

ACTS OF BETRAYAL

In this, the twenty-third volume in a series, I have continued the practice begun in number 22 of including non-fiction material from F&SF's regular departments. The aim is to provide readers of these anthologies with something like a very good and very big issue of the magazine. Thus we offer a fascinating article by Joanna Russ on the pain of reviewing sf books, Baird Searles on "multiples" in sf films, Isaac Asimov on cloning, and a sampling from our competitions. McCranie sounded puzzled. "Is anything the matter?" In the screen, he had swiveled his chair and up with your glittering clothes for so long," said Amos. "Anyway, I I don't think it's fair of our grey friend to get your mirror with your I map. You should at least have a chance at it. Let me see, the first place we are going is somewhere nearer than you think." "In the swamp then," said Jack. chairs in Barry's area suddenly lifted their occupants up in the air and carried them off, legs dangling, to. My curiosity reared up again. The gossip columnists speculated a great deal about how Amanda and. tSee "Counting Chromosomes," F&SF, June 1968.. "They were arrested, for trafficking, right here on this couch, while they were taking money from the. computer. He wouldn't mind. He called back in fifteen minutes. The computer had never heard of. long, Mr. Mallory?". lights, sound, color, and all the rest of the systems. Finally some nameless tech comes on circuit to give. 227. The clerk had the license with his name on it, Barry Riordan, right there in her hand. She inserted it into the slot of a gray machine which responded with an authoritative chunk. She slid the validated license under the grille.. Why?? Two reasons.. After calling the office to let Caro know where she could reach me, I handed Amanda into the. cut. The blood hadn't spread very far. Most of it had been soaked up by the threadbare carpet under the. Mallory, you've led a clean, wholesome life and it's paying off.. "Yes. Aventine has too many rich and famous residents to care about another celebrity, and as we have no hotels or public transportation and the cabletrain from Gateside is the only way in, aside from private aircraft on private landing fields, we manage to discourage most reporters and curiosity seekers.. Mary Lang sighed, slapped her thighs, and stood up. Like all the others, she was nude and seemed. "What's it like on a ranch?". keep the dome buoyed aloft I imagine the Central Arena drifting away like that floating city they want to. purse and a notepad. She reminded me quite a lot of Desmond. "What are you still doing here, Miss. closet and the kitchen utensils. There was underwear, socks, an extra pair of shoes, an unopened ream of. "But doesn't that idea"? Barry nodded at the tattoo-"conflict with your having this particular job? Aren't you part of the U. S. Government yourself?". (chorus) Clone, clone of my own.. part of being a garbage man. Some poets go to a great deal of trouble to disguise their treacheries; my. She pulled the shawl tighter around her. "When I got up this morning, that chair you're sitting in was bright blue. It's always brown or yellow for you. Selene has to have been sitting in it.. Somehow Stella's on the com line too: "You son of a bitch! You hurt her-". impossible for Barry, sitting so nearby and having no one to talk to himself, to avoid eavesdropping on. garden, he put all his reward in the wheelbarrow, went back to the small door and knocked.. get" Jain had said in New Orleans when we found out Denver "was booked.. The ship came down with an impressive show of flame and billowing sand, three kilometers from Tharsis Base.. The Intermediaries shrink before him, fluttering their pallid appendages in obvious dismay, and bleat. Westland stood there with his lower jaw down around his ankles watching Venerate polish off the. grey man took Amos into his cabin and they sat down on opposite sides of a table.. Tharsis Base sat on a wide ledge about halfway up from the uneven bottom of the Tharsis arm of the. 4 Damon Knight. As the four of us stood there staring at him, he raised his eyes still higher, and their blackness seemed. with another three months in which to continue his quest and an introduction to Intensity Five, Barry had. So I told her.. bother to answer, but curiosity got the best of her.. Jain. You bastard.. "How did you get here?" asked Jack.. and the defiant jaw, that I was looking at the King.. "Yes. It's all over..". 26. 203. era! rule, in the form either of cash on the barrel or services rendered. Barry said (jokingly, of course) that he wouldn't object to bartering his virtue for an endorsement, or preferably two, to which Michelle replied (quite seriously) that unfortunately she did not know anyone who might be in the market for Barry's particular type. Generally, she observed, it was younger people who got their endorsements by putting out. The second meeting is to take place this afternoon. All of us have. "What do they say on the Burroughs?" McKillian asked, tossing her helmet on the floor and squatting. "I remember that one is two leagues short of over there, the second is up this one, and the third is. "Why do you look at me like that, senor? Is it not natural for a woman to bulge when she carries a baby in her belly?". Evidently no one could. But likewise, Crawford could see no reason why it should have happened. His eyes dropped and he was silent for a moment "I want to tell you. But I don't know how without. "Wheels," she said. "The thing runs on wheels.. Harry saw too many old private-eye movies on the late show. "It'll be a while. I've got a client.. Mary H. Schaub. "It can't work.. water, both hot and cold, and various other fluids. There were more of the tall variety of derrick, making the place look like a pastel oilfield.. collars. Then rougher gusts began to nip their fingers. At last buffets of wind flattened them against the. of your reserve energy. If your energy is depleted, your shields fail and the next Zorph attack destroys. "We're doing some diving off Catalina tomorrow. Want to come along?". He grinned and shuffled the cards. "North Carolina. Back in die Blue Ridge.. alibi, and moved to Silver Lake.. door that Amos had not seen. The grey man pulled it open, tossed in the ruby, and slammed it quickly.. "Tomorrow evening when the sunset is golden and the sky is turquoise and the rocks are stained red in the setting sun," said die grey man. "I shall watch the whole proceedings with sunglasses..". schedule while Nolan made his daily rounds in the fields.. "Matthew Gordon?" she asked in a soft, hesitant voice I remembered from political broadcasts in the. 170. 96. At intervals while dressing or looking into the bathroom mirror, he stared as if into an invisible camera. At last the trees end and I climb over bare mountain grades. I rest briefly when the pain in my lungs is too sharp to ignore. At last I reach the summit.. "Oh, horrors!" cried the thin grey man, and stepped back again.. samples. He watched

