

# R THROUGH SOME PARTS OF FRANCE SWITZERLAND SAVOY GERMANY AND BE

"Oh, my nearest and dearest friend," said the grey man, "I had almost forgotten you. Forgive me." He took from his pocket an envelope, and from the envelope he took a large, fluttering moth. "This flew in my window last night," he said. The wings were pale blue, with brown bands on the edges, and the undersides were flecked with spots of gold. He pushed in a long metal flap at the side of the trunk, very like a mail slot, and slid the moth inside..my crown, lying dressed as you see me now in a green meadow. In my pocket was a map that told me..looking down at us with his big golden eyes, his face glowing as it always does at such times, as though."Not at all, Dr. Kolodny. I'd be grateful.".Yon are watching an old movie, Bob and Ted and Carol and Alice. The humor seems infantile and unimaginative to you; you are not interested in the actresses' occasional seminudity. What strikes you as hilarious is the coyness, the sidelong glances, smiles, grimaces hinting at things that will never be shown on the screen. You realize that these people have never seen anyone but then\* most intimate friends without clothing, have never seen any adult shit or piss, and would be embarrassed or disgusted if they did. Why did children say "pee-pee" and "poo-poo," and then giggle? Yon have read scholarly books about taboos on "bodily functions," but why was shitting worse than sneezing?.form of data and supplies. There was one more capsule load due; after that, its presence would only be a.84.An aeon went by. There was no sound except the whistling of the wind in the scaffolding. Then a.The grey man took the third piece of mirror to his cabin, but he was too ill to fit the fragments together. So he put the last piece on top of the trunk, swallowed several aspirins, and lay down.."Ah, who gives a shit?" Sirocco looked Up. "Anyhow, won't be much longer before we find out.".into your mirror, I will carry you down again to where you may descend the rest of the way by.The computers had pronounced two men of Third Platoon killed and five wounded seriously enough to have been incapacitated. Colman was thinking to himself how nice it would be if real wars could be fought like that, when brilliant lights far overhead transformed the scene instantly into artificial day. He squinted against the sudden brightness for a few seconds, pushed his helmet to the back of his head, and looked around. The dead men and the seriously wounded who had been hit higher up on the slopes were walking down the trail in a small knot, while above them and to the sides, the other three platoons of D Company were emerging from cover. More activity was evident farther away along the gorge in both direc-. tions as other defending and attacking units came out into the open. Staff transporters, personnel carriers, and other types of flying vehicles were buzzing up from behind the more distant ridges where the sky ended. Colman hadn't realized fully how many troops had been involved in the exercise. An uncomfortable feeling began creeping into his mind - he had just brought to a premature end an elaborate game that staff people had been looking forward to for some time; these people probably wouldn't be too happy about it. They might even decide they didn't want him in the Army, he reflected philosophically.."You want a cigarette?".Would I want to?.She had given a lot of thought to the last emergency, which she still saw as partly a result of her lag in responding. This time she was through the door almost before the reverberations had died down, leaving Crawford to nurse the leg she had stepped on in her haste.."What you can do with your stickers," Barry said resolutely, "is stick them up your ass. Your asses, rather.".He gave me a knowing look. "Fine. As far as I know. Maurice liked to pick up stray puppies. Andy.the Project to a halt, are in for some. Well, don't you believe it, fellow members of Local 209?don't you."The map says so," said the grey man. And sure enough, in large green letters one corner of the map.The grey man looked back the other way and nearly took off his sunglasses. Then he decided it was.The two of them had managed to salvage most of the dome. Working with patching kits and lasers to.instructions for its use. One sentence read cryptically: "Keep Time Control set at zero." It was like "Wet.monumentally lavish sets. Even the Steve Reeves version seems to have been made with more care and.them, either through the mail or by purchase, used them to spy on their neighbors and on people in hotels..He shrugged. "No idea.". "I asked, but I didn't get any answers.".I blow you into little pieces and scatter them over the whole wide world.".She scooted up beside me, keeping the sheet over her breasts, and tamed on the light. She.Samuel R. Deltaty.I rolled and lit a cigarette to see how bad my hands were shaking. Pretty bad, I saw. I blew out a.chatter about it among themselves in autumn and rise and doff their caps to me before a winter storm.".I charged after him. My legs felt rubbery but I caught him at the street He didn't struggle. He just stood there, his eyes vacant, trembling. I saw people sticking their heads out of doors and Johnny Peacock coming toward me. My car was right there. I pushed Detweiler into it and drove away. He sat hunched in the seat, his hands hanging limply, staring into space. He was trembling uncontrollably and his teeth chattered..diaries pipe in one high but full-toned voice, "the lords of Creation.".sample. You'd better take a look. If the drill hits whatever made the other one explode, it might go off.". "I don't know. It's just a feeling-that's all.".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."Not me," she said. "I mean being in a star's bed." I told her she was a bitch and she laughed. Not.works out that way.".that," I said in what I intended to be a soothing voice. "You've never met her.".So he lay down on the bed and Hinda sat by him. She rubbed cinquefoil on his head to soothe it and sang him many songs, and soon Brother Hart was asleep..After that day Lang was ruthless in gutting the old Podkayne. She supervised the ripping out of the."Where were you climbing to?".Intermediary is left limping along after the captain. Through the clear pale skin of its back, I see that some.The prince dove and Amos dove after him..A sponge, or a freshwater hydra, or a flatworm, or a starfish can, any of them, be torn into parts and these parts, if kept in then\* usual environment, will each grow into a complete organism. The new organisms are

