

## NA ROWSON WITH ELEGANT AND ILLUSTRATIVE EXTRACTS FROM HER WRITING

goldstone than the feral warmth of topaz. Too, despite her slow walk beside me, she radiated energy so. Stella Vanilla? I've never learned exactly what her real last name is? is Jain's bodyguard. Other stun. "It's good of you to say so," said Barry morosely. John Varley. That hardly seemed fan' to me. As though she read my mind, Selene said, "I didn't plan it; it just works out that way." HENDERSON'S The Different People: No Flesh. In another half hour I said I had to call it a night. I had to get up early the next morning. I always. Then he showed her how a white light shining through it would break apart and fill her hands with all. "Cast off for the greyest and gloomiest island on the map," cried die grey man. "Be quiet and help me," said the thin grey man, "or I shall put you in the trunk with my nearest and dearest." with rose and violet-gray; now he can see its nubbly texture; now he can make out individual plants. He is. "I will not leave." Mama settled herself in a rocker beside the crib. As Nolan turned to go, she called. "Rob, are you ready?" The tech's soft voice in my earpiece. to build. Would you kill for me? "Yes," I say. fifteen-hundred energy units. impulse to make any further contributions of his own and sat back and did his level best to be a good. "What can you do?" he asked, figuratively. things are adapted for low pressure, no oxygen, scarce water. The later ones will be adapted to an. Satisfied, Brother Hart sat down to eat. But Hinda was not hungry. She watched her brother for a while through slotted eyes. "Will you be finished before breakfast time?" asked Amos, glancing at the sun. These may never be as important as you think. The prospect of importance rests chiefly on certain misapprehensions on the part of the public. Some people, for instance, pant for clones because they think them the gateway to personal immortality. That is quite wrong. terms of pottery shards and atom bombs. "There are such things as identical triplets and quadruplets, but I doubt that any higher number of." "You are as innocent as any creature in the woods," he said over and over in amazement. "Mom, we're playing hide and seek. Can't we just stay fifteen minutes more?" "Right". 2. You don't prove what you say; you just assert it. It was too early to drop around, and so I ate breakfast, hoping this was one of the times Detweiler stuck around for more than three days. Not for a minute did I doubt he would be living at the apartment court on Las Palmas, or not far away. There is no sign of anything wrong? no explosion, no fire, no trace of violence. When he looks up again, he sees the sails flapping, then bellying out full. Hie sea is rising. He looks for the boat, but now too much tune has passed and he cannot find it. He returns to the ship and now reverses the time control, tracks it backward until the men are again in then- places on deck. He looks again at the group standing at the rail; now he sees that the woman has a child hi her arms. The child struggles, drops over the rail. Smith hears the woman shriek. In a moment she too is over the rail and falling into the sea. 33. Orghmftbfe. Ed Bryant's story about stim star Jain Snow is a terrifically intense extrapolation of the communion between performer and audience. It received a Nebula nomination from the Science Fiction Writers of America for best short story of the year. grabbed the nearest, who happened to be Doctor Ralston. He had nearly finished donning his suit; so she. selves on report." She laughed and beckoned them over to her. They linked arms and stood staring up at the sky. human nature is, what good and bad behavior consists of, what men ought to be, what women ought to. "I wish you wouldn't take that attitude, Mr. Riordan," said Jason in a tone of sincere regret "We do. lungs and dove headlong into the pool. Darlene passed a hand before her eyes. "I guess I?m just overtired," she said. "The long trip-". "We are? You'll have to brief us on the political situation back there. We were United States citizens when we left. But it doesn't matter. You won't get any takers, though we appreciate the fact that you came. It's nice to know we weren't forgotten." She said it with total assurance, and the others were nodding. Singh was uncomfortably aware that the idea of a rescue mission had died out only a few years after the initial tragedy. He and his ship were here now only to explore. different women at the same time. If so, how fortunate they were the same woman. curtain fell on him. His back was scarred, little white lines like scratches grouped around a hole. She nodded in disapproval. "Mr. Bloomfield called." a long, brutal war with the Palestinian Empire, and a growing conviction that the survivors of the First. through seven. While this stretches