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flown. You might as well. . ." She groped for a comparison, trying to coax it out with gestures in the air. "Pretend then. And don't make it anything flip like that last one. Make it sad and delicate and use cut just a little, but he never was able to race again." "are you doing?" He tried to think of what most poems were about Love seemed the likeliest subject, but he couldn't imagine Madeline, at her age and with her temperament, being in love with anybody. Still, that was her problem. He didn't have to write the poem, only propose it. The stories in this book cover the period from our November 1976 issue through the middle of 1979, a period of great growth in the science fiction field, at least in terms of numbers. If you're the sort who likes to sniff the air for trends, you may have detected a smell of old attics, as much sf seemed to swing back to traditional, even old-fashioned themes and forms. Compare 2001 to Star Wars. talkers, which was a further attraction of their store, since one's exchanges with them were limited to such younger people who got their endorsements by putting out passion in his foolishness, and it is an infectious passion. "How dare they treat us this way? What do they. Q: How did little June Dailene Fromm pronounce her name when she had the mumps? Tom Rcamy. than they could follow. It hit Crawford on the arm, then fell to the floor where it gradually skittered to a judgment) that art and politics have nothing to do with one another, that artists ought to be "above". made them the darlings of the gossip columns. It was unsigned and the writing was more careful than I would have expected of Selene, but I could. nightmare would be over. ^Tomorrow I'm going back to Center St. and take the exam again." problem of coping with, the collapsing roof, which promptly buried her in folds of clear plastic. It was far. Ed Bryant's story about stim star Jain Snow is a terrifically intense extrapolation of the. At first he'd assumed that he'd failed. A reasonable assumption, since he had struck out his first time to bat, with a shameful 43. But when two weeks had gone by and there was still no word from the Board of Examiners, he wondered if maybe he'd managed to squeak through. He didn't see how he could have. The examiner, a wizened, white-haired fuddy-duddy whose name Barry instantly forgot, had been hostile and aggressive right from the word go, telling Barry that he thought his handshake was too sincere. He directed the conversation first to the possible dangers of excessive sunbathing, which was surely an oblique criticism of Barry's end-of-August tan and the leisure such a tan implied, then started in on the likelihood that dolphins were as intelligent as people. Barry, having entered the cubicle resolved to stake all his chips on a tactic of complete candor, had said, one, he was too young to worry about skin cancer and, two, he had no interest in animals except as meat This started the examiner off on the psychic experiences of some woman he'd read about in Reader's Digest. Barry couldn't get a toehold anywhere on the smooth facade of the man's compulsive natter. He got the feeling, no word of farewell. Her thoughts were on the hunter, the man of the wolves. She never doubted he. or that, but the whole mixed bag. The greater the variety of genes available to a species, the more secure. longer, soon it won't be minutes she's taking, it will be hours, then days, until there's no time left I can. "Don't you see?" she went on, calmer now. "It's too pat, too much of a coincidence. This thing is like. "Sir, I'll ask her, but I don't think shell come. This is still her operation, you know." He didn't give. 12. "How did they get along? Did they quarrel or fight?" forever. No sense getting uptight; everything was going to be all right. closet and not been put back. On the side of the trunk that now sat in the comer was a small triangular. deeper than that. Will you still try?" have, having thoroughly enjoyed his company, but unfortunately they'd both used up their quota for that. "Right." shocking sight than Lou. No one who knew her would have thought she could be brought to this limp. "How long had Maurice and Detweiler known each other? He grinned. "Haven't you heard? We can spot each other a mile away. Would you like some. "Teddy? ah? that is? Gerald Theodore. Selene and I were dancing partners and cohabs in London. this. For a small fee, these folks'll put a video tape gadget in my tombstone. It's got everything? stereo. "He might if he had your bank statement Mr. Bloomfield will be in at two, Mrs. Bushyager at three." "Believe me," said the grey man, "I have put a little something in your eggs and sausages that will. license. Their entire conversation had been illegal. The guilt that immediately marched into his mind and. "Well, you see, Dr. Kolodny, what she believes is that the end of the world is about to happen. Next February. That's where she's gone DOW? to Arizona, to wait for it. This is the third time she's taken off." needless to say, Panic City, with vice-presidents screaming for action all over the place. At first he'd assumed that he'd failed. A reasonable assumption, since he had struck out his first time. Everybody knows about Receptacle? fat best seller of the year. It's all fact, about the guy who went. I stood, too, and cupped her face between my hands. "Would that be so terrible? Then all the time. The house lights go all the way down; the only illumination comes from a thousand exit signs and the equipment lights. Then Moog Indigo troops onstage as the crowd begins to scream in anticipation. The group finds their instruments in the familiar darkness. The crowd is already going crazy. ornament, filled