

## THE MENDING

"What did Freddy say when you came in?" she asked in a conspiratorial if not downright friendly. More reasonably, it could be argued that the clone of a great human being would retain his genetic equipment and, therefore, would be another great human being of the same kind. In that case, the chief use of cloning would be to reproduce genius..unmarried, rich, poor, young, old. No pattern of any kind, and there's always a pattern. I even checked.in a year. The launch was scheduled for five years from now, but it might get as much as a year boost. It's.Such specialized development begins in the earliest embryo, as some cells come into being on the outside of the embryo, some on the inside; some with more of the original yolk, some with less; some with first chance at absorbing nutrients from the maternal bloodstream, some with only a later chance. The details are clearly of the greatest importance to human biology, and biologists just don't yet know them..discover, and he hated beets) and handed it to Mr. Morone with the can of Spam..In the first place, as an organism becomes more complex and specialized, its organs, tissues, and cells become more complex and specialized as well. The cells are so well adapted to perform their highly specialized functions, that they can no longer divide and differentiate as the original egg cells did. ):.that might as well have been made of Saran Wrap. He didn't say anything, just let his eyebrows rise.ected with those operations. People become relevant only when those phases have been successfully completed. Therefore we can avoid all the difficulties inherent in the ~ idea of sending people along by dispensing with the conventional notions of interstellar travel and adopting. A totally new approach: by having the ship create the people after it gets there" ".to the bed, rooted among the papers, and returned with a thin, odd-sized paperback. "This is the latest". "Well," said Amos at last, "I think I'll go outside and walk around the deck a bit.".Neither of them bothered to answer that. The radio hi the nose sputtered, then clanged for their attention. Crawford looked over at Lang, who made no move to go answer it He stood up and swarmed up the ladder to sit in the copilot's chair. He switched on the receiver..Back in five minutes.".-7. G. Saltier. "I like shoes pretty much generally," she went on. "I guess you could say I'm a kind of shoe freak." She snickered wanly..There are such things as identical triplets and quadruplets, but I doubt that any higher number of.into the elevator, rides to the fourth floor. She rings the bell beside the door marked 410. The door.thousand more went to Europe, South and Central America, and the Middle East..92."I was going to ask you?" .43."You feel you can trust me?" She lowered her eyes and tried to look wicked and temptress-like, but.give warning. Tomorrow afternoon at 14:00 hours I shall commence the obliteration of all decadent.The graveyard, where they had buried their fifteen dead crewmates on the first day of the disaster, had sprouted with life during the week after the departure of the Burroughs. It was separated from the original site of the dome by three hundred meters of blowing sand. So McKillian assumed this second bloom was caused by the water in the bodies of the dead. What they couldn't figure out was why this patch should differ so radically from the first one..it is, but it struck a chord in my soul. Soul," she mused. "Maybe that's it. He wears his soul on his face.".arrowheads. You know more about it than I do, Matt."He turned to Westland. "How come you dunderheads didn't show me this right off?" he demanded,.their year that way. But rather than distress Amanda further by asking about it, I bit my tongue and.loved them, and took care of them. And they loved her back. (Once, a couple of years ago, a young."Who is Ireina Khokolovna?" he asked..27.how much you hate it, you're already a part of me, and I of you."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.."Don't you see?" she went on, calmer now. "It's too pat, too much of a coincidence. This thing is like.A high-ranking officer in Army Intelligence, watching the first demonstration of the Ozo in the.'When Westland came charging back into my office an hoar later, he found the Admiral hammering at my console keys and shouting bis best Navy profanity at the Zorphs who had just zapped him for fifteen-hundred energy units..Company would have to come across pronto. She said she hoped so, what with another mouth to feed.Damon Knight for "I See You".of Selene's friends I feel like spiders are crawling over me. They're all so ... grotesque." Amanda."I am Amos and this is Jack, Prince of the Far Rainbow," said Amos. "And we wandered into your.misapprehensions on the part of the public. Some people, for instance, pant for clones because they think.I didn't say anything.."You will not see him again. You will tell him to go.".recognize you if I saw you walking quietly down the street toward me when you were off duty."."They'll just keep tossing men and women at the stats until someone does come back. Sreen or no."Good evening," said Amos. "I'm exploring the ship and I have very little time. I have to be up at four."Hold on, honey," Lang said dryly. "If you conceive now, I'll be forced to order you to abort. We.in Houston to show us how low our stock has fallen." .33.abrupt, though polite.."What about water?" .to herself, sleeping in the catamaran moored beside the bank across the river and not even venturing into.steaming platter of sausages and eggs..HERBERT'S The Frank Worlds of Herbert."January." She groaned the word. "That's forever. Kiss me good-by, Gordy."."Curses," said the grey man, "but you're right." He took from his pocket a strip of crimson cloth with orange design, went to the trunk and lowered it through a small round hole in the top. As the last of it dropped from sight, the thing in the box went: Mlpbgrm!.another water source..The hunter searched her face with his eyes but could not find what he was seeking. He walked past her to the cottage door. Hinda followed behind him, uncertain..teflon bearings. Below it were various tiny gears and the pump itself. She twirled it idly as she spoke..soft slowness, not exactly a drawl and not exactly Deep South. He shoved the typewriter over and pulled.In passing,.female line, then the male ... a teacher of biology, in Boston, a suffragette, a corn

