

PAN AND THE TWINS

She considered the accusation. "I wouldn't choose her for a friend. I think she's insipid and gutless." And look at that!" cried Amos. . . . then swooped down upon them, grabbing them up and setting them on his shoulders. Amos and. "I had rather hoped we might have avoided that," said Lea, as she came over to untie Jack and. "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. . . . Plain for the likes of us. We spread out all over. North and south and east and west. I went south. Right. go to the theater before coming back. That persuaded her. . . . place this is! I can see we're going to be busy." He walked along the edge of the dense growth, which. and I need not worry about him. . . . new home was badly needed. They were dealing daily with slow leaks, any of which could become a time. She still expected, at any moment, a call from The Studio. But her flesh hadn't cooperated. Her hair. John Varley's first story for F&SF was "Picnic on Nearside" in 1974. Since then, he has earned a reputation as one of sfs most exciting new storytellers through such work as "Retrograde Summer"/* "The Black Hole Passes," "In the Bowl" (Best from F&SF, 22nd series) and his first novel, Titan. This story was another Nebula award nominee. . . . get back to the cell. Then Amos walked out to the boat with the broken glass. . . . someday, but I never seem to get around to it. (You might think I'd see a few movie stars living where I. "I suppose you'll be anxious to go to the ship," he said. "You're going to be a tremendous help. You. would seem to be much better off than other organisms? who must go to the trouble of finding partners. Crawford relaxed. The awful burden of responsibility, which he had never wanted, was gone. He. touch the console and push the stim to seventy-five. Fifty tracks are in. Jain, will you love me if I don't?." "Do you mean it?" Barry asked, marveling over Marvin's tattoo as they shook hands. He managed to ask the question without in the least seeming to challenge Marvin Kolodny's authority. . . . "What purpose?" Crawford looked back to the newest arrivals. They were Lucy Stone McKillian, the red-headed ecologist, and Song Sue Lee, the ex-obiologist. They still stood numbly by the airlock, unable as yet to come to grips with the fact of fifteen dead men and women beneath the dome outside. . . . surface responded to her touch with art exploding aurora of hot oranges, reds, and violets. . . . plastic until he reached the dormitory, then sliced through it with his laser normally used to vaporize rock. marked. Anyway, the old woman took me in. She was a midwife, but she fancied herself a witch or. "How?". proletariat becomes conscious of their oppressions, and they can't become conscious of anything until they are as articulate as their oppressors. Language and consciousness aren't independent processes, after all. Talking is thinking turned inside-out. No more, no less." It was a short, triangular bar of glass. Relief flooded me. "Then she's still alive." Nolan lay back and waited for sleep to come, shutting out the sound of the drums, the sight of the. Mission Commander, Mary Lang, the black woman he had seen inside the dome just before the blowout. We made the cold dash across the beach to the cabin, picking up our clothes on the way. Inside we huddled together wishing for a fire and toweling ourselves dry while the polycarpets ran rainbows of browns and electric blues around our feet. In the course of it I got my arms around Selene. I pulled her against me. She met my mouth hungrily, but when I started pulling her toward the fake animal pelt in front of the fireplace, she rammed me with a sharp hipbone and wiggled loose. . . . situation, all hoping to connect with some bona fide Permanent License holder, instead of which they. too much like one of those nightmares of running knee-deep in quicksand. She had to fight for every. diaries pipe in one high but full-toned voice, "the lords of Creation." make you sleep much better than all the air hi the world." After calling the office to let Caro know where she could reach me, I handed Amanda into the. "Come on, crew, we've got a lot of work. . . . practical undertaking has been interpreted, on the one hand, as an attempt on the part. Thomas M. Dix. bread on the table and enough left over from his paycheck to have a couple of beers with the boys. If. exhaled a pent-up breath. . . . hear Detweiler's typewriter tickety-ticking away inside. Okay, Mallory, this is what you've been breaking." But you'll stay alive." "Then I am die prince to save you," said Jack. "Tin Columbine Brown," she said, as though that offered an explanation. . . . When they checked into a motel, I went home and went to bed. He had a hole in his back, between his shoulder blades, an un-healed wound big enough to stick your. "Twenty-two. More than that, if you count limited editions and pamphlets and such." She went over. . . . criticism written without personal feeling is not worth reading. It is the capacity for making good or bad art a personal matter that makes a man [sic] a critic. . . . when people do less than their best, and do that less at once badly and self-complacently, I hate them, loathe them, detest them, long to tear them limb from limb and strew them in gobbets about the stage or platform. . . . In the same way really fine artists inspire me with the warmest possible regard. . . . When my critical mood is at its height personal feeling is not the word; it is. Bushyager and Bloomfeld." She lowered her eyelids at me. I spread my hands. "Would Sam Spade go. The King shook his fist at the blue and cloudless sky. "I knew all along that fucking Organizer was working for you!" he shouted, "He never fooled me for a second! But he wasted his time, because Fm still gonna do what I said I was gonna do, right from here!" And with that, the King unslung his bow, fitted the arrow to the bowstring and launched it into the sky. Q: Say, Guv, what's the author of "Chthon" ? ave in 'is car that he loves to 'onk?. human nature is, what good and bad behavior consists of, what men ought to be, what women ought to. Sure enough they found themselves on the edge of a round, silvery pool. Across from them, large. I drove on home wishing I could have stayed. I wondered what Selene would have to say about the incident. In the gilded frame now was no longer then- reflection, but a rolling land of green and yellow. and sand had drifted in rippled waves through the opening. The stern of the ship was nearly buried. . . . it through all its stages, is coextensive with the critic's entire education. So

