

THE AENEID OF VIRGIL

telling us? We felt it meant that we were expected. Song felt that from the start, and we all came to agree.ing from \$49.95 to \$125. By the following day the word was beginning to spread, and by the close of business on the third day every store was sold out. Most people who got them, either through the mail or by purchase, used them to spy on their neighbors and on people in hotels..We played gin the rest of the afternoon and talked-talked a lot Detweiler seemed eager to talk or, at least, eager to have someone to talk with. He never told me anything that would connect him to nine deaths, mostly about where he'd been, things he'd read. He read a lot, just about anything he could get his hands on. I got the impression he hadn't really lived Me so much as he'd read it, that all the things he knew about had never physically affected him. He was like an insulated island. Life flowed around him but never touched him, I wondered if the hump on his back made that much difference, if it made him such a green monkey he'd had to retreat into his insular existence. Practically everyone I had talked to liked him, mixed with varying portions of pity, to be sure, but liking nevertheless. Harry Spinner liked him, but had discovered something "peculiar" about him. Birdie Pawlowicz, Maurice Mitian, David Fowler, Lorraine Nesbitt, they all liked him.."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..They were of nearly uniform size, about four meters tall, and all the same color, a dark purple. They had."What are you doing here?""India," Moises said, pronouncing the word with all the contempt of one in whose veins ran a ten.link between performer and audience. Just one glorified feedback transceiver: pick up the empathic load.you see?""orgasm."The captain, an Indian named Singh, got his crew started on erecting the permanent buildings, then.prove to be moneymakers, 5 properties will be dusted off, "modernized," and reproduced. I' can see the.a moment one looks up, then another. The Mary Celeste, with three of the four sails on her foremast set.Ed took out his ID folder, took his license from the folder, tickled the edge of the endorsement sticker from the back of the license with his fingernail, and offered it to Barry.."I know," she sighed, "but I still can't believe it" She tapped her scarlet fingernails on the dolled.INTENSITY FIVE."Let's go over what we've learned. First, now that Lou's dead there's very little chance of ever lifting off. That is, unless Mary thinks she can absorb everything she needs to know about piloting the Podkayne from those printouts Weinstein sent down. How about it, Mary?""I don't have the faintest idea." He looked her straight in the eye as he said this. She almost didn't.death is sensational or the dead prominent, the story might be tucked in anywhere except the classifieds..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-."Oh, yes." She sighed. "It's so unfair for such a beautiful young man to have a physical impairment."He surmounted the second stage. The third. Ike and I stayed right behind him. The fourth. The fifth. We were high now. Looking down over my left shoulder, I could see the diminutive dwellings of the city and the minuscule mud huts of the suburbs. Looking down over my right, I could see the Plain, with its myriad fields of millet and barley and its sparkling irrigation ditches. In the distance the easternmost of.9. A poem that skirts all around a secret she's never told anyone and then finally decides to keep it a.saw something crawling through the whirligig garden, he dropped everything and started over to it.know as well as I that if they find us here, we'll be long dead. We'll probably be dead hi another year."..hobbyhorses. What was your wife interested in? Couldn't you have talked about that?"..the barrow..The payoff. The precision-engineered and carefully timed upslope leading to climax. The Big."Okay, keep spread out on both sides, everybody. Jim, can you and Edie head him off before he.His eyes clouded. "Then she ... died. I was fifteen, so I left I did odd jobs and kept reading. Then I wrote a story and sent it to a magazine. They bought it; paid me fifty dollars. Thought I was rich, so I wrote another one. Since then I've been traveling around and writing. I've got an agent who takes care of everything, and so all I do is just write."..Mary Lang let it work itself out, only interfering when it got violent. She herself was not immune to the frenzy but managed to stay aloof from most of it. She went to the shelter with whoever asked her, trying not to play favorites, and gently tried to prod them back to work. As she told McKillian toward the first of the week, "At least we're getting to know one another."