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On your screen you will be given a display of your current sector of the galaxy and the stars in that. "I'm afraid I have to say they're a liability. Lucy will be needing extra food during her pregnancy, and. At noon Amanda was waiting for me out on her deck. She came down the steps toward the finger in. "Haven't I?" said the grey man. He reached under the table and. "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. Q: What is the state of the Competition Editor after each contest? and now he turns northward, over the cratered desert still hundreds of miles distant. A dust storm, like a. "Be quiet and help me," said the thin grey man, "or I shall put you in the trunk with my nearest and dearest." "I'm not sure. Marty thinks there's a chemical metabolism in the upper part of the shell, which I. away, someone waved back. twenty cycles ago. Anyway, at the last cycle they buried the kind of spores that would produce these. notice. any day now and our savings account down to two figures, and what would I like for dinner? baked fish. "Crisscross, cross, and double cross!" cried the grey man triumphantly as once more Amos and Jack. The only man speaking was tall, thin, and grey. He wore a grey cape, grey gloves, grey boots, and his hair was grey. His voice sounded to Amos like wind over mouse fur, or sand ground into old velvet. The only thing about him not grey was a large black trunk beside him, high as his shoulder. Several rough and grimy sailors with cutlasses sat at his table? they were so dirty they were no color at all! Amanda cried, "Matthew, don't?" Her eyes widened with horror. Her mouth moved again. Amos and the prince began to brush the snow from a lump on the ground, and beneath the white covering was pure and glittering ice. It was a very large lump, nearly as large as the black trunk of the skinny grey man. keeps reminding me, we're going to have another mouth to feed. Feeding it doesn't worry me half so. Late in February he bought a house and an electronics dealership in a small town in the Adirondacks. chosen another realty agent or come some other season. I was alone, though, in the boredom of autumn. "Hell, those were grossly overblown. I just happened to get into some scrapes and managed to get out of them." the only thing to do was to jump in and at least try to save the prince. But there was a splash of water at. I shook it "Bert Mallory." The apartment couldn't have been more different from the one across the. know. They can build anything they need, make a blueprint in DNA, encapsulate it in a spore and bury it. voice said, "I am the North Wind, and I am very much at home." "No kidding!" "Those who lead, lead," he said, simply. "I'll follow you as long as you keep leading." Number. I've kept the stim tracks plateaued for the past three sets. "Coining," I say. "It's coming. There's." It was a very . . . short argument." Her voice began to catch. "And I find the ... conclusion rather . . . inconsistent" Her control was cracking. Tears spilled out of her eyes. Her hand was white on the handle of the tool caddy. "The same way we do," said Lea. "When we are gone, look into the mirror and you will see your. 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. Under her cloak she wore a scarlet cape with flaming rubies that glittered in the lightning. Now she. looking for endorsements?" Barry to leave his job and go with her to live right beside it. Impossible, he declared. He'd worked eight. by ISAAC ASIMOV. Jane Yolen's classic fantasy tales have been appearing in F&SF since 1976. She is the author. There's never before been a stim star the magnitude of Jain Snow. Yet somehow the concert tonight fails. Somewhere the chemistry goes wrong. The faces out there are as always? yet somehow they are not involved. They care, but not enough. clutching a yellow plastic duck. Now you are watching yourself hiding behind the fallen tree on the hill, the doorway and she melted back into the night. "What did you say to him?" asked Jack. day and see how his feet felt come quitting time. The bricklayer said that where he came from the women. ?I'm surprised there's any problem what to do. Your dancing has already won critical acclaim." Novelist and critic Joanna Russ teaches English at the University of Washington. When our starting book reviewer, Algis Budrys, tires, our favorite relief reviewer is Ms. Russ. Here she offers a fascinating article (in response to some critical letters) which tells why critics are such snobs and are so vitriolic, among many other things. The next morning I staggered out of bed at 6 A.M. I took a cold shower, shaved, dressed, and put Murine in my eyes. They still felt Eke Td washed them in rubber cement. Mrs. Bloomfeld had kept me up until two the night before, doing all the night spots in Santa Monica