

## UNDERSTANDING YOUR IDENTITY

The grey man looked after Amos until he disappeared. Then he put his hand on his head, which was beginning to throb a little, and leaned against the black trunk which had been carried to the deck..together at last. The two of them, and Robbie..?David T. J. Doughan.Here, then, is "Randall's Song," to which I took the liberty of adding a verse myself..hoped for was another seven points, just enough to top him over the edge, into the sixth percentile..861's. Everyone here in Headquarters is too excited about the prospect of selling that kind of hardware.All in all, I didn't find anything. Except for the books and the deck of cards, there was nothing of Andrew Detweiler personally in the whole apartment. I hadn't thought it possible for anyone to lead such a turnip existence.."If you say so," said Amos. He went to the trunk, walked all around it three times, then gingerly lifted the lid. He didn't see anything, so he lifted it further. When he still didn't see anything, he opened it all the way. "Why, there's nothing in ..." he began. But then something caught his eye at the very bottom of the trunk, and he reached in and picked it up..Q: What's the shortest distance between two heinpoints?."Can you stay alive if you get regular transfusions?".hung around until I found out that Harry almost certainly wasn't killed after six-thirty. They set the time.Under her cloak she wore a scarlet cape with flaming rubies that glittered in the lightning. Now she."I don't recall seeing your name anywhere. Miss Nesbitt said it was Andrew Detweifer?""Teddy?ah?that is?Gerald Theodore. Selene and I were dancing partners and cohabits in London.wheeled up to him and asked what kind of music he liked..have lived in and almost everyone did, with potted plants to emphasize the available sunlight and pictures.I drew picket duty again this morning. Ike picketed with me, having arranged it with the Organizer to change places with Ben. With my old buddy to talk to, time went by fast.."Tin Columbine Brown," she said, as though that offered an explanation..here in the hospital?.of the chairs..I did extract a promise that she would let me show her more houses another day; then I made myself.Humor Bill, this is definitely not the time for jokes. Something has gone wrong with the Megalo Banking.It didn't surprise them too much. The Burroughs had given then: just about everything it could hi the.and turned on the bathroom light. Detweiler's possessions were meager. Eight shirts, six pairs of pants,.Fortunately, I intercepted your little jest before anyone else saw it Now forget the fun and games and.9. A poem that skirts all around a secret she's never told anyone and then finally decides to keep it a.Tin an unusual person," said Marvin Kolodny, leaning back in his swivel chair and taking a large pipe from the rack on his desk..That, I think, would be a waste of time. We are not necessarily going to breed thousands of transcendent geniuses out of an Einstein or thousands of diabolical villains out of a Hitler.."Yeah, I was working on a story, but I'd rather play gin." He grinned, open and artless. "If I could make money playing gin, I wouldn't write.".Well curry your prmcess-turned-frogs, And groom your domestic balrogs, But for those with conventional pets we should mention, In passing, We Also Walk Dogs..We can therefore imagine that at birth, every human individual will have scrapings taken from his little.horizontal position without wrecking her. The ship had been rigged with stabilizing cables soon after.-Phoebe Ellis."Then I shall hunt the deer no more," he said, "if you will give me leave to hunt that which is now all at.vices; when yon know that somebody wants to talk to you, you focus your viewer on him), your library, your school. Before puberty you watch other people having sex, but even then your curiosity is easily satisfied; after an older cousin initiates you at fourteen, you are much more interested in doing it yourself. The co-op teacher monitors your studies, sometimes makes suggestions, but more and more, as you grow older, leaves you to your own devices. You are intensely interested in African prehistory, in the European theater, and in the ant-civilization of Epsilon Eridani IV. Soon you will have to choose..And for six months, nothing really new cropped up among the whirligigs. Song was not surprised..The captain, an Indian named Singh, got his crew started on erecting the permanent buildings, then climbed into a crawler with three officers for the trip to Tharsis. It was almost exactly twelve Earth-years since the departure of the Edgar Rice Burroughs..they die, or maybe they have some other way of passing the time. But they know they'll return..It seems tike the first time I was in Jam Snow's bed. Jain keeps the xoom dark and says nothing as we go through the positions. Her.144."So we'll put that one in the Fairy Godmother file and forget about it. If it happens, fine. But we'd.I See You 5."You're right, of course. And in the only two other real space emergencies since that time, all hands were lost." She turned and scowled at each of them in turn..He replied, "They quickly become deaf and so have no need to speak. Indeed, few work more than."That's no use. The doctor says it's a miracle he's still breathing. If he wakes up at all, he won't be anything like you knew him. The telemetry shows nothing like the normal brain wave. Now I've got to talk to Commander Lang. Have her come up." The voice of Mission Commander Weinstein was accustomed to command, and about as emotional as a weather report.The grey man scowled and contemplated and cogitated, but could not make anything of it At last he.humphed. My point "Anything else?".Before I reach the door, she stops me by saying, "The initial report is in already.".Virginia Kidd for "The Detweiler Boy" by Tom Reamy."Right," said Ed, nodding more vigorously. "But I liked what you were saying about cars. That made a lot of sense.".feces came out wrapped in cellophane. He shrugged his eyebrows again. "Maurice picked him up.planning to stay here forever, but all our planning will have to be geared to that fiction. What we're faced.But this evening as Amos came into the tavern, Billy was quiet, and so was everyone else. Even.gets to the woods?".A House Divided by Lee Killough.resounding score with one of those epic romantic themes (based, it must be said, on a theme from the.the record I'd like to cite a few pertinent facts..violent colors and rich perfume where black butterflies glisten on the rims of pink marble fountains, and.48.Perhaps they expected to see the mirror glittering in the weeds and pebbles at the bottom of the pool;.Amanda was looking wild, her eyes darting around like those of a trapped animal..that the confusion should be cleared up..The wealthy merchant stiffened. "Are you implying that my concern for the Project derives from a selfish desire to be one of the first ones through the

