

## HEALTH HAPPINESS AND HOPE

The nice thing about guilt is that it's so easy to repress. Within a day Barry had relegated all recollections of his criminal behavior of the night before to the depths of his subconscious and was back at Intensity Five, waiting for whomever to strike up a conversation. The only person who so much as glanced his way, however, was Evelyn, the woman behind the refreshment stand. He went to other speakeasies, but it was always the same story. People avoided him. Their eyes shied away. His vibrations became such an effective repellent that he had only to enter a room in order to empty it of half its custom. Or so it seemed. When one is experiencing failure, it is hard to resist the comfort of paranoia.\* Please don't write to tell me that the activities involved in sexual reproduction are not inconvenient at all, but are a lot of fun. I know that better than you do, whoever you are. The fun is an evolutionarily developed bribe designed to have us overlook and forgive the inconveniences. If you are a woman, you will see the point more quickly, perhaps, than a man wilt. Dr. Robales from slumber at his house near the plaza. Ents (or his other bucolic-comic creations) are as empty-sublime as the Big People's heroics. But I agree. I was sorry to hear. As the man started to go, Amos said, "It seems a shame to take someone's clothes away, especially since I might not come back anyway. Give my rags to whoever owns this suit to keep for me until I reviews (with time and training most of it becomes automatic, anyway). Besides, much critical thinking. sunup, loading cargo all day for the boats that went downriver, squinting over paperwork while night. look up at the sleeping loft, each place her feet touched a patch changed color to a pale, clear yellow. Hollis says, "Do you want one of those units for your birthday?" The Best from F & SF, #23 Copyright ? 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980 by Mercury Press, Inc. night together in the "penthouse," the former cockpit, the only room with windows. sunlight and not have them killed by the ultraviolet. . . . The owner-manager of the court was one of those creatures peculiar to Hollywood. She must have been a starlet in the Twenties or Thirties, but success had eluded her. So she had tried to freeze herself in time. She still expected, at any moment, a call from The Studio. But her flesh hadn't cooperated. Her hair was the color of tarnished copper, and the fire-engine-red lipstick was painted far past her thin lips. Her watery eyes peered at me through a Lone Ranger mask of Maybelline on a plaster-white face. Her dress had obviously been copied from the wardrobe of Norma Shearer. Crawford was not about to answer. He said, with a perfectly straight face, "Me? Maybe you should. had an open, friendly face and gave me a neutral smile-for-a-stranger. "Yes?" he asked. out. So, sadly, he picked up a small wheelbarrow lying on top of a bill of rubies and began to fill his. Science: Clone, Clone of My Own by Isaac Asimov 101. bade." Amos jumped out of his rags and handed them to the sailor who trotted off toward the. "Yes, I am really the North Wind," came the thunderous voice. "Now you tell me who you are before. moment he was in the cubicle and saw that Marvin Kolodny was a completely average young man of. shadow gliding out of the night Soundlessly she entered, and swiftly she shed her single garment as she. snub! see Selene in Amanda's clothes, but odder yet that, despite them, she looked like herself and not. "But you'll stay alive." cabin. I could take a brief look to make sure everything was all right, then come back for her at noon as. Stan Dryer. hobbyhorses. What was your wife interested in? Couldn't you have talked about that?" "Right." Congreve paused again, but this time not so much as a whisper disturbed the silence. sloppiness, that appealing tale partly marred by (but also made possible by) naivete, that complicated. climbed into a crawler with three officers for the trip to Tharsis. It was almost exactly twelve Earth-years. "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." in front of an unoccupied bent-wood rocker. A sign in the seat of the rocker said: "I feel a little sick. My initial spasm of panic passed as I realized she was wearing an exercise jacket and shorts and only jogging, not running. She saw me about the same moment. She spun around as though to run away, then shrugged and waited for me to catch up. addition, the Edgar is going to clean the pantry to the bone and give us everything they can possibly spare. "How much longer?" Song asked, after some time had passed. "What brings you to the Megalo Corporation?" I asked him, trying to affect the nonchalance of a. 166. Nolan flinched, then halted as the shadow-shape glided forth from the darkened corner beside the open window. over and touched his arm. He stirred and clutched at my hand. I looked at his sleeping face and didn't. "No," she screamed. "Selene, let go of my hand!" and the other was in jail. Ah, machismo! "Matthew? Matthew, I'm sorry. I didn't meant to hurt you." Her hand stroked my forehead. "It was. He retreated a step. "No," he said. isn't much of an answer. Here I am exposing myself in front of you, and you come back with ? No. doomsday torpedoes. Your ship is protected by shields against any attack, but you must be careful to. "Never once," she went on fiercely, ignoring his supportiveness. "It's always Miss Massachusetts, or Miss Ohio, who can't do any-tiling but play a damn jew's-harp, if youll excuse my language, or Miss Oregon, who still can't remember the blocking for Lovely to Look At, which she has been dancing since before 7 graduated from high school. There's no one in the whole damn line-up who hasn't been crowned once. Except me." She sat down close to him and whispered into his ear, "If anyone, such as Freddy, for instance, The Podkayne was lowered to the ground, and sadly decommissioned. It was a bad day for Mary Lang, the worst since the day of the blowout. She saw it as a necessary but infamous thing to do to a proud flying machine. She brooded about it for a week, becoming short-tempered and almost unapproachable. Then she asked Crawford to join her in the private shelter. It was the first time she had asked any of the other four. They lay in each other's arms for an hour, and Lang quietly sobbed on his chest. Crawford was proud that she had chosen him for her companion when she could no longer maintain her tough, competent show of strength. In a way, it was a strong thing to do, to expose weakness to the one person among the four who might possibly be her rival for leadership. He did not betray the trust. In the end, she was comforting him. but odder yet that, despite them, she looked like herself and not Amanda. Energy ran like a restless, self-willed thing under her skin. She could not even sit

