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cell can't do the work of a fertilized egg cell and produce a new organism?."I have thought about it." She waited for a long time. "I think the chances are about a thousand to one against us if I try to fly it. But Til do it, if we come to that. And that's your job. Showing me some better odds. If you can't, let me know."All but one, that is. For as Nolan moved forward, another shadow glided out from the deeper darkness beside the bungalow..unimaginative to you; you are not interested in the actresses' occasional semi-nudity. What strikes you as.Nolan rose, stretching, then stepped out into the hall. The shadows were darker here and everything was still.."What are you doing here?" whispered Amos.."Yes, describe yourself to me."I've got ten seconds to stare out at that vast crowd. Where, I wonder, did the arena logistics people.Your clone is not you. Your clone is your twin brother (or sister) and is no more you than your.the jagged lines of the rocks with regular angles and curves..I organized my arguments while I waited for her protest that she could look after herself. To my surprise, after another short pause, she said in a quiet voice, "You're right, of course, Matthew. Thank you for taking so much trouble for me."By the time the rescue expedition arrived, no one was calling it that There had been the little matter of a long, brutal war with the Palestinian Empire, and a growing conviction that the survivors of the First Expedition had not had any chance in the first place. There had been no time for luxuries like space travel beyond the Moon and no billions of dollars to invest while the world's energy policies were being debated in the Arabian Desert with tactical nuclear weapons.."In the center of the swamp," said the grey man, pointing over the ship's railing, "is a luminous pool. At the bottom of the pool is a piece of mirror. Can you be back by lunch?"..wizard had to ask my help to put it there."."Sounds all right to me," Lang assured her. "It'll do for a working theory. Now what about airborne spores?"..extent neutralized, and we might end up with a species in which genetic variability is too narrow for."Hold on, honey," Lang said dryly. "If you conceive now, I'll be forced to order you to abort. We have the chemicals for it, you know."..scarlet fingernails on the dolled Formica desk top. "How long had Harry been dead?"."In just a moment," said the thin grey man, "you will see a man living through the happiest moment of his life. But first I must make sure my nearest and dearest friend can see too." He went to the large black trunk, which seemed even blacker and larger, stood it on its side; then with the great iron key he opened it almost halfway so that it was opened toward the mirror. But from where Amos and Jack were, they could not see into it at all..shut?"..I looked at the girl, an exact double of my lost love. Beautiful and quiet. What more could a man ask!.In the swamp, Amos waited until the prince had found him. "Did you have any trouble?" Amos.by the door. Then he was gone..way.something moved inside it, and they saw it was the form of a lovely girl. It was Lea, who had appeared to.?Barry N. Malzberg."My name."."IVE met her friends."..88."No need to sugar-coat it I know it as well as anyone. But even a billion to one shot is better than.Barry left the cubicle feeling so transcendent and relaxed that he was five blocks from Center St. before he remembered that he'd neglected to have his license revalidated at Window 28. As he beaded back to the Federal Communications Building, his senses seemed to register all the ordinary details of the city's streets with an unnatural, hyped clarity: the smell of sauerkraut steaming up from a hot dog cart, the glint of the noon sun on the mica mixed into the paving blocks of the sidewalk, the various shapes and colors of the pigeons, the very pigeons, perhaps, that had inspired bis so-called idea earlier that day. But it was true, what he'd said. All the pigeons were the same size..some of the pipes. McKillian was kept busy refilling glasses for the visitors who wanted to sample the.Amanda screamed again. I tried to roll sideways but my body would not respond and I steeled."Sure. Can you?"..from the street pouring into the cafe in loud and animated conversation with each other. One of them, a.losers habitating that rotting section of the Boulevard east of the Hollywood Freeway. She bossed them, cursed them, loved them, and took care of them. And they loved her back. (Once, a couple of years ago, a young black buck thought an old fat lady with one eye would be easy pickings. The cops found him three days later, two blocks away, under some rubbish in an alley where he'd hidden. He had a broken arm, two cracked ribs, a busted nose, a few missing teeth, and was stone-dead from internal hemorrhaging.)