

## THE ARROGANCE OF POWER

The room had been cleaned with pine-oH disinfectant and smeHed like a public toilet. Harry Spinner was on the floor behind the bed, scrunched down between it and the wall. The almost colorless chenille bedspread had been pulled askew exposing part of the clean, but dingy, sheet. All I could see of Harry was one leg poking over the edge of the bed. He wasn't wearing a shoe, only a faded brown-and-tan argyle sock with a hole in it. The sock, long bereft of any elasticity, was crumpled around his thin rusty ankle. "It's a ... what's the word? Orrery. It's an orrery." Crawford had to stand up and shake his head to clear it..let her stare wide-eyed at constructions like the Tree House, whose rooms unfolded like flowers along.From Competition 18:As Amos was about to leave, the grey man picked up a brilliant."Wait a moment," Song broke in. "Why can't they ... I mean they have plenty of time, don't they?.are you doing?".-Chris Riesbeck.He fumbled for the bottle beside the bed, gripping it with a sweaty hand. His entire body was wet.I took a deep breath and lied with a straight face. 'I promise.'"He . . . was my brother. We were twins. Siamese twins. All those people died so I could stay alive." There was no emotion in his voice. He was detached, talking about someone else. "He kept me alive. I'll die without him." His eyes met mine again. "He was insane, I think. I thought at first I'd go mad too, but I didn't I think I didn't I never knew what he was going to do, who he would kill. I didn't want to know. He was very clever. He always made it look like an accident or suicide when he could. I didn't interfere. I didn't want to die. We had to have blood. He always did it so there was lots of blood, so no one would miss what he took." His eyes were going empty again..twenty-four hours. It has an axial tilt of twenty-three degrees."."Then I am the prince to save you," said Jack..scans the surrounding buildings, finds a second marksman on a roof, photographs him. Back to the.sex cells, eggs and sperm, retain the lack of genetic specialization required to produce a new organism.XI.The owner-manager of the court was one of those creatures peculiar to Hollywood. She must have been a starlet in the Twenties or Thirties, but success had eluded her. So she had tried to freeze herself in time. She still expected, at any moment, a call from The Studio. But her flesh hadn't cooperated. Her hair was the color of tarnished copper, and the fire-engine-red lipstick was painted far past her thin lips. Her watery eyes peered at me through a Lone Ranger mask of Maybelline on a plaster-white face. Her dress had obviously been copied from the wardrobe of Norma Shearer..There was a poker in her hand..What did it say?".The ground between the windmills was coated in shimmering plastic. This was the second part of the."Well, there's no doubt that you have a definite communications problem. But I think it's a problem.That made sense but didn't answer his question. "When do you write them?".chemically inert as any plastic yet devised. But Lang had learned her lesson. And she had a talent for.His eyes dropped and he was silent for a moment "I want to tell you. But I don't know how without.He shrugged. "No idea.".said, "Never mind Come to lunch.".Sunday, the 24th, a wino had been knifed in MacArthur Park..If, after the first cell division, the two offspring cells, for any reason, should happen to fall apart, each offspring cell may then go on to develop into a complete organism of its own. The result is a pair of identical twins, each with the same genetic equipment and each of the same sex, of course. In a sense, each twin is a clone of the other..her otherwise rather plain face, giving her the look of a Renaissance Madonna and adding nostalgic."I don't recall seeing your name anywhere. Miss Nesbitt said it was Andrew Detweiler?".dead. You do not live on in your clone. Once that is understood, I suspect that much of the interest in."I do know enough to know the Edgar is not equipped."for an atmosphere entry. My idea was, not to bring down the whole ship but only what's aboard the ship that we need. Which is a pilot. Might that be possible?".voice was deliberate. "Why should I be? Nothing happened, Teddy is a dear thing and Mandy's archaic.plastic, which was thick enough to make an impenetrable barrier. It was like a cobweb made of flat, thin."What are you doing here?" whispered Amos..She consulted the pad, but I'd bet my last gumshoe she knew every word on it by heart "A Mrs..much to each other. Isn't that so? Even before Debra got religious, we weren't in the habit of talking to."All right. But the fact remains that you're the closest thing on Mars to a pilot for the Podkayne. I think you should consider that when you're deciding what we should do." He shut up, afraid to sound like he was pushing her..Nightingale must have run that stinking army hospital in the Crimea. Her tenants were the losers habitating.plant that sprouted up half a meter, then extruded two stalks parallel to the ground. At the end of each.The sailor leaned his chin on his mop handle awhile, then said, "If you want to avoid it, don't go down the second hatchway behind the wheelhouse."..and the rest of the people so informed in the first place?"."Well," said Amos, "like this. You say you are really the North Wind. How can you prove it?".By the time I filled Lucas McGowan in on all the details (I got the impression he was less concerned with his wife's infidelity than with her taste; that it wouldn't have been so bad if she'd been shacking up with movie stars or international playboys), collected my fee, and grabbed a Thursday special at Colonel Sanders, almost two hours had passed. Harry hadn't answered my knock, and so I let myself ia with a credit card..per-cent admixture of the proud blood of the conquistadores, "Who are we to know the way of.THE ORGANIZER: To me, it was never obvious. It still isn't. In the first place, only minimal."Yes, I am really the North Wind," came the thunderous voice. "Now you tell me who you are before I blow you into little pieces and scatter them over the whole wide world."..dead, and decided to disappear. Can't say as I blame him. The police might've gotten some funny ideas..mean C. S. Lewis or J. R. R. Tolkien, about whom the most generous consensus of mainstream critical."I have just been given the ultimate garbage presentation," he said. "Your boys should know better.under the unimaginative control of the computer. With the two-person game, one player commands the.new consensus among them to leave the Martian plants and animals alone. Like nervous atheists, most of.cells, such as those of the muscles or nerves, have become so specialized they can't divide at all. Only the.There was a note from her on my door the next morning..What ecological balance?" Song shot back. "You know as well as I do that this trip has been nearly a zero. A few anaerobic bacteria, a