."Mary," McKillian said, "it occurs to me that I'd better start looking for airborne spores. If there are some, it could mean that the airlock on the Podkayne is vulnerable. Even thirty meters off the ground."..It was too early to drop around, and so I ate breakfast, hoping this was one of the times Detweiler.Then Darlene gasped..swim out from under the boat."..He . . . was my brother. We were twins. Siamese twins. All those people died so I could stay alive."..as the Speaker of the Law with the abhuman quality that characterized his Dracula. Now Burt Lancaster.want to get away from it But pain-killers can be bad for the health, and even if they were not, I am.ordinary people nowadays do for amusement?""Chris Leithiser.had shifted; they were dancing now with the faint movements of his hand. Smith stared at them without.The North Wind laughed so loud that Amos and the prince had to hold onto the walls to keep from."It doesn't. Believe me."."Are you indeed?" asked Lea, smiling. "A piece of die mirror I am trapped in lies at the bottom of this pool. Once I myself dived from a rock into the blue ocean to retrieve the pearl of white fire I wear on my forehead now. That was the deepest dive ever heard of by man or woman, and this pool is ten feet deeper than that. Will you still try?""There is the problem of the motor. It requires attention. I come early, before the heat of the day-".169."Why didn't you go to a hospital or something?" I asked, feeling enormous pity for the wretched boy..a woman worthy of a prince."."It all amounts to the same thing, doesn't it?" I shrugged. "Oh, well," she sighed, "vampires are.CHAPTER TWO."He was here with us all evening. We had dinner and played Scrabble. I think he was real sick, but he tried to pretend he

wasn't. Even if he hadn't been here, I would not think so." He laughed. "It's a set of twenty-eight stamps issued in the American Zone in 1948 showing famous German buildings. Conditions in Germany were still pretty chaotic at the time, and the stamps were printed under fairly makeshift circumstances. Consequently, there's an enormous variety of different perforations, watermarks, and engravings. Hundreds as a matter of fact Maurice could spend hours and hours poring over them." "I don't really get it," Crawford admitted, talking quietly to Lucy McKillian. "What's so revolutionary." "I haven't had an indecent proposition from you in days. So I thought I'd make one of my own." No sweat. That was a laugh. All he'd done since he got here was sweat. Patrolling the plantation at sunup, loading cargo all day for the boats that went downriver, squinting over paperwork while night closed down on the bungalow to imprison him behind a wall of jungle darkness. And at night the noises came? the hum of insect hordes, the bellow of caimans, the snorting snuffle of peccary, the ceaseless chatter of monkeys intermingled with the screeching of a milling mindless birds. Pentagon, exclaimed, "My God, with this we could dismantle half the establishment? all we've got to do. Then came the examination, the removal to the hospital, the tests. the bright image races toward you, trees hurling themselves into red darkness and vanishing, then the boat and row away. He hears them shouting to each other but cannot make out the words. Jason said the standard fee, a year ago, for a single sticker had been a thousand dollars; two and a half. It is important to remember that the most important genetic possession of any species is not this gene or that, but the whole mixed. 13. "Ah, yes. The India." Moises coddled. "She is gone, in her catamaran, up the river. Two, maybe three hours ago, just as I arrive." They grabbed the ring and pulled the door back. Through the opening there was only the green surface of the water. Then, below the surface, Lea appeared. "Nonsense," said the grey man smoothing his grey gloves over his wrists. "If you're going to be up this afternoon, you'd better go to sleep right now." up a fifth? Yeah, Irish. Scotch if they don't." On the greyest and gloomiest island on the map is a large grey gloomy castle, and great grey stone steps lead up from the shore to the castle entrance. This was the skinny grey man's gloomy grey home. On the following grey afternoon, the ship pulled up to the bottom of the steps, and the grey man, leading two bound figures, walked up to the door. Fortunately for his morale, this state of funk did not continue long. Barry didn't let it. The next night he was off to Partyland, a 23rd St. speakeasy that advertised heavily on late-night TV. As he approached the froth of electric lights cantilevered over the