

## PALEO

sweet voice: her ears. But he touched no more than her hand. "I'm afraid I'm skeptical, too," Lang said. "Surely there must be some other way to explain it." THE COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE: I cannot, of course, speak for the King. But I do. I laughed. Robert F. Young has written thirty-nine stories for F&SF over the years, and we can think of I know I don't have any right to feel this, but I'm pissed, and so I move away in the bed. "I don't to a child. She tugged at the lock of hair over her temple again. "By that time, it will be Selene's decision." back. some of the most beautiful photography that has ever graced a science fiction film. "That's unthinkable. I couldn't bear it. There's no other way but to go on as I am. So promise me, "That\*\*! exactly what I said," Amos told her, and they were both very happy, for they were both clever enough to know that when a husband and wife agree, it means a long and happy marriage is ahead. asked. My face must betray my confusion. I don't know how I should react. September 22, 1977 Source: P. T. Warrington Destination: W. S. Halson Subject: Attempts at "It's marvelous," Amanda said. "And people actually live in them?" the way it did. motorcade, finds the sixth floor of the Book Depository Building, finds the window. There is no one. the lack of a direction or a drive to keep going. I think we'd get it back if you went through with this. "Ralston? Think you can find out how bad it is?" pied-a-terre of some has-been somebody. It was a plain, pleasant 10-room apartment that anyone could. I'm from pioneer stock. But you?" She shrugs. "Too delicate?" labor is coming to fruition. He watches, forgetting to eat, almost to breathe. I sighed. "So have I." I turned and looked at what he was working on at the drafting table. It was a. So they pushed the jewels back and leaned against the closet door till it closed. Then they returned to the map. controls with a bored and superior air, has just left the room, saying, "All right, if you know so much, do enough to keep Darlene in comfort and tide them over after he got back. She couldn't have come with. "That's okay," she said. "I'm sure you'd have done just the same for me." honest-to-god conversation, spontaneous, unstructured, and all his own. ROCKY MOUNTAIN. responding. This time she was through the door almost before the reverberations had died down, leaving. "There's still something missing from our picture," Song had told them die night before, when she delivered her summary of what she had learned. "Marry hasn't been able to find a mechanism that would permit these things to grow by ingesting sand and rock and turning it into plasticlike materials. So we assume there is a reservoir of something like crude oil down there, maybe frozen in with the water." the name you called me. I hit out at the name. I know what happened wasn't really your fault Selene. He had been loitering, alone and melancholy, for the better part of an hour, eavesdropping to his right on a conversation about somebody's drastic need to develop a more effective persona and to his left on a discussion of the morality of our involvement in Mexico, when a black woman in a white nylon jumpsuit and a very good imitation calf-length mink swept into the room, took a quick survey of those present, and sat down, unbelievably, by him! bagel with onion. spent Sunday with my mother in Inglewood. My mother was touring Yucatan at the time, but that was. I'd love to." She looked at me through her lashes. "I can't think when I've enjoyed another man's. went around colliding with each other. "Nina?" master's in oceanography at UCLA in the afternoons. In the year I'd known her I'd seldom seen her. Eyes with the warm brilliance of goldstone looked at me through her lashes. "I'm alone." Films: Multiples. curiously, does not echo in the vast antechamber. "Sreen! SREEN!" Here are some of the complaints that keep coming up. Even turning my head can set it off. Sometimes, when I'm alone, I'll start crying just at the thought of it, at "Somewhere in Gateside." see into the next chamber. Nolan put his arm around her. "Why don't you go lie down? Mama Dolores can look after Robbie." your honest assessment of our chances?" watery eyes peered at me through a Lone Ranger mask of Maybelline on a plaster-white face. Her dress. Lee Killough. unapproachable. Then she asked Crawford to join her in the private shelter. It was the first time she had. "Right, right." The old woman hesitated. "You will not be offended if I speak?\*" "Yes, it is," said Amos. "What do they keep here that is so uninteresting everyone tells me to avoid. our pink little hands? It won't work, I tell you." the others, I find them ghastly when uncorrected by i comedy, or satire (Morris, sometimes), or (in "I have an idea on that," McKillian said. I've had it in mind to do some studies around the dome to. particularly substantial-looking beings, mere wisps of translucent flesh through which their bluish skeletal. It isn't the realists who find life dreadful. It's the romancers. After all, which group is trying to escape. For one of the two was Amos, wearing the top half of the costume of the Prince of the Far Rainbow, it's such a good idea. Just look what we've done with it But all motion hi nature is confined to up and. sounded vaguely Japanese. The booklet described the device as a distant viewer and gave clear, simple. bring themselves to uproot the thing, even when five more like it sprouted in the graveyard. There was a. though a temblor shakes the Front Range. somehow be changed to an X chromosome, a male will ipso facto be changed into a female. O, give me a clone, and I can get to my equipment." He crossed his legs like a Forties pin-up and dangled his Roman sandal. His lips twitched scornfully. "If he was, he would've starved. He was dt-formedf. his face. It was just about die way Lorraine Nesbitt had described it If you called central casting and asked for a male angel, you'd get Andrew Detweiler in a blond wig. His body was slim and well-formed? from where I was standing I couldn't see the hump and you'd never know there was one. I had a glimpse of his bare chest as he buttoned the shirt It wasn't muscular but it was very well made. He was very healthy-looking? pink and flushed with health, though slightly pale as if he didn't get out in the sun much. His dark eyes were astounding. If you blocked out the rest of the face, leaving nothing but the eyes, you'd swear he was no more than four years old. You've seen little kids with those big, guileless, unguarded, inquiring eyes, haven't you?. suddenly had a hurting in my gut I felt the same unfairness and sadness the others had, the way you would. Shopping, a mom-and-pop mini-grocery on Sixth Ave. right next to the International Supermarket. "He does not seek you," Hinda replied. "Oh, now," said Michelle placatingly. "We're still your friends, Mr. Riordan, but

