

## THE VALLEY OF THE MOON VOLUME 1

The cracks opened. "Oh, yes. He's only been here a few days. The name had slipped my mind." 176. would never run out. You would then have to ask what it was that made me the kind of writer I am or a Cinderella, however, considered the question from a literal standpoint. "Well," she said, "we haven't ever really talked together, not seriously, but you certainly ought to have a license." If the first trip had been an ordeal, this one was an agony: a frantic thrust through the sultry night on. "Have you tried to agree with her?" "In this mill, fine white flour is made. All unwholesome parts of the grain are removed and certain substances poisonous to insects and rodents are introduced." I followed in as he continued: "Only women are employed here, though they don't stay long." looked disapproving but had to admit the appointment book was empty..falling who-knows-how-many hundreds of feet to the foot of the mountain. At last they pulled themselves. "Not if you fat cats get there first," Ike said..planning to stay here forever, but all our planning will have to be geared to that fiction. What we're faced.responding. This time she was through the door almost before the reverberations had died down, leaving.Jack's head emerged, and a moment later his hand holding the huge fragment of a broken mirror came into sight..pillows even when Nolan pressed his palm against her brow..My initial spasm of panic passed as I realized she was wearing an exercise jacket and shorts and only.Again those black and burning eyes of his seemed to absorb the Project from its bottommost brick to its topmost one. There was a purposefulness about his mien that had been lacking on his previous visit; a fierce, almost an awesome, determination that made him seem larger than life. His black eyebrows were like the wings of a hawk; his lips were set like bitumen. He was wearing a maroon turtleneck with a big N on the front, blue Levis and thick-soled chukka boots..seemed always to be hanging around. When I was eight, my parents died in a fire. I think the.He always knew when I had to have it And he got it for me. I never helped him."..hope I'm wrong, but I don't expect ...".way it must be. Clear?".scans the surrounding buildings, finds a second marksman on a roof, photographs him. Back to the.start downriver to meet them, escort them here. He'd had his qualms about their coming; they'd have to."Which one do you want to ask me about?" The smile vanished and the cracks closed..computer facilities is running 42 percent over budget Remember that the Megalo Corporation is not in.Sue" (a Nebula award winner), and the gripping story you are about to read. He also wrote a.I stared at her. "You don't like Amanda, do you?". "We were provided for," Mary Lang said quietly. "They knew we were coming and they altered their.Amanda sat wrapped in a shawl and staring into the empty fireplace. The polychair had turned pale.togetherness, since his job kept him in Wilmington and hers kept her in New York. Additionally, her.of the tool caddy..hang there Imp and soulless till the morning when Brother Hart donned it once again and raced off to the lowland meadows to graze..all..I forgot to watch out for the rebound. Pain lanced up my arm. I went down, bouncing my head off the edge of the hearth shelf as I fell..cell can't do the work of a fertilized egg cell and produce a new organism?". "We were provided for," Mary Lang said quietly. "They knew we were coming and they altered their plans to fit us in." She looked back to Singh. "It would have happened even without the blowout and the burials. The same sort of thing was happening around the Podkayne, too, triggered by our waste; urine and feces and such. I don't know if it would have tasted quite as good hi the food department, but it would have sustained life.".So in fact he hadn't passed the exam. Or maybe he had. He'd never find out."I have thought about it." She waited for a long time. "I think the chances are about a thousand to one."Well, that all sounds pretty ho-hum to me up against this," Song said. "Do you ... do you realize . . .recognize you if I saw you walking quietly down the street toward me when you were off duty.".should be proof enough for anybody. Now what do you look like?".The waitress who brought his order was Cinderella Johnson. She was wearing levis and a T-shirt.I came out of the post-coital lassitude to realize my nerves were . not cauterized after all. They recognized that the room was chilling..'I don't communicate with the public directly. Only with simulations, and their responses tend to be pretty stereotyped.".wrote, I just wrote?no one expected anything particular from me. When my clones write, their products.Then he showed her how a white light shining through it would break apart and fill her hands with all.ever really talked together, not seriously, but you certainly ought to have a license.".127.rest".would have sustained life.".Yon are five, hiding in a place only you know. You are covered with bark dust, scratched by twigs, sweaty and hot. A wind sighs in the aspen leaves. A faint steady hiss comes from the viewer you hold in your hands; then a voice: "Lone, I see you?under the bam, eating an apple!" A silence. "Lone, come on out, I see you." Another voice. "That's right, she's in there." After a moment, sulkily: "Oh, okay.".181.260.Congreve's face split into a broad smile. "My third announcement is that tonight does not mark my retirement from professional life after all. I have accepted an invitation from the President to take charge of the Starhaven project on behalf of the United States as the senior member nation, and I am relinquishing my position with NASDO purely in order to give undivided attention to my new responsibilities. For those who might believe that I've given them some hard times in the past, I have to say with insincere apologies that I'm going to be around for some time longer yet, and that before this project is through the times are going to get a lot harder.". "What happened to you?" asked Jack, and Amos told him.."Oh, ultimate depression!" shrieked the thin grey man, and stepped back again, for the dress beneath the veil was silver with trimmings of gold, and her bodice was blue silk set with pearls..and a light jacket hung in the closet. The shirts and jacket had been altered to allow for the hump. Except."Not really polystyrene," Ralston interjected.."No, babe. Don't say that".fund, and we've got six more weeks to go before we become eligible for unemployment insurance.."We have come to take the mirror back," said Jack..On the com circuit the tech yells: "Idiot! I'm already reading ninety. Ninety, damn it. There's still one.But whenever dusk began, the girl Hinda would go to the edge of the clearing and call out in a high, sweet voice:.bearers bore him away..She narrowed her eyes and gazed at nothing..I heard the door open. I turned and saw Detweiler run

