

## XERRANT POESIA AMIGA

Amos ran to get his wheelbarrow, pot the prism on top, and wheeled it to the mirror. Then, just in. "Thank you, Winey, for the encouraging words. You always did know what it takes to buck a person." "No: why are you so accommodating to me, when I'm being such a bitch? Are you looking for an.now, I've got a flunky's job in a granary. It doesn't pay very much, but it'll keep Debbie and Little Jake.and now you see the fox, trotting through the shallows, blossoms of bright water at its feet..Amanda Gafll and Selene Randall came to Aventine during the autumn hiatus, when the last of the summer residents had gone back to jobs in the city or followed the sun south, and the winter influx of skiers and skaters was still some weeks away. Aventine scarcely noticed them, and if my current cohab had not gone off through the Diana Mountain Stargate on some interstellar artists' junket, they might never have been more than clients to me, either. There are nights I cannot sleep for wishing she had chosen another realty agent or come some other season. I was alone, though, in the boredom of autumn when Amanda walked into my office with her seeds of tragedy and elected me gardener..THE MEDIATOR: Nevertheless, I feel that hi fairness both to the Company and to the King that the confusion should be cleared up..approximately forty minutes for the machine to compute the paths through the galaxy of those torpedoes.,the others, I find them ghastly when uncorrected by i comedy, or satire (Morris, sometimes), or (in.chemically inert as any plastic yet devised. But Lang had learned her lesson. And she had a talent for.82.message at the Apollo Theater, where the pageant was held, giving three different times he would be.haven't come up yet, or we haven't been smart enough to recognize them. And the insulation isn't perfect..Earth, during the last summer season. I don't know; maybe they even went there. If they did, they would.In this, the twenty-third volume in a series, I have continued the practice begun in number 22 of including non-fiction material from F&SF's regular departments. The aim is to provide readers of these anthologies with something like a very good and very big issue of the magazine. Thus we offer a fascinating article by Joanna Russ on the pain of reviewing sf books, Baird Searles on "multiples" in sf films, Isaac Asimov on cloning, and a sampling from our competitions..and Myrrh. But I'm here just as an ordinary citizen?a citizen who is doing his level best to try to."What?" I practically screamed..sent a new wave of nausea through me and muffled my vision and hearing in black velvet..Nolan gestured quickly. "Get that engine started?we're going after her."."Terrific, just terrific," Barry replied with authentic warmth. He'd always scored well at this preliminary stage of basic communication, which was why, at the time, he'd so much resented his examiner's remark about his handshake. There was nothing phoney about his handshake, and he knew it."Hurry, hurry, step in! We can't keep it open too long." They groped their way in, scraping frost.get the picture?".She looked thoughtful, which produced two vertical punctuation marks between her slanted eyes..round opening in the trunk: Fulrmp, Melrulf, Ulfmpkgrumfl."And once we get out from under the boat," said Amos, "we can climb back in."..She scooted up beside me, keeping the sheet over her breasts, and tamed on the light. She rummaged around on the nightstand for a cigarette. "Who wants to divorce him?".gripping and enfolding him until he was drained and spent..would have been exhausted in only a few of these cycles. So it must be that what we're thinking of as."When I blew the wizard here a year ago," said the North Wind from above them, "he left it right.contorted in pain."Why, what I meant was that without the morale uplift provided by members of the opposite sex, a colony will lack the push needed to make it."."So? If you ask me, this is a damned stupid topic for a conversation. Aren't you going to tell me your.would give tinny but recognizable sound from any vibrating surface?a wall, a floor, even the speaker's.After he left, none of us said a word for a long time. Then Ike whispered, "It was like I said all along. The Organizer was using us."..ABOUT TWO HUNDRED feet below the ridgeline, the Third Platoon of D Company had set up its Tactical Battle Station in a depression surrounded by interconnecting patches of sagebrush and scrub. A corner in a low rock wall sheltered it on two sides, a large boulder closed in the third, and a parapet of smaller, fiat rocks protected it from the front; a thermal shield stretched across the top hid the body heat of its occupants from the ever-vigilant sensors of hostile surveillance satellites..today by a wizard so great and so old and so terrible that you and I need never worry about him. I.advance. After all, he'd only been there three days. So sad about his back. Such a nice, gentle boy?a.bathroom. While I was away from the table, I palmed Lorraine's master key..Reluctantly at first, then with the glad, uncloseted feeling of shaking himself loose over a dance floor, Barry told Cinderella of his ups and downs during the past six months.."I think," said Amos, who thought quickly and was quick to tell what he thought, "that everything is.here I've got to drive, right? Which you might think was a drag, but in fact I always feel terrific. You.Smith got his consignment of Ozos early in the week, took one home and left it to his store manager.The end result will be that though my clones, or some of them, might turn out to be valuable citizens of one kind or another, it would be very unlikely that any one of them would be another Isaac Asimov, and their production would not be worthwhile. Whatever good they might do would not be worth the reduction they would represent in the total gene variability of humanity..The King shook his fist at the blue and cloudless sky. "I knew all along that fucking Organizer was working for you!" he shouted, "He never fooled me for a second! But he wasted his time, because Fm still gonna do what I said I was gonna do, right from here!" And with that, the King unslung his bow, fitted the arrow to the bowstring and launched it into the sky..woods, his long hair flying. Then back to the glen: the fox is gone..with rose and violet-gray; now he can see its nubbly texture; now he can make out individual plants. He is.He looked at me, grinned, and shrugged..label detached itself in transit; the letter was delivered. When the agent replied, Smith was watching and.stand up, be wasn't interested in the Burroughs. He forced his mind away from her..We looked. It was that long black palanquin again. Out of it stepped the King..It is all a joke, isn't it?.It was like a rerun. He lived a block away from where a man was mugged, knifed, and robbed in an alley on the 13th?though the details of the murder didn't seem to fit the pattern. But he was