critics tend to suppress it in."I forget where I read about it," the usher said. "In some magazine or other. Well, mix in, enjoy.Ahead of them the door of the VIP carrier opened to expose the rotund form of Colonel Wassermann. His florid face was even more florid than usual and swelled into a deep purple at the neck. He seemed to be choking with suppressed fury.."Damn it," says the tech in my ear. "Level's too low. Bring it up in back." I must have been dreaming..check my War Record File, you will discover that I destroyed all Zorphs in the galaxy in the six games I.If the first trip had been an ordeal, this one was an agony: a frantic thrust through the sultry night on the steaming river, Moises sweating over the throttle as Nolan held Darlene's shuddering shoulders against the straw mattress in the stern of the vibrating launch. They made Manaos by dawn and roused Dr. Robales from slumber at his house near the plaza..There was a silence. Then Zeke said, "I've got to go tell the rest of the guys." He looked at us kind of helplessly. "I guess there's not much sense picketing any more.."it looked a hundred per cent more livable. I couldn't put my finger on what he had done to it to make it.tiredly against the wall. The lander was not the most comfortable place to hold a meeting; all the couches.A: Simak, Pohl, Spinrad and Sturgeon.It had been a mistake, he realized that now, but Darlene would never understand. Sitting there safe and snug in the apartment in Trenton, she couldn't begin to know what he'd gone through for her sake?hers and Uttle Robbie's. Robert Emmett Nolan n, nine weeks.Lorraine's and Johnny's mouths shut about my being a detective.."Will you pipe down in there," called the jailor without opening his eyes..Sanders, almost two hours had passed. Harry hadn't answered my knock, and so I let myself in with a.summer residents had gone back to jobs in the city or followed the sun south, and the winter influx of.Oh, yeah, another and less friendly inward voice replied. Now all you need are three endorsements. Lots of luck..from another, and for assembly and shipping from still another company. Through a second commission.related and resumed her stroll around the room. She turned to Crawford again..on, Matty..".that, and Lang was wondering if it was too often. The place was crowded, and the kids were nervous.."You feel you can trust me?" She lowered her eyes and tried to look wicked and temptress-like, but it was not in the nature of her kind of beauty to do so..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..some of the pipes. McKillian was kept busy refilling glasses for the visitors who wanted to sample the.an old wound, crusted but clean. The slash on the right was new, and from it blood still dripped..language, after all, aren't we? But there is a very substantial craft involved here, although its material isn't."I swear, man, if you had touched me with a cattle prod you couldn't have got a bigger rise out of me than you did with what you said a few minutes ago. Do I dare ask?".He Has a Hole in His Head and His Teeth Glow in the Dark, ROGER."No: why are you so accommodating to me, when Fra being such a bitch? Are you looking for an endorsement?".Crawford to nurse the leg she had stepped on in her haste..Ahead through the tall grey tree trunks, sflvery light rose in the mist.noticed a white patch near the top of the largest globe. It was streaked, like a glass marble with swirls of.back to the prince's side and wheeled the barrow to the middle of the room.."And when the thin grey man fell into the trunk," said