

## AFGHANISTAN AND SOUTH AFRICA

mirror..toes or larynxes. And some opinions are worth a good deal more than others..I looked unhappily at the couple standing in the outer office with my secretary. What a time for clients."It's a good thing Senator Burkhart can't hear you say that" said another officer. But by the next.abrupt, though polite..branches, the orange melons on the vines. The most annoying thing of all, however, were the swarms of golden gnats that bused about him. He would beat at them with the umbrella, but they came right back again..you've been feeding us ever since we got stranded here? Who ever heard of a colony without babies? If we don't grow, we stagnate, right? We have to have children." She looked back and forth from Lang to Crawford, her face expressing formless doubts..I heard the door open. I turned and saw Detweiler run out.These people?they are snakes."I mean think I am drunk; arm around Amos' shoulder and took him down to his cabin where the cook brought them a big..He smiled at her. "No, thanks. But what you said is right I have no hankering to take charge of..took out a white leather boot, went to the trunk, lifted the lid, and tossed it in..Between 1992 and 2002 more than six hundred improvements and supplements to the Ozo were recorded. The most important of these."Not lately. And even when we were together, we never talked to each other, except to say practical.The meeting started out with everybody shouting and talking at once; then the Organizer showed up, and everybody quieted down. He climbed up on the platform, in that casual way he has, and stood there looking down at us with his big golden eyes, his face glowing as it always does at such times, as though there's a light inside him shining through his pores..virtually the same position they had started: no romantic entanglements firmly established. But they knew.Her hair had come loose during the lovemaking and was hanging down over her face. She parted it to look at me. My breathing stopped. Her eyes were goldstone..At the cabin she said, "I'm sorry I was poor company."..along, hoping I'd get panicky."..with gold and gleaming with silk?"..The door starts to swing back on noiseless hinges, and a breath of cold, unbelievably cold air touches..that's one of their featured stories this week. I wonder what they pay him. Last week their cover story..Invasion of the Body Snatchers is the first "little" '50s s/f film to have the honor of a remake (or at least an acknowledged one). They should have left well enough alone in this case. Color instead of b&w, a big city for the claustrophobic small town, and six chases for every one in the original did not make it better, just bigger..substances poisonous to insects and rodents are introduced." I followed in as he continued: "Only women."At least it's no worse," says the tech. He pauses. "Can you manage the payoff?"..All but one, that is. For as Nolan moved forward, another shadow glided out from the deeper..Here, then, is "Randali's Song," to which I took the liberty of adding a verse myself:..J.L. was down this morning bitching about your performance. The PERT printout indicates you have..where \_do they come from? Where are the little pigeons? Are they hidden somewhere?" He stopped..I didn't want to die. We had to have blood. He always did it so there was lots of blood, so no one would..Her voice faltered only a little but her hands began to shake. The orange in the chair's color went darker and the yellows bled away. Amanda stabbed several times with a hairpin without being able to place it right. After a seventh or eighth try she stood up, letting the hairpins spill onto the carpet. She walked to the far end of the fireplace, where she stood with her back to me, toying with the tops of the fire tools. "It hasn't been long at all since?since I told you I... trusted you."..We Also Walk Dogs..it's such a good idea. Just look what we've done with it But all motion hi nature is confined to up and..cell can't do the work of a fertilized egg cell and produce a new organism?..many configurations, but all had vanes covered with a transparent film like cellophane, and all were..lock dangling down over her temple. "There's no need. The courts won't recognize us as separate..happened. Pauline Kael's Movie Loon is another such fiction; these little creatures we send scurrying."I don't really get it," Crawford admitted, talking quietly to Lucy McKillian. "What's so revolutionary about little windmills?"..of pastel greens and yellows..someday, but I never seem to get around to it. (You might think I'd see a few movie stars living where I..Barry shook his head. ?Twenty different ideas? Impossible."..PHSmatica."Then we have been found out and all is lost," said the prince. "For it is noon already, and the sun is at its highest and hottest. The boat has docked two leagues short of over there, and the grey man must be about to go for the third mirror himself."..CAMPBELL'S There Goes Who? STURGEON'S Well Sturgeon Is Alive and. HEINLEIN'S Rolling the Stones ASIMOV'S Asimov the Early MATHESON's Born of Man, Woman and..on her stern is lettered: Mary Celeste. Smith advances the time control. A flicker of darkness, light again..,"The most unique collection of architecture in the world."..paused to scan them for comments. There were none. She stripped to her skin and reached for the light..brown eyes. All you need do is go to Hidalgo who owns the Mariner's Tavern and ask her who has red..And what about cloned human beings, which is, after all, the subject matter of "Randall's Song"?..wind tossed about in Amos' red hair and scurried in and out of his rags. Sitting on the railing of the ship..soft for me to catch, and lay face down on the couch with his feet toward me. The light from the opened..lungs and dove headlong into the pool..them the gateway to personal immortality. That is quite wrong..addition, the Edgar is going to clean the pantry to the bone and give us everything they can possibly spare..I came out of the post-coital lassitude to realize my nerves were . not cauterized after all. They recognized that the room was chilling..the crew, sitting in the dome with his helmet off. That was as far as Lang would permit anyone to go..James Blish having already adequately done so, calling him (in his heroic phase) "the Thane of..with him without having heard anything but the reward."..develop in water and can just lie there after the micro-operation..what to do to stop her. If she were a cancer, I could cut her out. How do I cure myself of this?this."Oh, yes." She sighed. "It's so unfair for such a beautiful young man to have a physical impairment."..Jam says, "One, two, three." On "three," we each bring up our right hand. Hers is a clenched fist:."A temp."."What does the title mean?" he asked, hoping it might modify the unfriendly message of the four short lines that followed..SILVERBERG'S Inside Dying The Sturgeon of Theodore Best..couple blocks away. You

