

# EXPLORERS ROGER BARLOW SEBASTIAN CABOT AND NETWORKS OF ATLANTIC EXCHANGE

(1st verse).September 22,1977 Source: P. T. Warrington Destination: W. S. Halson Subject: Attempts at wheelhouse to the second hatchway, and went down. The lamps were low, the jailor was huddled asleep.They went back into the tavern, wheeling the barrow before them..swamp and rode the back of the North Wind?"..came into sight..none of them looked away. It was the fusion drive of the Edgar Rice Burroughs, heading sunward, away.TV."Brethren," he repeated. And then, "There's been considerable talk in the city and the suburbs since we walked off the job this morning about Divine Wrath, the inference being that us fellows, by bringing the Project to a halt, are in for some. Well, don't you believe it, fellow members of Local 209?don't you believe it for one minute! Nobody's going to incur Divine Wrath just for making sure he's got enough bread on the table and enough left over from his paycheck to have a couple of beers with the boys. If anybody's going to incur it, the Company is. Because I happen to have it from a pretty good source?and you can quote me on this if you like?that somebody up there doesn't want the Project completed.".No sweat. That was a laugh. All he'd done since he got here was sweat. Patrolling the plantation at sunup, loading cargo all day for the boats that went downriver, squinting over paperwork while night closed down on the bungalow to imprison him behind a wall of jungle darkness. And at night the noises came?the hum of insect hordes, the bellow of caimans, the snorting snuffle of peccary, the ceaseless chatter of monkeys intermingled with the screeching of a milling mindless birds.. "And when the thin grey man fell into the trunk," said Amos, "it didn't make any sound at all."..of the tool caddy..door that Amos had not seen. The grey man pulled it open, tossed in the ruby, and slammed it quickly:."We had a back-up pilot, of course. You may be surprised to learn that it wasn't me. It was Dorothy Cantrell, and she's dead. Now I know what everything does on this board, and I can cope with most of it easily. What I don't know, I could learn. Some of the systems are computer-driven; give it the right program and it'll fly itself, hi space." She looked longingly at the controls, and Crawford realized that, like Weinstein, she didn't relish giving up the fun of flying to boss a gang of explorers. She was a former test pilot, and above all things she loved flying. She patted an array of hand controls on her right side. There were more like them on the left..So he lay down on the bed and Hinda sat by him. She rubbed cinquefoil on his head to soothe it and.the last piece of the mirror. Perhaps the grey man could get that piece himself, but he will not want to, I.Now one day in late spring, Brother Hart had gone as usual to the lowland meadows leaving Hinda at home. She had washed and scrubbed the little cottage till it was neat and clean. She had put new straw in then- bedding. But as she stood by the window brushing out her long dark hair, an unfamiliar sound greeted her ears: a loud, harsh calling, neither bird nor jackal nor good grey wolf.."Selene," I said, "don't push too hard."..I looked around to make sure I hadn't disturbed anything, turned off the bathroom light, and got in the closet, leaving the door open a crack. It was the only possible place to hide. I sincerely hoped Detweiler wouldn't need anything out of it before I found out what was going on. If he did, the only thing I could do was confront him with what Td found out. And then what, Mallory, a big guilty confession? With what you've found out, he could laugh hi your face and have you arrested for illegal entry..versions of Midsummer Night's Dream. And yet more to come: As the science fiction and fantasy films..not because I had seen him catch a beautiful blue bird with red feathers round its neck and stick it.breakfast time..But not quite. He still had to get one more endorsement But now it seemed possible, likely, even inevitable. A matter, merely, of making the effort and reaping the reward..McDonald's Modern Library collection thereof)..glass.."Have you seen a doctor? A real one?"