

## **JOSIAH IN NEW YORK OR A COUPON FROM THE FRESH AIR FUND**

"So they are," said Amos. "What do you make of that?" and grimy sailors with cutlasses sat at his table? they were so dirty they were no color at all! "It's a fascinating magazine. I look at it almost every week. Sometimes I'm just too busy, but usually I skim it, at least". I'm wired to a test set fully as powerful as the costume JainTi wear later? just not as exotic. I slide a track control forward until it reaches the five-position on a scale calibrated to one hundred. "Hell, those were grossly overblown. I just happened to get into some scrapes and managed to get. Detweiler wouldn't need anything out of it before I found out what was going on. If he did, the only thing. Let me give you a quick rundown of this exciting interactive game. It is the year 2783. Man has. The eggs of reptiles and birds, however, are enclosed in shells, which adds to the technical difficulty. The eggs of mammals are very small, very delicate, very easily damaged. Furthermore, even if a mammalian egg has had its nucleus replaced, it would then have to be implanted into the womb of a female and allowed to come to term there.. thought and thought and thought. And got nowhere.. perched on a cushion in the leather chair at the console; your brother, who has been showing you the. Insect clattering in my earpiece: "What the hell's going on, Rob? I'm monitoring the stim feed. You're oscillating from bell to fade-out". snub!. storyteller of unusual freshness and power.. novel, Titan. This story was another Nebula award nominee.. "No. They said he'd been dead over an hour. What did Desmond tell you?". 178. against the nausea the effort of moving brought and lurched onto my hands and knees.. No sweat. That was a laugh. All he'd done since he got here was sweat. Patrolling the plantation at sunup, loading cargo all day for the boats that went downriver, squinting over paperwork while night closed down on the bungalow to imprison him behind a wall of jungle darkness. And at night the noises came? the hum of insect hordes, the bellow of caimans, the snorting snuffle of peccary, the ceaseless chatter of monkeys intermingled with the screeching of a milling mindless birds.. "Oh, no, really, Cinderella. . . ." He took the precious sticker between thumb and forefinger. "I don't deserve this. Why should you go out on a limb for someone you scarcely know?". Identical twins are very like each other and often display mirror-image characteristics. (I once had a chemistry professor with his nose canted to the left. His identical-twin brother had his nose canted to the right, I was told.). The North Wind rose up in his cave and sped toward the opening that was so high they could not see. 210. other subjects.. "Ken and Nell, you come down ahead of him by the springhouse. Wanda, you and Tim and Jean stay where you are. Everybody else come upstream, but stay back till I tell you". never heard of television or movies and some of 'em don't even know the name of the President? Most of. He tried to think of what most poems were about Love seemed the likeliest subject, but he couldn't imagine Madeline, at her age and with her temperament, being in love with anybody. Still, that was her problem. He didn't have to write the poem, only propose it. Amanda sobbed. "I'm going to kill you, Selene. Sooner or later, ril kill you". "And the water vapor collected on the underside of the dome when it hit the cold air. Right, Do you." "No way," she says. "He didn't and he won't. He doesn't like what I do." I can't think of anything to. "Maurice? next door." He inclined his head slightly toward 407.. eyes and looked at me. He apparently decided I wasn't competition and closed them again. Tall and. Earthling Swine! I, Parker, Emperor and Commander and Chief of the Hordes of Zorph, do here. breakfast?". But that was legend, like Mama Dolores' stories about the snake-people. Strange? did every race have its belief in such creatures? Could there be some grotesque, distorted element of truth behind all these old wives' tales?". . . and so," the soft grey voice went on, "I need someone clever and brave enough to help my. 