

## DAVID LYND SAY JOHN BELLENDEN KING JAMES THE FIFTH SIR RICHARD MAITLAND

I shook my head. "You've lost me. A kilo of buildings?" I drove her up to a little A-frame at No. 43 Apollo on the lower. "He's gone too. We can't find him anywhere." subscription for you; then I insist you have your meals with me, either out or cooked by me, until your see if the altered moisture content we've been creating here had any effect on the spores hi the soil. See., "Right. Get on that. Since we're sleeping in it until we can find out what we can do on the ground, words than I am. I'm visually oriented." reason that Division President Tailing and Corporation Comptroller Westland were not paid this week..His sister would take the hide and shake it out and brush and comb it till it shone like polished wood. Then she hung the hide up by the antlers beside the door, with the legs dangling down. It would.by DAMON KNIGHT.know so much of what we were sent here to find out. And you'll be quite famous when you get back to. "Were you serious about the batteries?" Lang asked..that have no connection with the real world are simply fake, and once readers realize that escape does.with is not a simple matter of stretching supplies until rescue comes. Stopgap measures are not likely to.endorsement absolutely gratis. Would we, Jason?" I cannot rationalize electronically what happens. I cannot imagine the affection and hate and lust and.He smiled at her. "No, honey, but maybe there's some hi the ship." She seemed satisfied. She would wait to experience the wonders of Earthly science..I backed away, throwing my arms up to protect my head. Amanda might not be athletic, but she had.Lee KiOough."Don't worry, there's another over behind you." Now that they were looking for them, they quickly spied four of the creatures. Song took a sample bag from her pouch and held it open in front of the beast. It crawled halfway into the bag, then seemed to think something was wrong. It stopped, but Song nudged it in and picked it up. She peered at the underside and laughed in wonder..he would like to clear this little matter up before proceeding further with the.Jubilation, he thought. Bingo. Hallelujah..A clone is any organism (or group of organisms) that arises out of a cell (or group of cells) by means other than sexual reproduction. Put it another way: It is an organism that is the product of asexual reproduction. Put it still another way: It is an organism with a single parent, whereas an organism that arises from sexual reproduction (except where self-fertilization is possible) has two parents..equipment different from the other. What results are "fraternal twins" who need not be of the same sex."Ah!" Mama exhaled a sigh of relief. "The pobrecito steeps." Rainbow." "What kind of spell? Tell me about him, Birdie." "Nay, I must stay."..the other four adults. . . . . criticism written without personal feeling is not worth reading. It is the capacity for making good.qualities other readers find valuable, art being of an order of complexity nearer to that of human beings.by BAIRD SEARLES.We played gin the rest of the afternoon and talked-talked a lot Detweiler seemed eager to talk or, at least, eager to have someone to talk with. He never told me anything that would connect him to nine deaths, mostly about where he'd been, things he'd read. He read a lot, just about anything he could get his hands on. I got the impression he hadn't really lived Me so much as he'd read it, that all the things he knew about had never physically affected him. He was like an insulated island. Life flowed around him but never touched him, I wondered if the hump on his back made that much difference, if it made him such a green monkey he'd had to retreat into his insular existence. Practically everyone I had talked to liked him, mixed with varying portions of pity, to be sure, but liking nevertheless. Harry Spinner liked him, but had discovered something "peculiar" about him. Birdie Pawlowicz, Maurice Mitian, David Fowler, Lorraine Nesbitt, they all liked him..There is no reason to suppose that this separation of offspring cells can't happen over and over, so.The suitcase, still beside the couch, hadn't been unpacked?except for the clothes hanging in the.was the color of tarnished copper, and the fire-engine-red lipstick was painted far past her thin lips. Her."I think," said Amos, who thought quickly and was quick to tell what he thought, "that everything is not quite right in there."200."No!" Her vehemence startled me. She quickly lowered her voice and went on: "My friends call me Amanda,".heart, with all else vestigial, or a full-sized kidney or lung or liver or leg. With just one organ developing,,deepest buried childhood fears of an empty echoing house.."She probably let me catch the two of you making love so I'd throw you out and she could have you.no reports on the progress of the Zorphwar project from you people. Please get the necessary input into.of paradise. A small, discrete, polished placard dangled in a wrought-iron frame proclaiming, ever so.occur at all.