

## D AS AN EXPLANATORY COMMENT UPON THE DIVINE ORIGINAL INTERSPERSED

The list went on and on, all the way back to Thursday, the 7th. On that day was another. She came to him then, almost as though the stirring had been a silent summons, came like a brown shadow gliding out of the night. Soundlessly she entered, and swiftly she shed her single garment as she moved across the room to stand staring down at him on the bed. Then, as she sank upon his nakedness and encircled his thighs, the stirring in his loins became a throbbing and the pounding in his head drowned out the drums. . . . walked into the doiled room, and she looked at me from a hundred directions. The faded photographs covered every level surface and clung to the walls like leeches. She had been quite a dish? forty years ago. She saw me looking at the photos and smiled. The make-up around her mouth cracked. . . . Congreve paused again, but this time not so much as a whisper disturbed the silence. . . . "How can you help me?" asked the Wind. . . . Primalica. the black woman to her knees. In another second the ulterior was a whirling snowstorm. He skidded on. "Hey, do you mind if I sit down on your couch a minute? I am frazzled. It's a tremendous. black butterflies glistened. It was hot, he was dripping with perspiration, and his head was in agony. . . . something. Always making me drink some mess she'd brewed up. She fed me, clothed me, educated me. . . . There was a poker in her hand. . . . pretty easy to walk through one of them if you thought it was open. "Are all the apartments alike? Those. shouted. "Not if I have anything to say about it!" He pointed successively at Eli and Zeke and me. "And. Science fiction is a small country which for years has maintained a protective standards-tariff to encourage native manufactures. Many readers are, in fact, unacquainted with the general canon of English literature or the standards of criticism outside our own small field. Add to this the defensiveness so many people feel about high culture and you get the wholesale inflation of reputations James Blish lambaste in *The Issue at Hand*. Like him, I believe that somebody has to stop handing out stars and kisses: If "great writer" means Charles Dickens or Virginia Woolf (not to mention William Shakespeare), then it does not mean C. S. Lewis or J. R. R. Tolkien, about whom the most generous consensus of mainstream critical opinion is that they are good, interesting, minor authors. And so on. . . . his dogs behind. . . . I lit a cigarette and leaned back in the swivel chair. The whole thing was spinning around in my head. . . . to do now for people with special ability and training (low though that pay necessarily is). It's true that the. Peacock coming toward me. My car was right there. I pushed Detweiler into it and drove away. He sat. "Oh, happiness!" laughed the thin grey man. "She is grey tool". . . . into your mirror, I will carry you down again to where you may descend the rest of the way by. With the mirror safe? nor did they forget the grey man's umbrella and sunglasses? they carried him. Hinda's hand went to her mouth. . . . then clone one by way of an elephant's womb. If we could find a male and a female mammoth?. we saw your light. ". Searles. of localized bluish-purple over the canyon rim, and he was surrounded by footlights. Day had come, the. knowing I've become so damned superannuated." She sighed. "Well, it happens to everyone, and I. Compared to the chill of the air, the water felt boiling hot. The heat drew out the last of my anger, though. ". And this was obviously such a time," said Hidalgo, "for you are back now and we are to be married. ". "I had it clamped down, and the drill-did I turn it on, or not? I can't remember. I was after a core sample. You'd better take a look. If the drill hits whatever made the other one explode, it might go off. ". and was being studied. But it had to be classed as extremely remote. ". "Does he live in the building?" I swallowed to get my heart back in place and blinked a couple of times to clear away the skyrockets. ". "He always has an alibi, huh?". ". But when Hinda came out of the door, closing it behind her to hide what lay inside, the man did not. all her released emotion and Selene's sinewy gymnastic strength behind that swing. What probably saved. She looked miffed. "Don't flatter yourself, young man. I may have inveigled you into my apartment. I got back to my office at six. Miss Tremaine sat primly at her desk, cleared of everything but her. 42. tossed it on the back of a chair. . . . It is important to remember that the most important genetic possession of any species is not this gene or that, but the whole mixed. She sat down close to him and whispered into his ear, "If anyone, such as Freddy, for instance, should happen to ask what we were talking about, say it was the New Woolly Look, okay?". "Mm," said Madeline, not unkindly. "It's odd you should put it like that; it's almost a definition of what. Some of the scaffolding was still in place along the wall of the sixth stage, and the King, perceiving that it provided a more direct route to the seventh-stage apron, swarmed up it. He was more agile than either Ike or I were, and by the time we reached the apron he was halfway up the scaffolding that flanked the unfinished seventh-stage wall. . . . passion. . . ." (Music in London, v. i, Constable ft Co., Loo-don, 1956, pp. 51-52). though down a silver tunnel, watched Amanda jerk open a drawer. She reached in. I gritted my teeth. "That's perfectly natural. I hated compulsory talk myself, though I must admit I was good at it. What about your job, Barry? Doesn't that give you opportunities to develop communication skills?". "Oh, I couldn't I'm too unlucky. ". She pulled the shawl tighter around her. "When I got up this morning, that chair you're sitting in was. more have thought of looking inside than of lifting Madeline's skirts to peek at her underclothes. "What's. "Bert, do that again. ". flickering fires?. As Nolan set the empty bottle down he heard the noise he'd come to dread worst of all? the endless. And she was right Nolan knew it now. At least they'd be together and that would help see him. the Federal Communications Handbook. Remember that direct, interactive personal communications are. bearers bore him away. ". "Some people have no poetry in their souls," Mary said. . . . than to try to snow me about naval-training games. ". And that's why I'm on the concert circuit with Jain Snow; as far as I'm concerned, the only real blues singer and stim star. . . . Congreve pushed himself back from the podium with his arms and straightened. When he resumed speaking, his tone had lightened slightly. "In the area that concerns all of us here in our day-to-day lives, the accelerating pace of the space program has brought a lot of excitement in the last two decades. Some inspiring achievements have helped offset the less encouraging news from other quarters: We have established permanent bases on the Moon and Mars; colonies are being built in space; a manned mission has reached the moons of Jupiter; and robots are out exploring

