

PEGGY GUGGENHEIM THE SHOCK OF THE MODERN

members of the expedition were sleeping. The blowout was over in ten seconds, and she then had the standing, shooting the breeze with Ike. He had pink cheeks, with jowls to match, and a big blunt nose.. "Maurice didn't seem to mind." He sniffed and lit another cigarette. "When did Detweiler leave?".. haven't explored yet. But I can't really say if it's alive in the sense we use. I mean, it runs on wheels! It has.. cleaning brushes. When he sat, the split in his shorts opened and exposed half his butt, which was also.. Lang was leaning back in Crawford's arms, trying to decide if she wanted to make love again, when.. Hear my sorrowful moan, by the door. Then he was gone.. R Is for Spaceship, RAY BRADBURY. ". . . and so," the soft grey voice went on, "I need someone clever and brave enough to help my.. Now Jack said, "To the top of the mountain where there is a piece of a mirror.".. "Hello, Robbie?".. Joanna Russ.. She looked at me, not saying anything, her face slowly collapsing into an infinitely weary resignation.. leave. I drove home reflecting what pleasant and restful company she was. A man could do far worse." Ken and Nell, you come down ahead of him by the springhouse. Wanda, you and Tim and Jean.. gets to the woods?".. reasonable demands made upon the Company by Local 209.. eyes head-on. Their expression seemed oddly out of character with the monologue she'd just delivered.. negotiations.. Fallows sat back in his chair and cast a routine eye around the monitor room. Everything seemed to be running smoothly at the crew stations beyond the glass partition behind his console, and the other displays confirmed that all else was as it should be. The reserve tank to Number 2 vernier motor had been recharged after a slight course-correction earlier and was checking out at "Ready" again. All the fuel, coolant, primary and standby power, hydraulic, pneumatic, gas, oil, life-support, and instrumentation subsystems servicing the Drive Section were performing well within limits. Way back near the tail, the banks of gigantic fusion reactors were gobbling up the 35 million tons of hydrogen that had been magnetically ram scooped out of space throughout the twenty-year voyage and converting over two tons of its mass into energy every second to produce the awesome, 1.5-mile-diameter blast of radiation and reaction products that would have to burn for six months to slow the 140-million-ton mass of the Mayflower II down from its free-cruise velocity.. "I'm sure," she mumbled. "You people know how long they.. and the defiant jaw, that I was looking at the King.. Far Rainbow, and when you go down into the garden, you can hear the water against the wall just like.. She patted him on the back. "Sure, I know. You forget, I read your dossier. It mentioned several interesting episodes that I'd like you to tell me about someday, from your 'soldier-of-fortune* days?'.. time.".. In the Hall of the Martian Kings 129. "You're not going to meet anyone there but temps and various people who are out to fleece temps. With rare exceptions.".. was off to Partyland, a 23rd St. speakeasy that advertised heavily on late-night TV. As he approached. "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.".. "Perhaps somewhere nearer than you think, up this one, and two leagues short of over there, the." "Sometimes it does you good to feel gloomy." One of the pills insisted on getting stuck in his throat.. 11. Another section opened up and they stepped through it After three more gates were passed, the temperature and pressure were nearly Earth-normal. And they were standing beside a small oriental woman with skin tanned almost black. She had no clothes on, but seemed adequately dressed in a brilliant smile that dimpled her month and eyes. Her hair was streaked with gray. She would be? Singh stopped to consider? forty-one years old.. But this time it was Selene's voice, firm and brisk, that spoke. "I think we'd better have a talk, command. We'll do all we can to minimize social competition among the women for the men. That's the.. traveled far and seen much, but never a beauty such as yours.".. "And you're telling me those little spikes are what poked holes in the dome bottom? I'm not buying.. shook his head and said, "The Zorphs aren't going to like this." I hope the kid isn't going flaky on us.. time Crawford had taken a look. There were thick vines mat Song assured him were running with.. When he stepped out of his skin and entered the cottage, he did not greet his sister with his usual embrace. Instead he said, "You did not call me to the clearing. You did not say my name. Only when I was tired and the sun almost gone did I know it was time to come home.".. "Of course we don't know if we would have made it without the assist from the Martians," Mary Laog was saying, from her perch on an orange thing that might have been a toadstool. "Once we figured out what was happening here in the graveyard, there was no need to explore alternative ways of getting food, water, and oxygen. The need just never arose. We were provided for.".. "What do you win?".. "No, sir," Colman replied stiffly, keeping his eyes fixed straight ahead. "Corporal Swyley was manning the compack. He would not have been assigned to ELINT analysis. He's color-blind.".. "Because she's positive her ex-husband is the kidnaper. She doesn't want to get him in any trouble;.. couch turned into a lumpy bed. The refrigerator looked as if someone had spilled a bottle of Br'er Rabbit.. After the meeting a bunch of us stopped in The Fig Leaf for a few beers. I was still there when Ike got off picket duty and dropped by. I told him about the package and he agreed it was a nice one. By that time the drinks were coming pretty fast, and an argument had broken out down the bar between one of the bricklayers and one of the brickmakers about the free foot clinic. The bricklayer said that if they were going to furnish a free foot clinic, they should furnish a free hand clinic too, because a bricklayer was as liable to develop arthritis in his hands as a brickmaker was in his feet and in addition was performing a much more essential task. The brickmaker asked him how he'd perform it without the bricks the brickmakers made and said he'd like to see him slog around in mud and straw eight hours a day and see how his feet felt come quitting time. The bricklayer said that where he came from the women did the slogging, and the brickmaker said that that was just the kind of

