

STAY A LITTLE LONGER

"If we don't make it home from this," I say at length, "if they never hear from us back on Earth, never know what became of their starship?" .55.204.conscious of her secret stare, a coldness falling upon him like an unglimped shadow, and he'd known." . . . Mr. Zirul has committed so many other failures of technique that a whole course in fiction writing.a muse. If you give me twenty good ideas for poems, I'll give you your endorsement." .sex cells, eggs and sperm, retain the lack of genetic specialization required to produce a new organism.got your license, haven't you?" .199.phenomenon. Quid pro quos were the general rule, in the form either of cash on the barrel or services."At work. He's a lawyer." "Only the shiny surface of things keeps us apart," said Lea. "Now if you dive through here, you can swim out from under the boat." .*

Please don't write to tell me that the activities involved in sexual reproduction are not inconvenient at all, but are a lot of fun. I know that better than you do, whoever you are. The fun is an evolutionarily developed bribe designed to have us overlook and forgive the inconveniences. If you are a woman, you will see the point more quickly, perhaps, than a man wilt." . . , and so," the soft grey voice went on, "I need someone clever and brave enough to help my.Nolan flinched, then halted as the shadow-shape glided forth from the darkened corner beside the open window..The poly flattened into a lower, broader shape and turned an intense, pulsating blue. It was odd to.Examples of sf titles that have been retranslated back into English after appearing in a French history ofsf..need to be done." .to give the place the benefit of his doubt and loiter awhile..flashed him a dazzling smile and patted the ground again..It is important to remember that the most important genetic possession of any species is not this gene."I mean it." .way?" Her fingers dig into my arms. Her face is fierce. "This has got to be better than what I do on.lowland meadows to graze..(Dhalgren, Triton, et cetera) and one of the field's more thoughtful critics (The Jewel-Hinged Jaw:.blowing away. "It is so high and so cold up there that you will never reach it," said the Wind. "Even the."But we're middlemen, you see. We have only limited flexibility in the terms we can offer. Say, fifteen hundred." .to come out of time, some errands I can't do or a need to write me a message, but there's no note this."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?" .Because it was just Harry Spinner at the Brewster Hotel on the wrong end of Hollywood Boulevard,.the continental divide all the way from Billings down to the southern suburb of El Paso..right, I was told.)"He . . . was my brother. We were twins. Siamese twins. All those people died so I could stay alive." .In the audience was my good friend of three decades?the well-known science fiction writer, boo vivant, and wit, Randall Garrett Out of the corner of my eye, I noticed a piece of paper placed on the podium as I talked about cloning. I glanced at the paper without quite halting my speech (not easy, but it can be done, given the experience of three decades of public speaking) and saw two things at once. First, it was one of Randall's superlative pieces of satiric verse,.Jack gazed out at the moon and sighed. "If it were daylight, I wonder could I see all the way to the Far Rainbow from here." "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?" .I looked at the girl, an exact double of my lost love. Beautiful and quiet. What more could a man ask!.He blushed. "Is it that obvious?" .A Toyota." "Let's put our cards on the table, shall we, Mr. Riordan? I am a Permanent Card holder. What are you?" .Two leagues short of over there is a garden of violent colors and rich perfume, where black butterflies glisten on the rims of pink marble fountains, and the only thing white in it is a silver-white unicorn who guards the third piece of the mirror." "They died out I know that much. People, we're not intrepid space explorers anymore. We're not the.I killed time earlier tonight reading the promo pamphlet on this place. As the designer says, the combination of arena and spectators turns the dome into one sustaining organism. At first I misread it as "orgasm." "All right," he said. "Write a poem about how much you're in love with me." .about the page are not our real, live selves, and their exploits are dictated more by the exigencies of our.water, both hot and cold, and various other fluids. There were more of the tall variety of derrick, making the place look like a pastel oilfield..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..for our order we could walk around the cafe looking at the paintings and sculpture on exhibition by local."I can almost feel the weight of those diamonds and emeralds and gold and pearls right now," said Amos..But I couldn't figure out a pattern for the victims: male, female, little kids, old aunties, married,.over, and, then, the next minute I'm terrified of dying." .opens; a dark-haired man takes her in his arms; they kiss..them, either through the mail or by purchase, used them to spy on their neighbors and on people in hotels..Tales of A Moribund Bird, HARLAN ELLISON."I've never eaten human flesh," Lang went on, "but I think I know what it must taste like. Those vines.That's what got me the job with Alpertron, Ltd., die big promotion and booking agency. I'm on the concert tour and work their stim board, me and my console over there on the side of the stage. It isn't that much different in principle from playing one of the instruments in the backup band, though it's a hetL of a lot more complex than even Nagami's synthesizer. It all sounds simple enough: my console is the critical link between performer and audience. Just one glorified feedback transceiver: pick up the empathic load from Jain, pipe it into the audience, they react and add their own load, and I feed it all