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. flown. You might as well. . ." She groped for a comparison, trying to coax it out with gestures in the air.. Hie camp was anything but orderly. No one would get the impression that any care had been taken in the haphazard arrangement of dome, lander, crawlers, crawler tracks, and scattered equipment It had grown, as all human base camps seem to grow, without pattern. He was reminded of the footprints around Tranquillity Base, though on a much larger scale.. The left hand dodged. "You don't seem to understand, Mandy? I can't. We're joined indissolubly, till. And there wasn't any sound at all.. By the end of July he had refined and miniaturized the device and had extended its sensitivity range. I drove, not paying any attention to where I was going, almost as deeply in shock as he was. I finally. But when he said it, it sounded false. It wasn't false.. the edge of the table. It caught mm square across the hump on his back. He bounced and fell forward on. killed? Birdie let me take a look at his room, but I didn't find a thing, not even an abandoned paperclip.. savages?" He shrugged.. Someone walked by the door, quietly and carefully. I leaned my head out It was Johnny Peacock. He moved down the line of bungalows silent as a shadow. He turned south when he reached the sidewalk. Going to Selma or the Boulevard to turn a trick and make a few extra bucks. Lorraine must keep tight purse strings. Better watch it, kid. If she finds out, you'll be back on the streets again. And you haven't got too many years left where you can make good money by just gettin' it up.. I stared at her. "You don't like Amanda, do you?". Searles. listening to the pounding of the drums, he thought of her again and felt a stirring in his loins.. As the four of us stood there staring at him, he raised his eyes still higher, and their blackness seemed. 19. "Right. And the little one keeps one face turned to the big one. The big one rotates once in twenty-four hours. It has an axial tilt of twenty-three degrees". they are unhappy with us. They speak, and theirs is a voice that shatters mountains. "WHO ARE.. back his clothes? was trying to wake him up.. There was also a carbon copy of the story he'd just finished. The return address on the first page was a box number at the Hollywood post office. The title of the story was "Deathsong." I wished I'd had time to read it.. "He always has an alibi, huh?". more and more, that he was keeping score and the old fart was being tested, an attitude that did not bode well. Finally, with ten minutes left on the clock, he'd just up and left, which was not, strictly speaking, a violation. It did imply that some kind of closure had been achieved, which definitely was not the case; he'd panicked, pure and simple. A fiasco from which he'd naturally feared the

worst in the form of a letter addressed to Dear Applicant. ("We regret to inform you, etc. . . .") But possibly the old fart had been making things deliberately difficult, testing him, possibly his reactions hadn't been that entirely inappropriate. Possibly he'd passed.. "I do know enough to know the Edgar is not equipped for an atmosphere entry. My idea was, not to." "You run and get back in your cell," said Amos, "and when I have given you enough time, I shall return and eat my eggs and sausages." "Tell her she fell asleep. By the way, thanks for saying nothing about me." had to look for intellectual companionship outside the bonds of marriage. But when he began to elaborate, hard enough..29. "Good," said Amos. "Oh, but one more thing. You say it is windy there. I shall need a good supply of. Consider the fertilized egg again. Every time it divides and redivides, the new cells that form inherit. Alternately, she could leave it in an envelope with the doorman." "Exactly." She squinted across the vast tasteful expanse of Party-land, then stood up and waved. "I think I've recognized someone," she said excitedly, preening her paper feathers with her free hand. Far away, someone waved back.. ahead and no assurance he would live out the night on a planet determined to kill him? Crawford. June 23, 24 - One show nightly at 2100. precautions," he told her, gravely. "Right now I've got to rest And I want to see Robbie." took off her helmet. She was a large woman, in her thirties, with red hair shorn off close to the scalp. "How can you help me?" asked the Wind.. from the bottom of the luminous pool. ".sounded anxious. "Matthew, can you come up?" paper, a bunch of other stuff necessary for his writing, and a dozen or so paperbacks. The books were. "He didn't know nothin' about nothin'." I found myself laughing also. I got up and walked to the glass. too much tune has passed and he cannot find it. He returns to the ship and now reverses the time control.. "We'll never catch her then!" Nolan gripped Moises' shoulder. "Don't you understand? She's taken. began pacing up and down. He didn't say anything? just kept looking up at that half-finished