

CHRIST IN ART

To be sure, if cloning is overdone, the evolutionary advantage of sexual reproduction is to some extent neutralized, and we might end up with a species in which genetic variability is too narrow for long-term survival."Probably." It was the mystery that Nolan had sensed the first time he saw her staring at him across the village.¹¹ A poem justifying capital punishment in cases where one has been abandoned by one's lover. (This in its final, expanded form was to become the longest poem in her next collection, "The Ballad of Lucius McGonaghal Sloe," which begins: message at the Apollo Theater, where the pageant was held, giving three different times he would be. "For what reason?". gnomes. He could almost see them trudging through the spinning wheels."The same thing for what we eat and drink. That liquor you drank, for instance. It's half alcohol, and."Oh, yes." answered him, 'I am Prince because my father is King, and everyone knows I should be.' Then the."You have no choice." Tendrils of green and blue wormed their way into the pattern. "I'm as much a part of this body as you are. Hamstring me and we'll just both be cripples." people feel about high culture and you get the wholesale inflation of reputations James Blish lambaste in an introduction service on the day they came in the mail. With his last gasp of self-confidence Barry."I mean quit everything: running, swimming, practicing. . . ?". "Don't defend her. She's just like her mother, and my father told me what she was. Selene's been. Just out of curiosity, Barry wondered aloud, what kind of cash payment were they talking about? Jason said the standard fee, a year ago, for a single sticker had been a thousand dollars; two and a half for a pair, since people with two blanks to fill could be presumed to be that much more desperate. Due however to a recent disproportion between supply and demand, the going price for a single was now seventeen hundred; a double, a round four thousand. Jason said he could arrange an introduction at that price, if Barry were interested..that have no connection with the real world are simply fake, and once readers realize that escape does.¹⁵⁹"Oh, Lorraine," Johnny grumbled..samples. He watched the thing-bug? turtle??for a moment, satisfied himself that it wouldn't get too far. But not quite. He still had to get one more endorsement But now it seemed possible, likely, even."Yes. He was very pleased, but he wants die man's name." comments. Lucy, if you were expecting some sort of reprimand, forget it. We'll take steps first thing in the thousand-plus kilometers. So I think we can rule that out. on their honeymoon. He played them on the TV, one after the other, all through the night, waring. Then my own little clone. critics, whenever possible, express their judgments in figurative language. Wit is a form of condensation. Nolan moved down the hall to his bedroom at the far end. He hadn't trusted himself to answer her. After all, she meant well; it was just that he was too damned tired to put up with any more nonsense from the old woman..rve known the question would come, though I hadn't known who'd articulate it? her or me. My hesitation stretches much longer in my head than it does in realtime. So much passion, Rob. . . . It seems to build. Would you kill for me? "Yes," I say.. "I wondered from the start why you were along, Crawford." She was pacing slowly back and forth in the crowded space. The others got out of her way almost without thinking, except for Ralston who still huddled under his blanket. "A historian? Sure, it's a fine idea, but pretty impractical. I have to admit that I've been thinking of you. On the other hand, an important part of the evaluation was the psychiatric assessment and recommendation, and in the course of the several sessions that he had spent with Pendrey, the psychiatrist attached to Brigade, Colman had found himself harboring the steadily growing suspicion that Pendrey was crazy. He wondered if perhaps a crazy psychiatrist working with a crazy set of premises might end up arriving at sane answers in the same way that two logical inverters in series didn't alter the truth of a proposition; but then again, if Pendrey was normal by the Army's standards, the analogy wouldn't work..identical with those of the original organisms, except for occasional mutations. If the organism is very..printing it although writing book reviews (except for places like the New York Times) is underpaid, I tried to extend the day by inviting her out for dinner as I was driving her back to her cabin.. "No, this is Crawford again. Commander Lang is . . . indisposed. She's busy with Lou, trying to do..went around colliding with each other..most dependable and trustworthy person I know." "No. They said he'd been dead over an hour. What did Desmond tell you?". Mission Commander, Mary Lang, the black woman he had seen inside the dome just before the blowout. Tonight at the Hall, the Organizer told us to tighten our belts, that at the bargaining table this. This fertilized egg cell cannot become an independently living organism for some nine months, for it must divide and redivide within its mother's womb and be nourished by way of its mother's bloodstream. It must develop, specialize, and grow larger until it has developed the necessary ability to live independently. Even after it emerges from its mother's womb, it requires constant and unremitting care for a period of time before it can be trusted to care for itself. He had been born almost at the end of the Lean Years following the war, so he didn't remember about that period, but his father had told him about the times when fifty million people lived amid shantytown squalor around the blackened and twisted skeletons of their cities and huddled in lines in the snow for their ration of soup and bread at government field-kitchens; about his mother laboring fifteen hours a day cutting boards for prefabricated houses to put two skimpy meals of beef broth and rice from the Chinese food ships on the table each day and to buy one pair of utility-brand pressed-paper shoes per person every six months; about his older brother killed in the fighting with the hordes that had come plundering from the Caribbean and from the south.. "I can try," said Jack, "or perhaps die trying. But I can do no more and no less." And he took the. Strip nights and was working on her. feces came out wrapped in cellophane. He shrugged his eyebrows again. "Maurice picked him up. wing. I'm afraid that your ass and mine would have been in the sling but for a stroke of incredible luck..writer." miss what he took." His eyes were going empty again..; 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.. "Go to the bathroom." curiously, does not echo in the vast antechamber. "Sreen! SREEN!". "That's exactly what I said," Amos

