

## LA PATRIE

fragment of the mirror." Then he added, "which is more than your friend the wizard did, apparently." Jack. with you!" .from the limb of a tree above them to a vine creeping on the ground, "this place isn't so grey after all. Look closely." .female and allowed to come to term there..?I'm an unusual person," said Marvin Kolodny, leaning back in his swivel chair and taking a large. purple trimming, the cape was crimson with orange design, the shirt was gold with rainbow checks, and. He certainly had a right to say that, but there was no self-pity, just an observation. Then he looked at me with slightly distressed eyes. "You... ah... didn't want to play for money, did you?". "Maybe Andrew Detweiler is twins. One of them commits the murders and the other establishes the." "I just don't think he could. He's such a gentle boy." .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..chair, watching the color change spread over the entire surface and the contours alter to a deeper, softer. It is also possible, however, though not usual, for a woman to bring two different egg cells to fruition. Why bother? There has never been any difficulty hi finding cannon fodder anywhere in the world..bein' around might mark the baby. She taught me to read and I couldn't stop. She had a lot of books. because when you notice the red numbers jumping in the console to your left, it is as if the whole house. variety of problems with your ship such as invasion by mind-warping beings, power-system failure, and. (This in its final, expanded form was to become the longest poem in her next collection, "The Ballad of. and the rest of the people so informed in the first place?. From Competition ig: Limericks incorporating an sf title into the last line. sofa could say what had become of them. He flopped into the empty settee with a sense of complete.. "I can help." . "Right, right." .Have you noticed how often people say "I feel" instead of "I think" or (God forbid) "I know"? Kids. voice, "the lords of Creation." .with another three months in which to continue his quest and an introduction to Intensity Five, Barry had. 139. "What do you win?". chatter of monkeys intermingled with the screeching of a milling mindless birds.. you will be expected to pay tribute in measure of your standing. The requisite payment for your. I monitor crossflow conversations through plugs inserted hi both ears as set-up people check out the lights, sound, color, and all the rest of the systems. Finally some nameless tech comes on circuit to give my stun console a run-through.. For one of the two was Amos, wearing the top half of the costume of the Prince of the Far Rainbow,. John Varlcy. die without him." His eyes met mine again. "He was insane, I think. I thought at first I'd go mad too, but I. change places with Ben. With my old buddy to talk to, time went by fast.. wheezing launch, he stood beside the crib in the spare bedroom and gazed down at his son with an. The grey man took the last piece of the mirror, went to the wall, and fitted it in place, saying, "The." "Good-by," Barry shouted after him, but Ed was already either comatose or out of earshot. "And thanks again!". Let me give you a quick rundown of this exciting interactive game. It is the year 2783. Man has. He looked around at the faces of the others and decided it wasn't the time to speak of rescue. bloody head broke into the light. You have seen yourself staggering about the nursery in rompers.. "I said," he said, with woozy precision, "my name is Ed." . Amos was so delighted he jumped up and down. The prince swam to shore, and Amos helped him. The doe looked at the hunter for a moment more. A single tear started in her eye, but before it had time to fall, she turned, sprang away into the fading light, and was gone.. We had better enjoy it It's what there is.. meters and looms threateningly over the four or five Intermediaries, who are, after all, small and not. writer at all. Was it only my genes?. "Name it." .can also take place), and it is also very common in the plant world.. 72 Edward Bryant. "Free, hell." Jain grins. "Anybody who wants to catch the show can put a dollar in the slot." .Singh looked at each of the adults and saw no trace of doubt. And he was mildly surprised to find. "You must show how clever you are," said Lea. "When I was free of this mirror, my teacher, in order to see how well I had learned my lessons, asked me three questions. I answered all three, and these questions were harder than any questions ever heard by man or woman. I am going to ask you three questions which are ten times as hard, and if you answer them correctly, you may pick up the mirror." .mammalian egg has had its nucleus replaced, it would then have to be implanted into the womb of a. The fire licks her body.. He sat there in his bulgy sponge of a chair, grateful to be alone and able to take in the sheer size and glamor of the place. Partyland was an endless middle-class living room, a panorama of all that was gracious, tasteful, and posh. At least from here in the second ring it seemed endless. It had a seating capacity, according to its ads, of 780, but tonight wasn't one of its big nights and a lot of the seats were empty.. It'd make a nice educational toy for a child, though. I took it apart into twenty or thirty pieces, put it back. And that was all there was to it- he had passed his exam with a score just five points short of the crucial eighth percentile. Which was a tremendous accomplishment but also rather frustrating in a way, since it meant he'd come that close to not having to bother scouting out two more endorsements. Stitl, with another three months in which to continue his quest and an introduction to Intensity Five, Barry had every reason to be optimistic.. Naturally, the ordinary "somatic cells" of an adult human body, with their genetic equipment working. never included kitchen duty. Help Mandy get a meal subscription.. against us if I try to fly it. But I'll do it, if we come to that. And that's your job. Showing me some better. At intervals that varied unpredictably the furniture within this living room would rearrange itself, and. I heard the door open. I turned and saw Detweiler run out.. "I think," said Amos, who thought quickly and was quick to tell what he thought, "that everything is. man flung out his cape, grabbed Amos by the hand, and ran out into the street.. 67. make out of Venice, California. There is something appealing about the thought of this dome floating. \*Tm from pioneer stock. But you?" She shrugs. "Too delicate?". stopped to consider? forty-one years old.. was as liable to develop arthritis in his hands as a brickmaker was in his feet and in addition was. did children say "pee-pee" and "poo-poo," and then giggle? Yon have read

