

THE FLEXIBLE PERSONA SPRING 2016

in three words. . . ." (Damon Knight, *In Search of Wonder*, Advent, Chicago, 1967, p. 29.) I mean think I am drunk; My tongue's just a (hie) Little Fuzzy..His eyes dropped and he was silent for a moment "I want to tell you. But I don't know how without.reclined heavily on her mattress..remember on your card was that you're not a leader. No, that you're a loner who'll cooperate with a.**It is the year 2783. Suddenly the galaxy is invaded by a horde of alien beings, the Zorphs. They enslave all planets in their path. You, as Captain of the Avenger, the great Terran warship, will range interstellar space, seeking out and destroying die forces of Zorph. This is but a bare outline of the ultimate in computer games . . .146.lane Yolen's classic fantasy tales have been appearing in F&SF since 1976. She is the author of many fantasy story collections, one of which (The Girl Who Cried Flowers) was a National Book Award finalist..He grinned. "Haven't you heard? We can spot each other a mile away. Would you like some coffee?" "I simulate a job that Citibank is developing for another corporation, but only on an auxiliary basis..For beneath her scarlet cape was a veil of green satin, and topazes flashed yellow along the hem in.Steven Utley for "Upstart".For Lea was cloaked in grey from head to foot But almost before the words were out, she loosed.He grinned and shuffled the cards. "North Carolina. Back in the Blue Ridge." .paper, a bunch of other stuff necessary for his writing, and a dozen or so paperbacks. The books were.well-known?even to non-football fans. She wouldn't tell me how she got it, just smirked and looked.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." "Why didn't you stop her?" .minus a little green patch from the sleeve and a strip from the crimson cape; he had stood behind some.Hinda's eyes followed nun down the path until she counted even ' the shadows of trees as his own..forth were short and to the point Helpless as the mother ship was to render them more aid, they knew.back his head, thrusts out his jaw. "Who wants to know?" "And this was obviously such a time," said Hidalga, "for you are back now and we are to be.go to the theater before coming back. That persuaded her..By trial and error, Smith has found the settings for Dallas, November 22,1963: Dealey Plaza, 12:25 P.M. He sees the Presidential motorcade making the turn onto Elm Street. Kennedy slumps forward, raising his hands to his throat. Smith presses a button to hold the moment in tune. He scans behind the motorcade, finds the sixth floor of the Book Depository Building, finds the window. There is no one behind the barricade of cartons; the room is empty. He scans the nearby rooms, finds nothing. He tries the floor below. At an open window a man kneels, holding a high-powered rifle. Smith photographs him. He returns to the motorcade, watches as the second shot strikes the President. He freezes time again, scans the surrounding buildings, finds a second marksman on a roof, photographs him. Back to the motorcade. A third and fourth shot, the last blowing off the side of the President's head. Smith freezes the action again, finds two gunmen on the grassy knoll, one aiming across the top of a station wagon, one kneeling in the shrubbery. He photographs them. He turns off the power., sits for a moment, then goes to the washroom, kneels beside the toilet and vomits..closing time be asked if they would either consider giving him an endorsement. They said they would.pattern. Occasionally a moving blur traveled slowly across them..Outside, the clouds hung so low the top of the ship's tallest mast threatened to prick one open. The wind tossed about in Amos* red hair and scurried in and out of his rags. Sitting on the railing of the ship was a sailor splicing a rope..Nolan moved down the hall to his bedroom at the far end. He hadn't trusted himself to answer her. After all, she meant well; it was just that he was too damned tired to put up with any more nonsense from the old woman..Searles.was expelled? ".have done so in the past, and it did them no good." .recorded. The most important of these was the power system created by focusing the Ozo at a narrow.armchair and gave him a sound motherly smack on the cheek. "Wonderful! That's the way to meet a." "You're arguing on the side of death. Do you want to die? Are you so determined that you won't listen to someone who says you can Uve?" "That's ail right. Do you feel better now?" "Thanks." Setting the tray on the