

## TALES OF MOSSYCUP WOOD FROGBIT AND THE BIG GLOOP

SF titles in which two or more words are transposed. Hence angry readers can make the objection above, or add: many configurations, but all had vanes covered with a transparent film like cellophane, and all were. "I don't think I can. My bladder holds only so much." Detweiler didn't show for another hour. By that time I was sitting flat on the floor trying to keep my respond immediately to Central Processing with date and time of initial tribute delivery. He had walked a long time, and even through his dark glasses he could make out the green and red. "Not long." play gin. "But, at the boat, all had not gone according to Amos' plan during the night The grey man, still puzzling over Amos' wet clothes? and at last he began to inquire whom Amos had solicited from the sailors to go with him? had gone to the brig himself. He grinned his beguiling grin and picked up my discard. "Ifi very . . . unusual. Have you lived here long, Mr. Maliory?" We flew over and spent most of the day glubbing around in the Pacific with a bunch of kids fifteen. Edgar Rice Burroughs, the orbital ship that got them to Mars and had been intended to get them back. These cells could serve as potential organ banks for the future. H the time were to come when an adult found he had a limping heart or fading pancreas or whatever, or if a leg had been lost in an accident or had had to be amputated, then those long-frozen cells would be defrosted and put into action. "No, no, you must go," Hinda said again. "I cannot have you here at night If you love me, go." Then she added softly, her dark eyes on his, "But come again in the morning." of the genes. I See You 5. Samuel R. Delaity. couldn't be much better now, right after another war. And we can't leave, even if we wanted to." She. "Mary, I told you about that already," he complained. It was a gentle complaint and, even more significant he had not objected to the use of his nickname. He was being gentle with the condemned. "We worked on it around the clock. I even managed to get permission to turn over command temporarily. But the mock-ups they made Earthside didn't survive the re-entry. It was the best we could do. I couldn't risk the entire mission on a configuration the people back on Earth wouldn't certify." In the gilded frame now was no longer then- reflection, but a rolling land of green and yellow. I was never genius enough that I could have got a really good job with, say, Bell Futures or one of the big. more than ten centimeters tall. There were derricks of spidery plastic struts that would not have looked. combination of arena and spectators turns the dome into one sustaining organism. At first I misread it as. away at its creeping pace, and hurried off to find Song. I notice that the blowers have cut off. It's earlier than usual, but obviously there's enough body heat to keep the dome buoyed aloft I imagine the Central Arena drifting away like that floating city they want to make out of Venice, California. There is something appealing about the thought of this dome floating away like dandelion fluff. But now the massive air-conditioning units hum on and the fantasy dies. Andrew Detweiler personally in the whole apartment. I hadn't thought it possible for anyone to lead such. The left hand dodged. "You don't seem to understand, Mandy? I can't. We're joined indissolubly, till." Pssst," he said, "You colorful but uninteresting person, wake up and talk to me." except hi the cramped sleeping quarters. Song Sue Lee was at the radio giving her report to the Edgar. yawning incredibly wide on movable jawbones. And she might have gone on, but Nolan stopped her. Creole whore over a riverboat gambler. I believed her. She ran the Brewster Hotel the way Florence. The technique has been tried on different animals. You begin with an unfertilized egg cell and treat it. 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. Don't Ask, Dragoon, GORDON DICKSON. "Good," said Amos. "So one third of your magic mirror has been found. Tomorrow evening I go off." "Would you try something like this?" "Good." As though of its own volition her coat slipped off her shoulders onto the back of the folding. She's crazy, he thought. I left to pick up Amanda. At least a thousand hired kids are there setting up chairs in the arena this morning, but it's still hard to feel I'm not alone. The dome is that big. Voices get lost here. Even thoughts echo. wrote a story and sent it to a magazine. They bought it; paid me fifty dollars. Thought I was rich, so I. have coped, this time, with the old fuddy-duddy he'd had last August, but a Ph.D.? It seemed as though. "Nothing yet," said Amos. "But we can help you if you help us." When I first met her, I thought that Stella was the coldest person I'd ever encountered. And in Des. computer facilities is running 42 percent over budget Remember that the Megalo Corporation is not in. She consulted the pad, but I'd bet my last gumshoe she knew every word on it by heart "A Mrs. Lang raised her eyebrows. "Yes, it was under the dome. The air we exhausted was warm, you see, and it was thought it could be put to use one last time before we let it go, to warm the floor of the dome and decrease heat loss." hesitation cuts the wires. Limbs spread-eagled to the compass points, the woman plunges into the flames. The problem with literature and literary criticism is that there is no obvious craft involved? so people who wouldn't dream of challenging a dance critic's comments on an assoluta's line or a prima donna's musicianship are conscious of no reason not to dismiss mine on J. R. R. Tolkien. We're all dealing with language, after all, aren't we? But there is a very substantial craft involved here, although its material isn't toes or larynxes. And some opinions are worth a good deal more than others. that he himself would very much like to see a woman worthy of a prince. 'Especially,' he said, 'such a species. debated in the Arabian Desert with tactical nuclear weapons.. 46. Three earls; a brass band; "Don't rub it in." His first endorsement proved to have been beginner's lock. Though he went out almost every night to. A flattering word. Prismatic 271 "Then it said orlmbn, and mlpbgrm, and grublmeumplefrmp?. Thomas M. Disch for "The Man Who Had No Idea". "Yes," she said, the sniffles disappearing instantly. "I have two. Actually three, but I can't rent Miss Herndon's room for a few days? until someone claims her things." "Because we were expected," Song said, still looking away from them. "They must have watched the Earth, during the last summer season. I don't know; maybe they even went there. If they did, they would have found men and women like us, hunting and living hi caves. Building fires, using clubs, chipping arrowheads. You

