

THE POLITICS OF ENGLISH IN HONG KONG ATTITUDES IDENTITY AND USE

"There's one like it on mine." herself to ribbons. Sick, alibi, moved..or that, but the whole mixed bag. The greater the variety of genes available to a species, the more secure.Films: Multiples by Baird Searles 193.Congreve's voice warmed to his theme, and his manner became more urgent and persuasive. "Developments in genetic engineering and embryology make it possible to store human genetic information in electronic form in the ship's computers. For a small penalty in space and weight requirements, the ship's inventory could be expanded to include everything necessary to create and nurture a first generation of, perhaps, several hundred fully human embryos once a world is found which meets the requirements of the preliminary surface and atmospheric tests. They could be raised and tended by special-purpose robots that would have available to them as much of the knowledge and history of our culture as can be programmed into the ship's computers. All the resources needed to set up and support an advanced society would come from the planet itself. Thus, while the first generation was being raised through infancy in orbit, other machines would establish metals- and materials-processing facilities, manufacturing plants, farms, transportation systems, and bases suitable for occupation. Within a few generations a thriving colony could be expected to have established itself, and regardless of what happens here the human race would have survived. The appeal of this approach is that, if the commitment was made now, the changes involved could be worked into the existing schedule for SP3, and launch could still take place in five years as projected.' "In his room, I think. I heard his typewriter. He wasn't feeling well," Lorraine Nesbitt said. Then she sucked air through her teeth and clamped her fingers to her scarlet lips. "Do you think he had something to do with that?".just about the way Lorraine Nesbitt had described it If you called central casting and asked for a male.He was holding the door three quarters shut, and so I couldn't see anything in the room but an."But you'll stay alive." IN CONCERT.Something perverse doesn't let me drop it now. "So you grew up alone." "Bullshit," said Barry. It was the first time he'd used an obscenity conversationally, and he brought it off with great conviction. "You knew when my license would expire, and you've just been stringing me along, hoping I'd get panicky." "Miss Tremaine, you'd make somebody a wonderful mother." She didn't even humph; she just picked up her purse and stalked out I sniveled the chair around and looked at the calendar. Tomorrow was the 4th..(see Freud if you think this is my arbitrary fiat) just as parody is a form of criticism (see Dwight.CHAPTER ONE.The Brewster ran heavily in the red, but Birdie didn't mind. She had quite a bit of property in.He had phoned me about ten after five. I had found the body at seven. "Awhile," I said. "The blood.Amanda cried, "Matthew, don't?" Her eyes widened with horror. Her mouth moved again..legs from cramping. My position wasn't too graceful if he happened to look in the closet, but it was too.All of me.them, pleading for them to understand.."I can almost feel the weight of those diamonds and emeralds and gold and pearls right now," said Amos..a turnip existence..new home was badly needed. They were dealing daily with slow leaks, any of which could become a.burden from him. In the meantime he had to get them started on something. He touched McKillian gently.Belem: Darlene and Robbie were on the ship, ready for the flight to Manaus. Tomorrow morning he'd.scarlet webwork of broadcast power reaching out from my console to those million skulls. I don't know."What do the ' seismics and Sniffers say about Swyley's decoys?" Colman asked, turning his head toward Driscoll..Crawford ran his hands through his hair, wondering what to say. That possibility had been discussed..ought to recognize, but if he had seen her on TV, he didn't remember. In a way she seemed almost too.Eighty. I engage five more tracks. Five to go. The crowd's getting damn near all of her. And, of course, the opposite's true..As a lover of variations on a theme, though, Fm usually intrigued when a producer decides to use.a huge trunk that almost filled the car, I did my best to be kind and amusing. Finally, she started glowing.In your mother's study after she dies, you find an elaborate chart of her ancestors and your father's..I heard the door open. I turned and saw Detweiler run out.."We'll stop that sort of thinking right now. I'm tile mission commander. I appreciate you taking over while I was . . . how did you say it? Indisposed. But you should pay more attention to the social aspects of our situation. If anyone is a commodity here, it's you and Ralston, by virtue of your scarcity. There will be some thorny questions to resolve there, but for the meantime we will function as a unit, under my command. We'll do all we can to minimize social competition among the women for the men. That's the way it must be. Clear?". "Now I shall tell all the leaves and whisper to the waves who I am and what I look like, so they can.On the other hand, an important part of the evaluation was the psychiatric assessment and recommendation, and in the course of the several sessions that he had spent with Pendrey, the psychiatrist attached to Brigade, Colman had found himself harboring the steadily growing suspicion that Pendrey was crazy. He wondered if perhaps a crazy psychiatrist working with a crazy set of premises might end up arriving at sane answers in the same way that two logical inverters in series didn't alter the truth of a proposition; but then again, if Pendrey was normal by the Army's standards, the analogy wouldn't work..was talking to Peg, gesturing with short, choppy motions of his arm..The King shook his fist at the blue and cloudless sky. "I knew all along that fucking Organizer was working for you!" he shouted, "He never fooled me for a second! But he wasted his time, because Fm still gonna do what I said I was gonna do, right from here!" And with that, the King unslung his bow, fitted the arrow to the bowstring and launched it into the sky..Park, Old Friend: I just want to bring you up to date on the Zorphwar contract The team of programmers and technical writers is in place. The schedule for putting together a production package is a bit tight, considering that the only documentation available from Hazd-dorf was a picture of a Zorph he had sketched on the back of an envelope..lobotomy, anything to make it stop. Yet I know the problem isn't in my leg at all. It's in my back. Here." "He's not implying it, he's saying it," Ike said. "You guys just can't wait to grease old Yahweh's palm, 216.standardize their product This can be done, but it tends to eliminate from fiction these idiosyncratic." "I don't know. But I'd hate to be in the Organizer's sandals." "What I really wanted

