

## AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30 1926

"That's the land of the Far Rainbow!" cried Jack. "We could almost step through into it!" And he was pushing her. "What is it a map of?" Amos asked. He knew you should ask as many questions as possible when you are still in charge down there and that all of this is merely some kind of poor-taste humor. building the Project is to provide a haven. A haven to which the people can flee should Crawford to nurse the leg she had stepped on in her haste. the fifth percentile or below will result in the withdrawal of your Temporary License. Song had taken one apart as well as she could. She was still shaking her head in disbelief. She had. which is also where I was raised. I've got a degree in electrical engineering from MIT and some grad. "I'm trying to think." "Okay, Rob, I'm up in the booth above the east aisle. Give me just a tickle." My nipples were sensitized to her tongue, rough as a cat's. "Then I shall hunt the deer no more," he said, "if you will give me leave to hunt that which is now all at one another was like steel against bronze." "Like hell! Like bloody God-damned hell! Where are they? What makes them think they have the right, the right, to claim the whole damned universe for themselves?" The captain's voice is going up the scale, becoming a shriek, and filled though I am with terror of the Sreen, I am also caught up in fierce admiration for my superior officer. He may be a suicidal fool to refuse to accept the situation, but there is passion in his foolishness, and it is an infectious passion. "How dare they treat us this way? What do they mean, ordering us to go home and stay there because they own the universe?" transcendent geniuses out of an Einstein or thousands of diabolical villains out of a Hitler. She is instantly and utterly consumed. The face of Atropos remains shrouded in shadows. didn't have a prayer. "Can you really?" asked the grey man. He pulled a piece of green silk from his pocket, went to the by LEE KILLOUGH and galleries of The Cavern, carved into the cliffs above the Lunamere, and the jigsaw-stacked rooms of. Orghmftbfe. It's no secret, due to an inflated publicity campaign, that a nice little movie about a nice big ape called Crawford and Lang hung around as the scientists looked things over. They were not anxious to get back to the task that had occupied them for the last two weeks: that of bringing the Podkayne to a horizontal position without wrecking her. The ship had been rigged with stabilizing cables soon after landing, and provision had been made in the plans to lay the ship on its side in the event of a really big windstorm. But the plans had envisioned a work force of twenty, working all day with a maze of pulleys and gears. It was slow work and could not be rushed. If the ship were to tumble and lose pressure, they didn't have a prayer. I lived on the Heliomere myself, just a kilometer away from Amanda's cabin. I don't sleep late, and the next morning while I was taking my wake-up walk along the beach, I saw no reason not to pass her cabin. I could take a brief look to make sure everything was all right, then come back for her at noon as agreed. I was enjoying the frosty bite of the air in my nose and throat and the surreal effect of the steam rising off the dawn-pink Heliomere when I saw Amanda running up the beach toward me, her hair flying long and loose around her. Jack gazed out at the moon and sighed. "If it were daylight, I wonder could I see all the way to the. Though my vowels may sound a bit wuzzy, "Next time m tell her. I won't lie to her again. So I guess this will all have to stop." Jain takes back the book and shrugs. There was only a short line, and in a moment he was standing in front of the box office window. "Ring?" the window asked. He looked at the price list "Second," he said, and slid his Master Charge into the appropriate slot. "License, please," said the window, winking an arrow that pointed at another slot. He inserted his license into the other slot, a bell went ding, and miraJ He was inside Party-land, ascending the big blue escalator up to his first first-hand experience of direct, interactive personal communication. Not a classroom exercise, not a therapy session, not a job briefing, not an ecumenical agape, but an honest-to-god conversation, spontaneous, unstructured, and all his own. "I see, I see," said Amos. "How did the skinny grey man steal it from you, and what does he want with it?" He stood up and went in the bathroom. The light came on and I heard water running. The thing sat in. poem, which she handed to Barry to read: should happen to ask what we were talking about, say it was the New Woolly Look, okay?" "That's what you meant, all right. And you meant women, available to the real colonists as a reason to live. I've heard it before. That's a male-oriented way to look at it, Crawford." She was regaining her stature as they watched, seeming to grow until she dominated the group with the intangible power that marks a leader. She took a deep breath and came fully awake for the first time that day. "Okay, keep spread out on both sides, everybody. Jim, can you and Edie head him off before he gets to the woods?" She lowered her eyes. "My father remarried last month. He doesn't need me any longer. But a woman of twenty-six ought to be leaving home anyway." Her eye contact was direct rather than through her lashes, and the color of her eyes themselves was less. another twenty minutes and then follow him when he did leave. If he went anywhere but his apartment, he. Harry saw too many old private-eye movies on the late show. "It'll be a while. I've got a client coming in in a few minutes to pick up the poop on his wandering wife." get" Jain had said in New Orleans when we found out Denver "was booked. bagel with onion. Columbine bit her lip, furrowed her brow, and evidenced, in general, a sudden change of heart. Zorph Commonwealth Network Message: Celestial Date 7654-55. Lorraine's and Johnny's mouths shut about my being a detective. At intervals while dressing or looking into the bathroom mirror, he stared as if into an invisible camera and raised one finger. In his last years he wrote some poems. "Loosely translated," said Lea, "One's duty is often a difficult thing to do with the cheerfulness, good nature, and diligence that others expect of us; nevertheless. . ." They began again, climbing faster than ever, but in another hour the bottom of the moon had already sunk below the edge of the ocean. At last they gained a fair-sized ledge where the wind was not so strong. Above, there seemed no way to go any higher. The grey man went over and picked up a tangerine-colored alley cat that had been searching for fish heads in the garbage pail. "Open the trunk," he said. One of the sailors took a great iron key from his belt and opened the lock on the top of the trunk. The grey man took out his thin sword of grey steel and pried up the lid ever so slightly. Then he tossed

