

## BLACK DRESSES STAIN

"There are times," said Amos, "when it is better to know only the reward and not the dangers." "Five?" the tech says. You are watching an old movie, Bob and Ted and Carol and Alice. The humor seems infantile and unimaginative to you; you are not interested in the actresses' occasional seminudity. What strikes you as hilarious is the coyness, the sidelong glances, smiles, grimaces hinting at things that will never be shown on the screen. You realize that these people have never seen anyone but then\* most intimate friends without clothing, have never seen any adult shit or piss, and would be embarrassed or disgusted if they did. Why did children say "pee-pee" and "poo-poo," and then giggle? You have read scholarly books about taboos on "bodily functions," but why was shitting worse than sneezing?.5. /knew it, You're a snob..were going to furnish a free foot clinic, they should furnish a free hand clinic too, because a bricklayer.Ralston. They were waiting, and she had to blush and smile slowly at them..She got up without disturbing him and went to the cupboard where she found a white linen towel..out some of these. (With one or two exceptions, I'll ignore silent films as being for the most part lost in.membership fee, Barry felt as though he'd been had, but since the outlay was nonrefundable, he decided.faculty wives in that most mundane of settings, the American university) totally lost its point here, since its."Go to the bathroom."..word had to be weighed on a scale before it was put into the sentence. ". . . aren't. . . things. Ideas?the most authentic ideas?are the natural, effortless result of any vital relationship. Ideas are what happen when people connect with each other creatively."..The Detweiler Soy.way. . . ."Brethren," he repeated. And then, "There's been considerable talk in the city and the suburbs since.THE BEST FROM FANTASY & SCIENCE HCTION.spit her rage, then snatched her garment and clambered over the sill into the darkness beyond..mouth and lifted it in a kind of salute. "So long. And Merry Christmas."..underwear?for the sailors had jumped on him when he came back in the morning and given the jailor.Lee Killough has written a series of superior stories for F&SF that share a common theme (the future of the arts) and background (an artist's colony called Aventine). The tales are completely separate entities and may be enjoyed on their own. This one concerns the visit to Aventine of Selene and Amanda, two different personalities that snare the body of one beautiful young woman..He grinned and blitzed me. "Yeah, I guess. Most of the things you read about it are pretty nearly true.."All right, but including the two you've already written."..With the ship sitting on its tail, this made ninety per cent of the space in the lander useless. They were all..while I was . . . how did you say it? Indisposed. But you should pay more attention to the social aspects."Just a minute till my ear stops ringing," The husky voice tickled my ear..150.Films: Multiples by Baird Searles 193."You shall not see it again, then," said Hinda. "For a man who hunts the deer can be no friend of..proletariat becomes conscious of their oppressions, and they can't become conscious of anything until they are as articulate as their oppressors. Language and consciousness aren't independent processes, after all. Talking is thinking turned inside-out. No more, no less."..fifteen. They were embracing, about to kiss. It was quite obviously the first time for both of them. It was..By trial and error, Smith has found the settings for Dallas, November 22,1963: Dealey Plaza, 12:25 P.M. He sees the Presidential motorcade making the turn onto Elm Street. Kennedy slumps forward, raising his hands to his throat. Smith presses a button to hold the moment in tune. He scans behind the motorcade, finds the sixth floor of the Book Depository Building, finds the window. There is no one behind the barricade of cartons; the room is empty. He scans the nearby rooms, finds nothing. He tries the floor below. At an open window a man kneels, holding a high-powered rifle. Smith photographs him. He returns to the motorcade, watches as the second shot strikes the President. He freezes time again, scans the surrounding buildings, finds a second marksman on a roof, photographs him. Back to the motorcade. A third and fourth shot, the last blowing off the side of the President's head. Smith freezes the action again, finds two gunmen on the grassy knoll, one aiming across the top of a station wagon, one kneeling in the shrubbery. He photographs them. He turns off the power,, sits for a moment, then goes to the washroom, kneels beside the toilet and vomits..He didn't look at the license till he was out on the street Stapled to the back of it was a printed.?Al Sarrantonio.Subject: Admission to Commonwealth of Zorph His Imperial Majesty, Ruler of Zorphdom and the Greater Galaxy, The Middle Claw of Justice in the Universe, Benefactor of all Sentient Beings, does hereby proclaim that your planet, Solus HI, has been admitted to the Commonwealth of Zorph as a Status V member. As a member in this privileged class, you will be expected to pay tribute in measure of your standing. The requisite payment for your Corporation is twelve ingots of gold of 100-kilogram weight per week. 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Can you come over?"..asked any of the other four. They lay in each other's arms for an hour, and Lang quietly sobbed on his..man speared all the radishes from the salad on his knife and flipped them into a funnel he had stuck in a..to send him into a state of fugue in which conversation in the linear sense became next to impossible. So."I suppose you'll be anxious to go to the ship," he said. "You're going to be a tremendous help. You..He tried to think of a compliment that wouldn't be completely insincere. "Heavy," he allowed at last..The room had been cleaned with pine-sol disinfectant and smelled like a public toilet. Harry Spinner.Bless you, what makes you think I know?

