

## BENTLEYS MISCELLANY VOL 17

one softly serrated against the night sky. Working on it every day, I've kind of forgot how high it is, how sheepishly. "I did chores for her and eventually became a sort of assistant, I guess. I helped her birth." "I have just been given the ultimate garbage presentation," he said. "Your boys should know better." "Cast off!" cried the sailors..things are adapted for low pressure, no oxygen, scarce water. The later ones will be adapted to an.Megalo Network Message: June 30, 1977."Tve tried living with you," Amanda said, "but it doesn't work. Now I won't have anything more to do with you!". "I thought it was a Company project," Ike said, butting in..The captain glares at me and balls his meaty hands into fists. I tense in expectation of blows which do not fall. Instead, he shakes his head emphatically and turns to the Intermediaries, "This is rick-ulons. Thoroughly ridiculous.". "Get out of my way.".form of data and supplies. There was one more capsule load due; after that, its presence would only be a.242.them. On each of six envelopes he typed his office address, then covered it with one of the labels. He.Crawford did, and began to see the novelty of it. He tried hi vain to think of some mechanism hi an animal or plant of Earthly origin that turned and kept on turning forever. He could not.soft-sculpture, causing Ethan to nearly lose the nipple?"was designed to contain .beings who are no.I realize, rubbing against her hip, that Pm again hard; she doesn't object as I pour back into her all the.brief quotations in a review, without permission in writing from the publisher..4th..MOOG INDIGO.He whistled his animals to him and left the clearing as swiftly as he had come..VII."Sure, no trouble." She went to the desk in the corner of the room and quickly wrote the following."Most of 'em.".As the four of us stood there staring at him, he raised his eyes still higher, and their blackness seemed.lost, doomed look. "Well, we can't live forever, can we? Are you ready to go?".demanding of me than ever before.. "Mary," McKillian said, "it occurs to me that I'd better start looking for airborne spores. If there are some, it could mean that the airlock on the Podkayne is vulnerable. Even thirty meters off the ground.".The Almsbury was half a dozen blocks away on Yucca. So I walked. It was a rectangular monolith about eight stories tall, not real new, not too old, but expensive-looking. The small terraces protruded in neat, orderly rows. The long, narrow grounds were immaculate with a lot of succulents that looked like they might have been imported from Mars. There were also the inevitable palm trees and clumps of bird of paradise. A small, discrete, polished placard dangled in a wrought-iron frame proclaiming, ever so softly, NO VACANCY..I raised my brows. "You've given up being hostess for your father?".making me do it?".Like a startled creature, Hinda moved away from nun, but remembering her brother inside the cottage, she found voice to say "Tomorrow." She reached behind her and steadied herself on the door handle. She seemed to hear the heavy breathing of Brother Hart coming at her through the walls. "Come tomorrow.".let her stare wide-eyed at constructions like the Tree House, whose rooms unfolded like flowers along.its topmost one. There was a purposefulness about his mien that had been lacking on his previous visit; a.neither you nor I need worry about him.".Crawford relaxed. The awful burden of responsibility, which he had never wanted, was gone. He.give warning. Tomorrow afternoon at 14:00 hours I shall commence the obliteration of all decadent.honest-to-god conversation, spontaneous, unstructured, and all his own..and grimy sailors with cutlasses sat at his table?they were so dirty they were no color at all!.Crawford shrugged, uneasy at the question. He didn't know if it was the right time to even postulate that they might fail.. "I'm pretty sure he didn't. I asked him about it. He said there was nothing to worry about, it would pass. And it did.".The fine mesh around Jain's body seems to glitter with more than reflected light Her skin already gleams.invariably turned out, like the MacKinnons, to have already disposed of their allotted endorsements. Or."I had to catch you before you started following that tiresome woman with the car.".At first he'd assumed that he'd failed. A reasonable assumption, since he had struck out his first time.your Permanent License?".THE ORGANIZER: The purpose of the Project has no bearing.'Isn't that amazing," said Hidalgo. "That's the most amazing thing I ever heard of.".that, and Lang was wondering if it was too often. The place was crowded, and the kids were nervous..too long, I get a headache.".against us if I try to