

SAINTS ALIVE

you really get into it, don't you?" The image that so held his attention was transmitted from an eighteen-inch-long, infantry reconnaissance that they had managed to slip in a thousand feet above the floor of the gorge and almost over the enemy's forward positions and was supplemented by additional data collected from satellite and other ELINT network sources. The display showed the target command bunker at the bottom of the gorge, known enemy weapons emplacements as computed from backplots of radar-tracked shell trajectories, and the locations of observation and fire command posts from source analysis triangulations of stray reflections from control lasers. On it the cool water of the stream and its tributaries stood out as black lines forking like twigs; the rock crags and boulders were shades of blue; living vegetation varied from rust brown on the hills to deep red where it crowded together along the lower slopes of the gorge; and shell and bomb scars glowed from dull orange to yellow depending on how recently the explosions had occurred. As I paddled around, I felt my muscles relax and a drowsy lassitude flow through me. Tom Reatny ankle. Though he minded, he hadn't the gumption to say so. "I don't remember. Not a lot. They're really." Without CB suppression there wouldn't be time to move any of the other platoons round to back you up. You'd be on your own," Sirocco said. The door had a heavy-duty bolt that couldn't be fastened or unfastened from the outside. The window beside that's what you said. "In your mother's study after she dies, you find an elaborate chart of her ancestors and your father's. Limericks incorporating an sf title into the last line. "His back?" "It doesn't. Believe me." He whistled his animals to him and left the clearing as swiftly as he had come. "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." "No kidding!" black buck thought an old fat lady with one eye would be easy pickings. The cops found him three days. Her place turned out to be four street numbers away from his and nothing like what he'd been. I'd gone to a hospital, they'd have wanted to know how I'd stayed alive so far. Sometimes I'm glad if s. "It can't work." landed in the nominal 'summer/ It's been theorized that if there were any Martian life it would have. Lots of luck. Of course it was Moises who did the actual driving; Nolan couldn't even chew them out properly. by DAMON KNIGHT. "How do you know?" ELLISON'S Gentleman and Other Junkie Stories of the Hung-up Generation. "At last it is about to happen," said the grey man. "Bat first, Amos, you must have your reward for aren't going to like this." I hope the kid isn't going flaky on us. Wednesday morning I made a dozen phone calls. Of the nine victims I knew about, I was able to find hand in hand. "Nor can we thank you," said Amos, "for helping us do it." at a grey spider web that spread from the limb of a tree above them to a vine creeping on the ground. Detweiler's breathing grew slower and quieter, more relaxed. He lay with his eyes closed and an expression of almost sexual pleasure on his face. The thing's body got smaller and smaller, the skin on its body growing wrinkled and flaccid. A trickle of blood crawled from the wound, making an erratic line across the Detweiler boy's back. The thing reached out its hand and wiped the drop back with a. Genetic manipulation, especially cloning, has been much in the news recently, and in the essay below, Dr. Asimov takes up the subject with his customary energy and intelligence. Imagine, if you will, one hundred Isaac Asimov clones. "How's that?" "It's gonna be a hell of a concert tonight I know it" Jain had said and smiled at me when she. A Baptist minister in Louisville led the first mob against an Ozo assembly plant. A month later, while comes, she stares through me, and I wonder whose face she's seeing? no, not even that: how many. "When we were bora," he said, and his eyes focused again, "we were joined at the back. But I grew. The captain wheels savagely, face mottled, teeth bared, arms windmilling with rage. I have never seen him this furious before, and it frightens me. Not that I cannot appreciate and even share his anger toward the Sreen, of course. The Sreen have been very arbitrary and high-handed from the start, snatching our vessel out of normal space. Shove Over! Shove Over!, HARRY HARRISON. Mallory, you've led a clean, wholesome life and it's paying off. summer residents had gone back to jobs in the city or followed the sun south, and the winter influx of. She looked back without stopping. "If you like. I'd like having. Crawford was not about to answer. He said, with a perfectly straight face, "Me? Maybe you should just assume I'm a chauvinist." A: Against the Fall of Night. 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. "He's still here?" in town, but the eyes said he wasn't. I guess the old broad liked his hair that way. It's a cliché of the American entertainment industry that if it works (i.e., if it makes money), do it. In a voice of such preternatural calm it terrified me, Amanda said, "Who were you talking to?" reproduction. Put it still another way: It is an organism with a single parent, whereas an organism that sea, exactly as though I was on the beach trying to hear in an eighteen-foot surf. It all washes around me. Colman grunted to himself, made one final sweep of the surroundings, then dropped the flap back into place and turned to face inside. Behind Driscoll, Maddock was examining the bottom of the gorge through the image intensifier, while in the shadows next to him the expression of concentration on Corporal Swyley's face was etched sharply by the subdued glow of the forward terrain display screen propped in front of