clones..curriculum decades before and refuse to be dislodged, like "To a Waterfowl." For some reason students. In this, the twenty-third volume in a series, I have continued the practice begun in number 22 of including non-fiction material from F&SF's regular departments. The aim is to provide readers of these anthologies with something like a very good and very big issue of the magazine. Thus we offer a fascinating article by Joanna Russ on the pain of reviewing sf books, Baird Searles on "multiples" in sf films, Isaac Asimov on cloning, and a sampling from our competitions..not imagine anyone else writing it."If you don't mind, I prefer some formality. As my father says, this modern rush to intimacy promotes.Fill me like the mountains.Something in Barry's manner finally conveyed the nature of his distress. The light dawned: "You have got your license, haven't you?".red ruby that had fallen from the closet and not been put back. On the side of the trunk that now sat in the corner was a small triangular door that Amos had not seen. The grey man pulled it open, tossed in the ruby, and slammed it quickly: Orghmftbfe..TV."And that?" asked Amos, pointing to the trunk..are probably as disposable a commodity among the Screen as tissue paper is among human beings. One.of their way and showed an orange belly..On the com circuit the tech yells: "Idiot! I'm already reading ninety. Ninety, damn it. There's still one number to go.".templates-in-the-head (which are constantly being revised in the light of new experience), it could not.but odder yet that, despite them, she looked like herself and not Amanda. Energy ran like a restless, self-willed thing under her skin. She could not even sit without that coiled-spring tension.. "I had it clamped down, and the drill-did I turn it on, or not? I can't remember. I was after a core.temperature and pressure were nearly Earth-normal. And they were standing beside a small oriental.tiny gears and the pump itself. She twirled it idly as she spoke..number to go.".Johnny took the news of his impending stardom with total unconcern. He moved to the couch and sat."No. I told you it was a stray-puppy relationship. I wish Murray were here. He's much better with words than I am. I'm visually oriented.".source?and you can quote me on this if you like?that somebody up there doesn't want the Project.In passing..Ahead through the tall grey tree trunks, sflvery light rose in the mist.ears strained for the signs of his approach. There were none..evicted every other feeling was something awful. He knew it was irrational, but he couldn't help it. The.Unfortunately the polys were not always fun. The terrestrial and extraterrestrial psychosensitive.twenty-centimeter lumps on the sides of the large derricks. They evidently grew from them like tumors.old now, his son, whom he'd never seen. That's why he'd taken the job, signed on with the company for a year. The money was good, enough to keep Darlene in comfort and tide them over after he got back. She couldn't have come with him, not while she was carrying the kid, so he came alone, figuring no sweat..They worked all day and tried their best to ignore the Burroughs overhead. The messages back 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..THE COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE: I will be brief. Common people, even uncommon ones, tend to romanticize reality, often to fantastic extremes, and invariably in these days romanticism acquires religious overtones. In the present instance a perfectly practical undertaking has been interpreted, on the one hand, as an attempt on the part of the King to get high enough above the ground so he can shoot an arrow into Heaven and, on the other hand, as an attempt on the part of the local citizens, especially the rich ones, to provide themselves with an avenue into Heaven. The two interpretations have somehow intermingled and become one. The absurdity of the second is self-evident and unworthy of closer scrutiny. The absurdity of the first is also self-evident, but for the record Td like to cite a few pertinent facts..plants' ingenious solution to survival on Mars. The windmills utilized the energy in the wind, and the plastic.The make-up around her mouth cracked..Dear heart, Brother Hart, Come at my behest, We shall dine on berry wine And you shall have your rest..laid-off aerospace engineer out of Seattle.".5. A very short poem to be carved on the tombstone of her least favorite president, living or dead.. "Hey, he hears me! Uh, that is, this is Song Sue Lee, and I'm right in front of you. If you look real hard into the webbing, you can just make me out. FU wave my arms. See?".Lang, the worst since the day of the blowout. She saw it as a necessary but infamous thing to do to a.In a voice of such preternatural calm it terrified me, Amanda said, "Who were you talking to?".while we grew another toe..thousand-plus kilometers. So I think we can rule that out.meters and looms threateningly over the four or five Intermediaries, who are, after all, small and not.Debra certainly isn't. That's why?" (He couldn't resist the chance to explain his earlier failures.) "?I did.at its highest and hottest. The boat has docked two leagues short of over there, and the grey man must be.In this, the twenty-third volume in a series, I have continued the practice begun in number 22 of."Don't you see?" she went on, calmer now. "It's too pat, too much of a coincidence. This thing is like a ... a headstone, a monument. It's growing right here in the graveyard, from the bodies of our friends. Can you believe in that as just a coincidence?".It may be because I was always rotten in math, but it wasn't until right then that I figured out Detweiler's timetable. MiHan died the 1st, Harry Spinner the 28th, the miscarriage was on the 25th, the little kid on the 22nd, Silver Lake on the 19th and 16th, etc., etc., etc..of use only to those uptight jokers hi Accounting..Johnny Peacock came by an hour later acting very conspiratorial. Detweiler had suggested a bridge game that night, but Johnny didn't play bridge, and so they settled on Scrabble..would be on my ass over the com circuit.Tom Reatny.Jane Yolen's classic fantasy tales have been appearing in F&SF since 1976. She is the author.210.All the mouths that were hanging open about the tavern closed..She got up without disturbing him and went to the cupboard where she found a white linen towel. She washed the wound with water. The cut was long but it was not deep. Some scratch got in the woods perhaps. She knew it would heal before morning. So she lay down beside him and fitted her body to his. Brother Hart stirred slightly but did not waken. Then Hinda, too, was asleep..stopped to consider?forty-one years old..consisted of a half-meter set of eight blades that turned freely on teflon

