

## WILD WOMEN ON THE WATER KEYS FOR SURVIVAL

talk to Commander Lang. Have her come up." The voice of Mission Commander Weinstein was.message is this: "Jain Snow wished you to have possession of this. She informed you prior to her demise.not lack for use. Productive work suffered as the five of them frantically ran through all the possible.6. A poem apologizing to the last person she had been especially rude to..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 mellow and mellow 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!.Without breaking stride, she kicked high over her head and grinned at me. "Elevations." Then she stopped and turned to face me. "Ill have to ask you for a tavor. Mandy doesn't know about my practice sessions. Not being a dancer, she wouldn't understand how important this is to me, either. She'd just be upset knowing I was here out of my time. So when you take her to lunch today, please don't mention you saw me."."orgasm.".ground. Only her eyes remained the same..The room had been cleaned with pine-oH disinfectant and smeHed like a public toilet. Harry Spinner was on the floor behind the bed, scrunched down between it and the wall. The ahnost colorless chenille bedspread had been pulled askew exposing part of the clean, but dingy, sheet. All I could see of Harry was one leg poking over the edge of the bed. He wasn't wearing a shoe, only a faded brown-and-tan argyle sock with a hole in it The sock, long bereft of any elasticity, was crumpled around his thin rusty ankle..who care the most who suffer the most; irritation is a sign of betrayed love. As Shaw puts it: "But that's not important. The important thing is what you said from the first, and I'm surprised you."I think so," said Amos. "But that is a terribly grey swamp. I might blend into the scenery so."At least it's no worse," says the tech. He pauses. "Can you manage the payoff?".The purplish cloud broke. "Well, yon may rest assured you aren't going to!" the wealthy merchant shouted. "Not if I have anything to say about it!" He pointed successively at Eli and Zeke and me. "And neither are you or you or you!" With that, he stamped back to his palanquin, got in and yanked the curtains closed, and the bearers trotted off with it. We stood there laughing.. "Cast off for the greyest and gloomiest island on the map," cried die grey man..Hinda could not answer. She could not even look at him. His nakedness shamed her more than his words. She put their food on the table and they ate their meal in silence. Then they slept like beasts and without dreams..Smith got his consignment of Ozos early in the week, took one home and left it to his store manager.helping me so much.. "Exactly," said the grey man. "Look, we are here..".Crawford waited until she had run through a long list of reasons why they were doomed. Most of them made a great deal of sense. When she was through, he spoke softly.. "Is this just a morale session? Thanks, but I don't need it. I'd rather face the situation as it is. Or do.for me to risk seeming preoccupied or impatient. I kept smiling, though inside I felt as Selene looked."Third," said Lea, "what are they going to do to you?". "Unfortunately, I have used up my quota. However"?she held up a single perfect finger?"it's almost the New Year. If you're not in a desperate hurry . . . 1".Steven Vtley.Congreve paused again, but this time not so much as a whisper disturbed the silence..210."You wouldn't believe me if I told you," said Amos, "for you are always saying you take no man's jabbering seriously..".It was the mystery that Nolan had sensed the first time he saw her staring at him across the village compound three days ago. At first he thought she was one of the company people?somebody's wife, daughter, sister. That afternoon, when he returned to the bungalow, he caught her staring at him again at the edge of the clearing. So he asked Moises who she was, and Moises didn't know. Apparently she'd just arrived a day or two before, paddling a crude catamaran downriver from somewhere out of the denser jungle stretching a thousand miles beyond. She had no English, and according to Moises, she didn't speak Spanish or Portuguese either. Not that she'd."Most of them." / hardly ever won, but then I liked to play games with outrageous risks..That it?" Mr. Morone asked..Before I reach the door, she stops me by saying, "The initial report is in already..".But crazy in a dull, not an interesting way. He wondered how long they'd have to go on talking before the chairs switched round again. It seemed such a waste of time talking to another temp, since he could only get the endorsements he needed from people who held Permanent Licenses. Of course, the practice was probably good for him. You can't expect to like everyone you meet, as the Communications Handbook never tired of pointing out, but you can always try and make a good impression. Someday you'd meet someone it was crucial to hit it off with and your practice would pay off..was a stray puppy..".Finally, before you make any snap judgments, I ask that you log in on your console and try Zorphwar. Good hunting!". "Alas," sighed the North Wind, "mirrors are always kept inside people's houses where I am never.MOOG INDIGO.think I pity rather than dislike her. Don't I let myself get sucked into looking after her like everyone else?". "That, I'm sure, was just coincidence," said Michelle. "After all, we're speaking of only two cases, and neither of the individuals in question was particularly bright. Bright people wouldn't be so quixotic, would they?" She underlined her question with a Mona Lisa smile, and Barry, for all his indignation and outrage, couldn't keep from smiling back. Anyone who could drop a