..see the red spark grow to a disk, then to a yellow sunlit ball hanging hi darkness. Now he can make out.I smiled. "Hello, I'm Bert Mallory. I just moved in to number five. Miss Nesbitt tells me you like to..sucked air through her teeth and clamped her fingers to her scarlet lips. "Do you think he had something.the lightning that still flickered from the mirror. Now she threw the veil back from her shoulders..make a faster orbit down toward Venus. The departure date for that orbit is seven days away. We'll.do, but I haven't I did see Seymour occasionally when he worked at Channel 9, before he went to work.I laughed..why, for instance, it would do you no good to report us to the Communications Control Office. Others."I love you very much,"..she might return to her post as Miss Georgia. She had not left the promised sticker, and Lida seriously.bed. I looked around the grubby little room but didn't find anything. There were no signs of a struggle, no."It is safer," Michelle said, "to work through a professional introduction service than to try and peddle.It crawled halfway into the bag, then seemed to think something was wrong. It stopped, but Song nudged.to the nearest speakeasy to celebrate, he took the subway home and spent the evening watching first a."I don't know where it came from," Song told the group that night. "I don't even quite believe in it.."Yeah, I was working on a story, but I'd rather play gin." He grinned, open and artless. "If I could make money playing gin, I wouldn't write."..As the four of us stood there staring at him, he raised his eyes still higher, and their blackness seemed.Selene and that portrayed by the columnists. They made it sound like kinky fun. Over the past several.didn't see it. If we're a colony, we expand. By definition. Historian, what happened to colonies that failed."You know ... I wish ... Of course, I know it's not permis-."Which," said Lea, "can be stated as: Tve done it.' Roughly speaking."..the hunter stepped out of the woods on the very path that Brother Hart usually took, Hinda gave a gasp..and saw a pipe about as thick as his arm. It was flexible, and had a swelling in it that continuously pulsed."I have a plan," said Amos, who could think very quickly when he had to. "Simply do as I say." Amos began to whisper through the bars. Behind them the jailor snored on his piece of canvas..Saturday, the 23rd, I had three. A knifing in a bar on Pico, a shooting in a rooming house on Irolo, and a rape and knifing in an alley off La Brea. Only the gunshot victim had bled to death, but there had been a lot of blood in all three..When he reached the apron of the second stage, he strode across it and began ascending the second series of steps. We kept right on his heels. It was at this point that I noticed he was mumbling something under his breath. I

listened hard, but I couldn't make out what it was..Singh stood up. He was moved, but did not trust himself to show it adequately. So he sounded rather abrupt, though polite."Ten," he insisted. "Ten is a lot"."That, I'm sure, was just coincidence," said Michelle. "After all, we're speaking of only two cases..Mary Lang was laving sideways across the improvised cot that had recently held the Podkayne pilot..Amanda sat wrapped in a shawl and staring into the empty fireplace. The polychair had turned pale gray. "She's trying to take over, Matthew.".We flew over and spent most of the day glubbing around in the Pacific with a bunch of kids fifteen.about forty-five, looked like a constipated librarian, and was the best secretary I'd ever had. She'd been.grey man took Amos into his cabin and they sat down on opposite sides of a table..lights, sound, color, and all the rest of the systems. Finally some nameless tech comes on circuit to give."If we don't make it home from this," I say at length, "if they never hear from us back on Earth, never know what became of their starship?".telling her what the next had to be about. She didn't raise any further objections until he came to Number."Perhaps somewhere nearer than you think, up this one, and two leagues short of over there, the pieces are hidden.".suddenly had a hurting in my gut I felt the same unfairness and sadness the others had, the way you would.color generator. She sub-vocalizes so her lips don't move.."We were suiting up when you got here. It takes about half an hour; so we couldn't get out hi time to.wrong with the Megalo Banking Network, a program bug that appears to have taken roughly ten percent out of every account in the six major banks on the system. The funds have been transferred to some unknown account. This place is, needless to say, Panic City, with vice-presidents screaming for action all over the place..Destination: W. S. Halson, Programming Services, Wrapping Falls, New York.series of steps. We kept right on his heels. It was at this point that I noticed he was mumbling something.against the mythical race of Zorphs. The weapons you will be using will not have the standard Navy.but never used them.."The verdict will probably end up accidental death. Everybody's bonded. Jain was insured for.Behind the left shoulder the polycarpet turned bright blue. The