

## JOURNAL FLEXCOVER FOOTPRINTS

his officers rushed up around him, and managed not to stammer. "Are you well? Is there anything we can. From across the room Billy Belay tried to make a sign for Amos to be quiet, but the grey man turned. He and Lea walked to the mirror and looked at their reflections. ASIMOV'S Asimov the Early. And he had had time to think about the problem of whom to save. He went straight to Lou Prager and finished suiting him up. But it was already too late. He didn't know if it would have made any difference if Mary Lang had tried to save him first. "Oh, of course. Minor poets do nothing else. They positively swarm. I'd rather be major and lonely, married." formless doubts. 194. "They were arrested, for trafficking, right here on this couch, while they were taking money from the. contorted in pain. "You're right," he said. "What we need is a pilot, and that pilot is Commander Weinstein. Which presents problems legally, if nodiing else. He's the captain of a ship and should not leave it. That's what kept him on the Edgar in the first place. But he did have a lot of training on the lander simulator back when he was so sure he'd be picked for the ground team. You know Winey, always the instinct to be the 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 publicity. I understand they're trying to work out a heat-shield parachute system from one of the drop capsules that were supposed to ferry down supplies to us during the stay here. But it's very risky. You don't modify an aerodynamic design lightly, not one that's supposed to hit the atmosphere at ten thousand-plus kilometers. So I think we can rule that out. Now, as the drums sounded in the distance, Nina slept Unmindful of the din, heedless of his presence, her eyes hooded and she lay somnolent in animal repletion. The sailors gathered on the deck of the ship just as the sun began to set, and the grey man put one grey gloved hand on Amos' shoulder and pointed to the mountain with his other. "There, among the windy peaks, is the cave of the North Wind. Even higher, on the highest and windiest peak, is the second fragment of the mirror. It is a long, dangerous, and treacherous climb. Shall I expect you back for breakfast?" and send it to us in the three spare capsules. That might come to two years or even three. I flagged a cab to take us back to the cabletrain station. Amanda said nothing for the entire ride, just. "And well use it. You just speak up, I\*11 be listening." She started to say something, then thought of something else. "Say, what are your ideas on a woman bossing this project? I've had to fight that all the way from my Air Force days. So if you have any objections you might as well tell me up front". togetherness, since his job kept him in Wilmington and hers kept her in New York. Additionally, her. could be eliminated. \* Those of my Gentle Readers who know that under no circumstances wfl I take a plane need not register shock. I traveled to California and back by train. -Yea, they still run. blind in her right eye and wore a black felt patch over it. She claimed she had lost the eye in a fight with a. With its Y chromosome changed to X; Its main attraction, aside from being one of the two cafes open this month, was that while we waited. Here, then, is "Randali's Song," to which I took the liberty of adding a verse myself. They triggered them to be activated only when they encountered certain different conditions. Maybe they knew exactly what it would be; maybe they only provided for a likely range of possibilities. Song thinks they've visited us, back in the Stone Age. In some ways it's easier to believe than the alternative. That way they'd know our genetic structure and what lands of food we'd eat, and could prepare. RUSS's I Changed? When?. haven't come up yet, or we haven't been smart enough to recognize them. And the insulation isn't perfect. in a year. The launch was scheduled for five years from now, but it might get as much as a year boost. It's. problem that would be unknown if we could just release a toe and have it grow into another individual. restaurants, two movie theaters, and a children's playground. game that night, but Johnny didn't play bridge, and so they settled on Scrabble. There had been a brief lifting of spirits among Song, Ralston, and McKillian at the thought of a. The clerk tapped the shut-up button pinned on the neckband of her T-shirt. STURGEON'S Well Sturgeon Is Alive and. much to each other. Isn't that so? Even before Debra got religious, we weren't in the habit of talking to. He stood up and went in the bathroom. The light came on and I heard water running. The thing sat in. "Well, as you don't appear to be either a mugger or a rapist, there had to be some reason you followed a dotty old woman home from her latest nervous breakdown. Let's make a deal, shall we?". Overthrow the United States Government by Force & Violence. "Aw, Aunt Ellie!". a second phenomenal ram-fall again cause the Twin Rivers to overflow their banks to. came, Nolan knew. Sure enough they found themselves on the edge of a round, silvery pool. Across from them, large frogs croaked at them, and one or two bubbles broke the surface. Together Amos and Jack looked into the water. cracked ribs, a busted nose, a few missing teeth, and was stone-dead from internal hemorrhaging. After that, Swyley had been declared "maladjusted" and transferred to D Company, which was where all the misfits and malcontents ended up. Now his powers returned magically only when no officers were anywhere near him except for Captain Sirocco, who ran D Company and didn't care how Swyley got his answers as long as they came out right. And Sirocco didn't care if Swyley was a misfit, since everyone else in D Company was supposed to be anyway. "I don't know quite what to do with it," Song admitted. "If it's the only one, I don't dare dissect it, and maybe I shouldn't even touch it". regular. I wonder if she is asleep. We only go out in the hottest part of the day, and your hands and feet tend to get cold. But we manage. "Ob, I'm afraid it's not much good. I can usually do better. I guess I don't trust you enough. Though you're quite likable; that's another matter". fourteen. The process of intimidation by which young people are made to feel humanly worthless if they. "Jack, is Peg in there?". Your clone is not you. Your clone is your twin brother (or sister) and is no more you than your ordinary identical twin would be. Your clone does not have your consciousness, and if you die, you are dead. You do not live on in your clone. Once that is understood, I suspect that much of the interest in clones will disappear. "Sure, when I was really young." I repeat by long-remembered rote: "Rock breaks scissors, scissors cut paper, paper covers rock.". limb from limb and strew them in gobbets about the stage or platform. ... In the same way really fine. He was

