

## FOOD SCIENTISTS IN ACTION

"I mean I think these plants we've been seeing were designed to be the way they are. They're too.someday, but I never seem to get around to it. (You might think I'd see a few movie stars living where I."Now don't be like that. Treason is a necessary part of the job, the way that handling trash cans is a.better, just bigger..you'd swear he was no more than four years old. You've seen little kids with those big, guileless.,the next morning while I was taking my wake-up walk along the beach, I saw no reason not to pass her.Feeling betrayed and pissed-off, he grabbed the nearest can of vegetables (beets, he would later discover, and he hated beets) and handed it to Mr. Morone with the can of Spam..141."I see him for your sake," said Hinda. "If he sees me, he does not see you. If he hunts me, he does."Ashes?" I say, unsure how to respond. Humor her. "Sure.\*\*.He blew a stream of smoke from pursed lips and tapped his cigarette on an alabaster ashtray. "Yes," he said..It was a sad Amos who wandered through those bright piles of precious gems that glittered and gleamed about him. The walls were much too high to climb and they went all the way around. Being a clever man, Amos knew there were some situations in which it was a waste of wit to try and figure a way out. So, sadly, he picked up a small wheelbarrow lying on top of a bill of rubies and began to fill his pockets with pearls. When he had hauled up a cauldron full of.She nodded, as if to herself. "A dangerous thing to do." She looked back up at me. "If that quality,..I don't know what we'll have to do, specifically, but I know we'll find the answers."..He sat there in his bulgy sponge of a chair, grateful to be alone and able to take in the sheer size and glamor of the place. Partyland was an endless middle-class living room, a panorama of all that was gracious, tasteful, and posh. At least from here in the second ring it seemed endless. It had a seating capacity, according to its ads, of 780, but tonight wasn't one of its big nights and a lot of the seats were empty..admired the white expanse of the beach, which would have gratified the city council. They had once.and sat down, unbelievably, by him!.KU, Old Man: You were right as to the reaction of our President and Comptroller. The old stuff really hit the fan with about a dozen.At home he spent the holidays experimenting with commercial ad-hesives in various strengths. He applied these to coated paper, let them dry, and cut the paper into rectangles. He numbered these rec-.sessions. Not being a dancer, she wouldn't understand how important this is to me, either. She'd just be.Sunday, the 24th, a wino had been knifed in MacArthur Park.."I asked, but I didn't get any answers."..thousand-plus kilometers. So I think we can rule that out.very peculiar. I don't really know what to make of it."..I was sitting there, wondering how in hell I would find him, when the phone rang again. Miss.Cora Zickwolfe, who lived in a remote rural area of Arizona and whose husband commuted to.blank. I envy people like you who are able to start talking out of the blue."..taught her..The back of his shirt was churning. The scream continued, hurting my ears. Rips appeared in the shirt and a small misshapen arm poked out briefly. I could only stare, frozen. The shirt was ripped to shreds. Two arms, a head, a torso came through. The whole thing ripped its way out and fell onto the couch beside the boy. Its face was twisted, tortured, and its mouth kept opening and closing with the screams. Its eyes looked uncomprehendingly about. It pulled itself along with its arms, dragging its useless legs, its spine obviously broken. It fell off the couch and flailed about on the floor..eyes searching the cabin as though she expected to find an answer there. Her gaze fixed on the kitchen..A SUDDEN CHANGE in the colors and format of one of the displays being presented around him in the monitor room of the Drive Control Subcenter caught Bernard Fallows's eye and dismissed other thoughts from his mind. The display was one of several associated with Number 5 Group of the Primary Fuel Delivery System and related to one of the batteries of enormous hydrogen-feed boost pumps located in the tail section of the vessel, five miles from where Fallows was sitting..He grinned. "Haven't you heard? We can spot each other a mile away. Would you like some coffee?".The thing was twenty centimeters long, almost round, and dome-shaped. It had a hard shell on top.."In a way it's about time," she said, tossing her clothes in a corner. "The only thing to do with these.He went to the half wall separating the kitchen and poured two cups from a pot that looked like h was kept hot and full all the time. "It's hard to describe Andy. There was something very little-boyish about him. A real innocent. Delighted with everything new. It's sad about his back. Real sad." He handed me the cup and returned to the stool. "There was something very secretive about him. Not about his feelings; he was very open about things like that."..look for some mechanism the bug could use to steal energy from the rotating gears in the whirligigs?".for our order we could walk around the cafe looking at the paintings and sculpture on exhibition by local.its arm and kept crawling about mindlessly, growing weaker..the small door firmly behind him.."I certainly would," said Jack. "But tomorrow evening it will not be so easy, for there will be no mist to hide me if I come with you."..I helped her to her feet and into her cape. With a hand under her elbow, I guided her out of the Beta Cygnus, leaving the dancer staring open-mouthed after us..The graveyard, where they had buried their fifteen dead crewmates on the first day of the disaster, had sprouted with life during the week after the departure of the Burroughs. It was separated from the original site of the dome by three hundred meters of blowing sand. So McKillian assumed this second bloom was caused by the water in the bodies of the dead. What they couldn't figure out was why this patch should differ so radically from the first one.."Looks dead as hell down there to me," Maddock threw in without taking his eyes from the viewpiece of the intensifier..Its main attraction, aside from being one of the two cafes open this month, was that while we waited.saw something crawling through the whirligig garden, he dropped everything and started over to it.water in the pipes was frozen. Though she would not commit herself in the matter, she felt they were."Crisscross, cross, and double cross!" cried die grey man triumphantly as once more Amos and Jack were led to the brig..I gave her a suspicious frown, got up, and walked over to the bathroom door. I turned around, crossed my arms, and leaned against the doorframe. "Well?".and boxes of paint tubes. Architecturally, however, it was almost identical. The terrace was covered with.vibrations became such an effective repellent that he had only to enter a room in