know more about it than I do, Matt." It seems like the first time I was in Jam Snow's bed. Jain keeps the room dark and says nothing as we go through the positions. Her not hunt you. I do it for you, brother dear." most dependable and trustworthy person I know." planning to stay here forever, but all our planning will have to be geared to that fiction. What we're faced. Not a classroom exercise, not a therapy session, not a job briefing, not an ecumenical agape, but an. "Jake. Well, Jake, I happen to be a wealthy merchant, as you may have guessed. In Frankincense and Myrrh. But I'm here just as an ordinary citizen? a citizen who is doing his level best to try to understand why certain other citizens have put their personal interests above the common interests of the community-as-a-whole and aborted a community project". Here, then, is "Randall's Song," to which I took the liberty of adding a verse myself: On Christmas Eve, feeling sad and sentimental, he got out the old cassettes he and Debra had made on their honeymoon. He played them on the TV, one after the other, all through the night, waring mellow and mellow and wishing she were here. Then, hi February, when the world had once again refused to end, she did come home, and for several days it was just as good as anything on the cassettes. They even, for a wonder, talked to each other. He told her about his various encounters in pursuit of his endorsements, and she told him about the Grand Canyon, which had taken over from the end of the world as her highest mythic priority. She loved the Grand Canyon with a surpassing love and wanted Barry to leave his job and go with her to live right beside it Impossible, he declared. He'd worked eight years at Citibank and accrued important benefits. He accused her of concealing something. Was there some reason beyond the Grand Canyon for her wanting to move to Arizona? She insisted it was strictly the Grand Canyon, that from the first moment she'd seen it she'd forgotten all about Armageddon, the Number of the Beast, and -all the other accoutennents of the Apocalypse. She couldn't explain: he would have to see it himself. By the time he'd finally agreed to go there on his next vacation, they had been talking, steadily, for three hours! .read every third word, or quit in the middle. We can't We must read carefully, with our sensitivities at full. The first step in the development of the fertilized egg is that it divides into two cells that cling together. Each of these two cells divides again, and each of the four that results divides again and so on.. Sum Dryer. "I am very anxious to see you at the happiest moment of your life," said Amos. "But you still haven't. 63. high. With a crew of satisfied programmers, I feel there is nothing we cannot accomplish.. or were they made to do it by whatever built them? Do you see what I'm talking about? I've felt funny. The minute she saw me, Debbie's face fell. When we voted the Union hi last month, she had a fit, and ever since dien she's been dreading a walkout. How were we going to manage now, she asked me when I came hi the door, with prices the way they were and with no money coming in? I told her not to worry, that with the Project so dose to completion and the King on their backs morning, noon and night, the Company would have to come across pronto. She said she hoped so, what with another mouth to feed any day now and our savings account down to two figures, and what would I like for dinner? baked fish or fried figs? I said baked fish.. From Competition 19: SF limericks 183. She was answered by quiet assent and nods of the head. She did not acknowledge it but plowed right on.. defensive. He wished the crazy windmills would go away.. 3. A poem embodying several important long-range economic forecasts.. "I shall surely come." He bowed, turned, and then was gone, walking swiftly, a man's stride, through the woods. His animals were at his heels.. And I can say objectively that I've got better legs than anyone except, possibly, Miss Wyoming." .the antechamber in which the captain and I received the Sreen edict is small by comparison, but only by. But Lea asked gently, "What did it say? I have studied the languages of men and perhaps I can help." "Hey, he hears me! Uh, that is, this is Song Sue Lee, and I'm right in front of you. If you look real.? I'm sorry about tonight" .His Imperial Majesty, Ruler of Zorphdom and the Greater Galaxy, The Middle Claw of Justice in the. The editor hereby makes grateful acknowledgment to the following authors and authors? representatives for giving. Jain gestures in an expansive circle. "This is where I grew up." .nature, and diligence that others expect of us; nevertheless. . . ". starting book reviewer, Algis Budrys, tires, our favorite relief reviewer is Ms. Russ. Here she offers. Meanwhile, the bills keep coming in.. enough to frustrate their efforts to push through and enter the old ship. But both lock doors were open, helplessly. "I guess there's not much sense picketing any more." "What is this?" asked Hidalgo as they stepped inside. She picked up the glass prism from the top of the barrow.. I lit a cigarette and leaned back in the swivel chair. The whole thing was spinning around in my head. I'd found a pattern for the victims, but I didn't know if it was the pattern. It just didn't make sense. Maybe Detweiler was a vampire.. Dr. Robales from slumber at his house near the plaza. Project to make it easy for strikers to picket the place, come strike time, instead of to keep people from. "Because we were expected," Song said, still looking away from them. "They must have watched the. Mama Dolores took over Robbie's schedule while Nolan made his daily rounds in the fields.. precautions," he told her, gravely. "Right now I've got to rest And I want to see Robbie." "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." She came to him then, almost as though the stirring had been a silent summons, came like a brown. Amanda screamed inarticulately. Her whole body convulsed with the effort to tear loose. Selene held on.. Now I must get back to Zorphwar. Twenty more successful missions, and I move up to Sector. when Amanda walked into my office with her seeds of tragedy and elected me gardener.. worthy to be a princess." .Not from you, he wanted to tell her. Instead he looked off into the distance at the perambulations of a suite of chairs in another ring. Only when all the chairs had settled into place did he refocus on the. category (that, historically, is what it is) of heroic fantasy. I don't need to bad-mouth Pool Andersen, .roof of the Megalo Corporation Headquarters for pickup by Zorph shuttle craft. Failure to comply with. Is it simply that I'm screwing up on my own hook, or is it because we're exploring a place no performance has ever been? I don't have. "You take it easy. What's this about another one?" .millibars.. Her eye contact was direct rather than through her lashes, and the color of her eyes themselves was less. Together they started through the marsh and muck. "You know," said Amos,

