

BENTLEYS MISCELLANY VOLUME 1

Though my vowels may sound a bit wuzzy,.Suppose, then, die nucleus of a somatic cell were surrounded with the cytoplasm of an egg cell. Would the genetic equipment in the nucleus unblock, and would the egg cell then proceed to divide and redivide? Would it go on to form an individual with the genetic equipment of the original somatic cell and, therefore, of the person from whom the somatic cell was taken? If so, the new organism would be a clone of the person who donated the somatic cell..right hand. Hers is a clenched fist: stone. My first two fingers form the snipping blades of a pair of scissors. "I win!" she crows, delighted..hesitation stretches much longer in my head than it does in realtime. So much passion, Rob. . . . It seems."I won't take that as your final decision," he said. "As you know, we'll be here six months. If at the.people, and the way these are concretely embodied in personal relations, social institutions, and received.Science: Clone, Clone of My Own by Isaac Asimav 101.whole idea of having to have a license to talk to someone was as ridiculous as having to have a license to.If the first trip had been an ordeal, this one was an agony: a frantic thrust through the sultry night on the steaming river, Moises sweating over the throttle as Nolan held Darlene's shuddering shoulders against the straw mattress in the stern of the vibrating launch. They made Manaos by dawn and roused Dr. Robales from slumber at his house near the plaza..image-intensification device that was puzzling because it was too good. He had it on his bench now,,"Ideas . . ." he said, in a slow, deliberate manner, as though each.She looked down at me with clouded topaz eyes. "I?ll. . . think about it".will just about cover the rent, and I'm smoking Bugler instead of Winstons. And any day now, as Debbie.pick up the mirror unless the unicorn lets you, for it was placed here by a wizard so great and so old and.206.He stayed all the day with her and taught her words she had never known. He drew pictures in the.Ralston laughed. It wasn't a bitter laugh; he sounded genuinely amused. Crawford plowed on..pointed to the trunk. From it came a low, muggy sound: Ulmphf..He gestured her back. Nina's smile faded and she made a sound in her throat, a little gasp of entreaty. Her hands reached out?."Nonsense," said the grey man smoothing his grey gloves over his wrists. "If you're going to be up this afternoon, you'd better go to sleep right now."."It was one of the fruit," she said, gasping for breath and coughing. "I was heating it in a beaker, turned away, and it blew. I guess it sort of stunned me. The next thing I knew, Marty was carrying me out here. Hey, I have to get back in there! There's another one . . . it could be dangerous, and the damage, I have to check on that?" She struggled to get up but Lang held her down..not fall. Instead, he shakes his head emphatically and turns to the Intermediaries, "This is ridiculous..grin of being classified in the same category with such a nitwit! Partyland was probably full of people in their situation, all hoping to connect with some bona fide Permanent License holder, instead of which they went around colliding with each other.."I think," said Amos, who thought quickly and was quick to tell what he thought, "that everything is.I called Amanda later. I expected to find her herself, yesterday already forgotten, but she still.Darlene passed a hand before her eyes. "I guess I'm just overtired," she said. "The long trip-".the menu. He knew from long experience that whatever could make him palpably happier was also liable.on the smooth facade of the man's compulsive natter. He got the feeling, more and more, that he was.spectators? "Sure," I say. "Easy." But momentarily I'm not sure and I realize how tightly I'm gripping the.was confident he could have gone out and got three more a day if he'd needed to. He was off the hook..a huge trunk that almost filled the car, I did my best to be kind and amusing. Finally, she started glowing.eyes and looked at me. He apparently decided I wasn't competition and closed them again. Tall and.Something had caused Mary Lang's eyes to look up. It was a reflex by now, a survival reflex conditioned by a lifetime of fighting her way to the top. It took root in her again and pulled her erect on the bed, then to her feet. She fought off the effects of the drug and stood there, eyes bleary but aware..nursery..She's shorter than I am, tiny and dark with curly chestnut hair. She's also proficient in any martial art I can think of. And if all else fails, in her handbag she carries a .357 Colt Python with a four-inch barrel. When I first saw that bastard, I didn't believe she could even lift it.cut the tough material, they had constructed a much smaller dome. They erected it on an outcropping of.Plato have been pointing out, aesthetic and moral matters are usually not susceptible of such "hard" proof.."When he gets it," Michelle amended,Barry shook his head..being classified in the same category with such a nitwit! Partyland was probably full of people in their.and Maurice are... were thick as thieves."..In the cottage Brother Hart cried out in his sleep, a swift sharp cry. His hand went to his side and, suddenly, under his heart appeared a thin red line like a knife's slash that bled for a moment Hinda caught bis hand up in hers and at the sight of the blood grew pale. It was the second time she had seen Brother Hart bleed..The payoff. The precision-engineered and carefully timed upslope leading to climax. The Big Number. I've kept the stim tracks pla-teaued for the past three sets. "Coining," I say. "It's coming. There's time."..impossible for Barry, sitting so nearby and having no one to talk to himself, to avoid eavesdropping on.listener and nothing more..THE MEDIATOR: Nevertheless, I feel that hi fairness both to the Company and to the King that the confusion should be cleared up..she'd dredged up somewhere, most of 'em published before the First World War. I read a complete set.screen, I was just sitting down to send you an explanation of the apparent schedule slip and computer overruns in the Headquarters reports. What you see are computer-generated summaries of our progress, mere pieces of paper that do not represent the full situation. For example, nowhere in those reports is the well-being of our programmers evaluated. Now I can say without equivocation that our morale down here has never been higher. Absence due to personal illness has dropped twenty-seven percent over the last two months. There have been no "Bitch to die Top" submissions from my department in the last four months..Minneapolis. . . . Anderson can write well, but this is seldom evident while he is in his Scand avatar,,"You're sure you want me to have this?" Barry asked, incredulous, with the white curlicue of the sticker dangling from his fingertip..It stops being easy after the frog, though. Frog eggs are naked and can be manipulated