order to empty it of half-pictures clearly. When he succeeded, the image on the screen was instantly recognizable. It was a view. But when he said it, it sounded false. It wasn't false..They were of nearly uniform size, about four meters tall, and all the same color, a dark purple. They had. they would have to stop, but the clear stars made a mist over the jagged rocks, and a little later the moon. another prototype. It had controls calibrated to one-hundredth of a second and one millimeter, and a. pushbuttons, most of which you don't understand, but you know they are for special purposes and don't. Hinda could not answer. She could not even look at him. His nakedness shamed her more than his. He turned to move out of my way and I saw the hump. I don't know how to describe what I felt. It took Smith six weeks to increase the efficiency of the image intensifier enough to bring up the ghost. "What if one time it doesn't?" on their honeymoon. He played them on the TV, one after the other, all through the night, waring. (or I) like intensely isn't, just because of that, great anything, and the literary canon, although incomplete. ?Cambridge University Science Fiction Society. "Hello, lover!" she brayed hi a voice like a cracked boiler. "I've lowered my price to a quarter. Are you interested?" She saw my face and her expression shifted from lewd to wary. "What's wrong, Bert?" In my want I forget the other occasions. "Okay." "We can use the robot batteries to lay down a close cover screen from the flanks. If you give us an optical and IR blanket at twelve hundred feet, we can make it." He was genuinely surprised. "You didn't take that crack seriously, did you? I might as weQ admit it It was intentional, like that cattle prod you mentioned. You looked like you needed a kick in the ass.\*\*." She probably let me catch the two of you making love so I'd throw you out and she could have you. chemistry professor with his nose canted to the left. His identical-twin brother had his nose canted to the. nursery.. "Thank you, Matt." Congreve's voice rumbled in a gravelly baritone from the speakers all around. He glanced from side to side to take in the whole of his audience. "I, ah--I almost didn't make it here at all." He paused, and the last whispers of conversation died away. "A sign in the hall outside says that the fossil display is in twelve-oh-three upstairs." The American Archeological Society was holding its annual convention in the Hilton complex that week. Congreve shrugged "I figured that had to be where I was supposed to go. Luckily I bumped into Matt on the way, and he got me back on the right track." A ripple of laughter wavered in the darkness, punctuated by a few shouts of protest from some of the tables. He waited for silence, then continued in a less flippant voice. "The first thing I have to do is thank everybody here, and all the NASDO people who couldn't be with us tonight, for inviting me. Also, of course, I have to express my sincere appreciation for this, and even more my appreciation for the sentiments that it signifies. Thank you--all of you." As he spoke, he gestured toward the eighteen-inch-long, silver and bronze replica of the as yet unnamed, untried SP3 star probe that stood on its teak base before Congreve's place at the main table.. John Varley for "In the Hall of the Martian Kings". Noisily, the crowd is starting to file into the arena.. bare rock, rearranged the exhaust to prevent more condensation on the underside, and added more. me one hour to produce a full report justifying the project and went storming back up to the executive. where you do fall down is in Notional Content and Originality. There you could do better." .234. was deliberately avoiding him. He decided to give her one last chance. He left a message with the. just outside the orbit of Neptune. Their vessel is incomprehensible, a drupelet-cluster of a construct. and another calling herself Selene Randall. The revelation, and their decision to remain dissociated, had. "Okay. Who called?" .your partners rather than leaving them to chance. Relatively few patrons of Partyland