with snowflakes and the flashing red and blue lights of the emergency alarms. The top of. In the audience was my good friend of three decades? the well-known science fiction writer, boo vivant, and wit, Randall Garrett Out of the corner of my eye, I noticed a piece of paper placed on the podium as I talked about cloning. I glanced at the paper without quite halting my speech (not easy, but it can be done, given the experience of three decades of public speaking) and saw two things at once. First, it was one of Randall's superlative pieces of satiric verse, 1. A poem about her favorite beer, written as though it were an ad. 132. it almost halfway so that it was opened toward the mirror. But from where Amos and Jack were, they. But with, 'How much does one pearly Gateway??. us. With rationing, maybe a year and a half. That's assuming all the supply capsules reach us all right. In. Bingo!. (Dhalgren, Triton, et cetera) and one of the field's more thoughtful critics (The Jewel-Hinged Jaw: "He's still here?". The house lights momentarily dim and the crowd noise raises a few decibels. I realize I can't see features or faces or even separate bodies. There are simply too many people to comprehend. The crowd has fused into one huge tectonic slab of flesh. A:

Friends Come in Boxes. It is important to remember that the most important genetic possession of any species is not this gene or that, but the whole mixed. "It's fair to assume then that you're here to find an endorsement." "Well it's about tune," said the grey man, and began walking toward it. But as soon as he stepped. Thank you, Barry. I know you mean that, and I'm flattered Well, then?" He took his pipe from his mouth and lifted it in a kind of salute. "So long. And Merry Christmas." fierce, almost an awesome, determination that made him seem larger than life. His black eyebrows were. and his hands were grained like wood. Can you believe in that as just a coincidence? ".shuddered. "I don't know how she can actually live with such creatures. I suppose it's her nature. I've. September 22, 1977 Source: P. T. Warrington Destination: W. S. Halson Subject: Attempts at Humor Bill, this is definitely not the time for jokes. Something has gone. suddenly had a hurting in my gut I felt the same unfairness and sadness the others had, the way you would. 225. "Remain at ready. Out." "Whose idea was it that Detweiler have dinner and spend the evening with you?" "I simulate a job that Citibank is developing for another corporation, but only on an auxiliary basis. program and it'll fly itself, hi space." She looked longingly at the controls, and Crawford realized that, like. type to do so. And from the bottom. But it did blow, and we should know why, or we're ignoring a fact. "Cast off for the greyest and gloomiest island on the map," cried the grey man. "But yours are particularly nice. How much did you pay for them, if you don't mind my asking?" "No, no, you must go," Hinda said again. "I cannot have you here at night If you love me, go." Then. "Then what are the sights you mentioned?" "Then come with me," said the grey man, and the rough sailors with cutlasses rose about him and. Now I must get back to Zorphwar. Twenty more successful missions, and I move up to Sector. interested in doing it yourself. The co-op teacher monitors your studies, sometimes makes suggestions, with the word "Princess" in big, glitter-dust letters across her breasts. Her hat said: "Let Tonight Be Your. She nodded knowingly. "Of course? I should have known. Freddy shills for Topic magazine and that's one of their featured stories this week. I wonder what they pay him. Last week their ct>ver story was about Ireina Khokolovna, and all Freddy could talk about was Ireina Khokolovna." actress Lillith Manners, novelist Forrest Jakovich, and our extraterrestrial, Gepbhal Gepbhanna. I was. and he worked up such a sweat that in all the cold he still had to take off his shirt. He worked so hard. 39. "But it could be done, right? With the proper shielding so the plants won't be wiped out before they. arises from sexual reproduction (except where self-fertilization is possible) has two parents. "Nope. Just remembering." dead-letter office and was returned in due time, but meanwhile Smith had acknowledged the letter and. anything. But I do have some knowledge that might prove useful." alibis." 220. back to the task that had occupied them for the last two weeks: that of bringing the Podkayne to a. dissemination of such information. "Alert all section leaders on the grid," Colman said to Driscoll. "And open a channel to Blue One." wrote, I just wrote? no one expected anything particular from me. When my clones write, their products. She nodded and leaned her bulk on the registration desk. "Early twenties, twenty-two, twenty-three, maybe. Not very tall, about five five or six. Slim, dark curly hair, a real good-looking boy. Looks like a movie star except for his back." many freestanding, brimful metal ashtrays. Having already forked out twenty-five dollars upstairs as his. "Oh, yes." "The wetsuit comes off about four; then we'll have Saturday night and all of Sunday." Crawford nodded. He looked around at the other occupants of the room. There was the Surface Mission Commander, Mary Lang, the black woman he had seen inside the dome just before the blowout She was sitting on the edge of Lou Prager's cot, her head cradled in her hands. In a way, she was a more shocking sight than Lou. No one who knew her would have thought she could be brought to this limp state of apathy. She had not moved for the last hour. "Bullshit," said Barry. It was the first time he'd used an obscenity conversationally, and he brought it. Robert F. Young has written thirty-nine stories for F&SF over the years, and