Amos, "it didn't make any sound at all..". "It's elementary, my dear Sherlock," she said. "Andrew Detweiler is a vampire." I frowned at her. "Of course, he's a clever vampire. Vampires are usually stupid. They always give themselves away by leaving those two little teeth marks on people's jugulars..".twenty-four hours. It has an axial tilt of twenty-three degrees..".Q: Say, Guv, what's the author of "Chthon" *ave hi 'is car that he.Tm a poet".That night Amos again went to the brig. No one had missed the jailor yet So there was no guard at all.More reasonably, it could be argued that the clone of a great human being would retain his genetic equipment and, therefore, would be another great human being of the same kind. In that case, the chief use of cloning would be to reproduce genius.."You are talking of my nearest and dearest friend," said the grey voice, softly..She did look different She held her chin high, making her seem even taller than she had yesterday..Prudently he didn't spring them on her all at once, but waited until she'd finished each one before.safety features. They now slept in a pressurized building inside the dome, and one of them stayed awake."Then come with me," said the grey man, and the rough sailors with cutlasses rose about him and."When I blew the wizard here a year ago," said the North Wind from above them, "he left it right there, but the snow and ice have frozen over it..".cut. The blood hadn't spread very far. Most of it had been soaked up by the threadbare carpet under the."I know..". "What do you want to know about Andy?".him..".A similar case is that of H. G. Wells's The Island of Dr. Moreau, filmed with superbly demonic atmosphere as Island of Lost Souls in 1932. Charles Laughton, maybe the best actor yet to appear on film, gives an extraordinary performance as Dr. M., and Bela Lugosi captures the spirit of the beast men as the Speaker of the Law with the abhuman quality that characterized his Dracula. Now Burt Lancaster is one of film's most underrated actors, but his straightforward non-intellectual approach to the doctor role undermined the '70s trip to the Island; Richard Basehart didn't help matters by looking tike a beneficent Old Testament prophet in the Lugosi role. But even Laughton and Lugosi would have been hard put to come across, with the later film's completely uninteresting script and camerawork.."I love you..". "Okay, but you'll have to think of what we do talk about I'm no good at coming up with topics for conversation..".The fire licks her body.."Busy doing . . . ?". "Tell me anyway. If he and Harry were friendly, he might know something. Why do you keep calling."Not if you fat cats get there first," Ike said..? cool million horny, sweating spectators? "Sure," I say. "Easy." But momentarily I'm not sure and I realize how tightly I'm gripping the ends of the console. I consciously will my fingers to loosen.."Look, I've never had one, and never planned to. I'm thirty-four years old and never, never felt the lack. I've always wanted to go places, and you can't with a baby. But I never planned to become a colonist on Mars, either. I... things have changed, don't you see? I've been depressed." She looked around, and Song and Ralston were nodding sympathetically. Relieved to see that she was not the only one feeling the oppression, she went on, more strongly. "I think if I go another

day like yesterday and the day before?and today?I'll end up screaming. It seems so pointless, collecting all that information, for what?"

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