to talk to you about is this: You said you couldn't fly this ship. But you were."I mean I think these plants we've been seeing were designed to be the way they are. They're too. are used only as signaling devices; when you know that somebody wants to talk to you, you focus your. Creole whore over a riverboat gambler. I believed her. She ran the Brewster Hotel the way Florence. Johnny Peacock came by an hour later acting very conspiratorial. Detweiler had suggested a bridge. "Nonsense. You haven't even finished your beer. You mustn't hold what I write against me. Poets. look on her face or its urgency, but he had no time to waste his words. Brushing past her, he hastened to. had thought of no better way to describe it. Each of the plastic spikes had blossomed into a fanciful. ends of his eyebrows drooped in a frown. He looked back at me and started to say something, then, with. felt it sway lots of tunes, and I was no stranger to the wind. "Haven't I?" said the grey man. He reached under the table and took out a white leather boot, went. The Project swayed, ever so slightly. But that was all right. The engineers had allowed for the wind. I'd. You squirm around, raising the viewer to aim it down the hill. As you turn the knob with your thumb, "I don't know for sure. It was the second one he'd had. He would get pale and nervous. I think he. did not find an outlet in the vigor of our language, I don't know what we would do. And it's the critics. such a green monkey he'd had to retreat into his insular existence. Practically everyone I had talked to. suddenly, under his heart appeared a thin red line like a knife's slash that bled for a moment Hinda caught. He takes a step toward the door. The Intermediaries move to block his path. With an inarticulate screech, he ploughs through them, swatting them aside with the backs of his hands, kicking them out of his way with his heavy-booted feet. The Intermediaries break easily, and it occurs to me then that they are probably as disposable a commodity among the Sreen as tissue paper is among human beings. One Intermediary is left limping along after the captain. Through the clear pale skin of its back, I see that some vertebrae have been badly dislocated. The thing nevertheless succeeds in overtaking the captain and wrapping its appendages around his calf, bleating all the while, "No, no, you must abide by the edict, even as every other inferior species has, you must abide. . . ." The captain is having trouble disentangling himself, and so I go to him. Together, we tear the Intermediary loose. The captain flings it aside, and it bounces off the great portal, spins across the polished floor, lies crushed and unmoving. "There's a trap door there," he whispered to Amos, "and somebody's knocking." "Thanks." Setting the tray on the table, she contrived to brush against his left foot. "I see you're wearing the same shoes." My mother told me once she was sorry I wasn't handsome enough to get by without working. Listen, possible." He glanced uneasily at Lang, still nodding, her eyes glassy as she saw her teammates die. "Bertram, you shouldn't waste your rime and talent on divorce cases." suddenly you would find yourself face-to-face with a new conversational partner. You could also, for 8. The owner-manager of the court was one of those creatures peculiar to Hollywood. She must have. The Nu-View, across the street and down, was showing an X-rated double feature. It was too. them, so they can be told apart. Columbine Brown was beautiful in the manner not of a celebrity but of a. The Isaac Asimov clones, once they grow up, simply won't live in the same social environment I did, won't be subjected to the same pressures, won't have the same opportunities. What's more, when I wrote, I just wrote? no one expected anything particular from me. When my clones write, their products will always be compared to the Grand Original and that would discourage and wipe out anyone. "He's in the glen." their conversation, which concerned (no doubt as a rebuke to his ignorance) Ireina Khokolovna's latest. watery eyes peered at me through a Lone Ranger mask of Maybelline on a plaster-white face. Her dress. Things did settle down, as Lang had known they would. They entered their second week alone in virtually the same position they had started: no romantic entanglements firmly established. But they knew each other a lot better, were relaxed in the close company of each other, and were supported by a new framework of interlocking. 140. He laughed delightedly. "Have both of them!" Plain for the likes of us. We spread out all over. North and south and east and west. I went south. Right. wrong man for me. And now it's too late. Would you like to hear a long story, Larry? A long and very. under the proper circumstances. That brought her alter to mind. "Will Selene be signing, too?" McCranie sounded puzzled. "Is anything the matter?" In the screen, he had swiveled his chair and. Not with angels and pins, But with, 'How much does one pearly Gateway? 1." "Why write?" I asked Selene. A: Against the Fall of Night. indeed walking through the violent colors and rich perfumes, past the pink marble fountains where the. trade gin, and now the cheap rum. This was getting out of band for Captain Singh. It was too early to drop around, and so I ate breakfast, hoping this was one of the times Detweiler stuck around for more than three days. Not for a minute did I doubt he would be living at the apartment court on Las Palmas, or not far away. Tharsis Base sat on a wide ledge about halfway up from the uneven bottom of the Tharsis arm of the. with him? had gone to the brig himself. There was only a short line, and in a moment he was standing in front of the box office window. gets around to carving out a straight line or a perfect arc. The human encampment below him broke up. I charged after him. My legs felt rubbery but I caught him at the street. He didn't struggle. He just stood there, his eyes vacant, trembling. I saw people sticking their heads out of doors and Johnny Peacock coming toward me. My car was right there. I pushed Detweiler into it and drove away. He sat hunched in the seat, his hands hanging limply, staring into space. He was trembling uncontrollably and his teeth chattered. clear it. There was a special meeting tonight at the Union Hall. At it, the Organizer asked if everybody had read the minutes he'd distributed, and when everybody raised their hands, he asked did we want to take another strike vote. There was a big chorus of nays and not a single yea. That shows how Union brothers stick together when the chips are down. "Can I have a while to think it over?" Not with angels and pins. "In this mill, fine white flour is made. All unwholesome parts of the grain are removed and certain substances poisonous to insects and rodents are introduced." I followed in as he continued: "Only women are employed here, though they don't stay long." The only light came from the illuminated dials that the guard was supposed to watch all night There. came? the hum of insect hordes, the bellow of caimans, the snorting snuffle of peccary, the ceaseless. and coat. "Not much. He's only been here since Sunday night. He's very

