

REPORT OF THE STATE ENGINEER AND SURVEYOR FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30 1919

predilection for gas-pump jockeys, car-wash boys, and parking-lot attendants. I guess it had something energy has made the world rich, but the population is stable, even though early detection has wiped out. "What did he tell you?" certainly doesn't speak well of his friendship for his nearest and dearest. Samuel R. (Chip) Delany has for some time been one of sfs most interesting novelists (Dhalgren, Triton, et cetera) and one of the field's more thoughtful critics (The Jewel-Hinged Jaw: Notes of the Language of Science Fiction). He has not written much short fiction recently, and so we are especially pleased to offer this fresh and magical change of pace. 98. It was not Columbine who let him in, but her understudy, Lida Mullens, Lida informed Barry that. "Well, what's in it?". At least a thousand hired kids are there setting up chairs in the arena this morning, but it's still hard to. the froth of electric lights cantilevered over the entrance, Barry could feel the middle of his body turning. fire tools. "It hasn't been long at all since? since I told you I... trusted you." "Best indecent proposition Fve had all week." Barry, of which there are great numbers. Q: Why has this letter taken 1732 years to be delivered?. "You are witnessing a demonstration of the Zorphwar Naval Bat-tie Simulation System," I said to. "Bert AD my life. I was born in Ingtewood. My mother still lives there." The music changed from the Sondheim medley to the flip side of The Four Seasons, and Barry's. "Come on in," she said, stepping back. "We might as well talk about this." They entered, and McKillian turned on the light and sat down on her mattress. Ralston was blinking, nervously tucked into his pile of blankets. Since the day of the blowout he never seemed to be warm enough. "Next time m tell her. I won't lie to her again. So I guess this will all have to stop." with which I bought a ship. But then the skinny grey man stole my map, stole my ship, and put me here in. keep me apart from the prince I was worthy of. The shiny surface of all things, he told me, will keep us. "Selene, where is Amanda?". The room had been cleaned with pine-oH disinfectant and smeHed like a public toilet. Harry Spinner was on the floor behind the bed, scrunched down between it and the wall. The almost colorless chenille bedspread had been pulled askew exposing part of the clean, but dingy, sheet. All I could see of Harry was one leg poking over the edge of the bed. He wasn't wearing a shoe, only a faded brown-and-tan argyle sock with a hole in it The sock, long bereft of any elasticity, was crumpled around his thin rusty ankle.. The North Wind rose up in his cave and sped toward the opening that was so high they could not see the top and so wide they could not see the far wall, and his hair brushed the ceiling, and his toenails scraped the floor, and the tips of his wings sent boulders crashing from either side as he leapt into the black.. "In the swamp then," said Jack.. "He's not implying it, he's saying it," Ike said. "You guys just can't wait to grease old Yahweh's palm, 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." I mean think I am drunk; My tongue's just a (hie) Little Fuzzy.. space firms. But I've got one marketable talent? what the interviewer called a peculiarly coordinative. "No ideas. If other people have ideas, I can bounce off them well enough, but all by itself my mind's a blank. I envy people like you who are able to start talking out of the blue." David (or Murray) was about twenty-five, redheaded, and freckled. He had a slim, muscular body. family.. extent, on Lang. It threw them together a lot. The other three had to be free to pursue their researches, as I brought the subject back to business. "If you come to May and aren't ready to leave, 111 find you another cabin." He gave me a knowing look. "Fine. As far as I know. Maurice liked to pick up stray puppies. Andy. They built a separate shelter inside the dome, not really talking aloud about what it was for. But it did. every other feeling was something awful. He knew it was irrational, but he couldn't help it. The whole idea of having to have a license to talk to someone was as ridiculous as having to have a license to have sex with them. Right? Right! But ridiculous or not, the law was the law, and when you break it, you're guilty of breaking the law.. Oh, yeah, another and less friendly inward voice replied. Now all you need are three endorsements. Lots of luck.. Sum Dryer. incident.. She was nothing if not honest. In the succeeding mornings, if I ran too slowly, she simply left me. We'll have to find a way to conserve it a lot more than we're doing. Offhand, I don't know how.. "Hold on, honey," Lang said dryly. "If you conceive now, I'll be forced to order you to abort. We have the chemicals for it, you know." "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." believe that only moments ago this same body had been a writhing, wriggling coil of insatiable appetite, not because I had seen him catch a beautiful blue bird with red feathers round its neck and stick it. She started off up the beach.. "Then you'll help my friend and me?". from his reverie: Blmvghm!. different chemistries. But it's hard to believe that you've survived eating the food these plants produced. rising off the dawn-pink Heliomere when I saw Amanda running up the beach toward me, her hair flying. by ROBERT F. YOUNG. "Hello, lover!" she brayed hi a voice like a cracked boiler. I've lowered my price to a quarter. Are. feet into the carpet. She stood with her eyes searching the cabin as though she expected to find an answer there. Her gaze fixed on the kitchen.. brown eyes. All you need do is go to Hidalgo who owns the Mariner's Tavern and ask her who has red. "I just want to point out that instead of an expedition, we are now a colony. Not in the usual sense of planning to stay here forever, but all our planning will have to be geared to that fiction. What we're faced with is not a simple matter of stretching supplies until rescue comes. Stopgap measures are not likely to do us much good. Hie answers that will save us are the long-term ones, the sort of answers a colony would be looking for. About two years from now we're going to have

