

## MELANGES EXOTICO ENTOMOLOGIQUES VOL 36 1ER SEPTEMBRE 1922

"A what?" Jain's voice is puzzled..Gus Verdugo worked in R&I. I had done him a favor once, and he insisted on returning it tenfold. I gave him everything I had on Andrew Detweiler and asked him if he'd mind running it through the computer. He wouldn't mind. He called back in fifteen minutes. The computer had never heard of Andrew Detweiler and had only seven hunchbacks, none of them fitting Detweiler's description..XII.I was sitting there, wondering how in hell I would find him, when the phone rang again. Miss.when they say they want more money. Sure, I know the Project's an important undertaking, but construction workers have to live the same as anybody else, no matter how important what they're constructing is. Like the Organizer says, it's dog-eat-dog these days, and workingmen have to look out for themselves, nobody else is going to. This afternoon, Ike dropped by with a sixpack, and we sat around most of the rest of the day, drinking beer and talking. He's up for picket duty tonight; I'm not scheduled till tomorrow morning. Fm glad, because that'll give me a chance to attend the Union meeting tonight Ike told me to listen real good so I could tell him all about it, and I said I would..But that was legend, like Mama Dolores' stories about the snake-people. Strange?did every race have its belief in such creatures? Could there be some grotesque, distorted element of truth behind all these old wives' tales?.never have been more than clients to me, either. There are nights I cannot sleep for wishing she had.we should know why, or we're ignoring a fact about Mars that might still kill us. Let's do that first. Ralston, can you walk?". "Stone don't break. At least not easy." She cuts off the circuit.And hearing her voice, Brother Hart raced home..tonight, I felt proud to be one of the builders. It was as though I'd built the whole thing myself. That's the."Then you'll help my friend and me?".The captain wheels savagely, face mottled, teeth bared, arms windmilling with rage. I have never seen."Ashes?" I say, unsure how to respond. Humor her. "Sure.\*\*.evening when there's a beautiful rainbow looped across the world?".Wilmington, Delaware. Their marital difficulties were complex, but the chief one was a simple shortage of.forth were short and to the point Helpless as the mother ship was to render them more aid, they knew.Here, then, is "Randali's Song," to which I took the liberty of adding a verse myself:.wrong, because Peg was not supposed to be back from Cleveland until next week..and before the next switchover he put his chair in the LOCK position. They spent the rest of the evening."And once we get out from under the boat," said Amos, "we can climb back in.".performance has ever been? I don't have time to worry about it; I play the console like it was the."But will it work even if the grey man is already in the garden of violent colors and rich perfumes, walking past the pink marble fountains where the black butterflies glisten on their rims?" asked Jack..Something in Barry's manner finally conveyed the nature of his distress. The light dawned: "You have.92.we built it. Think about it".Crawford shrugged, uneasy at the question. He didn't know if it was the right time to even postulate that they might fail..egg to the queen that laid it, then that queen to the egg. Tens of thousands of generations have passed; in.Call him Smith. He was the president of a company that bore his name and which held more than a hundred patents in the scientific instrument field. He was sixty, a widower. His only daughter and her husband had been killed in a plane crash in 1978. He had a partner who handled the business operations now; Smith spent most of his time in his own lab. In the spring of 1990 he was working on an image-intensification device that was puzzling because it was too good. He had it on his bench now, aimed at a deep shadow box across the room; at the back of the box was a card ruled with black, green, red and blue lines. The only source of illumination was a single ten-watt bulb hung behind the shadow box; the light reflected from the card did not even register on his meter, and yet the image in the screen of his device was sharp and bright When he varied the inputs to the components in a certain way, the bright image vanished and was replaced by shadows, like the ghost of another image. He had monitored every television channel, had shielded the device against radio frequencies, and the ghosts remained. Increasing the illumination did not make them clearer. They were vaguely rectilinear shapes without any coherent pattern. Occasionally a moving blur traveled slowly across them.. "The same thing for what we eat and drink. That liquor you drank, for instance. It's hah\* alcohol, and that's probably what it would have been without the corpses. But the rest of it is very similar to hemoglobin. It's sort of like fermented blood. Human blood.\*\*.Picket duty wasn't as bad as I thought it would be. There's been some talk about the Company hiring scabs, but I guess that's all h is ?talk. Anyway, nobody tried to get in. Not that they'd have succeeded if they had. The setup is ideal for picketing. You'd almost.Rascal Moon, ALOIS BUDRYS.brushed against Crawford in the dark and they murmured apologies. Then they all bedded down in their.out what was happening here in the graveyard, there was no need to explore alternative ways of getting.than they could follow. It hit Crawford on the arm, then fell to the floor where it gradually skittered to a.time. I'm almost afraid to say what gas I think it is, but I have a hunch that our problems are solved.".Eyes with the warm brilliance of goldstone looked at me through her lashes. "I'm alone.".still don't really believe in them, but you will if you stay here long enough?they know genetics. They really know it We have a thousand theories about what they may be like, and I won't bore you with them yet, but this is one thing we do know. They can build anything they need, make a blueprint in DNA, encapsulate it in a spore and bury it, knowing exactly what will come up in forty thousand years. When it starts to get cold here and they know the cycle's drawing to an end, they seed the planet with the spores and ... do something. Maybe they die, or maybe they have some other way of passing the time. But they know they'll return..steaming platter of sausages and eggs..haven, why weren't they and the rest of the people so informed in the first place?.the cat? He began unfastening his shirt, fumbling at the buttons in his haste. He slipped off the shirt and."It turns," Lang said quietly. "That's why Song noticed it She came by here one day and it was in a different position than it had been.". (This in its final, expanded form was to become the longest poem in her next collection, "The Ballad of.yesterday.".fascinating article by Joanna Russ on the pain of reviewing sf books, Baird Searles on "multiples" in sf."Did you bring any

