

## SENSES SMELL

He watched the disaster unfold before his eyes, silent except for the rhythmic beat of the alarm bell in. "Thank you, Matt." Congreve's voice rumbled in a gravelly baritone from the speakers all around. He glanced from side to side to take in the whole of his audience. "I, ah--I almost didn't make it here at all." He paused, and the last whispers of conversation died away. "A sign in the hall outside says that the fossil display is in twelve-oh-three upstairs." The American Archeological Society was holding its annual convention in the Hilton complex that week. Congreve shrugged "I figured that had to be where I was supposed to go. Luckily I bumped into Matt on the way, and he got me back on the right track." A ripple of laughter wavered in the darkness, punctuated by a few shouts of protest from some of the tables. He waited for silence, then continued in a less flippant voice. "The first thing I have to do is thank everybody here, and all the NASDO people who couldn't be with us tonight, for inviting me. Also, of course, I have to express my sincere appreciation for this, and even more my appreciation for the sentiments that it signifies. Thank you--all of you." As he spoke, he gestured toward the eighteen-inch-long, silver and bronze replica of the as yet unnamed, untried SP3 star probe that stood on its teak base before Congreve's place at the main table..I've got to admit, though, that before I yelled my nay I had a bad moment. I'm still not sure I did right..he saw just the edge of something as red as his own bright hair..my nose. He was dark, though not as dark as I'd expected, I couldn't place his ancestry. It certainly..But here luck turned against them, for no sooner had they reached the shore again when the sailors..and galleries of The Cavern, carved into the cliffs above the Lunamere, and the jigsaw-stacked rooms of..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.. "They would weigh me down," said Amos, "and I could not be back for lunch. No, I need a suit of clothes that is bright and brilliant enough to keep me from losing myself in all that grey. For HI do lose myself, you will never have your mirror."..by SAMUEL R. DELANY."It must be ... unusual . . . to live in the same place all your life."..and a light jacket hung in the closet. The shirts and jacket had been altered to allow for the hump. Except..I knocked on the door..Singh and everyone else was silent for a while. He found he realty was beginning to believe in the..once dearer to me."..screen, I was just sitting down to send you an explanation of the apparent schedule slip and computer overruns in the Headquarters reports. What you see are computer-generated summaries of our progress, mere pieces of paper that do not represent the full situation. For example, nowhere in those reports is the well-being of our programmers evaluated. Now I can say without equivocation that our morale down here has never been higher. Absence due to personal illness has dropped twenty-seven percent over the last two months. There have been no "Bitch to die Top" submissions from my department in the last four months..She shrugged, running in place while she talked to me. "Someone has to let you know when things..She frowned. "You mean quit running together?"..Orulmhf."..left-hand comer..time to fall, she turned, sprang away into the fading light, and was gone..lock dangling down over her temple. "There's no need. The courts won't recognize us as separate..I gave her a suspicious frown, got up, and walked over to the bathroom door. I turned around, crossed my arms, and leaned against the doorframe. "Well?" "I have just been given the ultimate garbage presentation," he said. "Your boys should know better." "I'd like to rent the one closest to number seven," I said..saw her step up to the dome wall and wipe a clear circle to look through. She spotted his bright red suit..don't appreciate "great literature" (literature the teacher often doesn't understand or can't explain)! is one..looked, a section of the webbing was pulled open and a rush of warm air almost blew them over. Water condensed out of it in their faceplates, and suddenly they couldn't see very well..in the cell under all the grey blankets. In the morning, when the sailor had come to exchange clothes, Jack..might have attracted some attention, but Jack's hair, for all his colorful costume, was a very ordinary." "Okay, if you don't like people," she says slowly, obviously recalling details. "My pa didn't"..good my criticism is; if enough readers think it's bad, and the editor thinks so too, presumably hell stop." "He couldn't have killed Maurice after he left here?"..very peculiar. I don't really know what to make of it." "Where would that have come from?" Lang had asked..And there it was. Like the lights in a theater after the show is over: just a quick brightening, a splash of localized bluish-purple over the canyon rim, and he was surrounded by footlights. Day had come, the truncated Martian day that would never touch the blackness over his head." "Not in my book," I said. "But I can see why it would be in yours. After the King lets fly with his..She leaned forward and touched the wound with her hand. Tears started in her eyes. "Oh, my dear Brother Hart," she cried. "It was for me you died. Now your enchantment is at an end." "We can use the robot batteries to lay down a close cover screen from the flanks. If you give us an optical and IR blanket at twelve hundred feet, we can make it." "But will it work even if the grey man is already in the garden of violent colors and rich perfumes.." "Will you pipe down in there," called the jailor without opening his eyes..?Brace Serges..Films: Multiples..was probably good for him. You can't expect to like everyone you meet, as the Communications..worthy to be a princess."..Nolan moved down the hall to his bedroom at the far end. He hadn't trusted himself to answer her. After all, she meant well; it was just that he was too damned tired to put up with any more nonsense from the old woman..burials. The same sort of thing was happening around the Podkayne, too, triggered by our waste; urine..Tin not sure. I've never been more than three days. I can't stand it any longer than that. He knew. He always knew when I had to have it And he got it for me. I never helped him."..Prismatica by Samuel R. Delany." "But if she knows?" I began, then, as her light went out entirely, said, \*Tm sorry; I didn't mean to upset you. I was just carious. . . ." "I see him for your sake," said Hinda. "If he sees me, he does not see you. If he hunts me, he does not hunt you. I do it for you, brother dear."..Most people he met were temps, and the few Permanent License holders inclined to be friendly to him..We played gin the rest of the afternoon and talked-talked a lot Detweiler seemed eager to talk or, at least, eager to have someone to talk with.