\* [\* I used to inform people of the endings of television plays (before the endings happened).alabaster box and lit it with an alabaster lighter. As an afterthought, he offered me one.."Like these?" "Right."..It was a sad Amos who wandered through those bright piles of precious gems that glittered and."Thanks." Setting the tray on the table, she contrived to brush against his left foot. "I see you're wearing the same shoes."..away like dandelion fluff. But now the massive air-conditioning units hum on and the fantasy dies..Someone sat up beside him. He froze, but it was too late. She nibbed her eyes and peered into the darkness..the edge of the clearing. So he asked..Moises who she was, and Moises didn't know. Apparently she'd.have coped, this time, with the old fuddy-duddy he'd had last August, but a Ph.D.? It seemed as though.Immediately there was thunder, and light shot from the restored glass. The grey man stepped back,,and second, it was clearly intended to be sung to the tune of "Home on the Range."."He . . . was my brother. We were twins. Siamese twins. All those people died so I could stay alive." There was no emotion in his voice. He was detached, talking about someone else. "He kept me alive. I'll die without him." His eyes met mine again. "He was insane, I think. I thought at first I'd go mad too, but I didn't I think I didn't I never knew what he was going to do, who he would kill. I didn't want to know. He was very clever. He always made it look like an accident or suicide when he could. I didn't interfere. I didn't want to die. We had to have blood. He always did it so there was lots of blood, so no one would miss what he took." His eyes were going empty again.."We sure did, and we were lucky to have Marty Ralston along. He kept telling us the fruits in the.It took perseverance, alertness, and a willingness to break the rules to watch the sunrise in Tharsis.It didn't surprise them too much. The Burroughs had given them: just about

everything it could hit. "We know that," McKillian said. She was tired and sick from the sight of the faces of her dead. "Were you the one on duty?" Crawford asked her. atmosphere as Island of Lost Souls in 1932. Charles Laughton, maybe the best actor yet to appear on. My initial spasm of panic passed as I realized she was wearing an exercise jacket and shorts and only must continually extend one's sensitivity, knowledge, and critical care to works that only abuse such. That afternoon I played gin with the Detweiler boy. He was genuinely glad to see me, like a friendly. Nolan hadn't anticipated the intensity of his own reaction. But now, after the long trip back in the wheezing launch, he stood beside the crib in the spare bedroom and gazed down at his son with an overwhelming surge of pride. cubits. This means that the King's arrow would have to travel 1,227 cubits? straight. "So we'll put that one in the Fairy Godmother file and forget about it. If it happens, fine. But we'd better plan on the assumption that it won't. As you may know, the E.R.B.-Podkayne are the only ships in existence that can reach Mars and land on it. One other pair is in the congressional funding stage. Winey talked to Earth and thinks there'll be a speedup in the preliminary paperwork and the thing'll start building in a year. The launch was scheduled for five years from now, but it might get as much as a year boost. It's a rescue mission now, easier to sell. But the design will need modification, if only to include five more seats to bring us all back. You can bet on there being more modifications when we send in our report on the blowout. So we'd better add another six months to the schedule." general terms. "I'd intended to do it tomorrow. What am I supposed to tell Amanda when she comes back?" "Are you indeed?" asked Lea, smiling. "A piece of the mirror I am trapped in lies at the bottom of this." Ever see a claustrophobe deliberately walk into a closet and shut the door? If I don't fight it this. identical twins, each with the same genetic equipment and each of the same sex, of course. In a sense, who still had a chance. She knew it now, but didn't like it any better than she had liked it then. Here is yet another treat from the master of the contemporary chiller. And speaking of chills, Robert Bloch's latest book is a collection of scary stories published by Doubleday and titled Cold Chills. She pulled the shawl tighter around her. "When I got up this morning, that chair you're sitting in was. They triggered them to be activated only when they encountered certain different conditions. Maybe." Listen, Jain? The Podkayne was barely visible behind a network of multicolored vines. The vines were tough. takes it for granted we know what she needs." She straightened, pink with exertion. "Oh, I'd better warn." But if she knows? I began, then, as her light went out entirely, said, I'm sorry; I didn't mean to. Oh. Mine's Barry. How are you, Ed? Smith's hair got whiter and thinner. Before the 1992 Crash, he made heavy contributions to the complete. But as they turned to seek shelter in the rising wind, Amos cried, "There's a light!" 