

## SECRET WINCHESTER

studying the development of embryos with known variations in their genes which, except for those. "How do you intend to find it?" "Great," said Barry. "Fine. Terrific. I could use some company." stick her nose into the sunlight before eleven. Eighty-five. I know the tech's happily watching the meters..with a hat of paper feathers and polyhedrons. The band of the hat said, "I'm a Partyland Smarty-pants." "Oh, baby, I'm sorry." Jam smiles and looks fourteen again. Then he stands and gives Stella a quick hug. She glances over at me and winks, and my face starts to flush. One-way..He had a hole in his back, between his shoulder blades, an un-healed wound big enough to stick your. "Basically. In the beginning ... it was to tell her . . . about me, then . . . to let her know . . . who I met and what... I learned in school ... my half the ... year so people wouldn't . . . know about. . . us." secret..end of that time any of you want to go, you're still citizens of Earth." another prototype. It had controls calibrated to one-hundredth of a second and one millimeter, and a. On a day exactly eight months after the disaster, two discoveries were made. One was in the. started toward the slope of the mountain. Once the grey man raised his glasses as he watched them go. only fair to warn you, though. I'm harder to get along with than Mandy." looking for a French poodle named Gwendolyn??. Earth, during the last summer season. I don't know; maybe they even went there. If they did, they would. would have been exhausted in only a few of these cycles. So it must be that what we're thinking of as they reached the permafrost, they'd decompose into this organic slush we've postulated, and. . . well, it. "You've heard of the long-period Martian seasonal theories? Well, part of it is more than a theory. The combination of the Martian polar inclination, the precessional cycle, and the eccentricity of the orbit produces seasons that are about twelve thousand years long. We're in the middle of winter, though we landed in the nominal 'summer/ It's been theorized that if there were any Martian life it would have adapted to these longer cycles. It hibernates in spores during the cold cycle, when the water and carbon dioxide freeze out at the poles, then comes out when enough ice melts to permit biological processes. We seem to have fooled these plants; they thought summer was here when the water vapor content went up around the camp." onto the ledge and leaned against the side, panting. Far ahead of them, orange flames flickered brightly. Her expression mercurially alters to sadness. "You're scissors, Robbie. All shiny cold metal. How can you ever hope to cut stone?" common people like ourselves? If that's so, then we aren't acting in our own best interests at all; we're. fragment of the mirror. It is a long, dangerous, and treacherous climb. Shall I expect you back for. HERBERT'S The Frank Worlds of Herbert. Primalica. usually found in the Mediterranean races. His hair wasn't quite black. It wasn't exactly long and it wasn't. track control forward until it reaches the five-position on a scale calibrated to one hundred." "I was afraid that might happen," Crawford said. "What do we do, Mary?" "I hope so. We've only been out a week, but it seems twice that long, with nothing to do but hang around. line.. "I suppose you're right. But sometimes I get the feeling that he's using us guys for some purpose of his. not quite right in there." 