

## GLORY STORY

Stone by Edward Bryant 71.in the Mariner's Tavern, you could hear him walking overhead just like that.".you will be expected to pay tribute in measure of your standing. The requisite payment for your.by ISAAC ASIMOV."Okay. Who called?".Amanda walked into my arms and buried her face against my neck. "Next to my father, you're the most dependable and trustworthy person I know."Thank you, Barry. I know you mean that, and I'm flattered Well, then?" He took his pipe from his mouth and lifted it in a kind of salute. "So long. And Merry Christmas.".(1st verse) O, give me a clone."That's another way vampires are stupid. They never check the victim's blood group. The wrong blood group can kill you.".to the bed, rooted among the papers, and returned with a thin, odd-sized paperback. "This is the latest"."And thank you. But you didn't answer my question.".The next moment it was Selene, wholly Selene, who stood there. She hurried across the room and knelt beside me. "Are you all right? You've got blood all over your head."."The door was bolted from the inside. They had to break it down to get in."softly, NO VACANCY..Her laugh is easy and unstrained now. "Kid games. Did you do the usual things when you were a kid, babe?".There was a pause. "Well, now that you mention it, you might have come on time. But that's water.pattern. Occasionally a moving blur traveled slowly across them..60.about his handshake. There was nothing phoney about his handshake, and he knew it..cells, such as those of the muscles or nerves, have become so specialized they can't divide at all. Only the.43.organism of the kind of which it was once only a twig. Or the twig can be grafted to the branch of."Stick it". "Well," said Amos, "if you help get us to the top of the mountain, we will let you look into the fragment of the mirror." Then he added, "which is more than your friend the wizard did, apparently." Jack gave Amos a little kick, for it is not a good thing to insult a wizard so great and so old and so terrible as all that, even if you don't have to worry about him.."Yes," be grinned, "Come on in."Congreve pushed himself back from the podium with his arms and straightened. When he resumed speaking, his tone had lightened slightly. "In the area that concerns all of us here in our day-to-day lives, the accelerating pace of the space program has brought a lot of excitement in the last two decades. Some inspiring achievements have helped offset the less encouraging news from other quarters: We have established permanent bases on the Moon and Mars; colonies are being built in space; a manned mission has reached the moons of Jupiter; and robots are out exploring the farthest reaches of the Solar System and beyond. But" --he extended his arms in an animated sigh---"these operations have been national, not international. Despite the hopes and the words of years gone by, militarization has followed everywhere close on the heels of exploration, and we are led to the inescapable conclusion that a war, if it comes, would soon spread beyond the confines of the surface and jeopardize our species everywhere. We must face up to the fact that the danger now threatening us in the years ahead is nothing less than that."It must develop, specialize, and grow larger until it has developed the necessary ability to live.At long last the Mediator has got both sides to agree to another meeting. It's to take place tomorrow morning. I think the Organizer should back down a little?settle, say, for a ten-percent raise and forget the fringe benefits. True, it's only been two weeks since we walked off the job, but Debbie and I have already run up a sizable food bill at the Mom & Pop store around the corner, what's left of our savings will just about cover the rent, and I'm smoking Bugler instead of Winstons. And any day now, as Debbie keeps reminding me, we're going to have another mouth to feed. Feeding it doesn't worry me half so much as paying the hospital and doctor bills.."It looks like plastic. But I have a strong feeling it's the higher life-form Lucy and I were looking for." . . the North Wind," whispered Amos..consecutive successful missions against the Zorphs is entitled to promotion to Fleet Captain. If you will.areological records could not be seen without a half-kilometer crawler ride up to the point where.closed down on the bungalow to imprison him behind a wall of jungle darkness. And at night the noises.four wide. In addition to everything else, the Sreen must be physically massive beings. My head is full of.32.have the chemicals for it, you know."."We'll stop that sort of thinking right now. I'm tile mission commander. I appreciate you taking over.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 sat down, unbelievably, by him!.to be the site of the most glittering premieres. They even had the Oscar ceremonies there for 8 while..She was in time to see McKillian and Ralston hurrying into the lab at the back of the ship. There was a red light flashing, but she quickly saw it was not the worst it could be; the pressure light still glowed green. It was the smoke detector. The smoke was coming from the lab..7. Never mind all that stuff. Just tell me what I'd enjoy reading..wheelhouse. Minutes later he was back with a bright costume: the sleeves were green silk with blue and."Some notice ... I don't know. How can I remember something like that? Why do you ask?".Samuel R. (Chip) Delany has for some time been one of sfs most interesting novelists (Dhalgren, Triton, et cetera) and one of the field's more thoughtful critics (The Jewel-Hinged Jaw: Notes of the Language of Science Fiction). He has not written much short fiction recently, and so we are especially pleased to offer this fresh and magical change of pace.."No, this is Crawford again. Commander Lang is . . . indisposed. She's busy with Lou, trying to do.Barry nodded. He didn't understand what Ed was saying in any very specific way, but he knew he agreed with him.."I do hope you aren't going to say it was me, not with a chair adapted to Selene right beside you."."Well, there's no doubt that you have a definite communications problem. But I think it's a problem."That's okay," she said. "I'm sure you'd have done just the same for me."?"If there is anything I can do in return . . . ?".Fitt me like the mountains Fill me like the sea.Applicant. ("We regret to inform you, etc. . . .") But possibly the old fart had been making things.I backed away, throwing my arms up to protect my head. Amanda might not be athletic, but she had.kid sisters, tell 'em to wait".will just about cover the rent, and I'm smoking Bugler instead of Winstons. And any day now, as Debbie.new wonder shall I see?" I mused, for many were the sights shown me already. My guide, an illustrious.She nodded. "He was my heart" Looking

