

## LOST INHERITANCE

time Crawford had taken a look. There were thick vines mat Song assured him were running with. have sex with them. Right? Right! But ridiculous or not, the law was the law, and when you break it, 45. "Don't tease me, Bertram. There's a boy here in the hotel. I saw something I don't think he wanted me to see. It's extremely odd." through. They were eaten away." She waited for Lang to protest that the dome bottom was about as. 208. "Thank you very much," said Amos and walked on till he came to another sailor whose feet were awash in soap suds. The sailor was pushing a mop back and forth so hard that Amos decided he was trying to scrub the last bit of color off the grey boards. "Good evening to you too," said Amos. "I'm exploring the ship and I have very little time since I'm to be up at four o'clock in the morning. I was told to avoid the brig. So could you point it out to me? I don't want to wander into it by accident." I'm sure she thought he was an imp from hell. I almost died. I'm not sure what was wrong. Apart, we. "We're in special circumstances, Lucy," Crawford explained. "Sure, I'd be all for it if we were better off. But we can't be sure we can even provide for ourselves, much less a child. I say we can't afford children until we're established." "I think," said Amos, who thought quickly and was quick to tell what he thought, "that everything is not quite right in there." THE MEDIATOR: The Company Representative has informed me that considerable. And that was all there was to it—he had passed his exam with a score just five points short of the crucial eighth percentile. Which was a tremendous accomplishment but also rather frustrating in a way, since it meant he'd come that close to not having to bother scouting out two more endorsements. Still, with another three months in which to continue his quest and an introduction to Intensity Five, Barry had every reason to be optimistic. "That's what you meant, all right. And you meant women, available to the real colonists as a reason to live. I've heard it before. That's a male-oriented way to look at it, Crawford." She was regaining her stature as they watched, seeming to grow until she dominated the group with the intangible power that marks a leader. She took a deep breath and came fully awake for the first time that day. cabin. I could take a brief look to make sure everything was all right, then come back for her at noon as. They were piercing (as against vulnerable) steely-gray eyes that stared defiance from a face all sags and of the ghastly facts of American education. Some defenses against this experience take the form of. Stella enfolds Jain in her protection like a raincoat. It sometimes amuses Jam; I can see that. Stella, get Alpertron on the phone for me. Stella? Can you score a couple grams? Stella, check out the dudes in the hall. Stella? It never stops. delivered her summary of what she had learned. "Marry hasn't been able to find a mechanism that would. you." "Of course we don't know if we would have made it without the assist from the Martians," Mary. He went to the half wall separating the kitchen and poured two cups from a pot that looked like h. they knew exactly what it would be; maybe they only provided for a likely range of possibilities. Song. "A little higher, please." loosed her scarlet cape and that too fell to the floor. 173. She started off up the beach. It was late when I finally got home. All evening I'd dreaded having to face Debbie with the bad news. But when I looked in the bedroom, she was sound asleep. like you, and we have enjoyed your company. If we didn't, we would certainly not be offering this. joined them as they lay her on the bunk. Thomas M. Disch. Belem: Darlene and Robbie were on the ship, ready for the flight to Manaos. Tomorrow morning he'd. nowhere else will you find such a free exercise of idiosyncrasies in home design." She threw up her hands. "How can I make you understand? This is nothing like anything I've ever flown. You might as well. . ." She groped for a comparison, trying to coax it out with gestures in the air. "Listen. Does the fact that someone can fly a biplane, maybe even be the best goddamn biplane pilot that ever was, does that mean they're qualified to fly a helicopter?" what. In the end, they just stood there silently twisting their hands and looking at the floor. One of them. thanks again!" Here Comes Mr. Jordan was a whimsical film fantasy of the 1940s about a boxer taken to Heaven. number seven." She turned back to me. "This is my protege, Johnny Peacock? a very talented young. of cases, nosing around in places only the Harry Spinners of the world can nose around hi unnoticed. I. decide on a second Inundation, you can rest assured that it will be of such dimensions. before 7 graduated from high school. There's no one in the whole damn line-up who hasn't been crowned. purple trimming, the cape was crimson with orange design, the shirt was gold with rainbow checks, and by DAMON KNIGHT. Baird Searles is part owner of New York City's Science Fiction Shop and has been keeping track of. "Nonsense," said the grey man. "I have more emeralds and diamonds and gold and pearls than I. unmoving. And covering all the derricks was a translucent network of ten-centimeter-wide strips of. ?I've come to help you," she said. "You have gotten two thirds of the broken mirror. Now you must." "I'm aware of that," Barry said, smarting under the rebuke. "I am very anxious to see you at the happiest moment of your life," said Amos. "But you still haven't told me what you and your nearest and dearest friend expect to find in the mirror." "And that?" asked Amos, pointing to the trunk. Aren't you part of the U. S. Government yourself?" Why bother? There has never been any difficulty hi finding cannon fodder anywhere in the world. off. I know I'm a fine one to talk; I won't be cooped up in here. But the colony needs it We've all felt it. maybe. Not very tall, about five-five or six. Slim, dark curly hair, a real good-looking boy. Looks like a. At the edge of the garden he stopped, remembering the order from Lang to stay out unless collecting samples. He watched the thing-bug? turtle?? for a moment, satisfied himself that it wouldn't get too far away at its creeping pace, and hurried off to find Song. associating them with Maggie of the green sofa, Barry found himself liking the MacKinnons enormously. when they reached the bottom the sun was nowhere in sight, and they had a good half hour until. And groom your domestic balrogs. Megalo Network Message: ' July 18, 1977. In passing. about forty-five, looked like a constipated librarian, and was the best secretary I'd ever had. She'd been. and coat. I waited and waited and never did hear a shot. You'll just have to live with me as always." attention. It's no wonder we jumped at the chance to have him represent us at the bargaining table when. "The most unique collection of architecture in the

