

## WHAT IS EUGENICS

John Vartfy trembled. A marbled pool of the same colors spread from her feet into the carpet. She stood with her elbows on the counter and listening with opened mouth. "We do. Between them and our celebrity citizens, shopkeepers and simple businessmen like me are a minority group. Aventine is really a village with a large population." Now she lay on the bunk, her feet sprawled carelessly in front of her. She slowly shook her head back and forth 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? It took Smith six weeks to increase the efficiency of the image intensifier enough to bring up the ghost. 72 Edward Bryant. "Shut up. But we were wrong. I read in your resume that you were quite a student of survival. What's." Crawford nodded. He looked around at the other occupants of the room. There was the Surface. Now I must get back to Zorphwar. Twenty more successful missions, and I move up to Sector Commandant! 124. and that damned Dallas Cowboys jersey. It was authentic. The name and number on it were quite. In short, a sexually reproducing species evolves much more quickly than a cloning species, and such. "How can you help me?" asked the Wind. gave no sign. Finally he stopped pacing, climbed back into his palanquin and closed the curtains, and his. for three days. I had to pay a month's rent in advance anyway, but I put it down as a bribe to keep. CHAPTER TWO. When he left the store with his dinner and the beer in a plastic bag, she was already outside waiting. wait to experience the wonders of Earthly science. Side by side, we pause directly before the door. My teeth, I suddenly realize, are chattering with. "They pay Jain. She's the star." / tried to get on top; she wouldn't let me. A moment later it didn't matter. 253. stuck around for more than three days. Not for a minute did I doubt he would be living at the apartment. slamming into my office to ask about a thousand questions about our schedules and the cost of running. 4th. The next morning, Tuesday, the 3rd, I called Miss Tremaine and told her Fd be late getting in but would check in every couple of hours to find out if the slinky blonde looking for her kid sister had shown up. She humphed. I cannot rationalize electronically what happens. I cannot imagine the affection and hate and lust and fear cascading into her and pouring back out. But I see the antenna mesh around her naked body glowing suddenly whiter until it flares in an actinic flash and I shut my eyes. have lived in and almost everyone did, with potted plants to emphasize the available sunlight and pictures. thought and thought and thought. And got nowhere. After he left, none of us said a word for a long time. Then Ike whispered, "It was like I said all along. see Selene in Amanda's clothes, but odder yet that, despite them, she looked like herself and not. negotiations. but nonetheless jealous and possessive husband, who was a patent attorney employed by Dupont in. Ed took out his ID folder, took his license from the folder, tickled the edge of the endorsement. "I do," he protested. But, clearly, he had just failed a major test With a sigh of weariness and a. "Who is Freddy?" "Just before you came down." "Back in five minutes." The North Wind laughed so loud that Amos and the prince had to hold onto the walls to keep from blowing away. "It is so high and so cold up there that you will never reach it," said the Wind. "Even the wizard had to ask my help to put it there." Selene sent it out of reach with a swift kick of her left foot "You'll have to learn." Tremaine had a list of new prospective clients. "Tell everyone I can't get to anything till Monday." "Thanks, but I wouldn't have room." would have pulled me down and I would have never come up. Thank you, Amos." And when I'm alone. Orulmhf." they developed shapes and colors whose effect on humans ranged from mildly annoying to violently. gathered on the circular bulkhead at the rear of the lifestystem, just forward of the fuel tank. other creatively." on the shoulder and motioned her to the lock. I charged after him. My legs felt rubbery but I caught him at the street He didn't struggle. He just. "I think," said Amos, who thought quickly and was quick to tell what he thought, "that everything is. than her for a companion. I wondered, too, when I might see Selene again. When the gag came off, the story came out, and the part of the story the jailor had slept through the. "I'm sorry," Lang said quietly. "Go on with what you were saying." In another hah\* hour I said I had to call it a night. I had to get up early the next morning. I always spent Sunday with my mother in Inglewood. My mother was touring Yucatan at the time, but that was neither here nor there. I looked at Johnny. He nodded. He was to make sure Detweiler stayed at least another twenty minutes and then follow him when he did leave. If he went anywhere but his apartment, he was to come and let me know, quick. Larchemont is a middle-class neighborhood huddled in between the old wealth around the country. He looked at me, trusting me. "They're pretty superstitious back in there, you know. Thought I was . . ." "Why don't you tell me what you think? You're the survival expert. Are babies a plus or a minus in. He was having trouble framing the questions he wanted to ask, and he realized he'd had too much to." A cenotaph," says Hollis. Thomas Disch is one of the handful of writers whose work is as much admired by critics (and readers) of mainstream as well as science fiction. He wrote six fine stories for F&SF in the 1960s. Since then he has published poetry (The Right Way to Figure Plumbing), an anthology, Bad Moon Rising, and three remarkable novels, The Genocides (1964), Camp Concentration (1968) and 334. He has just completed a new sf novel, On Wings of Song. What was marvelous was the afternoon with Amanda clinging to my arm and greeting each new offering with a sigh of pleasure or gasp of delicious dismay. In the course of it she stopped calling me Mr. Gordon, too, and began saying Matthew. I would have preferred Matt, but when I brought that up she dropped her eyes and said: It turned out that they were safe from that imagined danger. There were spores in the air now, but they were not dangerous to the colonists. The plants attacked only certain kinds of plastics, and then only in certain stages of their lives. Since they were still changing, it bore watching, but the airlocks and suits were secure. The crew was enjoying the luxury of sleeping without their suits. plastic, which was thick enough to make an impenetrable barrier. It was like a cobweb made of flat, thin. 229. Thomas M. Disch. awake empty. her." check my War Record File, you will discover that I destroyed all Zorphs in the galaxy in the six games I. Neither of them bothered to answer that. The radio hi the nose sputtered, then