business is business. If it were our own personal stickers we were discussing, we wouldn't hesitate to give you an endorsement absolutely gratis. Would we, Jason?" We didn't mention him." dead. You do not live on in your clone. Once that is understood, I suspect that much of the interest in his self-confidence. But the other voice wasn't impressed, and so instead of going straight from Center St. "Ah," said Jack, "the second question is easy to answer, but the first is not so simple. I am a prisoner here because a skinny grey man stole a map from me and put me in the brig so I could not get it back from him. But why am I the Prince of the Far Rainbow? That is exactly the question asked me a year ago today by a wizard so great and so old and so terrible that you and I need never worry about him. I answered him, 'I am Prince because my father is King, and everyone knows I should be.' Then the wizard asked me, 'Why should you be Prince and not one of a dozen others? Are you fit to rule, can you judge fairly, can you resist temptation?' I had no idea what he meant, and again I answered, 'I am Prince because my father is King.' The wizard took a mirror and held it before me. 'What do you see?' he asked. 'I see myself, just as I should, the Prince of the Far Rainbow,' said I. Then the wizard grew furious and struck the mirror into three pieces and cried, 'Not until you look into this mirror whole again will you be Prince of the Far Rainbow, for a woman worthy of a prince is trapped behind the glass, and not till she is free can you rule in your own land.' There was an explosion, and when I woke up, I was without my crown, lying dressed as you see me now in a green meadow. In my pocket was a map that told me where all the pieces were hidden. Only it did not show me how to get back to the Far Rainbow. And still I do not know how to get home." Once more she vanished while he slept, and he hadn't seen her all day. But at times he'd been. She comes off the stage crying. I touch her arm as she walks past my console. Jam stops and rubs her eyes and asks me if I'll go back to the hotel with her..handle science jobs as well as anyone. We saw you as a kind of insult, a slap in the face by the scientists. I shook it "Bert Mallory." The apartment couldn't have been more different from the one across the street. She snapped her wrist loose and stood. "You need a doctor." She turned toward the phone.. "There are times," said Amos, "when it is better to know only the reward and not the dangers." eyes head-on. Their expression seemed oddly out of character with the monologue she'd just delivered.. By trial and error, Smith has found the settings for Dallas, November 22, 1963: Dealey Plaza, 12:25 P.M. He sees the Presidential motorcade making the turn onto Elm Street. Kennedy slumps forward, raising his hands to his throat. Smith presses a button to hold the moment in time. He scans behind the motorcade, finds the sixth floor of the Book Depository Building, finds the window. There is no one behind the barricade of cartons; the room is empty. He scans the nearby rooms, finds nothing. He tries the floor below. At an open window a man kneels, holding a high-powered rifle. Smith photographs him. He returns to the motorcade, watches as the second shot strikes the President. He freezes time again, scans the surrounding buildings, finds a second marksman on a roof, photographs him. Back to the motorcade. A third and fourth shot, the last blowing off the side of the President's head. Smith freezes the action again, finds two gunmen on the grassy knoll, one aiming across the top of a station wagon, one kneeling in the shrubbery. He photographs them. He turns off the power., sits for a moment, then goes to the washroom, kneels beside the toilet and vomits.. had left off. This time, nobody broke it up.. for the short term. We have a large supply of everything a colony needs: food, water, tools, raw. 268. alibis." dropped from sight, the thing in the box went: Mlpbgrm!.. I'm not used to this much open space; it scares me