merchant, a singer, a from Competition 13" Excerpts from myopic early sf or Utopian novels. you will if you stay here long enough? they know genetics. They really know it We have a thousand. know anyone who might be in the market for Barry's particular type. Generally, she observed, it was just arrived a day or two before, paddling a crude catamaran downriver from somewhere out of the. "Are you indeed?" asked Lea, smiling. "A piece of the mirror I am trapped in lies at the bottom of this. Mama Dolores put her hand to her mouth. "I forget? the little one, he is alone?" "It turns," Lang said quietly. "That's why Song noticed it She came by here one day and it was in a. The week following the departure of the Burroughs was one of hysterical overreaction by the New Amsterdaraites. The atmosphere was forced and false; an eat-drink-and-be-merry feeling pervaded everything they did..almost blew them over. Water condensed out of it in their faceplates, and suddenly they couldn't see very. He smiled at her. "No, honey, but maybe there's some hi the ship." She seemed satisfied. She would wait to experience the wonders of Earthly science..the blowout. So we'd better add another six months to the schedule." "Mary, I wanted. . . is it all right if I call you Mary?" "Not too early, please?" she said. "I like to sleep late." "The second thing I have to announce tonight is that such a commitment has now been made. As I mentioned a moment ago, this subject has been under study for a considerable period of time. I can now inform you that, three days ago, the President of the United States and the Chairman of the Eastern Co-Prosperity Sphere signed an agreement for the project which I have briefly outlined to be' pursued on a joint basis, effective immediately. The activities of the various national and private research institutions and other organizations that will be involved in the venture will be coordinated with those of the North American Space Development Organization and with those of our Chinese and Japanese partners under a project designation of Starhaven." Such specialized development begins in the earliest embryo, as some cells come into being on the. toward my side of the stage and gives me a soft smile. And then it's back to the audience and into the. The owner-manager of the court was one of those creatures peculiar to Hollywood. She must have. screwball friend Ha-zeldorf has gotten into the guts of the message-switching system and reprogrammed. "I thought you were dead too," said Billy Belay, "after you ran out of here with that thin grey man and. dead, and decided to disappear. Can't say as I blame him. The police might've gotten some funny ideas..Except for a dazed expression and a few cuts, Song seemed to be all right. Crawford and McKillian." "No! There's no other way. Oh, not people like us, maybe. Maybe we're seeing them right now., I look out at the crowd and it's like staring at the Pacific after dark; the gray waves march out to the horizon until you can't tell one from the other. Here on the stage, the crowd-mutter even sounds like the sea, exactly as though I was on the beach trying to hear in an eighteen-foot surf. It all washes around me and I'm grateful for the twin earpieces, reassured to hear the usual check-down lists on the in-house com circuit. suddenly had a hurting in my gut I felt the same unfairness and sadness the others had, the way you would. License. A score in the sixth or seventh percentile will not affect the validity of your Temporary License, "Well try. There he is!" .supposed to set a new trend. Building it may take as long as a year, and they're going to need all hands of. "I don't think I can. My bladder holds only so much." .writer." .existence that can reach Mars and land on it. One other pair is in the congressional funding stage. Winey. In April 1992, about the time her husband usually got home, an intruder broke into the house and seized Mrs. Zickwolfe before she had time to get to the bulletin board. He dragged her into the bedroom and forced her to disrobe. The state troopers got there hi fifteen minutes, and Cora never spoke to her friend Phyllis again.. "Well, as you don't appear to be either a mugger or a rapist, there had to be some reason you followed a dotty old woman home from her latest nervous breakdown. Let's make a deal, shall we?" .as a luxury, and about as useful as the nipples on a man's chest. But I was wrong. All the NASA people were wrong. The Astronaut Corps fought like crazy to keep you off this trip. Time enough for that on later flights. We were blinded by our loyalty to the test-pilot philosophy of space flight. We wanted as few scientists as possible and as many astronauts as we could manage. We don't like to think of ourselves as ferry-boat pilots. I think we demonstrated during Apollo that we could handle science jobs as well as anyone. We saw you as a kind of insult, a slap in the face by the scientists in Houston to show us how low our stock has fallen." "I won't take that as your final decision," he said. "As you know, we'll be here six months. If at the end of that time any of you want to go, you're still citizens of Earth." a good deal of tugging and grunting, the couch turned into a lumpy bed. The refrigerator looked as if someone had spilled a bottle of Br'er Rabbit back in 1938 and hadn't cleaned it up yet. The stove looked like a lube rack. Well, I sighed, it was only for three days. I had to pay a month's rent in advance anyway, but I put it down as a bribe to keep Lorraine's and Johnny's mouths shut about my being a detective.. That includes me, and sometimes she's let me come into her bed. But not often. "You like it?" she. "Robbie?" It comes into my left ear, on the in-house com circuit reserved for performer and me alone.. "You're right. What do we do first?" "Why," said Jack, "I am a prince because I am worthy to be a prince, and with me is a woman. of her desires; please carry them out accordingly." The packet contains a chrome cylinder with a screw. The North Wind laughed so loud that Amos and the prince had to hold onto the walls to keep from. Then, as though they'd been waiting for these preliminaries to be concluded, tears sprang to her eyes.. The image as it swells hypnotically toward him is clear and sharp, without tremor or atmospheric distortion. It is summer in the northern hemisphere: Utopia is wide and dark. The planet fills the screen, and now he turns northward, over the cratered desert still hundreds of miles distant A dust storm, like a yellow veil, obscures the curved neck of Thoth-Nepenthes; then he is beyond it, drifting down to die. covering was pure and glittering ice. It was a very large lump, nearly as large as the black trunk of the. grey as grey can be, the ship pulled up to the shore of a great, grey, dull, tangled, boggy, and baleful. The man rose then, and Hinda marveled at the height of him, for he was as tall as the cottage door. "Today the sustenance that our industries crave is not oil, but minerals. Fifty years from now our understanding of controlled-fusion processes will probably have eliminated that source of shortages too, but in the meantime shorter sighted political considerations are recreating the climate of tension and rivalry that hinged around the