him..bade." Amos jumped out of his rags and handed them to the sailor who trotted off toward the.the whirlibirds had built it, only taking down an obstruction here and there to allow humans to move.stick her nose into the sunlight before eleven.,sat staring at her hands clenched in her lap. I put an arm around her. She stiffened momentarily at my."We can use the robot batteries to lay down a close cover screen from the flanks. If you give us an optical and IR blanket at twelve hundred feet, we can make it."."We were suiting up when you got here. It takes about half an boor; so we couldn't get out hi time to meet you."."Like most of us these days, I would say you're probably a little of each. Are you married, uh . . .".sheepishly. "I did chores for her and eventually became a sort of assistant, I guess. I helped her birth.6 Damon Knight."So. We have a thing here that eats plastic. And seems to be made of plastic, into the bargain. Any ideas why it picked this particular spot to grow, and no other?".But I couldn't figure out a pattern for the victims: male, female, little kids, old aunties, married, unmarried, rich, poor, young, old. No pattern of any kind, and there's always a pattern. I even checked to see if the names were in alphabetical order..Overthrow the United States Government by Force & Violence.The North Wind mumbled and groaned around the darkness for a while and at last said, "Very well..29.sail and lay down..variety of problems with your ship such as invasion by mind-warping beings, power-system failure, and.important what they're constructing is. Like the Organizer says, it's dog-eat-dog these days, and.Columbine bit her lip, furrowed her brow, and evidenced, in general, a sudden change of heart..Smith set the device down on the bench with care. His hands were shaking. He had had the thing."Hey?" Jason grabbed Barry's hand and gave it an earnest squeeze. "Don't forget, if you do get your Permanent License?"."get" Jain had said in New Orleans when we found out Denver "was booked..a hero, but he wants to live to enjoy it, too."."Megalo Network Message: August 26,1977."Where's a lightr cried Jack..impossible for Barry, sitting so nearby and having no one to talk to himself, to avoid eavesdropping on.came into sight..By the addition of other genetic-engineering techniques, it might be possible to produce a whole series of animals with identical genetic equipment, except that in each case, one gene is removed or altered?a different gene in each individual perhaps. The science of genetics would then advance in seven-league strides..answered him, 'I am Prince because my father is King, and everyone knows I should be.' Then the.I know it's painful to be told that something in which one has invested intense emotion is not only bad art but bad for you, not only bad for you but ridiculous. I didn't do it to be mean, honest Nor did I do it because the promise held out by heroic fantasy?the promise of escape into a wonderful Other world?is one I find temperamentally unappealing. On the contrary. It's because I understand the intensity of the demand so well (having spent my twenties reading Eddison and Tolkien; I even adapted The Hobbit for the stage) that I also understand the absolute impossibility of ever fulfilling that demand. The current popularity of heroic fantasy scares me; I believe it to be a symptom of political and cultural reaction due to economic depression. So does Robin Scon Wilson (who electrified a Modem Language Association seminar by calling Dune a fascist book), and Michael Moorcock (see his jacket copy for Norman Spin-rad's The Iron Dream, a novel which vehemently denounces the genre in the same terms Wilson doesf), and the writers of Bored of the Rings, the Lampoon parody, from which came "Arrowroot, son of Arrowshirt". "That's fine, but there is an even more important order of business. We have to go out to the dome."."Pardon?" said Barry..She frowned. "You mean quit running together?"..and the ship is gone. He turns back again until he finds it standing out under light canvas past Sandy.The assumption here is that matters not subject to cut-and-dried "hard" proof don't bear any relation to evidence, experience, or reason at all and are, therefore, completely arbitrary. There is considerable indirect evidence one can bring against this view. For one thing, the people who advance it don't stick to it in their own lives; they make decisions based on indirect evidence all the time and strongly resist any imputation that such decisions are arbitrary. For another, if it were possible to do criticism according to hard-and-fast, totally objective rules, the editor could hire anyone to do it and pay a lot less than he has to do now for people with special ability and training (low though that pay necessarily is). It's true that the apparatus by which critics judge books is subjective in the sense of being inside the critic and not outside, unique, and based on the intangibles of training, talent, and experience. But that doesn't per se make it arbitrary. What can make it seem arbitrary is that the whole preliminary process of judgment, if you trace it through all its stages, is coextensive with the critic's entire education. So critics tend to suppress it in reviews (with time and training most of it becomes automatic, anyway). Besides, much critical thinking consists in gestalt thinking, or the recognition of patterns, which does occur instantaneously in the critic's head, although without memory, experience, and the constant checking of novel objects against templates-in-the-head (which are constantly being revised in the light of new experience), it could not occur at all.* Hence angry readers can make the objection above, or add:."Marc Russell.It was the mystery that Nolan had sensed the first time he saw her staring at him across the village."."Yeah," I say. "Sorry. Just . . . trying to make up for previous lag-time."."McKillian looked horrified, as any good ecologist would..music.."You're not going to meet anyone there but temps and various people who are out to fleece temps. With rare exceptions."."And there wasn't any sound at all..77.20.coming down with another bout of fever. Then, as the harsh heat of the rum scalded his stomach, he.Things did settle down, as Lang had known they would. They entered their second week alone in virtually the same position they had started: no romantic entanglements firmly established. But they knew each other a lot better, were relaxed in the close company of each other, and were supported by a new framework of interlocking.So they pushed the jewels back and leaned against the closet door till it closed. Then they returned to the map..Well, no matter?it was ended now, over once and for all. Today the message had arrived from Belem: Darlene and Robbie were on the ship, ready for the flight to Manaus. Tomorrow morning he'd start downriver to meet them, escort them here. He'd had his qualms about their coming; they'd have to face three months hi this hellhole before the year was up, but Darlene had insisted..MI thought so at first, but I changed my mind. I've seen enough of that and it wasn't the same. Take my word. He was real bad this evening. He came down about four-fifteen,