with some dude I hadn't identified yet. When they checked into a motel, I went home and went to bed. She touched the small of her back. "A kind of short circuit. Worse than bending over is twisting sideways. that have no connection with the real world are simply fake, and once readers realize that escape does. Not from you, he wanted to tell her. Instead he looked off into the distance at the perambulations of a suite of chairs in another ring. Only when all the chairs had settled into place did he refocus on the. Now I must get back to Zorphwar. Twenty more successful missions, and I move up to Sector. A faint orange glow outlined the top of a craggy boulder, and they hurried toward it over the crumbly ledge. When they climbed the rock, they saw that the light came from behind another wall of stone further away, and they scrambled toward it, pebbles and bits of ice rolling under their hands. Behind the wall they saw that the light was even stronger above another ridge, and they did their best to climb it without falling who-knows-how-many hundreds of feet to the foot of the mountain. At last they pulled themselves onto the ledge and leaned against the side, panting. Far ahead of them, orange flames flickered brightly and there was light on each face. For all the cold wind their faces were still shiny with the sweat of the effort. He stayed all the day with her and taught her words she had never known. He drew

pictures in the. After he left, none of us said a word for a long time. Then Ike whispered, "It was like I said all along..cave of a lower form of man, and a beautifully original score consisting mostly of rocks struck together.."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." "Elaborate," Barry suggested.."These are what I need," said Amos, putting on the clothes quickly, for he was beginning to get chilly standing in his underwear. Then he climbed over the edge of the boat into the swamp. He was so bright and colorful that nobody saw the figure hi dirty rags run quickly behind them to the far end of the ship and also climb over into the swamp. Had the figure been Amos?it was wearing Amos' rags?the red hair might have attracted some attention, but Jack's hair, for all his colorful costume, was a very ordinary brown..The Funhouse..A lot of the other Union members had stopped in The Fig Leaf, and the place was full. Some of the guys were already buying their booze on the cuff, and everybody had glum looks on their faces. I wasn't particularly surprised when the argument between the bricklayer and the brickmaker resumed where it had left off. This time, nobody broke it up..By the end of the day I still thought it had been a good idea, though my feet ached from following her.some clockwork from an astronomical supply house..?I'm a poet".hand..so poorly on my earlier exams. Assuming I did get a low score last time, which isn't certain since the.?Chris Leithiser.whirligig garden and concerned a new plant that was bearing what might be fruit. They were clusters of.herself, it's much more dramatic. Plunging sunward on the chancy cometary orbit, their pantries stripped.see into the next chamber..neither you nor I need worry about him."".Damon Knight.a suite of chairs in another ring. Only when all the chairs had settled into place did he refocus on the.get a little too close to Jain. "Back off, creeps." "So who's tellin' us?" She had to hold the Python with.that never seemed to be finished. So he and Lang had to learn about the new discoveries at the nightly.looked in mirrors at my own face, and he said that I was vain, and my vanity was bad, and that it would.242.Lorraine Nesbitt, I decided, was as nutty as a fruitcake..twenty-four-year-olds are self-conscious in just that way..sunlight like exotic jungle birds. It's one of those, I thought My suspicions were confirmed when I looked.Barry shook his head. ?Twenty different ideas? Impossible."..general terms..dismal actuality of Intensity Five went beyond anything he could have imagined. A cavernous one-room.sister?" I sputtered..19."That's enough," he said. "I thank you for your concern." "You must return to your ship," they insist, "and obey the will of the Sreen."..couple of elderly old-maid sisters in number twelve. He hadn't been feeling well and had moved out later."That light-hearted body, the Bach Choir, has had what I may befittingly call another shy at the Mass in B minor." (George Ber-.Amos and Jack were happy as they had ever been, and the North Wind roared to the edge of the ledge and they climbed on his back, one on each shoulder. They held themselves tight by his long, thick hair, and the Wind's great wings filled the cave with such a roaring that the' fires, had they not been maintained by magic, would have been blown out. The sound of the great wing feathers clashing against one another was like steel against bronze..blew me a theatrical kiss and disappeared inside..time."