

## TRUE TALES OF THE PLAINS

"Brothers?" I say. "Sisters?".When the gag came off, the story came out, and the part of the story the jailor had slept through the."Damn it," says the tech in my ear. "Level's too low. Bring it up in back." I must have been dreaming. I am performing stupidly, like an amateur. Gently I bring up two stim balance slides..The tech's voice is aghast. "Are you out of your mind, Rob? I've got a ninety-five here?damned needle's about to peg. Back off to ninety."..or fried figs? I said baked fish..Farther Than Apollo, BARRY MALZBERG.44.Oh, yeah, another and less friendly inward voice replied. Now all you need are three endorsements..The MacKinnons were not in their blue settee, and neither Freddy the usher nor Madge of the green sofa could say what had become of them. He flopped into the empty settee with a sense of complete, abject surrender, but so eternally does hope spring that inside of a quarter of an hour he had adjusted to the idea of never being licensed and was daydreaming instead of a life of majestic, mysterious silence on the rim of the Grand Canyon. He rolled out the console and ordered a slice of pineapple pie and some uppers..So Amos took off the prince's clothes and the sailor took them to the brig and returned with Amos' rags. When he had dressed and was about to go with the grey man to lunch, his sleeve brushed the grey man's arm. The grey man stopped and frowned so deeply his face became almost black. "These clothes are wet and the ones you wore were dry."..he rushed into the cell and began to tear apart the bundle of blankets in the corner. And out of the..She looked down at me with clouded topaz eyes. "Ill. . . think about it".agreed. I was enjoying the frosty bite of the air in my nose and throat and the surreal effect of the steam.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.. "India," Moises said, pronouncing the word with all the contempt of one in whose veins ran a ten per-cent admixture of the proud blood of the conquistadores, "Who are we to know the way of savages?" He shrugged..haven't flown anything but trainers for eight years."..violent colors and rich perfume where black butterflies glisten on the rims of pink marble fountains, and..While you are more familiar than I am with the personalities at Headquarters, I ?aspect that both of these."What I really wanted to talk to you about is this: You said you couldn't fly this ship. But you were not yourself, you were depressed and feeling hopeless. Does that still stand?"..through the narrow streets. It dominates the whole city. The whole Plain, for that matter. It had sort of a..on the front, blue Levis and thick-soled chukka boots..shock. I traveled to California and back by train. -Yea, they still run.].Selene moved around the room, touching the chairs, working her bare feet through the carpet, soothing away the bizarre reflections of."Bert, all my life. I was born in Inglewood. My mother still lives there."..II.And so we continue to look for good writing and fresh ideas and entertaining narratives, and once those.gave him everything I had on Andrew Detweiler and asked him if he'd mind running it through the.He pushed the door all the way open and stepped back. It was a good-sized living room come to life..Not a classroom exercise, not a therapy session, not a job briefing, not an ecumenical agape, but an..little kid on the 22nd, Silver Lake on the 19th and 16th, etc., etc., etc..I see her stagger slightly. I don't think I am feeding her too much too fast, but mute another pair of tracks anyway. Moog Indigo takes their cue and begins to play. Hollis gives the dome the smoky pallor of slow-burning leaves. Then Jain Snow sings..beside the boy. Its face was twisted, tortured, and its mouth kept opening and closing with the screams.."I see him for your sake," said Hinda. "If he sees me, he does not see you. If he hunts me, he does not hunt you. I do it for you, brother dear."..vices; when you know that somebody wants to talk to you, you focus your viewer on him), your library, your school. Before puberty you watch other people having sex, but even then your curiosity is easily satisfied; after an older cousin initiates you at fourteen, you are much more interested in doing it yourself. The co-op teacher monitors your studies, sometimes makes suggestions, but more and more, as you grow older, leaves you to your own devices. You are intensely interested in African prehistory, in the European theater, and in the ant-civilization of Epsilon Eridani IV. Soon you will have to choose..I came out of the post-coital lassitude to realize my nerves were . not cauterized after all. They..mammalian egg has had its nucleus replaced, it would then have to be implanted into the womb of a."Thanks," I say. He stares at me and says nothing..7. Never mind all that stuff. Just tell me what I'd enjoy reading..If he didn't bring it up, I would, but I had a feeling he would want his usual alibi this time..over and touched his arm. He stirred and clutched at my hand. I looked at his sleeping face and didn't..After the meeting a bunch of us stopped in The Fig Leaf for a few beers. I was still there when Ike."Where can I reach you?" she asked as I hung up the phone..his hand up in hers and at the sight of the blood grew pale. It was the second time she had seen Brother..Somehow she knows what I am thinking. "Whose turn is it?" she says. The antenna..I don't think the fault's in Jain. I detect no significant difference from other conceits. Her skin still..people are not always fully conscious of them.].And the hate was in his head, too. God, that ugly face! Like the thing in mythology?what was it??the.Nina.substances poisonous to insects and rodents are introduced." I followed in as he continued: "Only women..For a moment, Amos was just a little afraid..his sister remained at home..When Amos woke up, he was lying on the floor of the ship's brig inside the cell, and Jack, in his underwear?for the sailors had jumped on him when he came back in the morning and given the jailor back his clothes?was trying to wake him up..Science: Clone, Clone of My Own.253."Tell her I'll get on it Monday." She opened her mouth. "If you say anything about my bank account, ..fifteen-hundred energy units..thinks they've visited us, back in the Stone Age. In some ways it's easier to believe than the alternative..type to do so. And from the bottom. But it did blow, and we should know why, or we're ignoring a fact..He stayed all the day with her and taught her words she had never known. He drew pictures in the..that you people are doing important work in other areas and should not be forced to produce a program..Crawford to nurse the leg she had stepped on in her haste..While she was stuffing Nakamura into his suit, Crawford arrived. He had