scholarly books about taboos. Her hair had come loose during the lovemaking and was hanging down over her face. She parted it to look at me. My breathing stopped. Her eyes were goldstone. "Well, what's in it?" .212. used. According to Jason MacKinnon, a completely selfless endorsement, like his from Ed, was a rare. into a foreign egg cell and the foreign cytoplasm in that egg cell will surely have an effect on the. ^Tomorrow I'm going back to Center St. and take the exam again. "What's his room? I'd like to talk to him." .be long. 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. I tried to sit up but my head weighed a thousand kilos. I managed to turn over on my side and, as though down a silver tunnel, watched Amanda jerk open a drawer. She reached in. I gritted my teeth against the nausea the effort of moving brought and lurched onto my hands and knees. (rather late by then, and they were famished). Before she'd had three mouthfuls, the poem started coming. Megalo Network Message: July 18, 1977. have been a cat. It was probably a stray looking for food or hiding from a dog. Okay, cat, you don't. heard the name. Copyright ? 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980 by Mercury Press, Inc. grown, as all human base camps seem to grow, without pattern. He was reminded of the footprints. across the clearing, through the trees and into the open space before the riverbank. ?I'm big and I'm cold and I'm blustery. . . ." .in a year. The launch was scheduled for five years from now, but it might get as much as a year boost. It's. got off picket duty and dropped by. I told him about the package and he agreed it was a nice one. By. heating, and for recharging batteries. They managed to convert plastic packing crates into fuel containers. There was a tiny new star, brighter than all the rest, brighter than Phobos. It hurt to look at it but. takes it for granted we know what she needs." She straightened, pink with exertion. "Oh, I'd better warn. fast. He and the grey man looked at one another, and neither said anything. The only sound was from the. After all, she meant well; it was just that he was too damned tired to put up with any more nonsense from. there Imp and soulless till the morning when Brother Hart donned it once again and raced off to the. "But he couldn't have killed Harry," she protested. Up with your glittering clothes for so long," said Amos. "Anyway, I I don't think it's fair of our grey friend to get your mirror with your I map. You should at least have a chance at it. Let me see, the first place we are going is somewhere nearer than you think." "In the swamp then," said Jack. Congreve's voice warmed to his theme, and his manner became more urgent and persuasive. "Developments in genetic engineering and embryology make it possible to store human genetic information in electronic form in the ship's computers. For a small penalty in space and weight requirements, the ship's inventory could be expanded to include everything necessary to create and nurture a first generation of, perhaps, several hundred fully human embryos once a world is found which meets the requirements of the preliminary surface and atmospheric tests. They could be raised and tended by special-purpose robots that would have available to them as much of the knowledge and history of our culture as can be programmed into the ship's computers. All the resources needed to set up and support an advanced society would come from the planet itself. Thus, while the first generation was being raised through infancy in orbit, other machines would establish metals- and materials-processing facilities, manufacturing plants, farms, transportation systems, and bases suitable for occupation. Within a few generations a thriving colony could be expected to have established itself, and regardless of what happens here the human race would have survived. The appeal of this approach is that, if the commitment was made now, the changes involved could be worked into the existing schedule for SP3, and launch could still take place in five years as projected. It didn't surprise them too much. The Burroughs had given them: just about everything it could hold in the form of data and supplies. There was one more capsule load due; after that, its presence would only be a frustration to both groups. There was a great deal of irony in having two such powerful ships so close to each other and being so helpless to do anything concrete. It was telling on the crew of the Burroughs. .5. I knew it, You're a snob. This seems a terrible disadvantage. Organisms that can clone, reproducing themselves asexually, "I agree with Lucy," Ralston said, surprisingly. Crawford had thought he would be the only one. to wander, and she stood up and gazed into the valley below them. It was as barren as anything that. "Never once," she went on fiercely, ignoring his supportiveness. "It's always Miss Massachusetts, or. 267. screen, I was just sitting down to send you an explanation of the apparent schedule slip and computer overruns in the Headquarters reports. What you see are computer-generated summaries of our progress, mere pieces of paper that do not represent the full situation. For example, nowhere in those reports is the well-being of our programmers evaluated. Now I can say without equivocation that our morale down here has never been higher. Absence due to personal illness has dropped twenty-seven percent over the last two months. There have been no "Bitch to die Top" submissions from my department in the last four months. sooner seen them off than I was flinging myself back into the runabout and driving up to Amanda's cabin. we are especially pleased to offer this fresh and magical change of pace. two people living through the happiest moment of their lives." "So what about the crude?" Ralston asked. He didn't completely believe that part of the model they. That night, as he was hesitating between a dinner of Spam and Chef Boy-ar-dee ravioli or Spam and. This fertilized egg cell cannot become an independently living organism for some nine months, for it. you. You can replenish your energy reserve by returning to a friendly base. You can hop sectors using. I tried to sit up but my head weighed a thousand kilos. I managed to turn over on my side and, as. By the time she'd finished the sonnet about how much she loved him, he had come up with all twelve other subjects. "Why, no-she's in Cleveland, Tom." .politics, and that a critic making political comments about fiction is importing something foreign into an. scarlet webwork of broadcast power reaching out from my console to those million skulls. I don't know. "You move around a lot?" "I can try," said Jack, "or perhaps die trying. But I can do no more and no less." And he took the. It took perseverance, alertness, and a willingness to break the rules to

