

## THE QUANTUM CONNECTION

reduces the chance of change. Any alteration in the environment could quickly lead to the extinction of a. The next morning I staggered out of bed at 6 A.M. I took a cold shower, shaved, dressed, and put. "You wouldn't believe me if I told you," said Amos, "for you are always saying you take no man's jabbering seriously." vra. "Good evening," said Amos. "I'm exploring the ship and I have very little time. I have to be up at four. likelihood that dolphins were as intelligent as people. Barry, having entered the cubicle resolved to stake. "You called me over to see this?" .had become his own. He dared not leave her alone. But he moved quietly as a beast in the dark. He left. Amos ran to get his wheelbarrow, pot the prism on top, and wheeled it to the mirror. Then, just in case, he went back and locked the trunk tightly. .gracious, tasteful, and posh. At least from here in the second ring it seemed endless. It had a seating. "Not too early, please?" she said. "I like to sleep late." .That stopped me for a minute, but I'm not sure why. I mustVe had a mental picture of Charles Laughton riding those bells or Igor stealing that brain from the laboratory. "He's good-looking and he's a hunchback?" .26. with the drums. Damned pounding. Had to stop, had to stop so he could sleep-It was the silence that. "Don't defend her. She's just like her mother, and my father told me what she was. Selene's been. He wrote down the coordinates for the plane crash in which his daughter and her husband had died, .man the mirror. "Now we only have a third to go, if I remember right. When do I start looking for that?" .And that was all there was to it-he had passed his exam with a score just five points short of the crucial eighth percentile. Which was a tremendous accomplishment but also rather frustrating in a way, since it meant he'd come that close to not having to bother scouting out two more endorsements. Stitl, with another three months in which to continue his quest and an introduction to Intensity Five, Barry had every reason to be optimistic. .You squirm around, raising the viewer to aim it down the hill. As you turn the knob with your thumb, .But this time it was Selene's voice, firm and brisk, that spoke. "I think we'd better have a talk, .quiet story obscured in a loud, flashy collection, that experiment in form which could be mistaken for. 9. A poem that skirts all around a secret she's never told anyone and then finally decides to keep it a secret. .they reached the permafrost, they'd decompose into this organic slush we've postulated, and. . . well, it. "Fm sorry. I know it seems an inconsequential thing to go to pieces about, but every time I meet one. It's a cliché of the American entertainment industry that if it works (i.e., if it makes money), do it. his self-confidence. But the other voice wasn't impressed, and so instead of going straight from Center St. -Phoebe Eliis. morning. I think the Organizer should back down a little? settle, say, for a ten-percent raise and forget. "Yeah." .Sue" (a Nebula award winner), and the gripping story you are about to read. He also wrote a. Toward noon, the same wealthy merchant who'd come around before came around again. After climbing out of his palanquin, he started pacing up and down the way he'd done on his first visit; only this tune instead of looking up at the half-finished seventh stage and shaking his head, he kept glancing sideways at Ike and Eli and Zeke and me. Finally he singled me out and came over to where I was standing, ^shooting the breeze with Ike. He had pink cheeks, with. Before they could shut it they heard a whistling, like a teakettle coming to boil, then a rapid series of. let the authority figure know right from the start that you intend to be deferential, and this was a quality. Tve tried. But the girl comes from the mountains; she doesn't. "Ever see a claustrophobe deliberately walk into a closet and shut the door? If I don't fight it this." But will it work even if the grey man is already in the garden of violent colors and rich perfumes, walking past the pink marble fountains where the black butterflies glisten on their rims?" asked Jack. "But that's not important. The important thing is what you said from the first, and I'm surprised you." "I certainly would," said Jack. "But tomorrow evening it will not be so easy, for there will be no mist to hide me if I come with you." .would check in every couple of hours to find out if the slinky blonde looking for her kid sister had shown. Before I reach the door, she stops me by saying, "The initial report is in already." .212. I push the tracks to fifteen. .267. occur at all. \* [\* I used to inform people of the endings of television plays (before the endings happened). She took a deep breath and plunged in, only to collide with Ralston as he came out, dragging Song. George Bernard Shaw said all this almost a century ago; interested readers may look up his preface to. she'd taken toward the ice cream. "I was laughing at myself. Obviously, I was asking for pity. So if I should get some, I shouldn't be surprised, should I. My name's Madeline, but my friends call me Mad. You're supposed to laugh." "For Earth, maybe. Here it was a torrential rainfall. It reached seeds or spores in the ground and triggered them to start growing. We're going to have to watch it when we use anything containing plastic. What does that include?" .Satisfied, Brother Hart sat down to eat. But Hinda was not hungry. She watched her brother for a. "Are these treasures the pearls and gold and diamonds and emeralds you told me about?" .an old wound, crusted but clean. The slash on the right was new, and from it blood still dripped. .about the very real financial benefits Lang stood to reap by being the first woman on Mars, rather than. The knife turned toward her own chest. Selene's hand leaped to Intercept, closing on Amanda's wrist. "Of course we don't know if we would have made it without the assist from the Martians," Mary Laog was saying, from her perch on an orange thing that might have been a toadstool. "Once we figured out what was happening here in the graveyard, there was no need to explore alternative ways of getting food, water, and oxygen. The need just never arose. We were provided for." .black leg was a crooked line of shadow laying across his body, looking up through the port at the sharp, .To which her reaction was, alarmingly, to laugh. .But whenever dusk began, the girl Hinda would go to the edge of the clearing and call out in a high, .process. In the place of the removed egg cell nucleus, you insert the nucleus of a somatic cell of the same. I was sorry to hear That you've got to be going. But you're not? Then I'm sorry to hear that. ? 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. .believe that only moments ago this same body had been a writhing, wriggling coil of insatiable appetite. "Tell them Marvin sent you." .first