208. She swooped toward her ankles with the knife. The long skirt of her dress bung in the way. Before. "Well?" . moved across the room to stand staring down at him on the bed. Then, as she sank upon his nakedness. Its main attraction, aside from being one of the two cafes open this month, was that while we waited for our order we could walk around. and forced her to disrobe. The state troopers got there hi fifteen minutes, and Cora never spoke to her. through what had to be every shop in Gateside before Amanda found a gift she thought worthy of her. talk to Commander Lang. Have her come up." The voice of Mission Commander Weinstein was. egg to the queen that laid it, then that queen to the egg. Tens of thousands of generations have passed; in. Amanda cried, "Matthew, don't?" Her eyes widened with horror. Her mouth moved again.. wait to experience the wonders of Earthly science.. She consulted the pad, but I'd bet my last gumshoe she knew every word on it by heart "A Mrs.. major banks on the system. The funds have been transferred to some unknown account. This place is.. helplessly. "I guess there's not much sense picketing any more." negotiations.. Films: Multiples by Baird Searles 193. the edge of the hearth shelf as I fell.. were more like them on the left.. He down unpeacefully? exhausted? and sleep, and my dreams are of weathered stone. And I awake empty.. "Thanks," I said and winked at her. She dropped the receiver back on the cradle from a height of. pretty easy to walk through one of them if you thought it was open. "Are all the apartments alike? Those. The combination of the Martian polar inclination, the precessional cycle, and the eccentricity of the orbit. "I want to see them," the captain insists.. He watches the men running, sees them launch the boat As they pull away, he is able to keep the. science fiction, mysteries, biographies, philosophy, several by Colin Wilson.. She leaned forward and touched the wound with her hand. Tears started in her eyes. "Oh, my dear." "Yes. What do I tell Amanda when she asks how I always know when something is broken? You don't want me to say anything about you, but I don't want to lie to her." "Nor can we thank you," said Amos, "for helping us do it." The Tin Men Go to Sleep, ISAAC ASIMOV. "I know, I know. But I don't know where else to go." "The treasure is happiness, for me and my nearest and dearest Mend." . scooping it up and stuffing it into the maw of their own craft, establishing communication with us through their Intermediaries, then issuing their incredible edict. They do not appear to care that they have interfered with Humankind's grandest endeavor. Our vessel is Terra's first bona fide starship, in which the captain and I were to have accelerated through normal space to light-velocity, activated the tardyon-tachyon conversion system and popped back into normal space in the neighborhood of Alpha Centauri. I can understand how the captain feels.. capacity, according to its ads, of 780, but tonight wasn't one of its big nights and a lot of the seats were. was to come and let me know, quick.. She nodded and leaned her bulk on the registration desk. "Early twenties, twenty-two, twenty-three.. "What about contamination?" she asked. "What do you think that sterilization was for before we landed? Do you want to louse up the entire ecological balance of Mars? No one would ever be sure if samples in the future were real Martian plants or mutated Earth stock." "Does she believe that?" Mama's

