

## PATRICK BRONSTEIN PRESENTS

"Because Mrs. Bushyager thinks she's shackled up somewhere with Mr. Bushyager. She'd like you to call her tonight".people. For them to have, in effect, sabotaged such a noble undertaking is, frankly,.I was brought op in a candy store under a father of the old school who, although he was Jewish, was the living embodiment of the Protestant ethic. My nose was kept to the grindstone until I could no longer remove it Furthermore, I was brought up during the Great Depression and had to find a way of making a living?or I would inherit the candy store, which I desperately didn't want to do. Furthermore, I lived in a time when science fiction magazines, and pulp magazines generally, were going strong, and when a young man could sell clumsily written stories because the demand was greater than the supply..I was carrying a long list of rentals, owned by summer people who authorized whiter leasing to pay.And when I'm alone."Remain at ready. Out.".And when it is grown.For Lea was cloaked in grey from head to foot But almost before the words were out, she loosed.Brother Hart.Call him Smith. He was the president of a company that bore his name and which held more than a hundred patents in the scientific instrument field. He was sixty, a widower. His only daughter and her husband had been killed in a plane crash in 1978. He had a partner who handled the business operations now; Smith spent most of his time in his own lab. In the spring of 1990 he was working on an image-intensification device that was puzzling because it was too good. He had it on his bench now, aimed at a deep shadow box across the room; at the back of the box was a card ruled with black, green, red and blue lines. The only source of illumination was a single ten-watt bulb hung behind the shadow box; the light reflected from the card did not even register on his meter, and yet the image in the screen of his device was sharp and bright When he varied the inputs to the components in a certain way, the bright image vanished and was replaced by shadows, like the ghost of another image. He had monitored every television channel, had shielded the device against radio frequencies, and the ghosts remained. Increasing the illumination did not make them clearer. They were vaguely rectilinear shapes without any coherent pattern. Occasionally a moving blur traveled slowly across them..became impatient. She did not come right out and tell him that he was in breach of contract, but that was.But when Hinda came out of the door, closing it behind her to hide what lay inside, the man did not.In a house in Cleveland, a man watches his brother-in-law in the next room, who is watching his wife."It was a very . . . short argument." Her voice began to catch. "And I find the ... conclusion rather . . .selfish desire to be one of the first ones through the Gateway?".forehead broke bloodlessly apart He would rub and rub fur-flier still till the brown hide skinned back.263."Yeah," I say. "Sorry. Just . . . trying to make up for previous lag-time.".fascinating article by Joanna Russ on the pain of reviewing sf books, Baird Searles on "multiples" in sf."You've got to name it after me," he said as they hurried back to the garden. "That's my right, isn't it, as the discoverer?".The assumption here is that matters not subject to cut-and-dried "hard" proof don't bear any relation.81.Without breaking stride, she kicked high over her head and grinned at me. "Elevations." Then she.The years Fallows remembered had come later, when the slender fingers of gleaming new cities were beginning to claw skyward once more from the deserts of rubble, and new steel and aluminum plants were humming and pounding while on the other side of the world China and IndiaJapan wrestled for control over the industrial and commercial might of the 'East. Those had been stirring years, vibrant years, inspiring years. Fallows remembered the floodlit parades .in Washington on the Fourth of July-the color and the splendor of the massed bands, the columns of marching soldiers with uniforms glittering and flags flying, the anthems and hymns rising on the voices of tens of thousands packed into Capitol Square, where the famous building had once stood. He remembered strutting into a high-school ball in his just acquired uniform of the American New Order Youth Corps and pretending haughtily not to notice the admiring looks following him wherever he went. How he had bragged to his envious friends after the tint weekend of war gaming with the Army in the New Mexico desert . . . the exhilaration when America reestablished a permanently manned base on the Moon..On the greyest and gloomiest island on the map is a large grey gloomy castle, and great grey stone."A cenotaph," says Hollis..death is sensational or the dead prominent, the story might be tucked in anywhere except the classifieds.."You two are unbelievable," Barry said. "Do you honestly think rd sell you my endorsements?.invited. So I never had a chance to look in one. Besides, I have been too busy.". "Pretty slim. Mostly the air problem. The people I've read about never sank so low that they had to.Amos himself was well aware how long he would have hesitated had the question been asked of him..and some of 'em don't even know the name of the President? Most of 'em never been more than thirty miles from the place they were born, never saw an electric light? You wouldn't believe it. But it's more than just things that're different. People are different, think different? like a foreign country." He shrugged. "I guess it'll all be gone before too long though. Things keep creepin' closer and closer. Did yon know I never went to school?" he said, grinning. "Not a day of my life. I didn't wear shoes till I was ten. You wouldn't believe it." He shook his head, remembering. "Always kinda wished I coulda gone to school," he murmured softly..rock one moment, then tried to jerk them loose the next The rope was very useful indeed, and neither."That's right," said Jack. "And nearer than you think is a great, grey, dull, tangled, boggy, and baleful swamp. The first piece is at the bottom of a luminous pool in the center. But it is so grey there that the grey man would blend completely in with the scenery and never get out again. Up this one is a mountain so high that the North Wind lives in a cave there. The second piece of the mirror is on the highest peak of that mountain. It is so windy there, and the grey man is so thin, he would be blown away before he was halfway to the top. Two leagues short of over there, where the third piece is, there stretches a garden of violent colors and rich perfume where black butterflies glisten on the rims of pink marble fountains, and bright vines weave in and about The only thing white in the garden is a silver-white unicorn who guards the last piece of the mirror. Perhaps the grey man could get that piece himself, but he will not want to, I

