

NANALEE

must continually extend one's sensitivity, knowledge, and critical care to works that only abuse such. "You have answered all three questions wrong," said Lea, sadly. Then somebody grabbed the grey. you can lick! I'll tell you what, Barry: officially, I shouldn't tell you this myself, but I'm giving you a score. book in my direction; I recognize the cover..The Mm Who Bad No Idea. qualities other readers find valuable, art being of an order of complexity nearer to that of human beings. I smiled. "Hello, I'm Bert Mallory. I just moved in to number five. Miss Nesbitt tells me you like to. have to see it himself. By the time he'd finally agreed to go there on his next vacation, they had been." Or too much," Song giggled..Yon are watching an old movie, Bob and Ted and Carol and Alice. The humor seems infantile and unimaginative to you; you are not interested in the actresses' occasional seminudity. What strikes you as hilarious is the coyness, the sidelong glances, smiles, grimaces hinting at things that will never be shown on the screen. You realize that these people have never seen anyone but then* most intimate friends without clothing, have never seen any adult shit or piss, and would be embarrassed or disgusted if they did. Why did children say "pee-pee" and "poo-poo," and then giggle? Yon have read scholarly books about taboos on "bodily functions," but why was shitting worse than sneezing?.244. McKillian didn't seem to know what she wanted. "No. I... but, yes. Yes, I guess I do." She looked at them, pleading for them to understand.. "PolySensitives," she said. "I haven't seen any of these since I was a little girl." She sat down in the chair, watching the color change spread over the entire surface and the contours alter to a deeper, softer look. "How fun." conscious of her secret stare, a coldness falling upon him like an unglimped shadow, and he'd known. "Basically. In the beginning ... it was to tell her . . . about me, then . . . to let her know . . . who I met." "No reason to stay. When I was eight, my parents were killed in a fire. Our house burned down. I was taken in by a balmy old woman who lived not far away. I had some kin, but they didn't want me." He looked at me, trusting me. "They're pretty superstitious back in there, you know. Thought I was . . . marked. Anyway, the old woman took me in. She was a midwife, but she fancied herself a witch or something. Always making me drink some mess she'd brewed up. She fed me, clothed me, educated me, after a fashion, tried to teach me all her conjures, but I never could take 'em seriously." He grinned sheepishly. "I did chores for her and eventually became a sort of assistant, I guess. I helped her birth babies . . . I mean, deliver babies a couple of times, but that didn't last long. The parents were afraid me bein' around might mark the baby. She taught me to read and I couldn't stop. She had a lot of books she'd dredged up somewhere, most of 'em published before the First World War. I read a complete set of encyclopedias? published in 1911." 4 Damon Knight. Something in Barry's manner finally conveyed the nature of his distress. The light dawned: "You have got your license, haven't you?" 'em never been more than thirty miles from the place they were born, never saw an electric light? You. trying not to play favorites, and gently tried to prod them back to work. As she told McKillian toward. "How long had Maurice and Detweiler known each other? ** . charger. The Lunamere's main attraction in winter was that it froze over, making sixteen kilometers of ice. a box number at the Hollywood post office. The title of the story was "Deathsong." I wished I'd had time. unicorn let them have gladly, for there was no doubt that they could have answered Lea's questions.. "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.. my console keys and shouting his best Navy profanity at the Zorphs who had just zapped him for. From Competition 15: It didn't surprise them too much. The Burroughs had given then: just about everything it could hi the form of data and supplies. There was one more capsule load due; after that, its presence would onl> be a frustration to both groups. There was a great deal of irony hi having two such powerful ships so close to each other and being so helpless to do anything concrete. It was telling on the crew of the Burroughs.. because the promise held out by heroic fantasy? the promise of escape into a wonderful Other. "In a cage! Like a freak! I don't want to be a freak anymore. It's over. I want it to be over. Please." AH rights reserved. No part of this book may be reproduced in any form or by any means, except for the inclusion of brief quotations in a review, without permission in writing from the publisher.. running.. "It's a big gate tonight Can you do it?" .for our order.. we could walk around the cafe looking at the paintings and sculpture on exhibition by local. Nolan had shrugged, too, and dismissed her from his mind. But that night as he lay on his bed,. advance. After all, he'd only been there three days. So sad about his back. Such a nice, gentle boy? a. responding. This time she was through the door almost before the reverberations had died down, leaving. Lee KU tough. 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'~ 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.' . marked. Anyway, the old woman took me in. She was a midwife, but she fancied herself a witch or. I See You by Damon Knight 1. "And the water vapor collected on the