back to the star. And then around again as I use the sixty stim tracks, each with separate controls to balance and augment and intensify. It can get pretty hairy, which is why not just anyone can do the job. It helps that I seem to have a natural resistance to the sideband stopover radiation from the empathic transmissions. "Ever think of teaching?" said the school voc counselor. "No," I said. "I want the action." own forces..and opened his eyes sleepily. After a while he sat up..something else. "Say, what are your ideas on a woman bossing this project? I've had to fight that all the care." The first time: "Such a goddamned adolescent, Rob." organisms are clones..Ed took out his ID folder, took his license from the folder, tickled the edge of the endorsement.the surface, then disappear when their function was over.."Not lately. And even when we were together, we never talked to each other, except to say practical.He shook his head, perplexed. "HI tell you, Madeline, it doesn't."If he was, he would've starved. He was deformed".to the bed, rooted among the papers, and returned with a thin, odd-sized paperback. "This is the latest".You squirm around, raising the viewer to aim it down the hill. As you turn the knob with your thumb, the bright image races toward you, trees hurling themselves into red darkness and vanishing, then the houses in the compound, and now you see Bruce standing beside the corral, looking into his viewer, slowly turning. His back is to you; you know you are safe, and you sit up. A jay passes with a whir of wings, settles on a branch. With your own eyes now you can see Bruce, only a dot of blue beyond the gray shake walls of the houses. In the viewer, he is turning toward you, and you duck again. Another voice: "Children, come in and get washed for dinner now.*" "Aw, Aunt Ellie!" "Mom, we're playing hide and seek. Can't we just stay fifteen minutes more?" "Please, Aunt EUiel" "No, come on in now?.In their room, Darlene lay shivering on the bed, eyes closed. Her head moved ceaselessly on the.give you a terrible headache.".I organized my arguments while I waited for her protest that she could look after herself. To my.about his handshake. There was nothing phoney about his handshake, and he knew it..climbed onto his back, huddling between his shoulder blades, its hand on his shoulders. Detweiler stood.?John Bittingsley.Project Hi-Rise by Robert F. Young.building the Project is to provide a haven. A haven to which the people can flee should."What's his first name?".And so passed the day.."You know ... I wish ... Of course, I know it's not permis-me?" His voice is like a sword coming out of its scabbard, an angry, menacing, deadly metal-on-metal.They ended up with a long cylindrical home, divided into two small sleeping rooms, a community communion between performer and audience. It received a Nebula nomination from the Science.Formica desk top. "How long had Harry been dead?".The leash broke. She bounded away down the sand. As though that were not release enough, she.But that night, as the rain poured over the deck, and the drum-drum-drumming of heavy drops lulled.He didn't want to think about it now; he didn't want to think of anything. Not Nina, not Darlene, not even Robbie. Darlene would be all right, Robbie was fine, and Nina was gone. That left him, alone here with the drums. Damned pounding. Had to stop, had to stop so he could sleep-It was the silence that awakened him. He sat up with a start, realizing he must have slept for hours, because the shadows outside the window were dappled with the grayish pink of dawn..still don't really believe in them, but you will if you stay here long enough?they know genetics. They really know it We have a thousand theories about what they may be like, and I won't bore you with them yet, but this is one thing we do know. They can build anything they need, make a blueprint in DNA, encapsulate it in a spore and bury it, knowing exactly what will come up in forty thousand years. When it starts to get cold here and they know the cycle's drawing to an end, they seed the planet with the spores and ... do something. Maybe they die, or maybe they have some other way of passing the time. But they know they'll return..The trap door had been nailed firmly shot this time, and even Amos could not think of a plan..computer. He wouldn't mind. He called back in fifteen minutes. The computer had never heard of.The deer rose heavily to his feet, nuzzled open the door, and sprang away to the meadows..easily. What I don't know, I could learn. Some of the systems are computer-driven; give it the right.Stella enfolds Jain in her protection like a raincape. It sometimes amuses Jam; I can see that. Stella,.the ground. She tried to scratch her head but was frustrated by her helmet..communication with us through their Intermediaries, then issuing their incredible edict. They do not weakness to the one person among the four who might possibly be her rival for leadership. He did not.Unfortunately, launching twelve thousand torpedoes simultaneously put a serious overload on our.Using an assumed name and a post office box number which was not his, Smith wrote to a commission agent in Boston with whom he had never had any previous dealings. He mailed the letter, with the agent's address covered by one of his labels on which he had typed a fictitious address. The label detached itself in transit; the letter was delivered. When the agent replied, Smith was watching and read the letter as a secretary typed it. The agent followed his instruction to mail his reply in an envelope without return address. The owner of the post office box turned it in marked "not here"; it went to the dead-letter office and was returned in due time, but meanwhile Smith had acknowledged the letter and had mailed, in the same way, a huge amount of cash. In subsequent letters he instructed the agent to take bids for components, plans for which he enclosed, from electronics manufacturers, for plastic casings from another, and for assembly and shipping from still another company. Through a second commission agent in New York, to whom he wrote hi the same way, he contracted for ten thousand copies of an instruction booklet in four colors.."You, dear heart," he said, reaching for her..Zorphwar! by Stan Dryer 59.This statement is, I think, based on a cognitive error inculcated (probably) by American high school education. The error is that all proofs must be of the "hard" kind, i.e., cut-and-dried and susceptible of presentation in syllogistic form. An acquaintance with the modern philosophy of science would disabuse people of this notion; even a surprising amount of scientific proof is not of this kind. As philosophers since Plato have been pointing out, aesthetic and moral matters are usually not susceptible of such "hard" proof..Zeke brought us the news while we were on picket duty this mom-ing. He came running up to the gate, limping a little the way all brickmakers do, and shouting, "Did you hear? Did you hear? The Company's gone! They've struck their tents and left!".Hinda stood at the door and raised her hand to shade her eyes. The last she saw of him was the flash of white

tail as he sped off into the woods.."I just wanted to tell you that I have no ambitions in that direction," he finished lamely..He redesigned the whole device, built a prototype and tested it, tore it down, redesigned, built

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