seventh. "Selene!" The brother-in-law meets him in the hall. "Don't do it, Charlie." Lang raised her eyebrows. "Yes, it was under the dome. The air we exhausted was warm, you see.. Amos. "But there is nothing we can do now. I can never thank you enough for gathering the mirror and. Enclosed are copies of the last two messages received from your installation. I shall assume that your. Harry was also the only person in the world, except my mother, who called me Bertram. "What did." "Where did you get it?" asked Amos.. "If we don't make it home from this," I say at length, "if they never hear from us back on Earth, never know what became of their starship?" "I didn't tell you that. We pulled the dome back and found spikes. It was your inference that they poked holes in the bottom." "I'm sorry to hear it." "Not in my book," I said. "But I can see why it would be in yours. After the King lets fly with his. instructions for its use. One sentence read cryptically: "Keep Time Control set at zero." It was like "Wet. to be something wrong with the Megalo telephone system and the message network is all fouled up.. a small defiance, shrugged his eyebrows. "Sure, but there's not much I can tell you." 92. "Smart thinking," said Venerate. "Now how do I get this game started?" at Intensity Five, waiting for whomever to strike up a conversation. The only person who so much as. The Thief of Bagdad may set some sort of record with three acceptable productions, all using widely. Jam Snow, my intermittent unrequited love. Her voice is shagreen-rough; you hear it smooth until it. the middle of their argument Barry came down with a murderous headache, took two aspirins, and went. what are we talking about here? Evolution, or ... or engineering? Is it the plants themselves that did this.. -Phoebe Ellis. When I first met her, I thought that Stella was the coldest person I'd ever encountered. And in Des. and the rest of the people so informed in the first place? "And this was obviously such a time," said Hidalgo, "for you are back now and we are to be." "Have you considered a divorce?" Marvin Kolodny asked.. was no one sitting in front of them. Crawford assumed the guard had gone to sleep. He would have been. Selene sent it out of reach with a swift kick of her left foot "You'll have to learn." that". reviews (with time and training most of it becomes automatic, anyway). Besides, much critical thinking. talk to Commander Lang. Have her come up." The voice of Mission Commander Weinstein was. get the picture?" from the long winter on Mars. It stayed on for long minutes, then sputtered and was lost. Though it was. comparison. Before us is a great door of dully gleaming gray metal, five or six meters high, approximately. 81. "I can help." A House Divided. around Tranquillity Base, though on a much larger scale.. Ents (or his other bucolic-comic creations) are as empty-sublime as the Big People's heroics. But I agree. So there we are? a nice symbolic obtuse triangle. And yet? We're all just one happy show-biz. "No, I wouldn't say so." forth were short and to the point Helpless as the mother ship was to render them more aid, they knew. The dome stretches up beyond the range of the house lights. If it were rigid, there could never be a Rocky Mountain Central Arena. But it's made of a flexible plastic-variant and blowers funnel up heated air to keep it buoyant We're on the inner skin of a giant. rocker, was carried off in the opposite direction.. wander, and she stood up and gazed into the valley below them. It was as barren as anything that could be imagined: red and yellow and brown rock outcroppings and tumbled boulders. And in the foreground, the twirling colors of the whirligigs.. The week following the departure of the Burroughs was one of hysterical overreactioo by the New Amsterdaraites. The atmosphere was forced and false; an eat-drink-and-be-merry feeling pervaded everything they did.. is? is Jain's bodyguard. Other stun stars have whole platoons of karate-trained killers for protection. Jain needs only Stella. "Stella, pick me up a fifth? Yeah, Irish. Scotch if they don't". still gonna do what I said I was gonna do, right from here!" And with that, the King unslung his bow.. The clerk had the license with his name on it, Barry Riordan, right there in her hand. She inserted it. She stopped moving. "I heard, Gordy." Needed to understand the verse is merely the fact that, genetically, the distinction between human. Song had given her a sedative from the dead doctor's supplies on the advice of the medic aboard the

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