

TWISTED MEMORIES

163. clones will disappear. The dancer raised a brow. "Ah-I see. You're the other one." He grinned at me. "You know, all those months Selene and I were together, if I hadn't already known about her, I'd never have guessed?" So finely drawn, and with the glitter of ice, the manipulating wires radiate outward. Taut bonds between her body and the flickering darkness, all wires lead to the intangible overshadowing figure behind her. Without expression, Atropos gazes down at the woman. "Well," he called up to the thin grey man who sat on the top of the trunk, waiting, "here is your mirror from the bottom of the luminous pool." .32. behind. She was blunt about what she thought and not at all hesitant about disagreeing with me. Still, would they?" She underlined her question with a Mona Lisa smile, and Barry, for all his indignation and better, just bigger. His first endorsement proved to have been beginner's luck. Though he went out almost every night to a different speakeasy and practically lived at Partyland during the weekends, when it was at his liveliest, he never again had such a plum fall in his lap. He didn't get within sniffing distance of his heart's desire. Most people he met were temps, and the few Permanent License holders inclined to be friendly to him invariably turned out, like the MacKinnons, to have already disposed of their allotted endorsements. Or so they said. As the weeks went by and anxiety mounted, he began to be of the cynical but widely held opinion that many people simply removed the stickers from their licenses so it would seem they'd been used. According to Jason MacKinnon, a completely selfless endorsement, like his from Ed, was a rare phenomenon. Quid pro quos were the gen-.the mountains until the paved highway becomes narrow asphalt and then rutted earth and then only a cover the razor flint nature originally laid there. Nina? it wasn't her name, but he felt a need to somehow identify this wide-mouthed, pink-tongued, have, having thoroughly enjoyed his company, but unfortunately they'd both used up their quota for that. already run up a sizable food bill at the Mom & Pop store around the corner, what's left of our savings. sunlight like exotic jungle birds. It's one of those, I thought My suspicions were confirmed when I looked. From Competition 13: Excerpts from myopic early sf novels. Q: What is the state of the Competition Editor after each contest? "I have been Miss Georgia six nights a week for the last four years, with matinees on Sunday and Tuesday, and do you suppose in all that time that the audience has ever voted for me to be Miss America? Ever?" "I had rather hoped we might have avoided that," said Lea, as she came over to untie Jack and Amos. "But there is nothing we can do now. I can never thank you enough for gathering the mirror and releasing me." Later in the castle hall, Amos and the prince stood bound by the back wall. The grey man chuckled to himself as he hung up the two-thirds completed mirror. The final third was on the table. was intentional, like that cattle prod you mentioned. You looked like you needed a kick in the ass. ? Subject: Enclosed Certificate. "Bert, do that again." Martian exploration where the first expedition had left off and, incidentally, to recover the remains of the. wrapping its appendages around his calf, bleating all the while, "No, no, you must abide by the edict. She simpered. "Oh, Johnny! Come on in. This detective was asking about Andrew Detweiler in." Now wait a minute. What about all this line about 'colonists' you've been feeding us ever since we were tall and skinny, about twenty-four by six. The other living room window, opposite the door, slid. In Defense of Criticism. myself, you will never have your mirror." Fiction Writers of America for best short story of the year. .29. thought of that. "For another, a good part of our suits. Song, watch it, don't step on that thing. We don't." My name." He sat there in his bulgy sponge of a chair, grateful to be alone and able to take in the sheer size and.; 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. now; his head was throbbing with weariness. climbed onto his back, huddling between his shoulder blades, its hand on his shoulders. Detweiler stood. "Right. The thing about cars is ... Well, I live in Elizabeth across the river, right? So any time I come. Ralston? Think you can find out how bad it is?" which, he said, was his nearest and dearest friend. He said if I would work for him and carry his trunk, he. And so passed the day. .t This is not mysterious. We see an analogy on the social plane. I am a highly specialized individual who can support myself with ease as a writer, provided I am surrounded by a functioning and highly organized society. Place me on a desert island and I shall quickly perish since I don't know the first thing about the simplest requirements for self-support. Project Hi-Rise. "Now," said Jack, rubbing his wrists, "I can look at myself again and see why I am Prince of the Far. husband had been killed in a plane crash in 1978. He had a partner who handled the business operations." Did he say why he was leaving or where he was going?" "Well it's about tune," said the grey man, and began walking toward it. But as soon as he stepped. "Stand so that the sun is in your eyes," said the North Wind, towering over Amos, "because I do not want anyone else to see before I have." had evolved. He was a laboratory chemist, specializing in inorganic compounds. The way these plants. "Hi," said the girl in a tone intended to convey a worldly-wise satiety but achieved no more than blank anomie. "What's up?" "Yeah. I broke my own rule. But so did you two. Consider your-. his fingers. Rainbow," he said. XII. affinity for multiplex circuitry. He looked a little stunned after I finished with the stim console. "Christ, kid, were you the one on duty?" Crawford asked her. of Jack McCranie's office; the picture was still dim, but sharp enough that Smith could see the expression. process. In the place of the removed egg cell nucleus, you insert the nucleus of a somatic cell of the same. the livid fury blazing in her eyes. Detweiler's flush of health was wearing off that afternoon. He wasn't ill, just beginning to feel like the rest of us mortals. And I was feeling my resolve begin to crumble. It was hard to believe this beguiling kid could possibly be involved in a string of bloody deaths. Maybe it was just a series of unbelievable coincidences. Yeah, "un-. into the infrared. He spent most of August, when he should have been on vacation, trying various. (the future of the arts) and background (an artist's colony called Aventine). The tales are. Amos himself was well aware how long he would have hesitated had the question been asked of him. As the seconds passed, he began to fear for Jack's life, and wished he

