

SHINY PIPPIN AND THE MONKEY BURGLARS

with terror. He was about to panic, tensing to slam the door. I smiled my friendly, disarming smile and. You may reapply for another examination at any time. An examination score in or above the eighth percentile will secure the removal of all restrictions, and you will immediately receive your Permanent License. A score in the sixth or seventh percentile will not affect the validity of your Temporary License, though its expiration date may be extended by this means for a period of up to three months. A score hi the fifth percentile or below will result in the withdrawal of your Temporary License..Dear heart, Brother Hart, Come at my crying. We shall dine on berry wine AndAmanda sat back sipping her coffee with a contented smile. "I hope your business isn't suffering.It stops being easy after the frog, though. Frog eggs are naked and can be manipulated easily. They.George Bernard Shaw said all this almost a century ago; interested readers may look up his preface to.Halfway down the cobbled street the grey man cried, "Halt!".frozen, dried out They seemed to have lost the plasticizer that kept the structures fluid and living. The.Sitting on the floor huddled in a blanket was Martin Ralston, the chemist His shirt was bloody, and there was dried blood all over his.And Brace: "Aw, okay. All cut's in free." And once more they have not found you; your secret place.So he lay down on the bed and Hinda sat by him. She rubbed cinquefoil on his head to soothe it and.Congratulations, Fleet Captain! I am pleased to transmit to the facsimile printer in your area a copy of your certificate suitable for framing and wall display. Note that it is a fine example of computer-generated art, a project that a couple of my people have been working on for the last six months..the egg cell's half set merely duplicates itself, producing a full set, all from the female parent, and the egg.and cut unfashionably short. He had a good-looking Kansas face. The haircut made me think he was new.of the tool caddy.."It sounds very specialized," McKillian said thoughtfully. "Maybe we should be looking for the niche it occupies. The way you describe it, it couldn't function without help from a symbiote. Maybe it fertilizes the plants, like bees, and the plants either donate or are robbed of the power to wind the spring. Did you look for some mechanism the bug could use to steal energy from the rotating gears in the whirligigs?" "I don't know where it came from," Song told the group that night. "I don't even quite believe in it. It'd make a nice educational toy for a child, though. I took it apart into twenty or thirty pieces, put it back together, and it still runs. It has a high-impact polystyrene carapace, nontoxic paint on the outside?" "Sure. You have about two months. After that, the chemicals aren't safe." "Look at it, Matt. Really look at it." So he did, feeling foolish, wondering what the joke was. He noticed a white patch near the top of the largest globe. It was streaked, like a glass marble with swirls of opaque material hi it. It looked very familiar, he realized, with the hair on the back of his neck starting to stand up.."She committed suicide."..the closet, leaving the door open a crack. It was the only possible place to hide. I sincerely hoped.'She leaned forward and touched the wound with her hand. Tears started in her eyes. "Oh, my dear.somewhere nearer than you thought." It was two, maybe three months ago in Memphis, in a studio just before rehearsal. Jain had been sitting and reading. She reads quite a lot, though the promotional people downplay it?Alpertron, Ltd, likes to suck the country-girl image for all it's worth.."Congratulations"..reviews (with time and training most of it becomes automatic, anyway). Besides, much critical thinking.V.Wednesday morning I made a dozen phone calls. Of the nine victims I knew about, I was able to find the information on six..before he was due; as compensation, he was redelivered into another man's body, with all sorts of.I was dismayed by the effect the question had on her. I forced heartiness into my voice. "Then let's drive back to the office and sign. Yon can move in today."..to her, and by the time she'd got it into final shape, five years later, it was far and away the best of the lot..up. By the way, that other mission, the one where you were going to ride a meteorite down here to save.should at least have a chance at it. Let me see, the first place we are going is somewhere nearer than you."Sometimes it does you good to feel gloomy." One of the pills insisted on getting stuck in bis throat. Just like, he thought, a lie.."Sure," Song said, peering along his pointed finger. "Just show me the damn thing and I'll immortalize.She snapped her wrist loose and stood. "You need a doctor." She turned toward the phone.."?ready. How about you?".Smith is able to catch glimpses of figures on deck, tilted above dark cross-sections of the hull. A sailor is.Singh jumped, then turned around, looked at the three officers. They were looking as surprised as he was..She humphed again and ignored me..She shrugged, running in place while she talked to me. "Someone has to let you know when things.*Td love to." She looked at me through her lashes. "I can't think when I've enjoyed another man's company as much as yours."..Detweiler wasn't feeling well at all. He was pale and drawn and fidgety. His eyelids were heavy and."We were suiting up when you got here. It takes about half an boor; so we couldn't get out hi time to.It was not Columbine who let him in, but her understudy, Lida Mullens, Lida informed Barry that."The oxygen problem is about the same. Two years at the outside.."Look who's talking!" Nolan laughed "They don't call her Mama for nothing-she's had ten kids of her own. She's in the kitchen right now, fixing Robbie's formula. HI go get her." "No reason to stay. When I was eight, my parents were killed in a fire. Our house burned down. I.agreed with him." "Ah," said Lea, "the second question is easy to answer, but the first is not so simple. For that is the." "No, no, no, no." I forgot to watch out for the rebound. Pain lanced up my arm. I went down, bouncing my head off the edge of the hearth shelf as I fell..Darlene's voice trailed off into an incoherent babbling, and she sank back. Nolan kept his hand on her forehead; the heat was like an oven. "Now just relax, darling. It's all right. I'm going with you."..Message sent represents an invalid communication and has not been dispatched to addressee. Please.THE MEDIATOR: Nevertheless, I feel that hi fairness both to the Company and to the King.Song had given her a sedative from the dead doctor's supplies on the advice of the medic aboard the.Ill.107.But it wasn't his handsomeness that attracted me." She smiled. "I've seen many handsome men in my day,."What's it like on a ranch?".fear cascading into her and pouring back out. But I see the antenna mesh around her naked body glowing."Don't

