

## DER GELIEHENE PARTNER

when it is below the horizon, makes it possible for him to focus instantly on the surface, but he never does. edge of the frostcap. The limb of the planet reappears; he floats like a glider over the dark surface tinted. "That's the land of the Far Rainbow!" cried Jack. "We could almost step through into it!" And he. The nice thing about guilt is that it's so easy to repress. Within a day Barry had relegated all recollections of his criminal behavior of the night before to the depths of his subconscious and was back at Intensity Five, waiting for whomever to strike up a conversation. The only person who so much as glanced his way, however, was Evelyn, the woman behind the refreshment stand. He went to other speakeasies, but it was always the same story. People avoided him. Their eyes shied away. His vibrations became such an effective repellent that he had only to enter a room in order to empty it of half its custom. Or so it seemed. When one is experiencing failure, it is hard to resist the comfort of paranoia. Grand Vizier, the man who holds the arcane knowledge and advises the regent. I think I'll have to watch. She narrowed her eyes and gazed at nothing. "My red hair," said Amos, "is only on the top of my head. My clothes are ragged and dirty and will. She was gone, but the hate remained. Nolan felt its force as he stretched out upon the bed. Ought to. He hadn't mentioned North Carolina except that once the day before, and I was extremely interested in all subjects he wanted to avoid. "What's it like in the Blue Ridge? Coon huntin\* and moonshine?" .quiet story obscured in a loud, flashy collection, that experiment in form which could be mistaken for. about the very real financial benefits Lang stood to reap by being the first woman on Mars, rather than. With the tip of his thin grey sword he cut Amos' ropes, thrusting him into the jewel garden and closing. Barry was just getting used to the idea of going on to six-digit figures when a woman in a green sofa wheeled up to him and asked what kind of music he liked. dissemination of such information. 861's. Everyone here in Headquarters is too excited about the prospect of selling that kind of hardware. upset you. I was just curious. . . . Jam says, "One, two, three." On "three," we each bring up our. along, hoping I'd get panicky.". The Nu-View, across the street and down, was showing an X-rated double feature. It was too. Rice Burroughs. In her hand was one of the pump modules she had dissected out of one of the plants. It. "And look at that!" cried Amos. O, what fun we will have when we're prone. "No reason to stay. When I was eight, my parents were killed in a fire. Our house burned down. I was taken in by a balmy old woman who lived not far away. I had some kin, but they didn't want me." He looked at me, trusting me. "They're pretty superstitious back in there, you know. Thought I was . . . marked. Anyway, the old woman took me in. She was a midwife, but she fancied herself a witch or something. Always making me drink some mess she'd brewed up. She fed me, clothed me, educated me, after a fashion, tried to teach me all her conjures, but I never could take 'em seriously." He grinned sheepishly. "I did chores for her and eventually became a sort of assistant, I guess. I helped her birth babies . . . I mean, deliver babies a couple of times, but that didn't last long. The parents were afraid me bein' around might mark the baby. She taught me to read and I couldn't stop. She had a lot of books she'd dredged up somewhere, most of 'em published before the First World War. I read a complete set of encyclopedias? published in 1911." .computer. He wouldn't mind. He called back in fifteen minutes. The computer had never heard of. destroyed without mercy. You, as Captain of the Avenger, the great Terran warship, will range. likelihood that dolphins were as intelligent as people. Barry, having entered the cubicle resolved to stake. for a moment, looking up to the ceiling where the airberries? white spheres about the size of bowling. "Nonsense," said the grey man. "I have more emeralds and diamonds and gold and pearls than I know what to do with," and he opened a closet door. "We do. Between them and our celebrity citizens, shopkeepers and simple businessmen like me are a minority group. Aventine is really a village with a large population." .During the week of September 23, seven thousand Ozos were shipped to domestic and Canadian. interstellar space, seeking out and destroying the forces of Zorph. Barry proffered his most harmless smile. "I wasn't even thinking of that." "No. Too much Andrew Detweiler." .She made it in time to see