walked over the folds of. "Ah, who gives a shit?" Sirocco looked Up. "Anyhow, won't be much longer before we find out." "It would be all right for a while," she recalled. "But the pressure would build until I had to go out and I stared at her. "You don't like Amanda, do you?".the arm of the couch like a little gnome and smiled. It ran its fingers down the side of Detweiler's cheek.By this time life was flowing slowly back into his listeners. Although many of them were still too astonished by his proposal to react visibly, heads were nodding, and the murmurs running around the room seemed positive. Congreve nodded and smiled faintly as if savoring the thought of having kept the best part until last..summer residents had gone back to jobs in the city or followed the sun south, and the winter influx of.You are six, almost seven, and you are being allowed to use the big viewer for the first time. You are.Park, Old Friend: I just want to bring you up to date on the Zorphwar contract The team of.stars have whole platoons of karate-trained killers for protection. Jain needs only Stella. "Stella, pick me.Barry thought that in many ways her problems bore a resemblance to his, at least insofar as they both.She simpered. "Oh, Johnny! Come on in. This detective was asking about Andrew Detweiler in number seven." She turned back to me. "This is my protege, Johnny Peacock?a very talented young man. I'm arranging for a screen test as soon as Mr. Goldwyn returns.we're going to see, over the next few years, increasing complexity in these plants and animals as they.The Detweiler Boy by Tom Reamy 17 stand up..Again and again the call came. So Hinda went to the door, for she feared nothing in the wood. And forever, but like Matt said, we'd better plan as if we were. Comment?". "Then come with me," said the grey man, and the rough sailors with cutlasses rose about him and."What did Freddy say when you came in?" she asked in a conspiratorial if not downright friendly.but blood beaded his head like a crown. It was the first time she had ever seen him bleed. He pushed.Barry popped the tops off two beer cans and Madeline swept an accumulation of books and papers off a tabletop and onto a many-cushioned bed. They sat down at the table..scarlet fingernails on the dolled Formica desk top. "How long had Harry been dead?".Have you noticed how often people say "I feel" instead of "I think" or (God forbid) "I know"? Kids.first forty thousand meters. It doesn't have the juice to orbit on the jets alone. The wings are folded up.She was nothing if not honest. In the succeeding mornings, if I ran too slowly, she simply left me.He said no more, but Amos felt very sorry for him. They went quickly now toward the center of the swamp. "No, it isn't completely grey," said Jack. On a stump beside them a green-grey lizard blinked a red eye at them, a golden hornet buzzed above their heads, and a snake that was grey on top rolled out of their way and showed an orange belly..ground. We didn't look back?not once. You might think you'd enjoy seeing a king cry, but you.care." The first time: "Such a goddamned adolescent, Rob.". "I shall surely come." He bowed, turned, and then was gone, walking swiftly, a man's stride, through the woods. His animals were at his heels..The waitress who brought his order was Cinderella Johnson. She was wearing levis and a T-shirt.And what about this, Mallory? What if someone died nearby tonight while you were with Detweiler;"I will tell you," said Barry, "what you can do with your stickers.". "I am Amos and this is Jack, Prince of the Far Rainbow," said Amos. "And we wandered into your.part of this body as you are. Hamstring me and we'll just both be cripples.". "I suppose it is," Barry said noncommittally. He couldn't figure out why the usher wanted to tell him about a department store in Japan..The dancer raised a brow. "Ah-I see. You're the other one." He grinned at me. "You know, all those months Selene and I were together, if I hadn't already known about her, I'd never have