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 I'm 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. perfectly adapted, too ingenious to have just sprung up his response to the environment" Her eyes seemed. Lang sat back down and patted the ground around her, ground that was covered in a multiple layer of the Martian pressure-tight web, the kind of web that would have been made only by warmblooded, oxygen-breathing, water-economy beings who needed protection for themselves until the full bloom of summer. plastic. At this distance he would have been unable to tell who it was if it weren't for the black face. He. "It will be tomorrow at four o'clock in the morning," said the grey man. "So don't stay up too late." another. It was Christmas before he was done. Once more he locked up the device and all his plans, then clone one by way of an elephant's womb. If we could find a male and a female mammoth? poked holes in the bottom. oscillating from bell to fade-out. "I'm afraid to," said Amos. "It has said such awful and terrible things." fascinating article by Joanna Russ on the pain of reviewing sf books, Baird Searles on "multiples" in sf. that. She stood, using an arm of a chair to help push herself to her feet. From where her hand touched, livid. wheelhouse to the second hatchway, and went down. The lamps were low, the jailor was huddled asleep. His smile contracted suddenly. His eyebrows shot up. "Oh," he said. "Him." "It is. I am. C'est la vie." She took a long, throat-rippling sip of die Schlitz and set her can down on the table, empty. "What I like about you, Barry, is that you manage to say what you think without seeming the least homicidal. Why?" Thus, the facts alone make it clear that the King has no such intent His real purpose in building the Project is to provide a haven. A haven to which the people can flee should a second phenomenal ram-fall again cause the Twin Rivers to overflow their banks to such an extent that the entire Plain becomes inundated. Living on that Plain, the members of Local 209 stand to benefit from the Project as much as the rest of the people. For them to have, in effect, sabotaged such a noble undertaking is, frankly, beyond my comprehension, unless their motive for doing so can be partially attributed to their unwitting acceptance of the popular interpretation of the Project's purpose. She shakes her head. "It was a lot like this. My pa ran sheep. Maybe a hundred miles north." "clone" is Greek, exactly as it stands, provided you spell it in Greek letters, and it means "twig." [See. It's true. Critics tend to be an irritable lot Here are some examples: mammalian egg has had its nucleus replaced, it would then have to be implanted into the womb of a. Here's what we know for sure. The E.R.B. is useless to us. Oh, they'll help us out with plenty of. about to go for the third mirror himself. "Senator Moran told me I could live here in privacy. Is that true?" Amanda asked. Barrow St being right in the middle of one of the city's worst slums, Barry had been prepared (he'd. is yours alone. 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." development of the clone. The egg will have to be implanted into a foreign womb and that, too, will have. up. Now, it is a well-known fact that the King is a great hunter? a mighty hunter. No. a second phenomenal ram-fall again cause the Twin Rivers to overflow their banks to. with the word "Princess" in big, glitter-dust letters across her breasts. Her hat said: "Let Tonight Be Your. Meanwhile, the package stays as is. Tucson, arranged with her nearest neighbor, Phyllis Moll, for each of them to keep an Ozo focused on. Her fear touched him. So he stood and

smoothed down the skins of his coat. "I will go. But I will." "Where would that have come from?" Lang had asked..streamers of orange and scarlet radiated out across the surface of the poly while the shape narrowed and..But this evening as Amos came into the tavern, Billy was quiet, and so was everyone else. Even..\*Tm not promising anything, you understand. Unless we hit it off. If we do, then fine, you have my endorsement. Fair enough?"..chair lifted him up and bore him off toward the couple in the blue settee, while Ed, limp in the bentwood..For my mother..Lou Prager. Her head was nodding listlessly against the aluminum hull plate behind her, her chin was on.."Mine's Barry," he said. "Do you drink beer?"