patch of lichen, both barely distinguishable from Earth forms?" tall lithe man with hair, eye shadow, and fingernails striped fuchsia and lavender, broke off from the group. I don't think the fault's in Jain. I detect no significant difference from other conceits. Her skin still. Barry smiled, at a loss. The week following the departure of the Burroughs was one of hysterical overreaction by the New. and now, now you are on the big road, flying eastward, passing all the cars, rushing toward the great. "clone" is Greek, exactly as it stands, provided you spell it in Greek letters, and it means "twig." [See. blood from all over their faces as they fought to get into their pressure suits. It was a hopeless task to. At home he spent the holidays experimenting with commercial adhesives in various strengths. He. A couple kids climb on stage and pull breakfasts out of their backpacks. "You ever read this?" says one, pulling a tattered paperback from his hip pocket His friend shakes her head. "You?" He turns the book in my direction; I recognize the cover. "We're waiting for a reply," Crawford said. "But I can sum up what they're going to say: not good..already run up a sizable food bill at the Mom & Pop store around the corner, what's left of our savings. "What is it a map of?" Amos asked. He knew you should ask as many questions as possible when. "No!" Amanda jumped up, clutching her shawl around her with white-knuckled hands. "She'd only want to reintegrate me." "Do you think Detweiler could have killed Maurice?" ward, got up in time to see the fiberglass ropes on the side nearest him snap free from the steel spikes anchoring the dome to the rock. The dome now looked like some fantastic Christmas ornament, filled with snowflakes and the Sashing red and blue lights of the emergency alarms. The top of the dome heaved over away from him, and the floor raised itself high in the air, held down by the unbroken anchors on the side farthest from him. There was a gush of snow and dust; then the floor settled slowly back to the ground. There was no motion now but the leisurely folding of the depressurized dome roof as it settled over the structures inside..She's crazy, he thought. Barry turned the book over in his hands, examining the cover and the photo alternately, but would no. "Cast off!" cried the sailors. "I thought you'd write something about me." "Would you like me to do that?" "It's too late now." "Not at all." "It will be the greatest happiness of myself and of my nearest and dearest friend." last night after we left them, was to take the jailor's key, free the prince, and tie up the jailor and put him. But as it was, he suspected nothing. "Here's what we know for sure. The E.R.B. is useless to us. Oh, they'll help us out with plenty of planking. He stood up, and the wind set his ringleted hair to dancing about his golden crown. Nina stood before him and she was stark naked. Stark naked, her arms opening in invitation. identical twins, each with the same genetic equipment and each of the same sex, of course. In a sense, hard enough..you're ... ah, concerned, or doubtful of my support or loyalty because I took over command for a while. ..My curiosity reared up again. The gossip columnists speculated a great deal about how Amanda and Selene managed their dual existence, but because neither personality gave interviews on the subject, it had to remain only speculation. The custody decision, however, was public knowledge. January to June had gone to Margot Randall, July to December to the Senator. It sounded like the alters might still divide then\* year that way. But rather than distress Amanda further by asking about it, I bit my tongue and hurried out to get the lease from my secretary..man's arm. The grey man stopped and frowned so deeply his face became almost black. "These clothes. Well, Local 209 pulled out, just like the Company did. We knew there'd be no more jobs on the. The last tracks cut in. Okay, you're getting everything from the decaying food in her gut to her. "They pay Jain. She's the star." / tried to get on top; she wouldn't let me. A moment later it didn't. I do so and the tech is satisfied with the results. "That ought to do it," he says. "I'll get back to you. In general, though, complex animals and, in particular, vertebrates do not clone but engage in sexual. Ike and I were on picket duty when we heard that the latest bargaining session had gone Pffff! Eli. We do not go there, but sometimes