

SATIRES

collars. Then rougher gusts began to nip their fingers. At last buffets of wind flattened them against the aimed at a deep shadow box across the room; at the back of the box was a card ruled with black, green. She laughed. "Wonderful. So that's what you want us to do? Dig down there and warm the ice with more thing that might be an animal. It was a flying creature, the size of a fruit fly, that managed to glide. would pay me a great deal of money with which I could buy a ship and continue my search. He told me. totally at home with it None of them had worn anything but a Martian pressure suit for eight years. She. "You must return to your ship," they insist, "and obey the will of the Sreen." 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. by LEE KILLOUGH. had gone to Margot Randall, July to December to the Senator. It sounded like the alters might still divide. "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." preconceptions of poets and the necessarily indigent life they must lead. "Have you ever published a." For all the pearls I can put in my pockets, all the gold I can carry in one hand, all the diamonds I can lift in the other, all the emeralds I can haul up from a well in a brass kettle, and a chance to see a man living through the happiest moment of his life? I'll help you!" Jane Yolen's classic fantasy tales have been appearing in F&SF since 1976. She is the author. one complained. They simply went on climbing, steadily through the hours. Once Jack paused a moment. grape-sized white balls, very hard and fairly heavy. The second discovery was made by Lucy McKillian. every other feeling was something awful. He knew it was irrational, but he couldn't help it. The whole idea of having to have a license to talk to someone was as ridiculous as having to have a license to have sex with them. Right? Right! But ridiculous or not, the law was the law, and when you break it, you're guilty of breaking the law. "Oh, I've got till March." our eyes it had become a thunderbolt? a thunderbolt cast heavenward by a madman in a magnificent, if, the black woman to her knees. In another second the ulterior was a whirling snowstorm. He skidded on. Tharsis Base. humping and tsk-tsking at thirty-second intervals. She was having a marvelous time. Miss Tremaine was. A: The Day the Sun Stood Still. 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. with yourself, Barry? Few people are completely willing to talk about something. We've all got. Formica desk top. "How long had Harry been dead?" movie star except for his back." He shrugged. "Oh, nothing much. Take two aspirin, drink lots of liquids, get plenty of rest, that sort of. (high) than that of facial tissues (low).. 221. Thomas M, Duck. "Neither one of those facts is so incredible compared to some of the strange things in this world," said. Suddenly he was at the window, climbing out and dropping to the matted sward below. He ran across the clearing, through the trees and into the open space before the riverbank.. "ready. How about you?" So they pushed the jewels back and leaned against the closet door till it closed. Then they returned to the map.. She scooted up beside me, keeping the sheet over her breasts, and tamed on the light. She. desk, but her good eye twinkled.. "Mm," said Madeline, not unkindly. "It's odd you should put it like that; it's almost a definition of what. option, since the whole point of the place was that you could just sit back and let your chair do the. I heard the door open. I turned and saw Detweiler run out. 190. Saturday, the 23rd, I had three. A knifing in a bar on Pico, a shooting in a rooming house on Irolo., 27. "God, Larry? you're right! I've been kidding myself: the pageant isn't my problem? it's my excuse. My. Even if a woman were to have one of her somatic nuclei implanted into one of her own egg cells and if she were then to have the egg cell. Stella Vanilla? Fve never learned exactly what her real last name. Jain sways and the crowd sways; she thrusts and the crowd thrusts. It is one gigantic act it as as though a temblor shakes the Front Range.. I killed time earlier tonight reading the promo pamphlet on this place. As the designer says, the combination of arena and spectators turns the dome into one sustaining organism. At first I misread it as "orgasm." * Those of my Gentle Readers who know that under no circumstances wfil I take a plane need not register shock. I traveled to California and back by train. -Yea, they still run. "We'll see, won't we?" softly. "Mama Dolores?" She's shorter than I am, tiny and dark with curly chestnut hair. She's also proficient in any martial art I can think of. And if all else fails, in her handbag she carries a .357 Colt Python with a four-inch barrel. When I first saw that bastard, I didn't believe she could even lift it. spinning like crazy." They all looked uneasily at the whirligigs. "But I think they're not here yet I think. Barry was just getting used to the idea of going on to six-digit figures when a woman in a green sofa wheeled up to him and asked what kind of music he liked.. even as I voice it, no one on Earth is going to be able to defy the edict. "We haven't any choice, sir, they. A: Simak, Pohl, Spinrad and Sturgeon. "What do you think that feels like, here?" She grabbed a handful of white nylon in the general area of her heart.. burden from him. In the meantime he had to get them started on something. He touched McKillian gently. "You're sure you want me to have this?" Barry asked, incredulous, with the white curlicue of the. that you people are doing important work in other areas and should not be forced to produce a program. For the next many days Barry didn't speak to a soul. He felt no need to communicate anything to anyone. He had his three endorsements? one from a poet who'd published twenty-two books? and he was confident he could have gone out and got three more a day if he'd needed to. He was off the hook.. when Amanda walked into my office with her seeds of tragedy and elected me gardener.. She snorted. "I wonder. Do you have any idea what ifs like being locked up in her head for six. Ike and I no longer breathed. Everything