see? I can be direct myself." "It turns," Lang said quietly. "That's why Song noticed it She came by here one day and it was in a. Tom Reamy wrote four stories for F&SF: ?Twill, "Insects in Amber," "San Diego Lightfoot." "Wheels," she said. "The thing runs on wheels." Nolan turned and glanced at the girl who lay beside him. She stared up through the shadows with. "Ah, several things. But maybe it isn't my place to bring them up now. First, I want to say that if you're ... ah, concerned, or doubtful of my support or loyalty because I took over command for a while. . . earlier today, well. . .". We played gin the rest of the afternoon and talked-talked a lot Detweiler seemed eager to talk or, at least, eager to have someone to talk with. He never told me anything that would connect him to nine deaths, mostly about where he'd been, things he'd read. He read a lot, just about anything he could get 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 knew about had never physically affected him. He was like an insulated island. Life flowed around him but never touched him, I wondered if the hump on his back made that much difference, if it made him such a green monkey he'd had to retreat into his insular existence. Practically everyone I had talked to liked him, mixed with varying portions of pity, to be sure, but liking nevertheless. Harry Spinner liked him, but had discovered something "peculiar" about him. Birdie Pawlowicz, Maurice Mitian, David Fowler, Lorraine Nesbitt, they all liked him..you thinking I'm a monster."..me to see. It's extremely odd."..It was so dark in there with the curtains drawn that I couldn't see a thing. I left the closet and opened them a little on the front window. It didn't let in a lot of light, but it was enough. Maybe Detweiler wouldn't notice. I went back to the closet and waited..The stories in this book cover the period from our November 1976 issue through the middle of..With what you've found out, he could laugh hi your face and have you arrested for illegal entry..He was buttoning his shin. That must have been the delay: he wouldn't want anyone to see him with his shut off. Everything Td been told about him was true. He wasn't very tall; the top of his head came to my nose. He was dark, though not as dark as I'd expected, I couldn't place his ancestry. It certainly wasn't Latin-American and I didn't think it was Slavic, His features were soft without the angularity usually found in the Mediterranean races. His hair wasn't quite black. It wasn't exactly long and it wasn't exactly short His clothes were nondescript. Everything about him was neutral?except..By the time I filled Lucas McGowan in on all the details (I got the impression he was less concerned with his wife's infidelity than with her taste; that it wouldn't have been so bad if she'd been shacking up with movie stars or international playboys), collected my fee, and grabbed a Thursday special at Colonel Sanders, almost two hours had passed. Harry hadn't answered my knock, and so I let myself ia with a credit card."..And it said glumphvmr, and fuffle, and fulrmp," Amos told her..boat and row away. He hears them shouting to each other but cannot make out the words..The new marvel was a simple affair in the middle of that living.can you? You can't wait to tell him you think the King is a kook."..up the lid ever so slightly. Then he tossed the cat inside..Late in February he bought a house and an electronics dealership in a small town in the Adirondacks. In March he signed over his interest in the company to his partner, cleaned out his lab and left He Bold his co-op apartment in Manhattan and his summer house in Connecticut, moved to his new home and became anonymous..To which her reaction was, alarmingly, to laugh..And well use it. You just speak up, 1\*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?" "Does he live in the building?" I swallowed to get my heart back in place and blinked a couple of times to clear away the skyrockets.. "Which," said Lea, "can be stated as: Tve done it.' Roughly speaking."..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..There appeared to be nothing I could say. I crawled into my pants..As for schedules, I have discussed the matter with JX. and demonstrated Zorphwar to him. Both of..The trip to Manaos was an ordeal, but it ended in Darlene's arms. She was blonder and more..to come up. When it did, be started back..hundred patents in the scientific instrument field. He was sixty, a widower. His only daughter and her."He's gone too. We can't find him anywhere."..I know it's painful to be told that something in which one has invested intense emotion is not only bad art but bad for you, not only bad for you but ridiculous. I didn't do it to be mean, honest Nor did I do it because the promise held out by heroic fantasy?the promise of escape into a wonderful Other world?is one I find temperamentally unappealing. On the contrary. It's because I understand the intensity of the demand so well (having spent my twenties reading Eddison and Tolkien; I even adapted The Hobbit for the stage) that I also understand the absolute impossibility of ever fulfilling that demand. The current popularity of heroic fantasy scares me; I believe it to be a symptom of political and cultural reaction due to economic depression. So does Robin Scon Wilson (who electrified a Modern Language Association seminar by calling Dune a fascist book), and Michael Moorcock (see his jacket copy for Norman Spin-rad's The Iron Dream, a novel which vehemently denounces the genre in the same terms Wilson doesf), and the writers of Bored of the Rings, the Lampon parody, from which came "Arrowroot, son of Arrowshirt". "Did he get my report?"..He turned toward the suitcase, his back to me. The hump was artificial, made of something like foam..Bill, Old Buddy: I hate to bring this up, but J.L. was down this morning to say that there have been..The back of his shirt was churning. The scream continued, hurting my ears. Rips appeared in the shirt and a small misshapen arm poked out briefly. I could only stare, frozen. The shirt was ripped to shreds. Two arms, a head, a torso came through. The whole thing ripped its way out and fell onto the couch beside the boy. Its face was twisted, tortured, and its mouth kept opening and closing with the screams. Its eyes looked uncomprehendingly about. It pulled itself along with its arms, dragging its useless legs, its spine obviously broken. It fell off the couch and flailed about on the floor.. "It was a very . . . short argument." Her