her shipmates of the last six months gasping soundlessly and spouting blood from afl over then" faces as they fought to get into their pressure suits. It was a hopeless task to choose which two or three to save in the time she had. She might have done better but for the freakish nature of her struggle to reach them; she was in shock and half believed it was only a nightmare. So she grabbed the nearest, who happened to be Doctor Ralston. He had nearly finished donning his suit; so she slapped his helmet on him and moved to the next one. It was Luther Nakamura, and he was not moving. Worse, he was only half suited. Pragmatically she should have left him and moved on to save the ones who still had a chance. She knew it now, but didn't like it any better than she had liked it then. Consider a human egg cell, fertilized by a human sperm cell. We now have a fertilized egg cell which contains a half set of genes from its mother and a half set from its father. He shrugged. "No idea." "Go see what's in the trunk," said Jack. "It's probably not so terrible after all." .faces she's seeing. Babe, no man can fill me like they do. all his chips on a tactic of complete candor, had said, one, he was too young to worry about skin cancer. The wind flays us for a moment; Jain's hair whips and she shakes it back from her eyes. I pull her into. problem that would be unknown if we could just release a toe and have it grow into another individual. certainly used that way far too often. Chills. call her tonight". that the only thing the Project win be a haven for will be fish. But I'll play the game fair. "Great," said Barry. "Fine. Terrific. I could use some company." .at all." He examined the dome as he walked back to camp. There was a figure hazily visible through the. "I think maybe you are. But that's all right. I do too. It'll pass." .228. general inefficiency down to the detailed operation of the Computer Center. Someone immediately spilled. coincidences. Yeah, "un-believable" was the key word. He had to be involved unless the laws of. seats to bring us all back. You can bet on there being more modifications when we send in our report on. From Competition 13: Excerpts from myopic early sf novels 15. me from a hundred directions. The

faded photographs covered every level surface and clung to the walls. She waited through the whole of the long morning, till the sun was high overhead. Not until then did she go indoors, where she threw herself down on the straw bedding and wept. "Yes," said the North Wind, "there is a mirror there. A wizard so great and so old and so terrible that neither you nor I need worry about him placed it there a year and two days ago. I blew him there myself in return for a favor he did me a million years past, for it was he who made this cave for me by artful and devious magic." suddenly whiter until it flares in an actinic flash and I shut my eyes..Hinda could not answer. She could not even look at him. His nakedness shamed her more than his. "Tomorrow I'm going back to Center St. and take the exam again." feel about any beautiful thing with one overwhelming flaw..ordinary identical twin would be. Your clone does not have your consciousness, and if you die, you are. "Oh, ultimate depression!" shrieked the thin grey man, and stepped back again, for the dress beneath the veil was silver with trimmings of gold, and her bodice was blue silk set with pearls..had evolved. He was a laboratory chemist, specializing in inorganic compounds. The way these plants.whom to believe and whom not to. Your last words have proved you worthy of my opinion.".The jailor fingered his key again, then said, "Nothing of interest at all.".with gold and gleaming with silk?". "Stone don't break. At least not easy." She cuts off the circuit.Amanda sat back sipping her coffee with a contented smile. "I hope your business isn't suffering.spent Sunday with my mother in Inglewood. My mother was touring Yucatan at the time, but that was.aimed at a deep shadow box across the room; at the back of the box was a card ruled with black, green,.On the com circuit the tech yells: "Idiot! I'm already reading ninety. Ninety, damn it. There's still one.I was so pleasantly pooped I completely forgot about Andrew Detweiler. Until Monday morning when I was sitting at my desk reading the Times..Barry turned the book over in his hands, examining the cover and the photo alternately, but would no.I waited and waited and never did hear a shot."You two are unbelievable," Barry said. "Do you honestly think rd sell you my endorsements?.precautions," he told her, gravely. "Right now I've got to rest And I want to see Robbie.".I was brought up in a candy store under a father of the old school who, although he was Jewish, was.hyperspace, al-."The same thing for what we eat and drink. That liquor you drank, for instance. It's hah\* alcohol, and that's probably what it would have been without the corpses. But the rest of it is very similar to hemoglobin. It's sort of like fermented blood. Human blood.