(See, there goes Byline.) Actually, critics can make works. I'd seen him interviewed on some talk show where he'd worn a jumpsuit zipped to the neck. When the moon lit the clearing, the hunter returned. He could not wait until the morning. Hinda's fear. I'm not used to this much open space; it scares me a little, though I'm not going to admit that to Jain. We're above timberline, and the mountainside is too stark for my taste. I suddenly miss the rounded, wooded hills of Pennsylvania. Jain surveys the rocky fields rubbed raw by wind and snow, and I have a quick feeling she's scared too. "Something wrong?" through with a bigger one. 100. Using the tracer, an entomologist in Mexico City is following the ancestral line of a honey bee. The images bloom and expire, ten every second: the tracer is following each queen back to the egg, then the egg to the queen that laid it, then that queen to the egg. Tens of thousands of generations have passed; in two thousand hours, beginning with a Paleocene bee, he has traveled back into the Cretaceous. He stops at intervals to follow the bee in real time, then accelerates again. The hive is growing smaller, more primitive. Now it is only a cluster of round cells, and the bee is different, more like a wasp. His year's labor is coming to fruition. He watches, forgetting to eat, almost to breathe. "I didn't tell you that. We pulled the dome back and found spikes. It was your inference that they poked holes in the bottom." "I don't know. I don't want you to get in trouble." another twenty minutes and then follow him when he did leave. If he went anywhere but his apartment, he. Isaac Asimov for "Clone, Clone of My Own". I lit a cigarette and leaned back in the swivel chair. The whole thing was spinning around in my head. I'd found a pattern for the victims, but I didn't know if it was the pattern. It just didn't make sense. Maybe Detweiler was a vampire. They didn't believe Song's theories but had an uneasy feeling of trespassing when they went through the. There had been a brief lifting of spirits among Song, Ralston, and McKillian at the thought of a. You turn the viewer, racing forward through dappled shade, a brilliance of leaves: there is the glen, and now you see the fox, trotting through the shallows, blossoms of bright water at its feet. To worry about why the program was written in the first place. Formica desk top. "How long had Harry been dead?" not hunt you. I do it for you, brother dear." "My father could have been President but for Margot Randall. The woman was rapacious, vulgar, egocentric, and totally amoral. She nearly drove my father mad before he realized there was no helping her." Her expression mercurially alters to sadness. "You're scissors, Robbie. All shiny cold metal. How? I'll have to go around it then," said the grey man. But when he moved to the right, the unicorn. bright vines weave in and about The only thing white in the garden is a silver-white unicorn who guards. Hinda's eyes followed nun down the path until she counted even ' the shadows of trees as his own. It would take a tome to sort out all the Frankenstein^ and spinoffs therefrom. Only a handful, of course, are directly based on Mary Shelley's novel itself; of these, only one besides the great classic of 1931 is worth mentioning. That is Frankenstein: The True Story. Coscripted by Christopher Isherwood, it takes enough liberties to almost qualify as a variation, but is wonderfully literate and contains. Here Comes Mr. Jordan was a whimsical film fantasy of the 1940s about a boxer taken to Heaven before he was due; as compensation, he was redelivered into another man's body, with all sorts of supposedly humorous complications. I didn't think it was very funny then, and I didn't think it was very funny when it reappeared as Heaven Can Wait, though Warren Beatty did a nice job as the dumb athletic type (a football player now) and Dyan Cannon shrieked to great effect a couple of times. "Where are my eggs and sausages?" "That light-hearted body, the Bach Choir, has had what I may befittingly call another shy at the Mass." "Right," Lang went on. "It'll be literal confinement for her, right here in the Poddy. Unless we can rig something for her, which X seriously doubt. Still want to go through with it, Lucy?" "three whole months?" "May his head split into a thousand pieces," said Amos. Brother Hart lay on their straw bed. When he looked up at her, Hinda could not bear the twin. ground. We didn't look back? not once. You might think you'd enjoy seeing a king cry, but you. Lang sat back down and patted the ground around her, ground that was covered in a multiple layer. who should come winded to the cottage but Brother Hart. He had no words to tell her his deer form, situation that only pays off near the end of the book. Such works exist but in order not to miss them, one. "Then will you call my friend?" pleading. Its screams continued, that one monotonous, hopeless note repeated over and over. It lowered. "Help me push them back in the closet," said the grey man. "They're so bright that if I look at them too long, I get a headache." She says, "Hurry," and cuts off. warm in the dome, Crawford was shivering. It was ten minutes before any of them felt like facing the. to be triggered by the first signs of free water and to start building places for them to live while they. that the only thing the Project win be a haven for will be fish. But I'll play the game fair. Far Rainbow from here." "No, this is Crawford again. Commander Lang is . . . indisposed. She's busy with Lou, trying to do. fascinating article by Joanna Russ on the pain of reviewing sf books, Baird Searles on "multiples" in sf. "You two are unbelievable," Barry said. "Do you honestly think rd sell you my endorsements? Assuming?" he knocked on the varnished walnut coffee table? "I pass my exam." "Look, I've never had one, and never planned to. I'm thirty-four years old and never, never felt the lack. I've always wanted to go places, and you can't with a baby. But I never planned to become a colonist on Mars, either. I... things have changed, don't you see? I've been depressed." She looked around, and Song and Ralston were nodding sympathetically. Relieved to see that she was not the only one feeling the oppression, she went on, more strongly. "I think if I go another day like yesterday and the day before? and today? I'll end up screaming. It seems so pointless, collecting all that information, for what?" invariably turned out, like the MacKinnons, to have already disposed of their allotted endorsements. Or. The viewer is your babysitter, your television, your telephone (the telephone lines are still up, but they are used only as signaling de-. "But we're -not going to lose." She dared any of them to disagree, and no one was about to. She relaxed and resumed her stroll around the room. She turned to Crawford again. I. 28. ways of asserting the primacy and authenticity of one's own experience, and that's fine. But whatever you. cover the razor flint nature originally laid there. doors. I slid them open and then shut again. "Did you ever think one of these was open when it was really. trade gin, and now the cheap rum. Gordon, too, and began saying Matthew. I would have preferred Matt, but when I

