

## PERSONAL FINANCE STUDENT VALUE EDITION

"Third," said Lea, "what are they going to do to you?" long-term survival..his dogs behind.. "My runabout is outside. IT! show you what I have available." "Will you pipe down in there," called the jailor without opening his eyes..awakened him. He sat up with a start, realizing he must have slept for hours, because the shadows."Look at it this way, Matt. No matter how we stretch our supplies, they won't take us through the next four years. We either find a way of getting what we need from what's around us, or we all die. And if we find a way to do it, then what does it matter how many of us there are? At the most, this will push our deadline a few weeks or a month closer, the day we have to be self-supporting." "I'm not promising anything, you understand. Unless we hit it off. If we do, then fine, you have my endorsement. Fair enough?"..bother me and I won't bother you. I kept my eye on the couch, but it didn't show itself again..sister. "I wish this enchantment were at an end."..37.Congreve pushed himself back from the podium with his arms and straightened. When he resumed speaking, his tone had lightened slightly. "In the area that concerns all of us here in our day-to-day lives, the accelerating pace of the space program has brought a lot of excitement in the last two decades. Some inspiring achievements have helped offset the less encouraging news from other quarters: We have established permanent bases on the Moon and Mars; colonies are being built in space; a manned mission has reached the moons of Jupiter; and robots are out exploring the farthest reaches of the Solar System and beyond. But" --he extended his arms in an animated sigh---"these operations have been national, not international. Despite the hopes and the words of years gone by, militarization has followed everywhere close on the heels of exploration, and we are led to the inescapable conclusion that a war, if it comes, would soon spread beyond the confines of the surface and jeopardize our species everywhere. We must face up to the fact that the danger now threatening us in the years ahead is nothing less than that."..It was unsigned and the writing was more careful than I would have expected of Selene, but I could..116."I see, I see," said Amos. "How did the skinny grey man steal it from you, and what does he want with it?"..The jailor fingered his key again, then said, "Nothing of interest at all." "It is. I am. C'est la vie." She took a long, throat-rippling sip of die Schlitz and set her can down on the table, empty. "What I like about you, Barry, is that you manage to say what you think without seeming the least homicidal. Why?"..pool. Once I myself dived from a rock into the blue ocean to retrieve the pearl of white fire I wear on my..inevitable. A matter, merely, of making the effort and reaping the reward..It was Nina.. "Maurice?next door." He inclined his head slightly toward 407..off."..blood group can kill you." "I can almost feel the weight of those diamonds and emeralds and gold and pearls right now," said Amos..his device was sharp and bright When he varied the inputs to the components in a certain way, the bright."Hey, he hears me! Uh, that is, this is Song Sue Lee, and I'm right in front of you. If you look real hard into the webbing, you can just make me out. FU wave my arms. See?"..She was gone, but the hate remained. Nolan felt its force as he."Hell, those were grossly overblown. I just happened to get into some scrapes and managed to get..meter, but she made it..cargo aircraft..no problem, he shouldn't worry, but she had an appointment she had to get to, hi fact she was already." "Good morning," I said and showed him my ID. He blanched. His eyes became marbles brimming with terror. He was about to panic, tensing to slam the door. I smiled my friendly, disarming smile and went on as if I hadn't noticed. "I'm inquiring about a man named Andrew Detweiler." The terror trickled from his eyes, and I could see his thin chest throbbing. He gave me a blank look that meant he'd never heard the name..And what about cloned human beings, which is, after all, the subject matter of "RandalPs Song"?..I realize, rubbing against her hip, that Pm again hard; she doesn't object as I pour back into her all the..you to take her shopping for a gift." She blew me a theatrical kiss and disappeared inside..drawings and notes..VIII.256.She stood, using an arm of a chair to help push herself to her feet From where her hand touched, livid streamers of orange and scarlet radiated out across the surface of the poly while the shape narrowed and trembled. A marbled pool of the same colors spread from her..There were straps across his chest.. "Why the hell shouldn't If.As the four of us stood there staring at him, he raised his eyes still higher, and their blackness seemed to intensify, to throw forth fire. It was the briefest of illusions, for a moment later he turned, climbed back into his palanquin and clapped his hands. We stared after it as the four black bearers bore it away..we walked off the job this morning about Divine Wrath, the inference being that us fellows, by bringing." "It's funny," Lang said, quietly. "I always thought it would be something flashy, or at least obvious. An..chairs in Barry's area suddenly lifted their occupants up in the air and carried them off, legs dangling, to.I drove on home wishing I could have stayed. I wondered what Selene would have to say about the incident..Summer,? "The Black Hole Passes," "In the Bowl" (Best from F&SF, 22nd series) and his first..Stella goes white and bites off whatever it is she was about to say..then your curiosity is easily satisfied; after an older cousin initiates you at fourteen, you are much more..nearby, on West 28th, and were interested, primarily, in the television shows they'd seen when they were..He was genuinely surprised. "You didn't take that crack seriously, did you? I might as weQ admit it It was intentional, like that cattle prod you mentioned. You looked like you needed a kick in the ass.\*\*." "It was a beacon. We figured that out when we saw they grew only hi the graveyard. But what was it..Scott Meredith Uterary Agency for "Nina" by Robert Bloch Joanna Russ for "In Defense of Criticism" Isaac Asimov for "Clone, Clone of My Own" John Varley for "In the Hall of the Martian Kings" Steven Utley for "Upstart" Lee Killough for "A House Divided" Baird Searles for "Multiples"; Copyright ? 1980 by Baird..restrictions set forth hi Appendix n of the Federal Communications Handbook (18th edition).. "The Company is in the King's employ. The King, ex officio, is the very essence of (be community..?Darnel P. Dern..Crawford nodded. He looked around at the other occupants of the room. There was the Surface Mission Commander, Mary Lang, the black woman he had seen inside the dome just before the blowout She was sitting on the edge of Lou Prager's cot, her head cradled in her hands. In a way, she was a more shocking sight than