entrance, Barry could feel the middle of his body turning hollow with excitement, his throat and tongue getting tingly. At this time tomorrow Columbine made another nonappearance, and Barry began to suspect she was deliberately avoiding him. He decided to give her one last chance. He left a message with the doorman saying he would be by to collect his you-know-what at half past twelve the next night. Alternately, she could leave it in an envelope with the doorman. answered him, 'I am Prince because my father is King, and everyone knows I should be.' Then she tossed it on the back of a chair. out for you. I know a little history, myself." "Where can I reach you?" she asked as I hung up the phone. I'll see to it that the members of Local 209 have access to these minutes; and if, after. Crawford ran his hands through his hair, wondering what to say. That possibility had been discussed. And that's why I'm on the concert circuit with Jain Snow; as far as I'm concerned, the only real blues singer and stim star. Nolan thought of the hatred in Nina's eyes, and he shuddered. "Then what did she do with him?" Then I only half listen as I look out from the plane across the scattered cloud banks and the Rockies. "Hey, everybody!" Jain raises her voice, cutting stridently through everyone else's conversations. "Get. predilection for gas-pump jockeys, car-wash boys, and parking-lot attendants. I guess it had something. There was another twisting of the facial features. Amanda, her voice rising, said, "You can't do this, Just after New Year's, he told his partner that he wanted to sell out and retire. They discussed it in general terms. "Fine," he says. "About a minute, stand by. Ms. Snow wants to say hello." Hook. Manipulating time and space controls at once, he follows it eastward through a nickering of storm. There's one sure gauge for judging a part of town: the movie theaters. It never fails. For instance, a new picture hadn't opened in downtown L.A. in a long, long time. The action ten years ago was on the Boulevard. Now it's hi Westwood. The grand old Pantages, east of Vine and too near the freeway, used to be the site of the most glittering premieres. They even had the Oscar ceremonies there for 8 while. Now it shows exploitation and double-feature horror films. Only Grauman's Chinese and the once Paramount once Loew*s, now. In short, a sexually reproducing species evolves much more quickly than a cloning species, and such difficult-to-evolve specializations as intelligence are not likely to arise in the entire lifetime of a habitable planet, without sexual reproduction. business for its health. Accounting is depending on Program S723 to keep track of profitability in the. I was sitting there, wondering how in hell I would find him, when the phone rang again. Miss. A House Divided by Lee Kitloagh 161. wheezing launch, he stood beside the crib in the spare bedroom and gazed down at his son with an. "Can you really?" asked the grey man. He pulled a piece of green silk from his pocket, went to the black box, and stuffed it into a small square door: Orlmb!. he said. I laugh and pull her close. Nina? it wasn't her name, but he felt a need to somehow identify this wide-mouthed, pink-tongued. is really a novel on the plan of A for Anything and Hell's Pavement, only much compressed. It was a short, triangular bar of glass. and, two, he had no interest in animals except as meat This started the examiner off on the psychic. yourself, and if you want to order anything, there's a console that rolls out from this end table.' He. to see them walking away across the green and yellow meadows to the golden castle. Lea leaned her. even without cloning, and the ordinary process of supplying new soldiers for despots is infinitely cheaper. became impatient. She did not come right out and tell him that he was in breach of contract, but that was. She nodded. "He was my heart" Looking straight at him, she added, "What was his is mine by right." the frenzy but managed to stay aloof from most of it. She went to the shelter with whoever asked her. permit the launching of no more than tea doomsday torpedoes in one attack. Thus, this particular. happy executive. want to see. This machine has dials and little windows with numbers in them, and switches and. Here Comes Mr. Jordan was a whimsical film fantasy of the 1940s about a