Gateway?" opinion that many people simply removed the stickers from their licenses so it would seem they'd been often enough to keep me feeling good, but this time it gave me a queasy sensation, like I was being back his head, thrusts out his jaw. "Who wants to know?" 145. He didn't look at the license till he was out on the street. Stapled to the back of it was a printed notice: hand down the smooth curves of a sonatrophic sculpture by Drummond Caspar. The trope leaned. Nolan stared at her. "They worship snakes up there?" worked on it around the clock. I even managed to get permission to turn over command temporarily. But word and knowing what it represents can be two different things. So let's go into the matter-The word. "It sounds very specialized," McKillian said thoughtfully. "Maybe we should be looking for the niche it occupies. The way you describe it, it couldn't function without help from a symbiote. Maybe it fertilizes the plants, like bees, and the plants either donate or are robbed of the power to wind the spring. Did you look for some mechanism the bug could use to steal energy from the rotating gears in the whirligigs?" By the end of July he had refined and miniaturized the device and had extended its sensitivity range. I've tried. But the girl comes from the mountains; she doesn't resort to aping the signs of dissociation. They grabbed the ring and pulled the door back. Through the opening there was only the green surface of the water. Then, below the surface, Lea appeared. As the hunter watched, she began to change. Like a rippled reflection in a pool coming slowly into focus, he saw slim brown legs. "Of course he does!" come from the great valley beneath the mountains, and as a child I learned to fear those who lurk above. times to clear away the skyrockets. He examined the dome as he walked back to camp. There was a figure hazily visible through the plastic. At this distance he would have been unable to tell who it was if it weren't for the black face. He saw her step up to the dome wall and wipe a clear circle to look through. She spotted his bright red suit and pointed at him. She was suited except for her helmet, which contained her radio. He knew he was in trouble. He saw her turn away and bend to the ground to pick up her helmet, so she could tell him what she thought of people who disobeyed her orders, when the dome shuddered like jellyfish. tunes, then swooped down upon them, grabbing them up and setting them on his shoulders. Amos and too. "Selene isn't the evil genius you think, Amanda." My voice sounded thin. oblique criticism of Barry's end-of-August tan and the leisure such a tan implied, then started in on the. "Nobody," he said. after a few minutes, though, and held it, squeezing a bit from time to time. I was content. In a house in Cleveland, a man watches his brother-in-law in the next room, who is watching his wife. see him from the front, you can't even tell. "Well have to get cutting tools from the ship," he told his crew. "They're probably in there. What a place this is! I can see we're going to be busy." He walked along the edge of the dense growth, which now covered several acres. He came to a section where the predominant color was purple. It was strangely different from the rest of the garden. There were tall whirligig derricks but they were frozen, unmoving. And covering all the derricks was a translucent network of ten-centimeter-wide strips of plastic, which was thick enough to make an impenetrable barrier. It was like a cobweb made of flat, thin material instead of fibrous spider-silk. It bulged outward between all the crossbraces of the whirligigs. And groom your domestic balrogs. Fortunately for his morale, this state of funk did not continue long. Barry didn't let it. The next night he was off to Partyland, a 23rd St. speakeasy that advertised heavily on late-night TV. As he approached the froth of electric lights cantilevered over the entrance, Barry could feel the middle of his body turning hollow with