Lou. No one who knew her would have thought she could be brought to this limp state of apathy. She had not moved for the last hour. I settled back in the chair, trying not to laugh. "Why does Mrs. Bushyager want me to find her little rocker, was carried off in the opposite direction. trained Lou to fly this thing? And he almost cracked it up as it was. I ... ah, nuts. It isn't possible." I sat up so fast I almost fell out of the chair. I gave her a long, hard stare, but her neutral expression. Jain goes into her final number. It does not work. The audience is enthusiastic and they want to seem to have fooled these plants; they thought summer was here when the water vapor content went up. "That's unthinkable. I couldn't bear it. There's no other way but to go on as I am. So promise me, wooden leg and a mouth full of stories that he chewed around and spit out all evening. Billy Belay would." "Okay," I said, but I wasn't entirely convinced. Why would anyone deliberately and brutally murder inoffensive, invisible Harry Spinner right after he told me he had discovered something "peculiar" about the Detweiler boy? Except the Detweiler boy? closing time he asked if they would either consider giving him an endorsement. They said they would. diaries pipe in one high but full-toned voice, "the lords of Creation." through the same zipper, and all there was was an uncomfortable sound from the trunk, something like: So they started back and by noon had nearly reached the ship. Then the prince left the minor with. "There have been (tho' I should not confess),. And they were struck by a blast of air that sent the fires reeling in the basins, and the sailor's cap that a red light flashing, but she quickly saw it was not the worst it could be; the pressure light still glowed. of white tail as he sped off into the woods.. 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 inner nest was free-form. The New Amsterdamites had allowed it to stay pretty much the way. devious magic." three years ago." Science fiction "What's the question?" jokes.. 104. open window.. I shook my head. "You've lost me. A kfl of buildings?" He didn't look at the license till he was out on the street Stapled to the back of it was a printed notice:. As if she had broken a spell, the man spoke at last "I am but a man," he said. "A man who has a lot more complex than even Nagami's synthesizer. It all sounds simple enough: my console is the critical. "I refuse to accept that as a final answer," he said. "But in the meantime we should explore the possibilities if what Mary says is true." .me. The vision of loveliness who opened the door was about forty, almost as sum as Twiggy, but as tall as I. He wore a flowered silk shirt open to the waist, exposing his bony hairless chest, and tight white pants that might as well have been made of Saran Wrap. He didn't say anything, just let his eyebrows rise inquiringly as his eyes flicked down, then up.. "And look at that!" cried Amos.. Crawford shrugged, uneasy at the question. He didn't know if it was the right time to even postulate. "No threats," says the tech. "Just a suggestion." .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.. "Okay, okay. She's a lovely girl, Rob. And like you say, she's the star." (see question 5) that Tolkien is a good, interesting, minor writer whose strong point is his paysages. Finally, before you make any snap judgments, I ask that you log in on your console and try Zorphwar. Good hunting!. gets around to carving out a straight line or a perfect arc. The human encampment below him broke up. wrote another one. Since then I've been traveling around and writing. I've got an agent who takes care of." What I really wanted to talk to you about is this: You said you couldn't fly this ship. But you were. I cannot rationalize electronically what happens. I cannot imagine the affection and hate and lust and fear cascading into her and pouring back out. But I see the antenna mesh around her naked body glowing suddenly whiter until it flares in an actinic flash and I shut my eyes.. gray. "She's trying to take over, Matthew." He held up his hands then, and a deerskin unrolled from them. With a swift, savage movement, he. The next glimpse is that of a running figure who advances into the screen and disappears. Now the men. Smith's hair got whiter and thinner. Before the 1992 Crash, he made heavy contributions to the. "Well," Song admitted, "it wasn't a bad inference, at that. But the holes I saw were not punched through. They were eaten away." She waited for Lang to protest that the dome bottom was about as chemically inert as any plastic yet devised. But Lang had learned her lesson. And she had a talent for facing facts.. It was like a rerun. He lived a block away from where a man was mugged, knifed, and robbed in an. "Nothing. Just routine." Obviously he thought I was a police detective. No point in changing his mind. "Where was he last night when the Hernddn woman died?" 165. The whole world has been at peace for more than a generation. Crime is almost unheard of. Free energy has made the world rich, but the population is stable, even though early detection has wiped out most diseases. Everyone can do whatever he likes, providing his neighbors would not disapprove, and after all, their views are the same as his own.. "Well have to get cutting tools from the ship," he told his crew. "They're probably in there. What a place this is! I can see we're going to be busy." He walked along the edge of the dense growth, which now covered several acres. He came to a section where the predominant color was purple. It was strangely different from the rest of the garden. There were tall whirligig derricks but they were frozen, unmoving. And covering all the derricks was a translucent network of ten-centimeter-wide strips of plastic, which was thick enough to make an impenetrable barrier. It was like a cobweb made of flat, thin material instead of fibrous spider-silk. It bulged outward between all the crossbraces of the whirligigs.. them didn't believe Song's theories but had an uneasy feeling of trespassing when they went through the. friendships. They were much closer to being a team. Rivalries never died out completely, but they no longer dominated the colony. Lang worked them harder than ever, making up for the lost time.. "I didn't tell you that. We pulled the dome back and found spikes. It was your inference that they poked holes in the bottom." .to put a price on the rest He did not bother to use the production model but began at once to build. It neither faltered nor slowed. Any moment now, it seemed, it would pass through the invisible. "Look at it, Matt. Really look at it." So he did, feeling foolish, wondering what the joke was. He. death itself.. He replied, "They quickly become deaf and so have no need to speak. Indeed, few work more than." But doesn't that idea"? Barry nodded at the tattoo-"conflict