to be in a position to survive with some sort of lifestyle that could support us forever. We'll have to fit into this environment. scans the surrounding buildings, finds a second marksman on a roof, photographs him. Back to the well.. "I guess he doesn't have a nose for the sweet smell of success," Colman murmured as they watched..reception area, but I had arranged both desks so we could see each other and talk in normal voices.about to go for the third mirror himself." .them made a great deal of sense. When she was through, he spoke softly..impossible for Barry, sitting so nearby and having no one to talk to himself, to avoid eavesdropping on. There was a man outside in the clearing. At least she thought it was a man. Yet he did not look like Brother Hart, who was the only man she knew..Just after New Year's, he told his partner that he wanted to sell out and retire. They discussed it in.178."Oh, happiness!" laughed the thin grey man. "She is grey too!". Crawford was not about to answer. He said, with a perfectly straight face, "Me? Maybe you should.group and be no discipline problem, but you work better alone. Want to strike out on your own? ".successful revolution isn't possible until the proletariat becomes conscious of their oppressions, and they.sessions. Not being a dancer, she wouldn't understand how important this is to me, either. She'd just be.creature? Nolan grimaced in self-disgust as he turned away..Neither of us sleeps much the rest of the night. Sometime before dawn I doze briefly and awaken from a nightmare. I am disoriented and can't remember the entirety of the dream, but I do remember hard wires and soft flows of electrons. My eyes suddenly focus and I see her face inches away from mine. Somehow she knows what I am thinking. "Whose turn is it?" she says. The antenna..I dropped by number seven. The typewriter had been put away, but the cards and score pad were."What I really wanted to talk to you about is this: You said you couldn't fly this ship. But you were not yourself, you were depressed and feeling hopeless. Does that still stand?". Prudently he didn't spring them on her all at once, but waited until she'd finished each one before telling her what the next had to be about. She didn't raise any further objections until he came to Number 8, whereupon she insisted she didn't have any feelings about beets whatsoever. He refused to believe her, and to prove his point he cooked up a quick dinner on her hotplate of Spam and canned beets (it was rather late by then, and they were famished). Before she'd had three mouthfuls, the poem started coming to her, and by the time she'd got it into final shape, five years later, it was far and away the best of the lot.."Andrew Detweiler." She looked blank. "Young, good-looking, with a hunchback." .Dedication.Amanda sobbed. "I'm going to kill you, Selene. Sooner or later, I'll kill you." .Nina by Robert Block 91.She started stripping out of her suit. "Well, I guess that takes care of that. So glad to hear all your.pipe from the rack on his desk..221.Due to the recent systems overload error, your test results of August 24 have been erased..say there are more than nine hundred thousand people packed into the smoky recesses of the dome. It's.At last the trees end and I climb over bare mountain grades. I rest briefly when the pain in my lungs is too sharp to ignore. At last I reach the summit..And the song ends, one last diminishing chord, but her body continues to move. For her there is still music.."Best indecent proposition I've had all week." .When another two weeks went by without the Board of Examiners saying boo, he couldn't stand the suspense any longer and went down to Center St. to fill out a form that asked basically where did he stand. A clerk coded the form and fed it into the computer. The computer instructed Barry to fill out another form, giving more details. Fortunately he'd brought the data the computer wanted, so he was able to fill out the second form on the spot After a wait of less than ten minutes, his number lighted up on the board and he was told to go to Window 28..She dug into her ID folder, which was made of the same velvet as her dress, and took out her license. It was blue, like his (a Temporary License), and, again like his, there was a staple in the upper left-hand comer..sible, you being an examiner and all... but I wish I knew you in a personal way. Truly. You're a very heavy individual." A sponge, or a freshwater hydra, or a flatworm, or a starfish can, any of them, be torn into parts and.The background music changed from Vivaldi's Four Seasons to a Sondheim medley, and all the chairs in Barry's area suddenly lifted their occupants up in the air and carried them off, legs dangling, to their next conversational destination. Barry found himself sitting next to a girl in a red velvet evening dress with a hat of paper feathers and polyhedrons. The band of the hat said, "I'm a Partyland Smarty-pants." .coating on the ground was in reality two thin sheets of plastic with a space between for water to circulate..would come..Since I first heard her in Washington, I've loved this song the best. I push more keys. Eighty-two. Eighty-five. I know the tech's happily watching the meters..focus, he saw slim brown legs. brown haunch, brown body and head. The horns shriveled and fell to the.in the setting sun," said the grey man. "I shall watch the whole proceedings with sunglasses." .grabbed the nearest, who happened to be Doctor Ralston. He had nearly finished donning his suit; so she."Does this map tell where the pieces are hidden?". She came to him then, almost as though the stirring had been a silent summons, came like a brown.It was small comfort, but Nolan had no choice. And he was too tired to protest, too tired to worry..darkened barracks. It wasn't much in the way of a home; they were crowded against each other on."A book." Jain holds up the book so she can see..Where are my eggs and sausages?". He smiled at her. "No, thanks. But what you said is right I have no hankering to take charge of anything. But I do have some knowledge that might prove useful." ."We are? You'll have to brief us on the political situation back there. We were United States citizens when we left. But it doesn't matter. You won't get any takers, though we appreciate the fact that you came. It's nice to know we weren't forgotten." She said it with total assurance, and the others were nodding. Singh was uncomfortably aware that the idea of a rescue mission had died out only a few years after the initial tragedy. He and his ship were here now only to explore..out. Then they leaned the mirror against a tree and rested for a while. "It's well I wore these rags of.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.."I guess so. I don't think ?Commander Long? would wear well over five years. But you'd better still.On the com circuit the tech yells: "Idiot! I'm already reading ninety. Ninety, damn it. There's still one number to go." .Nell and Jim; then you will be in the middle of things, and your life will begin..here. And since it is so dull, I thought I would keep you company." ."Alert all section leaders on the

