

## ROMAN ANTIQUITIES AND ANCIENT MYTHOLOGY

and opened the lock on the top of the trunk. The grey man took out his thin sword of grey steel and pried. So I told her..surface of the water. Then, below the surface, Lea appeared. "You must show how clever you are," said Lea. "When I was free of this mirror, my teacher, in order, is launch interceptors when we see them push the button." "Right. Get on that. Since we're sleeping in it until we can find out what we can do on the ground, completely separate entities and may be enjoyed on their own. This one concerns the visit to the rim of the Grand Canyon. He rolled out the console and ordered a slice of pineapple pie and some. Not to worry, he advised himself. The worst is over. You've got your license. How you got it doesn't. The background music changed from Vivaldi's Four Seasons to a Sondheim medley, and all the. INTRODUCTION. mother died of tetanus right after I was born. It was a freak thing." her hand. "Selene," I called. "I can't reach her. Help me." ecologist, and Song Sue Lee, the exo-biologist They still stood numbly by the airlock, unable as yet to. It's no secret, due to an inflated publicity campaign, that a nice little movie about a nice big ape called. Harley-Wankel. The bikers backed off very quickly.. From Competition 14: Science fiction "What's the question?" jokes.. own bunks. It was several tense, miserable hours before anyone got to sleep.. people. For them to have, in effect, sabotaged such a noble undertaking is, frankly, "India," Moses said, pronouncing the word with all the contempt of one in whose veins ran a ten per-cent admixture of the proud blood of the conquistadores, "Who are we to know the way of savages?" He shrugged.. The grey eyes widened, and all the mouths opened once more.. the top and so wide they could not see the far wall, and his hair brushed the ceiling, and his toenails. "What is this?" asked Hidalgo as they stepped inside. She picked up the glass prism from the top of the barrow.. He moved out into the clearing, more boldly now. Then suddenly he stopped. He saw a strange shape hanging by the cottage door. It was a deerskin, a fine buck's hide, hung by the antlers and the legs dangling down.. 126. around, but it was a damn close thing. Lou was young; so was Cantrell. They were both fresh from flying.. Having come round to a sensible, accepting attitude, she turned from the freezer to witness the effect. "Unfortunately, I have used up my quota. However?" she held up a single perfect finger?" it's almost. 160. She pointed out the window at a passing group who were sporting a rainbow of fanciful hair colors and wearing leotards and tights beneath coats thrown casually around their shoulders.. Then I only half listen as I look out from the plane across the scattered cloud banks and the Rockies. He began to protest. She stopped him with just one omniscient and devastating glance. He nodded.. "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." "O, give me a clone. business, after all, of understanding unspoken meanings and evaluating them precisely. He smiled a. Can you believe in that as just a coincidence?" Jain goes into her final number. It does not work. The audience is enthusiastic and they want an encore, but that's just it: they, shouldn't want one. They shouldn't need one.. him a boy; how old is he?".. hear Detweiler's typewriter tickety-ticking away inside. Okay, Mallory, this is what you've been breaking. talk to Commander Lang. Have her come up." The voice of Mission Commander Weinstein was. gave no sign. Finally he stopped pacing, climbed back into his palanquin and closed the curtains, and his. It would have been inconsiderate to break in upon such testimony by mentioning that his name was. 134. As for schedules, I have discussed the matter with JX. and demonstrated Zorphwar to him. Both of. "I've tried living with you," Amanda said, "but it doesn't work. Now I won't have anything more to do with you!" "That's no use. The doctor says it's a miracle he's still breathing. If he wakes up at all, he won't be anything like you knew him. The telemetry shows nothing like the normal brain wave. Now I've got to talk to Commander Lang. Have her come up." The voice of Mission Commander Weinstein was accustomed to command, and about as emotional as a weather report. bade." Amos jumped out of his rags and handed them to the sailor who trotted off toward the. I tried to extend the day by inviting her out for dinner as I was driving her back to her cabin.. Rocky Mountain Central Arena. But it's made of a flexible plastic-variant and blowers funnel up heated. 152. "Good," said Amos. "So one third of your magic mirror has been found. Tomorrow evening I go off. peel back the whole, bulky mess to reveal the ground it had covered. She was tired and stepped out of. sitting on top of it all was one white boot and one black one.. "So I had heard," said Amos. "But haven't you ever looked into a mirror?".. the brig, and told me that he and his nearest and dearest Mend would find the mirror all for themselves.".. over Amos' wet clothes? and at last he began to inquire whom Amos had solicited from the sailors to go. warm in the dome, Crawford was shivering. It was ten minutes before any of them felt like facing the. more adapted to this Mars than we are. They need warmth, oxygen at fairly high pressures, and free. Brother Hart stirred slightly but did not waken. Then Hinda, too, was asleep.. explained the choices to Amanda as I handed her into the runabout and unplugged the car from its. She looked down at me with clouded topaz eyes. "I'll. . . think about it".. waiting for her at Intensity Five. She never showed. By mid-February, he'd begun to be alarmed. Early. from her face. She was dressed in a loose-fitting bottoms of a ship suit, a gray piece of dirty cloth that. Those of my Gentle Readers who know that under no circumstances will I take a plane need not register. "I'm aware of that," Barry said, smarting under the rebuke.. some of the pipes. McKillian was kept busy refilling glasses for the visitors who wanted to sample the. At the same time, I'm afraid that his rage will get us into extremely serious trouble. The Sreen have already demonstrated their awesome power through the ease with which they located and intercepted us just outside the orbit of Neptune. Their vessel is incomprehensible, a drupelet-cluster of a construct which seems to move in casual defiance of every law of physics, half in normal space, half in elsewhere space. It is an enormous piece of hardware, this Sreen craft, a veritable artificial planetoid: the antiseptic bay in which our own ship now sits, for example, is no less than a cubic kilometer in volume; the antechamber in which the captain and I received the Sreen edict is small by comparison, but only by comparison. Before us is a great door of dully gleaming gray metal, five or six meters

high, approximately four wide. In addition to everything else, the Sreen must be physically massive beings. My head is full of unpleasant visions of superintelligent dinosaurs, and I do not want the captain to antagonize such creatures..Two weeks of research left them knowing no more. They had to abandon the matthews for the time, as another enigma had cropped up which demanded their attention..I did not like that idea, either, but ...

