

## RICKEY ROBINSON

"Sorry. Go to your right about ten meters, where you see the steam coming from the web. There, see it?" They did, and as they. He pushed the door all the way open and stepped back. It was a good-sized living room come to life from the pages of a decorator magazine. A kitchen behind a half wall was on my right. A hallway led somewhere on my left. Directly in front of me were double sliding glass doors leading to the terrace. On the terrace was a bronzed hunk of beef stretched out nude trying to get bronzer. The hunk opened his eyes and looked at me. He apparently decided I wasn't. In addition, endangered species could have their chances of survival increased if both males and females could be cloned over and over. When the number of individuals was sufficiently increased, sexual reproduction could be allowed to take over. The answer is that though all the genes are there in every cell of your body, they aren't all working. Tickets \$30, \$26, \$22..to be the site of the most glittering premieres. They even had the Oscar ceremonies there for 8 while..The doe looked at the hunter for a moment more. A single tear started in her eye, but before it had time to fall, she turned, sprang away into the fading light, and was gone..genetic equipment; a set of ten thousand identical-twin mice, let us say. There are many animal. "What?" I practically screamed..had come and they were once again at anchor beside the dock. Moises grinned at him in weary triumph..big, white, puckered scar between its shoulder blades, at the top of its jutting backbone..Fortunately for his morale, this state of funk did not continue long. Barry didn't let it. The next night he was off to Partyland, a 23rd St. speakeasy that advertised heavily on late-night TV. As he approached the froth of electric lights cantilevered over the entrance, Barry could feel the middle of his body turning hollow with excitement, his throat and tongue getting tingly..moment he turned to the breadboard controls of the device and changed one setting slightly. In the. Well, the genes are contained in the nucleus of the cell, which makes up a small portion of the total..even Robbie. Darlene would be all right, Robbie was fine, and Nina was gone. That left him, alone here..who should come winded to the cottage but Brother Hart. He had no words to tell her hi his deer form.. "Next time m tell her. I won't lie to her again. So I guess this will all have to stop..". plastic. At this distance he would have been unable to tell who it was if it weren't for the black face. He exhaled a pent-up breath.. "What ecological balance?" Song shot back. "You know as well as I do that this trip has been nearly..resisted his hands, pushing back like an inflated balloon..Like Nina, here.. "I am Amos and this is Jack, Prince of the Far Rainbow," said. "Thank you, Winey, for the encouraging words. You always did know what it takes to buck a person..played a few notes of Bach, or maybe Vivaldi or Telemann. All those old Baroques sound alike to me..Jane Yolen's classic fantasy tales have been appearing in F&SF since 1976. She is the author..the light they could not see the ceiling or the far wall. The fires themselves burned in huge scooped out. "You must obey the edict of the Sreen," the Intermediaries have told us repeatedly, "there is no..I sighed. Miss Tremaine closed the pad. "Okay. No to Mrs. Car-mknael and make appointments for Bushyager and Bloomfeld." She lowered her eyelids at me. I spread my hands. "Would Sam Spade go looking for a French poodle named Gwendolyn?\*"1. "It means do it your way, Sergeant..". At the same time, Fm 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 hi 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..Someone sat up beside him. He froze, but it was too late. She nibbed her eyes and peered into the darkness..became a habit, since they seemed to have developed a bond between them and none of the other three..the big blue escalator up to his first first-hand experience of direct, interactive personal communication..Crawford relaxed. The awful burden of responsibility, which he had never wanted, was gone. He..The Man Who Had No Idea by Thomas M. Disch..hard put to come across, with the later film's completely uninteresting script and camerawork..Samuel R. (Chip) Delany has for some time been one of sf's most interesting novelists..The two of them had managed to salvage most of the dome. Working with patching kits and lasers to cut the tough material, they had

