

## ALPINE PEAK

his dogs behind..Dear heart, Brother Hart, Come at my behest, We shall dine on berry wine And you shall have your."But what about the food? Surely it's too much to expect for these Martians to eat the same things."Good," said Amos. "So one third of your magic mirror has been found. Tomorrow evening I go off for the second piece. Would you like to come with me?".general inefficiency down to the detailed operation of the Computer Center. Someone immediately spilled.He smiled at her. "No, thanks. But what you said is right I have no hankering to take charge of..not yourself, you were depressed and feeling hopeless. Does that still stand?".For Lea was cloaked in grey from head to foot But almost before the words were out, she loosed..have an effect on its personality, too..Nolan blinked as he recognized her standing there and staring up at him. There was no mistaking the look on her face or its urgency, but he had no time to waste hi words. Brushing past her, he hastened to the doorway and she melted back into the night..He was buttoning his shin. That must have been the delay: he wouldn't want anyone to see him with..good size for a single person, with a deck all around and steps down to the beach in back. Amanda.They had little trouble finding where the matthews came from. They found dozens of.The arm the poker had hit gave away, dropping my head and shoulders onto the carpet The shock.on "bodily functions," but why was shitting worse than sneezing?."I agree with Lucy," Ralston said, surprisingly. Crawford had thought he would be the only one immune to the inevitable despair of the castaway. Ralston in his laboratory was the picture of carefree detachment, existing only to observe..that much different in principle from playing one of the instruments in the backup band, though it's a hell of.the great Sherlock Holmes / With their Y chromosome) and brought the house down again. But you may.,splicing a rope in the stem, two others lowering a triangular sail between the foremast and the bowsprit."Ah, who gives a shit?" Sirocco looked Up. "Anyhow, won't be much longer before we find out."..almost blew them over. Water condensed out of it in their faceplates, and suddenly they couldn't see very.Maurice Milian was still listed as 407. I took the elevator to four and rang the bell of 409. The bell.Samuel R. Deltaty.Barry smiled, at a loss..drawings and notes..should imagine that he considered it so glaringly obvious that there was no need for the.Message sent represents an invalid communication and has not been dispatched to addressee. Please respond immediately to Central Processing with date and time of initial tribute delivery..sixty-track stim by RobCal.printing it although writing book reviews (except for places like the New York Times) is underpaid.,The knife turned toward her own chest. Selene's hand leaped to Intercept, closing on Amanda's wrist.when it is below the horizon, makes it possible for him to focus instantly on the surface, but he never does.As Amos was about to leave, the grey man picked up a brilliant.red eye at them, a golden hornet buzzed above their heads, and a snake that was grey on top rolled out..minority group. Aventine is really a village with a large population."..they are connected to our central computer. Thus, one player could be out there in California and the.I was brought op in a candy store under a father of the old school who, although he was Jewish, was.new consensus among them to leave the Martian plants and animals alone. Like nervous atheists, most of.SF titles in which two or more words are transposed."If you don't mind, I prefer some formality. As my father says, this modern rush to intimacy promotes sex but prevents conversation and understanding."..Books: In Defense of Criticism by Joanna Russ.they would miss it when it was gone. So the day of departure was a stiff, determinedly nonchalant affair..vibrations became such an effective repellent that he had only to enter a room in order to empty it of half.Will be of the opposite sex..them a little on the front window. It didn't let in a lot of light, but it was enough. Maybe Detweiler."Yes, it is," said Amos. "What do they keep here that is so uninteresting everyone tells me to avoid it?".shopping square to cabins in the woods and along the shores of both the Lunamere and Heliomere. I.Division. The little delay our game occasioned upset the very tight schedule for that operation. As a."Do you want to talk about it?".artists..building the Project is to provide a haven. A haven to which the people can flee should..ordinary identical twin would be. Your clone does not have your consciousness, and if you die, you are..read every third word, or quit in the middle. We can't We must read carefully, with our sensitivities at full.Amos began to whisper through the bars. Behind them the jailor snored on his piece of canvas..Steven Vtley..really believe that."..Someone opened the door of the Mariner's Tavern and called inside, "Why is everybody so glum this evening when there's a beautiful rainbow looped across the world?".played a few notes of Bach, or maybe Vivaldi or Telemann. All those old Baroques sound alike to me..seven. Fortunately they found the body in time for the early edition. A woman named Sybil Herndon, age..for me. What have you done to deserve such help?".than cloning..daughter, sister. That afternoon, when he returned to the bungalow, he caught her staring at him again at..trace, and the car can go no further. With the metal cylinder in one hand I flee on foot until I no longer.I have tried to speak to general issues rather than "defend" my own criticism. Issues are, in any case.,Barry was just getting used to the idea of going on to six-digit figures when a woman in a green sofa..light-velocity, activated the tardyon-tachyon conversion system and popped back into normal space in..So he'd started to drink. First the good bourbon from the company's stock, then the halfway-decent trade gin, and now the cheap rum..edge and called:..which, he said, was his nearest and dearest friend. He said if I would work for him and carry his trunk, he..more and more, that he was keeping score and the old fart was being tested, an attitude that did not bode well. Finally, with ten minutes left on the clock, he'd just up and left, which was not, strictly speaking, a violation. It did imply that some kind of closure had been achieved, which definitely was not the case; he'd panicked, pure and simple. A fiasco from which he'd naturally feared the worst in the form of a letter addressed to Dear Applicant. ("We regret to inform you, etc. . . .") But possibly the old fart had been making things deliberately difficult, testing him, possibly his reactions hadn't been that entirely inappropriate. Possibly he'd passed..What spell had brought them there, deep in the wood, neither could recall. The woods, the meadow,..that will be both precise and compact. If vivid be

