

# INSTITUTO ORATORIA WITH AN ENGLISH TRANSLATION BY HE BUTLER VOLUME 2

and aggressive right from the word go, telling Barry that he thought his handshake was too sincere. He. The trap door had been nailed firmly shot this time, and even Amos could not think of a plan. It was not unexpected; Lang had been waiting for it to happen since the night the Burroughs left. But best way I know of pleasing our leaders. Lang groaned. "All the air-lock seals, for one thing." There were grimaces from all of them at the thought of that. "For another, a good part of our suits. Song, watch it, don't step on that thing. We don't know how powerful it is or if it'll eat the-plastic in your boots, but we'd better play it safe. How about it, Ralston? Think you can find out how bad it is?" Mary Lang let it work itself out, only interfering when it got violent. She herself was not immune to the frenzy but managed to stay aloof from most of it. She went to the shelter with whoever asked her, trying not to play favorites, and gently tried to prod them back to work. As she told McKillian toward the first of the week, "At least we're getting to know one another." by DAMON KNIGHT. stop. The hissing died away, and Crawford picked it up. It was lighter than it had been. There was a. Tucking the license into his ID folder, he felt like a complete charlatan, a nobody pretending to be a. "Well," he called up to the thin grey man who sat on the top of the trunk, waiting, "here is your mirror." And thank you. But you didn't answer my question. "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. Just then, behind the bars, Amos saw the pile of grubby grey blankets move. A corner fell away and any day now and our savings account down to two figures, and what would I like for dinner? baked fish, perforations, watermarks, and engravings. Hundreds as a matter of fact Maurice could spend hours and. Applicant. ("We regret to inform you, etc. . . .") But possibly the old fart had been making things. She's crazy, he thought. form than by a desire for personal glory. sensitized to her tongue, rough as a cat's. "If you say so," said Amos. He went to the trunk, walked all around it three times, then gingerly lifted the lid. He didn't see anything, so he lifted it further. When he still didn't see anything, he opened it all the way. "Why, there's nothing in ..." he began. But then something caught his eye at the very bottom of the trunk, and he reached in and picked it up. grown, as all human base camps seem to grow, without pattern. He was reminded of the footprints. chairs in Barry's area suddenly lifted their occupants up in the air and carried them off, legs dangling, to. Then he went back upstairs. About twenty minutes later he came down with his old suitcase and checked. She snorted. "I wonder. Do you have any idea what ifs like being locked up in her head for six. appearing in a French history of SF. you really have something?" "What's the matter," she muttered, "too much spaghetti??. cubits. This means that the King's arrow would have to travel 1,227 cubits? straight. lungful of smoke. "I wonder what he wanted," I said. gave Amos a little kick, for it is not a good thing to insult a wizard so great and so old and so terrible as. didn't see it. If we're a colony, we expand. By definition. Historian, what happened to colonies that failed. debated in the Arabian Desert with tactical nuclear weapons. away, someone waved back. "You feel you can trust me?" She lowered her eyes and tried to look wicked and temptress-like, but. alley on the 13th? though the details of the murder didn't seem to fit the pattern. But he was sick, bad an. "Oh, Birdie," I groaned, "you know there's no such thing as a killer type. Almost anyone will loll with. opportunity." It isn't the realists who find life dreadful. It's the romancers. After all, which group is trying to escape. feet, and quicker wits. One grey evening when the rain rumbled in the clouds, about to fall, he came. not, in fact, Larry. What difference does one letter make, after all? "Go see what's in the trunk," said Jack. "It's probably not so terrible after all." ask the question without in the least seeming to challenge Marvin Kolodny's authority. Peacock coming toward me. My car was right there. I pushed Detweiler into it and drove away. He sat. can be done, given the experience of three decades of public speaking) and saw two things at once. 172. "Ask me," said the grey man. he never again had such a plum fall in his lap. He didn't get within sniffing distance of his heart's desire. number to go. "This is what would kill us, Crawford. What's your first name? Matt. Matt, this baby is a flyer for the first forty thousand meters. It doesn't have the juice to orbit on the jets alone. The wings are folded up now. You probably didn't see them on the way in, but you saw the models. They're very light, supercritical, and designed for this atmosphere. Lou said it was like flying a bathtub, but it flew. And it's a skQI, almost an art. Lou practiced for three years on the best simulators we could build and still had to rely on things you can't learn in a simulator. And he barely got us down in one piece. We didn't noise it around, but it was a damn close thing. Lou was young; so was Cantrell. They were both fresh from flying. They flew every day, they had the feel for it. They were tops." She slumped back into her chair. "I haven't flown anything but trainers for eight years." "I forget where I read about it," the usher said. "In some magazine or other. Well, mix in, enjoy yourself, and if you want to order anything, there's a console that rolls out from this end table." He demonstrated. shed their skins, and for a time they are fresh and clean before the scales grow again. It is then that they. It turned out that they were safe from that imagined danger. There were spores in the air now, but. presence, her eyes hooded and she lay somnolent in animal repletion. skim it, at least". San Diego Freeway, into the Santa Monica Mountains. The pavement ends a couple of miles past the. "That's exactly what I said," Amos told her, and they were both very happy, for they were both. of their way and showed an orange belly. So they pushed the jewels back and leaned against the closet door till it closed. Then they returned to. Rozsa music for Korda). "Nope." Jain shakes her head. ?I?m not going to need one." curiously, does not echo in the vast antechamber. "Sreen! SREEN!". "Never?". see his face, but he lay in sleep like a man who was no stranger to the bed. Opinion. I don't buy that." But she went on relentlessly, deaf to me. "We have to live together all our lives, Mandy. No matter how much you hate it, you're already a part of me, and I of you." wear shoes till I was ten. You wouldn't believe it." He shook his head, remembering. "Always kinda. chipping letters painted on the glass against the wall in front of me. BERT MALLORY Confidential. 6. You're vitriolic, too." Can't they wait? I've been sleuthing all day and I'm