excitement, his throat and tongue getting tingly. easily. What I don't know, I could learn. Some of the systems are computer-driven; give it the right. Sitting on the floor huddled in a blanket was Martin Ralston, the chemist His shirt was bloody, and there was dried blood all over his. one complained. They simply went on climbing, steadily through the hours. Once Jack paused a moment. From Competition 18: unapproachable. Then she asked Crawford to join her in the private shelter. It was the first time she had. 249. The North Wind rumbled to himself for a while and at last confessed: "But no one has ever seen the. with me seven years. I'd tried a few young and sexy ones, but it hadn't worked out. Either they wouldn't. At noon Amanda was waiting for me out on her deck. She came down the steps toward the. "Some people have no poetry in their souls," Mary said. AH rights reserved. No part of this book may be reproduced in any form or by any means, except for the inclusion of. "About two months. I\*. experiments that can be conducted with the hope of more useful results if the question of genetic variation. better anywhere else." time. She still expected, at any moment, a call from The Studio. But her flesh hadn't cooperated. Her hair. But she can. I watched Stella outside Bradley Arena in LA when some overanxious bikers wanted to. Her fear touched him. So he stood and smoothed down the skins of his coat. "I will go. But I will return." burden from him. In the meantime he had to get them started on something. He touched McKillian gently. it is, but it struck a chord in my soul. Soul," she mused. "Maybe that's it. He wears his soul on his face." Lang groaned. "All the air-lock seals, for one thing." There were grimaces from all of them at the ornament, filled with snowflakes and the flashing red and blue lights of the emergency alarms. The top of. pleading. Its screams continued, that one monotonous, hopeless note repeated over and over. It lowered. been no "Bitch to the Top" submissions from my department in the last four months. Q: In Sword & Sorcery Poker, what beats a full castle?. his feet!. Jain are sitting across the aisle from me. It's a long Sight and there's been a lull in the usually boisterous. Miss Tremaine looked up from her typing at the rattle and frowned. Her desk was out in the small reception area, but I had arranged both desks so we could see each other and talk in normal voices when the door was open. It stayed open most of the time except when I had a client who felt secretaries shouldn't know bis troubles. She had been transcribing the Lucas McGowan report for half an hour, humphing and tsk-tsking at thirty-second intervals. She was having a marvelous time. Miss Tremaine was about forty-five, looked like a constipated librarian, and was the best secretary I'd ever had. She'd been with me seven years. I'd tried a few young and sexy ones, but it hadn't worked out. Either they wouldn't play at all, or they wanted to play all the time. Both kinds were a pain in the ass to face first thing in the morning, every morning. bother me and I won't bother you. I kept my eye on the couch, but it didn't show itself again. hurry and have a headache." taught her. twenty-four. His averageness was even a bit

unsteady, as though he had to think about it, but then most."Yeah. Really isolated. My pa convinced himself he was one of the original settlers. He was actually a."This afternoon when the sun is its highest and hottest," said the grey man..that may be air bladders or some grotesque analogue of blossoms. Now, at the edge of the screen.,since I might not come back anyway. Give my rags to whoever owns this suit to keep for me until I come.His smile contracted suddenly. His eyebrows shot up. "Oh," he said. "Him.".stood, fidgety. "There's really not anything I can tell you. Why don't you ask David and Murray. They.substances poisonous to insects and rodents are introduced." I followed in as he continued: "Only women

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