grid," Colman said to Driscoll. "And open a channel to Blue One." Selene and that portrayed by the columnists. They made it sound like kinky fun. Over the past several. Then I hurl the empty cylinder down toward the timberline; it rolls and clatters and finally is only a distant glitter on the talus slope. The grey man was so happy he jumped from the trunk, turned a cartwheel, then fell to wheezing and coughing and had to be slapped on the back several times. I closed the door quietly behind me and walked around the end of the bed so I could see all of him. He was huddled on his back with his elbows propped up by the wall and the bed. His throat had been cut. The blood hadn't spread very far. Most of it had been soaked up by the threadbare carpet under the bed. I looked around the grubby little room but didn't find anything. There were no signs of a struggle, no signs of forced entry? but then, my BankAmericard hadn't left any signs either. The window was open, letting in the muffled roar of traffic on the Boulevard. I stuck my head out and looked, but it was three stories straight down to the neon-lit marquee of the movie house. "Have the chemicals for it, you know." Not to worry, he advised himself. The worst is over. You've got your license. How you got it doesn't matter. "You're in bad trouble with New York if there isn't," says the tech. "I want to register a jag. Now." wheelhouse. Minutes later he was back with a bright costume: the sleeves were green silk with blue and applied these to coated paper, let them dry, and cut the paper into rectangles. He numbered these from another, and for assembly and shipping from still another company. Through a second commission toward my side of the stage and gives me a soft smile. And then it's back to the audience and into the Isaac Astmav into her back pocket, took out her license, and peeled off an endorsement sticker. little kid on the 22nd, Silver Lake on the 19th and 16th, etc., etc., etc. dissolved in tearful reconciliations. Three ganged up on two, two on one, one declared war on all the. "Yes. He was very pleased, but he wants die man's name." . . . criticism written without personal feeling is not worth reading. It is the capacity for making good. "What?" She slurs the word sleepily. Nina by Robert Block sucked air through her teeth and clamped her fingers to her scarlet lips. "Do you think he had something. he said. I killed time earlier tonight reading the promo pamphlet on this place. As the designer says, the combination of arena and spectators turns the dome into one sustaining organism. At first I misread it as "orgasm." "Well?"

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