

FOR FREEDOM A PLAY IN ONE ACT

McKillian didn't seem to know what she wanted. "No. I... but, yes. Yes, I guess I do." She looked at. "It will work as long as the silver-white unicorn guards the fragment of the mirror," said Amos, "and Thomas M. Dixh. falling who-knows-how-many hundreds of feet to the foot of the mountain. At last they pulled themselves. "Where would that have come from?" Lang had asked. Crawford looked away from the madly whirling rotors of the windmill farm. He was with the rest of the crew, sitting in the dome with his helmet off. That was as far as Lang would permit anyone to go except hi the cramped sleeping quarters. Song Sue Lee was at the radio giving her report to the Edgar Rice Burroughs. In her hand was one of the pump modules she had dissected out of one of the plants. It consisted of a half-meter set of eight blades that turned freely on. "An aubade is a traditional verse-form that a lover addresses to his (or her) beloved at dawn, when one of them is leaving for work." trunk, which seemed even blacker and larger, stood it on its side; then with the great iron key he opened. "No, this is Crawford again. Commander Lang is . . . indisposed. She's busy with Lou, trying to do. Fortunately, I intercepted your little jest before anyone else saw it Now forget the fun and games and get that data into the computer pronto. Lee Killough. master's in oceanography at UCLA in the afternoons. In the year I'd known her I'd seldom seen her stick her nose into the sunlight before eleven. I was conscious of the chair shifting under me but did not let it distract me. "Does that mean she's. It neither faltered nor slowed. Any moment now, it seemed, it would pass through the invisible Gateway and disappear. It was high enough: it had to. But it didn't. For, all of a sudden, a great hand emerged from the firmament, reached down and seized the tiny shaft A mighty thumb pressed it between two mighty fingers. There was a distant snap!, barely audible above the wind. Then the hand withdrew, and the broken arrow fell back to earth and landed at the King's feet. "What about Amanda?". We sped through the city in what I judged to be a locomotive, although there were no tracks. "What new wonder shall I see?" I mused, for many were the sights shown me already. My guide, an illustrious professor, halted the machine. into the clearing, the unicorn snorted and struck his front feet against the ground, one after the other. "I agree with Lucy," Ralston said, surprisingly. Crawford had thought he would be the only one. "Yes?" She had a breathless voice. Her eyes quickly traveled the length of my body. That happened often enough to keep me feeling good, but this time it gave me a queasy sensation, like I was being measured for a mummy case. I showed her my ID, and asked if I could speak to her about one of the tenants. somewhere the other night." glanced his way, however, was Evelyn, the woman behind the refreshment stand. He went to other wires and soft flows of electrons. My eyes suddenly focus and I see her face inches away from mine. "That," she says. "The VTP." (1st verse). electric it fairly raised the hair on my arm nearest her. Even her voice was changed? higher, firm, rapid. 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." I blow you into little pieces and scatter them over the whole wide world." Everyone else in the tavern came running outside too. Sure enough it was Amos, and sure enough a. I. G. Saltier. shook his head and said, "The Zorphs aren't going to like this." I hope the kid isn't going flaky on us. computer. He wouldn't mind. He called back in fifteen minutes. The computer had never heard of. "Crisscross, cross, and double cross!" cried die grey man triumphantly as once more Amos and Jack were led to the brig. The tech's voice is aghast. "Are you out of your mind, Rob? I've got a ninety-five here? damned. I drew picket duty again this morning. Ike picketed with me, having arranged it with the Organizer to. Barry refused to believe her. Neither the woman nor her apartment corresponded with his preconceptions of poets and the necessarily indigent life they must lead. "Have you ever published a book?" he asked craftily. are you doing?" though its expiration date may be extended by this means for a period of up to three months. A score hi. "Why didn't you go to a hospital or something?" I asked, feeling enormous pity for the wretched boy. a moment one looks up, then another. The Mary Celeste, with three of the four sails on her foremast set. "No." Selene's voice came through clenched teeth. "I won't allow that, Mandy. And I won't retire. Gateway and disappear. It was high enough: it had to. But it didn't. For, all of a sudden, a great hand. 236. "You might," said Amos. But though his heart was with Jack, he still felt a good spirit was important to keep up. "But we might see it a lot more clearly from the top of this mountain," But as he said it, the last light of the moon winked out. Now even the stars were gone, and the blackness about them was complete. But as they turned to seek shelter in the rising wind, Amos cried, "There's a light!". program and it'll fly itself, hi space." She looked longingly at the controls, and Crawford realized that, like. "I'm afraid to," said Amos. "It has said such awful and terrible things." long. "When?". "I can almost feel the weight of those diamonds and emeralds and gold and pearls right now," said Amos. Something had caused Mary Lang's eyes to look up. It was a reflex by now, a survival reflex. "What's wrong?" I asked, walking in. from his reverie: Blmvghm!. They'll keep working on it, but when it's done, Winey won't step into the damn dung. He wants to be. "Alas," sighed the North Wind, "mirrors are always kept inside people's houses where I am never. I'm afraid I'm skeptical, too," Lang said. "Surely there must be some other way to explain it." "We've had a change in plan up here," he said, with no preface. "I hope this doesn't come as a shock. bag. The greater the variety of genes available to a species, the more secure it is against the vicissitudes of fortune. The existence of congenital disorders and gene deficiencies is the price paid for the advantage of variety and versatility. By the time she'd finished the sonnet about how much she loved him, he had come up with all twelve. complained. Neither of the other women seemed to be suffering in any way. So Lang left it at that. What. "We can't say how long they've been prepared for a visit from us. Maybe only this cycle; maybe twenty cycles ago. Anyway, at the last cycle they buried the kind of spores that would produce these little gismos." She tapped the blue ball representing the Earth with one foot. Brother Hart by Jane Yolen 185. She shrugged, running in place while she talked to me. "Someone has to let you know when things need to be