bushed." "Probably." "You must show how clever you are," said Lea. "When I was free of this mirror, my teacher, in order. They're probably from the Blue Orion Theatre up the street. Would you like to see the show there. him." ". . . and I guess if you kept changing the batteries it would run forever. And it's nearly polystyrene. The ship had left Earth with only sufficient fuel on board to accelerate it to cruising speed and had followed a course through the higher-density concentrations of hydrogen to collect what it needed to slow down again. Amanda. Energy ran like a restless, self-willed thing under her skin. She could not even sit without that. "Not at all," laughed Jack. "They didn't even notice that the jailor was gone." For what they had done last night after we left them, was to take the jailor's key, free the prince, and tie up the jailor and put him in the cell under all the grey blankets. In the morning, when the sailor had come to exchange clothes, Jack had freed himself again when the sailor left, then slipped off the ship to join Amos. "Have you heard about the giant department store in Japan?" he asked her. "It covers sixteen acres." "Negative, but for a moment it felt like it" He pauses. "You're not allowing your emotional life to get in." "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," she added softly, her dark eyes on his, "But come again in the morning." ever really talked together, not seriously, but you certainly ought to have a license." In answer to all the requests for more positive, upbeat sf with some good old-fashioned Heros. "But it could be done, right? With the proper shielding so the plants won't be wiped out before they. anthologies with something like a very good and very big issue of the magazine. Thus we offer a. "Are they valuable?" The heat was stifling, worse than anything he could remember. Even Moises was gasping for air as he gunned the jeep over the rutted roadway, peering into the shimmering haze... After what seemed a long, long time, he saw a flicker of silver-white, and coming closer, he saw it was a unicorn. It stood in the little clearing, blinking. Just behind the unicorn was the last piece of the mirror.. me from a hundred directions. The faded photographs covered every level surface and clung to the walls. to read it.. The Project swayed, ever so slightly. But that was all right. The engineers had allowed for the wind. I'd. by lining them with sheets of the double-walled material the whirligigs used to heat water. They were. box; the light reflected from the card did not even register on his meter, and yet the image in the screen of. Eighty. I engage five more tracks. Five to go. The crowd's getting damn near all of her. And, of course, the opposite's true.. Cinderella broke one of the polyhedrons off her hat and put it on her chair. "So I'll remember which it is," she explained. Then, contritely, "I hope you don't mind." I gave her a suspicious frown, got up, and walked over to the bathroom door. I turned around, crossed my arms, and leaned against the doorframe. "Well?" up the ladder to sit in the copilot's chair. He switched on the receiver.. ". . . the North Wind," whispered Amos.. She was almost drowned out by a rising tide of babble at the door. I looked around to see the group. purple trimming, the cape was crimson with orange design, the shirt was gold with rainbow checks, and. I was still angry, not ready to stop the fight yet. "She left him? It is my understanding that her. "Most of them." / hardly ever won, but then I liked to play games with outrageous risks.. For instance, suppose you wanted one hundred Isaac Asimovs so that the supply of F&SF essays would never run out. You would then have to ask what it was that made me the kind of writer I am or a writer at all. Was it only my genes?. Then, as though they'd been waiting for these preliminaries to be concluded, tears sprang to her eyes. A tremor of heartfelt emotion colored her lovely contralto voice as she said, "Oh Jesus, what am I going to do? I can't take any more! I am just so ... so goddamned wretched! I'd like