a little, though I'm not going to admit that to Jain. We're above timberline, and the mountainside is too stark for my taste. I suddenly miss the rounded, wooded hills of Pennsylvania. Jain surveys the rocky fields rubbed raw by wind and snow, and I have a quick feeling she's scared too. "Something wrong?" "Did you just push the board to thirty?" The tech's voice sounds strange.. Worse, he was only half suited. Pragmatically she should have left him and moved on to save the ones. She put two cigarettes in her mouth and lit them both. She handed me one. "You don't look a bit like. IX. find someone to talk to. It is a basic human need, after all. Perhaps the basic need. I had no choice." "He always has an alibi, huh?" "On your screen you will be given a display of your current sector of the galaxy and the stars in that." "You know, Barry," Ed said, "I've been thinking about what you were saying, and I think the whole problem is cars. Know what I mean?" "I don't have the faintest idea." He looked her straight in the eye as he said this. She almost didn't. Q: What's this red, gritty stuff in my egg salad sandwich?.. . Not your fault". (chorus). Congreve paused, swept his eyes from one side of the room to the other, and raised his hands in resignation. "It seems that as individuals we can only stand by as helpless observers and watch the events that are sweeping us onward collectively. The situation is complicated further by the emergence and rapid economic and military growth of the Chinese-Japanese Co-Prosperty Sphere, which threatens to confront Moscow with an unassailable power bloc should it come to align with ourselves and the Europeans. More than a few Kremlin analysts must see their least risky gamble as a final resolution with the West now, before such an alliance has time to consolidate. In other words, it would not be untrue to say that the future of the human race has never been at greater risk than it is at this moment." "Oh, horrors!" cried the thin grey man, and stepped back again.. been a lot of blood in all three.. Fallows took in the rest of the information from the screen. The changes that the computers had detected were tiny--the merest beginnings of a trend which, if it continued at the present rate, wouldn't approach anything serious for a month or more. With only another three months to go before the ship reached Chiron there was no cause for alarm since the rest of the pump-group had enough design margin to make up the difference even without the backup. But even so, there was little doubt that Merrick would insist on the primary's being stripped down to have its bearings reground, alignment rechecked, and rotor rebalanced again. They had been through that routine twice already in the three months that the main drive had been firing. That meant another week of working in near-zero g and klutzing around in heavy-duty protective suits on the wrong side of the stern radiation shield. "Bloody pump," Fallows muttered sourly.. immune to the inevitable despair of the castaway. Ralston in his laboratory was the picture of carefree. 238. somebody. If he'd scored in the first percentile, he'd have been issued this license the same as if he'd. "Well," Song admitted,

"it wasn't a bad inference, at that. But the holes I saw were not punched through. They were eaten away." She waited for Lang to protest that the dome bottom was about as chemically inert as any plastic yet devised. But Lang had learned her lesson. And she had a talent for facing facts..Finally, before you make any snap judgments, I ask that you log in on your console and try Zorphwar. Good hunting!.plastic until he reached the dormitory, then sliced through it with his laser normally used to vaporize rock.never felt intimidated and ashamed of his selections at the check-out counter. He hated to cook, but was."No. Did you read that?".Boulevard. Now it's hi Westwood. The grand old Pantages, east of Vine and too near the freeway, used.She humphed again and ignored me.

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