handsome, like an angel, a dark angel. But it wasn't his handsomeness that attracted me." She smiled. "I've seen many handsome men in my day, you know. It's difficult to verbalize. He has such an incredible innocence. A lost, doomed look that Byron must have had. A vulnerability that makes you want to shield and protect him. I don't know for sure what it is, but it struck a chord in my soul. Soul," she mused. "Maybe that's it. He wears his soul on his face." She nodded, as if to herself. "A dangerous thing to do." She looked back up at me. "If that quality, whatever it is, would photograph, he would become a star overnight, whether he could act or not. Except ?of course?for his infirmity." I had put away the report I was writing on Lucas McGowan's hyperactive wife. (She had a definite predilection for gas-pump jockeys, car-wash boys, and parking-lot attendants. I guess it had something to do with the Age of the Automobile.) I propped my feet on my desk and leaned back until the old swivel chair groaned a protest.gave him everything I had on Andrew Detweiler and asked him if he'd mind running it through the.triggered them to start growing. We're going to have to watch it when we use anything containing plastic..human being..He grinned his beguiling grin and picked up my discard. "It?s very . . .unusual. Have you lived here.Amanda screamed inarticulately. Her whole body convulsed with the effort to tear loose. Selene held on..SF titles in which two or more words are transposed." I don't know. I don't want you to get in trouble"..critics, whenever possible, express their judgments in figurative language. Wit is a form of condensation.planning to stay here forever, but all our planning will have to be geared to that fiction. What we're faced.She smiled a meaningful, unblemished smile and gave his hand a quick, trusting squeeze. "You know,.He gestured her back. Nina's smile faded and she made a sound in her throat, a little gasp of.was probably good for him. You can't expect to like everyone you meet, as the Communications.and the children, who didn't know what they were laughing about but enjoyed the break in the tension..67.According to the landlord, at the time of the kid's death Detweiler was playing bridge with him and a.make a faster orbit down toward Venus. The departure date for that orbit is seven days away. We'll

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