

## CARLOTTAS INTENDED AND OTHER TALES

With my own little clone.with the drums. Damned pounding. Had to stop, had to stop so he could sleep-It was the silence that."I checked the clock," she said..It turned out that they were safe from that imagined danger. There were spores in the air now, but.things are adapted for low pressure, no oxygen, scarce water. The later ones will be adapted to an."Nina?".Hinda stood at the door and raised her hand to shade her eyes. The last she saw of him was the flash."Look, I've never had one, and never planned to. I'm thirty-four years old and never, never felt the.Q: Why are you wearing that enormous hard hat?.From Competition 18: Transposed sf titles 155.by JOHN VARLEY.through what had to be every shop in Gateside before Amanda found a gift she thought worthy of her.Worse, he was only half suited. Pragmatically she should have left him and moved on to save the ones.windmill, no two of them just alike. There were tiny ones, with the vanes parallel to the ground and no."Not much. He's only been here since Sunday night. He's very handsome, like an angel, a dark angel..affinity for multiplex circuitry. He looked a little stunned after I finished with the stim console. "Christ, kid,.Late in February he bought a house and an electronics dealership in a small town in the Adirondacks. In March he signed over his interest in the company to his partner, cleaned out his lab and left He Bold his co-op apartment in Manhattan and his summer house in Connecticut, moved to his new home and became anonymous..I look up as she bursts into raucous laughter. "I'll be goddamned. Will you look at this?" She points at.Steven Utley for "Upstart" ..Satisfied, Brother Hart sat down to eat. But Hinda was not hungry. She watched her brother for a.If you want to suit up, you just grab a whirlbird and hold onto its tail and throw it. It starts spinning as it."Andy?" He frowned slightly. "Come on in. I'm David Fowler." He held out his hand..millibars..The DetweUer Boy.babies . . . I mean, deliver babies a couple of times, but that didn't last long. The parents were afraid me."I don't really get it," Crawford admitted, talking quietly to Lucy McKillian. "What's so revolutionary about little windmills?".Sreen." The captain strikes the door again, with the edge of his fist this time. "Sreen!" A bellow which,.so terrible that you and I need not worry about him..".Are you indeed?" asked Lea, smiling. "A piece of the mirror I am trapped in lies at the bottom of this.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 information on six..June 23, 24 -One show nightly at 2100.close and dark, filled with the musk of deer..He went to the half wall separating the kitchen and poured two cups from a pot that looked like h.than any man in the world. Ugh! They give me a headache. Go quickly, take your reward, and when you.At intervals while dressing or looking into the bathroom mirror, he stared as if into an invisible camera and raised one finger. In his last years he wrote some poems..James Blish having already adequately done so, calling him (in his heroic phase) "the Thane of.She nodded. "And go berserk. It was awful. No one can live that way..".communion between performer and audience. It received a Nebula nomination from the Science.The red column inched upwards. "One hundred and four." Nolan straightened quickly. "Go fetch.I raised my brows. "That's dedication..".That's enough," he said. "I thank you for your concern..".What brings you to the Megalo Corporation?" I asked him, trying to affect the nonchalance of a.The old woman hesitated. "You will not be offended if I speak??.207."Now before you play," I said, "you must understand that we did not wish it known we were working on a proposed naval system. Thus, we have pretended that we are fighting a space war of the future against the mythical race of Zorphs. The weapons you will be using will not have the standard Navy nomenclature, but you'll have no trouble recognizing what they really are.\*.I shrugged. "It had occurred to me to wonder where Detweiler got his money..".conquest..invaded by a horde of alien beings, the Zorphs. They enslave all planets in their path. Those that resist are.undress, but he was too tired. The throbbing in his head was worse, pulsing to the beat of the drums..one of them is leaving for work..".That means," said Lea, " I was put here to be the nearest and dearest friend to all those grim, grey.McCranie sounded puzzled. "Is anything the matter?" In the screen, he had swiveled his chair and.after my time ever since her mother died. Now she wants everything that makes my time worth living..Amanda screamed again. I tried to roll sideways but my body would not respond and I steeled myself for the second, almost surely fatal blow. But, instead, there was the thud of something dropping on the floor. I looked up through a starry haze of pain to see Amanda falling to her knees beside me, crying..And then I come also and?briefly?it doesn't matter..He tried to think of what most poems were about Love seemed the likeliest subject, but he couldn't.167."I agree with Lucy," Ralston said, surprisingly. Crawford had thought he would be the only one immune to the inevitable despair of the castaway. Ralston in his laboratory was the picture of carefree detachment, existing only to observe..The cause of this high morale rests with one programmer in our department, Morris Hazeldorf, the.hilarious is the coyness, the sidelong glances, smiles, grimaces hinting at things that will never be shown on.But crazy in a dull, not an interesting way. He wondered how long they'd have to go on talking before.Amanda's serenity and Selene's coiled-spring energy..the idea of never being licensed and was daydreaming instead of a life of majestic, mysterious silence on.the shelter of my arms, wrapping my coat around us both. "Do you want to go back down to the car?". "Do you want to talk about it?". "You may take a nap," said the grey man. "But come and have breakfast first." The grey man put his.It was not unexpected; Lang had been waiting for it to happen since the night the Burroughs left. But she had not worried about it Now she must decide what to do..away at its creeping pace, and hurried off to find Song..funeral. I told her about Maurice Milian and Andrew Detweiler. We talked it around and around.

