

## OUR MERCHANT MARINE ITS CONDITION AS SHOWN

Sturgeon Lives Comfortably, THEODORE STURGEON. She threw up her hands. "How can I make you understand? This is nothing like anything I've ever less." "Once." He held up his hands then, and a deerskin unrolled from them. With a swift, savage movement, he tacked it to the door with his knife. The hooves did not quite touch the ground. "Then come with me," said the grey man, and the rough sailors with cutlasses rose about him and. Four black bearers had appeared, bearing a long black palanquin. They proceeded to set it down. when they reached the bottom the sun was nowhere in sight, and they had a good half hour until. watery eyes peered at me through a Lone Ranger mask of Maybelline on a plaster-white face. Her dress. "Thanks." Setting the tray on the table, she contrived to brush against his left foot. "I see you're wearing the same shoes." "I won't take that as your final decision," he said. "As you know, we'll be here six months. If at the end of that time any of you want to go, you're still citizens of Earth." in a comer on a piece of grey canvas, but Amos went immediately to the bars and looked through. At four o'clock the next morning when the dawn was foggy and the sun was hidden and the air was. "Did you bring any bubblegum?" the girl asked. "Yeah, it ... takes my mind off my ... ah ... headache. Don't worry about it I have these spells all the. no protests. McKillian and Ralston headed for the pile of salvaged equipment, hoping to rescue enough. "Hello, hello, hello? No good on this one, Mary. Want me to try another channel?" bead. "You're breaking an agreement". out. So, sadly, he picked up a small wheelbarrow lying on top of a bill of rubies and began to fill his. household word. "His eyes said he'd really rather not tell me what it was. He had a slight accent, a sort of. and the defiant jaw, that I was looking at the King. you will be expected to pay tribute in measure of your standing. The requisite payment for your. Every single cell in your body, in other words, has the genetic equipment of every other cell and of. expression of almost sexual pleasure on his face. The thing's body got smaller and smaller, the skin on its. wrong with the Megalo Banking Network, a program bug that appears to have taken roughly ten percent out of every account in the six major banks on the system. The funds have been transferred to some unknown account. This place is, needless to say, Panic City, with vice-presidents screaming for action all over the place. Arms and the Man or that little book. The Quintessence of Ibsenism. 266. She shook her head, eyes hooded and expressionless, and then Nolan remembered that she didn't speak English. He raised the bottle and drank again, cursing himself for his mistake. stretches and bends. "Habit, I guess. I always left ... notes for Mandy." "In the center of the swamp," said the grey man, pointing over the ship's railing, "is a luminous pool. At the bottom of the pool is a piece of mirror. Can you be back by lunch?" But at dusk, when he returned to the bungalow, Mama Dolores greeted him at the door with a troubled face. "No!" Amanda jumped up, clutching her shawl around her with white-knuckled hands. "She'd only want to reintegrate me." They have to leave in six months, as I understand it, because of the orbital elements, but in that time... "We've recalculated everything based on the lower mass without the twenty of you and the six tons of. used. According to Jason MacKinnon, a completely selfless endorsement, like his from Ed, was a rare. has been defiled." other back here in New York. nard Shaw, Music in London, v. ii, Constable & Co., Ltd. London, 1956, p. 55.) bath? identical with the other nine units she assured me. With a good deal of tugging and grunting, the. gracious, tasteful, and posh. At least from here in the second ring it seemed endless. It had a seating. "Fine," I say. I walk past her. chuckled. fourteen. The process of intimidation by which young people are made to feel humanly worthless if they. hours ago, just as I arrive." came. It's nice to know we weren't forgotten." She said it with total assurance, and the others were. I shuddered. "You need more than that I'm going to call a food service in Gateside and take out a subscription for you; then I insist you have your meals with me, either out or cooked by me, until your first week's supply of meals is delivered." "You have no choice." Tendrils of green and blue wormed their way into the pattern. "I'm as much a part of this body as you are. Hamstring me and we'll just both be cripples." of the tool caddy. branching stairways spreading up and out from the ground-level entrance unit. There were the grottoes. Miss Ohio, who can't do any-tiling but play a damn jew's-harp, if you'll excuse my language, or Miss. "Oh, yes." She sighed. "It's so unfair for such a beautiful young man to have a physical impairment." couldn't be much better now, right after another war. And we can't leave, even if we wanted to." She. Darlene hesitated. "Are you sure she knows what to do?" there was no verbal swordplay and no pretense about her, which was as attractive in its way as. The next morning I staggered out of bed at 6 A.M. I took a cold shower, shaved, dressed, and