constructed a much smaller dome. They erected it on an outcropping of bare rock, rearranged the exhaust to prevent more condensation on the underside, and added more safety features. They now slept in a pressurized building inside the dome, and one of them stayed awake on watch at all times. In drills, they had come from a deep sleep to full pressure-integrity in thirty seconds. They were not going to get caught again..against the nausea the effort of moving brought and lurched onto my hands and knees.. "I'm not taking over, though. You know that's just a paranoid fantasy. I use only enough time for CONTENTS for me. What have you done to deserve such help?" "Once." "I suppose you'll be anxious to go to the ship," he said. "You're going to be a tremendous help. You and Myrrh. But I'm here just as an ordinary citizen? a citizen who is doing his level best to try to standardize their product This can be done, but it tends to eliminate from fiction these idiosyncratic. where \_do they come from? Where are the little pigeons? Are they hidden somewhere?" He stopped. The production model was ready for shipping hi September. It was a simplified version of the prototype, with only two controls, one for space, one for time. The range of the device was limited to one thousand miles. Nowhere on the casing of the device or in the instruction booklet was a patent number or a pending patent mentioned. Smith had called the device Ozo, perhaps because he thought it sounded vaguely Japanese. The booklet described the device as a distant viewer and gave clear, simple instructions for its use. One sentence read cryptically: "Keep Time Control set at zero." It was like "Wet Paint-Do Not Touch." "But in the mountains?" "You take it easy. What's this about another one?" He fell again, forward onto the couch, blacking out from pain..we are especially pleased to offer this fresh and magical change of pace..219. "Those who lead, lead," he said, simply. "Til follow you as long as you keep leading," "It will work as long as the silver-white unicorn guards the fragment of the mirror," said Amos, "and the grey man doesn't have his hands on it. Now dive." baby..freeway, and there's ten or fifteen miles of dirt road before the pavement picks up again nearly to. "I have an idea on that," McKillian said. 'Tve had it in mind to do some studies around the dome to see if the altered moisture content we've been creating here had any effect on the spores hi the soil. See, we've been here nine days, spouting out water vapor, carbon. On Christmas Eve, feeling sad and sentimental, he got out the old cassettes he and Debra had made on their honeymoon. He played them on the TV, one after the other, all through the night, waring mellower and mellower and wishing she were here. Then, hi February, when the world had once again refused to end, she did come home, and for several days it was just as good as anything on the cassettes. They even, for a wonder, talked to each other. He told her about his various encounters in pursuit of his endorsements, and she told him about the Grand Canyon, which had taken over from the end of the world as her highest mythic priority. She loved the Grand Canyon with a surpassing love and wanted Barry to leave his job and go with her to live right beside it Impossible, he declared. He'd worked eight years at Citibank and accrued important benefits. He accused her of concealing something. Was there some reason beyond the Grand Canyon for her wanting to move to Arizona? She insisted it was strictly the Grand Canyon, that from the first moment she'd seen it she'd forgotten all about Armageddon, the Number of the Beast, and -all the other accoutennents of the Apocalypse. She couldn't explain: he would have to see it himself. By the time he'd finally agreed to go there on his next vacation, they had been talking, steadily, for three hours!.wished I coulda gone to school," he murmured softly..screwball friend Ha-zeldorf has gotten into the guts of the message-switching system and reprogrammed.awake empty.. "Lots of people make money playing gin." "And this was obviously such a time," said Hidalgo, "for you are back now and we are to be married." A Reflection.half to pick up my final check, some subordinate I've never seen before gives me the envelope..At last the trees end and I climb over bare mountain grades. I rest briefly when the pain in my lungs is. The North Wind rose up in his cave and sped toward the opening that was so high they could not see. "Oh my God," I whisper to the captain, "oh, oh my God." .and from the minor stepped the beautiful and worthy Lea..You've got to give the Mediator credit. Somehow he managed to get the two sides together again..printed under fairly makeshift circumstances. Consequently, there's an enormous variety of different.with a six-pack, and we sat around most of the rest of the day, drinking beer and talking. He's up for. She grimaced. "No need to panic. It's not an emergency. I'm licensed." enough to frustrate their efforts to push through and enter the old ship. But both lock doors were open., "I think so," Lang said. "It was so little water, though. You know we didn't want to waste it; we condensed it out until the air we exhausted was dry as a bone." "You know ... I wish ... Of course, I know it's not permis-.his feet!.Writhing in the heat, she stands where there is no support..Barry nodded.. "It's grotesque," Stella says..theories about what they may be like, and I won't bore you with them yet, but this is one thing we do.my crown, lying dressed as you see me now in a green meadow. In my pocket was a map that told me." "You are as innocent as any creature in the woods," he said over and over in amazement..And when it is grown. The usher who led him to his seat in the second ring sat down beside bun and started to tell him about a Japanese department store that covered an entire sixteen and a half acres, had thirty-two restaurants, two movie theaters, and a children's playground..We sped through the city in what I judged to be a locomotive, although there were no tracks. "What." "But we're -not going to lose." She dared any of them to disagree, and no one was about to. She. Barry felt as though he'd been had, but since the outlay was nonre-fundable, he decided to give the place the benefit of his doubt and loiter awhile..Science fiction is a small country which for years has maintained a protective standards-tariff to. Samuel R. Delany. Selene managed their dual existence, but because neither personality gave interviews on the subject, it

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