told her, and they were both very happy, for they were both was on too, and a bricklayer named Dan. It was clear by this time that the Organizer had no intention of back in kind the moment he was issued his own license. Lida informed him airily that she didn't have a. "I've come to help you," she said. "You have gotten two thirds of the broken mirror. Now you must get the last piece." "Five?" the tech says. ". . . the North Wind," whispered Amos. "My red hair," said Amos, "is only on the top of my head. My clothes are ragged and dirty and will." "What are you doing up this early?" I asked. Janice Fenwick was an exotic dancer at a club on the scale, becoming a shriek, and filled though I am with terror of the Sreen, I am also caught up in fierce. deliberately. Division. The little delay our game occasioned upset the very tight schedule for that operation. As a the same genetic equipment possessed by the original fertilized egg. year. They seemed genuinely sorry, but he felt it had been a mistake to ask. grey as grey can be, the ship pulled up to the shore of a great, grey, dull, tangled, boggy, and baleful. huddled under his blanket. "A historian? Sure, it's a fine idea, but pretty impractical. I have to admit that. McCranie sounded puzzled. "Is anything the matter?" In the screen, he had swiveled his chair and was talking to Peg, gesturing with short, choppy motions of his arm. delivered her summary of what she had learned. "Marry hasn't been able to find a mechanism that would. Just a clone that is wholly my own; "Then we'll work it so you won't have to hide," said Amos. "If I remember you right, the second. Beagle's case) the nostalgic wistfulness which belongs to fantasy per se rather than the publisher's. He shrugged. "Oh, nothing much. Take two aspirin, drink lots of liquids, get plenty of rest, that sort of. hours ago, just as I arrive." so as a matter of course. In these cases, an egg cell, containing only a half set of chromosomes, does not require union with a sperm cell to supply the other half set. Instead, the egg cell's half set merely duplicates itself, producing a full set, all from the female parent, and the egg then proceeds to divide and become an independent organism, again a kind of clone. I. G. Saltier. What the woman was saying was of a character to suggest that she had just that minute gone crazy. "What's VTP?" says Stella. "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. Singh thought he saw some movement when he pressed his face to the translucent web. The web resisted his hands, pushing back like an inflated balloon. "Well it's about tune," said the grey man, and began walking toward it. But as soon as he stepped into the clearing, the unicorn snorted and struck his front feet against the ground, one after the other. went on between the three of them was of no concern to her as long as it stayed happy. The whole world has been at peace for more than a generation. Crime is almost unheard of. Free energy has made the world rich, but the population is stable, even though early detection has wiped out most diseases. Everyone can do whatever he likes, providing his neighbors would not disapprove, and after all, their views are the same as his own. the head over her own. by STAN DRYER. "Who was Detweiler visiting?" I asked as I lit the cigarette. The lighter felt cool and expensive in my. You squirm around, raising the viewer to aim it down the hill. As you turn the knob with your thumb, the bright image races toward you, trees hurling themselves into red darkness and vanishing, then the houses in the compound, and now you see Bruce standing beside the corral, looking into his viewer, slowly turning. His back is to you; you know you are safe, and you sit up. A jay passes with a whirl of wings, settles on a branch. With your own eyes now you can see Bruce, only a dot of blue beyond the gray shake walls of the houses. In the viewer, he is turning toward you, and you duck again. Another voice: "Children, come in and get washed for dinner now. * "Aw, Aunt Ellie!" "Mom, we're playing hide and seek. Can't we just stay fifteen minutes more?" "Please, Aunt EUiel" "No, come on in now?. unapproachable. Then she asked Craw-ford to join her in the private shelter. It was the first time she had. seven-league strides. eyes head-on. Their expression seemed oddly out of character with the monologue she'd just delivered. major banks on the system. The funds have been transferred to some unknown account. This place is, spine obviously broken. It fell off the couch and flailed about on the floor. Barry's chair just sat there, glued to the spot, while they nattered knowledgeably on. He wished he were. clones will disappear. Barry told Cinderella of his ups and downs during the past six months. It's no secret, due to an inflated publicity campaign, that a nice little movie about a nice big ape called King Kong was remade into a not-so-nice big movie which was a veritable textbook on how not, and maybe why not, to remake a movie that was close to perfect for what it was. Much of the subtler pleasure of the early King Kong comes from its period charm? the naivet?, the wonderfully .preten-tious dialogue, even the oonga-boonga black natives. All this could not in any way survive modernization; "big screen" (whatever that means these days) and color did not make up the difference, nor for the loss of other wonderfully amusing bits from a studio jungle full of dinosaurs to Fay Wray's uncovered bosom. advice, maybe more than we want, but any rescue is out of the question. ".put them on sale at prices ranging from \$49.95 to \$125. By the following day the word was beginning to. The package comes later, along with a stiff legal letter from a firm of attorneys. The substance of the message is this: "Jain Snow wished you to have possession of this. She informed you prior to her demise of her desires; please carry them out accordingly." The packet contains a chrome cylinder with a screw cap. The cylinder contains ashes; ashes and a few bone fragments. I check. Jain's ashes, unclaimed by father, friends, or employer. would've let me die, but he knew and got blood for me. Hers." He sat staring at me blankly, his mind. in then- bedding. But as she stood by the window brushing out her long dark hair, an unfamiliar sound. from the case. While our schedules have slipped a bit in the last couple of months, morale is at an all-time. "No." Selene's voice came through clenched teeth. "I won't allow that, Mandy. And I won't retire. 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. At home he spent the holidays experimenting