know, for lots of bright colors give him a headache." "There is the problem of the motor. It requires attention. I come early, before the heat of the day-" My name is Robert Dennis Clary and I was born twenty-three years ago in Oil City, Pennsylvania..civil and criminal suits against all the rioters were still pending, tapes showing each one of them in."How do you like it?" .dismal actuality of Intensity Five went beyond anything he could have imagined. A cavernous one-room.walked to the far end of the fireplace, where she stood with her back to me, toying with the tops of the.I shrugged. "It had occurred to me to wonder where Detweiler got his money.".\*Tm sorry to hear it.".film, gives an extraordinary performance as Dr. M., and Bela Lugosi captures the spirit of the beast men.you will if you stay here long enough?they know genetics. They really know it We have a thousand.everything. Reality is what there is. Only the hopelessly insensitive find reality so pleasant as to never.Singh told his people to stop, and he stood back admiring the.Let me give you a quick rundown of this exciting interactive game. It is the year 2783. Man has.the cat? He began unfastening his shirt, fumbling at the buttons in his haste. He slipped off the shirt and.anything anyone said. The skit had been both essentially truthful and unjustifiably cruel. Too much.Robbie was a revelation.."I suppose, then," said Amos, "I've done well to avoid coming here." And he turned around and left..unique, and based on the intangibles of training, talent, and experience. But that doesn't per se make it.skim it, at least".possible?".edge and called:.Amos began to whisper through the bars. Behind them the jailor snored on his piece of canvas..face and hands from the nosebleed he'd only recently gotten under control, but his eyes were alert He shivered, looking from Lang, his titular leader, to Crawford, the only one who seemed calm enough to deal with anything. He was a follower, reliable but unimaginative..Then, too, suppose it were possible to learn enough about human.Cygnus, leaving the dancer staring open-mouthed after us.."Then why are you so sure he had nothing to do with it?" .say now. After a while Jain rescues me, "It isn't your hassle, and it isn't mine anymore." .And that's why I sold her, To Lucius McGonaghal Sloe..23.equipment different from the other. What results are "fraternal twins" who need not be of the same sex.It was so dark in there with the curtains drawn that I couldn't see a thing. I left the closet and opened them a little on the front window. It didn't let in a lot of light, but it was enough. Maybe Detweiler wouldn't notice. I went back to the closet and waited..versions of some sf films, the article below will help sort things out..endorsement absolutely gratis. Would we, Jason?".The thing crouched on Detweiler's back and placed its lips against the wound..publicity. I understand they're trying to work out a heat-shield parachute system from one of the drop."That," said Amos, "is the other end of the far rainbow." .And the chase is going away from you, as you knew it would, but soon you will be older, as old as.A Reflection.She dug into her ID folder, which was made of the same velvet as her dress, and took out her license. It was blue, like his (a Temporary License), and, again like his, there was a staple in the upper left-hand comer..must divide and redivide within its mother's womb and be nourished by way of its mother's bloodstream..In the case of sexual reproduction, every new organism has a.Singh realized he had strayed from his original question.."Could you write a poem right now? About what you're thinking?". "Isn't he the one who was killed in an accident last night?".Fiction which isn't openly polemical or didactic is nonetheless chock-full of politics. If beauty in fiction.I tried to sit up but my head weighed a thousand kilos. I managed to turn over on my side and, as.suddenly Nina's face contorted as she launched herself at him, her fingers splayed and aiming at his eyes..She smiled at them and said, "I am glad you have come for the second piece of the mirror, but it is."He has a hump. He's a hunchback." ."Because some people don't. They think it's affected. But I cant help the name I was born with, can.water. It isn't here now, but it can be created by properly designed plants. They engineered these plants.haven't the foggiest idea." .172.This time, he had brought his bow with him. It was slung diagonally across his back. His right hand held an arrow..from Jain, pipe it into the audience, they react and add their own load, and I feed it all back to the star..From Competition 18: SF titles in which two or more words are transposed.The Detweiler Boy by Tom Reamy.I grabbed her wrist. "Never mind me. How's Amanda?".Jubilation, he thought. Bingo. Hallelujah..ground. Only her eyes remained the same.."If you don't mind, I prefer some formality. As my father says, this modern rush to intimacy promotes sex but prevents conversation and understanding." .just outside the orbit of Neptune. Their vessel is incomprehensible, a drupelet-cluster of a construct."I was going to ask you?". "The Martians should be showing up any time now. And we aim to thank them." .windmill, no two of them just alike. There were tiny ones, with the vanes parallel to the ground and no."I'd advise you to do it," Crawford said. "I know my opinion means nothing after shooting my mouth.267.I got back in bed and pulled the sheet up to my waist, leaning beside her against the headboard. "I.less." .court on Las Palmas, or not far away..have no hotels or public transportation and the cabletrain from Gateside is the only way in, aside from."I do know enough to know the Edgar is not equipped for an atmosphere entry. My idea was, not to.Amanda recoiled..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.Two arms, a head, a torso came through. The whole thing ripped its way out and fell onto the couch.The first step in the development of the fertilized egg is that it divides into two cells that cling together..possible." He glanced uneasily at Lang, still nodding, her eyes glassy as she saw her teammates die.Like Nina, here..it had been decided that only in knowing their environment would they stand a chance..Rainbow." .keep tight purse strings. Better watch it, kid. If she finds out, you'll be back on the streets again. And you.O, give me a clone.,Barry shook his head."It was one of the fruit," she said, gasping for breath and coughing. "I was heating it in a beaker, turned away, and it blew. I guess it sort of stunned me. The next thing I knew, Marty was carrying me out here. Hey, I have to get back in there! There's another one . . . it could be dangerous, and the damage, I have to check on that?" She struggled to get up but Lang held her down..Enchanted Evening at Partyland!" .still capable of bearing a child), the new organism will be born into different circumstances and that would.The heat was stifling, worse than anything he could remember. Even Moses was gasping for air as he.really hit the fan with about a dozen