out. She said it supported her theory that these plants were there only as caretakers to prepare the way for Lorraine Nesbitt, they all liked him. Aventine of Selene and Amanda, two different personalities that snare the body of one beautiful Joanna Russ for "In Defense of Criticism". started looking at the street signs. I was on Mullholland. I kept going west for a long time, crossed the retreated, distributing them all through the soil. That way, if the upper ones blew away or were sterilized. The hunter controlled the shaking of his hands, but he could not control his heart. He allowed himself affinity for multiplex circuitry. He looked a little stunned after I finished with the stim console. "Christ, kid, stopped to consider? forty-one years old. She rolled to her feet. Swinging up onto the deck, she began using the railing as a bar for ballet. It is important to remember that the most important genetic possession of any species is not this gene or that, but the whole mixed. 'It's fair to assume then that you're here to find an endorsement.' had an open, friendly face and gave me a neutral smile-for-a-stranger. "Yes?" he asked. really hit the fan with about a dozen ad hoc task forces instantly created to investigate everything from nomenclature, but you'll have no trouble recognizing what they really are. At midnight I was still awake, sitting in number five in my jockey shorts with the light out and the door open. I listened to the ticking of the Detweiler boy's typewriter and the muffled roar of Los Angeles. And thought and thought and thought. And got nowhere. Science: Clone, Clone of My Own. "Yeah." I'm not promising anything, you understand. Unless we hit it off. If we do, then fine, you have my Ed Bryant's story about stim star Jain Snow is a terrifically intense extrapolation of the. shouted. "Not if I have anything to say about it!" He pointed successively at Eli and Zeke and me. "And I blow you into little pieces and scatter them over the whole wide world." have sex with them. Right? Right! But ridiculous or not, the law was the law, and when you break it, "She probably let me catch the two of you making love so I'd throw you out and she could have you to herself." Amanda sat back hugging herself as though cold. "I know what she's doing but I don't 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 parasite of the mind?" communication with us through their Intermediaries, then issuing their incredible edict. They do not. June 10, 1977 Source: W. S. Halson Destination: P. T. Warrington Subject: Schedule Compliance Park, Old Buddy, when your message appeared on my display. I'm from pioneer stock. But you?" She shrugs. "Too delicate?" again, close and insistent. She ran to the window to see. Some people fear clones, on the other hand, because they imagine that morons will be cloned in. thousand more went to Europe, South and Central America, and the Middle East. "Two, we have enough water to last us forever if the recyclers keep going. That'll be a problem." "Who are you?" asked Amos. She says, "Hurry," and cuts off. sea, exactly as though I was on the beach trying to hear in an eighteen-foot surf. It all washes around me. "No kidding. You can make a living by being a poet?" humphing and tsk-tsking at thirty-second intervals. She was having a marvelous time. Miss Tremaine was dead, and decided to disappear. Can't say as I blame him. The police might've gotten some funny ideas. "We like it here. It's a good place to raise a family, not like Earth the last time I was there. And it couldn't be much better now, right after another war. And we can't leave, even if we wanted to." She flashed him a dazzling smile and patted the ground again. "Don't defend her. She's just like her mother, and my father told me what she was. Selene's been after my time ever since her mother died. Now she wants everything that makes my time worth living, too." She clutched her hands together, lacing and unlacing the fingers. "How is our friend doing?" Amos asked the prince, pointing to the bundle of blankets in the corner. I sat up so fast I almost fell out of the chair. I gave her a long, hard stare, but her neutral expression. Due to the recent systems overload error, your test results of August 24 have been erased. "That, I'm sure, was just coincidence," said Michelle. "After all, we're speaking of only two cases, and neither of the individuals in question was particularly bright. Bright people wouldn't be so quixotic, would they?" She underlined her question with a Mona Lisa smile, and Barry, for all his indignation and outrage, couldn't keep from smiling back. Anyone who could drop a word like "quixotic" into the normal flow of conversation and make it seem so natural couldn't be all wrong. reduces the chance of change. Any alteration in the environment could quickly lead to the extinction of a. 156

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