..6. You're vitriolic, too.."Well, come in, then," said Billy, "and play me a game of jack-straws, and you can tell us all about it."..all, however, were the swarms of golden gnats that bused about him. He would beat at them with the.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..creatures..She smiled a meaningful, unblemished smile and gave his hand a quick, trusting squeeze. "You know, Larry-you're an all-right guy."..jowls to match, and a big blunt nose. You only had to take one look at his hands to know he'd never done a lick of work in his life..forever. No sense getting uptight; everything was going to be all right..get a little too close to Jain. "Back off, creeps." "So who's tellin' us?" She had to hold the Python with.4th..Minneapolis. . . . Anderson can write well, but this is seldom evident while he is in his Scand avatar,"Perhaps somewhere nearer than you think, up this one, and two leagues short of over there, the.My long coat is wrapped around the two of us, and we watch each other inches apart. "So much.I stood outside number seven suddenly feeling like a teen-ager about to pick up his first date. I could.Thomas Disch is one of the handful of writers whose work is as much admired by critics (and readers) of mainstream as well as science fiction. He wrote six fine stories for F&SF in the 1960s. Since then he has published poetry (The Right Way to Figure Plumbing), an anthology, Bad Moon Rising, and three remarkable novels, The Genocides (1964), Camp Concentration (1968) and 334. He

has just completed a new sf novel, *On Wings of Song*. Sure enough they found themselves on the edge of a round, silvery pool. Across from them, large frogs croaked at them, and one or two bubbles broke the surface. Together Amos and Jack looked into the water. Joanna Russ bread on the table and enough left over from his paycheck to have a couple of beers with the boys. If there, he thought, that should keep her busy long enough for me to think of the next one. He opened a second beer and took a meditative swallow. Did poets ever write poems about drinking beer? Or was that too general? Better to ask her to write about her favorite brand of beer, a kind of advertisement. They were not dangerous to the colonists. The plants attacked only certain kinds of plastics, and then only aimed at a deep shadow box across the room; at the back of the box was a card ruled with black, green. "Come on, crew, we've got a lot of work." near the Brewster and Detweiler was at the Brewster Monday. of cases, nosing around in places only the Harry Spinners of the world can nose around hi unnoticed. I.A: Against the Fall of Night. "Better," the tech says. "But keep it rising. I'm still only registering a sixty per cent." do, but I haven't I did see Seymour occasionally when he worked at Channel 9, before he went to work. Perhaps they expected to see the mirror glittering in the weeds and pebbles at the bottom of the pool; The sailor frowned a little while, then said, "There is nothing at all interesting hi the ship's brig." Morris has been creating Zorphwar, an exciting game that operates on our system. morning, every morning. I walked back up the beach wondering in bemusement if I could be falling in love with two such different women at the same time. If so, how fortunate they were the same woman. There was none, until Song spoke up thoughtfully. Crawford called down to Lang, who raised her head enough to mumble something. We're in the Central Arena, the architectural pride of Denver District. This is the largest gathering. think I've recognized someone," she said excitedly, preening her paper feathers with her free hand. Far walked into the doiled room, and she looked at me from a hundred directions. The faded photographs covered every level surface and clung to the walls like leeches. She had been quite a dish? forty years ago. She saw me looking at the photos and smiled. The make-up around her mouth cracked. tSee "Counting Chromosomes," F&SF, June 1968. sample. You'd better take a look. If the drill hits whatever made the other one explode, it might go off." end of that time any of you want to go, you're still citizens of Earth." the blizzard and the undulating dome bottom, heading for the roofless framework where the other. It was unsigned and the writing was more careful than I would have expected of Selene, but I could not imagine anyone else writing it. complain, but I could tell he was wantin' company to take his mind off it We played gin until six-thirty. played yesterday afternoon. Please send along whatever certificate you have to indicate my Fleet Captain. I did not feel ready to dispute Senator Gail. "Then I take it you don't want me to call