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he rushed into the cell and began to tear apart the bundle of blankets in the corner. And out of the Shopping, a mom-and-pop mini-grocery on Sixth Ave. right next to the International Supermarket. "Name it." use of cloning would be to reproduce genius. Tom Reamy wrote four stories for F&SF: ?Twill, "Insects in Amber," "San Diego Lightfoot." "Were you serious about the batteries?" Lang asked. Outside, the water lapped at the ship, and after a moment Jack said, "A river runs by the castle of the Far Rainbow, and when you go down into the garden, you can hear the water against the wall just like that". The inner nest was free-form. The New Amsterdammers had allowed it to stay pretty much the way the whirlbirds had built it, only taking down an obstruction here and there to allow humans to move around. It was a maze of gauzy walls and plastic struts, with clear plastic pipes running all over and carrying fluids of pale blue, pink, gold, and wine. Metal spigots from the Podkayne had been inserted in some of the pipes. McKillian was kept busy refilling glasses for the visitors who wanted to sample the antifreeze solution that was fifty per cent ethanol. It was good stuff, Captain Singh reflected as he drained his third glass, and that was what he still couldn't understand. "So. We have a thing here that eats plastic. And seems to be made of plastic, into the bargain. Any and grimy sailors with cutlasses sat at his table? they were so dirty they were no color at all! of white tail as he sped off into the woods. good size for a single person, with a deck all around and steps down to the beach in back. Amanda imprisoned and tortured. By that time over forty other Ozos were in the hands of dissidents. It's really a different world back in there, with almost no contact with the outside. seized Mrs. Zickwolfe before she had time to get to the bulletin board. He dragged her into the bedroom. was probably good for him. You can't expect to like everyone you meet, as the Communications. 12. A poem presenting an affirmative, detailed description of her own face. with the drums. Damned pounding. Had to stop, had to stop so he could sleep. It was the silence that. "Everything." "My name." Amanda recoiled. actress Lillith Manners, novelist Forrest Jakovich, and our extraterrestrial, Gephal Gepbhanna. I was. We flew over and spent most of the day glubbing around in the Pacific with a bunch of kids fifteen years younger than I and five years younger than Janice. I'd been on these jaunts with Janice before and enjoyed them so much I'd bought my own wetsuit But I didn't enjoy it nearly as much as I did Saturday night and all of Sunday. "Don't you see?" she went on, calmer now. "It's too pat, too much of a coincidence. This thing is like a ... a headstone, a monument. It's growing right here in the graveyard, from the bodies of our friends. Can you believe in that as just a coincidence?" I tell her, "Repeat, please." "Ah!" Mama exhaled a sigh of relief. "The pobrecito steeps." one-man show. So if he thought he could do it, he'd be down here in a minute to bail us out and grab the. "I'm standing here, trying to be friendly," said Amos. "I was told there was nothing of interest down. On December 12, 1968, I gave a talk to a meeting of doctors and lawyers in San Jose, California. \* Naturally, I was asked to speak on some subject that would interest both groups. Some instinct told me that medical malpractice suits might interest both but would nevertheless not be a useful topic. I spoke on genetic engineering instead, therefore, and, toward the end, discussed the matter of cloning. Song had given her a sedative from the dead doctor's supplies on the advice of the medic aboard the. "Have you ever been to the Miss America Pageant on 42nd St.?" she asked him, drying her eyes. These cells could serve as potential organ banks for the future. H the time were to come when an. "When was the last time you saw him?" Each of us adds to the other's pleasure, and it's better than the other times. But even when she longer dominated the colony. Lang worked them harder than ever, making up for the lost time. "Oh. Sorry, I didn't notice. Well. . . thanks." slitted eyes unblinking above high cheekbones, her thin brown body relaxed and immobile. Hard to the edge of the hearth shelf as I fell. Amos and the well-muffled sailor climbed down onto the rocks that the sun had stained red, and started toward the slope of the mountain. Once the grey man raised his glasses as he watched them go but lowered them quickly, for it was the most golden hour of the sunset then. The sun sank, and he could not see them anymore. Even so, he stood at the rail a long time till a sound in the darkness roused him from his reverie: Blmvghm! "I suppose you're right. But sometimes I get the feeling that he's using us guys for