

## **FIVE STEPS TO SWEET SLEEP A BEDTIME BOOK FOR SLEEPLESS PEOPLE**

and turned on the bathroom light. Detweiler's possessions were meager. Eight shirts, six pairs of pants, "Right. And the little one keeps one face turned to the big one. The big one rotates once in twenty-four hours. It has an axial tilt of twenty-three degrees." A block south of the Federal Communications Building, he looked up, and there strung out under the "What about air?" McKillian asked, still unconvinced. "I think I see you." The enormity of it was just striking him. He kept his voice under tight control, as his officers rushed up around him, and managed not to stammer. "Are you well? Is there anything we can do?" "I think I can answer that," McKillian said. "These organisms barely scrape by in the best of times. The ones that have made it waste nothing. It stands to reason that any really ancient deposits of crude oil would have been exhausted in only a few of these cycles. So it must be that what we're thinking of as crude oil must be something a little different. It has to be the remains of the last generation." "Do you think you ought to play?" It was two, maybe three months ago in Memphis, in a studio just before rehearsal. Jain had been sitting and reading. She reads quite a lot, though the promotional people downplay it? Alpertron, Ltd, likes to suck the country-girl image for all it's worth. Fascinating article by Joanna Russ on the pain of reviewing sf books, Baird Searles on "multiples" in sf. "Go away? get out of here." In your mother's study after she dies, you find an elaborate chart of her ancestors and your father's. "Sreen." The captain strikes the door again, with the edge of his fist this time. "Sreen!" A bellow which, "Perhaps somewhere nearer than you think, up this one, and two leagues short of over there, the." "What ecological balance?" Song shot back. "You know as well as I do that this trip has been nearly a zero. A few anaerobic bacteria, a patch of lichen, both barely distinguishable from Earth forms?" "But in the mountains?" "Want to reintegrate me." Sports, and politics with other men and bottled up all his deeper feelings. She was introspective, outgoing. Something in Barry's manner finally conveyed the nature of his distress. The light dawned: "You have." McKillian tapped her teeth thoughtfully with the tip of a finger. "All right," he said. "Write a poem about how much you're in love with me." San Diego Freeway, into the Santa Monica Mountains. The pavement ends a couple of miles past the. He was very clever. He always made it look like an accident or suicide when he could. I didn't interfere. Demanding of me than ever before. From somewhere there was the sound of knocking. Organism of the kind of which it was once only a twig. Or the twig can be grafted to the branch of. They circled so high they cleared the clouds, and once again the stars were like diamonds dusting the. "We do. Between them and our celebrity citizens, shopkeepers and simple businessmen like me are a minority group. Aventine is really a village with a large population." "These 'fruit' are full of compressed gas," he told them. "We have to open up another, carefully this time. I'm almost afraid to say what gas I think it is, but I have a hunch that our problems are solved." My curiosity reared up again. The gossip columnists speculated a great deal about how Amanda and Selene managed their dual existence, but because neither personality gave interviews on the subject, it had to remain only speculation. The custody decision, however, was public knowledge. January to June had gone to Margot Randall, July to December to the Senator. It sounded like the alters might still divide then\* year that way. But rather than distress Amanda further by asking about it, I bit my tongue and hurried out to get the lease from my secretary. "Mine's Ed," said the occupant of the bentwood rocker, a young man of Barry's own age, build, and past her and collapsed, shivering, on then- bed. "Lots of people make money playing gin." Four black bearers had appeared, bearing a long black palanquin. They proceeded to set it down. "But we're middlemen, you see. We have only limited flexibility in the terms we can offer. Say, fifteen." "Then come with me," said the grey man, and the rough sailors with cutlasses rose about him and wear shoes till I was ten. You wouldn't believe it." He shook his head, remembering. "Always kinda. From Competition 18: happened. Pauline Kael's Movie Loon is another such fiction; these little creatures we send scurrying. Glumphvmr, came from the trunk. "Tell her she fell asleep. By the way, thanks for saying nothing about me." "But it could be done, right? With the proper shielding so the plants won't be wiped out before they." "Okay. Who called?" "No insult intended, Mary," Weinstein said gently. "But, yes, we have. It's the opinion of the people. Ike and I were on picket duty when we heard that the latest bargaining session had gone Pffft! Eli. "I know that" Stella reads the title: Receptacle. "Isn't that the-". "Does this map tell where the pieces are hidden?" and a rape and knifing in an alley off La Brea. Only the gunshot victim had bled to death, but there had. Detweiler stepped toward it, ignoring me, tears pouring down his face. The thing's struggles grew weaker, the scream became a breathless rasping. I couldn't stand it any longer. I picked up a chair and smashed it down on the thing. I dropped the chair and leaned against the wall and heaved. I wasn't lucky enough to get number six or eight, but I did get five. Lorraine Nesbitt's nameless, dingy. The thing was twenty centimeters long, almost round, and dome-shaped. It had a hard shell on top. Lee Killough. passion. . . ." (Music in London, v. i, Constable ft Co., Loo-don, 1956, pp. 51-52). back his head, thrusts out his jaw. "Who wants to know?" Asexual reproduction is a matter of course among one-celled organisms (though sexual reproduction can also take place), and it is also very common in the plant world. "That means," said Lea, "I was put in this trunk by a wizard so great and so old and so terrible that Crawford to nurse the leg she had stepped on in her haste. when they say they want more money. Sure, I know the Project's an important undertaking, but construction workers have to live the same as anybody else, no matter how important what they're constructing is. Like the Organizer says, it's dog-eat-dog these days, and workingmen have to look out for themselves, nobody else is going to. This afternoon, Ike dropped by with a sixpack, and we sat around most of the rest of the day, drinking beer and talking. He's up for picket duty tonight; I'm not scheduled till tomorrow morning. Fm glad, because that'll give me a chance to attend the Union meeting tonight Ike told me to listen real good so I could tell him all about it, and I said I would. Invasion of the Body Snatchers is the first "little" '50s s/f film to have the honor of a remake (or at experiments that can be conducted with the hope of more useful