added thereunto, fine?what else is good style? Hence.It's no secret, due to an inflated publicity campaign, that a nice little movie about a nice big ape called."The other end of the rainbow?" asked Hidalgo.."Before six-thirty?". "Then you'll help my friend and me?". "So? If you ask me, this is a damned stupid topic for a conversation. Aren't you going to tell me your.Barry nodded..Meanwhile, Columbine Brown had been putting him off with a variety of excuses and dodges. The.that mountain. It is so windy there, and the grey man is so thin, he would be blown away before he was.Crawford shrugged, uneasy at the question. He didn't know if it was the right time to even postulate."I see him; he's in the brook, going upstream.".boy, Tve nm across something very peculiar. I don't really know what to make of it.".Now Amos asked, "Why are you worthy of a prince? And how did you get where you are?".the touch, limbs that could writhe in boneless contortion to squeeze the breath from a man and crush him."To tell you the truth, I was wondering what to say next. We have to make a thorough inventory. I guess we should start on that.".through with a bigger one..up. Smith rubs his eyes, loses the ship, finds it again after a ten-minute search..STEVEN UTLEY.so terrible that you and I need not worry about him.".And what of multicellular animals?".I know. I'll call you back tomorrow." She switched the set off and sat back on her heels. "I swear, if the Earthside tests on a roll of toilet paper didn't ... he wouldn't. . ." She cut the air with her hands. "What am I saying? That's petty. I don't like him, but he\*s right" She stood up, puffing out her cheeks as she exhaled a pent-up breath.."Amanda!" I crawled toward the kitchen, dragging the weight of my head with me. "Amanda, what are you doing?".She stirred in my arms. I felt a ripple of tension in her body. She lifted her head and kissed me hard. I.into a foreign egg cell and the foreign cytoplasm in that egg cell will surely have an effect on the.Brother Hart," she cried. "It was for me you died. Now your enchantment is at an end.".I look out at the crowd and it's like staring at the Pacific after dark; the gray waves march out to the horizon until you can't tell one from the other. Here on the stage, the crowd-mutter even sounds like the sea, exactly as though I was on the beach trying to hear in an eighteen-foot surf. It all washes around me and I'm grateful for the twin earpieces, reassured to hear the usual check-down lists on the in-house com circuit.Hook. Manipulating time and space controls at once, be follows it eastward through a nickering of storm.A lot of the other Union members had stopped in The Fig Leaf, and the place was full. Some of the guys were already buying their booze on the cuff, and everybody had glum looks on their faces. I wasn't particularly surprised when the argument between the bricklayer and the brickmaker resumed where it had left off. This time, nobody broke it up..My curiosity reared up again. The gossip columnists speculated a great deal about how Amanda and.150.Together they started through the marsh and muck. "You know," said Amos, stopping once to look.softly. "Mama Dolores?".focus, he saw slim brown legs. brown haunch, brown body and head. The horns shriveled and fell to the.So Amos and Jack stood with the sun hi their eyes, and the great blustering North Wind squatted.across forty million miles..ground. Only her eyes remained the same..As Nolan set the empty bottle down he heard the noise he'd come to dread worst of all?the endless echo of drums from the huts huddled beside the riverbank below. Miserable wretches were at it again. No wonder he had to drive them daily to fulfil the company's quota. The wonder was that they did anything at all after spending every night wailing to those damned drums..Some of the scaffolding was still in place along the wall of the sixth stage, and the King, perceiving.speakeasies, but it was always the same story. People avoided him. Their eyes shied away. His.rock one moment, then tried to jerk them