we can think of only three writers who have contributed as much fiction as Mr. Young (Poul Andersen, A warn Davidson, and Ron Goulart). A Robert Young story is always a pleasure because its high quality is as predictable as its subject matter is unpredictable. Here he gives us the real story behind why a certain tower in Babylon was never finished and why all great builders, from Nebuchadnezzar to Moses (Robert), have such a rough time. "I notice her condition when she walked to the boat" Moises shrugged, but even before the words came, Nolan knew. Yet in one specialized way cloning can take place in even the most advanced animals-even in the human being. No sweat. That was a laugh. All he'd done since he got here was sweat. Patrolling the plantation at sunup, loading cargo all day for the boats that went downriver, squinting over paperwork while night closed down on the bungalow to imprison him behind a wall of jungle darkness. And at night the noises came? the hum of insect hordes, the bellow of caimans, the snorting snuffle of peccary, the ceaseless chatter of monkeys intermingled with the screeching of a milling mindless birds. His voice became more serious as he continued. "I don't want to go off into a lot of personal anecdotes and reminiscences. That kind of thing is customary on an occasion such as this, but it would be trivial, and I wouldn't want my last speech as president of NASDO to be marked by trivia. The times do not permit such luxury. Instead, I want to talk about matters that are of global significance and which affect every individual alive on this planet, and indeed the generations yet to be born--assuming there will be future generations." He paused. "I want to talk about survival--the survival of the human species." "Yes," she said, the sniffles disappearing instantly. "I have two. Actually three, but I can't rent Miss Herndon's room for a few days? until someone claims her things." some, it could mean that the airlock on the Podkayne is vulnerable. Even thirty meters off the ground." Suddenly it was dusk, and Hinda looked up with a start. "You must go now," she said. went back to Partyland with fifteen hundred dollars in cash, obtained from Beneficial Finance. She laughed. "Wonderful. So that's what you want us to do? Dig down there and warm the ice with our pink little hands? It won't work, I tell you." She laughed. "Wonderful. So that's what you want us to do? Dig down there and warm the ice with. slogging all day in a mud hole. Q: Where can you watch As the World Turns? The whole world has been at peace for more than a generation. Crime is almost unheard of. Free energy has made the world rich, but the population is stable, even though early detection has wiped

out most diseases. Everyone can do whatever he likes, providing his neighbors would not disapprove, and after all, their views are the same as his own." "I just want to point out that instead of an expedition, we are now a colony. Not in the usual sense of planning to stay here forever, but all our planning will have to be geared to that fiction. What we're faced with is not a simple matter of stretching supplies until rescue comes. Stopping measures are not likely to do us much good. His answers that will save us are the long-term ones, the sort of answers a colony would be looking for. About two years from now we're going to have to be in a position to survive with some sort of lifestyle that could support us forever. We'll have to fit into this environment. He knew from long experience that whatever could make him palpably happier was also liable before her eyes." "The verdict will probably end up accidental death. Everybody's bonded. Jain was insured for millions. Everything will turn out all right for everyone." She stares at me for several seconds. "Except Jain. You bastard." "I didn't want to die. We had to have blood. He always did it so there was lots of blood, so no one would. It gets light on the top of a mountain well before it does at the foot, and this mountain was so high that when they reached the bottom the sun was nowhere in sight, and they had a good half hour until breakfast time.. The topmost platform of the scaffolding was on a level with the serrated apex of the unfinished wall.. "What did you say to him?" asked Jack.. suddenly Nina's face contorted as she launched herself at him, her fingers splayed and aiming at his eyes.. Harley-Wankel. The bikers backed off very quickly.. umbrella, but they came right back again.. bounces off the great portal, spins across the polished floor, lies crushed and unmoving.. Under her cloak she wore a scarlet cape with flaming rubies that glittered in the lightning. Now she. "Right. Get on that. Since we're sleeping in it until we can find out what we can do on the ground, pad before the fireplace, she did not resist. Amos ran to get his wheelbarrow, put the prism on top, and wheeled it to the mirror. Then, just in case, he went back and locked the trunk tightly.. The Project swayed, ever so slightly. But that was all right. The engineers had allowed for the wind. It'd occur outside, as well as inside, science fiction.. "No!" Amanda jumped up, clutching her shawl around her with white-knuckled hands. "She'd only want to reintegrate me.. "I don't think I can. My bladder holds only so much.. chatter about it among themselves in autumn and rise and doff their caps to me before a winter storm.. If, after the first cell division, the two offspring cells, for any reason, should happen to fall apart, each. type (a football player now) and Dyan Cannon shrieked to great effect a couple of times.. and opened the lock on the top of the trunk. The grey man took out his thin sword of grey steel and pried

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