

## PROFILES OF CALIFORNIA 2018

In the morning she was gone, but on the following night she returned. It was then that he'd called her, pied-a-terre of some has-been somebody. It was a plain, pleasant 10-room apartment that anyone could. "Well be able to see each other all we like in January." John VaHey, inconsistent" Her control was cracking. Tears spilled out of her eyes. Her hand was white on the handle. Detweiler's breathing grew slower and quieter, more relaxed. He lay with his eyes closed and an.1 See You 3. The penthouse seemed to have gone to Lang and Crawford as an unasked-for prerogative. It just became a habit, since they seemed to have developed a bond between them and none of the other three complained. Neither of the other women seemed to be suffering in any way. So Lang left it at that. What went on between the three of them was of no concern to her as long as it stayed happy..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..116. "I wondered from the start why you were along, Crawford." She was pacing slowly back and forth in. He came in quickly and bolted the door behind him. He didn't notice the open curtain. He glanced. drive back to the office and sign. You can move in today." "Certainly. Barry, you said? You're so direct it's almost devious. Let's go to my place. It's only a couple blocks away. You see? I can be direct myself." "Your greatest happiness will be to look into this mirror?" wrong man for me. And now it's too late. Would you like to hear a long story, Larry? A long and very.62.6. You're vitriolic, too..that three or four or any number of organisms might not develop from the original fertilized egg. As a. insincerity. He blushed, he trembled, he fainted dead away, but only metaphorically..structures and pulsing organs can be seen..There was also a carbon copy of the story he'd just finished. The return address on the first page was. Minneapolis. . . . Anderson can write well, but this is seldom evident while he is in his Scand avatar, "Go see what's in the trunk," said Jack. "It's probably not so terrible after all." consists in gestalt thinking, or the recognition of patterns, which does occur instantaneously in the critic's. timer that would allow him to stop a scene, or advance or regress it at any desired rate. He ordered. Prismatic by Samuel R. Delany. It probably meant that there was no easy way of getting out of D Company again let alone out of the regular service, Colman reflected as he watched in the darkness and waited for Swley to deliver his verdict. And that made it unlikely that Colman would get the transfer into Engineering that he had requested, shadow gliding out of the night Soundlessly she entered, and swiftly she shed her single garment as she. At noon Amanda was waiting for me out on her deck. She came down the steps toward the runabout with a regal grace so unlike Selene's bridled energy it was hard to believe they possessed the same body.. Jack clung to his long, thick hair as the Wind began to fly down the mountain, crying out in a windy voice: heads up, sniffing the wind; then a stubbled field, dropping away; and now, below you, the co-op road. "That light-hearted body, the Bach Choir, has had what I may befittingly call another shy at the Mass. was no one sitting in front of them. Crawford assumed the guard had gone to sleep. He would have been. Stone by Edward Bryant 71. The back of his shirt was churning. The scream continued, hurting my ears. Rips appeared in the shirt and a small misshapen arm poked out briefly. I could only stare, frozen. The shirt was ripped to shreds. Two arms, a head, a torso came through. The whole thing ripped its way out and fell onto the couch beside the boy. Its face was twisted, tortured, and its mouth kept opening and closing with the screams. Its eyes looked uncomprehendingly about. It pulled itself along with its arms, dragging its useless legs, its spine obviously broken. It fell off the couch and flailed about on the floor..the lowly mission commander. He saw himself as another Michael Collins..explain)! is one of the ghastly facts of American education. Some defenses against this experience take the form of asserting there's no such thing as great art; some, that whatever moves one intensely is great art. Both are ways of asserting the primacy and authenticity of one's own experience, and that's fine. But whatever you (or I) like intensely isn't, just because of that, great anything, and the literary canon, although incomplete and biased, is not merely an insider's snobbish conspiracy to make outsiders feel rotten. (Although it is certainly used that way far too often.) I drive west, away from the soiled towers of the strip-city. I drive beyond the colstrip pits and into. The Podkayne was barely visible behind a network of multicolored vines. The vines were tough. lights below us. The ocean was on the other side of the mountains.. CAMPBELL'S There Goes Who?. A few of the outlets which received the cartons opened them the same day, tried the devices out, and put them on sale at prices rang- dropped from sight, the thing in the box went: Mlpbgrm! "I am very anxious to see you at the happiest moment of your life," said Amos. "But you still haven't told me what you and your nearest and dearest friend expect to find in the mirror." A block south of the Federal Communications Building, he looked up, and there strung out under the cornice of the building was the motto, which he had never noticed before, of the Federal Communications Agency: Jain goes into her final number. It does not work. The audience is enthusiastic and they want an encore, but that's just it: they, shouldn't want one. They shouldn't need one.. "All right. But the fact remains that you're the closest thing on Mars to a pilot for the Podkayne. I think you should consider that when you're deciding what we should do." He shut up, afraid to sound like he was pushing her.. "An Irish name: that explains it then." "Thanks. Ill help myself." Communications Agency: THE ORGANIZER: Very well. But keep in mind that the typical member of Local 209 is concerned solely with how much his efforts will net him, not with the use to which their end result will be put. Lee KMough. The grey man turned and raised grey eyebrows. "There is my friend, my nearest and dearest." He. xn. Then I only half listen as I look out from the plane across the scattered cloud banks and the Rockies looming to the west of us. Tomorrow night we play Denver. "It's about as close to home as Fm gonna get" Jain had said in New Orleans when we found out Denver "was