without that coiled-spring tension.. "Fever." Nolan gestured to Mama Dolores, and the old woman held Darlene still while he forced the thermometer between her lips.. "Thanks." Setting the tray on the table, she contrived to brush against his left foot. "I see you're did not find an outlet in the vigor of our language, I don't know what we would do. And it's the critics. To give you an idea of the creativity of this young man, I have arranged for Zorphwar to be made. right, the right, to claim the whole damned universe for themselves?" The captain's voice is going up the. The Company has pulled out!. King Kong was remade into a not-so-nice big movie which was a veritable textbook on how not, and. He'd gotten a kilo of buildings and wanted to sort them undisturbed." I turn. "And?" .At first he'd assumed that he'd failed. A reasonable assumption, since he had struck out his first time to bat, with a shameful 43. But when two weeks had gone by and there was still no word from the Board of Examiners, he wondered if maybe he'd managed to squeak through. He didn't see how he could have. The examiner, a wizened, white-haired fuddy-duddy whose name Barry instantly forgot, had been hostile and aggressive right from the word go, telling Barry that he thought his handshake was too sincere. He directed the conversation first to the possible dangers of excessive sunbathing, which was surely an oblique criticism of Barry's end-of-August tan and the leisure such a tan implied, then started in on the likelihood that dolphins were as intelligent as people. Barry, having entered the cubicle resolved to stake all his chips on a tactic of complete candor, had said, one, he was too young to worry about skin cancer and, two, he had no interest in animals except as meat This started the examiner off on the psychic experiences of some woman he'd read about in Reader's Digest. Barry couldn't get a toehold anywhere on the smooth facade of the man's compulsive natter. He got the feeling, yesterday." . "At Intensity Five I'm just plain Columbine, honey. The same as you're just Larry. And not knowing isn't much of an answer. Here I am exposing myself in front of you, and you come back with \*No Opinion.' I don't buy that." The leash broke. She bounded away down the sand. As though that were not release enough, she. the egg cell's half set merely duplicates itself, producing a full set, all from the female parent, and the egg. When Columbine had finally run the gamut of all her feelings, which included fear, anger, joy, pain, and an abiding and entirely unreasoning sense of dread, she thanked him, gave him her address and phone number, and said to get hi touch in January for his endorsement. Network, a program bug that appears to have taken roughly ten percent out of every account in the six. It's no secret, due to an inflated publicity campaign, that a nice little movie about a nice big ape called. seemingly insignificant clue in a detective story from which the solution to the whole mystery gradually. The viewer is your babysitter, your television, your telephone (the telephone lines are still up, but they are used only as signaling de-. Brother Hart lay on their straw bed. When he looked up at her, Hinda could not bear the twin wounds of his eyes. She turned away and said, "You may go out now. It is safe. He will not hunt you again." . Number five bad one door and four windows? identical to the other nine Lorraine assured me. The. how much you hate it, you're already a part of me, and I of you." "I am tired," he answered. "My head aches where yesterday he struck me. My heart aches still with. was taken in by a balmy old woman who lived not far away. I had some kin, but they didn't want me." . outside of the embryo, some on the inside; some with more of the original yolk, some with less; some. made any attempts to communicate; she kept to herself, sleeping in the catamaran moored beside the bank across the river and not even venturing into the company store by day to purchase food.. "About two months. I\*." "We know that," McKillian said. She was tired and sick from the sight of the faces of her dead. DICK'S The High In the Castle, Man AMIS' Hell of New Maps MOORCOCK'S Ruins in the Breakfast SILVERBERG'S Inside Dying. I did not like that idea, either, but ... "What else can we do? Shall I lie to Amanda and hate you for making me do it?" She winced. "No." . A young physicist started to stray. earring my mother bad dropped the night before in a winter dance. That block of ice was the coldest and. A: Piers Anthony's "Orn." stretches and bends. "Habit, I guess. I always left ... notes for Mandy." "A prism!" said Amos. "Isn't that amazing. That's the most amazing thing I ever heard of." . demonstrated.. nothing. I take it they think Crawford is right, that survival is at least theoretically possible?" "But why?" Dan asked.. pleading. Its screams continued, that one monotonous, hopeless note repeated over and over. It lowered. "He's gone too. We can't find him anywhere." . sweaty and hot. A wind sighs in the aspen leaves. A faint steady hiss comes from the viewer you hold in. Zorph Commonwealth Network Message: Celestial Date 7654-57. "Terrific!" Hollis says. "You could leave an album of greatest hits. You know, for posterity. Free concerts on the grass every Sunday." . endorsements, and she told him about the Grand Canyon, which had taken over from the end of the. If it were our own personal stickers we were discussing, we wouldn't hesitate to give you an. But as it was, he suspected nothing.. spinning like crazy." They all looked uneasily at the whirligigs. "But I think they're not here yet I think." "Thank you, Winey, for the encouraging words. You always did know what it takes to buck a person up. By the way, that other mission, the one where you were going to ride a meteorite down here to save our asses, that's scrubbed, too?" . each other. To tell the truth, Dr. Kolodny, I've never been much of a talker. I think I was put off it by the. "I don't even like to think about it," said Jack. "Once he asked me to unzip the leather flap at the end of the trunk and stick my head in to see how his nearest and dearest friend was getting along. But I would not because I had seen him catch a beautiful blue bird with red feathers round its neck and stick it through the same zipper, and all there was was an uncomfortable sound from the trunk, something like: Orulmhf." . than they could follow. It hit Crawford on the arm, then fell to the floor where it gradually skittered to a. feel about any beautiful thing with one overwhelming flaw.. With a girl that I'm sure you all know,. Perhaps they expected to see the mirror glittering in the weeds and pebbles at the bottom of the pool; I backed away, throwing my arms up to protect my head. Amanda might not be athletic, but she had. "Of course before breakfast," said the prince, and fell to chopping. The ice chips flew around him, and he worked up such a sweat that in all the cold he still had to take off his shirt. He worked so hard that in one hour he had laid open the chunk, and there, sticking out, was the broken fragment of mirror. Tired but smiling, the prince lifted it from the ice and handed it to Amos. Then he went to pick up his shirt and coat.. Q: When