The. I've finished that. She's picked up her last parking-lot attendant? at least with this husband," I chuckled..Then my own little clone..At home he spent the holidays experimenting with commercial ad-hesives in various strengths. He applied these to coated paper, let them dry, and cut the paper into rectangles. He numbered these rec-.without dreams..the steaming river, Moises sweating over the throttle as Nolan held Darlene's shuddering shoulders..death itself..business for its health. Accounting is depending on Program S723 to keep track of profitability in the..And she was right Nolan knew it now. At least they'd be together and that would help see him through. He wouldn't need the bottle any more, and he wouldn't need Nina..What brought another of those incredible smiles was the interior. Not only did the carpeting continue..his co-op apartment in Manhattan and his summer house in Connecticut, moved to his new home and."For what reason?".Farther Than Apollo, BARRY MALZBERG.the typewriter.. "It will work as long as the silver-white unicorn guards the fragment of the mirror," said Amos, "and the grey man doesn't have his hands on it. Now dive." "I am Amos, and I am here to see what makes you so uninteresting that everyone tells me to avoid you and covers you up with blankets." I dropped in at the office for a while Friday morning and checked the first-of-the-month bills. Miss.The captain, an Indian named Singh, got his crew started on erecting the permanent buildings, then..?Janet E. Pear son.148.What the woman was saying was of a character to suggest that she had just that minute gone crazy.. "I will not leave." Mama settled herself hi a rocker beside the crib. As Nolan turned to go, she called after him softly. "Remember what I have told you, senior. If she comes again?". "Unfortunately, I have used up my quota. However"?she held up a single perfect finger?"it's almost the New Year. If you're not in a desperate hurry . . . 1". "No insult intended, Mary," Weinstein said gently. "But, yes, we have. It's the opinion of the people."He must have been talking about the Detwefler boy," she said, frowning. "Harry's been kinda friendly with him, felt sorry for him, I guess." "It doesn't. Believe me."..22, violent storms: the ship is dashed upward by waves, falls again, visible only intermittently; it takes him..heads up, sniffing the wind; then a stubbled field, dropping away; and now, below you, the co-op road..another water source..Mallory, you've led a clean, wholesome life and it's paying off.. "You must return to your ship," they insist, "and obey the will of the Sreen." "You. Just for a little while." She pulls my hands close and lays them on her body..It's always a shock the first time you come up against some particular kind of authority figure?a..because my father is King.' The wizard took a mirror and held it before me. 'What do you see?' he..Bless you, what makes you think I know? (See, there goes Byline.) Actually, critics can make educated guesses from time to time about the tastes of some groups of readers. Editors must, such judgments being their bread and butter?and look how often they fail. If judgments of beauty and truth art difficult, imagine what happens when the issue is escape reading, i.e., something as idiosyncratic as guided daydreams. Perhaps the popularity of series novels is due in part to readers\* desire for a reliable, easily reproducible pleasure. But the simplest good-bad scales (tike the Daily News system of stars) is always colliding with readers' tastes. Some writers and publishers, in order to be sure of appealing to at least a stable fraction of the market, standardize their product This can be done, but it tends to elimi-.suddenly whiter until it flares in an actinic flash and I shut my eyes..CAMPBELL'S There Goes Who?". "Crisscross, cross, and double cross!" cried the grey man triumphantly as once more Amos and Jack..First, it was one of Randall's superlative pieces of satiric verse, and second, it was clearly intended to be."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."There's still something missing from our picture," Song had told them the night before, when she..in such a way as to remove its nucleus, either by delicately cutting it out or by using some chemical..?I?m surprised there's any problem what to do. Your dancing has already won critical acclaim."..wouldn't notice. I went back to the closet and waited..Weird Woman is given a childhood background of Caribbean voodoo. Much closer is the well-known."I thought you were dead too," said Billy Belay, "after you ran out of here with that thin grey man and his big black trunk. He told us terrible stories of the places he intended to go. And you just up and went with him without having heard anything but the reward." "I don't think Pm unique that way," said Ed.. "Well, what's in it?".is launch interceptors when we see them push the button."..tonight?".A: Dune/Dhalgren/Froomb."You must show how clever you are," said Lea. "When I was free of this mirror, my teacher, in order to see how well I had learned my lessons, asked me three questions. I answered all three, and these questions were harder than any questions ever heard by man or woman. I am going to ask you three questions which are ten times as hard, and if you answer them correctly, you may pick up the mirror."..not see them anymore. Even so, be stood at the rail a long time till a sound in the darkness roused him."They don't have anything here?" Colman checked, touching the screen with a finger to indicate the place where the bottom of the trail emerged from a small wood on the edge of a grassy fiat and just a few hundred feet from the enemy bunker. The display showed a faint pattern of smudges on either side of the trail in just the positions where defensive formations would be expected..another form, giving more details. Fortunately he'd brought the data the computer wanted, so he was able."What sort of deal?".they are unhappy with us. They speak, and theirs is a voice that shatters mountains. "WHO ARE..tossed it on the back of a chair.. "And this was obviously such a time," said Hidalgo, "for you are back now and we are to be..Great Rift Valley. The site had been chosen because it was a smooth area, allowing easy access up a..Mary Lang let it work itself out, only interfering when it got violent. She herself was not immune to the frenzy but managed to stay aloof from most of it. She went to the shelter with whoever asked her, trying not to play favorites, and gently tried to prod them back to work. As she told McKillian toward the first of the week, "At least we're getting to know one another."..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..thank you very much."..God only knows why she was up this early; over the last eight..concert tour and work their stim board, me and my console over there on the side of the stage. It isn't."No. In fact, I think I've still got one left. Would you like it?". "No: why are you so

accommodating to me, when Fra being such a bitch? Are you looking for an endorsement?". "Right," Lang went on. "It'll be literal confinement for her, right here in the Poddy. Unless we can rig something for her, which X seriously doubt. Still want to go through with it, Lucy?"

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