fly it. But I'll do it, if we come to that. And that's your job. Showing me some better.gate, limping a little the way all brickmakers do, and shouting, "Did you hear? Did you hear? The.phone number she'd given him was bet answering service, the address was an apartment building with.He stood up and went in the bathroom. The light came on and I heard water running. The thing sat hi the same place watching him. Detweiler came out of the bathroom and sat back on the couch. The tfing climbed onto his back, huddling between bis shoulder blades, its handg on his shoulders. Detweiler stood up, the thing hanging onto hhn, retrieved the shut, and put it on. He wrapped the straps nearly around the artificial hump and stowed it in the suitcase. He closed the lid and locked it.timer that would allow him to stop a scene, or advance or regress it at any desired rate. He ordered.long and loose around her..Gus Verdugo worked in R&I. I had done him a favor once, and he insisted on returning it tenfold. I gave him everything I had on Andrew Detweiler and asked him if he'd mind running it through the computer. He wouldn't mind. He called back in fifteen minutes. The computer had never heard of Andrew Detweiler and had only seven hunchbacks, none of them fitting Detweiler's description..loved them, and took care of them. And they loved her back. (Once, a couple of years ago, a young.This day, like the nine before it, illuminated a Tharsis radically changed from what it had been over.deserve this. Why should you go out on a limb for someone you scarcely know?"./ Of the great Sherlock Holmes / With their Y chromosome\*-)\* and brought the house down again. But you may, by now, be asking yourself, "What's a clone?" It's been in the news a great deal lately, but recognizing a word and knowing what it represents can be two different things. So let's go into the matter-The word "clone" is Greek, exactly as it stands, provided you spell it in Greek letters, and it means "twig.".It was late when I finally got home. All evening I'd dreaded having to face Debbie with the bad news..otherwise rather plain face, giving her the look of a Renaissance Madonna and adding nostalgic charm to

her loose topknot of copper hair and high-waisted Regency-style dress..balloon. When the arena's full, the body heat from the audience keeps the dome aloft, and the arena crew turns off the blowers..printed under fairly makeshift circumstances. Consequently, there's an enormous variety of different.from the street pouring into the cafe in loud and animated conversation with each other. One of them, a.Twin Rivers gleamed like gold in the morning sun..not use again the expression you have just uttered. I mean the one beginning with the letter D. Our.friend Phyllis again..get a little too close to Jain. "Back off, creeps." "So who's tellin' us?" She had to hold the Python with."You'll stay right here," Lang barked, "We know there's not enough power in them to hurt the ship, but it could kill you if it hit you right. We stay right here until it goes off. The hell with the damage. And shut that door, quick!".Singh and everyone else was silent for a while. He found he really was beginning to believe in the.stuck around for more than three days. Not for a minute did I doubt he would be living at the apartment.His first endorsement proved to have been beginner's lock. Though he went out almost every night to a different speakeasy and practically lived at Partyland during the weekends, when it was at his liveliest, he never again had such a plum fall in his lap. He didn't get within sniffing distance of his heart's desire. Most people he met were temps, and the few Permanent License holders inclined to be friendly to him invariably turned out, like the MacKinnons, to have already disposed of their allotted endorsements. Or so they said. As the weeks went by and anxiety mounted, he began to be of the cynical but widely held opinion that many people simply removed the stickers from their licenses so it would seem they'd been used. According to Jason MacKinnon, a completely selfless endorsement, like his from Ed, was a rare phenomenon. Quid pro quos were the gen-.I looked at him, at his face, at his eyes, at his soul. "There's a gun in the glove compartment," I said..pregnant woman will have to be removed from the work force at the end of her term, and we can only.sample. You'd better take a look. If the drill hits whatever made the other one explode, it might go off.". "But doesn't that idea"?Barry nodded at the tattoo-"conflict with your having this particular job?."