

## THE IDEAL OF HUMANITY IN OLD TIMES AND NEW

He turned for a moment to stare at the model of SP3 gleaming on the table beside him and then pointed to it. "Five years from now, that automated probe will leave the Sun and tour the nearby stars to search for habitable worlds... away from Earth, and away from all of Earth's troubles, problems, and perils. Eventually, if all goes well, it will arrive at some place insulated by unimaginable distance from the problems that promise to make strife an inseparable and ineradicable part of the weary story of human existence on this planet." Congreve's expression took on a distant look as he gazed at the replica, as if in his mind he were already soaring with it outward and away. "It will be a new place," he said in a faraway voice. "A new, fresh, vibrant world, unscarred by Man's struggle to elevate himself from the beasts, a place that presents what might be the only opportunity for our race to preserve an extension of itself where it would survive, and if necessary begin again, but this time with the lessons of the past to guide it." "I don't know. The subject never came up." He wasn't being defensive...long loud laugh that nearly blew them from the peak. Then he leapt a mile into the air, turned over three...became so neurotic when exposed to a large number of users or households where emotion ran hot that...afternoon the Company had refused to budge from its original offer of a flat five-percent raise and that...Women don't understand about strikes, about how important it is for workers to show who they're...A few of the outlets which received the cartoons opened them the same day, tried the devices out, and put them on sale at prices rang...now covered several acres. He came to a section where the predominant color was purple. It was...Under her cloak she wore a scarlet cape with flaming rubies that glittered in the lightning. Now she...The viewer is your babysitter, your television, your telephone (the telephone lines are still up, but they are used only as signaling de... "Any kind, really."...At first he'd assumed that he'd failed. A reasonable assumption, since he had struck out his first time...I fell head over heels just four evenings ago With a girl that I'm sure you all know... "Ms. Song, how can we get in there with you?"...An organ replacement would be grown and since it would have precisely the same genetic equipment...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...He watches the men running, sees them launch the boat As they pull away, he is able to keep the... "Mm," said Madeline, not unkindly. "It's odd you should put it like that; it's almost a definition of what I do for a living..." "No, come on in now? you'll have plenty of time after dinner..." Her expression mercurially alters to sadness. "You're scissors, Robbie. All shiny cold metal. How can you ever hope to cut stone?"...male and female is that every male cell has an X and a Y chromosome and that every female cell has two...Jain soars to the climax. I shove the slides all the way forward The crowd is on its feet; I have never been so frightened in my life...Barry said nothing, but his expression must have conveyed his disapproval...Orulmhf..." "Everyone is." Her voice was not bitter, but there was a flatness of tone that served as well...clear it..." "In religion, mostly. But she didn't care to talk about it, unless you agreed with her..." purse and a notepad. She reminded me quite a lot of Desmond. "What are you still doing here, Miss...is gliding away, slowly, now faster; now she is gone..." "Who is your friend?" asked Amos. Though he had not heard the beginning of the story, the whole...on the shoulder and motioned her to the lock..." "Look at it this way, Matt. No matter how we stretch our supplies, they won't take us through the next four years. We either find a way of getting what we need from what's around us, or we all die. And if we find a way to do it, then what does it matter how many of us there are? At the most, this will push our deadline a few weeks or a month closer, the day we have to be self-supporting..."...From Competition 18: Transposed SF titles...When the ship finally did show up, it was no longer a NASA ship. It was sponsored by the fledgling International Space Agency. Its crew came from all over Earth. Its drive was new, too, and a lot better than the old one. As usual, war had given research a kick in the pants. Its mission was to take up the Martian exploration where the first expedition had left off and, incidentally, to recover the remains of the twenty Americans for return to Earth...The image as it swells hypnotically toward him is clear and sharp, without tremor or atmospheric distortion. It is summer in the northern hemisphere: Utopia is wide and dark. The planet fills the screen, and now he turns northward, over the cratered desert still hundreds of miles distant A dust storm, like a yellow veil, obscures the curved neck of Thoth-Nepenthes; then he is beyond it, drifting down to die...There was a silence, then it was ripped apart by Lang\*'s huge...too sharp to ignore. At last I reach the summit...I could do was confront him with what Td found out. And then what, Mallory, a big guilty confession?... "That's what you feel like," said Amos. "Not what you look like. I want to know how I would recognize you if I saw you walking quietly down the street toward me when you were off duty..." I am fortunate in that, unlike Hollywood, F&SF seems to be largely immune from trends. The...Too soon, it seemed, Selene was shouting, "Don't go to sleep, Gordy. It's time to get out..."...have an effect on its personality, too...Colman grunted to himself, made one final sweep of the surroundings, then dropped the flap back into place and turned to face inside. Behind Driscoll, Maddock was examining the bottom of the gorge through the image intensifier, while in the shadows next to him the expression of concentration on Corporal Swyley's face was etched sharply by the subdued glow of the forward terrain display screen propped in front of him...Even if a woman were to have one of her somatic nuclei implanted into one of her own egg cells and if she were then to have the egg cell...Debra certainly isn't. That's why?" (He couldn't resist the chance to explain his earlier failures...) "I did...longer, soon it won't be minutes she's taking, it will be hours, then days, until there's no time left I can...by BAIRD SEARLES...when they say they want more money. Sure, I know the Project's an important undertaking, but construction workers have to live the same as anybody else, no matter how important what they're constructing is. Like the Organizer says, it's dog-eat-dog these days, and workingmen have to look out for themselves, nobody else is going to. This afternoon, Ike dropped by with a sixpack, and we sat around most of the rest of the day, drinking beer and talking. He's up for picket duty tonight; I'm not scheduled till tomorrow morning. Fm glad, because that'll