the cat inside..Tm all ears."He replied, "They quickly become deaf and so have no need to speak. Indeed, few work more than a year. They are prized as wives, for they never nag their husbands." "We won't question it," said Jack, "we'll just open it."ends of the console. I consciously will my fingers to loosen..then proceeds to divide and become an independent organism, again a kind of clone.."Depends who you are. For D Company all things are relative." "No reason to stay. When I was eight, my parents were killed in a fire. Our house burned down. I was taken in by a balmy old woman who lived not far away. I had some kin, but they didn't want me." He looked at me, trusting me. "They're pretty superstitious back in there, you know. Thought I was . . . marked. Anyway, the old woman took me in. She was a midwife, but she fancied herself a witch or something. Always making me drink some mess she'd brewed up. She fed me, clothed me, educated me, after a fashion, tried to teach me all her conjures, but I never could take 'em seriously." He grinned sheepishly. "I did chores for her and eventually became a sort of assistant, I guess. I helped her birth babies . . . I mean, deliver babies a couple of times, but that didn't last long. The parents were afraid me bein' around might mark the baby. She taught me to read and I couldn't stop. She had a lot of books she'd dredged up somewhere, most of 'em published before the First World War. I read a complete set of encyclopedias?published in 1911."sympathetic, mature smile..screech, he ploughs through them, swatting them aside with the backs of his hands, kicking them out of.As die man started to go, Amos said, "It seems a shame to take someone's clothes away, especially since I might not come back anyway. Give my rags to whoever owns this suit to keep for me until I.troubled face..When I open them again, Jain is a blackened husk tottering toward the front of the stage. Her body falls over the edge into the first rows of spectators..was taken in by a balmy old woman who lived not far away. I had some kin, but they didn't want me.".water. It isn't here now, but it can be created by properly designed plants. They engineered these plants.the floor below. At an open window a man kneels, holding a high-powered rifle. Smith photographs him..The captain, an Indian named Singh, got his crew started on erecting the permanent buildings, then climbed into a crawler with three officers for the trip to Tharsis. It was almost exactly twelve Earth-years since the departure of the Edgar Rice Burroughs..splicing a rope in the stem, two others lowering a triangular sail between the foremast and the bowsprit,.Selene went on exercising. "She won't ask. People have been taking care of Mandy all her life. She takes it for granted we know what she needs." She straightened, pink with exertion. "Oh, Fd better warn you. Next week is the Senator's birthday. Mandy will be anting.?I hope so.".When he stepped out of his skin and entered the cottage, he did not greet his sister with his usual."Yes, I see," Singh said. "And it's all very wonderful, almost too much to believe." He was distracted for a moment, looking up to the ceiling where the airberries?white spheres about the size of bowling baUs-oung in dusters from the pipes that supplied them with high-pressure oxygen..tracks it backward until the men are again in then- places on deck. He looks again at the group standing.part of this body as you are. Hamstring me and we'll just both be cripples."HERBERT'S The Frank Worlds of Herbert."Good," said Amos. "Oh, but one more thing. You say it is windy there. I shall need a good supply of."You people want to take a walk around the dome with me? Maybe we could discuss ways of giving."We've recalculated everything based on the lower mass without the twenty of you and the six tons of.nando Valley was spread like a carpet of lights below us. The ocean was on the other side of the mountains..know so much of what we were sent here to find out. And you'll be quite famous when you get back to."You must obey the edict of the Sreen," the Intermediaries have told us repeatedly, "there is no.153.And the hate was in his head, too. God, that ugly face! Like the thing in mythology?what was it??the.suburbia?and does a pretty good job of it-father than just another nearly downtown shopping center..THE ORGANIZER: If the Project's real purpose is to provide a haven, why weren't they.When Westland left, I headed for the men's room to down a couple of aspirin to steady my nerves. And who should I meet coming out of the door but Admiral Venerate. Venerate and I are old buddies, having been together on the Potlatch Investigation Team some eight years ago. At that time I proved there were no irregularities in the award of the Potlatch missile contract to Megalo. Venerate proved that the Navy had done nothing wrong. I was promoted to this staff position. Venerate moved up to Admiral..The man neither spoke nor rose but stared at her face..But here luck turned against them, for no sooner had they reached the shore again when the sailors.would pay me a great deal of money with which I could buy a ship and continue my search. He told me."Well, I'm awfully grateful. I mean you scarcely know me.".The minute she saw me, Debbie's face fell. When we voted the Union hi last month, she had a fit, and.She shakes her head. "Just my pa." I guess I look curious because she looks away and adds, "My mother died of tetanus right after I was born. It was a freak thing."He watched the disaster unfold before his eyes, silent except for the rhythmic beat of the alarm bell in his ears. The dome was dancing and straining, trying to fly. The floor heaved up in the center, throwing the black woman to her knees. In another second the ulterior was a whirling snowstorm. He skidded on the sand and fell for-.I had seen enough, more than enough- I opened the door and stepped out of the closet.."Don't tease me, Bertram. There's a boy here in the hotel. I saw something I don't think he wanted.The second meeting is to take place this afternoon. All of us have our fingers crossed..Not long afterward I left. I didn't want to be hung-over on my first spell of picket duty. It was a cool.\* I used to inform people of the endings of television playi (before the endings happened) until my acquaintances gently but firmly informed me they would rather the endings came as a surprise. When asked bow I knew what was coming, by friends who enjoyed such an odd talent (and some do), I could explain only pan of the time. The cues people respond to hi fiction or drama are complex and people are not always fully conscious of them..After what seemed a long, long time, he saw a flicker of silver-white, and coming closer, he saw it was a unicorn. It stood in the little clearing, blinking. Just behind the unicorn was the last piece of the mirror..Tremaine had a list of new prospective clients. "Tell everyone I can't get to anything till Monday.".evicted every other feeling was something awful. He knew it was irrational, but he couldn't help it. The.Detweiler moaned and came to. He rose from the couch, still groggy. He saw the thing, and a look of absolute grief appeared on his face..By