loose the next The rope was very useful indeed, and neither.From Competition 14: Science fiction "What's the question?" jokes..keep the dome buoyed aloft I imagine the Central Arena drifting away like that floating city they want to.just completed. Up until now, play of-Zorphwar has been possible only against a set of Zorph warships.He bent forward, undid the laces, pulled off his right shoe, and handed it to Cinderella..I frowned. "If you know I'm taking her to lunch, how is it she doesn't know what you're doing?".the shelter of my arms, wrapping my coat around us both. "Do you want to go back down to the car?". "No!" Her vehemence startled me. She quickly lowered her voice and went on: "My friends call me Amanda,.cubits. This means that the King's arrow would have to travel 1,227 cubits?straight.he was pushing her.."Exactly." She squinted across the vast tasteful expanse of Party-land, then stood up and waved. "I.He takes a step toward the door. The Intermediaries move to block his path. With an inarticulate.Have you noticed how often people say "I feel" instead of "I think" or (God forbid) "I know"? Kids who discover "It's a free country!" at seven graduate to "Everyone's entitled to his own opinion" by fourteen. The process of intimidation by which young people are made to feel humanly worthless if they don't appreciate "great literature" (literature the teacher often doesn't understand or can't.Climb on my shoulders and I shall carry you up to the highest peak of this mountain. When I have looked."No way," she says. "He didn't and he won't. He doesn't like what I do." I can't think of anything to say now. After a while Jain rescues me, "It isn't your hassle, and it isn't mine anymore.".clone of the person who donated the somatic cell..by THOMAS M. DISCH.I sighed. "So have I." I turned and looked at what he was working on at die drafting table. It was a small painting of a boy and girl, she in a soft white dress, and he in jeans and tee shirt. They looked about fifteen. They were embracing, about to kiss. It was quite obviously the first time for both of them. It was good. I told him so.."Yes. What do I tell Amanda when she asks how I always know when something is broken? You.'Tin surprised there's any problem what to do. Your dancing has already won critical acclaim.".165.He blew a stream of smoke from pursed lips and tapped his cigarette on an alabaster ashtray. "Yes,.". "Can you really?" asked the grey man. He pulled a piece of green silk from his pocket, went to the."No, you can't! The baby?".him this furious before, and it frightens me. Not that I cannot appreciate and even share his anger toward.joined them as they lay her on the bunk..her to the cottage door. Hinda followed behind him, uncertain..& even Utley.your hands; then a voice: "Lone, I see you?under the bam, eating an apple!" A silence. "Lone, come on."Still, it got you picked for this mission out of hundreds of applicants. The thinking was that you'd be a wild card, a man of action with proven survivability. Maybe it worked out. But the other thing I remember on your card was that you're not a leader. No, that you're a loner who'll

cooperate with a group and be no discipline problem, but you work better alone. Want to strike out on your own?". Amos ran to get his wheelbarrow, put the prism on top, and wheeled it to the mirror. Then, just in case, he went back and locked the trunk tightly..recognized that the room was chilling..legs from cramping. My position wasn't too graceful if he happened to look in the closet, but it was too."Only for the time being. I'm not suggesting that we overthrow the government tomorrow. A."Sounds to me like he was hurtin' for a fix.". Detweiler whirled, his eyes bulging. A groan rattled in his throat He raised his hands as if fending me off. The groan rose hi pitch, becoming an hysterical keening. The expression on his face was too horrible to watch. He stepped backward and tripped over the suitcase..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

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