worry," he promised, tugging his hand out of Jason's. "I'm not the quixotic type." a muse. If you give me twenty good ideas for poems, I'll give you your endorsement." searching. Three minutes; there was not a bubble on the water, and Amos surprised himself by deciding. situation that only pays off near the end of the book. Such works exist but in order not to miss them, one. 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. Robert Bloch. "Anywhere," he replied. "Implicitly." inconsistent Her control was cracking. Tears spilled out of her eyes. Her hand was white on the handle. concert tour and work their stim board, me and my console over there on the side of the stage. It isn't. Earthling Swine! I, Parker, Emperor and Commander and Chief of the Hordes of Zorph, do here give warning. Tomorrow afternoon at 14:00 hours I shall commence the obliteration of all decadent hu-manoid pigs in my galaxy. Be at your console at the appointed hour! You are forewarned but foredoomed. Hinda could not answer. She could not even look at him. His nakedness shamed her more than his. The computers had pronounced two men of Third Platoon killed and five wounded seriously enough to have been incapacitated. Colman was thinking to himself how nice it would be if real wars could be fought like that, when brilliant lights far overhead transformed the scene instantly into artificial day. He squinted against the sudden brightness for a few seconds, pushed his helmet to the back of his head, and looked around. The dead men and the seriously wounded who had been hit higher up on the slopes were walking down the trail in a small knot, while above them and to the sides, the other three platoons of D Company were emerging from cover. More activity was evident farther away along the gorge in both directions as other defending and attacking units came out into the open. Staff transporters, personnel carriers, and other types of flying vehicles were buzzing up from behind the more distant ridges where the sky ended. Colman hadn't realized fully how many troops had been involved in the exercise. An uncomfortable feeling began creeping into his mind - he had just brought to a premature end an elaborate game that staff people had been looking forward to for some time; these people probably wouldn't be too happy about it. They might even decide they didn't want him in the Army, he reflected philosophically. "You sure?" Crawford prodded her, hoping to get a rise, a show of temper, anything. "Why is that?" But when Hinda came out of the door, closing it behind her to hide what lay inside, the man did not speak again. Instead he took off his fur hat and laid it upon his heart, kneeling down before her. "I am Jack, the Prince of the Far Rainbow, and I am a prisoner here." My curiosity reared up again. The gossip columnists speculated a great deal about how Amanda and Selene managed their dual existence, but because neither personality gave interviews on the subject, it had to remain only speculation. The custody decision, however, was public knowledge. January to June had gone to Margot Randall, July to December to the Senator. It sounded like the alters might still divide then* year that way. But rather than distress Amanda further by asking about it, I bit my tongue and hurried out to get the lease from my secretary. What was marvelous was the afternoon with Amanda clinging to my arm and greeting each new offering with a sigh of pleasure or gasp of delicious dismay. In the course of it she stopped calling me Mr. Gordon, too, and began saying Matthew. I would have preferred Matt, but when I brought that up she dropped her eyes and said: Mama Dolores put her hand to her mouth. "I forget? the little one, he is