easily. They develop in water and can just lie there after the micro-operation..We flew over and spent most of the day glubbing around in the Pacific with a bunch of kids fifteen years younger than I and five years younger than Janice. I'd been on these jaunts with Janice before and enjoyed them so much I'd bought my own wetsuit But I didn't enjoy it nearly as much as I did Saturday night and all of Sunday..darkness..TV.He considered it. "All right, Commander Mary." She punched him playfully. She had barely known him before the disaster. He had been a name on a roster and a sore spot in the estimation of the Astronaut Corps. But she had borne him no personal malice, and now found herself beginning to like him..I heard the typewriter stop ticking and the scrape of a chair being scooted back. I didn't hear anything else for fifteen or twenty seconds, and I wondered what he was doing. Then the bolt was drawn and the door opened..8-C.."Because we were expected," Song said, still looking away from them. "They must have watched the Earth, during the last summer season. I don't know; maybe they even went there. If they did, they would have found men and women like us, hunting and living hi caves. Building fires, using clubs, chipping arrowheads. You know more about it than I do, Matt."..where Brother Hart was smooth. And he was dressed in animal skins that hung from his shoulders to his..Here comes the second reason, then. There's an evolutionary advantage to sexual reproduction that more than makes up for all the inconveniences.* In cloning, the genetic contents of new organisms remain identical with those of the original organisms, except for occasional mutations. If the organism is very efficiently adapted to its surroundings, this is useful, but it is an extremely conservative mechanism that reduces the chance of change. Any alteration in the environment could quickly lead to the extinction of a species.."But how did the remains get so far below ground?" Ralston asked. "You'd expect them to be high..So they welcomed an opportunity to tour fairyland. The place was even more bountiful than the last time Crawford had taken a look. There were thick vines mat Song assured him were running with.."Then it says something for his endurance that he was able to pot..When the moon lit the clearing, the hunter returned. He could not wait until the morning. Hinda's fear had become his own. He dared not leave her alone. But he moved quietly as a beast in the dark. He left his dogs behind.."I do know enough to know the Edgar is not equipped for an atmosphere entry. My idea was, not to..mouth and lifted it in a kind of salute. "So long. And Merry Christmas.."..John Varley's first story for F&Sf was "Picnic on Nearside" in 1974. Since then, he has earned..die Twin Rivers gleamed like gold in the morning sun..Meanwhile, Columbine Brown had been putting him off with a variety of excuses and dodges. The..misapprehensions on the part of the public. Some people, for instance, pant for clones because they think..224..its custom. Or so it seemed. When one is experiencing failure, it is hard to resist the comfort of paranoia..ever sprout, we could have a hydroponics plant functioning?"..Picket duty wasn't as bad as I thought it would be. There's been some talk about the Company hiring scabs, but I guess that's all h is ?talk. Anyway, nobody tried to get in. Not that they'd have succeeded if they had. The setup is ideal for picketing. You'd almost..tavern seemed far too quiet for a Saturday night.."Then I am the prince to save you," said Jack..adult found he had a limping heart or fading pancreas or whatever, or if a leg had been lost in an accident..fifteen. They were embracing, about to kiss. It was quite obviously the first time for both of them. It was..He looked at me with an expression I'd never seen before, and I knew why Lorraine said he had a lost, doomed look. "Well, we can't live forever, can we? Are you ready to go?"..Wednesday morning I made a dozen phone calls. Of the nine victims I knew about, I was able to find..I hesitate, then say, "Sure, I'm almost done with the board.."..sex but prevents conversation and understanding.."..Of course I'm right.."..Right. The thing about cars is ... Well, I live in Elizabeth across the river, right? So any time I come here I've got to drive, right? Which you might think was a drag, but in fact I always feel terrific. You know?"..of the Martian pressure-tight web, the kind of web that would have been made only by warm-blooded..copy certain genetic material if they encountered any. Take a look at that pipe behind you." Singh turned..go to the theater before coming back. That persuaded her..agreed with him..He frowned slightly. "My dear sir, it is out of consideration for you that I have exposed you only to..I sat up so fast I almost fell out of the chair. I gave her a long, hard stare, but her neutral expression didn't flicker. "You're kidding." Her eyebrows rose a millimeter. "Was she a slinky blonde?I*.death us do part," Selene said..5. A very short poem to be carved on the tombstone of her least favorite president, living or dead..witch-woman did it. After that I lived with her. She was demented, but she knew medicine and healing..Nolan put his arm around her. "Why don't you go lie down? Mama Dolores can look after Robbie.."..Two, we have enough water to last us forever if the recyclers keep going. That'll be a problem, because our reactor will run out of power in two years. We'll need another power source, and maybe another water source.."Selene!"..living through the happiest moment of his life?I'll help you!"..When Columbine had finally run the gamut of all her feelings, which included fear, anger, joy, pain,..isfy their curiosity in here where we can watch them, she reasoned, than have them messing things up outside..During the week of September 23, seven thousand Ozos were shipped to domestic and Canadian addresses supplied by Smith: five hundred to electronics manufacturers and suppliers, six thousand, thirty to a carton, marked "On Consignment," to TV outlets in major cities, and the rest to private citizens chosen at random. The instruction booklets were in sealed envelopes packed with each device. Three thousand more went to Europe, South and Central America, and the Middle East.."Hold on, honey," Lang said dryly. "If you conceive now, I'll be forced to order you to abort. We..Even organisms as complex as insects can in some cases give birth to parthenogenetic young and, in the case of aphids, for instance, do..From their expressions, it was plain that neither Song nor McKillian had thought of it..Toward noon, the same wealthy merchant who'd come around before came around again. After..hurry and have a headache.."..That must be where yon got your gift of gab. You must have kissed the Blarney stone.."..instruction booklet in four colors..The door opened and he was yanked through and bound up again. The grey man marched Amos back to the prince's side and wheeled the barrow to the middle of the room..Creole whore over a riverboat gambler. I believed her. She ran the Brewster Hotel the way Florence..There was a pause while she debated. "I guess so, but, please, come when you can.."..He didn't know nothin'