done." the job; and a podiatric clinic, financed and maintained by the Company, where brickmakers can receive immediate treatment for chilblains, arthritis and fallen arches..court on Las Palmas, or not far away..encore, but that's just it: they, shouldn't want one. They shouldn't need one..delivered her summary of what she had learned. "Marry hasn't been able to find a mechanism that would.They were piercing (as against vulnerable) steely-gray eyes that stared defiance from a face all sags and.At midnight I was still awake, sitting in number five in my jockey shorts with the light out and the door.preconceptions of poets and the necessarily indigent life they must lead. "Have you ever published a."What are you doing up this early?" I asked. Janice Fenwick was an exotic dancer at a club on the Strip nights and was working on her.such a green monkey he'd had to retreat into his insular existence. Practically everyone I had talked to.Before they could shut it they heard a whistling, like a teakettle.that the confusion should be cleared up..For the next many days Barry didn't speak to a soul. He felt no need to communicate anything to anyone. He had his three endorsements?one from a poet who'd published twenty-two books?and he was confident he could have gone out and got three more a day if he'd needed to. He was off the hook.."I forget where I read about it," the usher said. "In some magazine or other. Well, mix in, enjoy yourself, and if you want to order anything, there's a console that rolls out from this end table/' He demonstrated..that you people are doing important work in other areas and should not be forced to produce a program.the company store by day to purchase food.."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?" "No. Very common. Some of the varieties are hard to find, but they're not valuable." He gave me a.Amanda, too, seemed to think going to Gateside was more trouble than she was worth, but I had my arguments ready. It was just a spectacular hour's ride away; the shopping was immeasurably better, including warehouses of Stargate imports; and since the train ran until midnight, we could have dinner and go to the theater before coming back. That persuaded her..?Harvey Abramson.Put it all together, they spell M-E..are stimulated, in a variety of ways depending on subtle factors, with the result that different cells in your."We have come to take the mirror back," said Jack..Barry turned the book over in his hands, examining the cover and the photo alternately, but would no more have thought of looking inside than of lifting Madeline's skirts to peek at her underclothes. "What's it about?" he asked..95.where Brother Hart was smooth. And he was dressed in animal skins that hung from his shoulders to his.primitive. Now it is only a cluster of round cells, and the bee is different, more like a wasp. His year's.Unresolved text enclosed in brackets [].She licked her lips. "Ask me in January."The crib was empty.."I suppose you're right. But sometimes I get the feeling that he's using us guys for some purpose of his.*Tm from pioneer stock. But you?" She shrugs. "Too delicate?".upon this insight and draw some interesting parallels between his experience and hers, Columbine.the device downward, while the image of the ship tilts correspondingly away from him. Because of the.Eighty-five. I know the tech's happily watching the meters..If clones can be produced wholesale, a biologist can have a whole group of animals with identical.find someone to talk to. It is a basic human need, after all. Perhaps the basic need. I had no choice."Come at my crying..Sirocco hesitated for a split second. "Okay" he finally said. "Let's do it."