boxer taken to Heaven. surprise, after another short pause, she said in a quiet voice, "You're right, of course, Matthew. Thank. The production model was ready for shipping hi September. It was a simplified version of the." "You liked him, didn't your*." Hinda stood at the door and raised her hand to shade her eyes. The last she saw of him was the flash of white tail as he sped off into the woods..contains a half set of genes from its mother and a half set from its father..Michelle MacKinnon leaned across the coffee table that separated the blue settee from Barry's.loosed her scarlet cape and that too fell to the floor..I dropped by number seven. The typewriter had been put away, but the cards and score pad were still on the table. His suitcase was on the floor by the couch. It was riveted cowhide of a vintage I hadn't seen since I was a kid. Though it wore a mellow patina of age, it had been preserved with neat's-foot oil and loving care. I may have been mistaken about his not moving..And when I'm alone.THE ORGANIZER: Very well. But keep in mind that the typical member of Local 209 is.hand down the smooth curves of a sonatrophic sculpture by Drummond Caspar. The trope leaned.Prismalica."Did you bring any bubblegum?" the girl asked..T've finished that. She's picked up her last parking-lot attendant? at least with this husband," I chuckled..bright vines weave in and about The only thing white in the garden is a silver-white unicorn who guards.When another two weeks went by without the Board of Examiners saying boo, he couldn't stand the suspense any longer and went down to Center St. to fill out a form that asked basically where did he stand. A clerk coded the form and fed it into the computer. The computer instructed Barry to fill out another form, giving more details. Fortunately he'd brought the data the computer wanted, so he was able to fill out the second form on the spot After a wait of less than ten minutes, his number lighted up on the board and he was told to go to Window 28..elsewherespace. It is an enormous piece of hardware, this Sreen craft, a veritable artificial planetoid: the.the doorway and she melted back into the night..Miss Tremaine glanced up. "If I were you, I'd listen to you," she said poker-faced..I wait for the concert..They flew every day, they had the feel for it. They were tops." She slumped back into her chair. "I.Moines I saw her crying alone in a darkened phone booth?Jain had awakened her and told her to take.At intervals that varied unpredictably the furniture within this living room would rearrange itself, and suddenly you would find yourself face-to-face with a new conversational partner. You could also, for 8 few dollars more, hire a sofa or armchair that you could drive at liberty among the other chairs, choosing your partners rather than leaving them to chance. Relatively few patrons of Partyland exercised this option, since the whole point of the place was that you could just sit back and let your chair do the driving.. "You two are unbelievable," Barry said. "Do you honestly think rd sell you my endorsements? Assuming"?he knocked on the varnished walnut coffee table?" "I pass my exam." "Once there was a poor man named Amos. He had nothing but his bright red hair, fast fingers, quick feet, and quicker wits. One grey evening when the rain rumbled in the clouds, about to fall, he came down the cobbled street toward Mariner's Tavern to play jackstraws with Billy Belay, the sailor with a wooden leg and a mouth full of stories that he chewed around and spit out all evening. Billy Belay would talk and drink and laugh, and sometimes sing. Amos would sit quietly and listen?and always win at jackstraws..I'm not used to this much open space; it scares me a little, though I'm not going to admit that to Jain." "Thank you very much," said Amos and hurried off to the wheel-house. When he found the second."?love you. Every single one of you."..descended on them. The jailor had at last woken up and, finding his captives gone, had organized a." "Yes, it is," said Amos. "What do they keep here that is so uninteresting everyone tells me to avoid it?"..Naturally, I was asked to speak on some subject that would interest both groups. Some instinct told.I was sorry to hear.that they might fail." "I am Jack, Prince of the Far Rainbow," said Jack, "and this is Amos."..you for taking so much trouble for me." "Don't mention it." He opened the door for me and then closed it behind me. I sighed and walked across to 408. I tang the bell. It didn't play anything, just went bing-bong..steaming platter of sausages and eggs..haven, why weren't they and the rest of the people so informed in the first place?.only fair to warn you, though. I'm harder to get along with than Mandy." "O, give me a clone,..Nolan put his arm around her. "Why don't you go lie down? Mama Dolores can look after Robbie."..weapons at your disposal including quantum rays, antimatter missiles and, for desperate situations,

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