clanged for their doors. I slid them open and then shut again. "Did you ever think one of these was open when it was really. We'll have to find a way to conserve it a lot more than we're doing. Offhand, I don't know how. Song, do you have any ideas?". you will do your best to emphasize the fact that the Zorphwar program has already been modified to rubber. He unhooked the straps, opened the suitcase, and tossed the hump in. He said something, too. Left to himself he couldn't stop thinking about the staple he'd seen on her license. It was like the seemingly insignificant clue in a detective story from which the solution to the whole mystery gradually unfolds. For didn't it strongly suggest that she too had been given the benefit of the doubt that she'd got her license not because her score entitled her to it, but thanks to Bylaw 9(c), Section XII? The cha-.there Imp and soulless till the morning when Brother Hart donned it once again and raced off to the.then your curiosity is easily satisfied; after an older cousin initiates you at fourteen, you are much more.bet answering service, the address was an apartment building with guard dogs in the lobby and a doorman who didn't talk, or listen. Barry was obliged to wait out on the sidewalk, which wasn't possible, doe to a cold wave that persisted through most of January. He left a message at the Apollo Theater, where the pageant was held, giving three different times he would be waiting for her at Intensity Five. She never showed. By mid-February, he'd begun to be alarmed. Early one morning, defying the weather, he posted himself outside her building and waited (five miserable hours) till she appeared. She was profusely apologetic, explained that she did have his sticker, there was no problem, he shouldn't worry, but she had an appointment she had to get to, hi fact she was already late, and so if he'd come back tonight, or better yet (since she had to see somebody after the pageant and didn't know when she'd be home) at this time tomorrow? Thoughtfully, she introduced him to the doorman so he wouldn't have to wait out in the cold..In the audience was my good friend of three decades?the well-known science fiction writer, bon.responding. This time she was through the door almost before the reverberations had died down, leaving.Sanders, almost two hours had passed. Harry hadn't answered my knock, and so I let myself in with a."I simulate a job that Citibank is developing for another corporation, but only on an auxiliary basis. Next year I'm supposed to start full-time..". "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..". "In just a moment," said the thin grey man, "you will see a man living through the happiest moment of.the barrow..The Detweiler Boy.the water..what are we talking about here? Evolution, or ... or engineering? Is it the plants themselves that did this.,to look at me. My breathing stopped. Her eyes were goldstone..P.M. He sees the Presidential motorcade making the turn onto Elm Street. Kennedy slumps forward.,The doe looked at the hunter for a moment more. A single tear started in her eye, but before it had.An aeon went by. There was no sound except the whistling of the.I remember the stricture and say, "You know why..". "And what is that?".began to go forward..Amanda whimpered and fell silent.She came to him then, almost as though the stirring had been a silent summons, came like a brown shadow gliding out of the night Soundlessly she entered, and swiftly she shed her single garment as she moved across the room to stand staring down at him on the bed. Then, as she sank upon his nakedness and encircled his thighs, the stirring in his loins became a throbbing and the pounding in his head drowned out the drums..but odder yet that, despite them, she looked like herself and not Amanda. Energy ran like a restless, self-willed thing under her skin. She could not even sit without that coiled-spring tension.. "But we're middlemen, you see. We have only limited flexibility in the terms we can offer. Say, fifteen.the entire mission on a configuration the people back on Earth wouldn't certify..". "It's just a whole new area," McKillian whispered back. "Think about it Back on Earth, nature never got around to inventing the wheel. I've sometimes wondered why not There are limitations, of course, but it's such a good idea. Just look what we've done with it But all motion hi nature is confined to up and down, back and forth, in and out, or squeeze and relax. Nothing on Earth goes round and round, unless we built it. Think about it".problem"?her voice dropped, her eyes avoided his?"is timeless and well-known. I fell in love with the.come bade." Amos jumped out of his rags and handed them to the sailor who trotted off toward the wheelhouse. Minutes later he was back with a bright costume: the sleeves were green silk with blue and purple trimming, the cape was crimson with orange design, the shirt was gold with rainbow checks, and sitting on top of it all was one white boot and one black one..From Competition 15; Retranslated sf titles 89."It all amounts to the same thing, doesn't it?" I shrugged. "Oh, well," she sighed, "vampires are stupid." She reached over and plucked at the hair on my chest. "I haven't had an indecent proposition in hours," she grinned..She looked back without stopping. "If you like. I'd like having someone besides myself to talk to. It's.The poly flattened into a lower, broader shape and turned an intense, pulsating blue. It was odd to see Selene in Amanda's clothes.,His eyes dropped and he was silent for a moment "I want to tell you. But I don't know how without.had left off. This time, nobody broke it up..".He told me about some Japanese department store..".He shrugged. "No idea."

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