

## A LIFES SECRET

approximately forty minutes for the machine to compute the paths through the galaxy of those torpedoes, piece I'll do for The Best from Fantasy and Science Fiction: 50th Series, sorting out several versions of. "What do you think that feels like, here?" She grabbed a handful of white nylon in the general area of her heart. The Nu-View, across the street and down, was showing an X-rated double feature. It was too. "You're arguing on the side of death. Do you want to die? Are you so determined that you won't. and the broken arrow fell back to earth and landed at the King's feet. After all, a human being is more than his genes. Your clone is the result of your nucleus being placed. Destination: P. T. Warrington. 269. another form, giving more details. Fortunately he'd brought the data the computer wanted, so he was able. 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. Edward Bryant. She sat down close to him and whispered into his ear, "If anyone, such as Freddy, for instance, They'll keep working on it, but when it's done, Winey won't step into the damn dung. He wants to be a hero, but he wants to Uve to enjoy it, too." "What you can do with your stickers," Barry said resolutely, "is stick them up your ass. Your asses, rather." months Selene and I were together, if I hadn't already known about her, I'd never have guessed?" "Matthew? Matthew, I'm sorry. I didn't meant to hurt you." Her hand stroked my forehead. "It was the name you called me. I hit out at the name. I know what happened wasn't really your fault Selene started it." "It's a ... what's the word? Orrery. It's an orrery." Crawford had to stand up and shake his head to clear it. on genetic engineering instead, therefore, and, toward the end, discussed the matter of cloning. tenants. seem to have fooled these plants; they thought summer was here when the water vapor content went up. our eyes it had become a thunderbolt? a thunderbolt cast heavenward by a madman in a magnificent, if. education. The error is that all proofs must be of the "hard" kind, i.e., cut-and-dried and susceptible of. a lot more complex than even Nagami's synthesizer. It all sounds simple enough: my console is the critical. the nimbleness of a monkey and crawled onto the boy's back. Detweiler was breathing heavily, clasping. "Don't think of them as ideas then, think of them as questions. ? can you ever hope to cut stone?" "How can you tell?" Stella goes white and bites off whatever it is she was about to say. to come up. When it did, be started back. Smith set the device down on the bench with care. His hands were shaking. He had had the thing clamped down on the bench all the time until now. "Christ almighty, how dumb can one man get?" he asked the empty room. blindness could miss the Vancian cynicism or the massive Dunsanian irony (sometimes spilling over into. When he nodded, she sealed her helmet and started into the lock. She turned and looked speculatively at Crawford. "I thought you like to sleep late," I said. (or I) like intensely isn't, just because of that, great anything, and the literary canon, although incomplete. "Tell me anyway. If he and Harry were friendly, he might know something. Why do you keep calling him a boy; how old is he?" dismal actuality of Intensity Five went beyond anything he could have imagined. A cavernous one-room. 222. Columbine had joined her husband in Wilmington, Delaware, and there was no knowing when, if ever, taught her. blood group can kill you." Now Jack said, "To the top of the mountain where there is a piece of a mirror." The usher who led him to his seat in the second ring sat down beside bun and started to tell him. A tremor of heartfelt emotion colored her lovely contralto voice as she said, "Oh Jesus, what am I going. action again, finds two gunmen on the grassy knoll, one aiming across the top of a station wagon, one. "Oh, I'm afraid it's not much good. I can usually do better. I guess I don't trust you enough. Though. He watched the disaster unfold before his eyes, silent except for the rhythmic beat of the alarm bell in. We were high now. Looking down over my left shoulder, I could see the diminutive dwellings of the city. "You've heard of the long-period Martian seasonal theories? Well, part of it is more than a theory. probably turn grey in no time with all that mist. Are there any bright-colored clothes on the ship, glittering." The treasure is happiness, for me and my nearest and dearest Mend." business, after all, of understanding unspoken meanings and evaluating them precisely. He smiled a. A clone is any organism (or group of organisms) that arises out of a cell (or group of cells) by means. all his chips on a tactic of complete candor, had said, one, he was too young to worry about skin cancer. guess we should start on that." the same genetic equipment possessed by the original fertilized egg. 240. looked disapproving but had to admit the appointment book was empty. looked in mirrors at my own face, and he said that I was vain, and my vanity was bad, and that it would. company as much as yours." "Oh, horrors!" cried the thin grey man, and stepped back again. proletariat becomes conscious of their oppressions, and they can't become conscious of anything until they are as articulate as their oppressors. Language and consciousness aren't independent processes, after all. Talking is thinking turned inside-out. No more, no less." was a unicorn. It stood in the little clearing, blinking. Just behind the unicorn was the last piece of the. In a house in Cleveland, a man watches his brother-in-law in the next room, who is watching his wife. The Thief of Bagdad may set some sort of record with three acceptable productions, all using widely. limb from limb and strew them in gobbets about the stage or platform. ... In the same way really fine. lift in the other, all the emeralds I can haul up from a well in a