give me a chance to attend the Union meeting tonight Ike told me to listen real good so I could tell him all about it, and I said I would..was confident he could have gone out and got three more a day if he'd needed to. He was off the hook.."Sure. That's what Fm here for, isn't it?".What spell had brought them there, deep in the wood, neither could recall. The woods, the meadow,.when she saw him blush. "I think it's yours, by the way. And I think m go ahead and have it".without some sort of exhaust, you wouldn't last long. How is that accomplished?".minutes left on the clock, he'd just up and left, which was not, strictly speaking, a violation. It did imply."Possibly a culture of plants from the Edgar. If we could rig some way to grow plants in Martian sunlight and not have them killed by the ultraviolet. . . ".I do for a living".(the future of the arts) and background (an artist's colony called Aventine). The tales are.Tom Reatny.roof of the Megalo Corporation Headquarters for pickup by Zorph shuttle craft. Failure to comply with.by LEE KILLOUGH.then clone one by way of an elephant's womb. If we could find a male and a female mammoth?.Robert Bloch's latest book is a collection of scary stories published by Doubleday and titled Cold.237.one small folding sauce pan, one metal spoon, one metal fork, and a medium-sized kitchen knife. All of it together would barely fill a shoebox..of Jack McCranie's office; the picture was still dim, but sharp enough that Smith could see the expression.The cause of this high morale rests with one programmer in our department, Morris Hazeldorf, the inventor of Zorphwar. While I admit that his shaggy hair and unkempt personal attire might turn you off on first encounter, Morris is an extremely bright and able young man. Single-handed, he programmed the entire HAFAS (Hierarchical Accounting File Access System). And in his spare time over the past year, Morris has been creating Zorphwar, an exciting game that operates on our system..would check in every couple of hours to find out if the slinky blonde looking for her kid sister had shown.Now, months later, I remember it and my skin again goes warm. "Get out of here," I say to the lads. "I'm trying to concentrate." They look irritated, but they leave.."Wheels," she said. "The thing runs on wheels".was one leg poking over the edge of the bed. He wasn't wearing a shoe, only a faded brown-and-tan.end of that time any of you want to go, you're still citizens of Earth.".Notes of the Language of Science Fiction). He has not written much short fiction recently, and so.piece is on the top of a windy mountain so high the North Wind lives in a cave there.".From Competition 19: SF limericks 183.The MacKinnons were not in their blue settee, and neither Freddy the usher nor Madge of the green.come back I shall show you a man living through the happiest moment of his life. Then I will put you and.He held the bottle out to her. "Have a drink?". "For what reason?".Q: How did little June Dailene Fromm pronounce her name when.I got back in bed and pulled the sheet up to my waist, leaning beside her against the headboard. "I.He pushed the door all the way open and stepped back. It was a good-sized living room come to life.black butterflies glistened. It was hot, he was dripping with perspiration, and his head was in agony..?Darnel P. Dern.Jain had flashed me another brilliant smile and left And so I sit here substituting circuit chips..Nolan followed her gaze. "No one out there." He moved to the window, peered at the clearing beyond. "Not a soul.".there were so many things you didn't know..Detweiler didn't show for another hour. By that time I was sitting flat on the floor trying to keep my."Then I love you," and breaks off as the riff ends and she struts back out into the light. I reluctantly."How did they get along? Did they quarrel or fight?".Nolan thought of the hatred in Nina's eyes, and he shuddered. "Then what did she do with him?".He looked at me, trusting me. "They're pretty superstitious back in there, you know. Thought I was . . .stars have whole platoons of karate-trained killers for protection. Jain needs only Stella. "Stella, pick me.Amos and the well-muffled sailor climbed down onto the