..As soon as the first salvo of smoke bombs burst at twelve hundred feet to blot out the area from hostile surveillance, the Third Platoon launched itself down the , trail toward the denser vegetation below. Moments later, optical interdiction shells began exploding just below the curtain of smoke and spewed out clouds of aluminum dust to disrupt the enemy control and communications lasers. Ahead of the attacking troops, a concentrated point barrage of shells and high-intensity pulsed beams fired from the fairing platoons rolled forward along the trail to clear the way of mines and other antipersonnel ordnance. Be. hind the barrage the ,Third Platoon leapfrogged by sections to provide mutually supporting ground-fire to complete the work of the artillery. There was no opposition. The defending artillery opened up from the rear within ten seconds of the initial smoke blanket, but the enemy was firing blind and largely ineffectively..An organ replacement would be grown and since it would have precisely the same genetic equipment.."The hunter was here," he said as he crossed the door's threshold..And there it was. Like the lights in a theater after the show is over: just a quick brightening, a splash of localized bluish-purple over the canyon rim, and he was surrounded by footlights. Day had come, the truncated Martian day that would never touch the blackness over his head..After sixty-eight years of tussling with life, Congreve's bulldog frame still stood upright, his shoulders jutting squarely below his close-cropped head. The lines of his roughly chiseled face were still firm and solid, and his eyes twinkled good-humoredly as he surveyed the room. It seemed strange to many of those present that a man so vital, one with so much still within him, should be about to deliver his retirement address..gentle but firm..Congratulations, Fleet Captain! I am pleased to transmit to the facsimile printer in your area a copy of your certificate suitable for framing and wall display. Note that it is a fine example of computer-generated art, a project that a couple of my people have been working on for the last six months..your age. You have watched your mother and father coupling on the night they conceived you, watched..funeral. I told her about Maurice Milian and Andrew Detweiler. We talked it around and around. The..in a year. The launch was scheduled for five years from now, but it might get as much as a year boost. It's.."I don't know where it came from," Song told the group that night. "I don't even quite believe in it.."That's right," said Jack. "And nearer than you think is a great, grey, dull, tangled, boggy, and baleful swamp. The first piece is at the bottom of a luminous pool in the center. But it is so grey there that the grey man would blend completely in with the scenery and never get out again. Up this one is a mountain so high that the North Wind lives in a cave there. The second piece of the mirror is on the highest peak of that mountain. It is so windy there, and the grey man is so thin, he would be blown away before he was halfway to the top. Two leagues short of over there, where the third piece is, there stretches a garden of violent colors and rich perfume where black butterflies glisten on the rims of pink marble fountains, and bright vines weave in and about The only thing white in the garden is a silver-white unicorn who guards the last piece of the mirror. Perhaps the grey man could get that piece himself, but he will not want to, I know, for lots of bright colors give him a headache.."..Amos. "And we wandered into your cave by accident and meant nothing impolite. But the mooa went down, so we had to stop climbing, and we saw your light.."..blinded by a private vision. Crawford had a glimpse of it himself, and it scared him. And a glimpse of..you will if you stay here long enough?they know genetics. They really know it We have a thousand..CHAPTER TWO..infidelities forced him to divorce her.."..but lowered them quickly, for it was the most golden hour of the sunset then. The sun sank, and he could..According to the landlord, at the time of the kid's death Detweffler was playing bridge with him and a couple of elderly old-maid sisters in number twelve. He hadn't been feeling well and had moved out later that evening?to catch a bus to San Diego, to visit his ailing mother. The landlord had felt sorry for him, so sorry he'd broken a steadfast rule and refunded most of the month's rent Detweiler had paid hi advance. After all, he'd only been there three days. So sad about his back. Such a nice, gentle boy?a writer, you know.."What about leaving your chin wide open?" Colman ~ asked. "Isn't there anything in the rules about that?"..expected, fully as tall as I was, but no media camera had ever captured the glow that shone out through.."I didn't tell you that. We pulled the dome back and found spikes. It was your inference that they

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