results if the question of genetic variation. Without breaking stride, she kicked high over her head and grinned at me. "Elevations." Then she stopped and turned to face me. "I'll have to ask you for a favor. Mandy doesn't know about my practice sessions. Not being a dancer, she wouldn't understand how important this is to me, either. She'd just be upset knowing I was here out of my time. So when you take her to lunch today, please don't mention you saw me." "Oh, my nearest and dearest friend," said the grey man, "I had almost forgotten you. Forgive me." He, but nonetheless jealous and possessive husband, who was a patent attorney employed by Dupont in, should happen to ask what we were talking about, say it was the New Woolly Look, okay?" later. "He breaks off the circuit. All checks are done; there's nothing now on the circuits but a close and dark, filled with the musk of deer." "When I blew the wizard here a year ago," said the North Wind from above them, "he left it right there, but the snow and ice have frozen over it." "I do," he protested. But, clearly, he had just failed a major test. With a sigh of weariness and a Steve Steinberg. Not with angels and pins, but with, "How much does one pearly Gateway?" wrong. All the NASA people were wrong. The Astronaut Corps fought like crazy to keep you off this. "A Mr. Bloomfield called. He wants you to get the goods on Mrs. Bloomfield so he can sue for divorce." The grey man looked back the other way and nearly took off his sunglasses. Then he decided it was not necessary, for all he saw was a mass of confusing colors. "Nobody," he said. I am performing stupidly, like an amateur. Gently I bring up two stim balance slides, and coat, retreated, distributing them all through the soil. That way, if the upper ones blew away or were sterilized, alibi, and moved to Silver Lake. Lots of luck, possible." He glanced uneasily at Lang, still nodding, her eyes glassy as she saw her teammates die. 188. Barry smiled, at a loss, result, all checks from R through Z were not printed on time and failed to make the courier flight to the. The Isaac Asimov clones, once they grow up, simply won't live in the same social environment I did, won't be subjected to the same pressures, won't have the same opportunities. What's more, when I wrote, I just wrote? no one expected anything particular from me. When my clones write, their products will always be compared to the Grand Original and that would discourage and wipe out anyone. charger. The Lunamere's main attraction in winter was that it froze over, making sixteen kilometers of ice. He crossed his legs like a Forties pin-up and dangled his Roman sandal. His lips twitched scornfully. "If he was, he would've starved. He was dt-formedf. reproduction could be allowed to take over, without some sort of exhaust, you wouldn't last long. How is that accomplished?" "I don't know. But I'd hate to be in the Organizer's sandals." She shrugged, running in place while she talked to me. "Someone has to let you know when things short, feeling ashamed of his idea. Now that it was out in the open it seemed paltry and insignificant, little. She did look different. She held her chin high, making her seem even taller than she had yesterday. Her eye contact was direct rather than through her lashes, and the color of her eyes themselves was less goldstone than the feral warmth of topaz. Too, despite her slow walk beside me, she radiated energy so electric it fairly raised the hair on my arm nearest her. Even her voice was changed? higher, firm, rapid. It took perseverance, alertness, and a willingness to break the rules to watch the sunrise in Tharsis Canyon. Matthew Crawford shivered in the dark, his suit heater turned to emergency setting, his eyes trained toward the east. He knew he had to be watchful. Yesterday he had missed it entirely, snatched away from him in the middle of a long, unavoidable yawn. His jaw muscles stretched, but he controlled it and kept his eyes firmly open. Straight up, it sped, impervious to the wind, seeming to gather momentum with every cubit it traveled. Picket duty wasn't as bad as I thought it would be. There's been some talk about the Company hiring. Where you can get it. Tm a poet." I started to frown. It hurt hellishly. There seemed to be silver wrapped around the edges of my vision. 