like I said. He didn't complain, but I could tell he was wantin' company to take his mind off it We played gin until six-thirty. Then he went back upstairs. About twenty minutes later he came down with his old suitcase and checked out. He looked fine, all over his spell." Megalo Network Message: ' July 18, 1977.Perhaps they expected to see the mirror glittering in the weeds and pebbles at the bottom of the pool; on the front, blue Levis and thick-soled chukka boots..best way I know of pleasing our leaders..Lee KiOough."Busy doing . . . ?". "Yes," she said, the sniffles disappearing instantly. "I have two. Actually three, but I can't rent Miss.The MacKinnons were not in their blue settee, and neither Freddy the usher nor Madge of the green sofa could say what had become of them. He flopped into the empty settee with a sense of complete, abject surrender, but so eternally does hope spring that inside of a quarter of an hour he had adjusted to the idea of never being licensed and was daydreaming instead of a life of majestic, mysterious silence on the rim of the Grand Canyon. He rolled out the console and ordered a slice of pineapple pie and some uppers..seats to bring us all back. You can bet on there being more modifications when we send in our report on.He turned to Westland. "How come you dunderheads didn't show me this right off?" he demanded,.he saw just the edge of something as red as his own bright hair..39."Then why are you so sure he had nothing to do with it?".that it provided a more direct route to the seventh-stage apron, swarmed up it. He was more agile than.addresses supplied by Smith: five hundred to electronics manufacturers and suppliers, six thousand, thirty.Immediately there was thunder, and light shot from the restored glass. The grey man stepped back, and from the minor stepped the beautiful and worthy Lea..understand why certain other citizens have put their personal interests above the common interests of the.That must be where you got your gift of gab. You must have kissed the Blarney stone.".measured for a mummy case. I showed her my ID, and asked if I could speak to her about one of the.Robert F. Young has written thirty-nine stories for F&SF over the years, and we can think of.sense of humor sometimes. She's dead now, though. Do you like it?".recorded. The most important of these was the power system created by focusing the Ozo at a narrow.and a fourth is at the helm. A little group stands leaning on the starboard rail; one of them is a woman.. "You should sleep," she said at last. "Sleep and I will rub your head and sing to you.".4. A poem about a rabbit (there was a porcelain rabbit on one of the shelves) suitable to be sung to a baby..The dome stretches up beyond the range of the house lights. If it were rigid, there could never be a Rocky Mountain Central Arena. But it's made of a flexible plastic-variant and blowers funnel up heated air to keep it buoyant We're on the inner skin of a giant.Twin Rivers gleamed like gold in the morning sun.

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