirocco hesitated for a split second. "Okay" he finally said. "Let's do it." encore, but that's just it: they, shouldn't want one. They shouldn't need one.. mouth issued a gentle snore.. I sighed. "So have I." I turned and looked at what he was working on at the drafting table. It was a small painting of a boy and girl, she in a soft white dress, and he in jeans and tee shirt. They looked about fifteen. They were embracing, about to kiss. It was quite obviously the first time for both of them. It was good. I told him so.. deliberately.. He wrote down the coordinates for the plane crash in which his daughter and her husband had died, but never used them.. "Good." As though of its own volition her coat slipped off her shoulders onto the back of the folding. myriad fields of millet and barley and its sparkling irrigation ditches. In the distance the easternmost of the. "Oh, I couldn't I'm too unlucky." shape hanging by the cottage door. It was a deerskin, a fine buck's hide, hung by the antlers and the legs. he never again had such a plum fall in his lap. He didn't get within sniffing distance of his heart's desire.. 44. and neither of the individuals in question was particularly bright. Bright people wouldn't be so quixotic, we built it. Think about it". 23. have found men and women like us, hunting and living hi caves. Building fires, using clubs, chipping. Section XII, of the Revised Federal Communications Act, you are being issued a Temporary License, valid for three months from the date of issue, subject to the restrictions set forth hi Appendix n of the Federal Communications Handbook (18th edition).. about the very real financial benefits Lang stood to reap by being the first woman on Mars, rather than. 72 Edward Bryant. when she forced herself to walk slowly beside me. I even took them back to the cabletrain, but I had no. "You're right," he said. "What we need is a pilot, and that pilot is Commander Weinstein. Which. I organized my arguments while I waited for her protest that she could look after herself. To my. "Not at all," laughed Jack. "They didn't even notice that the jailor was gone." For what they had done last night after we left them, was to take the jailor's key, free the prince, and tie up the jailor and put him in the cell under all the grey blankets. In the morning, when the sailor had come to exchange clothes, Jack had freed himself again when the sailor left, then slipped off the ship to join Amos.. "Why not?" Astronaut Corps. But she had borne him no personal malice, and now found herself beginning to like him.. substances poisonous to insects and rodents are introduced." I followed in as he continued: "Only women. Films: Multiples by Baird Searles 193. "No, I wouldn't say so." the bulletin board in the other's kitchen. On the bulletin board was a note that said "OK." If there was any. "Why do I say what I think? It's easiest." "What do you think that feels like, here?" She grabbed a handful of white nylon in the general area of her heart.. planking. He stood up, and the wind set his ringleted hair to dancing about his golden crown.. "Selene," I said, "don't push too hard." the company store by day to purchase food.. Here, then, is "Randall's Song," to which I took the liberty of adding a verse myself: It was after a Popular Concert which had included all of Bach's Suites for Unaccompanied Violoncello that I ventured to remonstrate with my Mentor.. as the discoverer?" the information on six.. society. Place me on a desert island and I shall quickly perish since I don't know the first thing about the. "When did you become two people?" stupid." She reached over and plucked at the hair on my chest. "I haven't had an indecent proposition in. 208.66. . . , and so," the soft grey voice went on, "I need someone clever and brave enough to help my nearest and dearest friend and me. It will be well worth someone's while." and that damned Dallas Cowboys jersey. It was authentic. The name and number on it were quite. friend Phyllis again.. X, that doesn't mean that I? the real, historical personage? actually did or will or wish to rewrite story. "I'm sure," she mumbled. "You people know how long they. percentile will secure the removal of all restrictions, and you will immediately receive your Permanent. subsequent messages to Message Central for relay to the Zorph commandship assigned to your sector.. "You never have time for anything but exercising. Will you ever?" He crossed his legs like a Forties pin-up and dangled his Roman sandal. His lips twitched scornfully. "If he was, he would've starved. He was dt-formed". "What did Freddy say when you came in?" she asked in a conspiratorial if not downright friendly tone. (His snub had evidently registered.) them on your own. Even though everyone breaks it, the law is still the law. Individuals operating on their. "It's grotesque," Stella says.. Amanda backed as she spoke, until she was stopped by a wall. The polycarpet extending up the surface responded to her touch with art exploding aurora of hot oranges, reds, and violets.. 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.. I notice that the blowers have cut off. It's earlier than usual, but obviously there's enough body heat to. McCranie sounded puzzled. "Is anything the matter?" In the screen, he had swiveled his chair and

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