out the predicted completion for Project 8723 by two years, we feel. been a lot of blood in all three. the doorway and she melted back into the night. ripping out the whole window. It appeared Andrew Detweiler had another perfect alibi after all? along. skin cell can't do the work of a heart cell; that your liver cell can't do the work of a kidney cell; that any. 114. cubits. This means that the King's arrow would have to travel 1,227 cubits? straight. admiration for my superior officer. He may be a suicidal fool to refuse to accept the situation, but there is. apart, until a prince can gather the pieces of the mirror together again, which will release me." He shook his head, perplexed. "HI tell you, Madeline, it doesn't. She comes off the stage crying. I touch her arm as she walks past my console. Jam stops and rubs. "I can help." In another hah\* hour I said I had to call it a night. I had to get up early the next morning. I always spent Sunday with my mother in Inglewood. My mother was touring Yucatan at the time, but that was neither here nor there. I looked at Johnny. He nodded. He was to make sure Detweiler stayed at least another twenty minutes and then follow him when he did leave. If he went anywhere but his apartment, he was to come and let me know, quick. swamp. The first piece is at the bottom of a luminous pool in the center. But it is so grey there that the. the attached instructions being transmitted to your local printout facility. Due to the recent systems overload error, your test results of August 24 have been erased. I cannot rationalize electronically what happens. I cannot imagine the affection and hate and lust and fear cascading into her and pouring back out. But I see the antenna mesh around her naked body glowing suddenly whiter until it flares in an actinic flash and I shut my eyes. Three weeks later, the Tharsis Canyon had been transformed into a child's garden of toys. Crawford. I got back to my apartment on Beachwood fairly late Sunday night and barely had time to get. come back I shall show you a man living through the happiest moment of his life. Then I will put you and. 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. Suppose the

Company Representative was telling the truth and the Project really is for the benefit of common people like ourselves? If that's so, then we aren't acting in our own best interests at all; we're just pulling the rug out from under our own feet..clothing, have never seen any adult shit or piss, and would be embarrassed or disgusted if they did. Why."Look," Dan said. "We've got a visitor." "I am Amos and this is Jack, Prince of the Far Rainbow," said Amos. "And we wandered into your." "I think," said Amos, who thought quickly and was quick to tell what he thought, "that everything is.He smiled faintly. "I didn't know much about anything then. Too many people were already dead. If I'd gone to a hospital, they'd have wanted to know how I'd stayed alive so far. Sometimes I'm glad if s over, and, then, the next minute I'm terrified of dying."..horizontal position without wrecking her. The ship had been rigged with stabilizing cables soon after.Hommage to James Thurber.Thoroughly ridiculous."..smashed it down on the thing. I dropped the chair and leaned against the wall and heaved..they were afraid. My father and mother too. The old witch-woman I told you about, she birthed us. She..we have not, since their essential meaning only dawns on us the second tune round.."They pay Jain. She's the star." / tried to get on top; she wouldn't let me. A moment later it didn't matter..loosed her scarlet cape and that too fell to the floor..Q: Name three sci-fi authors and something that goes great on a."What happened to you?" asked Jack, and Amos told him..The cottage in the clearing was still except for a breath of song, wordless and longing, that floated on.possible." He glanced uneasily at Lang, still nodding, her eyes glassy as she saw her teammates die.wear shoes till I was ten. You wouldn't believe it." He shook his head, remembering. "Always kinda.I came hi the door, with prices the way they were and with no money coming in? I told her not to worry,.."Won't work.".."Of course I'm right."..worthy to be a princess."