\*Tm going to cut her out, Matthew," Amanda's voice said from above me. It was tow but trembling, a breath away from hysteria. "She only comes to dance. I read once about a horse whose tendons were cut just a little, but he never was able to race again.".Then it stood erect. It was about the size of a cat It was pink and moist and hairless and naked. Its very human hands and feet and male genitals were too large for its tiny body. Its belly was swollen, turgid and distended like an obscene tick. Its head was flat Its jaw protruded like an ape's. It too had a scar, a big, white, puckered scar between its shoulder blades, at the top of its jutting backbone..implanted into me womb of her own mother (who, we wffl assume, is still capable of bearing a child), the new organism will be bom into different circumstances and that would have an effect on its personality, too.. "You mean identify the solvent these things use? Probably, if we can get some sort of work space and I can get to my equipment".play gin.".It's gonna be a hell of a concert tonight I know it" Jain had said mat and smiled at me when she came through here about ten. She'd swept down the center aisle in a flurry of feathers and shimmering red strips, leaving all the civilians stunned and quivering..music..Columbine bit her lip, furrowed her brow, and evidenced, in general, a sudden change of heart.The Best from.what are we talking about here? Evolution, or ... or engineering? Is it the plants themselves that did this..played yesterday afternoon. Please send along whatever certificate you have to indicate my Fleet Captain.It was impossible to answer with ice in my chest. I could only stare back while she hunted around for her hairpins..The crawler skidded to a stop, nearly rolling over, beside the deflated dome. Two pressure-suited."Doesn't matter," I say..152.David (or Murray) was about twenty-five, redheaded, and freckled. He had a slim, muscular body which was also freckled. I could tell because he was wearing only a pair of jeans, cut off very short, and split up the sides to the waistband. He was barefooted and had a smudge of green paint on his nose. He had an open, friendly face and gave me a neutral smile-for-a-stranger. "Yes?" he asked.. "What's his first name?".87."Oh, my nearest and dearest friend," said the grey man, "I had almost forgotten you. Forgive me." He took from his pocket an envelope, and from the envelope he took a large, fluttering moth. "This flew in my window last night," he said. The wings were pale blue, with brown bands on the edges, and the undersides were flecked with spots of gold. He pushed in a long metal flap at the side of the trunk, very like a mail slot, and slid the moth inside..explained the choices to Amanda as I handed her into the runabout and unplugged the car from its.swollen purple face.. "Lots of people make money playing gin.". "I'm standing here, trying to be friendly," said Amos. "I was told there was nothing of interest down.cubits. This means that the King's arrow would have to travel 1,227 cubits?straight.orange design, went to the trunk and lowered it through a small round hole in the top. As the last of it."So what about the crude?" Ralston asked. He didn't completely believe that part of the model they had evolved. He was a laboratory chemist, specializing in inorganic compounds. The way these plants produced plastics without high heat, through purely catalytic interactions, had him confused and defensive. He wished the crazy windmills would go away..From Competition 18:..At the bottom of the pool is a piece of mirror. Can you be back by lunch?".chest as he buttoned the shirt It wasn't muscular but it was very well made. He was very.only in highly specialized ways, cannot divide into a whole organism if left to themselves. Many body."If we went fast, we could make it without." Colman answered..grape-sized white balls, very hard and fairly heavy. The second discovery was made by Lucy McKillian.She grinned. "That's funny. You look like Bette Davis. Who's Andrew Detweiler?". "Sounds all right to me," Lang assured her. "It'll do for a working theory. Now what about airborne spores?".He smiled at her. "No, thanks. But what you said is right I have no hankering to take charge of anything. But I do have some knowledge that might prove useful.".Each of us adds to the other's pleasure, and it's better than the other times. But even when she."Sir," I say, "there's nothing we can do here. We're just going to have to return home and let Earth."How do I do that??.third one I checked. It was a block and a half from where the little kid fell on the rake.. "No neighbors?".get" Jain had said in New Orleans when we found out Denver "was booked..It was small comfort, but Nolan had no choice. And he was too tired to protest, too tired to worry..the washroom, kneels beside the toilet and vomits..171

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