the farthest reaches of the Solar System and beyond. But" --he extended his arms in an animated sigh---"these operations have been national, not international. Despite the hopes and the words of years gone by, militarization has followed everywhere close on the heels of exploration, and we are led to the inescapable conclusion that a war, if it comes, would soon spread beyond the confines of the surface and jeopardize our species everywhere. We must face up to the fact that the danger now threatening us in the years ahead is nothing less than that.".STEVEN UTLEY."Tell her I'll get on it Monday." She opened her mouth. "If you say anything about my bank account,.colors of the pigeons, the very pigeons, perhaps, that had inspired his so-called idea earlier that day. But.give warning. Tomorrow afternoon at 14:00 hours I shall commence the obliteration of all decadent.It was impossible to answer with ice in my chest. I could only stare back while she hunted around for.nearby, on West 28th, and were interested, primarily, in the television shows they'd seen when they were.Selene and that portrayed by the columnists. They made it sound like kinky fun. Over the past several.stay where you are. Everybody else come upstream, but stay back till I tell you.".83.When he left the store with his dinner and the beer in a plastic bag, she was already outside waiting for him. "I wasn't lagging at you, young man," she told him, taking the same coolly aggrieved tone.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.I See You 3.coffee?".It took Smith six weeks to increase the efficiency of the image in-tensifier enough to bring up the ghost pictures clearly. When he succeeded, the image on the screen was instantly recognizable. It was a view of Jack McCranie's office; the picture was still dim, but sharp enough that Smith could see the expression on Jack's face. He was leaning back in his chair, hands behind his head. Beside him stood.In answer to all the requests for more positive, upbeat sf with some good old-fashioned Heros, we offer with some hesitation this tale of first contact between lowly Human and mighty Sreen.. "You mean identify the solvent these things use? Probably, if we can get some sort of work space."Fine," he says. "About a minute, stand by. Ms. Snow wants to say hello.".At four o'clock the next morning when the dawn was foggy and the sun was hidden and the air was.glass; Stella ignored me.. "This is what would kill us, Crawford. What's your first name? Matt. Matt, this baby is a flyer for the first forty thousand meters. It doesn't have the juice to orbit on the jets alone. The wings are folded up now. You probably didn't see them on the way in, but you saw the models. They're very light, supercritical, and designed for this atmosphere. Lou said it was like flying a bathtub, but it flew. And it's a skQI, almost an art. Lou practiced for three years on the best simulators we could build and still had to rely on things you can't learn in a simulator. And he barely got us down in one piece. We didn't noise it around, but it was a damn close thing. Lou was young; so was Cantrell. They were both fresh from flying. They flew every day, they had the feel for it. They were tops." She slumped back into her chair. "I haven't flown anything but trainers for eight years.".waited for full summer to come. When it does, this whole planet will bloom. Then we can step outside.s Jain died..Fm wired to a test set fully as powerful as the costume JainTl wear later?just not as exotic. I slide a track control forward until it reaches the five-position on a scale calibrated to one hundred..dispute that. It makes a palm tree look like a blade of grass and a man look like an ant. Looking at it."Friendship is a rare thing these days," said Amos. "What sort of help do you and your friend need?".been chosen as a compromise. What it meant was that the exploring parties had to either climb up or go.The thing crouched on Detweiler's back and placed its lips against the wound..Someone entered the room. He stood leaning against the doorframe, looking at me with sleepy eyes.. "Where can I reach you?" she asked as I hung up the phone..was as liable to develop arthritis in his hands as a brickmaker was in his feet and in addition was.Clone, clone of my own.. "Believe me, a little air would make me sleep much better.". "You have done very well," said the grey man pointing to the wall where he had hung the first two pieces of the mirror together. Now they could make out what the shape of the third would be. "And if you get the last one, you will have done very well indeed.". "We were never suspected before.".rising off the dawn-pink Heliomere when I saw Amanda running up the beach toward me, her hair flying.about Everyone looked very solemn, almost scared..like leeches. She had been quite a dish?forty years ago. She saw me looking at the photos and smiled..When Amos came up to the ship with the mirror under his arm, he called, "Here's your mirror. Where are my eggs and sausages?".hug. She glances over at me and winks, and my face starts to flush. One-way..I did not like that idea, either, but ... "What else can we do? Shall I lie to Amanda and hate you for making me do it?" She winced. "No.".I showed him my ID. Instead of going pale, he only looked interested, "I was told by the man in 409 you might be able to tell me something about Andrew Detweiler.".of the bricklayers and one of the brickmakers about the free foot clinic. The bricklayer said that if they.As the seconds passed, he began to fear for Jack's life, and wished he had had a chance to figure some.another twenty minutes and then follow him when he did leave. If he went anywhere but his apartment, he.The sailors gathered on the deck of the ship just as the sun began to set, and the grey man put one.It was like a rerun. He lived a block away from where a man was mugged, knifed, and robbed in an alley on the 13th?though the details of the murder didn't seem to fit the pattern. But he was sick, bad an alibi, and moved to Silver Lake..Moises frowned. "As I told you, there is the matter of the repairs. Perhaps this afternoon?".trace, and the car can go no further. With the metal cylinder in one hand I flee on foot until I no longer."The same way we do," said Lea. "When we are gone, look into the mirror and you will see your home too.". "The oxygen problem is about the same. Two years at the outside..Now one day in late spring, Brother Hart had gone as usual to the lowland meadows leaving Hinda.By day, in his deer shape, Brother Hart would go out and forage on green grass and budlings while his sister remained at home..the lid. He didn't see anything, so he lifted it further. When he still didn't see anything, he opened it all the.The topmost platform of the scaffolding was on a level with the serrated apex of the unfinished wall.. "Nice. Very nice.". "You're right. What do we do first?".V2.5 ? Fixed formatting, broken paragraphs, garbled text; by peragwinn.Climb on my shoulders and I shall carry you up to the highest peak of this mountain. When I have looked."I'm afraid I-have to say they're a liability. Lucy will be needing extra food during her pregnancy, and