genuinely surprised. "You didn't take that crack seriously, did you? I might as well admit it. It.Nina by Robert Block.distant glitter on the talus slope..as a luxury, and about as useful as the nipples on a man's chest. But I was wrong. All the NASA people were wrong. The Astronaut Corps fought like crazy to keep you off this trip. Time enough for that on later flights. We were blinded by our loyalty to the test-pilot philosophy of space flight. We wanted as few scientists as possible and as many astronauts as we could manage. We don't like to think of ourselves as ferry-boat pilots. I think we demonstrated during Apollo that we could handle science jobs as well as anyone. We saw you as a kind of insult, a slap in the face by the scientists in Houston to show us how low our stock has fallen.".Amanda was still very quiet when I took the lease in to her. I offered her myself and my runabout to move her luggage from the cabletrain station. She accepted, and while we collected the luggage, including a huge trunk that almost filled the car, I did my best to be kind and amusing. Finally, she started glowing again. I left her with the key, my telephone number, and a warning that, since the cabins on either side of her for some distance were empty, she should keep her doors locked. I also promised to call her the next day to see if she needed anything.. "Smart thinking," said Venerate. "Now how do I get this game started?".stood, fidgety. "There's really not anything I can tell you. Why don't you ask David and Murray. They.implanted into me womb of her own mother (who, we wffl assume, is still capable of bearing a child), the new organism will be bom into different circumstances and that would have an effect on its personality, too..When Amos woke up, he was lying on the floor of the ship's brig inside the cell, and Jack, in his underwear?for the sailors had jumped on him when he came back in the morning and given the jailor back his clothes?was trying to wake him up..Maybe it's me, but I don't think I'm handling the stim console badly. If I were, the nameless tech would be on my ass over the com circuit.We didn't mention him.".black buck thought an old fat lady with one eye would be easy pickings. The cops found him three days.never see baby pigeons? All the pigeons you see out on the street are the same size-full-grown. But.At long last the Mediator has got both sides to agree to another meeting. It's to take place tomorrow.female line, then the male ... a teacher of biology in Boston, a suffragette, a corn merchant, a singer, a.people are not always fully conscious of them.].For instance, suppose you wanted one hundred Isaac Asimovs so that the supply of F&SF essays would never run out. You would then have to ask what it was that made me the kind of writer I amor a writer at all. Was it only my genes?.feel about any beautiful thing with one overwhelming flaw.. "Thank you very much," said Amos and walked on till he came to another sailor whose feet were awash in soap suds. The sailor was pushing a mop back and forth so hard that Amos decided he was trying to scrub the last bit of color off the grey boards. "Good evening to you too," said Amos. "I'm exploring the ship and I have very little tune since I'm to be up at four o'clock in the morning. I was told to avoid the brig. So could you point it out to me? I don't want to wander into it by accident.".weaker, the scream became a breathless rasping. I couldn't stand it any longer. I picked up a chair and.lack. I've always wanted to go places, and you can't with a baby. But I never planned to become a.Her expression mercurially alters to sadness. "You're scissors, Robbie. All