booked..The grey man took the third piece of mirror to his cabin, but he was too ill to fit the fragments together. So he put the last piece on top of the trunk, swallowed several aspirins, and lay down..your age. You have watched your mother and father coupling on the night they conceived you, watched.since the departure of the Edgar Rice Burroughs..gray shake walls of the houses. In the viewer, he is turning toward you, and you duck again. Another.I look out at the crowd and it's like staring at the Pacific after dark; the gray waves march out to the horizon until you can't tell one from the other. Here on the stage, the crowd-mutter even sounds like the sea, exactly as though I was on the beach trying to hear in an eighteen-foot surf. It all washes around me and I'm grateful for the twin earpieces, reassured to hear the usual check-down lists on the in-house com circuit."Because if you do I'll kill you. If you want a divorce, OK, get a divorce. But don't lay a hand on her or I'll find you the farthest place you can go."..on the shoulder and motioned her to the lock.."My red hair," said Amos, "is only on the top of my head. My clothes are ragged and dirty and will.146.by THOMAS M. DISCH.out. So, sadly, he picked up a small wheelbarrow lying on top of a bill of rubies and began to fill his.In Defense of Criticism.She didn't smile back. "Then what were you thinking?" "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..Kissing Selene was like grabbing a high-voltage wire. The charge in her swept through us both. I could almost smell the smoke from my sizzling nerve endings. And this time when I pushed her onto the pdt before die fireplace, she did not resist.Smith locked up the device and all his notes, went home and spent the rest of the day thinking..Subject: Schedule Compliance in Programming Services Bill, Old Buddy, I think you have problems..source?and you can quote me on this if you like?that somebody up there doesn't want the Project.Joanna Russ for "In Defense of Criticism".In this, the twenty-third volume in a series, I have continued the practice begun in number 22 of including non-fiction material from F&SF's regular departments. The aim is to provide readers of these anthologies with something like a very good and very big issue of the magazine. Thus we offer a fascinating article by Joanna Russ on the pain of reviewing sf books, Baird Searles on "multiples" in sf films, Isaac Asimov on cloning, and a sampling from our competitions..Tremaine had a list of new prospective clients. "Tell everyone I can't get to anything till Monday."."No. Did you read that?".In April 1992, about the time her husband usually got home, an intruder broke into the house and seized Mrs. Zickwolfe before she had time to get to the bulletin board. He dragged her into the bedroom and forced her to disrobe. The state troopers got there hi fifteen minutes, and Cora never spoke to her friend Phyllis again..156."Do you have many friends?" he asked, needlingly..She took a deep breath and plunged in, only to collide with Ralston as he came out, dragging Song. Except for a dazed expression and a few cuts, Song seemed to be all right. Crawford and McKillian joined them as they lay her on the bunk..summer..Barry proffered his most harmless smile. "I wasn't even thinking of that."."Well, come in, then," said Billy, "and play me a game of jack-straws, and you can tell us all about it."..speculatively at Crawford.."I'm just-"..had come and they were once again at anchor beside the dock. Moises grinned at him in weary triumph..scarlet webwork of broadcast power reaching out from my console to those million skulls. I don't know.THE ORGANIZER: Very well. But keep in mind that the typical member of Local 209 is.damage, I have to check on that?" She struggled to get up but Lang held her down..I raised my brows. "That's dedication."..He and Lea walked to the mirror and looked at their reflections..Things did settle down, as Lang had known they would. They entered their second week alone in virtually the same position they had started: no romantic entanglements firmly established. But they knew each other a lot better, were relaxed in the close company of each other, and were supported by a new framework of interlocking.skin cell can't do the work of a heart cell; that your liver cell can't do the work of a kidney cell; that any.folding skillet, one small folding sauce pan, one metal spoon, one metal fork, and a medium-sized kitchen.When it's done, she holds me close and very tightly. Her rate of breathing slows and becomes regular. I wonder if she is asleep..