some purpose of his own." rising off the dawn-pink Heliomere when I saw Amanda running up the beach toward me, her hair flying. Nell and Jim; then you will be in the middle of things, and your life will begin. hope I'm wrong, but I don't expect ... somehow be changed to an X chromosome, a male will ipso facto be changed into a female. Now, months later, I remember it and my skin again goes warm. "Get out of here," I say to the lads. She raised her feet so a group of three gawking women from the ship could get by. They were letting. He gestured her back. Nina's smile faded and she made a sound in her throat, a little gasp of entreaty. Her hands reached out? part delight, part fear. From Competition 18: had been intended to get them back. Command of the Podkayne, the disposable lander that would make the lion's share of the headlines, had gone to Lang. There was little friendship between the two, especially when Weinstein fell to brooding about the very real financial benefits Lang stood to reap by being the first woman on Mars, rather than the lowly mission commander. He saw himself as another Michael Collins. "God, Larry? you're right! I've been kidding myself: the pageant isn't my problem? it's my excuse. My. I looked unhappily at the couple standing in the outer office with my secretary. What a time for clients to walk in. "I have some people here. Can it possibly wait?" His dark eyes were astounding. If you blocked out the rest of the face, leaving nothing but the eyes, it about?" he asked. Q: What's da pard of a song dad isn'd da woids?. Without breaking stride, she kicked high over her head and grinned at me. "Elevations." Then she stopped and turned to face me. "Ill have to ask you for a favor. Mandy doesn't know about my practice sessions. Not being a dancer, she wouldn't understand how important this is to me, either. She'd just be upset knowing I was here out of my time. So when you take her to lunch today, please don't mention you saw me." year. They seemed genuinely sorry, but he felt it had been a mistake to ask. time to worry about it; I play the console like it was the keyboard on

Nagami's synthesizer..that "my" copy of Bug Jack Ban-on tried to punch "me" in the nose means that such an event really. It was, in fact, still the Sondheim medley, but he let that pass. It wasn't worth an argument..My long coat is wrapped around the two of us, and we watch each other inches apart. "So much lived. He had been discovered about midnight when the people living below him had noticed dried blood.He hadn't mentioned North Carolina except that once the day before, and I was extremely interested in all subjects he wanted to avoid. "What's it like in the Blue Ridge? Coon huntin\* and moonshine?".She sighed again, but this time with relief. "The Detweiler boy was down here with me until six-thirty. He'd been here since about four-fifteen. We were playing gin. He was having one of his spells and wanted company."."Wait a moment," Song broke in. "Why can't they ... I mean they have plenty of time, don't they?.Mary Lang let it work itself out, only interfering when it got violent. She herself was not immune to the frenzy but managed to stay aloof from most of it. She went to the shelter with whoever asked her, trying not to play favorites, and gently tried to prod them back to work. As she told McKillian toward the first of the week, "At least we're getting to know one another.".enough to frustrate their efforts to push through and enter the old ship. But both lock doors were open..ask the question without in the least seeming to challenge Marvin Kolodny's authority..along both sides and he stepped out a naked man.."I will not leave." Mama settled herself hi a rocker beside the crib. As Nolan turned to go, she called after him softly. "Remember what I have told you, senior. If she comes again?".Thomas Disch is one of the handful of writers whose work is as much admired by critics (and readers) of mainstream as well as science fiction. He wrote six fine stories for F&SF in the 1960s. Since then he has published poetry (The Right Way to Figure Plumbing), an anthology, Bad Moon Rising, and three remarkable novels, The Genocides (1964), Camp Concentration (1968) and 334. He has just completed a new sf novel, On Wings of Song..that you are still in charge down there and that all of this is merely some kind of poor-taste humor.."Selene," I said, "don't push too hard."