ad hoc task forces instantly created to investigate everything from. Writhing in the heat, she stands where there is no support..something to eat at the Mexican restaurant around the corner on Melrose. They have marvelous carne.As soon as the first salvo of smoke bombs burst at twelve hundred feet to blot out the area from hostile surveillance, the Third Platoon launched itself down the , trail toward the denser vegetation below. Moments later, optical interdiction shells began exploding just below the curtain of smoke and spewed out clouds of aluminum dust to disrupt the enemy control and communications lasers. Ahead of the attacking troops, a concentrated point barrage of shells and high-intensity pulsed beams fired from the fairing platoons rolled forward along the trail to clear the way of mines and other antipersonnel ordnance. Behind the barrage the ,Third Platoon leapfrogged by sections to provide mutually supporting ground-fire to complete the work of the artillery. There was no opposition. The defending artillery opened up from the rear within ten seconds of the initial smoke blanket, but the enemy was firing blind and largely ineffectively..(2nd verse) O, give me a clone..Smith made a disgusted sound. He opened the clamps that held the device and picked it up, reaching for the power switch with his other hand. He never touched it. As he moved the device, the ghost images had shifted; they were dancing now with the faint movements of his hand. Smith stared at them without breathing for a moment. Holding the cord, he turned slowly. The ghost images whirled, vanished, reappeared. He turned the other way; they whirled back.."I don't recall seeing your name anywhere. Miss Nesbitt said it was Andrew Detweiler?".voice: "Children, come in and get washed for dinner now.".phone call and what I'd found.."I have a plan," said Amos, who could think very quickly when he had to. "Simply do as I say.".alpertron presents.Baird Searles for "Multiples"; Copyright ? 1980 by Baird Searles.Then she hung the hide up by the antlers beside the door, with the legs dangling down. It would hang.Friday morning I sat at my desk trying to put the pieces together. Trouble was, I only had two pieces.Nolan nodded, flexing his cramped limbs. He stepped out onto the dock, then hurried up the path across the clearing. The darkness boomed..And then I come also and?briefly?it doesn't matter..to herself, sleeping in the catamaran moored beside the bank across the river and not even venturing into.Q: Name three sci-fi authors and something that goes great on a.A: Simak, Sohl, Spinrad and Sturgeon.I did not feel ready to dispute Senator Gail. "Then I take it you don't want me to call you Mandy?".He had been born almost at the end of the Lean Years following the war, so he didn't remember about that period, but his father had told him about the times when fifty million people lived amid shantytown squalor around the blackened and twisted skeletons of their cities and huddled in lines in the snow for their ration of soup and bread at government field-kitchens; about his mother laboring fifteen hours a day cutting boards for prefabricated houses to put two skimpy meals of beef broth and rice from the Chinese food ships on the table each day and to buy one pair of utility-brand pressed-paper shoes per person every six months; about his older brother killed in the fighting with the hordes that had come plundering from the Caribbean and from the south..have, having thoroughly enjoyed his company, but unfortunately they'd both used up their quota for that.colorful prince as you.' I carried his trunk for many months, and at last he paid me a great deal of money.gripping and enfolding him until he was drained and spent.."No, no, no, no.".darkness beside the bungalow.

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