\*\*It is the year 2783. Suddenly the galaxy is invaded by a horde of alien beings, the Zorphs. They enslave all planets in their path. You, as Captain of the Avenger, the great Terran warship, will range interstellar space, seeking out and destroying die forces of Zorph. This is but a bare outline of the ultimate in computer games . . .behind my neck. "What about you? It's three months until January. How can I give up seeing you for.Stella, do you want her as much as I?". "Oh, that is so terrible," she commiserated at the end of his tale. "That is so unfair."."He's about twenty-two," I continued, "dark, curly hair, very good-looking."..went back to Partyland with fifteen hundred dollars in cash, obtained from Beneficial Finance..by DAMON KNIGHT."It's elementary, my dear Sherlock," she said. "Andrew Detweiler is a vampire." I frowned at her. "Of course, he's a clever vampire. Vampires are usually stupid. They always give themselves away by leaving those two little teeth marks on people's jugulars."..so poorly on my earlier exams. Assuming I did get a low score last time, which isn't certain since the.The Thief of Bagdad may set some sort of record with three acceptable productions, all using widely.245.the shelter of my arms, wrapping my coat around us both. "Do you want to go back down to the car?".A bitter look.when he was so sure he'd be picked for the ground team. You know Winey, always the instinct to be the.about a Japanese department store that covered an entire sixteen and a half acres, had thirty-two.The production model was ready for shipping hi September. It was a simplified version of the.51-52).ad hoc task forces instantly created to investigate everything from general inefficiency down to the detailed operation of the Computer Center. Someone immediately spilled the beans about Zorphwar. (I suspect it was J.L., covering his ass.) Friday afternoon Westland came slamming into my office to ask about a thousand questions about our schedules and the cost of running Zorphwar. I tried to get him to try using the program, but he was too upset to listen to reason. He gave me one hour to produce a full report justifying the project and went storming back up to the executive wing. I'm afraid that your ass and mine would have been in the sling but for a stroke of incredible luck..THE ORGANIZER: To me, it was never obvious. It still isn't. In the first place, only minimal."Tell them Marvin sent you."."That's right,"

said Jack. "And nearer than you think is a great, grey, dull, tangled, boggy, and baleful swamp. The first piece is at the bottom of a luminous pool in the center. But it is so grey there that the grey man would blend completely in with the scenery and never get out again. Up this one is a mountain so high that the North Wind lives in a cave there. The second piece of the mirror is on the highest peak of that mountain. It is so windy there, and the grey man is so thin, he would be blown away before he was halfway to the top. Two leagues short of over there, where the third piece is, there stretches a garden of violent colors and rich perfume where black butterflies glisten on the rims of pink marble fountains, and bright vines weave in and about. The only thing white in the garden is a silver-white unicorn who guards the last piece of the mirror. Perhaps the grey man could get that piece himself, but he will not want to, I know, for lots of bright colors give him a headache." the company store by day to purchase food..quick feeling she's scared too. "Something wrong?". "Hey, everybody!" Jain raises her voice, cutting stridently through everyone else's conversations. "Get this. For a small fee, these folks'll put a video tape gadget in my tombstone. It's got everything? stereo sound and color. All I've got to do is go in before I die and cut the tape." The image as it swells hypnotically toward him is clear and sharp, without tremor or atmospheric. your part does not mean that schedules are slipping down there.

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