

## PARTICIPATORY HERITAGE

Crawford was the only one to look up when the lock started cycling. The two people almost tumbled. spine obviously broken. It fell off the couch and flailed about on the floor. oxygen-breathing, water-economy beings who needed protection for their bodies until the full bloom of. The Mm Who Bad No Idea. somewhere nearer than you thought. "Nina by Robert Block. He laughed. "That lets me out. Sit down. Move the stuff." Mary Lang let it work itself out, only interfering when it got violent. She herself was not immune to. They stared at each other and Jack jumped up. "Why we must be in the cave of. . ." I could do was confront him with what Td found out. And then what, Mallory, a big guilty confession?. glamor of the place. Partyland was an endless middle-class living room, a panorama of all that was. that he himself would very much like to see a woman worthy of a prince. 'Especially,' he said, 'such a. Amanda screamed again. I tried to roll sideways but my body would not respond and I steeled. published his memoirs, a comedian who did a surrealist skit about a speakeasy for five-year-olds, and a novelist with a speech impediment who got into an argument with the comedian about whether his skit was essentially truthful or unjustifiably cruel In the middle of their argument Barry came down with a murderous headache, took two aspirins, and went to bed. Just before he fell asleep, he thought: I could call them and tell them what / thought. "I really do." "Nothing." Darlene was staring past him. "I thought I saw someone outside the window." commission agent in Boston with whom he had never had any previous dealings. He mailed the letter. "Andrew." The MacKinnons introduced themselves. His name was Jason. Hers was Michelle. They lived quite. "No way," she says. "He didn't and he won't. He doesn't like what I do." I can't think of anything to just assume I'm a chauvinist." Crawford nodded. He looked around at the other occupants of the room. There was the Surface Mission Commander, Mary Lang, the black woman he had seen inside the dome just before the blowout She was sitting on the edge of Lou Prager's cot, her head cradled in her hands. In a way, she was a more shocking sight than Lou. No one who knew her would have thought she could be brought to this limp state of apathy. She had not moved for the last hour. motorcade, finds the sixth floor of the Book Depository Building, finds the window. There is no one. He watches the men running, sees them launch the boat As they pull away, he is able to keep the. The purplish cloud broke. "Well, you may rest assured you aren't going to!" the wealthy merchant. darkened barracks. It wasn't much in the way of a home; they were crowded against each other on. about the page are not our real, live selves, and their exploits are dictated more by the exigencies of our. from him. But why am I the Prince of the Far Rainbow? That is exactly the question asked me a year ago. brilliant smile that dimpled her month and eyes. Her hair was streaked with gray. She would be? Singh. Crawford shrugged, uneasy at the question. He didn't know if it was the right time to even postulate that they might fail. versions of Midsummer Night's Dream. And yet more to come: As the science fiction and fantasy films. edge of the frostcap. The limb of the planet reappears; he floats like a glider over the dark surface tinted with rose and violet-gray; now he can see its nubbly texture; now he can make out individual plants. He is drifting among their gnarled gray stems, their leaves of violet bora; he sees the curious misshapen growths that may be air bladders or some grotesque analogue of blossoms. Now, at the edge of the screen, something black and spindling leaps. He follows it instantly, finds it, brings it hugely magnified into the center of the screen: a thing like a hairy beetle, its body covered with thick black hairs or spines; it stands on six jointed legs, waving its antennae, its mouth parts busy. And its four bright eyes stare into his, across forty million miles. Face contorting, she looks into the hearts of a million fires and cries out. Three earls; a brass band; "Right? when you get it, you know where you can find us. We're always here on the same settee." ?John Bittingsley. tape The Odd Couple. Every Friday night when I see them lining up out there, I think I might go. The thing's eyes focused for a moment on Detweiler. It looked at him, beseeching, held out one hand, pleading. Its screams continued, that one monotonous, hopeless note repeated over and over. It lowered its arm and kept crawling about mindlessly, growing weaker. "For all the pearls I can put in my pockets, all the gold I can carry in one hand, all the diamonds I can. savages?" He shrugged. meters and looms threateningly over the four or five Intermediaries, who are, after all, small and not. 132. who discover "It's a free country!" at seven graduate to "Everyone's entitled to his own opinion" by. we offer with some hesitation this tale of first contact between lowly Human and mighty Sreen. knew about had never physically affected him. He was like an insulated island. Life flowed around him. are and everything, but I don't know: they were criminals, after all. What they were doing only makes it. edited by Edward Ferman. spied four of the creatures. Song took a sample bag from her pouch and held it open in front of the beast. "May I run with you?" I called after her. Robert Bloch. asked. 'I see myself, just as I should, the Prince of the Far Rainbow,' said I. Then the wizard grew furious. She was in time to see McKillian and Ralston hurrying into the lab at the back of the ship. There was. haven't the foggiest idea." "The true and indisputable masters of the universe," the Intermediaries pipe in one high but full-toned. Hollis strokes her color board and shoots concentric spheres of hard primaries expanding through the arena; Red, yellow, blue. Start with the basics. Red. "Yeah, I was working on a story, but I'd rather play gin." He grinned, open and artless. "If I could. I know I don't dare force the issue; even if I did, there would still be Stella. "I'm fine, and how is yourself, and what are you doing down here?" "That\*\*! exactly what I said," Amos told her, and they were both very happy, for they were both clever enough to know that when a husband and wife agree, it means a long and happy marriage is ahead. 199. Barry turned the book over in his hands, examining the cover and the photo alternately, but would no. "Won't work." "You may take a nap," said the grey man. "But come and have breakfast first." The grey man put his. He was genuinely surprised. "You didn't take that crack seriously, did you? I might as weQ admit it It was intentional, like that cattle prod you mentioned. You looked like you needed a kick in the ass. \*\*. bare rock, rearranged the exhaust to prevent more condensation on the underside, and added more. of endless rock wastes and lava flows, a

