

## MY FIRST BEDTIME PRAYERS

And he had had time to think about the problem of whom to save. He went straight to Lou Prager and finished suiting him up. But it was already too late. He didn't know if it would have made any difference if Mary Lang had tried to save him first..Neither of them bothered to answer that. The radio hi the nose sputtered, then clanged for their attention. Crawford looked over at Lang, who made no move to go answer it He stood up and swarmed up the ladder to sit in the copilot's chair. He switched on the receiver..daughter, sister. That afternoon, when he returned to the bungalow, he caught her staring at him again at.216.Moises shook bis head. "This I do not know. But I am sure she has no need of another infant."..in certain stages of their lives. Since they were still changing, it bore watching, but the airlocks and suits..series of steps. We kept right on his heels. It was at this point that I noticed be was mumbling something.Nolan turned and glanced at the girl who lay beside him. She stared up through the shadows with."About a day," Crawford said. "You have to destroy them to get out of them. The plastic strips don't cut well, but there's another specialized animal that eats that type of plastic. It's recycled into the system. If you want to suit up, you just grab a whirlbird and hold onto its tail and throw it. It starts spinning as it flies, and wraps the end product around you. It takes some practice, but it works. The stuff sticks to itself, but not to us. So you spin several layers, letting each one dry, then hook up an airberry, and you're inflated and insulated,".Jane Yolen's classic fantasy tales have been appearing in F&SF since 1976. She is the author.Earthside that you couldn't do it. They've tried some experiments, coaching some very good pilots and.Selene also kept me informed on what needed to be done, either around the cabin or for Amanda. Morning after morning, she would hand me a note when I met her. I was always glad of an excuse to see more of Amanda, but I was puzzled by the notes.."I'm Miss Georgia"..coming down with another bout of fever. Then, as the harsh heat of the rum scalded his stomach, he.Genetic manipulation, especially cloning, has been much in the news recently, and in the essay.prototype, with only two controls, one for space, one for time. The range of the device was limited to.tiny gears and the pump itself. She twirled it idly as she spoke.."I'd advise you to do it," Crawford said. "I know my opinion means nothing after shooting my mouth.nected with those operations. People become relevant only when those phases have been successfully completed. Therefore we can avoid all the difficulties inherent in the ~ idea of sending people along by dispensing with the conventional notions of interstellar travel and adopting. A totally new approach: by having the ship create the people after it gets there" ".Let me give you a quick rundown of this exciting interactive game. It is the year 2783. Man has reached out to settle thousands of planets scattered across the galaxy. Then, suddenly, the galaxy is invaded by a horde of alien beings, the Zorphs. They enslave all planets in their path. Those that resist are destroyed without mercy. You, as Captain of the Avenger, the great Terran warship, will range interstellar space, seeking out and destroying the forces of Zorph.."Hello, lover!" she brayed hi a voice like a cracked boiler. 'I've lowered my price to a quarter. Are.Hence angry readers can make the objection above, or add:sung to the tune of "Home on the Range.". . . criticism written without personal feeling is not worth reading. It is the capacity for making good.In short, a sexually reproducing species evolves much more quickly than a cloning species, and such.embryos into all sorts of specialized bypaths that would produce a kind of monster that had a full-sized.Barry nodded. "You too?".Gordy,..51-52)."But doesn't that idea"?Barry nodded at the tattoo-"conflict with your having this particular job?.slipped schedule on Accounting Project 8723 by two months. In addition, your usage of central.Park, Old Buddy, when your message appeared on my display screen, I was just sitting down to send.complete. But as they turned to seek shelter in the rising wind, Amos cried, "There's a light!".It's gonna be a hell of a concert tonight I know it" Jain had said mat and smiled at me when she came through here about ten. She'd swept down the center aisle in a flurry of feathers and shimmering red strips, leaving all the civilians stunned and quivering..Examples of sf titles that have been retranslated back into English after appearing in a French history of ofsf..a purple dress, with her hand on an open folder. She was talking, and McCranie was listening. That was.been a lot of blood in all three..tracks it backward until the men are again in then- places on deck. He looks again at the group standing.light-velocity, activated the tardyon-tachyon conversion system and popped back into normal space in.No good-bys. I know I'm canned. When I go into the Denver Alpertron office in another day and a.who wouldn't dream of challenging a dance critic's comments on an assoluta's line or a prima donna's.nando Valley was spread like a carpet of lights below us. The ocean was on the other side of the mountains..swim out from under the boat.."wind.". "But it could be done, right? With the proper shielding so the plants won't be wiped out before they ever sprout, we could have a hydroponics plant functioning?".Dame Fortune had become so well-disposed to him that he got his third endorsement (though in.Crawford waited until she had run through a long list of reasons why they were doomed. Most of.over Aventine. A sale of the size property they were interested in would bring a big commission, too big.dead, and decided to disappear. Can't say as I blame him. The police might've gotten some funny ideas.."My father could have been President but for Margot Randall. The woman was rapacious, vulgar,..movie star except for his back"..togetherness, since his job kept him in Wilmington and hers kept her in New York. Additionally, her.She shook her head, eyes hooded and expressionless, and then Nolan remembered that she didn't speak English. He raised the bottle and drank again, cursing himself for his mistake..Those of my Gentle Readers who know that under no circumstances will I take a plane need not register.He watches the men running, sees them launch the boat As they pull away, he is able to keep the.make a faster orbit down toward Venus. The departure date for that orbit is seven days away. We'll.Again Nolan looked down at the girl who lay curled beside him on the bed, silent and sated. She.Books: In Defense of Criticism.bring themselves to uproot the thing, even when five more like it sprouted in the graveyard. There was a.Up above the burning city, a woman wails the blues. How she cries out, how she moans. Flames fed.with the agent's address covered by one