bubblegum?" the girl asked..of many fantasy story collections, one of which (The Girl Who Cried Flowers) was a National Book."And that?" asked Amos, pointing to the trunk..into a clear plastic mask. He was on pure oxygen. There was blood seeping from his ears and nose..certainly used that way far too often.).In April 1992, about the time her husband usually got home, an intruder broke into the house and seized Mrs. Zickwolfe before she had time to get to the bulletin board. He dragged her into the bedroom and forced her to disrobe. The state troopers got there hi fifteen minutes, and Cora never spoke to her friend Phyllis again..Satisfied, Brother Hart sat down to eat. But Hinda was not hungry. She watched her brother for a while through slotted eyes..the Detweiler boy? Except the Detweiler boy?.Hidatga buried her face in her hands, and everyone else in the tavern turned away and began to look rather grey themselves..Why bother? There has never been any difficulty hi finding cannon fodder anywhere in the world, even without cloning, and the ordinary process of supplying new soldiers for despots is infinitely cheaper than cloning.. "Negative, but for a moment it felt like it" He pauses. "You're not allowing your emotional life to get in."No insult intended, Mary," Weinstein said gently. "But, yes, we have. It's the opinion of the people.automatic machinery. The inner door opened and Lang pushed forward?and right back into the airlock..Barry said nothing, but his expression must have conveyed his disapproval.. "But we're -not going to lose." She dared any of them to disagree, and no one was about to. She.walking past the pink marble fountains where the black butterflies glisten on their rims?" asked Jack..Glumphvyr, came from the trunk..She laughed. "Wonderful. So that's what you want us to do? Dig down there and warm the ice with our pink little hands? It won't work, I tell you."..blazing eyes. Those eyes burned right through Ike and Eli and Dan and me, as though we weren't even.looked up at them from below the surface..Matthew, promise that if you ever see Selene, you'll tell me. I have to know when she's stealing time.".. "So. We have a thing here that eats plastic. And seems to be made of plastic, into the bargain. Any.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.).Violoncello that I ventured to remonstrate with my Mentor.. "But doesn't that idea"?Barry nodded at the tattoo-"conflict with your having this particular job? Aren't you part of the U. S. Government yourself?". "I didn't tell you that. We pulled the dome back and found spikes. It was your inference that they.He grinned and blitzed me. "Yeah, I guess. Most of the things you read about it are pretty nearly true..And there was much work to do. Most of the physical sort devolved on Crawford and, to some extent, on Lang. It threw them together a lot. The other three had to be free to pursue their researches, as it had been decided that only in knowing their environment would they stand a chance..The sun was poking over the mountains when he woke up. He roused and was momentarily unaware of where he was; then memory flooded back. He turned to me. The pain and hysteria were gone from his eyes. They were oddly peaceful..The grey man looked back over his shoulder, but all he saw were the bright colors of the garden. "Nobody," he said.. "The oxygen problem is about the same. Two years at the outside..you."..Billy of all the nice things you people were going to bring! There's going to be no living with him, let me.Now do not get the idea that everyone here is simply sitting around playing Zorphwar. That is far.not quite right in there."..On Christmas Eve, feeling sad and sentimental, he got out the old cassettes he and Debra had made.a version of Fritz Leiber?s Conjure Wife that I hadn't run into before. The story (of the use of magic by..There was another twisting of the facial features. Amanda, her voice rising, said, "You can't do this.,J.L. was down this morning bitching about your performance. The PERT printout indicates you have.142."Why did you leave?".hard into the webbing, you can just make me out. FU wave my arms. See?".When Amos came up to the ship with the mirror under his arm, he called, "Here's your mirror. Where are my eggs and sausages?".course, the opposite's true.. "Is this just a morale session? Thanks, but I don't need it. I'd rather face the situation as it is. Or do you really have something?".The next morning, Tuesday, the 3rd, I called Miss Tremaine and told her Fd be late getting in but would check in every couple of hours to find out if the slinky blonde looking for her kid sister had shown up. She humphed.. "Okay, Rob, I'm up in the booth above the east aisle. Give me just a tickle." My nipples were.confusion exists among the populace as to the true nature of the Project's purpose, and.He stood there staring down at it..Now Jack said, "To the top of the mountain where there is a piece of a mirror."..Nolan rose, stretching, then stepped out into the hall. The shadows were darker here and everything was still..There's one sure gauge for judging a part of town: the movie theaters. It never fails. For instance, a new picture hadn't opened in downtown L.A. in a long, long time. The action ten years ago was on the Boulevard. Now it's hi Westwood. The grand old Pantages, east of Vine and too near the freeway, used to be the site of the most glittering premieres. They even had the Oscar ceremonies there for 8 while. Now it shows exploitation and double-feature horror films. Only Grauman's Chinese and the once Paramount once Loew\*s, now."Well it's about tune," said the grey man, and began walking toward it. But as soon as he stepped.Expedition had not had any chance in the first place. There had been no time for luxuries like space travel.redivide? Would it go on to form an individual with the genetic equipment of the original somatic cell and,

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