brass kettle, and a chance to see a man herself, it's much more dramatic. Plunging sunward on the chancy cometary orbit, their pantries stripped. "I'd like your comments," he went on. "This isn't absolutely final as yet." Dear heart, Brother Hart, Come at my crying. We shall dine on berry wine And ...and unworthy of closer scrutiny. The absurdity of the first is also self-evident, but for swamp. "No, it isn't completely grey," said Jack. On a stump beside them a green-grey lizard blinked a. "Hey, do you mind if I sit down on your couch a minute? I am frazzled. It's a tremendous opportunity, working here, but it does take it out of you." where Brother Hart was smooth. And he was dressed in animal skins that hung from his shoulders to his. Brother Hart by Jane Yolen 185. The wealthy merchant stiffened. "Are you implying that my concern for the Project derives from a selfish desire to be one of the first ones through the Gateway?" Hollis says, "Video tape playback." "I don't know what we'll have to do, specifically, but I know we'll find the answers." Then she was gone, gliding off into the night where the drums thudded in distant darkness..could be eliminated..not see his face, but he lay in sleep like a man who was no stranger to the bed. . "What makes you think that women are a natural resource, Craw-ford?" she said, slowly and. "No need to sugar-coat it I know it as well as anyone. But even a billion to one shot is better than." "What ecological balance?" Song shot back. "You know as well as I do that this trip has been nearly a zero. A few anaerobic bacteria, a patch of lichen, both barely distinguishable from Earth forms?". She laughed. "Wonderful. So that's what you want us to do? Dig down there and warm the ice with. Your clone is not you. Your clone is your twin brother (or sister) and is no more you than your ordinary identical twin would be. Your clone does not have your consciousness, and if you die, you are dead. You do not live on in your clone. Once that is understood, I suspect that much of the interest in clones will disappear..The Organizer was using us." "How did you get here?" asked Jack..rasped in his ears..of the bricklayers and one of the brickmakers about the free foot clinic. The bricklayer said that if they pregnant woman will have to be removed from the work force at the end of her term, and we can only. I look up as she bursts into raucous laughter. Til be goddamned. Will you look at this?" She points at the open catalogue on her lap..265. Fill me like the mountains. I shook it "Bert Mallory." The apartment couldn't have been more different from the one across the. "Two, we have enough water to last us forever if the recyclers keep going. That'll be a problem, because our reactor will run out of power in two years. We'll need another power source, and maybe another water source..Brother Hart by Jane Yolen. computer. He wouldn't mind. He called back in fifteen minutes. The computer had never heard of. I lit a cigarette and leaned back in the swivel chair. The whole thing was spinning around in my head. I'd found a pattern for the victims, but I didn't know if it was the pattern. It just didn't make sense. Maybe Detweiler was a vampire..The minute she saw me, Debbie's face fell. When we voted the Union hi last month, she had a fit, and. to look back over his shoulder at the silver sea and said something which Amos couldn't hear.. "You might," said Amos. But though his heart was with Jack, he still felt a good spirit was important. She looked down at me with clouded topaz eyes. "Ill. . . think about it". bright-eyed, cheeks flushed with life. Someday you too will be only a aeries of images in a screen..He was holding the door three quarters shut, and so I couldn't see anything in the room but an expensive-looking color TV. He glanced over bis shoulder nervously at something behind him. The inner ends of his eyebrows drooped in a frown. He looked back at me and started to say something, then, with a small defiance, shrugged his eyebrows. "Sure, but there's not much I can tell you." read the letter as a secretary typed it. The agent followed his instruction to mail his reply in an envelope. would be on my ass over the com circuit. But she did not go into the cottage to clean. She stood waiting for the hunter to come. Her eyes and. better, just bigger..The sailor fingered his key awhile, then said, "That is kind of you, I suppose." Beagle's case) the nostalgic wistfulness which belongs to fantasy per se rather than the publisher's. water, both hot and cold, and various other fluids. There were more of the tall variety of derrick..gets around to carving out a straight line or a perfect arc. The human encampment below him broke up. "I remember that one is two leagues short of over there, the second is up this one, and the third is somewhere nearer than you thought." The Hobbit for the stage) that I also understand the absolute impossibility of ever fulfilling that demand.. "The same thing for what we eat and drink. That liquor you drank, for instance. It's half alcohol, and. and their production would not be worthwhile. Whatever good they might do would not be worth the. nap with her hand. Then, as if putting on a cloak, she wrapped the skin around her shoulders and pulled. "Selene, love," he said. "What a delightful surprise." "What I really wanted to talk to you about is this: You said you couldn't fly this ship. But you were. across the clearing, through the trees and into the open space before the riverbank..Examples of sf titles that have been retranslated back into English after. 75. Selene was already fastening her dress. I groped halfheartedly for my clothes.. "Ashes?" I say, unsure how to respond. Humor her. "Sure.?. Since then he has published poetry (The Right Way to Figure Plumbing), an anthology, Bad Moon. "I will not leave." Mama settled herself in a rocker beside the crib. As Nolan turned to go, she called. The week following the departure of the Burroughs was one of hysterical overreactioo by the New Amsterdaraites. The atmosphere was forced and false; an eat-drink-and-be-merry feeling pervaded everything they did.. "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. the time." red eye at them, a golden hornet buzzed above their heads, and a snake that was grey on top rolled out. allowed it.. "The girl-Nina??" "And what is that?" Weinstein, she didn't relish giving up the fun of flying to boss a gang of explorers. She was a former test. 2. A poem in the form of a Christmas-shopping list..again, he sees the sails flapping, then bellying out full. The sea is rising. He looks for the boat, but now. Thomas M. Disch. 98. by JANE YOLEN. Even if a woman were to have one of her somatic nuclei implanted into one of her own egg cells and. Jain gestures in an expansive circle. "This is where I grew up." feel I'm not alone. The dome is that big. Voices get lost here. Even thoughts echo.. \*Tm going to cut her out, Matthew," Amanda's voice said from above me. It was tow but trembling, a breath away from hysteria. "She only comes to dance. I read once about a horse whose tendons were cut just a little, but he

never was able to race again." .stamped the envelopes and dropped them into a mailbox. All six, minus their labels, were delivered to the. 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 the closet, leaving the door open a crack. It was the only possible place to hide. I sincerely hoped. "His back?"

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