had had a chance to figure some other way to get the mirror out One minute passed; perhaps they could have tricked the girl into bringing it up herself. Two minutes; they could have tied a string to the leg of a frog and sent him down to do the searching. Three minutes; there was not a bubble on the water, and Amos surprised himself by deciding the only thing to do was to jump in and at least try to save the prince. But there was a splash of water at his feet. He laughed again. "No. I doubt if he knew what the word means." plastic, which was thick enough to make an impenetrable barrier. It was like a cobweb made of flat, thin. pointed to the trunk. From it came a low, muggy sound: Ulmph. because they were too damned dumb to understand plain English. When Westland came charging back into my office an hour later, he found the Admiral hammering at my console keys and shouting his best Navy profanity at the Zorphs who had just zapped him for fifteen-hundred energy units. "That," she says. "The VTP." again, close and insistent. She ran to the window to see. female and allowed to come to term there. Herndon's room for a few days? until someone claims her things. out what was happening here in the graveyard, there was no need to explore alternative ways of getting. Maurice Milian was still listed as 407. I took the elevator to four and rang the bell of 409. The bell. friend Phyllis again. Just then, behind the bars, Amos saw the pile of grubby grey blankets move. A corner fell away and. Intermediary is left limping along after the captain. Through the clear pale skin of its back, I see that some. would have sustained life. "And once we get out from under the boat," said Amos, "we can climb back in." lanky indicated one of two identical orange-and-brown-striped couches facing each other across a. that the statement did not startle him. "Fine," he says. "About a minute, stand by. Ms, Snow wants to say hello." bed. I looked around the grubby little room but didn't find anything. There were no signs of a struggle, no. furtively don his pressure suit. Then before them was a rushing and a rumbling and a rolling like thunder, and from the blackness a voice said, "I am the North Wind, and I am very much at home." A few of the outlets which received the cartons opened them the same day, tried the devices out, and. "Sorry. Go to your right about ten meters, where you see the steam coming from the web. There, see. debated in the Arabian Desert with tactical nuclear weapons. It would have been inconsiderate to break in upon such testimony by mentioning that his name was not, in fact, Larry. What difference does one letter make, after all? It is also possible, however, though not usual, for a woman to bring two different egg cells to fruition at the same time. If both are fertilized, two children will be born who are each possessed of genetic equipment different from the other. What results are "fraternal twins" who need not be of the same sex and who need not resemble each other any more than siblings usually do. The captain, an Indian named Singh, got his crew started on erecting the permanent buildings, then climbed into a crawler with three officers for the trip to Tharsis. It was almost exactly twelve Earth-years since the departure of the Edgar Rice Burroughs. a second beer and took a meditative swallow. Did poets ever write poems about drinking beer? Or was. hang there Imp and soulless till the morning when Brother Hart donned it once again and raced off to the lowland meadows to graze. "Counting Chromosomes," F&SF, June 1968.]. connecting. Jain. . ..status. Korda's 1940 Thief doubles that in spades (the giant flying genie is just one of many), plus it has. "But I can never express it. Everything I say seems to make more sense than what I can feel inside of me." "Right. The thing about cars is ... Well, I live in Elizabeth across the river, right? So any time I come here I've got to drive, right? Which you might think was a drag, but in fact I always feel terrific. You know?" Lorraine's and Johnny's mouths shut about my being a detective. must have had. A vulnerability that makes you want to shield and protect him. I don't know for sure what. Organizer outlined what we were striking for, and I paid strict attention so I could tell Ike. It adds up to a. Dear heart, Brother Hart, Come at my crying. We shall dine on berry wine And Sometimes the repetition of what we have just said will suggest a new meaning or possibilities of time. HENDERSON'S The Different People: No Flesh. green, and yellow. Absence due to personal illness has dropped twenty-seven percent over the last two months. There have. 116. under the proper circumstances. Paul Henreid, " I said. plants' ingenious solution to survival on Mars. The windmills utilized the energy in the wind, and the plastic. Deep in a wood, so dark and tangled few men dared go, there was a small clearing. And in that clearing lived a girl and her brother hart. 108

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