voice began to catch. "And I find the ... conclusion rather . . . I stood, too, and cupped her face between my hands. "Would that be so terrible? Then all the time." A Mr. Bloomfeld called. He wants you to get the goods on Mrs. Btoomfeid so he can sue for divorce." .for our order we could walk around the cafe looking at the paintings and sculpture on exhibition by local.crisply, really letting the caller know he'd hooked onto an efficient organization. She put her hand over the.He looked at me, grinned, and shrugged.. "Can I have a while to think it over?" .Nolan wiped his forehead. Maybe he'd been too hasty, bringing Darlene and the baby here. But a.Larry-you're an all-right guy." . "It sounds very specialized," McKillian said thoughtfully. "Maybe we should be looking for the niche it occupies. The way you describe it, it couldn't function without help from a symbiote. Maybe it fertilizes the plants, like bees, and the plants either donate or are robbed of the power to wind the spring. Did you look for some mechanism the bug could use to steal energy from the rotating gears in the whirligigs?" .in town, but the eyes said he wasn't. I guess the old broad liked his hair that way..They looked at the floor. Then Jack got down on his hands and knees and looked under the cot.. "I can't let you ruin my dancing career." .calendar on Jack's desk. It was Friday, June 15?last week..her heart..easily. What I don't know, I could learn. Some of the systems are computer-driven; give it the right." "Oh, awful things," said Amos, "like onvbpmpf, and elmbmpf, and orghmflbfe." . "Never once," she went on fiercely, ignoring his supportiveness. "It's always Miss Massachusetts, or Miss Ohio, who can't do any-tiling but play a damn jew's-harp, if youll excuse my language, or Miss Oregon, who still can't remember the blocking for Lovely to Look At, which she has been dancing since before 7 graduated from high school. There's no one in the whole damn line-up who hasn't been crowned once. Except me." .potted plants rather than naked muscles. David Fowler sat on the stool at the drafting table and began.them didn't believe Song's theories but had an uneasy feeling of trespassing when they went through the.time..When I came out she said, "Why?" .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 sailor leaned his chin on his mop handle awhile, then said, "If you want to avoid it, don't go down the second hatchway behind the wheelhouse." .defensive. He wished the crazy windmills would go away..contorted in pain..Westland. "A valuable training aid, ft is a product of the research staff of the Megalo Corporation." "Desmond?" .look. "How fun." .She looked miffed. "Don't flatter yourself, young man. I may have inveigled you into my apartment, but I am no\* in love with you." .be long..coiling caresses, none of the mindless thrashing to final frenzy. But it didn't matter; the two of them were.unique, and based on the intangibles of training, talent, and experience. But that doesn't per se make it.She sat down and waited for Barry to be inspired. "Well?" she inquired, after a long silence..the black woman to her knees. In another second the ulterior was a whirling snowstorm. He skidded on.hung around until I found out that Harry almost certainly wasn't killed after six-thirty. They set the time

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