rocks that the sun had stained red, and.Nolan awakened to the sound of drums. He jerked upright with a startled cry, then realized that night had come and they were once again at anchor beside the dock. Moises grinned at him in weary triumph..huddled together wishing for a fire and towed ourselves dry while the polycarpet ran rainbows of."I don't really get it," Crawford admitted, talking quietly to Lucy McKillian. "What's so revolutionary."An aubade is a traditional verse-form that a lover addresses to his (or her) beloved at dawn, when one of them is leaving for work.".I began to search. The first person I met was the thin grey man, and with him was his large black trunk in.making me do it?". "Quit practicing?" Her face set. "I can't afford to stop practicing. Gordy, it's time she doesn't use. She."Perhaps somewhere nearer than you think, up this one, and two leagues short of over there, the pieces are hidden.".The eggs of reptiles and birds, however, are enclosed in shells, which adds to the technical difficulty. The eggs of mammals are very small, very delicate, very easily damaged. Furthermore, even if a mammalian egg has had its nucleus replaced, it would then have to be implanted into the womb of a female and allowed to come to term there..glare at me. She says, "You're not going to be working for any promoter in the business. New York says so.".Detweiler's flush of health was wearing off that afternoon. He wasn't ill, just beginning to feel like the.She shook her head, eyes hooded and expressionless, and then Nolan remembered that she didn't."Twenty-two. More than that, if you count limited editions and pamphlets and such." She went over.You should have insisted on dinner last night. Playing hostess for the Senator.He was having trouble framing the questions he wanted to ask, and he realized he'd had too much to.rubbing his eyes. His sleeves were green silk with blue and purple trimming. His cape was crimson with.Two weeks of research left them knowing no more. They had to abandon the matthews for the time, as another enigma had cropped up which demanded their attention..explained the choices to Amanda as I handed her into the runabout and unplugged the car from its.these parts, if kept in their usual environment, will each grow into a complete organism. The new.looked in mirrors at my own face, and he said that I was vain, and my vanity was bad, and that it would.Megalo Network Message: July 6, 1977.Slowly, Selene twisted the wrist back and down while the poly around them swirled in wave after wave.Crawford waited until she had run through a long list of reasons why they were doomed. Most of.Thomas M. Disch for "The Man Who Had No Idea" Robert F. Young for "Project Hi-Rise" Samuel R. Delany for "Prismattca".Vpstart.in a comer on a piece of grey canvas, but Amos went immediately to the bars and looked through..I heard the typewriter stop ticking and the scrape of a chair being

scooted back. I didn't hear human being..At this time tomorrow Columbine made another nonappearance, and Barry began to suspect she.by STAN DRYER.She grinned. "That's funny. You look like Bette Davis. Who's Andrew Detweiler?". "Then I am the prince to save you," said Jack.. "Don't you see?" she went on, calmer now. "It's too pat, too much of a coincidence. This thing is like a ... a headstone, a monument. It's growing right here in the graveyard, from the bodies of our friends. Can you believe in that as just a coincidence?".Org! This sound was not from the trunk; it was Amos swallowing his last piece of sausage much too.Thomas Disch is one of the handful of writers whose work is as much admired by critics (and."It was a very . . . short argument." Her voice began to catch. "And I find the ... conclusion rather . . . inconsistent" Her control was cracking. Tears spilled out of her eyes. Her hand was white on the handle of the tool caddy..I thought about it a minute. There seemed to be no harm in Selene being here. "No, I won't tell her.". "I'm not sure. Marty thinks there's a chemical metabolism in the upper part of the shell, which I."Can I have a while to think it over?".Robert F. Young for "Project Hi-Rise".!1 hope so."

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