you Mandy?" "Very well then, I have a plan." Again Amos began to whisper through the bars, and Jack smiled and nodded. his pile of blankets. Since the day of the blowout he never seemed to be warm enough. we built it. Think about it". "Constable, all this culture may be very well, but sometimes a fellow needs, well, d-mn it! What do. breakfast?" guess we should start on that." The nice thing about guilt is that it's so easy to repress. Within a day Barry had relegated all. the hunter stepped out of the woods on the very path that Brother Hart usually took, Hinda gave a gasp. "Okay, Rob, I'm up in the booth above the east aisle. Give me just a tickle." My nipples were sensitized to her tongue, rough as a cat's. that. What do you say? Are you all with me?" As soon as we got word that the strike was on, we walked off the job. It was 10:40 A.M. Those of. Just then, behind the bars, Amos saw the pile of grubby grey blankets move. A corner fell away and falls over the edge into the first rows of spectators. Nocturnal and Diurnal Animals, ROGER ZELAZNY R Is for Spaceship, RAY BRADBURY The Tin Men Go to Sleep, ISAAC ASIMOV All Animals Are Vegetables, CLIFFORD SIMAK. We can therefore imagine that at birth, every human individual will have scrapings taken from his little. knowing I've become so damned superannuated." She sighed. "Well, it happens to everyone, and I. Robert F. Young for "Project Hi-Rise". I mean think I am drunk; My tongue's just a (hie) Little Fuzzy. I was sitting there, wondering how in hell I would find him, when the phone rang again. Miss Tremaine stopped typing and lifted the receiver without breaking rhythm. "Mr. Mallory's office," she said crisply, really letting the caller know he'd hooked onto an efficient organization. She put her hand over the mouthpiece and looked at me. "It's for you? an obscene phone call." She didn't bat an eyelash or twitch a muscle. "Thanks," I said and winked at her. She dropped the receiver back on the cradle from a height of three inches and went back to typing. Grinning, I picked up my phone. "Hello, Janice," I said. Ed nodded. "You remind me of somebody." they're very busy right now, they can't be bothered." focus near enough to see and hear them. One calls, "My God, who's at the helm?" Another, a bearded. tavern seemed far too quiet for a Saturday night. stood, fidgety. "There's really not anything I can tell you. Why don't you ask David and Murray. They. "No kidding!" around, and the finger Billy had put to his lips went quickly into his mouth as if he were picking his teeth. They had little trouble finding where the matthews came from. They found dozens of twenty-centimeter lumps on the sides of the large derricks. They evidently grew from them like tumors and were released when they were ripe. What they were for was another matter. As well as they could discover, the matthews simply crawled in a straight line until their power ran out If they were wound up again, they would crawl farther. There were dozens of them lying motionless in the sand within a hundred-meter radius of the garden. It was small comfort, but Nolan had no choice. And he was too tired to protest, too tired to worry. He thought for a moment. "Maurice." He looked up at me and grinned. "Do you know stamps?" After all, a human being is more than his genes. Your clone is the result of your nucleus being placed into a foreign egg cell and the foreign cytoplasm in that egg cell will surely have an effect on the development of the clone. The egg will have to be implanted into a foreign womb and that, too, will have an influence on the development of the organism. She gave me a faint smile. "Some. You're a wonderful man, Matthew. If I didn't feel like Selene is. was a sailor splicing a rope." "It's funny," Lang said, quietly. "I always thought it would be something flashy, or at least obvious. An alien artifact mixed in with caveman bones, or a spaceship entering the system. I guess I was thinking hi terms of pottery

shards and atom bombs." I lived on the Heliomere myself, just a kilometer away from Amanda's cabin. I don't sleep late, and I sat up so fast I almost fell out of the chair. I gave her a long, hard stare, but her neutral expression sat staring at her hands clenched in her lap. I put an arm around her. She stiffened momentarily at my Stella Vanilla? I've never learned exactly what her real last name is? is Jain's bodyguard. Other stun knob is dull from years of handling; it feels warm and a little greasy in your hand. The console has a funny of her outburst on the Morones, who looked elsewhere, and on Barry, who couldn't resist meeting her. lights, sound, color, and all the rest of the systems. Finally some nameless tech comes on circuit to give

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