a place a labor-faker like him would come from. Somebody broke it up just in time..I've been thinking of you as a luxury, and about as useful as the nipples on a man's chest. But I was.He stopped, bunking at me. He looked at Amanda's horrified expression and frowned uncertainly.. "It pays the bills, Harry. Besides, there aren't enough Maltese falcons to go around." .would check in every couple of hours to find out if the slinky blonde looking for her kid sister had shown.We sped through the city in what I judged to be a locomotive, although there were no tracks. "What.made them the darlings of the gossip columns..nothing, why not conserve then" bodies when they die? They sprouted from the ground; isn't it possible.Song straightened up, moving stiffly. They had all worked hard to empty out the collapsed dome and peel back the whole, bulky mess to reveal the ground it had covered. She was tired and stepped out of character for a moment to snap at Mary Lang..Someone walked by the door, quietly and carefully. I leaned my head out It was Johnny Peacock..Colman grunted to himself, made one final sweep of the surroundings, then dropped the flap back into place and turned to face inside. Behind Driscoll, Maddock was examining the bottom of the gorge through the image intensifier, while in the shadows next to him the expression of concentration on Corporal Swley's face was etched sharply by the subdued glow of the forward terrain display screen propped in front of him..I would have enjoyed the evening thoroughly if I hadn't known someone nearby was dead or dying..blindness could miss the Vancian cynicism or the massive Dunsanian irony (sometimes spilling over into.Lucius McGonaghal Sloe," which begins:.roof of the Megalo Corporation Headquarters for pickup by Zorph shuttle craft. Failure to comply with.but nonetheless jealous and possessive husband, who was a patent attorney employed by Dupont in.helping me so much." ."Don't worry," he promised, tugging his hand out of Jason's. "I'm not the quixotic type." ."They've got practically all their strength out on the flanks both ways along the gorge," Swley announced. "There are some units moving down the opposite slope, but they won't be in position for about another thirty minutes." The glow from the screen highlighted the mystified look that flashed across his face. He shrugged. "Right now they're wide open, right down below us." .just about the way Lorraine Nesbitt had described it If you called central casting and asked for a male.Stella stares disgustedly out the window..Her place turned out to be four street numbers away from his and nothing like what he'd been."I don't have the faintest idea." He looked her straight in the eye as he said this. She almost didn't.The wind flays us for a moment; Jain's hair whips and she shakes it back from her eyes. I pull her into the shelter of my arms, wrapping my coat around us both. "Do you want to go back down to the car?" .This seems a terrible disadvantage. Organisms that can clone, reproducing themselves asexually,.for skating. The Heliomere was fed by hot springs and, at thirty-five degrees C, was suitable for.few dollars more, hire a sofa or armchair that you could drive at liberty among the other chairs, choosing.They worked all day and tried their best to ignore the Burroughs overhead. The messages back and forth were short and to the point Helpless as the mother ship was to render them more aid, they knew they would miss it when it was gone. So the day of departure was a stiff, determinedly nonchalant affair. They all made a big show of going to bed hours before the scheduled breakaway.. "And well use it. You just speak up, I'll be listening." She started to say something, then thought of.sang him many songs, and soon Brother Hart was asleep.. "Oh, yes." She sighed. "It's so unfair for such a beautiful young man to have a physical impairment." .of the King to get high enough above the ground so he can shoot an arrow into Heaven.slamming into my office to ask about a thousand questions about our schedules and the cost of running.flies, and wraps the end product around you. It takes some practice, but it works. The stuff sticks to.She did not move or answer..link between performer and audience. Just one glorified feedback tranceiver: pick up the empathic load.Programming Services Department".the hunter stepped out of the woods on the very path that Brother Hart usually took, Hinda gave a gasp..why, for instance, it would do you no good to report us to the Communications Control Office. Others.executive terminal. I trust that you will see to the necessary arrangements..Needed to understand the verse is merely the fact that, genetically, the distinction between human male and female is that every male cell has an X and a Y chromosome and that every female cell has two X chromosomes, t Therefore, if, at the moment of conception or shortly thereafter, a Y chromosome can somehow be changed to an X chromosome, a male will ipso facto be changed into a female.."Well," said Amos, "if you help get us to the top of the mountain, we will let you look into the fragment of the mirror." Then he added, "which is more than your friend the wizard did, apparently." Jack gave Amos a little kick, for it is not a good thing to insult a wizard so great and so old and so terrible as all that, even if you don't have to worry about him..Bingo!.Eli didn't see it that way. "Hell, Jake, they'll have to come through," he said. "We've got them right by the balls!" .ideas why it picked this particular spot to grow, and no other?" .they're very busy right now, they can't be bothered." .He didn't want to think about it now; he didn't want to think of anything. Not Nina, not Darlene, not even Robbie. Darlene would be all right, Robbie was fine, and Nina was gone. That left him, alone here with the drums. Damned pounding. Had to stop, had to stop so he could sleep-It was the silence that awakened him. He sat up with a start, realizing he must have slept for hours, because the shadows outside the window were dappled with the grayish pink of dawn..They triggered them to be activated only when they encountered certain different conditions. Maybe they knew exactly what it would be; maybe they only provided for a likely range of possibilities. Song thinks they've visited us, back in the Stone Age. In some ways it's easier to believe than the alternative. That way they'd know our genetic structure and what lands of food we'd eat, and could prepare..114.That's Leigh, the oldest. You turn the viewer, catch a glimpse of Bobby running downhill through the."It's marvelous," Amanda said. "And people actually live in them?" .here I've got to drive, right? Which you might think was a drag, but in fact I always feel terrific. You.Nina by Robert Block 91."Loosely translated," said Lea, "One's duty is often a difficult thing to do with the cheerfulness, good."At last it is about to happen," said the grey man. "Bat first, Amos, you must have your reward for helping me so much." .of a girl in the same rooming house on the 19th. He'd been in the pink of health when he moved in, sick."Ken and Nell, you come down ahead of him by the springhouse. Wanda, you and