shiny cold metal. How.screen, I was just sitting down to send you an explanation of the apparent schedule slip and computer overruns in the Headquarters reports. What you see are computer-generated summaries of our progress, mere pieces of paper that do not represent the full situation. For example, nowhere in those reports is the well-being of our programmers evaluated. Now I can say without equivocation that our morale down here has never been higher. Absence due to personal illness has dropped twenty-seven percent over the last two months. There have been no "Bitch to die Top" submissions from my department in the last four months..the Sreen, of course. The Sreen have been very arbitrary and high-handed from the start, snatching our."Yes. What do I tell Amanda when she asks how I always know when something is broken? You.scraped the floor, and the tips of his wings sent boulders crashing from either side as he leapt into the.produces seasons that are about twelve thousand years long. We're in the middle of winter, though we.A few of the outlets which received the cartons opened them the same day, tried the devices out, and put them on sale at prices rang-.see him from the front, you can't even tell.".I've tried. But the girl comes from the mountains; she doesn't.somehow be changed to an X chromosome, a male will ipso facto be changed into a female.. "We've recalculated everything based on the lower mass without the twenty of you and the six tons of.The prince dove and Amos dove after him.. "You're prejudiced" Nolan grinned, but he was flattered. And when the tiny pink starshell of a hand reached forth.to meet his fingers, he tingled at the touch..the genetic characteristics that make the record-breaking aspects of the animal possible would be.took out a white leather boot, went to the trunk, lifted the lid, and tossed it in.. "That's perfectly natural. I hated compulsory talk myself, though I must admit I was good at it. What about your job, Barry? Doesn't that give you opportunities to develop communication skills?".the job; and a podiatric clinic, financed and maintained by the Company, where brickmakers can receive immediate treatment for chilblains, arthritis and fallen arches..Sum Dryer.242.out. Then they leaned the mirror against a tree and rested for a while. "It's well I wore these rags of."If you don't mind, I prefer some formality. As my father says, this modern rush to intimacy promotes."Tell her she fell asleep. By the way, thanks for saying nothing about me.".I bit my tongue but it was too late. She shrieked like a stricken animal and came at me swinging. There was a poker in her hand..Later in the castle hall, Amos and the prince stood bound by the back wall. The grey man chuckled.Nolan nodded, flexing his cramped limbs. He stepped out onto the dock, then hurried up the path.Together they started through the marsh and muck. "You know," said Amos, stopping once to look at a grey spider web that spread.marks a leader. She took a deep breath and came fully awake for the first time that day..bodge from its original offer of a flat five-percent raise and that he, as our representative, had informed them they could shove it and that despite the Mediator's pleas both sides had walked out.the small and large screens for F&SF for many years. If you've ever been confused by the many different.Jack's head emerged, and a moment later his hand holding the huge fragment of a broken mirror came into sight..showtime, and partly because I didn't feel like being in the

star's bed when she woke up..blank anomie. "What's up?" possibilities if what Mary says is true."

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