afterward, and it will be an extra mouth to feed. We can't afford the strain on our resources." Lang said nothing, waiting to hear from McKillian..embryonic development to guide embryos into all sorts of specialized bypaths that would produce a kind of monster that had a full-sized heart, with all else vestigial, or a full-sized kidney or lung or liver or leg. With just one organ developing, techniques of forced growth (in the laboratory, of course, and not in a human womb) might make development to full size a matter of months only..Selene was already fastening her dress. I groped halfheartedly for my clothes..She nodded. "And go berserk. It was awfuL No one can live that way." "You're right," he said. "What we need is a pilot, and that pilot is Commander Weinstein. Which presents problems legally, if noodiing else. He's the captain of a ship and should not leave it. That's what kept him on the Edgar in the first place. But he did have a lot of training on the lander simulator back when he was so sure he'd be picked for the ground team. You know Winey, always the instinct to be the one-man show. So if he thought he could do it, he'd be down here in a minute to bail us out and grab the publicity. I understand they're trying to work out a heat-shield parachute system from one of the drop capsules that were supposed to ferry down supplies to us during the stay here. But it's very risky. You don't modify an aerodynamic design lightly, not one that's supposed to hit the atmosphere at ten thousand-plus kilometers. So I think we can rule that out.Unfortunately the polys were not always fun. The terrestrial and extraterrestrial psychosensitive materials that were supposed to enable the poly furnishings to match their owner's personality and moods became so neurotic when exposed to a large number of users or households where emotion ran hot that they developed shapes and colors whose effect on humans ranged from mildly annoying to violently nauseating. Polys were appropriate for Amanda, though. They could suit both her and her alter ego and eliminate any conflict over taste hi furniture..off. I know I'm a fine one to talk; I won't be cooped up in here. But the colony needs it We've all felt it..sunup, loading cargo all day for the boats that went downriver, squinting over paperwork while night."Hell, those were grossly overblown. I just happened to get into some scrapes and managed to get.Joanna Russ for "In Defense of Criticism".192.Corporation and their ability to respond quickly to any technical challenge..She took a deep breath and plunged in, only to collide with Ralston as he came out, dragging Song. Except for a dazed expression and a few cuts, Song seemed to be all right. Crawford and McKillian joined them as they lay her on the bunk..first week's supply of meals is delivered." "Ken and Nell, you come down ahead of him by the springhouse. Wanda, you and Tim and Jean."All right, but including the two you've already written."Science: Clone, Clone of My Own.demonstrated..settled slowly back to the ground. There was no motion now but the leisurely folding of the depressurized.tiredly against the wall. The lander was not the most comfortable place to hold a meeting; all the couches.said, "Never mind Come to lunch." "On your G-47 form you say you spend a lot of time at Partyland and similar speakeasies. I realize that's where you did get your first endorsement, but really, don't you think you're wasting your time in mat sort of place? It's a tourist trap!"

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