exercised this. "Oh, horrors!" cried the thin grey man, and stepped back again.. "We've had a change in plan up here," he said, with no preface. "I hope this doesn't come as a shock. If you think about it, you'll s? the logic hi it We're going back to Earth hi seven' days." .focus near enough to see and hear them. One calls, "My God, who's at the helm?" Another, a bearded. For instance, suppose you wanted one hundred Isaac Asimovs so that the supply of F&SF essays would never run out. You would then have to ask what it was that made me the kind of writer I amor a writer at all. Was it only my genes?. "Then," called Amos, "you could help us get there too?". She frowned. "You mean quit running together?" "I mean quit everything: running, swimming, practicing. . .\*\* "Quit practicing?" Her face set. "I can't afford to stop practicing. Gordy, it's time she doesn't use. She hasn't missed it before, and if Tm careful not to let her catch me out again, shell never miss it" I shook my head. "You're breaking an agreement" "I'm not taking over, though. You know that's just a paranoid fantasy. I use only enough time for practice and no more." I sighed. "You seem to have all the best of it" She snorted. "I wonder. Do you have any idea what ifs like being locked up in her head for six months, continuously aware but able to do nothing? If I couldn't get out for a run once in a while, I'd not only get flabby, I'd go mad." She bounced out of the chair and came over to lace her fingers together behind my neck. "What about you? It's three months until January. How can I give up seeing you for three whole months?". The MacKinnons introduced themselves. His name was Jason. Hers was Michelle. They lived quite nearby, on West 28th, and were interested, primarily, in the television shows they'd seen when they were growing up, about which they were very well-informed. Despite a bad first impression, due to his associating them with Maggie of the green sofa, Barry found himself liking the MacKinnons enormously, and before the next switchover he put his chair in the LOCK position. They spent the rest of the evening together, exchanging nostalgic tidbits over coffee and slices of Partyland's famous pineapple pie. At closing time he asked if they would either consider giving him an endorsement. They said they would have, having thoroughly enjoyed his company, but unfortunately they'd both used up their quota for that year. They seemed genuinely sorry, but he felt it had been a mistake to ask..no protests. McKillian and Ralston headed for the pile of salvaged equipment, hoping to rescue enough. "If there is anything I can do in return . . . ?". Then, as though they'd been waiting for these preliminaries to be concluded, tears sprang to her eyes. A tremor of heartfelt emotion colored her lovely contralto voice as she said, "Oh Jesus, what am I going to do? I can't take any more! I am just so ... so goddamned wretched! Fd like to kill myself. No, that isn't true. I'm confused, Larry. But I know one thing? I am an angry woman and Fra going to start fighting back!". Jain goes into her final number. It does not work. The audience

is enthusiastic and they want an encore, but that's just it: they, shouldn't want one. They shouldn't need one..talk and drink and laugh, and sometimes sing. Amos would sit quietly and listen?and always win at.his hands on. I got the impression he hadn't really lived Me so much as he'd read it, that all the things he.elsewherespace. It is an enormous piece of hardware, this Sreen craft, a veritable artificial planetoid: the.I had seen enough, more than enough- I opened the door and stepped out of the closet.bushes so the grey man could not see his less colorful I pants. The other was Prince Jack himself.,.She was quiet for a long time, then shuffled her feet awkwardly. She glanced at him, then at Song and.from plant to plant when the wind was down by means of a freely rotating set of blades, like an autogiro..The cause of this high morale rests with one programmer in our department, Morris Hazeldorf, the

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