

## **A HANDBOOK OF ROCKS FOR USE WITHOUT THE MICROSCOPE**

It had been nearly two hours since Harry called me. "Bertram, my boy, I've run across something. call her tonight". George Bernard Shaw said all this almost a century ago; interested readers may look up his preface to. "Unfortunately, I have used up my quota. However"?she held up a single perfect finger?"it's almost. The Detweiler Boy. waiting for her at Intensity Five. She never showed. By mid-February, he'd begun to be alarmed. Early. them. On each of six envelopes he typed his office address, then covered it with one of the labels. He. a hero, but he wants to live to enjoy it, too. ".LeeKWough. other than sexual reproduction. Put it another way: It is an organism that is the product of asexual. agreed with him.. "Doesn't matter," I say.. "You have done very well," said the grey man pointing to the wall where he had hung the first two pieces of the mirror together. Now they could make out what the shape of the third would be. "And if you get the last one, you will have done very well indeed..". "Cast off for the greyest and gloomiest island on the map," cried the grey man.. "I am tired," he answered. "My head aches where yesterday he struck me. My heart aches still with. "I don't have the faintest idea." He looked her straight in the eye as he said this. She almost didn't.?Cambridge University Science Fiction Society. I couldn't find a morning paper at that hour closer than Western and Wilshire. The story was on page. She simpered. "Oh, Johnny! Come on in. This detective was asking about Andrew Detweiler in number seven." She turned back to me. "This is my protege, Johnny Peacock? a very talented young man. I'm arranging for a screen test as soon as Mr. Goldwyn returns. For a moment, Amos was just a little afraid.. "The other end of the rainbow?" asked Hidalgo.. Amanda said, "I think this will be fine. Where do I sign the lease?". the science fiction and fantasy genres; it's surprising how few people know there are two (or more). in then- bedding. But as she stood by the window brushing out her long dark hair, an unfamiliar sound. "You're right," she said. "Your opinion doesn't mean anything." She slapped his knee delightedly. I brought the subject back to business. "If you come to May and aren't ready to leave, I'll find you another cabin..". John Varley for "In the Hall of the Martian Kings". enjoyed them so much I'd bought my own wetsuit But I didn't enjoy it nearly as much as I did Saturday. "Tin sorry about tonight". not imagine anyone else writing it. by STEVEN UTLEY. ?I'm not lying. I was arguing that Selene shouldn't use any of your time.. ". I'm not disturbing you, am I? I heard the typewriter." The room was indeed identical to mine, though it looked a hundred per cent more livable. I couldn't put my finger on what he had done to it to make it that way. Maybe it was just the senudarkness. He had the curtains tightly closed and one lamp lit beside the typewriter.. The DetwtUer Boy 47. home too.. ". Ph.D.. father, friends, or employer.. tacked it to the door with his knife. The hooves did not quite touch the ground.. months, Fve never seen her get op before noon on a concert day. That kind of sleep-in routine would kill me. I was out of bed by eight this morning, partly because Fve got to get this console modified by showtime, and partly because I didn't feel like being in the star's bed when she woke up.. All but one, that is. For as Nolan moved forward, another shadow glided out from the deeper. know as well as I that if they find us here, we'll be long dead. We'll probably be dead hi another year.. ". come to grips with the fact of fifteen dead men and women beneath the dome outside.. cook it, but we have nothing to bum and couldn't risk it with the high oxygen count, anyway.. ". to keep up. "But we might see it a lot more clearly from the top of this mountain," But as he said it, the. Johnny Peacock came by an hour later acting very conspiratorial. Detweiler had suggested a bridge. so they said. As the weeks went by and anxiety mounted, he began to be of the cynical but widely held. assume there is a reservoir of something like crude oil down there, maybe frozen in with the water.. ". A Bit Unclear, H, BEAM PIPER. been no "Bitch to the Top" submissions from my department in the last four months.. that in one hour he had laid open the chunk, and there, sticking out, was the broken fragment of mirror.. Somehow she knows what I am thinking. "Whose turn is it?" she says. The antenna.. She bit her lip. "I don't think the Detweiler boy killed him.. ". Thus, the Company, in carrying out the wishes of the King, represents the King and the community; is, in. time.. We cut and I dealt "How long have you been in Hollywood?". "Sure. You have about two months. After that, the chemicals aren't safe.. ". that. What do you say? Are you all with me?". The clue was in the orrery, of course.. ". We might even dream of finding a frozen mammoth with some cell nuclei not entirely dead. We might then clone one by way of an elephant's womb. If we could find a male and a female mammoth?. shape hanging by the cottage door. It was a deerskin, a fine buck's hide, hung by the antlers and the legs. Subject: Schedule Compliance in Programming Services Bill, Old Buddy, I think you have problems.. ". It must be in the center of this chunk of ice," said Jack. As they stared at the shiny, frozen hunk.. ?As Atropos raises the terrible, cold-shining blades of the Norn-shears and with only the barest. his hands on. I got the impression he hadn't really lived Me so much as he'd read it, that all the things he. and now, now you are on the big road, flying eastward, passing all the cars, rushing toward the great. Detweiler wasn't feeling well at all. He was pale and drawn and fidgety. His eyelids were heavy and his speech was faintly blurred. I'm sure he was in pain, but he tried to act as if nothing were wrong.. Johnny took the news of his impending stardom with total unconcern. He moved to the couch and sat down, yawning. "Detweiler? Don't think I ever laid eyes on the man. What'd he do?". "You feel you can trust me?" She lowered her eyes and tried to look wicked and temptress-like, but it was not in the nature of her kind of beauty to do so.. The image that so held his attention was transmitted from an eighteen-inch-long, infantry reconnaissance that they had managed to slip in a thousand feet above the floor of the gorge and almost over the enemy's forward positions and was supplemented by additional data collected from satellite and other ELINT network sources. The display showed the target command bunker at the bottom of the gorge, known enemy weapons emplacements as computed from backplots of radar-tracked shell trajectories, and the locations of observation and fire command posts from source analysis triangulations of stray reflections from control lasers. On it the cool water of the stream and its tributaries stood out as black lines forking like twigs; the rock crags and boulders were shades of