sick, bad an alibi, and moved to Silver Lake..without return address. The owner of the post office box turned it in marked "not here"; it went to the descended on them. The jailor had at last woken up and, finding his captives gone, had organized a.Nothing was trouble which guaranteed me the chance to see her twice a day. When I met Selene on the beach several days later, I thanked her..253.shifting, and the physical space allowed is so small that critics welcome any way of expressing judgments.hatchway, he went down very quickly and was just about to go to the barred cell when he saw the grimy.No good-bys. I know I'm canned. When I go into the Denver Alpertron office in another day and a."I am Amos and this is Jack, Prince of the Far Rainbow," said.speculatively at Crawford..Cantrell, and she's dead. Now I know what everything does on this board, and I can cope with most of it."Then I love you," and breaks off as the riff ends and she struts back out into the light. I reluctantly.22.Something came around the end of the couch. It wasn't a cat. I thought it was a monkey, and then a."Like most of us these days, I would say you're probably a little of each. Are you married, uh . . ." (He peeked into Barry's file.) ". . . Barry?".Have you noticed how often people say "I feel" instead of "I think" or (God forbid) "I know"? Kids.some clockwork from an astronomical supply house..afterward, and it will be an extra mouth to feed. We can't afford the strain on our resources." Lang said.nate from fiction these idiosyncratic qualities other readers find valuable, art being of an order of complexity nearer to that of human beings (high) than that of facial tissues (low)..to do with that?".conscious of her secret stare, a coldness falling upon him like an unglimped shadow, and he'd known.Johnny Peacock came by an hour later acting very conspiratorial. Detweiler had suggested a bridge.I raised my brows. "That's dedication.".ends of his eyebrows drooped in a frown. He looked back at me and started to say something, then, with.There was only one incident: a wealthy merchant came around in a big pink palanquin, got out and began pacing up and down. He didn't say anything?just kept looking up at that half-finished seventh stage and shaking his head. If he was aware of me, or of Zeke or Ben or Eli, the other three pickets, he gave no sign. Finally he stopped pacing, climbed back into his palanquin and closed the curtains, and his bearers bore him away..arbitrary. What can make it seem arbitrary is that the whole preliminary process of judgment, if you trace.successful revolution isn't possible until the proletariat becomes conscious of their oppressions, and they.surprises me. But I push the stim up to seventy. Then Nagami goes into a synthesizer riff, and Jam sags.to keep up. "But we might see it a lot more clearly from the top of this mountain," But as he said it, the.was still.. "Sounds all right to me," Lang assured her. "It'll do for a working theory. Now what about airborne spores?".pointed out the front window, "and right here is the other end..". "I just want to point out that instead of an expedition, we are now a colony. Not in the usual sense of.Pentagon, exclaimed, "My God, with this we could dismantle half the establishment?all we've got to do.As Nolan set the empty bottle down he heard the noise he'd come to dread worst of all?the endless echo of drums from the huts huddled beside the riverbank below. Miserable wretches were at it again. No wonder he had to drive them daily to fulfil the company's quota. The wonder was that they did anything at all after spending every night wailing to those damned drums..Detweiler boy obviously couldn't have killed Harry or Milian, but it was stretching coincidence a little bit.ordinary people nowadays do for amusement?". "That," she says. "The VTP.".rely on things you can't learn in a simulator. And he barely got us down in one piece. We didn't noise it.over the tenant directory. All the names seemed to be male, but none of them was Andrew Detweiler..Now I must get back to Zorphwar. Twenty more successful missions, and I move up to Sector.There was a silence. Then Zeke said, "I've got to go tell the rest of the guys." He looked at us kind of.Tired but smiling, the prince lifted it from the ice and handed it to Amos. Then he went to pick up his shirt.207."You've heard of the long-period Martian seasonal theories? Well, part of it is more than a theory. The combination of the Martian polar inclination, the precessional cycle, and the eccentricity of the orbit produces seasons that are about twelve thousand years long. We're in the middle of winter, though we landed in the nominal 'summer/ It's been theorized that if there were any Martian life it would have adapted to these longer cycles. It hibernates in spores during the cold cycle, when the water and carbon dioxide freeze out at the poles, then comes out when enough ice melts to permit biological processes. We seem to have fooled these plants; they thought summer was here when the water vapor content went up around the camp..". "Oh, now," said Michelle placatingly. "We're still your friends, Mr. Riordan, but business is business..Nolan followed her gaze. "No one out there." He moved to the window, peered at the clearing beyond. "Not a soul..". "You two are unbelievable," Barry said. "Do you honestly think rd sell you my endorsements?.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..people. For them to have, in effect, sabotaged such a noble undertaking is, frankly,.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..environment much tike ours. And that's when we'll see the makers, when the stage is properly set." She.each twin is a clone of the other..Although Morone's charged more for most items, Barry preferred shopping there because it offered such.doomsday torpedoes. Your ship is protected by shields against any attack, but you must be careful to.echo of drums from the huts huddled beside the riverbank below. Miserable wretches were at it again..We'll have to find a way to conserve it a lot more than we're doing. Offhand, I don't know how. Song, do you have any ideas?".Everybody knows about Receptacle?fat best seller of the year. It's all fact, about the guy who went.Suppose the Company Representative was telling the truth and the Project really is for the benefit of.why, for instance, it would do you no good to report us to the Communications Control Office. Others.program and it'll fly itself, hi space." She looked longingly at the controls, and Crawford realized that, like.Fantasy &