..Maybe it's me, but I don't think I'm handling the stim console badly. If I were, the nameless tech.are used only as signaling devices; when you know that somebody wants to talk to you, you focus your.still on the table. His suitcase was on the floor by the couch. It was riveted cowhide of a vintage I hadn't.Jack's head emerged, and a moment later his hand holding the huge fragment of a broken mirror came into sight.."Well try. There he is!"..resisted his hands, pushing back like an inflated balloon..of the King to get high enough above the ground so he can shoot an arrow into Heaven."Yes?" She had a breathless voice. Her eyes quickly traveled the length of my body. That happened often enough to keep me feeling good, but this time it gave me a queasy sensation, like I was being measured for a mummy case. I showed her my ID, and asked if I could speak to her about one of the tenants..first forty thousand meters. It doesn't have the juice to orbit on the jets alone. The wings are folded up.John Varley for "In the Hall of the Martian Kings".hundred patents in the scientific instrument field. He was sixty, a widower. His only daughter and her.?John Bittingsley.slamming into my office to ask about a thousand questions about our schedules and the cost of running.The clerk had the license with his name on it, Barry Riordan, right there in her hand. She inserted it into the slot of a gray machine which responded with an authoritative chunk. She slid the validated license under the grille..and gears. It was slow work and could not be rushed. If the ship were to tumble and lose pressure, they.us Tumac of the Rock People and Luana of the Shell People in the persons of Victor Mature and Carole.I remember the stricture and say, "You know why."..Far Rainbow, and when you go down into the garden, you can hear the water against the wall just like.He was very clever. He always made it look like an accident or suicide when he could. I didn't interfere.."You mean identify the solvent these things use? Probably, if we can get some sort of work space and I can get to my equipment".inquiringly as his eyes flicked down, then up..ones, to provide themselves with an avenue into Heaven. The two interpretations have.Prudently he didn't spring them on her all at once, but waited until she'd finished each one before.Just then, behind the bars, Amos saw the pile of grubby grey blankets move. A corner fell away and.?I hope so."..last light of the moon winked out. Now even the stars were gone, and the blackness about them was."Do you mind my giving you some honest advice, Barry??.When Columbine had finally run the gamut of all her feelings, which included fear, anger, joy, pain, and an abiding and entirely unreasoning sense of dread, she thanked him, gave him her address and phone number, and said to get hi touch in January for his endorsement.McKillian had had enough. "Matt, what the hell are you talking about? Rescue mission? Damn it, you.worry about where their next breath was coming from."..talk to Commander Lang. Have her come up." The voice of Mission Commander Weinstein was.THE COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE: I will be brief. Common people, even uncommon ones, tend to romanticize reality, often to fantastic extremes, and invariably in these days romanticism acquires religious overtones. In the present instance a perfectly practical undertaking has been interpreted, on the one hand, as an attempt on the part of the King to get high enough above the ground so he can shoot an arrow into Heaven and, on the other hand, as an attempt on the part of the local citizens, especially the rich ones, to provide

themselves with an avenue into Heaven. The two interpretations have somehow intermingled and become one. The absurdity of the second is self-evident and unworthy of closer scrutiny. The absurdity of the first is also self-evident, but for the record I'd like to cite a few pertinent facts..Later in the castle hall, Amos and the prince stood bound by the back wall. The grey man chuckled.I got back to my apartment on Beachwood fairly late Sunday night and barely had time to get.in all subjects he wanted to avoid. "What's it like in the Blue Ridge? Coon huntin? and moonshine?".Times. I'd only made it back three weeks when the library closed. The LA. Times is thick, and unless the.He was flushed with health, rosy and clear and shining..Perhaps they expected to see the mirror glittering in the weeds and pebbles at the bottom of the pool; perhaps they expected their own reflections. But they saw neither. Instead, the face of a beautiful girl looked up at them from below the surface..through the same zipper, and all there was was an uncomfortable sound from the trunk, something like:

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