the thing-bug? turtle??for a moment, satisfied himself that it wouldn't get too far.legs from cramping. My position wasn't too graceful if he happened to look in the closet, but it was too.Somone opened the door of the Mariner's Tavern and called inside, "Why is everybody so glum this.Q: How can you tell your friends from your enemies?.She came to him then, almost as though the stirring had been a silent summons, came like a brown.Driving down the mountain, I pointed out the villas and estates of."Tm trying to balance." I juggle slides. "Any better?".extent neutralized, and we might end up with a species in which genetic variability is too narrow for.neither you nor I need worry about him placed it there a year and two days ago. I blew him there myself.Rozsa music for Korda). "Captain-".All six had the same blood group..boat and row away. He hears them shouting to each other but cannot make out the words..It isn't the realists who find life dreadful. It's the romancers. After all, which group is trying to escape.She stopped moving. "I heard, Gordy.".Fuffle, came from the trunk, and the grey man smiled..Absence due to personal illness has dropped twenty-seven percent over the last two months. There have.A: Against the Fall of Night.Ike and I were on picket duty when we heard that the latest bargaining session had gone Pffft! Eli.cut well, but there's another specialized animal that eats that type of plastic. It's recycled into the system..curtains closed, and the bearers trotted off with it. We stood there laughing..affinity for multiplex circuitry. He looked a little stunned after I finished with the stim console. "Christ, kid.,them the gateway to personal immortality. That is quite wrong..which is the other thing (besides pleasure) art ought to provide. Bravery, nobility, sublimity, and beauty.fierce, almost an awesome, determination that made him seem larger than life. His black eyebrows were."At last it is about to happen," said the grey man. "Bat first, Amos, you must have your reward for."I won't take that as your final decision," he said. "As you know, we'll be here six months. If at the.She nodded, as if to herself. "A dangerous thing to do." She looked back up at me. "If that quality.,Message sent represents an invalid communication and has not been dispatched to addressee. Please.He was buttoning his shin. That must have been the delay: he wouldn't want anyone to see him with his shut off. Everything Td been told about him was true. He wasn't very tall; the top of his head came to my nose. He was dark, though not as dark as I'd expected, I couldn't place his ancestry. It certainly wasn't Latin-American and I didn't think it was Slavic, His features were soft without the angularity usually found in the Mediterranean races. His hair wasn't quite black. It wasn't exactly long and it wasn't exactly short His clothes were nondescript. Everything about him was neutral?except.Three weeks later, the Tharsis Canyon had been transformed into a child's garden of toys. Crawford had thought of no better way to describe it. Each of the plastic spikes had blossomed into a fanciful windmill, no two of them just alike. There were tiny ones, with the vanes parallel to the ground and no more than ten centimeters tall. There were derricks of spidery plastic struts that would not have looked too out of place on a Kansas farm. Some of them were five meters high. They came in all colors and many configurations, but all had vanes covered with a transparent film like cellophane, and all were spinning into colorful blurs in the stiff Martian breeze. Crawford thought of an industrial park built by gnomes. He could almost see them trudging through the spinning wheels..While Caro typed in the blanks, I wondered at the difference between Amanda Gall's attitude toward Selene and that portrayed by the columnists. They made it sound like kinky fun. Over the past several years there had been a rush to the analysts' couches by people hoping to find another personality or two living inside their heads with them. I even knew perfectly normal people so taken with the idea that they resorted to aping the signs of dissociation..The Thief of Bagdad may set some sort of record with three acceptable productions, all using widely.Amanda's wrist bent back farther. Her fingers fought to hold on to the knife, but with each moment.In April 1992, about the time her husband usually got home, an intruder broke into the house and seized Mrs. Zickwolfe before she had time to get to the bulletin board. He dragged her into the bedroom and forced her to disrobe. The state troopers got there hi fifteen minutes, and Cora never spoke to her friend Phyllis again.. "Okay, keep spread out on both sides, everybody. Jim, can yoo and Edie head him off before he gets to the woods?".149."I think," said Amos, who thought quickly and was quick to tell what he thought, "that everything is not quite right in there."

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