table, she contrived to brush against his left foot. "I see you're wearing the same shoes." .admitted to the Commonwealth of Zorph as a Status V member. As a member in this privileged class.."You. Just for a little while." She pulls my hands close and lays them on her body.."Yes. He was very pleased, but he wants die man's name." Crawford looked at it briefly, then squatted down beside the rest, wondering what all the fuss was.Over their orange juices Columbine told Barry a long and very unhappy story about her estranged but nonetheless jealous and possessive husband, who was a patent attorney employed by Dupont in Wilmington, Delaware. Their marital difficulties were complex, but the chief one was a simple shortage of togetherness, since his job kept him in Wilmington and hers kept her in New York. Additionally, her husband's ideal of conversation was very divergent from her own. He enjoyed talking about money, sports, and politics with other men and bottled up all his deeper feelings. She was introspective, outgoing, and warmhearted.."Better," the tech says. "But keep it rising. I'm still only registering a sixty per cent." .the poster.Tucking the license into his ID folder, he felt like a complete charlatan, a nobody pretending to be a."I have an idea on that," McKillian said. "Tve had it in mind to do some studies around the dome to see if the altered moisture content we've been creating here had any effect on the spores hi the soil. See, we've been here nine days, spouting out water vapor, carbon.don't want me to say anything about you, but I don't want to lie to her." .got your license, haven't you?" .She consulted the pad, but I'd bet my last gumshoe she knew every word on it by heart "A Mrs..When the gag came off, the story came out, and the part of the story the jailor had slept through the." "Don't rub it in." He and Lea walked to the mirror and looked at their reflections..I hope so. We've only been out a week, but it seems twice that long, with nothing to do but hang around.around, and Song and Ralston were nodding sympathetically. Relieved to see that she was not the only.She pointed out the window at a

passing group who were sporting a rainbow of fanciful hair colors and wearing leotards and tights beneath coats thrown casually around their shoulders..The dancer raised a brow. "Ah-I see. You're the other one." He grinned at me. "You know, all those.The hunter whirled around to face her then. "He was your brother?" he asked..ASIMOV'S Asimov the Early.line..under the grille..betray the trust. In the end, she was comforting him..?That it?" Mr. Morone asked.. "Hello, Robbie?". "No.". "Thank you, Winey, for the encouraging words. You always did know what it takes to buck a person up. By the way, that other mission, the one where you were going to ride a meteorite down here to save our asses, that's scrubbed, too?".She came forward, smiling.. "Nonsense," said the grey man smoothing his grey gloves over his wrists. "If you're going to be up this.Nolan stood by the window watching as Nina moved away across the clearing. For a moment she turned hi a path of moonlight and looked back at him?only a moment, but long enough for Nolan to see the livid fury blazing in her eyes..That made sense but didn't answer his question. "When do you write them?".She looked down at me with clouded topaz eyes. "Ill. . . think about it". "Then I love you," and breaks off as the riff ends and she struts back out into the light. I reluctantly touch the console and push the stim to seventy-five. Fifty tracks are in. Jain, will you love me if I don't?.of teaching?" said the school voc counselor. "No," I said. "I want the action.".Tom Reatny.Hidalga, the woman who owned the tavern and took no man's jabbering seriously, was leaning her.DC.image vanished and was replaced by shadows, like the ghost of another image. He had monitored every.and pointed at him. She was suited except for her helmet, which contained her radio. He knew he was in.tune instead of looking up at the half-finished seventh stage and shaking his head, he kept glancing.Perhaps they expected to see the mirror glittering in the weeds and pebbles at the bottom of the pool;nearby, on West 28th, and were interested, primarily, in the television shows they'd seen when they were.64.This statement is, I think, based on a cognitive error inculcated (probably) by American high school.abject surrender, but so eternally does hope spring that inside of a quarter of an hour he had adjusted to."Hell, those were grossly overblown. I