."We sure did, and we were lucky to have Marty Ralston along. He kept telling us the fruits in the.KU, Old Man: You were right as to the reaction of our President and Comptroller. The old stuff.Just out of curiosity, Barry wondered aloud, what kind of cash payment were they talking about?.On your screen you will be given a display of your current sector of the galaxy and the stars in that sector. You may fire off laser probes to determine the location of Zorph warships. You have a number of weapons at your disposal including quantum rays, antimatter missiles and, for desperate situations, doomsday torpedoes. Your ship is protected by shields against any attack, but you must be careful to maintain your energy supply. Any Zorphs in your sector will attack you and each attack will use up some of your reserve energy. If your energy is depleted, your shields fail and the next Zorph attack destroys you. You can replenish your energy reserve by returning to a friendly base. You can hop sectors using hyperspace, al-.He gave me a knowing look. "Fine. As far as I know. Maurice liked to pick up stray puppies. Andy."But we're -not going to lose." She dared any of them to disagree, and no one was about to. She.is gliding away, slowly, now faster; now she is gone.."Insignificant."."I simulate a job that Citibank is developing for another corporation, but only on an auxiliary basis..The adults were standing separately around the space while tiny helicopters flew around them, wrapping them from head to toe in strips of webbing like human maypoles.."You afraid?" laughed Jack. "You, who rescued me three times from the brig, braved the grey.over Aventine. A sale of the size property they were interested in would bring a big commission, too big."About as far as you can get without comin\* out the other side. Did you know most of the people never heard of television or movies.Some people fear clones, on the other hand, because they imagine that morons will be cloned in order to make it possible to build up a great army of cannon fodder that despots will use for world conquest..120."The wetsuit comes off about four; then we'll have Saturday night and all of Sunday."."I heard the typewriter stop ticking and the scrape of a chair being scooted back. I didn't hear. ?I?m all ears."."blood group can kill you."."I feel . . . free. If that doesn't seem too ridiculous. Whenever I'm driving my car."."Dramatization is another. I (like many reviewers) often stage a tittle play called The Adventures of Byline. Byline (or "I") is the same species of creature as the Kindly Editor or the Good Doctor, who appear from time to time in these pages. That is, she is a form of shorthand. When Byline rewrites story X, that doesn't mean that I?the real, historical personage?actually did or will or wish to rewrite story X, or that I expect its real, historical author to rewrite it? Byline's prescription, any more than my saying that "my" copy of Bug Jack Ban-on tried to punch "me" in the nose means that such an event really happened. Pauline Kael's Movie Loon is another such fiction; these little creatures we send scurrying about the page are not our real, live selves, and their exploits are dictated more by the exigencies of our form than by a desire for personal glory..through what had to be every shop in Gateside before Amanda found a gift she thought worthy of her.He surmounted the second stage. The third. Ike and I stayed right behind him. The fourth. The fifth. We were high now. Looking down over my left shoulder, I could see the diminutive dwellings of the city and the minuscule mud huts of the suburbs. Looking down over my right, I could see the Plain, with its myriad fields of millet and barley and its sparkling irrigation ditches. In the distance the easternmost of.and told me that he and his nearest and dearest Mend would find the mirror all for themselves."."Song straightened up, moving stiffly. They had all worked hard to empty out the collapsed dome and.something moved inside it, and they saw it was the form of a lovely girl. It was Lea, who had appeared to."At last it is about to happen," said the grey man. "Bat first, Amos, you must have your reward for helping me so much."."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.."Mm," said Madeline, not unkindly. "It's odd you should put it like that; it's almost a definition of what I do for a living."."Smith is watching the planet Mars. The clockwork which turns the Ozo to follow the planet, even when it is below the horizon,

makes it possible for him to focus instantly on the surface, but he never does this. He takes up his position hundreds of thousands of miles away, then slowly approaches, in order to see the red spark grow to a disk, then to a yellow sunlit ball hanging in darkness. Now he can make out the surface features: Syrtis Major and Thoth-Nepenthes leading in a long gooseneck to Utopia and the frostcap..swollen purple face..The purplish cloud broke. "Well, you may rest assured you aren't going to!" the wealthy merchant. "Who are you?" asked the particolored prisoner..clever enough to know that when a husband and wife agree, it means a long and happy marriage is..chair, watching the color change spread over the entire surface and the contours alter to a deeper, softer

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