blue; living vegetation varied from rust brown on the hills to deep red where it crowded together along the lower slopes of the gorge; and shell and bomb scars glowed from dull orange to yellow depending on how recently the explosions had occurred..A faint orange glow outlined the top of a craggy boulder, and they hurried toward it over the crumbly.56.Prismatica."Well," said Amos, "like this. You say you are really the North Wind. How can you prove it?".of encyclopedias?published in 1911."Evidently no one could. But likewise, Crawford could see no reason why it should have happened.My curiosity reared up again. The gossip columnists speculated a great deal about how Amanda and.Plato have been pointing out, aesthetic and moral matters are usually not susceptible of such "hard" proof..Communications Agency:..Thus, the facts alone make it clear that the King has no such intent His real purpose in building the Project is to provide a haven. A haven to which the people can flee should a second phenomenal ram-fall again cause the Twin Rivers to overflow their banks to such an extent that the entire Plain becomes inundated. Living on that Plain, the members of Local 209 stand to benefit from the Project as much as the rest of the people. For them to have, in effect, sabotaged such a noble undertaking is, frankly, beyond my comprehension, unless their motive for doing so can be partially attributed to their unwitting acceptance of the popular interpretation of the Project's purpose.."The pain," she explained calmly to the ice cream section of the freezer, "only comes on when I do this"..oscillating from bell to fade-out"..we've not seen the end of all the copies, blatant and otherwise, of Star Wars..Twin Rivers gleamed like gold in the morning sun..Nolan flinched, then halted as the shadow-shape glided forth from the darkened corner beside the open window.."You take us in to talk to the Sreen," the captain tells them, "you take us in right now, do you hear me?" His voice is like a sword coming out of its scabbard, an angry, menacing, deadly metal-on-metal rasp. "You take us to these God-damned Sreen of yours and let us talk to them.".Crawford looked at it briefly, then squatted down beside the rest, wondering what all the fuss was about Everyone looked very solemn, almost scared.."Pretend then. And don't make it anything flip like that last one. Make it sad and delicate and use.the device downward, while the image of the ship tilts correspondingly away from him. Because of the.separate organism with its genetic characteristics fixed and unique..Jane Yolen's classic fantasy tales have been appearing in F&SF since 1976. She is the author."It was a beacon. We figured that out when we saw they grew only hi the graveyard. But what was it telling us? We felt it meant that we were expected. Song felt that from the start, and we all came to agree with her. But we didn't realize just how much they had prepared for us until Marty started analyzing the fruits and nutrients here..have coped, this time, with the old fuddy-duddy he'd had last August, but a Ph.D.? It seemed as though."I have an idea on that," McKillian said. 'I've had it in mind to do some studies around the dome to.I fell head over heels just four evenings ago With a girl that I'm sure you all know,.In Defense of Criticism.couldn't be sure in the dark..m.Hinda could see two slashes in the hide, one on each side, under the heart. The slash on the left was an old wound, crusted but clean. The slash on the right was new, and from it blood still dripped..closed down on the bungalow to imprison him behind a wall of jungle darkness. And at night the noises.signs of forced entry?but then, my BankAmericard hadn't left any signs either. The window was open,.sweet voice:..The editor hereby makes grateful acknowledgment to the following authors and authors? representatives for giving.stranger who slaked herself upon him, slaked his own urgency again and again as her hissing breath.I stare across the stage and she's looking back at me. Her eyes flash emerald in the wave from Hollis'.that with the Project so dose to completion and the King on their backs morning, noon and night, the."It's marvelous," Amanda said. "And people actually live in them?".was no one sitting in front of them. Crawford assumed the guard had gone to sleep. He would have been.Maurice Milian was still listed as 407. I took the elevator to four and rang the bell of 409. The bell."I am very anxious to see you at the happiest moment of your life," said Amos. "But you still haven't.inflated and insulated",.when she saw him blush. "I think it's yours, by the way. And I think m go ahead and have it"..Phoebe Ellis.leave town. Factories were fire-bombed, but others took their place..Quick as a light switch he could feel his throat go dry and his face tighten into a smile of rigid insincerity. He blushed, he trembled, be fainted dead away, but only metaphorically.."No," she screamed. "Selene, let go of my hand!".I had it clamped down, and the drill-did I turn it on, or not? I can't remember. I was after a core.I gave her a suspicious frown, got up, and walked over to the bathroom door. I turned around, crossed my arms, and leaned against the doorframe. "Well?".motorcade. A third and fourth shot, the last blowing off the side of the President's head. Smith freezes the.190.It was not unexpected; Lang had been waiting for it to happen since the night the Burroughs left. But she had not worried about it Now she must decide what to do..The only light came from the illuminated dials that the guard was supposed to watch all night There was no one sitting in front of them. Crawford assumed the guard had gone to sleep. He would have been upset, but there was no time. He had to suit up, and he welcomed the chance to sneak out He began to furtively don his pressure suit.."This is what would kill us, Crawford. What's your first name? Matt. Matt, this baby is a flyer for the.arrowheads. You know more about it than I do, Matt"..Singh stood up. He was moved, but did not trust himself to show ft adequately. So he sounded rather abrupt, though polite..goldstone than the feral warmth of topaz. Too, despite her slow walk beside me, she radiated energy so.My chair scraped back as I stood up. "Who are you?".There was a tiny new star, brighter than all the rest, brighter than Phobos. It hurt to took at it but."You want a cigarette?".The commission agents who had handled the orders for the first Ozo were found out and had to.19.He smiled at her. "No, thanks. But what you said is right I have no hankering to take charge of.In a voice of such preternatural calm it terrified me, Amanda said, "Who were you talking to?". "Well, there's no doubt that you have a definite communications problem. But I think it's a problem you can lick! Til tell you what, Barry: officially, I shouldn't tell you this myself, but I'm giving you a score of 65." He held up his hand to forestall an effusion. "Now, let me explain how that breaks down. You do very well in most categories?Affect, Awareness of Others, Relevance, Voice Production, et cetera, but where you do fall down is in Notional Content and Originality. There you could do better.".THE ORGANIZER:

Very well. But keep in mind that the typical member of Local 209 is. Destination: W. S. Halson. Mary Lang let it work itself out, only interfering when it got violent. She herself was not immune to the frenzy but managed to stay aloof from most of it. She went to the shelter with whoever asked her, trying not to play favorites, and gently tried to prod them back to work. As she told McKillian toward the first of the week, "At least we're getting to know one another.". She pulled the shawl tighter around her. "When I got up this morning, that chair you're sitting in was bright blue. It's always brown or yellow for you. Selene has to have been sitting in it.". "What are you doing here?" whispered Amos.. The man rose then, and Hinda marveled at the height of him, for he was as tall as the cottage door and his hands were grained like wood.. "Any man who can walk out of a tavern one night with nothing and come back in a week with that?". have destroyed me. However, when you made your attack, I was safely docked at a base star and thus. didn't flicker. "You're kidding." Her eyebrows rose a millimeter. "Was she a slinky blonde??. I picked up Janice at her apartment in Westwood early Saturday morning. She was waiting for me. 8-C.. A: Simak, Sohl, Spinrad and Sturgeon. "He must have been talking about the Detweiler boy," she said, frowning. "Harry's been kinda. on the 16th, healthy the 17th, and sick again the 19th.. "Third," said Lea, "what are they going to do to you?" "There is nobody there and they are going to do nothing," said the grey man.. Something came around the end of the couch. It wasn't a cat. I thought it was a monkey, and then a frog, but it was neither. It was human. It waddled on all fours like an enormous toad.

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