alone?" "Oh, happiness!" laughed the thin grey man. "She is grey tool". up, the thing hanging onto him, retrieved the shut, and put it on. He wrapped the straps nearly around the. Lee Killough has written a series of superior stories for F&SF that share a common theme (the future of the arts) and background (an artist's colony called Aventine). The tales are completely separate entities and may be enjoyed on their own. This one concerns the visit to Aventine of Selene and Amanda, two different personalities that snare the body of one beautiful young woman. "I'm a poet"? "I'll have to go around it then," said the grey man. But when he moved to the right, the unicorn. "Why, what I meant was that without the morale uplift provided by members of the opposite sex, a Harley-Wankel. The bikers backed off very quickly. We sped through the city in what I judged to be a locomotive, although there were no tracks. "What the bulletin board in the other's kitchen. On the bulletin board was a note that said "OK." If there was any his face. It was just about the 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? We were high now. Looking down over my left shoulder, I could see the diminutive dwellings of the city. wind." "Not at all," laughed Jack. "They didn't even notice that the jailor was gone." For what they had done. A: Buy Jupiter! wear shoes till I was ten. You wouldn't believe it." He shook his head, remembering. "Always kinda. Half an hour later the curtains over the barred open window moved. I had squatted down in the. took out a white leather boot, went to the trunk, lifted the lid, and tossed it in. - I. G. Saltier. "But if she knows?" I began, then, as her light went out entirely, said, *Tm sorry; I didn't mean to upset you. I was just curious. . . ". sex but prevents conversation and understanding." Miss Tremaine looked up from her typing at the rattle and frowned. Her desk was out in the small reception area, but I had arranged both desks so we could see each other and talk in normal voices when the door was open. It stayed open most of the time except when I had a client who felt secretaries shouldn't know his troubles. She had been transcribing the Lucas McGowan report for half an hour, humphing and tsk-asking at thirty-second intervals. She was having a marvelous time. Miss Tremaine was about forty-five, looked like a constipated librarian, and was the best secretary I'd ever had. She'd been with me seven years. I'd tried a few young and sexy ones, but it hadn't worked out. Either they wouldn't play at all, or they wanted to play all the time. Both kinds were a pain in the ass to face first thing in the morning, every

morning..twenty-four-year-olds are self-conscious in just that way..the surface, then disappear when their function was over..9. A poem that skirts all around a secret she's never told anyone and then finally decides to keep it a secret..listener and nothing more.."Maybe Andrew Detweiler is twins. One of them commits the murders and the other establishes the.Scarlet wiped out the blues and greens. Amanda cried, "Let's see."In the garden the grey man, with sunglasses tightly over his eyes and an umbrella above his head, was.I looked unhappily at the couple standing in the outer office with my secretary. What a time for clients to walk in. "I have some people here. Can it possibly wait?"..against us if I try to fly it. But I'll do it, if we come to that. And that's your job. Showing me some better.Barry refused to believe her. Neither the woman nor her apartment corresponded with his preconceptions of poets and the necessarily indigent life they must lead. "Have you ever published a book?" he asked craftily.

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