oil issue at the close of the last century. Obviously, South Africa's importance in this context is shaping the current pattern of power maneuvering, and the probable flashpoint for another East-West collision will again be the Iran-Palestine border region, which our strategists expect the Soviets to contest to gain access to the Indian Ocean in preparation for the support of a war of so-called black African liberation against the South." Amanda cried, "Matthew, don't?" Her eyes widened with horror. Her mouth moved again..stopped and turned to face me. "I'll have to ask you for a favor. Mandy doesn't know about my practice.Destination: P. T. Warrington.ground. Only her eyes remained the same..Ralston? Think you can find out how bad it is?".spent Sunday with my mother in Inglewood. My mother was touring Yucatan at the time, but that was."So I had heard," said Amos. "But haven't you ever looked into a mirror?".McKillian didn't seem to know what she wanted. "No. I... but, yes. Yes, I guess I do." She looked at."If you saw a man living through the happiest moment of his life, would it be worth it then?".For instance, suppose you wanted one hundred Isaac Asimovs so that the supply of F&SF essays.wings, settles on a branch. With your own eyes now you can see Bruce, only a dot of blue beyond the.The Funhouse..through the same zipper, and all there was was an uncomfortable sound from the trunk, something like:."You must have quite an artists' colony here," Amanda said, looking over the collection. She ran a hand down the smooth curves of a sonatrophic sculpture by Drummond Caspar. The trope leaned toward the sound of her voice.

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