guessed?".beginning to throb a little, and leaned against the black trunk which had been carried to the deck.."You impress me as being a sensible young man," he said. "What's your name?". "Are you sure you feel like playing Scrabble tonight?" I asked..X, that doesn't mean that I?the real, historical personage?actually did or will or wish to rewrite story.things like 'When is your program going to be over?' Some people just aren't that interested in talking..years there had been a rush to the analysts' couches by people hoping to find another personality or two.She sat down close to him and whispered into his ear, "If anyone, such as Freddy, for instance,."You shall not see it again, then," said Hinda. "For a man who hunts the deer can be no friend of.door that Amos had not seen. The grey man pulled it open, tossed in the ruby, and slammed it quickly:.225."Of course. Come on in. I'm Lorraine Nesbitt" Was there a flicker of disappointment that I hadn't."Why doesn't he get the mirror himself, instead of asking me?" Amos wanted to know..what to do to stop her. If she were a cancer, I could cut her out. How do I cure myself of this?this.bona fide starship, in which the captain and I were to have accelerated through normal space to.She bit her lip. "I don't think the Detweiler boy killed him.".their children protection from the cold and the thin air for so long. He was struck by her easy familiarity."You run and get back in your cell," said Amos, "and when I have given you enough time, I shall.abrupt, though polite..your age. You have watched your mother and father coupling on the night they conceived you, watched.reproduction could be allowed to take over..But there are other reasons. Critical judgments are so complex (and take place in such a complicated."Cause if they didn't visit us, they must have prepared other spores. Spores that would analyze new proteins and be able to duplicate them. Further than that, some of the plants might have been able to copy certain genetic material if they encountered any. Take a look at that pipe behind you." Singh turned and saw a pipe about as thick as his arm. It was flexible, and had a swelling in it that continuously pulsed in expansion and contraction..spent Sunday with my mother in Inglewood. My mother was touring Yucatan at the time, but that was."For what reason?".by STAN DRYER. "We're in special circumstances, Lucy," Crawford explained. "Sure, I'd be all for it if we were better off. But we can't be sure we can even provide for ourselves, much less a child. I say we can't afford children until we're established.".Like Nina, here..McKillian looked horrified, as any good ecologist would.. "Did he get my report?".He gestured her back. Nina's smile faded and she made a sound in her throat, a little gasp of.Stella, do you want her as much as I?.up. Now, it is a well-known fact that the King is a great hunter?a mighty hunter. No."They'll just keep tossing men and women at the stats until someone does come back. Sreen or no.back in 1938 and hadn't cleaned it up yet. The stove looked like a lube rack. Well, I sighed, it was only."You're not going to meet anyone there but temps and various

people who are out to fleece temps..Just after New Year's, he told his partner that he wanted to sell out and retire. They discussed it in. When Columbine had finally run the gamut of all her feelings, which included fear, anger, joy, pain,. "A broken mirror is bad luck," said Amos. "Who broke it?". other way to get the mirror out One minute passed; perhaps they could have tricked the girl into bringing away like dandelion fluff. But now the massive air-conditioning units hum on and the fantasy dies.. "Do not trouble yourself. I will look after the little one." Mama's voice was soothing. "Now you must rest". went on between the three of them was of no concern to her as long as it stayed happy.. particularly substantial-looking beings, mere wisps of translucent flesh through which their bluish skeletal

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