week's supply of meals is delivered." "That's what you feel like," said Amos. "Not what you look like. I want to know how I would. entire Computer Products Division..maintain your energy supply. Any Zorphs in your sector will attack you and each attack will use up some." "All right. But the fact remains that you're the closest thing on Mars to a pilot for the Podkayne. I think you should consider that when you're deciding what we should do." He shut up, afraid to sound like he was pushing her..there's a light inside him shining through his pores.. "Everything." When the cops finally got there, I told them all I knew-except I didn't mention the Detweiler boy. I. "These 'fruit' are full of compressed gas," he told them. "We have to open up another, carefully this.come to grips with the fact of fifteen dead men and women beneath the dome outside..?I'm an unusual person," said Marvin Kolodny, leaning back in his swivel chair and taking a large. "No, no, you must go," Hinda said again. "I cannot have you here at night If you love me, go." Then she added softly, her dark eyes on his, "But come again in the morning." .5. I knew it, You're a snob..and forced her to disrobe. The state troopers got there hi fifteen minutes, and Cora never spoke to her.yours," said Jack, "and not my own clothes, for the weeds would have caught in my cloak and the boots.McKHlian looked horrified, as any good ecologist would..believable" was the key word. He had to be involved unless the laws of probability had broken down completely. Yet I could swear Detweiler wasn't putting on an act. His guileless innocence was real, damn it, real..Tm a poet".with one hundred terminals running on two Megalo 861's for starters. Eventually they may order a dozen.Briefly, to answer other statements in the letters: I apologize for implying that Tolkien's hobbits and Ents (or his other bucolic-comic creations) are as empty-sublime as the Big People's heroics. But I agree (see question S) that Tolkien is a good, interesting, minor writer whose strong point is his paysages moralists. Ditto C S. Lewis, in bis Naraya books. As for other writers mentioned, only strong, selective blindness could miss the Vancian cynicism or the massive Dunsanian irony (sometimes spilling over into despair) which make their heroism far from simple or unquestioned-by-the-authors-them-selves. As for the others, I find them ghastly when uncorrected by i comedy, or satire (Morris, sometimes), or (in Beagle's case) the nostalgic wistfulness which belongs to fantasy per se rather than the.Now, months later, I remember it and my skin again goes warm. "Get out of here," I say to the lads. "I'm trying to concentrate." They look irritated, but they leave..for a moment, looking up to the ceiling where the airberries?white spheres about the size of bowling.the genetic characteristics that make the record-breaking aspects of the animal possible would be.stand up..grey man took Amos into his cabin and they sat down on opposite sides of a table..way it must be. Clear?".Larchemont is a middle-class neighborhood huddled in between the old wealth around the country.Multiples.Again Nolan looked down at the girl who lay curled beside him on the bed, silent and sated. She.Hollis, Moog Indigo's color operator, is seated behind her. She leans forward and cranes her neck over Jain's shoulder. "Which?".35."Did you look at where the pieces were hidden?" asked Jack..time.".In thirteen minutes the fire was all over. Colman stood on the gravel bank of the stream and watched as a bewildered major was led from the enemy bunker, followed by his numb staff, who joined the gaggle of disarmed defenders being herded together under the watchful eyes of smirking Third Platoon guards. The primary objective had been to take prisoners and obtain intelligence, and the crop had yielded two captains in addition to the major, a first and a second lieutenant, a chief warrant officer, a sergeant major, two sergeants, and over a dozen enlisted men. Moreover, the call-sign lists and maps had been seized intact, along with invaluable communications and weapons-control equipment. Not a bad haul at all, Colman reflected with satisfaction..Had the grey man not been wearing his sunglasses against the sunset, he might have noticed something familiar about the sailor, who kept looking at the mountain and would not look back at him. But as it was, he suspected nothing..primitive. Now it is only a cluster of round cells, and the bee is different, more like a wasp. His year's.people who cheat everybody they meet and who can enjoy nothing colorful in the world.". "I'm afraid I'm skeptical, too," Lang said. "Surely there must be some other way to explain it." "Thank you very much," said Amos and walked on till he came to another sailor whose feet were awash in soap suds. The sailor was pushing a mop back and forth so hard that Amos decided he was trying to scrub the last bit of color off the grey boards. "Good evening to you too," said Amos. "I'm exploring the ship and I have very little tune since I'm to be up at four o'clock in the morning. I was told to avoid the brig. So could you point it out to me? I don't want to wander into it by accident."..when it is below the horizon, makes it possible for him to focus instantly on the surface, but he never does.99."Aw, Aunt Ellie!".Crawford nodded. He looked around at the other occupants of the room. There was the Surface.132.surface responded to her touch with art exploding aurora of hot oranges, reds, and violets..Fiction Writers of America for best short story of the year..damage, I have to check on that?" She struggled to get up but Lang held her down.."A six-pack of Schlitz," he said, quite off the top of his head..Amos and the prince began to brush the snow from a lump on the ground, and beneath the white covering was pure and glittering ice. It was a very large lump, nearly as large as the black trunk of the skinny grey man..the steel spikes anchoring the dome to the rock. The dome now looked like some fantastic Christmas.connecting. Jain. . .Books: In Defense of Criticism by Joanna Russ 51.Nolan struck her on the cheek. It wasn't more than a slap, and she couldn't have been hurt But.Plato have been pointing out, aesthetic and moral matters are usually not susceptible of such "hard" proof.."Thank you, Winey, for the encouraging words. You always did know what it takes to buck a person up. By the way, that other mission, the one where you were going to ride a meteorite down here to save our asses, that's scrubbed, too?".boy at the third one I checked. It was a block and a half from where die little kid fell on the rake..The dawning sun splashed the snow and ice with silver..few dollars more, hire a sofa or armchair that you could drive at liberty among the other chairs, choosing.shock. I traveled to California and back by train. -Yea, they still run.].the hall. Stella? It never stops..I'd found a pattern for the victims, but I didn't know if it was the pattern. It just didn't make sense..pad before the fireplace, she did not resist.since it meant he'd come that close to not having to bother scouting out two more endorsements. Still,,development of the clone. The egg will have to be implanted into a foreign womb and that, too, will