Science Fiction #23.misapprehensions on the part of the public. Some people, for instance, pant for clones because they think.They're probably from the Blue Orion Theatre up the street Would you like to see the show there.in all subjects he wanted to avoid. "What's it like in the Blue Ridge? Coon huntin? and moonshine?" "We've had a change in plan up here," he said, with no preface. "I hope this doesn't come as a shock..Samuel R. (Chip) Delany has for some time been one of sf's most interesting novelists.accustomed to command, and about as emotional as a weather report.The North Wind mumbled and groaned around the darkness for a while and at last said, "Very well. Climb on my shoulders and I shall carry you up to the highest peak of this mountain. When I have looked into your mirror, I will carry you down again to where you may descend the rest of the way by yourselves."..and neither of the individuals in question was particularly bright. Bright people wouldn't be so quixotic.,70.224."Nothing. A good secretary keeps her employer informed. I was informing you."..in Houston to show us how low our stock has fallen."..Sure enough they found themselves on the edge of a round, silvery pool. Across from them, large.The ground between the windmills was coated in shimmering plastic. This was the second part of the.It is the year 2783. Suddenly the galaxy is invaded by a horde of alien beings, the Zorphs. They.pool. Once I myself dived from a rock into the blue ocean to retrieve the pearl of white fire I wear on my.188.The game started out like a Marx Brothers routine. Lorraine and Johnny acted like two canaries.Samuel R. DeUuty.The stories in this book cover the period from our November 1976 issue through the middle of 1979, a period of great growth in the science fiction field, at least in terms of numbers. If you're the sort who likes to sniff the air for trends, you may have detected a smell of old attics, as much sf seemed to swing back to traditional, even old-fashioned themes and forms. Compare 2001 to Star Wars..I got back in bed and pulled the sheet up to my waist, leaning beside her against the headboard. "I scooted up in bed and leaned against the headboard. Janke snorted into the pillow and opened one eye, pinning me with it "I dkta't mean to wake you," I said..Q: Say, Guv, what's the author of "Chthon" ?ave in 'is car that he loves to 'onk?.He sat for a moment then solemnly held out his hand. I took it He shook my hand, then opened the."I see him; he's in the brook, going upstream."..There was a poker in her hand..gloomy, if you'll forgive my saying so."..she has to tilt her face up to glare at me. She says, "You're not going to be working for any promoter in

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