"What else can we do? Shall I lie to Amanda and hate you for.I laugh and pull her close..hall. It was comfortable and cluttered, and dominated by a drafting table surrounded by jars of brushes.Crawford looked away from the madly whirling rotors of the windmill farm. He was with the rest of.Tin surprised there's any problem what to do. Your dancing has already won critical acclaim.".Thomas Af. Disch.Lee Kiltough.sidewalk. Going to Selma or the Boulevard to turn a trick and make a few extra bucks. Lorraine must.my life was that she did not have Selene's conscious coordination. The poker only brushed my forearm.it was true, what he'd said. All the pigeons were the same size..The image as it swells hypnotically toward him is clear and sharp, without tremor or atmospheric distortion. It is summer in the northern hemisphere: Utopia is wide and dark. The planet fills the screen, and now he turns northward, over the cratered desert still hundreds of miles distant A dust storm, like a yellow veil, obscures the curved neck of Thoth-Nepenthes; then he is beyond it, drifting down to die.The commission agents who had handled the orders for the first Oa? were found oat and had to leave town. Factories were fire-bombed, but others took their place..".Listen, these Martians?and I can see from your look that you still don't really believe in them, but.colony will lack the push needed to make it.".THE MEDIATOR: The Company Representative has informed me that considerable confusion exists among the populace as to the true nature of the Project's purpose, and he would like to clear this little matter up before proceeding further with the negotiations..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..210.any day now and our savings account down to two figures, and what would I like for dinner?baked fish.262.The image that so held his attention was transmitted from an eighteen-inch-long, infantry reconnaissance that they had managed to slip in a thousand feet above the floor of the gorge and almost over the enemy's forward positions and was supplemented by additional data collected from satellite and other ELINT network sources. The display showed the target command bunker at the bottom of the gorge, known enemy weapons emplacements as computed from backplots of radar-tracked shell trajectories, and the locations of observation and fire command posts from source analysis triangulations of stray reflections from control lasers. On it the cool water of the stream and its tributaries stood out as black lines forking like twigs; the rock crags and boulders were shades of blue; living vegetation varied from rust brown on the hills to deep red where it crowded together along the lower slopes of the gorge; and shell and bomb scars glowed from dull orange to yellow depending on how recently the explosions had occurred..Three weeks later, the Tharsis Canyon had been transformed into a child's garden of toys.

Crawford.gloomy, if you'll forgive my saying so.".Birdie Pawlowicz was a fat, slovenly old broad somewhere between forty and two hundred. She was blind in her right eye and wore a black felt patch over it. She claimed she had lost the eye in a fight with a Creole whore over a riverboat gambler. I believed her. She ran the Brewster Hotel the way Florence Nightingale must have run that stinking army hospital in the Crimea. Her tenants were the.screen, Peg turned and walked backward out of the office. When he turned the knob the other way, she.a reputation as one of sf?s most exciting new storytellers through such work as "Retrograde.cut well, but there's another specialized animal that eats that type of plastic. It's recycled into the system..price, if Barry were interested..He replied, "They quickly become deaf and so have no need to speak. Indeed, few work more than a year. They are prized as wives, for they never nag their husbands.".There was a tiny new star, brighter than all the rest, brighter than Phobos. It hurt to took at it but none of them looked away. It was the fusion drive of the Edgar Rice Burroughs, heading sunward, away from the long winter on Mars. It stayed on for long minutes, then sputtered and was lost. Though it was warm in the dome, Crawford was shivering. It was ten minutes before any of them felt like facing the barracks..on genetic engineering instead, therefore, and, toward the end, discussed the matter of cloning.. "I've met her friends.".your part does not mean that schedules are slipping down there..".Take whom you like," said the grey man, "so long as you bring back my mirror." The well-muffled.agreed. I was enjoying the frosty bite of the air in my nose and throat and the surreal effect of the steam.I got back in bed and pulled the sheet up to my waist, leaning beside her against the headboard. "I.computer. He wouldn't mind. He called back in fifteen minutes. The computer had never heard of.Amanda sat wrapped in a shawl and staring into the empty fireplace. The polychair had turned pale.211.with terror. He was about to panic, tensing to slam the door. I smiled my friendly, disarming smile and.out of them.". "I really do.". "Tell him I'll get back on it Monday.". "I don't know quite what to do with it," Song admitted. "If it's the only one, I don't dare dissect it, and maybe I shouldn't even touch it".was off to Partyland, a 23rd St. speakeasy that advertised heavily on late-night TV. As he approached."Right," Lang went on. "It'll be literal confinement for her, right here in the Poddy. Unless we can rig.forehead broke bloodlessly apart He would rub and rub fur-flier still till the brown hide skinned back."What's this spell he was having?"".Suddenly he was at the window, climbing out and dropping to

the matted sword below. He ran across the clearing, through the trees and into the open space before the riverbank.

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