have across the clearing. The darkness boomed. Morris has been creating Zorphwar, an exciting game that operates on our system. grape-sized white balls, very hard and fairly heavy. The second discovery was made by Lucy McKillian. do that less at once badly and self-complacently, I hate them, loathe them, detest them, long to tear them. His eyes clouded. "Then she ... died. I was fifteen, so I left I did odd jobs and kept reading. Then I wrote a story and sent it to a magazine. They bought it; paid me fifty dollars. Thought I was rich, so I wrote another one. Since then I've been traveling around and writing. I've got an agent who takes care of everything, and so all I do is just write." always. "All right. Don't wake the others." couple blocks away. You see? I can be direct myself." steaming platter of sausages and eggs. The last tracks cut in. Okay, you're getting everything from the decaying food in her gut to her deepest buried childhood fears of an empty echoing house. colorful prince as you.' I carried his trunk for many months, and at last he paid me a great deal of money. RUSS's I Changed? When?. So there we are? a nice symbolic obtuse triangle. And yet? We're all just one happy show-biz family. lived. He had been discovered about midnight when the people living below him had noticed dried blood. THE COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE: I will be brief. Common people, even uncommon. Smith turns to the ship again: the deck is empty. He dips below to look at the hold, filled with casks. The grey man looked after Amos until he disappeared. Then he put his hand on his head, which was. (2nd verse) O, give me a clone. THE ORGANIZER: To me, it was never obvious. It still isn't. In the first place, only minimal. "Take whom you like," said the grey man, "so long as you bring back my mirror." The well-muffled

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