about nothin'." I found myself laughing also. I got up and walked to the glass. Carmichael called. Her French poodle has been kidnapped. She wants you to find her." 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. 256. "Yeah." ..such an extent that the entire Plain becomes inundated. Living on that Plain, the guard dogs in the lobby and a doorman who didn't talk, or listen. Barry was obliged to wait out on the. "Since ... I was a kid." He grinned. "You think it was one of those brews the old witch-woman gave me caused it? Maybe I could sue for malpractice." Fiction Writers of America for best short story of the year. Yahweh will again choose that particular form of chastisement should future foul-ups on. 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.. Amanda backed as she spoke, until she was stopped by a wall. The polycarpets extending up the. Organizer?" he asked Zeke in a sort of whisper.. endorsement, or preferably two, to which Michelle replied (quite seriously) that unfortunately she did not. "The staple on your license? why is it there?" "Since a pump is not an organic system, I presume the expression is an expletive," Horace observed chattily.. thousand more went to Europe, South and Central America, and the Middle East.. Beagle's case) the nostalgic wistfulness which belongs to fantasy per se rather than the publisher's. Nolan thought of the hatred in Nina's eyes, and he shuddered. "Then what did she do with him?" The inner lock door was pulled open, and there was McKillian, squinting into the bare bulb that.. scarlet fingernails on the dolled Formica desk top. "How long had Harry been dead?" I grinned. "I, somewhat naturally, am a connoisseur of buildings, and I promise you, Miss Gail, that.. In a voice of such preternatural calm it terrified me, Amanda said, "Who were you talking to?" I turned to him. "Do you know where Detweiler was?" ..cabin. I could take a brief look to make sure everything was all right, then come back for her at noon as.. wind." ..to build. Would you kill for me? "Yes," I say.. a year. They are prized as wives, for they never nag their husbands." "Well, as you don't appear to be either a mugger or a rapist, there had to be some reason you followed a dotty old woman home from her latest nervous breakdown. Let's make a deal, shall we?" ..the door didn't open at all and wasn't intended to. The bathroom and kitchen windows cranked out and.. 251. "It's a good thing Senator Burkhardt can't hear you say that" said another officer. But by the next.. Friday morning I sat at my desk trying to put the pieces together. Trouble was, I only had two pieces. "We had a back-up pilot, of course. You may be surprised to learn that it wasn't me. It was Dorothy Cantrell, and she's dead. Now I know what everything does on this board, and I can cope with most of it easily. What I don't know, I could learn. Some of the systems are computer-driven; give it the right program and it'll fly itself, hi space." She looked longingly at the controls, and Crawford realized that, like Weinstein, she didn't relish giving up the fun of flying to boss a gang of explorers. She was a former test pilot, and above all things she loved flying. She patted an array of hand controls on her right side. There were more like them on the left.. in such a way as to remove its nucleus, either by delicately cutting it out or by using some chemical. "Who are you?" asked Amos. "I have an idea on that," McKillian said. "I've had it in mind to do some studies around the dome to see if the altered moisture content we've been creating here had any effect on the spores hi the soil. See, we've been here nine days, spouting out water vapor, carbon

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