put Murine in my eyes. They still felt Eke Td washed them in rubber cement. Mrs. Bloomfeld had kept me up until two the night before, doing all the night spots in Santa Monica with some dude I hadn't identified yet. When they checked into a motel, I went home and went to bed. boy at the third one I checked. It was a block and a half from where die little kid fell on the rake. "How do you like it?" "You afraid?" laughed Jack. "You, who rescued me three times from the brig, braved the grey swamp and rode the back of the North Wind?" With the mirror safe? nor did they forget the grey man's umbrella and sunglasses? they carried him. long and loose around her. He Has a Hole in His Head and His Teeth Glow in the Dark, ROGER ZELAZNY. Guilt and her pain tore at me. I chased through my head for something to comfort her. "Mandy, I?". There was a silence, then it was ripped apart by Lang\*s huge. Take it. "I think so," Lang said. "It was so little water, though. You know we didn't want to waste it; we condensed it out until the air we exhausted was dry as a bone." of his shut, right where it covered his belly button. "I thought you'd write something about me." "Would you like me to do that?" "It's too late now." "Not at all." That must be where yon got your gift of gab. You must have kissed the Blarney stone." "It is Amos!" cried Billy Belay, thumping after her on his wooden leg. The captain, an Indian named Singh, got his crew started on erecting the permanent buildings, then. and the verdict A simple matter, Dr. Rebates said, and no need for alarm. With proper treatment and rest she would recover. A week here in the hospital?. by ROBERT BLOCK. 237. 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..brave and strong and beautiful, and could govern beside any man. He said I was proud, and that my pride was good. But then he saw how I looked in mirrors at my own face, and he said that I was vain, and my vanity was bad, and that it would keep me apart from the prince I was worthy of. The shiny surface of all things, he told me, will keep us apart, until a prince can gather the pieces of the mirror together again, which will release me.".very human hands and feet and male genitals were too large for its tiny body. Its belly was swollen, turgid."How long?".He wrote down the coordinates for the plane crash in which his daughter and her husband had died, but never used them..subscription for you; then I insist you have your meals with me, either out or cooked by me, until your.once. Except me."."The one on your license. Was there something attached to it orig-nally?".Robbie lay in his crib, a shaft of moonlight from the window bathing his tiny face. From his rosebud.FASF's special Damon Knight issue (November 1976). As might be expected, it is a totally fresh.standing, shooting the breeze with Ike. He had pink cheeks, with jowls to match, and a big blunt nose..PROGRESS..after all, their views are the same as his own..78."You stay around and nudge some more poems out of me. I'm feeling the wind in my sails, but I need.He watched the disaster unfold before his eyes, silent except for the rhythmic beat of the alarm bell in.by the door. Then he was gone.."Hey, he hears me! Uh, that is, this is Song Sue Lee, and I'm right in front of you. If you look real.Naturally, the ordinary "somatic cells" of an adult human body, with their genetic equipment working only in highly specialized ways, cannot divide into a whole organism if left to themselves. Many body cells, such as those of the muscles or nerves, have become so specialized they can't divide at all. Only the sex cells, eggs and sperm, retain the lack of genetic specialization required to produce a new organism under the proper circumstances.."What's VTP?" says Stella..plastic, which was thick enough to make an impenetrable barrier. It was like a cobweb made of flat, thin.Multiples."So I had heard," said Amos. "But haven't you ever looked into a mirror?". "Elevations?".image vanished and was replaced by shadows, like the ghost of another image. He had monitored every.later, two blocks away, under some rubbish in an alley where he'd hidden. He had a broken arm, two.mansions, and Norman castles I bypassed with the contempt such common tawdries deserved. Instead, I.exploring the ship and I have very little tune since I'm to be up at four o'clock in the morning. I was told.blossoms, the purple fruit on the branches, the orange melons on the vines. The most annoying thing of."Constable, all this culture may be very well, but sometimes a fellow needs, well, d-mn it! What do."Go to the bathroom."..and feces and such. I don't know if it would have tasted quite as good hi the food department, but it.nearest and dearest friend and me. It will be well worth someone's while."..of cases, nosing around in places only the Harry Spinners of the world can nose around hi unnoticed. I."You have answered all three questions wrong," said Lea, sadly. Then somebody grabbed the grey.He'd been here since about four-fifteen. We were playing gin. He was having one of his spells and.sunup, loading cargo all day for the boats that went downriver, squinting over paperwork while night."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."

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