Tim and Jean stay where you are. Everybody else come upstream, but stay back till I tell you.". "I think so," Lang said. "It was so little water, though. You know we didn't want to waste it; we kid.".day before?and today?I'll end up screaming. It seems so pointless, collecting all that information, for.turned hi a path of moonlight and looked back at him?only a moment, but long enough for Nolan to see.Eighty. I engage five more tracks. Five to go. The crowd's getting damn near all of her. And, of.**I see him; he's in the brook, going upstream.**.Brother Hart by Jane Yolen.phone call and what I'd found..Q: What did it take nine million heavy-duty cranes and sixteen billion gallons of Visine to remove?.Moines I saw her crying alone in a darkened phone booth?Jain had awakened her and told her to take.rest.."You're right," he said. "What we need is a pilot, and that pilot is Commander Weinstein. Which.Driscoll tapped into the finger panel of the compack, and from a spike pushed into the ground, ultrasonic vibrations spread outward through the soil, carrying the call sign of the Laser Cannon Post. "LCP reading," a muted voice acknowledged from the compack..Together they started through the marsh and muck. "You know," said Amos, stopping once to look at a grey spider web that spread."This is what would kill us, Crawford. What's your first name? Matt. Matt, this baby is a flyer for the first forty thousand meters. It doesn't have the juice to orbit on the jets alone. The wings are folded up now. You probably didn't see them on the way in, but you saw the models. They're very light, supercritical, and designed for this atmosphere. Lou said it was like flying a bathtub, but it flew. And it's a skQI, almost an art. Lou practiced for three years on the best simulators we could build and still had to rely on things you can't learn in a simulator. And he barely got us down in one piece. We didn't noise it around, but it was a damn close thing. Lou was young; so was Cantrell. They were both fresh from flying. They flew every day, they had the feel for it. They were tops." She slumped back into her chair. "I haven't flown anything but trainers for eight years."."No. I told you it was a stray-puppy relationship. I wish Murray were here. He's much better with.soft for me to catch, and lay face down on the couch with his feet toward me. The light from the opened.Tonight at the Hall, die Organizer told us to tighten our belts, that at the bargaining table this afternoon the Company had refused to.hurried out to get the lease from my secretary..endorsement absolutely gratis. Would we, Jason?"."He's gone too. We can't find him anywhere."."make money playing gin, I wouldn't write."."Even turning my head can set it off. Sometimes, when I'm alone, I'll start crying just at the thought of it, at.matter of practical fact, however, a mother's womb can only hold so much, and if there are multiple

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