underside of the dome when it hit the cold air. Right, Do you.tone. (His snub had evidently registered.).curriculum decades before and refuse to be dislodged, like ?To a Waterfowl." For some reason students.equipment different from the other. What results are "fraternal twins" who need not be of the same sex."What could he want with a woman worthy of a prince?" asked Amos..would be yours."..some of our celebrity citizens: actress Lillith Manners, novelist.Rice Burroughs. In her hand was one of the pump modules she had dissected out of one of the plants. It.like the wings of a hawk; his lips were set like bitumen. He was wearing a maroon turtleneck with a big N.our eyes it had become a thunderbolt?a thunderbolt cast heavenward by a madman in a magnificent, if."Tell me the truth."..n.why, for instance, it would do you no good to report us to the Communications Control Office. Others.Sitting on the floor huddled in a blanket was Martin Ralston, the chemist His shirt was bloody, and.father. I requested a window table at the Beta Cygnus, where we could get some coffee and rest while.read every third word, or quit in the middle. We can't We must read carefully, with our sensitivities at full."Oh, I'm afraid it's not much good. I can usually do better. I guess I don't trust you enough. Though.By the time I filled Lucas McGowan in on all the details (I got the impression he was less concerned.rising off the dawn-pink Heliomere when I saw Amanda running up the beach toward me, her hair flying.red eye at them, a golden hornet buzzed above their heads, and a snake that was grey on top rolled out.On his other forearm there was a crudely executed rose with his name underneath: Marvin Kolodny, Ph.D..general criteria are satisfied, we take on whatever seems to be pleasing our writers at the time. That's the.Take it.11.She took a deep breath and plunged in, only to collide with Ralston as he came out, dragging Song..Q: What happens when there's No Blade of Grass?.but never touched him, I wondered if the hump on his back made that much difference, if it made him.The Detweiler Boy by Tom Reamy 17.Afterward, Ike and I stopped in The Fig Leaf for a couple of beers. Ike seemed worried. "Do you think he really has our best interests at heart, Jake?" he asked.."Pipe down in there," said the jailor. "I'm trying to sleep." And he spread out his piece of grey canvas sail and lay down..I bit my tongue but it was too late. She shrieked like a stricken animal and came at me swinging..Four black bearers had appeared, bearing a long black palanquin. They proceeded to set it down directly before the gate. I knew from its length that here was no ordinary wealthy merchant, but I was unprepared for the personage who presently stepped out and stood gazing at the Project with black blazing eyes. Those eyes burned right through Ike and Eli and Dan and me, as though we weren't even there, then swept upward, absorbing the entire Project with a single glance. It dawned on me finally, as I took in the small gold crown nestled in the black ringleted hair, the flared eyebrows, the fierce nostrils and the defiant jaw, that I was looking at the King.."Since a pump is not an organic system, I presume the expression is an expletive," Horace observed chattily..own bunks. It was several tense, miserable hours before anyone got to sleep..clamped down on the bench all the time until now. "Christ almighty, how dumb can one man get?" he.THE COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE: I cannot, of course, speak for the King. But I.together. So he put the last piece on top of the trunk, swallowed several aspirins, and lay down..The stories in this book cover the period from our November 1976 issue through the middle of.dangling down..sex but prevents conversation and understanding."..Easily," said Amos. "I have red hair, I have freckles, I am five feet, seven inches tall, and I have brown eyes. All you need do is go to Hidalgo who owns the Mariner's Tavern and ask her who has red hair, is so tall, with such eyes, and she will tell you, 'It is her own darling Amos.' And Hidalgo's word should be proof enough for anybody. Now what do you look like?"..months..somehow be changed to an X chromosome, a male will ipso facto be changed into a female..There is no reason to suppose that this separation of offspring cells.Barry was just getting used to the idea of going on to six-digit figures when a woman in a green sofa.Q: How did little June Dailene Fromm pronounce her name when she had the mumps?.But what did he think?.Robert Block.funny when it reappeared as Heaven Can Wait, though Warren Beatty did a nice job as the dumb athletic.deeper than that. Will you still try?".Back in five minutes."..notice:."It was an intolerable situation for her. She went catatonic to escape."..to be something wrong with the Megalo telephone system and the message network is all fouled up..thinks they've visited us, back in the Stone Age. In some ways it's easier to believe than the alternative.."I said," he said, with woozy precision, "my name is Ed."..some of the pipes. McKillian was kept busy refilling glasses for the visitors who wanted to sample the.I sat and watched Detweiler. The trembling had stopped. He was asleep or unconscious. I reached.I hope so. We've only been out a week, but it seems twice that long, with nothing to do but hang around."Selene!".And that's why I sold her, To Lucius McGonaghal Sloe.."Senator Moran told me I could live here in privacy. Is that true?" Amanda asked.."It must be in the center of this chunk of ice," said Jack. As they stared at the shiny, frozen hunk, something moved inside it, and they saw it was the form of a lovely girl. It was Lea, who had appeared to them in the pool..course, the opposite's true..He didn't want to think about it now; he didn't want to think of anything. Not Nina, not Darlene, not even Robbie. Darlene would be all right, Robbie was fine, and Nina was gone. That left him, alone here with the drums. Damned pounding. Had to stop, had to stop so he could sleep-It was the silence that awakened him. He sat up with a start, realizing he must have slept for hours, because the shadows outside the window were dappled with the grayish pink of dawn..He had been loitering, alone and melancholy, for the better part of an hour, eavesdropping to his right.Available from all Alpertron.Crawford waited until she had run through a long list of reasons why they were doomed. Most of them made a great deal of sense. When she was through, he spoke softly..The left hand dodged. "You don't seem to understand, Mandy?I can't. We're joined indissolubly, till death us do part," Selene said..bottom percentiles.."Now before you play," I said, "you must understand that we did not wish it known we were working.literature or the standards of criticism outside our own small field. Add to this the defensiveness so many.novel, Titan. This story was another Nebula award nominee..It probably meant that there was no easy way of getting out of D Company again let alone out of the regular service, Colman reflected as he watched in the darkness and waited for Swyley to deliver his verdict. And that made it unlikely that Colman would

get the transfer into Engineering that he had requested.. "Counting Chromosomes," F&SF, June 1968.] think I pity rather than dislike her. Don't I let myself get sucked into looking after her like everyone else?. Toward metaphysical questions one day.. "Alas," said Amos, "he was blown away in the wind." He climbed up the ladder and handed the grey. There was a long hesitation. "I guess that's correct. Mary, IT1 be frank. I don't think it's possible. I hope I'm wrong, but I don't expect ..."

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