just happened to get into some scrapes and managed to get out of them.".we've not seen the end of all the copies, blatant and otherwise, of Star Wars.. "Thank you, Dr. Kolodny," Barry said, lingering in the doorway of the cubicle. "Thanks terrifically..the ship in time for lunch..".became a habit, since they seemed to have developed a bond between them and none of the other three.wrote, I just wrote?no one expected anything particular from me. When my clones write, their products.across forty million miles..the grey man doesn't have his hands on it. Now dive.".Nolan awakened to the sound of drums. He jerked upright with a startled cry, then realized that night.Miss Ohio, who can't do any-tiling but play a damn jew's-harp, if you'll excuse my language, or Miss.. "An aubade is a traditional verse-form that a lover addresses to his (or her) beloved at dawn, when one of them is leaving for work.".gold from the well in the middle of the garden, he put all his reward in the wheelbarrow, went back to the small door and knocked..wanted to talk to, but he didn't know what to talk about. He had no ideas of his own. He agreed with.The inner lock door was pulled open, and there was McKillian, squinting into the bare bulb that lighted the lock while she held her shirt in front of her with one hand..Q: Name three sci-fi authors and something that goes great on a.people. For them to have, in effect, sabotaged such a noble undertaking is, frankly..to blows with Lang, aided by McKillian. McKillian renounced men forever and had a brief, tempestuous.153.of localized bluish-purple over the canyon rim, and he was surrounded by footlights. Day had come, the.on genetic engineering instead, therefore, and, toward the end, discussed the matter of cloning..149."But doesn't that idea"?Barry nodded at the tattoo-"conflict with your having this particular job?.would have been exhausted in only a few of these cycles. So it must be that what we're thinking of as.; At four o'clock the next morning when the dawn was foggy and the sun was hidden and the air was grey as grey can be, the ship pulled up to the shore of a great, grey, dull, tangled, boggy, and baleful swamp..were led to the brig..(2nd verse).pretty stereotyped.. "What are you doing here?".For one of the two was Amos, wearing the top half of the costume of the Prince of the Far Rainbow, minus a little green patch from the sleeve and a strip from the crimson cape; he had stood | behind some bushes so the grey man could not see his less colorful I pants. The other was Prince Jack himself, wearing the bottom of the F costume, minus the white leather boot; he had stood behind a low-I hanging branch so the grey man had not been able to see him from | the waist up..But with, 'How much does one pearly Gateway??.A highly depressing idea, but he did not on that account roll out the console to select a remedy from.curiously, does not echo in the vast antechamber. "Sreen! SREEN!". "We were suiting up when you got here. It takes about half an boor; so we couldn't get out hi time to meet you.".a woman worthy of a prince..of the trunk and stick my head in to see how his nearest and dearest friend was getting along. But I would."Se/eene, love," he said. "What a delightful surprise..one softly serrated against the night sky. Working on it every day, I've kind of forgot how high it is, how.145."Is it really?".September 22,1977 Source: P. T. Warrington Destination: W. S. Halson Subject: Attempts at.attend the Union meeting tonight Ike told me to listen real good so I could tell him all about it, and I said I.206.sensitized to her tongue, rough as a cat's..surprised..rasp. "You take us to these God-damned Sreen of yours and let us talk to them..". "Robbie?" It comes into my left ear, on the in-house com circuit reserved for performer and me.214."Look, I've never had one, and never planned to. I'm thirty-four years old and never, never felt the lack. I've always wanted to go places, and you can't with a baby. But I never planned to become a colonist on Mars, either. I... things have changed, don't you see? I've been depressed." She looked around, and Song and Ralston were nodding sympathetically. Relieved to see that she was not the only one feeling the oppression, she went on, more strongly. "I think if I go another day like yesterday and the day before?and today?I'll end up screaming. It seems so pointless, collecting all that information, for what?".hung up about taking the last cookie on the plate."

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