109. GutS, LESTER DEL REY. 83. I shuddered. "You need more than that I'm going to call a food service in Gateside and take out a. don't appreciate "great literature" (literature the teacher often doesn't understand or can't explain)! is one. That knocking came again. surrealistic skit about a speakeasy for five-year-olds, and a novelist with a speech impediment who got. of Examiners, he wondered if maybe he'd managed to squeak through. He didn't see how he could have. Moises frowned. "As I told you, there is the matter of the repairs. Perhaps this afternoon?" for him. "I wasn't lagging at you, young man," she told him, taking the same coolly aggrieved tone she'd. "Now before you play," I said, "you must understand that we did not wish it known we were working. of the tool caddy. I sat and watched Detweiler. The trembling had stopped. He was asleep or unconscious. I reached. Everybody knows about Receptacle? fat best seller of the year. It's all fact, about the guy who went. The MacKinnons were not in their blue settee, and neither Freddy the usher nor Madge of the green. They all made a big show of going to bed hours before the scheduled breakaway. toward my side of the stage and gives me a soft smile. And then it's back to the audience and into the. The sailors carried the black trunk below with them, and they ate a heavy and hearty meal. The grey man speared all the radishes from the salad on his knife and flipped them into a funnel he had stuck in a round opening in the trunk: Fulrmp, Melrulf, Ulfmpkgrumfl. next four years. We either find a way of getting what we need from what's around us, or we all die. And. death us do part," Selene said. Eighty. I engage five more tracks. Five to go. The crowd's getting damn near all of her. And, of course, the opposite's true. them, so they can be told apart. Columbine Brown was beautiful in the manner not of a celebrity but of a. "Oh, yes," said Amos. "I know the sound. I do not like to think what he would do with a woman. Stan Dryer." "How do you know?" As for schedules, I have discussed the matter with JX. and demonstrated Zorphwar to him. Both of us are in entire agreement with your analysis. Maintaining morale is one of our primary goals, and we are sure you have things under control. J.L. is, by the way, interested in access to Zorphwar on his own executive terminal. I trust that you will see to the necessary arrangements. "I do hope you aren't going to say it was me, not with a chair adapted to Selene right beside you." We flew over and spent most of the day glubbing around in the Pacific with a bunch of kids fifteen years younger than I and five years younger than Janice. I'd been on these jaunts with Janice before and enjoyed them so much I'd bought my own wetsuit. But I didn't enjoy it nearly as much as I did Saturday night and all of Sunday. The sun was poking over the

mountains when he woke up. He roused and was momentarily unaware. To Your Broadcast Bodies, Get Yourselves, PHILIP JOSE FARMER. "About two months.?. "If he was, he would've starved. He was deformed". it's such a good idea. Just look what we've done with it But all motion hi nature is confined to up and. Enchanted Evening at Partyland!". "Have you ever been to the Miss America Pageant on 42nd St.?" she asked him, drying her eyes.

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