mysteriously evocative moment in what seems to be the sacred.why, for instance, it would do you no good to report us to the Communications Control Office. Others."That means," said Lea, " I was put in this trunk by a wizard so great and so old and so terrible that.people who cheat everybody they meet and who can enjoy nothing colorful in the world.".Sixty overlay tracks and one com board between Jain and maybe a cool million horny, sweating.shut that door, quick!".Samuel R. (Chip) Delany has for some time been one of sfs most interesting novelists (Dhalgren, Triton, et cetera) and one of the field's more thoughtful critics (The Jewel-Hinged Jaw: Notes of the Language of Science Fiction). He has not written much short fiction recently, and so we are especially pleased to offer this fresh and magical change of pace..It isn't Moog Indigo; they're laying down the sound and light patterns behind Jain as expertly as always..202.capacity, according to its ads, of 780, but tonight wasn't one of its big nights and a lot of the seats were.'em never been more than thirty miles from the place they were born, never saw an electric light? You.does get a little involved, doesn't it?".permit these things to grow by ingesting sand and rock and turning it into plastic-like materials. So we."Neither one of those facts is so incredible compared to some of the strange things in this world," said.12."Nonsense. You haven't even finished your beer. You mustn't hold what I write against me. Poets cant be held responsible for what they say in their poems. We're all compulsive traitors, you know.".demonstrated.. "You'll stay right here," Lang barked, "We know there's not enough power in them to hurt the ship.,So he'd started to drink. First the good bourbon from the company's stock, then the halfway-decent.She stood, using an arm of a chair to help push herself to her feet From where her hand touched, livid streamers of orange and scarlet radiated out across the surface of the poly while the shape narrowed and trembled. A marbled pool of the same colors spread from her."Stone don't break. At least not easy." She cuts off the circuit.From Competition 15:"Only that isn't above us," said Jack. "It's below.".rebound, only to be thrown over for Ralston..restrictions set forth hi Appendix n of the Federal Communications Handbook (18th edition)..He shrugged. "Oh, nothing much. Take two aspirin, drink lots of liquids, get plenty of rest, that sort of."That's really sick," Stella says..After that day Lang was ruthless in gutting the old Podkayne. She supervised the ripping out of the.had thought of no better way to describe it. Each of the plastic spikes had blossomed into a fanciful.our deadline a few weeks or a month closer, the day we have to be self-supporting.".Lou Prager. Her head was nodding listlessly against the aluminum hull plate behind her, her chin was on.Her pictures, though, did not do her justice. Not only was I surprised to find her taller than I expected, fully as tall as I was, but no media camera had ever captured the glow that shone out through her."We've got company," Eli announced..I heard the door open. I turned and saw Detweiler run out.windsock and open cockpit, this one was a mad confusion of dials, switches, and lights designed to awe.When I came out she said, "Why?".were passing massively and vertiginously through itself; then yon are floating out the window with the.room, and a laboratory-storehouse-workshop in the old fuel tank. Crawford and Lang spent the first.his pile of blankets. Since the day of the blowout he never seemed to be warm enough..shut?".In addition, endangered species could have their chances of survival increased if both males and.products, and physical structures, all of which influence one another. Some genes are inhibited and some."Some people have no poetry in their souls," Mary said..I'll see to it that the members of Local 209 have access to these minutes; and if, after.Something had caused Mary Lang's eyes to look up. It was a reflex by now, a survival reflex.approached the cottage from the side, and Hinda's singing led him on. When he reached the window, he.lanky indicated one of two identical orange-and-brown-striped couches facing each other across a.did children say "pee-pee" and "poo-poo," and then giggle? Yon have read scholarly books about taboos."Though, truly," said Amos, glancing at the ceiling, "I had a friend once named Billy Belay, an old sailor with a wooden leg, I used to play jackstraws with. When he would go upstairs to bis room.return and eat my eggs and sausages.". "Andrew Detweiler." She looked blank. "Young, good-looking, with a hunchback.".A few of the outlets which received the cartons opened them the same day, tried the devices out, and.put them on sale at prices ranging from \$49.95 to \$125. By the following day the word was beginning to.completely I might never get out of it again."

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