word like "quixotic" into the normal flow of conversation and make it seem so natural couldn't be all wrong..The editor hereby makes grateful acknowledgment to the following authors and authors' representatives for giving permission to reprint the material in this volume:..extent, on Lang. It threw them together a lot. The other three had to be free to pursue their researches, as and was being studied. But it had to be classed as extremely remote..Source: Central Computing Message Processing.At noon Amanda was waiting for me out on her deck. She came down the steps toward the.He came in quickly and bolted the door behind him. He didn't notice the open curtain. He glanced around, clicking his tongue softly. His eyes caught on something at the end of the couch. He smiled. At the cat? He began unfastening his shirt, fumbling at the buttons in his haste. He slipped off the shirt and tossed it on the back of a chair..that with the Project so close to completion and the King on their backs morning, noon and night, the."Mm."."This afternoon when the sun is its highest and hottest," said the grey man..beneficent Old Testament prophet in the Lugosi role. But even Laughton and Lugosi would have been.Science fiction is a small country which for years has maintained a protective standards-tariff to.agreed with him..twenty-centimeter lumps on the sides of the large derricks. They evidently grew from them like tumors.262.flung herself into a succession of cartwheels and forward flips. She went around a curve of the beach and.Again those black and burning eyes of his seemed to absorb the Project from its bottommost brick to.fighting back!"..crushed and pulpy thing sprawled shapelessly beside the rocker, its sightless eyes bulging from the.In March he signed over his interest in the company to his partner, cleaned out his lab and left He Bold.Stella Vanilla?Fve never learned exactly what her real last name."He's not implying it, he's saying it," Ike said. "You guys just can't wait to grease old Yahweh's palm, can you? You can't wait to tell him you think the King is a kook."..had freed himself again when the sailor left, then slipped off the ship to join Amos..What is that stuff?".warm in the dome, Crawford was shivering. It was ten minutes before any of them felt like facing the.morning. I think the Organizer should back down a little?settle, say, for a ten-percent raise and forget."We like it here. It's a good place to raise a family, not like Earth the last time I was there. And it couldn't be much better now, right after another war. And we can't leave, even if we wanted to." She flashed him a dazzling smile and patted the ground again..But at dusk, when he returned to the bungalow, Mama Dolores greeted him at the door with a.form of data and supplies. There was one more capsule load due; after that, its presence would only be a.landing, and provision had been made in the plans to lay the ship on its side in the event of a really big.'Tm not lying. I was arguing that Selene shouldn't use any of your time.".bright-eyed, cheeks flushed with life. Someday you too will be only a aeries of images in a screen..Neither of them bothered to answer that. The radio hi the nose sputtered, then clanged for their attention. Crawford looked over at Lang, who made no move to go answer it He stood up and swarmed up the ladder to sit in the copilot's chair. He switched on the receiver..existence that can reach Mars and land on it. One other pair is in the congressional funding stage. Winey.immune to the inevitable despair of the castaway. Ralston in his laboratory was the picture of carefree.Nolan nodded, flexing his cramped limbs. He stepped out onto the dock, then hurried up the path across the clearing. The darkness boomed..educated guesses from time to time about the tastes of some groups of readers. Editors must, such.From Competition 19: SF limericks 183.original site of the dome by three hundred meters of blowing sand. So McKillian assumed this second.She started off up the beach..171.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..after the initial tragedy. He and his ship were here now only to explore..in a corner on a piece of grey canvas, but Amos went immediately to the bars and looked through..number to go."..possible rescue. The more they thought about it, the less happy they looked. They all seemed to agree."You two are unbelievable," Barry said. "Do you honestly think rd sell you my endorsements? Assuming"?he knocked on the varnished walnut coffee table?"I pass my exam."..conquest..She found the pins. Sitting down in the same chair Selene had occupied, she swept her hair up with.Division. The little delay our game occasioned upset the very tight schedule for that operation. As a."Now before you play," I said, "you must understand that we did not wish it known we were working."Are you in command today, then?" I asked..Robert F. Young for "Project Hi-Rise".Except for a dazed expression and a few cuts, Song seemed to be all right. Crawford and McKillian.upset, but there was no time. He had to suit up, and he welcomed the chance to sneak out He began to.pieces of the mirror together. Now they could make out what the shape of the third would be. "And if."Nay, I must stay."..object to) unfamiliar ones as "political." Hence arises the insistence (in itself a very vehement, political.wind."..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..I realize, rubbing against her hip, that Pm again hard; she doesn't object as I pour back into her all the.The sun was poking over the mountains when he woke up. He roused and was momentarily unaware.Lee KUiough.open window.."Okay." I hold out my right hand..but never used them..In the swamp, Amos waited until the prince had found him. "Did you have any trouble?" Amos asked..Ms. Song, how can we get in there with you?".neither you nor I need worry about him."..I nodded again, at the same time wondering how Amanda Gail could ever, really, consider herself alone. The acrimonious divorce of former Olympic runner Margot Randall and Senator Charles Christopher Gail had traumatically divided not only Amanda's childhood but her very psyche. Five years ago, when Margot Randall died hi a hovercraft accident and Amanda moved to Washington full-time, it emerged that for most of her childhood, Amanda Selene Gail had been two personalities, Amanda Gail and another calling herself Selene Randall. The revelation, and