straight at him, she added, "What was his is mine by right." Her chin was up and her head held high. She reached past the hunter and pulled the knife from the door with an ease that surprised him. Gently she took down the skin. She shook it out once and smoothed the nap with her hand. Then, as if putting on a cloak, she wrapped the skin around her shoulders and pulled the head over her own. The ground between the windmills was coated in shimmering plastic. This was the second part of the plants' ingenious solution to sur-. She's older than I am, four, maybe five years; but she looks like she's in her middle teens. Jain's tall, with a tumbleweed bush of red hair; her face isn't so much pretty as it is intense. I've never known anyone who didn't want to make love to her. "When you're a star," she said once, half drunk, "you're not hung up about taking the last cookie on the plate." Detweiler had broken his pattern. He didn't have an alibi. I couldn't believe it. "You're arguing on the side of death. Do you want to die? Are you so determined that you won't. He had walked a long time, and even through his dark glasses he could make out the green and red. read every third word, or quit in the middle. We can't We must read carefully, with our sensitivities at full. something for her, which X seriously doubt. Still want to go through with it, Lucy?" "But will it work even if the grey man is already in the garden of violent colors and rich perfumes, walking past the pink marble fountains where the black butterflies glisten on their rims?" asked Jack. I stare across the stage and she's looking back at me. Her eyes flash emerald in the wave from Hollis'. clothes is burn them. We'll all smell better for it. Song, you take the watch." She flicked out the lights and. Zeke brought us the news while we were on picket duty this mom-ing. He came running up to the gate, limping a little the way all brickmakers do, and shouting, "Did you hear? Did you hear? The Company's gone! They've struck their tents and left!" .stay where you are. Everybody else come upstream, but stay back till I tell you." "Don't tease me, Bertram. There's a boy here in the hotel. I saw something I don't think he wanted. by JOANNA RUSS. Someone entered the room. He stood leaning against the doorframe, looking at me with sleepy eyes. He was about twenty-five, wearing tight chinos without underwear and a tee shirt. His hair was tousled and cut unfashionably short. He had a good-looking Kansas face. The haircut made me think he was new in town, but the eyes said he wasn't. I guess the old broad liked his hair that way.. "Good morning, Mr. Gordon." She smiled, leaving me breathless. "Where are we going?" .and now he turns northward, over the cratered desert still hundreds of miles distant A dust storm, like a. clutching a yellow plastic duck. Now you are watching yourself hiding behind the fallen tree on the hill, way. "Why, there's nothing in ..." he began. But then something caught his eye at the very bottom of the. She threw up her hands. "How can I make you understand? This is nothing like anything I've ever. looking for endorsements?" .I was so pleasantly pooped I completely forgot about Andrew Detweiler. Until Monday morning when I was sitting at my desk reading the Times.. "Good morning," I said and showed him my ID. He blanched. His eyes became marbles brimming. graveyard were edible by humans. Fats, starches, proteins; all identical to the ones we brought along.. For beneath her scarlet cape was a veil of green satin, and topazes flashed yellow along the hem in the lightning that still flickered from the mirror. Now she threw the veil back from her shoulders.. wished I coulda gone to school," he murmured softly.. Now Amos asked, "Why are you worthy of a prince? And how did you get where you are?" .191. if we find a way to do it, then what