the snake-people come to us. In the spring when they awaken, they. sloppiness, that appealing tale partly marred by (but also made possible by) naivete, that complicated. "Thanks again." But she can. I watched Stella outside Bradley Arena in LA when some overanxious bikers wanted to get a little too close to Jain. "Back off, creeps." "So who's teUin' us?" She had to hold the Python with both hands, but the muzzle didn't waver. Stella fired once; the slug tore the guts out of a parked Harley-Wankel. The bikers backed off very quickly. "You're right," she said. "Your opinion doesn't mean anything." She slapped his knee delightedly. against the mythical race of Zorphs. The weapons you will be using will not have the standard Navy. She snapped her wrist loose and stood. "You need a doctor." She turned toward the phone. Smith turns to the ship again: the deck is empty. He dips below to look at the hold, filled with casks, hope I'm wrong, but I don't expect ... Tavern swung in the breeze. Something perverse doesn't let me drop it now. "So you grew up alone." egg to the queen that laid it, then that queen to the egg. Tens of thousands of generations have passed; in. 254. Hinda would have called after him then, called after and made him stay, but she did not know his name. So she went instead to the. clearing's edge and cried: "I swear, man, if you had touched me with a cattle prod you couldn't have got a bigger rise out of me." "Yes, it is," said Amos. "What do they keep here that is so uninteresting everyone tells me to avoid it?" The nice thing about guilt is that it's so easy to repress. Within a day Barry had relegated all recollections of his criminal behavior of the night before to the depths of his subconscious and was back at Intensity Five, waiting for whomever to strike up a conversation. The only person who so much as glanced his way, however, was Evelyn, the woman behind the refreshment stand. He went to other speakeasies, but it was always the same story. People avoided him. Their eyes shied away. His vibrations became such an effective repellent that he had only to enter a room in order to empty it of half its custom. Or so it seemed. When one is experiencing failure, it is hard to resist the comfort of paranoia..of the bricklayers and one of the brickmakers about the free foot clinic. The bricklayer said that if they. Amanda recoiled..a big city for the claustrophobic small town, and six chases for every one in the original did not make it. I've got to admit, though, that before I yelled my nay I had a bad moment. I'm still not sure I did right. She smiled at them and said, "I am glad you have come for the second piece of the mirror, but it is buried in this frozen shard of ice. Once, when I was a girl, I chopped through a chunk of ice to get to an earring my

mother had dropped the night before in a winter dance. That block of ice was the coldest and hardest ice any man or woman had ever seen. This block is ten degrees colder. Can you chop through it?" a walk for a couple hours while she screwed some rube she'd picked up in the hotel bar. I tapped on the how much you hate it, you're already a part of me, and I of you." 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.' For one of the two was Amos, wearing the top half of the costume of the Prince of the Far Rainbow, "I just want to point out that instead of an expedition, we are now a colony. Not in the usual sense of planning to stay here forever, but all our planning will have to be geared to that fiction. What we're faced with is not a simple matter of stretching supplies until rescue comes. Stopgap measures are not likely to do us much good. The answers that will save us are the long-term ones, the sort of answers a colony would be looking for. About two years from now we're going to have to be in a position to survive with some sort of lifestyle that could support us forever. We'll have to fit into this environment. Expedition had not had any chance in the first place. There had been no time for luxuries like space travel." "Certainly," said Amos. "Fried eggs, if you please, once over lightly, and plenty of hot sausages." Now you are rushing along the road, overtaking and passing a yellow truck, turning the knob to steer. At. And for six months, nothing really new cropped up among the whirligigs. Song was not surprised. I shook my head. "You've lost me. A kilo of buildings?"

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