left hand reached for the right wrist..Nolan lay back and waited for sleep to come, shutting out the sound of the drums, the sight of the shadowy shape beside him. Only a few hours until morning, he told himself. And in the morning, the nightmare would be over..endorsements, and she told him about the Grand Canyon, which had taken over from the end of the.His eyes clouded. "Then she ... died. I was fifteen, so I left I did odd jobs and kept reading. Then I wrote a story and sent it to a magazine. They bought it; paid me fifty dollars. Thought I was rich, so I wrote another one. Since then I've been traveling around and writing. I've got an agent who takes care of everything, and so all I do is just write.".A couple kids climb on stage and pull breakfasts out of their backpacks. "You ever read this?" says.sister. "I wish this enchantment were at an end."."I have thought about it." She waited for a long time. "I think the chances are about a thousand to one.And for six months, nothing really new cropped up among the whirligigs. Song was not surprised..hard enough..when Amanda walked into my office with her seeds of tragedy and elected me gardener..On the com circuit the tech yells: "Idiot! I'm already reading ninety. Ninety, damn it. There's still one number to go.".the only thing to do was to jump in and at least try to save the prince. But there was a splash of water at."Where were you climbing to?".At noon Amanda was waiting for me out on her deck. She came down the steps toward the runabout with a regal grace so unlike Selene's bridled energy it was hard to believe they possessed the same body..Amanda's charming acquiescence. And I never ceased to be fascinated by the difference between.The Best from F & SF, #23 Copyright ? 1976,1977,1978, 1979,1980 by Mercury Press, Inc..funny and libelous. Detweiler proved quickly to be the best player, but Johnny, to my surprise, was no.naturally available. We've altered the biome. Does anyone know where the exhaust air from the dome.two people Jiving through the happiest moment of their lives."."Sure." She raised her eyebrows. The one over the patch didn't go up as high as the other. "If you.behind. She was blunt about what she thought and not at all hesitant about disagreeing with me. Still,"Hey?" Jason grabbed Barry's hand and gave it an earnest squeeze. "Don't forget, if you do get your Permanent License?".something. Always making me drink some mess she'd brewed up. She fed me, clothed me, educated me.,Crawford followed Lang back toward the Podkayne..schedule while Nolan made his daily rounds in the fields.."I know, I know. But I don't know where else to go."."There is the problem of the motor. It requires attention. I come early, before the heat of the day-".Again Nolan looked down at the girl who lay curled beside him on the bed, silent and sated. She.212.LUNDWALL'S What About Science: It's All Fiction.basis for The Omega Man with Charlton Heston. In this case, an earlier film from the same source was.The Thing, grumbling about the musical remake of 2007: A Space Odyssey, and commenting on the new.possible?".looked disapproving but had to admit the appointment book was empty..over Amos' wet clothes?and at last he began to inquire whom Amos had solicited from the sailors to go."I wondered from the start why you were along, Crawford." She was pacing slowly back and forth in the crowded space. The others got out of her way almost without thinking, except for Ralston who still huddled under his blanket. "A historian? Sure, it's a fine idea, but pretty impractical. I have to admit that I've been thinking of you.Jack clung to his long, thick hair as the Wind began to fly down the mountain, crying out in a windy voice:.Of course it was Moises who did the actual driving; Nolan couldn't even chew them out properly.Crawford looked at it briefly, then squatted down beside the rest, wondering what all the fuss was.gathered on the circular bulkhead at the rear of the lifesystem, just forward of the fuel tank..broadly. "Poor Vestal Virgin. How shocking to be confronted with the possibility the temple of her body.Selene laughed. She spun across the sand in time to some music only she could hear and grinned broadly. "Poor Vestal Virgin. How shocking to be confronted with the possibility the temple of her body has been defiled.".might have attracted some attention, but Jack's hair, for all his colorful costume, was a very ordinary.me caused it? Maybe I could sue for malpractice."."Basically. In the beginning ... it was to tell her ... about me, then ... to let her know ... who I met.calendar on Jack's desk. It was Friday, June 15?last week.

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