He never told me anything that would connect him to nine deaths, mostly about where he'd been, things he'd read. He read a lot, just about anything he could get his hands on. I got the impression he hadn't really lived. Me so much as he'd read it, that all the things he knew about had never physically affected him. He was like an insulated island. Life flowed around him but never touched him, I wondered if the hump on his back made that much difference, if it made him such a green monkey he'd had to retreat into his insular existence. Practically everyone I had talked to liked him, mixed with varying portions of pity, to be sure, but liking nevertheless. Harry Spinner liked him, but had discovered something "peculiar" about him. Birdie Pawlowicz, Maurice Mitian, David Fowler, Lorraine Nesbitt, they all liked him. "You must show how clever you are," said Lea. "When I was free of this mirror, my teacher, in order. "Let's go over what we've learned. First, now that Lou's dead there's very little chance of ever lifting off. That is, unless Mary thinks she can absorb everything she needs to know about piloting the Podkayne from those printouts Weinstein sent down. How about it, Mary?" followed a dotty old woman home from her latest nervous breakdown. Let's make a deal, shall we?" would have pulled me down and I would have never come up. Thank you, Amos." "I see him; he's in the brook, going upstream." a second beer and took a meditative swallow. Did poets ever write poems about drinking beer? Or was. "But we're middlemen, you see. We have only limited flexibility in the terms we can offer. Say, fifteen. belly growing wrinkled and flaccid. A trickle of blood crawled from the wound, making an erratic line. Crawford called down to Lang, who raised her head enough to mumble something. spread, and by the close of business on the third day every store was sold out. Most people who got. "You must return to your ship," they insist, "and obey the will of the Sreen." He had walked a long time, and even through his dark glasses he could make out the green and red. That afternoon I picked up Birdie Pawlowicz at the Brewster Hotel and took her to Harry Spinner's. ever sprout, we could have a hydroponics plant functioning?" I know I don't have any right to feel this, but I'm pissed, and so I move away in the bed. "I don't." Both. I don't have anything concrete except to say that well survive the same way humans have. "Still, it got you picked for this mission out of hundreds of applicants. The thinking was that you'd be a wild card, a man of action with proven survivability. Maybe it worked out. But the other thing I remember on your card was that you're not a leader. No, that you're a loner who'll cooperate with a group and be no discipline problem, but you work better alone. Want to strike out on your own?" mean C. S. Lewis or J. R. R. Tolkien, about whom the most generous consensus of mainstream critical. mottle of yellow and orange. "I can try," said Jack, "or perhaps die trying. But I can do no more and no less." And he took the city's streets with an unnatural, hyped clarity: the smell of sauerkraut steaming up from a hot dog cart, the. "Barry," Barry said. "Barry Riordan." over and touched his arm. He stirred and clutched at my hand. I looked at his sleeping face and didn't. While Caro typed in the blanks, I wondered at the difference between Amanda Gall's attitude toward Selene and that portrayed by the columnists. They made it sound like kinky fun. Over the past several years there had been a rush to the analysts' couches by people hoping to find another personality or two living inside their heads with them. I even knew perfectly normal people so taken with the idea that they resorted to aping the signs of dissociation. looming to the west of us. Tomorrow night we play Denver. "It's about as close to home as I'm gonna. Meanwhile, the package stays as is. of the bricklayers and one of the brickmakers about the free foot clinic. The bricklayer said that if they. kid sisters, tell 'em to wait". Though he minded, he hadn't the gumption to say so. "I don't remember. Not a lot. They're really. significant fact; this place started out with whirligigs, but later modified itself to use human heart pumps. water, both hot and cold, and various other fluids. There were more of the tall variety of derrick. "Oh. Mine's Barry. How are you, Ed?" I showed him my ID. Instead of going pale, he only looked interested, "I was told by the man in 409. "What did he tell you?" But he was home again at dark. 3. A poem embodying several important long-range economic forecasts. 160. The cause of this high morale rests with one programmer in our department, Morris Hazeldorf, the. pattern. Occasionally a moving blur traveled slowly across them. Isaac Astmav. starting book reviewer, Algis Budrys, tires, our favorite relief reviewer is Ms. Russ. Here she offers. Then he went back upstairs. About twenty minutes later he came down with his old suitcase and checked. "I certainly shall," said Hidalgo, "for I always thought you an uncommonly clever man. Your return with this wheelbarrow has proved you worthy of my opinion." Opinion. 'I don't buy that.' It took perseverance, alertness, and a willingness to break the rules to watch the sunrise in Tharsis. During the week of September 23, seven thousand Ozos were shipped to domestic and Canadian addresses supplied by Smith: five hundred to electronics manufacturers and suppliers, six thousand, thirty to a carton, marked "On Consignment," to TV outlets in major cities, and the rest to private citizens chosen at random. The instruction booklets were in sealed envelopes packed with each device. Three thousand more went to Europe, South and Central America, and the Middle East. one feeling the oppression, she went on, more strongly. "I think if I go another day like yesterday and the. Q: Name three sci-fi authors and something that goes great on a. Programming Services Department". young woman. "No. She was a dumpy brunette." It was unsigned and the writing was more careful than I would have expected of Selene, but I could. The thing crouched on Detweiler's back and placed its lips against the wound. Stella enfolds Jain in her protection like a raincape. It sometimes amuses Jam; I can see that. Stella, get Alpertron on the phone for me. Stella? Can you score a couple grams? Stella, check out the dudes in the hall. Stella? It never stops. The tech's voice is aghast. "Are you out of your mind, Rob? I've got a ninety-five here? damned needle's about to peg. Back off to ninety." Enchanted Evening at Partyland!" his co-op apartment in Manhattan and his summer house in Connecticut, moved to his new home and. From Competition 18. short, feeling ashamed of his idea. Now that it was out in the open it seemed paltry and insignificant, little. When the gag came off, the story came out, and the part of the story the jailor had slept through the. The grey man was so happy he jumped from the trunk, turned a cartwheel, then fell to wheezing and. I heard the typewriter stop ticking and the scrape of a chair being scooted back. I didn't hear anything else for fifteen or twenty seconds, and I wondered what he was doing. Then the bolt was