..Then she hung the hide up by the antlers beside the door, with the legs dangling down. It would hang.Q: What's this red, gritty stuff in my egg salad sandwich?.covering was pure and glittering ice. It was a very large lump, nearly as large as the black trunk of the..that might as well have been made of Saran Wrap. He didn't say anything, just let his eyebrows rise.have mine before me:..sunlight like exotic jungle birds. It's one of those, I thought My suspicions were confirmed when I looked.Sure enough, Amanda called shortly before noon and asked if I had time to help her today. Caro.Q: What's the shortest distance between two heinpoints?.."Damn it," says the tech in my ear. "Level's too low. Bring it up in back." I must have been dreaming. I am performing stupidly, like an amateur. Gently I bring up two stim balance slides..his face. It was just about die way Lorraine Nesbitt had described it If you called central casting and asked for a male angel, you'd get Andrew Detweiler in a blond wig. His body was slim and well-formed?from where I was standing I couldn't see the hump and you'd never know there was one. I had a glimpse of his bare chest as he buttoned the shirt It wasn't muscular but it was very well made. He was very healthy-looking?pink and flushed with health, though slightly pale as if he didn't get out in the sun much. His dark eyes were astounding. If you blocked out the rest of the face, leaving nothing but the eyes, you'd swear he was no more than four years old. You've seen little kids with those big, guileless, unguarded, inquiring eyes, haven't you?..As for schedules, I have discussed the matter with JX. and demonstrated Zorphwar to him. Both of us are in entire agreement with your analysis. Maintaining morale is one of our primary goals, and we are sure you have things under control. J.L. is, by the way, interested in access to Zorphwar on his own executive terminal. I trust that you will see to the necessary arrangements..with the agent's address covered by one of his labels on which he had typed a fictitious address. The."You really like me so much?" The little-girl persona..A Box of Scruples, JAMES BLISH..talk to Commander Lang. Have her come up." The voice of Mission Commander Weinstein was..And then around again as I use the sixty stim tracks, each with separate controls to balance and augment.can think of. And if all else fails, in her handbag she carries a .357 Colt Python with a four-inch barrel..for that, the closet was bare. The bathroom contained nothing out of the ordinary?just about the same."And this was obviously such a time," said Hidalgo, "for you are back now and we are to be..Searles.Number five bad one door and four windows?identical to the other nine Lorraine assured me. The..the most beautiful photography that has ever graced a science fiction film..and smelled. But none of them would have wanted to sleep outside in the dome, even if Lang had.Dendrites, LESTER DEL REY.Unfortunately, launching twelve thousand torpedoes simultaneously put a serious overload on our computer system. Zorphwar runs at A-1 priority on our machine, which means that any other use of the machine is halted while Zorphwar computations are completed. As you may have noticed, it took approximately forty minutes for the machine to compute the paths through the galaxy of those torpedoes, to determine their impact points, and to calculate die radius of destruction of each burst. Normally such overloads are handled by adjusting the work load in the Computer Center. However, at three thirty yesterday, the Center was in the midst of printing the paychecks for the entire Computer Products Division. The little delay our game occasioned upset the very tight schedule for that operation. As a result, all checks from R through Z were not printed on time and failed to make the courier flight to the West Coast That is the reason your paycheck was not delivered to you today. Regrettably, it is also the reason that Division President Tailing and Corporation Comptroller Westland were not paid this week. While you are more familiar than I am with the personalities at Headquarters, I ?aspect that both of these gentlemen like to receive their paychecks. I trust that, if any investigations come out of this little incident, you will do your best to emphasize the fact that the Zorphwar program has already been modified to permit the launching of no more than tea doomsday torpedoes in one attack. Thus, this particular problem on never occur again..you can lick! I'll tell you what, Barry: officially, I shouldn't tell you this myself, but I'm giving you a score..face and hands from the nosebleed he'd only recently gotten under control, bat his eyes were alert He shivered, looking from Lang, his titular leader, to Crawford, the only one who seemed calm enough to deal with anything. He was a follower, reliable but unimaginative..The DetweUer Boy..Detweiler moaned and came to. He rose from the couch, still groggy. He saw the thing, and a look of."I mean I think these plants we've been seeing were designed to be the way they are. They're too perfectly adapted, too ingenious to have just sprung up hi response to the environment"

Her eyes seemed to be her present passion, 9. A poem that skirts all around a secret she's never told anyone and then finally decides to keep it a secret. 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 a few pence to a shilling. Formica desk top. "How long had Harry been dead?"