..55.).though void storms may toss you about a bit in space and time. In addition, you will have to handle a variety of problems with your ship such as invasion by mind-warping beings, power-system failure, and occasional crew mutinies. The console commands that control your warship are simple and are given in the attached instructions being transmitted to your local printout facility..so as a matter of course. In these cases, an egg cell, containing only a half set of chromosomes, does not require union with a sperm cell to supply the other half set. Instead, the egg cell's half set merely duplicates itself, producing a full set, all from the female parent, and the egg then proceeds to divide and become an independent organism, again a kind of clone.."How can you tell?". "It stands. Come on up and I'll show you why."."There was no point in getting him involved. It was just an accident."..35."It will be tomorrow at four o'clock in the morning," said the grey man. "So don't stay up too late."..major blowout..reclined heavily on her mattress..76.And echoing back they heard: . . must be in the cave of . . . in the cave of. . . cave of. . .Detweiler boy obviously couldn't have killed Harry or Milian, but it was stretching coincidence a little bit.what if he comes straight to his apartment and goes to bed; what if he wakes up hi the morning feeling.As soon as the first salvo of smoke bombs burst at twelve hundred feet to blot out the area from hostile surveillance, the Third Platoon launched itself down the , trail toward the denser vegetation below. Moments later, optical interdiction shells began exploding just below the curtain of smoke and spewed out clouds of aluminum dust to disrupt the enemy control and communications lasers. Ahead of the attacking troops, a concentrated point barrage of shells and high-intensity pulsed beams fired from the fairing platoons rolled forward along the trail to clear the way of mines and other antipersonnel ordnance. Be. hind the barrage the ,Third Platoon leapfrogged by sections to provide mutually supporting ground-fire to complete the work of the artillery. There was no opposition. The defending artillery opened up from the rear within ten seconds of the initial smoke blanket, but the enemy was firing blind and largely ineffectively..Debra certainly isn't. That's why?" (He couldn't resist the chance to explain his earlier failures.) "?I did.state of apathy. She had not moved for the last hour..mountain..Even if a woman were to have one of her somatic nuclei implanted into one of her own egg cells and if she were then to have the egg cell.very peculiar. I don't really know what to make of it."..?Do you know what it's called?" he asked. "The disease you've got?".liked him, mixed with varying portions of pity, to be sure, but liking nevertheless. Harry Spinner liked him,."Well. . . not for a long time." But I think her words sound unsure."But it could be done, right? With the proper shielding so the plants won't be wiped out before they.Alternately, she could leave it in an envelope with the doorman..At last the trees end and I climb over bare mountain grades. I rest briefly when the pain in my lungs is.Date: September 23,1977."He always has an alibi, huh?".I stood there stunned. So did Ike. So did Eli and Dan. Ike got his breath back first. "Where's the.International Space Agency. Its crew came from all over Earth. Its drive was new, too, and a lot better.to their

unwitting acceptance of the popular interpretation of the Project's purpose..place. There were whirligigs twenty meters tall scattered around him, with vanes broad as the wings of a.Pentagon, exclaimed, "My God, with this we could dismantle half the establishment?all we've got to do.his money, but she gave him an alibi for the knifing of an old man in the park on the 16th and the suicide

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