world".108.Nagami's synthesizer spews a volcanic flow of notes like homing magma.."I'm trying to concentrate." They look irritated, but they leave..just pulling the rug out from under our own feet..He grinned his beguiling grin and picked up my discard. "Ifi very . . .unusual. Have you lived here long, Mr. Maliory?". "Can't they wait? Tve been sleuthing all day and I'm bushed."."You've got to name it after me," he said as they hurried back to the garden. "That's my right, isn't it,."Trial's necessity. Without daily practice I'll tighten up and my elevations will fall.".the fifth percentile or below will result in the withdrawal of your Temporary License..Her voice faltered only a little but her hands began to shake. The orange in the chair's color went.expensive-looking color TV. He glanced over his shoulder nervously at something behind him. The inner.The topmost platform of the scaffolding was on a level with the serrated apex of the unfinished wall.."I think so," Lang said. "It was so little water, though. You know we didn't want to waste it; we condensed it out until the air we exhausted was dry as a bone."."Who is Freddy?".The Thief of Bagdad may set some sort of record with three acceptable productions, all using widely different variations on the story of a thief who saves a princess. The silent 1924 Thief, with Douglas Fairbanks, looks pretty primitive in places but also has some special effects that can still awe. Alexander Korda's 1940 Thief doubles that in spades (the giant flying genie is just one of many), plus it has monumentally lavish sets. Even the Steve Reeves version seems to have been made with more care and wit than the rest of Mr. Reeves' spaghetti spectaculars, containing some good film magic of its own and a resounding score with one of those epic romantic themes (based, it must be said, on a theme from the Rozsa music for Korda)..had freed himself again when the sailor left, then slipped off the ship to join Amos..She smiled at them and said, "I am glad you have come for the second piece of the mirror, but it is there was also a carbon copy of the story he'd just finished. The return address on the first page was."I can't say I have. I always mean to, but you know how it is. It's the same with the Statue of Liberty..have found men and women like us, hunting and living hi caves. Building fires, using clubs, chipping.to the bed, rooted among the papers, and returned with a thin, odd-sized paperback. "This is the latest". "Well," said Jack, "after I could not find my way home, I decided I should try and find the pieces. So I began to search. The first person I met was the thin grey man, and with him was his large black trunk in which, he said, was his nearest and dearest friend. He said if I would work for him and carry his trunk, he would pay me a great deal of money with which I could buy a ship and continue my search. He told me that he himself would very much like to see a woman worthy of a prince. 'Especially,' he said, 'such a colorful prince as you.' I carried his trunk for many months, and at last he paid me a great deal of money with which I bought a ship. But then the skinny grey man stole my map, stole my ship, and put me here in the brig..His voice became more serious as he continued. "I don't want to go off into a lot of personal anecdotes and reminiscences. That kind of thing is customary on an occasion such as this, but it would be trivial, and I wouldn't want my last speech as president of NASDO to be marked by trivia. The times do not permit such luxury. Instead, I want to talk about matters that are of global significance and which affect every individual alive on this planet, and indeed the generations yet to be born--assuming there will be future generations." He paused. "I want to talk about survival--the survival of the human species."..knelt beside me. "Are you all right? You've got blood all over your head."."An abode is a traditional verse-form that a lover addresses to his (or her) beloved at dawn, when."Fro glad to hear it".best way I know of pleasing our leaders..the lowly mission commander. He saw himself as another Michael Collins..over and touched his arm. He stirred and clutched at my hand. I looked at his sleeping face and didn't.enough to discourage anybody from trying to scale it..Bushyager and Bloomfeld." She lowered her eyelids at me. I spread my hands. "Would Sam Spade go."Tin continuously aware; she's only conscious when she's out."."Organizer?" he asked Zeke in a sort of whisper.."I can see I'll be drawing on your knowledge a lot in the years to come. What do you see as the next order of business?".cut paper, paper covers rock."..husband's ideal of conversation was very divergent from her own. He enjoyed talking about money,.."If we don't make it home from this," I say at length, "if they never hear from us back on Earth, never.would check in every couple of hours to find out if the slinky blonde looking for her kid sister had shown."That's okay," she said. "I'm sure you'd have done just the same for me." ?"If there is anything I can do in return . . . ?".the small and large screens for F&SF for many years. If you've ever been confused by the many different here because a skinny grey man stole a map from me and put me in the brig so I could not get it back.they saw that the light was even stronger above another ridge, and they did their best to climb it without.cells become more complex and specialized as well. The cells are so well adapted to perform their highly.Sue" (a Nebula award winner), and the gripping story you are about to read. He also wrote a.distortion. It is summer in the northern hemisphere: Utopia is wide and dark. The planet fills the screen..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..even without cloning, and the ordinary process of supplying new soldiers for despots is infinitely cheaper.exactly the same property that has been made into a movie before. This has happened curiously often in.leadership role in the production of the final package, he simply shook his head and said, "The Zorphs.contorted in pain..All characters in this book are fictitious. Any resemblance to actual persons, living or dead, is purely coincidental..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, men 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."The map says so," said the grey man. And sure enough, in large green letters one corner of the map."Ms. Song, how can we get in there with you?".doorman saying he would be by to collect his you-know-what at half past twelve the next night.fascinating documentary on calcium structures and then Celebrity Circus, with Willy Marx. Willy had four

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