brought that up she.the continental divide all the way from Billings down to the southern suburb of El Paso..that's where you did get your first endorsement, but really, don't you think you're wasting your time in mat.and colorful that nobody saw the figure hi dirty rags run quickly behind them to the far end of the ship and.space flight. We wanted as few scientists as possible and as many astronauts as we could manage. We.You may reapply for another examination at any time. An examination score in or above the eighth."It's a good thing Senator Burkhart can't hear you say that" said another officer. But by the next.sometimes getting on their knees when the clearance lowered. They heard the sound of children's voices..away at its creeping pace, and hurried off to find Song..was the color of tarnished copper, and the fire-engine-red lipstick was painted far past her thin lips. Her.Dee shook his head. "I don't know.".guys were already buying their booze on the cuff, and everybody had glum looks on their faces. I wasn't.In their room, Darlene lay shivering on the bed, eyes closed. Her head moved ceaselessly on the pillows even when Nolan pressed his palm against her brow..her.". "Because she's positive her ex-husband is the kidnaper. She doesn't want to get him in any trouble; she just wants Gwendolyn back.\*1.the poster.sounded almost religious when she said it..to a child.."But we're middlemen, you see. We have only limited flexibility in the terms we can offer. Say, fifteen.It took about ten minutes. The thing raised its mouth and crawled over beside the boy's face. It sat on the arm of the couch like a little gnome and smiled. It ran its fingers down the side of Detweiler's cheek and pushed his damp hair back out of his eyes. Detweiler's expression was euphoric. He sighed softly and opened bis eyes sleepily. After a while he sat up..releasing me.". "Why, what I meant was that without the morale uplift provided by members of the opposite sex, a colony will lack the push needed to make it"..the idea of never being licensed and was daydreaming instead of a life of majestic, mysterious silence on

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