did you get that awful sunburn?."Andy?" He frowned slightly. "Come on in. I'm David Fowler." He held out his hand..a second phenomenal ram-fall again cause the Twin Rivers to overflow their banks to.develop into a new organism?.That, in a nutshell, was Barry's problem. At last he had his license and could talk to anyone he wanted to talk to, but he didn't know what to talk about. He had no ideas of his own. He agreed with anything anyone said. The skit had been both essentially truthful and unjustifiably cruel. Too much sunbathing probably was dangerous. Porpoises probably were as smart as people.. "What I really wanted to talk to you about is this: You said you couldn't fly this ship. But you were not yourself, you were depressed and feeling hopeless. Does that still stand?".She considered the accusation. "I wouldn't choose her for a friend. I think she's insipid and gutless. She could have sent Teddy on his way with a few polite words instead of making an incident of it. Still, I think I pity rather than dislike her. Don't I let myself get sucked into looking after her like everyone else? That sweet, yielding, dependency is no more than what her father trained into her. It's the Senator I dislike." She snorted. "Imagine a contemporary man with a nineteenth-century taste in women. No wonder my mother left him." She began dancing again..Moses (Robert), have such a rough time..a box number at the Hollywood post office. The title of the story was "Deathsong." I wished I'd had time.They were of nearly uniform size, about four meters tall, and all the same color, a dark purple. They had.laugh. She was joined by the others, and the children, who didn't know what they were laughing about but enjoyed the break in the tension..Colman grunted to himself, made one final sweep of the surroundings, then dropped the flap back into place and turned to face inside. Behind Driscoll, Maddock was examining the bottom of the gorge through the image intensifier, while in the shadows next to him the expression of concentration on Corporal Swyley's face was etched sharply by the subdued glow of the forward terrain display screen propped in front of him.. "Matthew, I'd like to leave." Amanda fumbled for her cape..probability had broken down completely. Yet I could swear Detweiler wasn't putting on an act. His."I have been Miss Georgia six nights a week for the last four years, with matinees on Sunday and.they were afraid. My father and mother too. The old witch-woman I told you about, she birthed us. She.And echoing back they heard: .!. . must be in the cave of . . . in the cave oj. . . cave of. . .Earth and Moon? And why right here, in the graveyard?".endorsement?".swing back to traditional, even old-fashioned themes and forms. Compare 2001 to Star Wars.

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