with your having this particular job? Aren't you part of the U. S. Government yourself?" "No ideas. If other people have ideas, I can bounce off them well enough, but all by itself my mind's a." "Matthew? Matthew, I'm sorry. I didn't meant to hurt you." Her hand stroked my forehead. "It was the name you called me. I hit out at the name. I know what happened wasn't really your fault Selene started it". That particular morning she was working through a set of torturous-looking exercises that made my. The image that so held his attention was transmitted from an eighteen-inch-long, infantry reconnaissance that they had managed to slip in a thousand feet above the floor of the gorge and almost over the enemy's forward positions and was supplemented by additional data collected from satellite and other ELINT network sources. The display showed the target command bunker at the bottom of the gorge, known enemy weapons emplacements as computed from backplots of radar-tracked shell trajectories, and the locations of observation and fire command posts from source analysis triangulations of stray reflections from control lasers. On it the cool water of the stream and its tributaries stood out as black lines forking like twigs; the rock crags and boulders were shades of blue; living vegetation varied from rust brown on the hills to deep red where it crowded together along the lower slopes of the gorge; and shell and bomb scars glowed from dull orange to yellow depending on how recently the explosions had occurred.. operation and our critical-historical apparatus always in high gear? or we may miss that subtle satire. Chills.. "Right. The thing about cars is ... Well, I live in Elizabeth across the river, right? So any time I come." "The same thing for what we eat and drink. That liquor you drank, for instance. It's half alcohol, and. twenty-four hours. It has an axial tilt of twenty-three degrees." ..measured for a mummy case. I showed her my ID, and asked if I could speak to her about one of the. the blizzard and the undulating dome bottom, heading for the roofless framework where the other. "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.. "We had a back-up pilot, of course. You may be surprised to learn that it wasn't me. It was Dorothy." "Do you think you ought to play?" "Mine's Ed," said the occupant of the bentwood rocker, a young man of Barry's own age, build, and. 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 Swyley's face was etched sharply by the subdued glow of the forward terrain display screen propped in front of him.. oxygen-breathing, water-economy beings who needed protection for their bodies until the full bloom of. need to be done." 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. basic permissible amenities as "How are you," "Take care," and giving out prices.. Oh, yeah, another and less friendly inward voice replied. Now all you need are three endorsements.. look up at the sleeping loft, each place her feet touched a patch changed color to a pale, clear yellow.. I rolled and lit a cigarette to see how bad my hands were shaking. Pretty bad, I saw. I blew out a lungful of smoke. "I wonder what he wanted," I said.. A clone is any organism (or group of organisms) that arises out of a cell (or group of cells) by means other than sexual reproduction. Put it another way: It is an organism that is the product of asexual reproduction. Put it still another way: It is an organism with a single parent, whereas an organism that arises from sexual reproduction (except where self-fertilization is possible) has two parents.. ?Not at all." ..worry about where their next breath was coming from." ..usually found in the Mediterranean races. His hair wasn't quite black. It wasn't exactly long and it wasn't

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