their decision to remain dissociated, had made them the darlings of the gossip columns..Deep in a wood, so dark and tangled few men dared go, there was a small clearing. And in that clearing lived a girl and her brother hart.dissemination of such information..Song straightened up, moving stiffly. They had all worked hard to empty out the collapsed dome and peel back the whole, bulky mess to reveal the ground it had covered. She was tired and stepped out of character for a moment to snap at Mary Lang..Immediately there was thunder, and light shot from the restored glass. The grey man stepped back, and from the minor stepped the beautiful and worthy Lea.. "She said take a message." McKillian had been crawling up the ladder as she said this. Now she reached him and said in a lower voice, "Matt, she's pretty broken up. You'd better take over for now."..her hairpins..does not have the little one."..ing from \$49.95 to \$125. By the following day the word was beginning to spread, and by the close of business on the third day every store was sold out. Most people who got them, either through the mail or by purchase, used them to spy on their neighbors and on people in hotels..the living embodiment of the Protestant ethic. My nose was kept to the grindstone until I could no longer."Your bank statement came today.".. "We're waiting for a reply," Crawford said. "But I can sum op what they're going to say: not good..and who must engage in all the complex phenomena, both physical and chemical, involved in sexual.She nodded. "He was my heart" Looking straight at him, she added, "What was his is mine by right."..When I was through with my talk and with the question-and-answer session, I sang "Randali's Song" in my most resonant baritone and absolutely brought the house down.. "Sir, I'll ask her, but I don't think shell come. This is still her operation, you know." He didn't give Weinstein time to reply to that Weinstein had been trapped by his own seniority into commanding the Edgar Rice Burroughs, the orbital ship that got them to Mars and.19

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