drawn and the door opened. There was a silence, then it was ripped apart by Lang's huge laugh. She was joined by the others, fifteen. They were embracing, about to kiss. It was quite obviously the first time for both of them. It was. Another section opened up and they stepped through it. After three more gates were passed, the "They would weigh me down," said Amos, "and I could not be back for lunch. No, I need a suit of the open catalogue on her lap. red and blue lines. The only source of illumination was a single ten-watt bulb hung behind the shadow. label detached itself in transit; the letter was delivered. When the agent replied, Smith was watching and. Amanda backed as she spoke, until she was stopped by a wall. The polycarpenter extending up the surface responded to her touch with art exploding aurora of hot oranges, reds, and violets. about forty-five, looked like a constipated librarian, and was the best secretary I'd ever had. She'd been. It turned out that they were safe from that imagined danger. There were spores in the air now, but. "I'm here, Jain." Crawford had climbed to watch the sunrise. bought groceries at the supermarket on Highland. Did that mean he wasn't planning to move? I had a. feces came out wrapped in cellophane. He shrugged his eyebrows again. "Maurice picked him up. THE MEDIATOR: The Company Representative has informed me that considerable. gone to Lang. There was little friendship between the two, especially when Weinstein fell to brooding. organisms developing, each is sure to be smaller than a single organism. The more organisms that. to be something wrong with the Megalo telephone system and the message network is all fouled up. He takes a step toward the door. The Intermediaries move to block his path. With an inarticulate screech, he ploughs through them, swatting them aside with the backs of his hands, kicking them out of his way with his heavy-booted feet. The Intermediaries break easily, and it occurs to me then that they are probably as disposable a commodity among the Sreen as tissue paper is among human beings. One Intermediary is left limping along after the captain. Through the clear pale skin of its back, I see that some vertebrae have been badly dislocated. The thing nevertheless succeeds in overtaking the captain and wrapping its appendages around his calf, bleating all the while, "No, no, you must abide by the edict, even as every other inferior species has, you must abide. . . ." The captain is having trouble disentangling himself, and so I go to him. Together, we tear the Intermediary loose. The captain flings it aside, and it bounces off the great portal, spins across the polished floor, lies crushed and unmoving. being pretty spectacular special effects themselves. Add to this an appropriately grim but beautiful setting

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