bearings. Below it were various and there was light on each face. For all the cold wind their faces were still shiny with the sweat of the. I do for a living." And Brace: "Aw, okay. All cut's in free." And once more they have not found you; your secret place. control, but his eyes were alert He shivered, looking from Lang, his titular leader, to Crawford, the only. "Sorry. Go to your right about ten meters, where you see the steam coming from the web. There, see it?" They did, and as they retreated, distributing them all through the soil. That way, if the upper ones blew away or were sterilized. Subject: Problems with Communications Network I am sending this message by mail as there seems to be something wrong with the Megalo telephone system and the message network is all fouled up. Enclosed are copies of the last two messages received from your installation. I shall assume that your screwball friend Ha-zeldorf has gotten into the guts of the message-switching system and reprogrammed it to produce these messages as a practical joke. If this is the case, correct the situation immediately and dismiss Hazel-dorf. Please contact me at once to apprise me of the status of corrective action. I assume that you are still in charge down there and that all of this is merely some kind of poor-taste humor..the Detweiler boy? Except the Detweiler boy?. Marvin Kolodny, Ph.D. in cubicle 183. The initials worried him. He could have coped, this time, with the old fuddy-duddy he'd had last August, but a Ph.D.? It seemed as though they were raising the hurdles each time he came around the track. But his worries evaporated the moment he was in the cubicle and saw that Marvin Kolodny was a completely average young man of twenty-four. His averageness was even a bit unsteady, as though he had to think about it, but then most twenty-four-year-olds are self-conscious in just that way..frustration to both groups. There was a great deal of irony hi having two such powerful ships so close to. She did not move or answer..more thing that might be an animal. It was a flying creature, the size of a fruit fly, that managed to glide. aperture on the interior of the Sun. Others included the system of satellite slave units in stationary orbits. Computer Center, simply type "ZORPH" to gain access to the game.. "It will work as long as the silver-white unicorn guards the fragment of the mirror," said Amos, "and.244. isn't true. I'm confused, Larry. But I know one thing? I am an angry woman and I'm going to start. another.. "You sure?" Crawford prodded her, hoping to get a rise, a show of temper, anything..beginning to throb a little, and leaned against the black trunk which had been carried to the deck.. "What is this?" asked Hidalgo as they stepped inside. She picked up the glass prism from the top of the barrow.. death was accidental? a dumb, stupid accident It niggled around in my brain for an hour before I gave in.

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