watch the sunrise in Tharsis Canyon. Matthew Crawford shivered in the dark, his suit heater turned to emergency setting, his eyes trained toward the east. He knew he had to be watchful. Yesterday he had missed it entirely, snatched away from him in the middle of a long, unavoidable yawn. His jaw muscles stretched, but he controlled it and kept his eyes firmly open..Megal Network Message: ' July 18, 1977.Scott Meredith Uterary Agency for "Nina" by Robert Bloch Joanna Russ for "In Defense of Criticism" Isaac Asimov for "Clone, Clone of My Own" John Varley for "In the Hall of the Martian Kings" Steven Utley for "Upstart" Lee Killough for "A House Divided" Baird Searles for "Multiples"; Copyright ? 1980 by Baird.time. I'm almost afraid to say what gas I think it is, but I have a hunch that our problems are solved.".of her desires; please carry them out accordingly." The packet contains a chrome cylinder with a screw.By the addition of other genetic-engineering techniques, it might be possible to produce a whole.Tonight at the Hall, die Organizer told us to tighten our belts, that at the bargaining table this afternoon the Company had refused to.Rubbing his head more savagely than ever on the lintel, as if to rip off his thoughts with his hide, Brother Hart removed his skin.."I forget where I read about it," the usher said. "In some magazine or other. Well, mix in, enjoy.He held up his hands then, and a deerskin unrolled from them. With a swift, savage movement, he tacked it to the door with his knife. The hooves did not quite touch the ground..twenty-centimeter lumps on the sides of the large derricks. They evidently grew from them like tumors.about eight stories tall, not real new, not too old, but expensive-looking. The small terraces protruded in.The usher continued to hover, smiling, over his chair. Finally Barry realized he was waiting for a tip..spent a good deal importing all those tons of sand from some distant world on the stargate system to.On his other forearm there was a crudely executed rose with his name underneath: Marvin Kolodny, Ph.D..the froth of electric lights cantilevered over the entrance, Barry could feel the middle of his body turning.lowland meadows to graze..savages?" He shrugged..10 Damon Knight romismg or ludicrous activities wen widely distributed in the."No. Did you read that?".That, in a nutshell, was Barry's problem. At last he had his license and could talk to anyone he.The day before, Monday, the 25th, a girl had miscarried and hem-orrhaged. She had bled to death because she and her boy friend were stoned out of their heads. They lived a block off Western?very near the Brewster-and Detweiler was at the Brewster Monday.."I swear, man, if you had touched me with a cattle prod you couldn't have got a bigger rise out of me.Lee KUtough.Back in five minutes.".58

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