of his labels on which he had typed a fictitious address. The pressure of oxygen. By then, thousands of years from now, these early forms will have vanished. These. The thing's eyes focused for a moment on Detweiler. It looked at him, beseeching, held out one hand, pleading. Its screams continued, that one monotonous, hopeless note repeated over and over. It lowered its arm and kept crawling about mindlessly, growing weaker. "I have a plan," said Amos. The music changed from the Sondheim medley to the flip side of The Four Seasons, and Barry's chair lifted him up and bore him off toward the couple in the blue settee, while Ed, limp in the bentwood rocker, was carried off in the opposite direction. This day, like the nine before it, illuminated a Tharsis radically changed from what it had been over the last sleepy ten thousand years. Wind erosion of rocks can create an infinity of shapes, but it. "The usher who showed you to your seat. I saw him sit down and talk with you." "Sure," Song said, peering along his pointed finger. "Just show me the damn thing and I'll immortalize you." would check in every couple of hours to find out if the slinky blonde looking for her kid sister had shown. Mary Lang sighed, slapped her thighs, and stood up. Like all the others, she was nude and seemed totally at home with it. None of them had worn anything but a Martian pressure suit for eight years. She ran her hand lovingly over the gossamer wall, the wall that had provided her and her fellow colonists and their children protection from the cold and the thin air for so long. He was struck by her easy familiarity with what seemed to him outlandish surroundings. She looked at home. He couldn't imagine her anywhere else. "I am Amos and this is Jack, Prince of the Far Rainbow," said Amos. "And we wandered into your. \*\*Not at all." They looked at the floor. Then Jack got down on his hands and knees and looked under the cot. heard the name. Nolan blinked as he recognized her standing there and staring up at him. There was no mistaking the. 261. Park, Old Friend: I just want to bring you up to date on the Zorphwar contract. The team of a rescue mission now, easier to sell. But the design will need modification, if only to include five more. "Who are you?" asked the particolored prisoner. vertebrae have been badly dislocated. The thing nevertheless succeeds in overtaking the captain and. Later in the castle hall, Amos and the prince stood bound by the back wall. The grey man chuckled. which is the other thing (besides pleasure) art ought to provide. Bravery, nobility, sublimity, and beauty. Dukes numerous and Nine Princes. I nodded again, at the same time wondering how Amanda Gail could ever, really, consider herself. night and all of Sunday. we've been here nine days, spouting out water vapor, carbon dioxide, and quite a bit of oxygen into the. perched on a cushion in the leather chair at the console; your brother, who has been showing you the. The door opened and he was yanked through and bound up again. The grey man marched Amos back to the prince's side and wheeled the barrow to the middle of the room. now covered several acres. He came to a section where the predominant color was purple. It was. brought up the bank statement and humphed a few tunes. Applicant. ("We regret to inform you, etc. . . .") But possibly the old fart had been making things. John Varley for "In the Hall of the Martian Kings". She took a deep breath and plunged in, only to collide with Ralston as he came out, dragging Song. 149. "Well," Song admitted, "it wasn't a bad inference, at that. But the holes I saw were not punched through. They were eaten away." She waited for Lang to protest that the dome bottom was about as chemically inert as any plastic yet devised. But Lang had learned her lesson. And she had a talent for facing facts. pleasure of the early King Kong comes from its period charm? the naivete, the wonderfully, pretentious. Searles. variations, would have identical genetic equipment (This would raise serious ethical questions, as all. It'd make a nice educational toy for a child, though. I took it apart into twenty or thirty pieces, put it back. During the week of September 23, seven thousand Ozos were shipped to domestic and Canadian addresses supplied by Smith: five hundred to electronics manufacturers and suppliers, six thousand, thirty to a carton, marked "On Consignment," to TV outlets in major cities, and the rest to private citizens chosen at random. The instruction booklets were in sealed envelopes packed with each device. Three thousand more went to Europe, South and Central America, and the Middle East. First, it was one of Randall's superlative pieces of satiric verse, and second, it was clearly intended to be. those two little teeth marks on people's jugulars." 245. I walked back up the beach wondering in bemusement if I could be falling in love with two such different women at the same time. If so, how fortunate they were the same woman. is one of film's most underrated actors, but his straightforward non-intellectual approach to the doctor. / Of the great Sherlock Holmes / With their Y chromosome\*-)\*) and brought the house down again. But you may, by now, be asking yourself, "What's a clone?" It's been in the news a great deal lately, but recognizing a word and knowing what it represents can be two different things. So let's go into the matter. The word "clone" is Greek, exactly as it stands, provided you spell it in Greek letters, and it means "twig." picket duty tonight; I'm not scheduled till tomorrow morning. Fm glad, because that'll give me a chance to. one feeling the oppression, she went on, more strongly. "I think if I go another day like yesterday and the. He watches the men running, sees them launch the boat. As they pull away, he is able to keep the focus near enough to see and hear them. One calls, "My God, who's at the helm?" Another, a bearded man with a face gone tallow-pale, replies, "Never mind? row!" They are staring down into the sea. After a moment one looks up, then another. The Mary Celeste, with three of the four sails on her foremast set, is gliding away, slowly, now faster; now she is gone.

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