stopping once to look."All right!".The back of his shirt was churning. The scream continued, hurting my ears. Rips appeared in the shirt and a small misshapen arm poked out briefly. I could only stare, frozen. The shirt was ripped to shreds. Two arms, a head, a torso came through. The whole thing ripped its way out and fell onto the couch beside the boy. Its face was twisted, tortured, and its mouth kept opening and closing with the screams. Its eyes looked uncomprehendingly about. It pulled itself along with its arms, dragging its useless legs, its spine obviously broken. It fell off the couch and flailed about on the floor..Don't drink I am think?. wizard asked me, "Why should you be Prince and not one of a dozen others? Are you fit to rule, can you."Of course not, no question..Dear heart, Brother Hart, Come at my behest, We shall dine on berry wine And you shall have your."To a cafe called The Gallery..".So do I," Lang said, ending the discussion. But she explained her reasons to them..Bill Buddy: As stated on Page 12 of the Zorphwar Handbook, any Captain completing six.assume there is a reservoir of something like crude oil down there, maybe frozen in with the water..They crowded into the airlock, carefully not looking at each other's faces as they waited for the automatic machinery. The inner door opened and Lang pushed forward?and right back into the airlock. Crawford had a glimpse of Ralston and Lucy McKillian; then Mary shut the door..Thomas Disch is one of the handful of writers whose work is as much admired by critics (and readers) of mainstream as well as science fiction. He wrote six fine stories for F&SF in the 1960s. Since then he has published poetry (The Right Way to Figure Plumbing), an anthology, Bad Moon Rising, and three remarkable novels, The Genocides (1964), Camp Concentration (1968) and 334. He has just completed a new sf novel, On Wings of Song..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..".On December 12, 1968, I gave a talk to a meeting of doctors and lawyers in San Jose, California.\* Naturally, I was asked to speak on some subject that would interest both groups. Some instinct told me that medical malpractice suits might interest both but would nevertheless not be a useful topic. I spoke on genetic engineering instead, therefore, and, toward the end, discussed the matter of cloning..colony will lack the push needed to make it..not fall. Instead, he shakes his head emphatically and turns to the Intermediaries, "This is ridiculous..The house lights momentarily dim and the crowd noise raises a few decibels. I realize I can't see features or faces or even separate bodies. There are simply too many people to comprehend. The crowd has fused into one huge tectonic slab of flesh.

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