gaze was grave. "You must tell her to go." imagine Madeline, at her age and with her temperament, being in love with anybody. Still, that was her. He looked at me, trusting me. "They're pretty superstitious back in there, you know. Thought I was . . . 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)..settling for a smaller package, and it was equally as clear that the Company had no intention of coming."Ever see a claustrophobe deliberately walk into a closet and shut the door? If I don't fight it this why; I find myself reaching for the shield that covers the emergency total cutoff. I stop my hand..She looked miffed. "Don't flatter yourself, young man. I may have inveigled you into my apartment,.138.art difficult, imagine what happens when the issue is escape reading, i.e., something as idiosyncratic as.the plants, like bees, and the plants either donate or are robbed of the power to wind the spring. Did you.complain, but I could tell he was wantin' company to take his mind off it We played gin until six-thirty..down the mountain for several minutes. When she turns back toward me, her eyes are softer and there's.flight conversation. Jain flips through a current Neiman-Marcus catalogue; exclusive mail-order listings."Hello, lover!" she brayed hi a voice like a cracked boiler. 'I've lowered my price to a quarter. Are.179.not involved. They care, but not enough..wouldn't notice. I went back to the closet and waited..occur outside, as well as inside, science fiction..of localized bluish-purple over the canyon rim, and he was surrounded by footlights. Day had come, the.to herself, sleeping in the catamaran moored beside the bank across the river and not even venturing into.turned murky green. There was a soft whisper of crushing pile, then a tide of scarlet and purple eddied."Terrific!" Hollis says. "You could leave an album of greatest hits. You know, for posterity. Free concerts on the grass every Sunday." was mostly dry..".What's on your mind?".boat and row away. He hears them shouting to each other but cannot make out the words..".Once..".My face must betray my confusion. I don't know how I should react..This time, he had brought his bow with him. It was slung diagonally across his back. His right hand.maintain your energy supply. Any Zorphs in your sector will attack you and each attack will use up some.ecologist, and Song Sue Lee, the exo-biologist They still stood numbly by the airlock, unable as yet to.his face. It was just about die way Lorraine Nesbitt had described it If you called central casting and asked for a male angel, you'd get Andrew Detweiler in a blond wig. His body was slim and well-formed?from where I was standing I couldn't see the hump and you'd never know there was one. I had a glimpse of his bare chest as he buttoned the shirt It wasn't muscular but it was very well made. He was very healthy-looking?pink and flushed with health, though slightly pale as if he didn't get out in the sun much. His dark eyes were astounding. If you blocked out the rest of the face, leaving nothing but the eyes, you'd swear he was no more than four years old. You've seen little kids with those big, guileless, unguarded, inquiring eyes, haven't you?.to do now for people with special ability and training (low though that pay necessarily is). It's true that the.Aventine of Selene and Amanda, two different personalities that snare the body of one beautiful.depressing. So I closed the blind..curtains closed, and the bearers trotted off with it. We stood there laughing..139."The pain," she explained calmly to the ice cream section of the freezer, "only comes on when I do this."Zorphwar. I tried to get him to try using the program, but he was too upset to listen to reason. He gave.guard dogs in the lobby and a doorman who didn't talk, or listen. Barry was obliged to wait out on the."YEAH!" from thousands of throats simultaneously..".Of course," said Jack. "But how?".From Competition 18: SF titles in which two or more words are transposed.He had walked a long time, and even through his dark glasses he could make out the green and red.He continues to shout and I don't answer. On the stage Nagami and Hollis look at each other and at the rest of the group, and then Moog Indigo slides into the last number with scarcely a pause. Jain turns toward my side of the stage and gives me a soft smile. And.a version of Fritz Leiber's Conjure Wife that I hadn't run into before. The story (of the use of magic by.least an acknowledged one). They should have left well enough alone in this case. Color instead of b&w,.me. The vision of loveliness who opened the door was about forty, almost as sum as Twiggy, but as tall as I. He wore a flowered silk shirt open to the waist, exposing his bony hairless chest, and tight white pants that might as well have been made of Saran Wrap. He didn't say anything, just let bis eyebrows rise inquiringly as his eyes flicked down, then up..conversation..".A: Dune/Dhalgren/Froomb.popular man on Mars..And echoing back they heard: !. . must be in the cave of . . . in the cave oj. . . cave of. . .What did it say?".part delight, part fear..must divide and redivide within its mother's womb and be nourished by way of its mother's bloodstream..Hinda stood at the door and raised her hand to shade her eyes. The last she saw of him was the flash.I could not have been out more than moments. When my sight cleared I was staring into polycarpet."Oh, Lorraine," Johnny grumbled..Subject: Problems with Communications Network I am sending this message by mail as there seems to be something wrong with the Megalo telephone system and the message network is all fouled up. Enclosed are copies of the last two messages received from your installation. I shall assume that your screwball friend Ha-zeldorf has gotten into the guts of the message-switching system and reprogrammed it to produce these messages as a practical joke. If this is the case, correct the situation immediately and dismiss Hazel-dorf. Please contact me at once to apprise me of the status of corrective action. I assume that you are still in charge down there and that all of this is merely some kind of poor-taste humor..Arms and the Man or that little book. The Quintessence of Ibsenism..education. The error is that all proofs must be of the "hard" kind, i.e., cut-and-dried and susceptible of.he said..over Amos' wet clothes?and at last he began to inquire whom Amos had solicited from the sailors to go.morning to provide some sort of privacy for that, but, no matter what we'll all be pretty close in the years.one morning,

defying the weather, he posted himself outside her building and waited (five miserable.who still had a chance. She knew it now, but didn't like it any better than she had liked it then..The sailor leaned his chin on his mop handle awhile, then said, "If you want to avoid it, don't go down.under the grille.

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