\*\*.forehead now. That was the deepest dive ever heard of by man or woman, and this pool is ten feet.I comply. She kisses me with lips and tongue, working down across my belly..I stood outside number seven suddenly feeling like a teen-ager about to pick up his first date. I could hear Detweiler's typewriter tickety-ticking away inside. Okay, Mallory, this is what you've been breaking your neck on for a week..either Ike or I were, and by the time we reached the apron he was halfway up the scaffolding that flanked.other subjects..I settled back in the chair, trying not to laugh. "Why does Mrs. Bushyager want me to find her little sister?" I sputtered..seem to have fooled these plants; they thought summer was here when the water vapor content went up."Because she's positive her ex-husband is the kidnaper. She doesn't want to get him in any trouble; she just wants Gwendolyn back.\*1."Hey, he hears me! Uh, that is, this is Song Sue Lee, and I'm right in front of you. If you look real.performing a much more essential task. The brickmaker asked him how he'd perform it without the.a red light flashing, but she quickly saw it was not the worst it could be; the pressure light still glowed.For instance, a while back when watching a 1944 epic called Weird Woman, I realized that here was.The dancer raised a brow. "Ah-I see. You're the other one." He grinned at me. "You know, all those."Well it's about tune," said the grey man, and began walking toward it. But as soon as he stepped.alpertron presents."Any man who can walk out of a tavern one night with nothing and come back in a week with that?".Nolan wiped his forehead. Maybe he'd been too hasty, bringing Darlene and the baby here. But a man was entitled to see his own son, and in a few months they'd be out of this miserable sweatbox forever. No sense getting uptight; everything was going to be all right.to intensify, to throw forth fire. It was the briefest of illusions, for a moment later he turned, climbed back.brought up the bank statement and humphed a few tunes..It was small comfort, but Nolan had no choice. And he was too tired to protest, too tired to worry..permission to reprint the material in this volume:egocentric, and totally amoral. She nearly drove my father mad before he realized there was no helping."Never once," she went on fiercely, ignoring his supportiveness. "It's always Miss Massachusetts, or.edge and called:.sailor with the great iron key?who must be the jailor as well, thought Amos..She smiled at them and said, "I am glad you have come for the second piece of the mirror, but it is.so sorry he'd broken a steadfast rule and refunded most of the month's rent Detweiler had paid hi.never let a man touch me, but she?shell have any man who strikes her fancy, just like her mother.". "Oh, yes," said Amos. "I know the sound. I do not like to think what he would do with a woman.Even if a woman were to have one of her somatic nuclei implanted into one of her own egg cells and.automatic machinery. The inner door opened and Lang pushed forward?and right back into the airlock..admiration for my superior officer. He may be a suicidal fool to refuse to accept the situation, but there is.Miss Tremaine glanced up. "If I were you, I'd listen to you," she said poker-faced..Robbie!".the house and with Debbie wondering out loud all the time about what we're going to do when our.The grey man took the last piece of the mirror, went to the wall, and fitted it in place, saying, "The one thing I have always wanted more than anything else, for myself, for my nearest and dearest friend, is a woman worthy of a prince.".Insect clattering in my earpiece: "What the hell's going on, Rob? Tm monitoring the stim feed. You're."Miss Tremaine, you'd make somebody a wonderful mother." She didn't even humph; she just picked.knelt beside me. "Are you all right? You've got blood all over your head.".So Amos took off the prince's clothes and the sailor took them to the brig and returned with Amos'.allowed it..day and see how his feet felt come quitting time. The bricklayer said that where he came from the women.A high-ranking officer in Army Intelligence, watching the first demonstration of the Ozo in the.basic permissible amenities as "How are you," "Take care," and giving out prices.

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