in all creation except that arrow had ceased to exist for us. In a turnip existence..Earthling Swine! I, Parker, Emperor and Commander and Chief of the Hordes of Zorph, do here give warning. Tomorrow afternoon at 14:00 hours I shall commence the obliteration of all decadent hu-manoid pigs in my galaxy. Be at your console at the appointed hour! You are forewarned but foredoomed..CLAUSE'S Tales White From the Hart.Amanda said, "I think this will be fine. Where do I sign the lease?"..chest as he buttoned the shirt It wasn't muscular but it was very well made. He was very guided daydreams. Perhaps the popularity of series novels is due in part to readers' desire for a reliable..Violence."He was here with us all evening. We had dinner and played Scrabble. I think he was real sick, but..He moved down the line of bungalows silent as a shadow. He turned south when he reached the..with another three months in which to continue his quest and an introduction to Intensity Five, Barry had."And it said glumphvnr, and fuffle, and fulmp," Amos told her..Her face took on the intent, yet mesmerized look of a quiz show contestant "Ask, ask.."interested in doing it yourself. The co-op teacher monitors your studies, sometimes makes suggestions..By the end of the day I still thought it had been a good idea, though my feet ached from following her through what had to be every shop in Gateside before Amanda found a gift she thought worthy of her father. I requested a window table at the Beta Cygnus, where we could get some coffee and rest while we watched cafe patrons and people in the street outside..many freestanding, brimful metal ashtrays. Having already forked out twenty-five dollars upstairs as his..I shuddered. "You need more than that I'm going to call a food service in Gateside and take out a.."No: why are you so accommodating to me, when Fra being such a bitch? Are you looking for an endorsement?"..Samuel R. (Chip) Delany has for some time been one of sfs most interesting novelists (Dhalgren, Triton, et cetera) and one of the field's more thoughtful critics (The Jewel-Hinged Jaw: Notes of the Language of Science Fiction). He has not written much short fiction recently, and so we are especially pleased to offer this fresh and magical change of pace.."How can you tell?"..Jack nodded..tell you."..Crawford didn't know if he should let it drop..I tried to sit up but my head weighed a thousand kilos. I managed to turn over on my side and, as though down a silver tunnel, watched Amanda jerk open a drawer. She reached in. I gritted my teeth against the nausea the effort of moving brought and lurched onto my hands and knees..should leave?"..sweaty and hot. A wind sighs in the aspen leaves. A faint steady hiss comes from the viewer you hold in..peered in..by JOHN VARLEY..greeted her ears: a loud, harsh calling, neither bird nor jackal nor good grey wolf.."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."..So?if you'd like an endorsement from me ... ?" She reached..The dancer raised a brow. "Ah-I see. You're the other one." He grinned at me. "You know, all those..foredoomed..hope I'm wrong, but I don't expect ...".In my want I forget the other occasions. "Okay."..drawings and notes..Finally, before you make any snap judgments, I ask that you log in on your console and try Zorphwar. Good hunting!..Then the picture changed, and he was looking down a familiar, seaside, cobbled street, wet with rain. A storm had just ended and the clouds were breaking apart. Down the block the sign of the Mariner's Tavern swung in the breeze..But when I looked in the bedroom, she was sound asleep..because our reactor will run out of power in two years. We'll need another power source, and maybe.."We'll stop that sort of thinking right now. I'm tile mission commander. I appreciate you taking over..Women don't understand about strikes, about how important it is for workers to show who they're..105.choose which two or three to save in the time she had. She might have done better but for the freakish..Jason said the standard fee, a year ago, for a single sticker had been a thousand dollars; two and a half..?I hope so."..I?I put Spanish fly in your Ovaltine." She didn't humph, she giggled. I wonder how many points [tfufz] is?..The old woman hesitated. "You will not be offended if I speak?*"..Something came around the end of the couch. It wasn't a cat. I thought it was a monkey, and then a frog, but it was neither. It was human. It waddled on all fours like an enormous toad..making me do it?"..When Westland came charging back into my office an hour later, he found the Admiral hammering at my console keys and shouting bis best Navy profanity at the Zorphs who had just zapped him for fifteen-hundred energy units..What brought another of those incredible smiles was the interior. Not only did the carpeting continue up the walls, but as she walked from the kitchen, across the lounge area to the fireplace, and turned to look up at the sleeping loft, each place her feet touched a patch changed color to a pale, clear yellow. She stared, then laughed and ran her hands along the back of a chair. It, too, changed color, to a pattern of pastel greens and yellows..The last step took the thin grey man right into the open trunk. He cried out, stumbled, the trunk..He was huddled on his back with his elbows propped up by the wall and the bed. His throat had been..Detweiler boy obviously couldn't have killed Harry or Milian, but it was stretching coincidence a little bit..Take that bulge apart and you'd be amazed at the resemblance to a human heart So there's another significant fact; this place started out with whirligigs, but later modified itself to use human heart pumps from the genetic information taken from the bodies of the men and women we buried," She paused to let that sink in, then went on with a slightly bemused smile.."Now don't be like that. Treason is a necessary part of the job, the way that handling trash cans is a part of being a garbage man. Some poets go to a great deal of trouble to disguise their treacheries; my inclination is to be up-front and betray everyone right from the start"..however to a recent disproportion between supply and demand, the going price for a single was now..?I?m Columbine Brown," she said, as though that offered an explanation..endorsement absolutely gratis. Would we, Jason?"..landed in the nominal 'summer/ It's been theorized that if there were any Martian life it would have."We have come to take the mirror back," said Jack..an example of (to my mind) profound, searching, brilliant, political criticism, see Jean-Paul Sartre's Saint..images bloom and expire, ten every second: the tracer is following each queen back to the egg, men the

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