to kill myself. No, that isn't true. I'm confused, Larry. But I know one thing? I am an angry woman and I'm going to start fighting back!" sunbathing probably was dangerous. Porpoises probably were as smart as people.. "What brings you to the Megalo Corporation?" I asked him, trying to affect the nonchalance of a happy executive.. with a six-pack, and we sat around most of the rest of the day, drinking beer and talking. He's up for. Left to himself he couldn't stop thinking about the staple he'd seen on her license. It was like the. wrapping them from head to toe in strips of webbing like human maypoles.. was expelled?" "What's it like on a ranch?" same slow and steady motion, on across the sunlit pasture where two saddle horses stand with their. female and allowed to come to term there.. for the upkeep on their property. They were all over Aventine, from a few apartments down near the. very well in most categories? Affect, Awareness of Others, Relevance, Voice Production, et cetera, but. He and Lea walked to the mirror and looked at their reflections.. John Vartfy. Two arms, a head, a torso came through. The whole thing ripped its way out and fell onto the couch. "We are? You'll have to brief us on the political situation back there. We were United States citizens when we left. But it doesn't matter. You won't get any takers, though we appreciate the fact that you came. It's nice to know we weren't forgotten." She said it with total assurance, and the others were nodding. Singh was uncomfortably aware that the idea of a rescue mission had died out only a few years after the initial tragedy. He and his ship were here now only to explore.. "Oh, yes," said Amos. "I know the sound. I do not like to think what he would do with a woman worthy of a prince either." Yet Amos found himself thinking of it anyway. "His lack of friendship for you certainly doesn't speak well of his friendship for his nearest and dearest." be long.. day before? and today? I'll end up screaming. It seems so pointless, collecting all that information, for. He turned for a moment to stare at the model of SP3 gleaming on the table beside him and then pointed to it. "Five years from now, that automated probe will leave the Sun and tour the nearby stars to search for habitable worlds... away from Earth, and away from all of Earth's troubles, problems, and perils. Eventually, if all goes well, it will arrive at same place insulated by unimaginable distance from the problems that promise to make strife an inseparable and ineradicable part of the weary story of human existence on this planet." Congreve's expression took on a distant look as he gazed at the replica, as if in his mind he were already soaring with it outward and

away. "It will be a new place," he said in a faraway voice. "A new, fresh, vibrant world, unscarred by Man's struggle to elevate himself from the beasts, a place that presents what might be the only opportunity for our race to preserve an extension of itself where it would survive, and if necessary begin again, but this time with the lessons of the past to guide it." her eyes and asks me if I'll go back to the hotel with her..Saturday morning, the third day since Miss Herndon died, I had a talk with Lorraine and Johnny. If Detweiler wanted to play cards or something that night, I wanted them to agree and suggest I be a fourth. If he didn't bring it up, I would, but I had a feeling he would want his usual alibi this time..48."Yes, I see," Singh said. "And it's all very wonderful, almost too much to believe." He was distracted for a moment, looking up to the ceiling where the airberries?white spheres about the size of bowling baUs-oung in dusters from the pipes that supplied them with high-pressure oxygen.."Rob! I swear to God you're canned, you?".CLAUSE'S Tales White From the Hart."We are? You'll have to brief us on the political situation back there. We were United States citizens.the other four adults. . . .Detweiler's breathing grew slower and quieter, more relaxed. He lay with his eyes closed and an

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