with commercial adhesives in various strengths. He. "Nope." Jain shakes her head. "I'm not going to need one." Well, Til get them, he insisted, hoping to impress the other voice with the authenticity and vitality of his self-confidence. But the other voice wasn't impressed, and so instead of going straight from Center St. to the nearest speakeasy to celebrate, he took the subway home and spent the evening watching first a fascinating documentary on calcium structures and then Celebrity Circus, with Willy Marx. Willy had four guests: a famous prostitute, a tax accountant who had just the screen. You realize that these people have never seen anyone but their most intimate friends without. It was unsigned and the writing was more careful than I would have expected of Selene, but I could. took out a white leather boot, went to the trunk, lifted the lid, and tossed it in. I will? when the authors keep politics out of their stories. But they never do; in fact, it seems. Nina by Robert Block 91. I look up as she bursts into raucous laughter. Til be goddamned. Will you look at this?" She points at the open catalogue on her lap. see into the next chamber. 50. David (or Murray) was about twenty-five, redheaded, and freckled. He had a slim, muscular body which was also freckled. I could tell because he was wearing only a pair of jeans, cut off very short, and split up the sides to the waistband. He was barefooted and had a smudge of green paint on his nose. He had an open, friendly face and gave me a neutral smile-for-a-stranger. "Yes?" he asked. Lou Prager. Her head was nodding listlessly against the aluminum hull plate behind her, her chin was on. different chemistries. But it's hard to believe that you've survived eating the food these plants produced. Enclosed are copies of the last two messages received from your installation. I shall assume that your. yellow veil, obscures the curved neck of Thoth-Nepenthes; then he is beyond it, drifting down to the. be Prince of the Far Rainbow, for a woman worthy of a prince is trapped behind the glass, and not till. only on one end. If I have someone with me, I can hold him if he blows off and he can do the same for. timer that would allow him to stop a scene, or advance or regress it at any desired rate. He ordered. words. She put their food on the table and they ate their meal in silence. Then they slept like beasts and. He watched the disaster unfold before his eyes, silent except for the rhythmic beat of the alarm bell in. He grinned his beguiling grin and picked up my discard. "It's very . . . unusual. Have you lived here. none of them looked away. It was the fusion drive of the Edgar Rice Burroughs, heading sunward, away. impulse to make any further contributions of his own and sat back and did his level best to be a good. on, Matty." I came hi the door, with prices the way they were and with no money coming in? I told her not to worry. change places with Ben. With my old buddy to talk to, time went by fast. puppy. I was beginning to feel like a son of a bitch. "Only the shiny surface of things keeps us apart," said Lea. "Now if you dive through here, you can. Cygnus, leaving the dancer staring open-mouthed after us. twentieth-century society has grown unaccustomed to language of such violence." twenty-four. His averageness was even a bit unsteady, as though he had to think about it, but then most. elbows on the counter and listening with opened mouth. "Yeah. I broke my own rule. But so did you two. Consider yourselves on report." She laughed and. She looked at me, not saying anything, her face slowly collapsing into an infinitely weary resignation. a walk for a couple hours while she screwed some rube she'd picked up in the hotel bar. I tapped on the. "That's what you meant, all right. And you meant women, available to the real colonists as a reason to live. I've heard it before. That's a male-oriented way to look at it, Crawford." She was regaining her stature as they watched, seeming to grow until she dominated the group with the intangible power that marks a leader. She took a deep breath and came fully awake for the first time that day. Such specialized development begins in the earliest embryo, as some cells come into being on the

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