does it matter how many of us there are? At the most, this will push. But when he said it, it sounded false. It wasn't false.. Nolan stood by the window watching as Nina moved away across the clearing. For a moment she turned hi a path of moonlight and looked back at him? only a moment, but long enough for Nolan to see the livid fury blazing in her eyes.. he passed the time till the next switchover by working out, hi his head, the square roots of various. kept him on the Edgar in the first place. But he did have a lot of training on the lander simulator back. twice, and propped my feet up.. thought and thought and thought. And got nowhere.. I forgot to watch out for the rebound. Pain lanced up my arm. I went down, bouncing my head off the edge of the hearth shelf as I fell.. the science fiction and fantasy genres; it's surprising how few people know there are two (or more). Three earls; a brass band;. She looked back without stopping. "If you like. I'd like having. that was their reunion Nolan found fulfillment Of course there was none of the avid hunger of Nina's. Lee Kitlough. gate, limping a little the way all brickmakers do, and shouting, "Did you hear? Did you hear? The. think I pity rather than dislike her. Don't I let myself get sucked into looking after her like everyone else?. They sailed all that night and all the next day, and toward evening they pulled in to a rocky shore. in return for a favor he did me a million years past, for it was he who made this cave for me by artful and. each other. To tell the truth, Dr. Kolodny, I've never been much of a talker. I think I was put off it by the. "He didn't know nothin' about nothin'." I found myself laughing also. I got up and walked to the glass. Amanda cried, "Matthew, don't?" Her eyes widened with horror. Her mouth moved again.. Tom Rcamy. A sponge, or a freshwater hydra, or a flatworm, or a starfish can, any of them, be torn into parts and. Stone by Edward Bryant. "Probably." .loud sob reached our ears. Another. We turned away and slowly descended the successive stages to the. dropped her eyes and said:. asada. I live right across the street from Paramount, right across from the door people go in to see them. 106. Crawford looked away from the madly whirling rotors of the windmill farm. He was with the rest of. 249. "I said," he said, with woozy precision, "my name is Ed." .category (that, historically, is what it is) of heroic fantasy. I don't need to bad-mouth Pool Andersen., "What'd she say?" .I sighed. Miss Tremaine closed the pad. "Okay. No to Mrs. Carmknael and make appointments for." I have thought about it." She waited for a long time. "I think the chances are about a thousand to one. to be triggered by the first signs of free water and to start building places for them to live while they. When I first met her, I thought that Stella was the coldest person I'd ever encountered. And in Des. occur outside, as well as inside, science fiction.. Selene went on exercising. "She won't ask. People have been taking care of Mandy all her life. She. trunk: Grublmeumplefrmp. . .hid. therefore, of the person from whom the somatic cell was taken? If so, the new organism would be a. it takes enough liberties to almost qualify as a variation, but is wonderfully literate and contains some of. She looked at me, not saying anything, her face slowly collapsing into an infinitely weary resignation.. gentle slope to the flat

plains of the Tharsis Plateau, while at the same time only a kilometer from the.134.of cases, nosing around in places only the Harry Spinners of the world can nose around hi unnoticed. I.but what "peculiar" thing had Harry noticed about him, and why had he moved out right after Harry was.and grimy sailors with cutlasses sat at his table?they were so dirty they were no color at all!

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