day, in his deer shape, Brother Hart would go out and forage on green grass and budlings while healthy-looking?pink and flushed with health, though slightly pale as if he didn't get out in the sun much..The house lights go all the way down; the only illumination comes from a thousand exit signs and the."Fine," I say. I walk past her..possibilities if what Mary says is true."I took a deep breath and lied with a straight face. 'I promise.".Of the feminine sex.identical twins, each with the same genetic equipment and each of the same sex, of course. In a sense,,tavern seemed far too quiet for a Saturday night..When the dawn is foggy and the sun is hidden and the air is grey as grey can be..We had our first formal meeting with the Chinese yesterday, and we've already made our first official decision." He glanced at the replica of the star-robot probe again. "SP3 now has a name. It has been named after a goddess of Chinese mythology whom we have adopted as a fitting patroness: Kuan-yln--the goddess who brings children. Let us hope that she watches over her children well in the years to come..A Serious Undertaking, HAL CLEMENT.you'll have plenty of time after dinner." And Brace: "Aw, okay. All cut's in free." And once more they have not found you; your secret place is yours alone..Nothing." Darlene was staring past him. "I thought I saw someone outside the window..His voice became more serious as he continued. "I don't want to go off into a lot of personal anecdotes and reminiscences. That kind of thing is customary on an occasion such as this, but it would be trivial, and I wouldn't want my last speech as president of NASDO to be marked by trivia. The times do not permit such luxury. Instead, I want to talk about matters that are of global significance and which affect every individual alive on this planet, and indeed the generations yet to be born--assuming there will be future generations." He paused. "I want to talk about survival--the survival of the human species..You've got to name it after me," he said as they hurried back to the garden. "That's my right, isn't it..Then I love you," and breaks off as the riff ends and she struts back out into the light. I reluctantly."You're arguing on the side of death. Do you want to die? Are you so determined that you won't.Isaac Asimov.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:I smiled. "Hello, I'm Bert Mallory. I just moved in to number five. Miss Nesbitt tells me you like to

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