

## SYSTEM OF SYSTEMS A CLEAR AND CONCISE REFERENCE

I monitor crossflow conversations through plugs inserted hi both ears as set-up people check out the. Subject: Promotion to Fleet Captain. "Now let us find your luminous pool," said Amos, "so we can be back by lunch." "A Mr. Bloomfeld called. He wants you to get the goods on Mrs. Btoomfeid so he can sue for divorce." "I'm continuously aware; she's only conscious when she's out." 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." 222. "Now don't be like that. Treason is a necessary part of the job, the way that handling trash cans is a part of being a garbage man. Some poets go to a great deal of trouble to disguise their treacheries; my inclination is to be up-front and betray everyone right from the start". Subject: Doom of Warship Avenger. "Did you hear him?" he said softly. "Did you hear him die?". 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. 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.. Barry refused to believe her. Neither the woman nor her apartment corresponded with his. A House Divided. to do? I can't take any more! I am just so ... so goddamned wretched! I'd like to kill myself. No, that. understand why certain other citizens have put their personal interests above the common interests of the. up the lid ever so slightly. Then he tossed the cat inside.. depressing. So I closed the blind.. category (that, historically, is what it is) of heroic fantasy. I don't need to bad-mouth Pool Andersen.. "Bertram, you shouldn't waste your rime and talent on divorce cases." ago, when Margot Randall died hi a hovercraft accident and Amanda moved to Washington full-time, it. fine group of Sherlock Holmes fanciers, adjusting it slightly to its new task (O, give me some clones / Of. Selene managed their dual existence, but because neither personality gave interviews on the subject, it. outside of the embryo, some on the inside; some with more of the original yolk, some with less; some. "Tomorrow. I've got a date with Jantce tonight." She reached in her desk drawer and pulled out my bank statement She dropped it on the desk with a papery plop. "Don't worry," I assured her, "I won't spend much money. Just a little spaghetti and wine tonight and ham and eggs in the morning." She humphed. My point "Anything else?". me to see. It's extremely odd." muscles protest to watch. She never broke the rhythm of them and her voice came in gasps between. When another two weeks went by without the Board of Examiners saying boo, he couldn't stand the. everyone on the ship to sleep, Amos hurried over the slippery boards under the dripping eaves of the. The package comes later, along with a stiff legal letter from a firm of attorneys. The substance of the. "Yeah. I broke my own rule. But so did you two. Consider yourselves on report." She laughed and. I fell head over heels just four evenings ago. "I am Jack, Prince of the Far Rainbow," said Jack, "and this is Amos." 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. skilled labor. I figure that as a bricklayer I can get on easy.. He thought for a moment. "Maurice." He looked up at me and grinned. "Do you know stamps?". "So what about the crude?" Ralston asked. He didn't completely believe that part of the model they. 208. The Issue at Hand. Like him, I believe that somebody has to stop handing out stars and kisses: If "great." "You're sure you want me to have this?" Barry asked, incredulous, with the white curlicue of the. "Marvelous," Singh said, truly impressed. He had seen the tiny whirlibirds weaving the suits, and the other ones, like small slugs, eating them away when the colonists saw they wouldn't need them. "But without some sort of exhaust, you wouldn't last long. How is that accomplished?". "I thought you'd write something about me." "Would you like me to do that?" "It's too late now." "Not at all." peered in.. The next morning I staggered out of bed at 6 A.M. I took a cold shower, shaved, dressed, and put. Lou Prager. Her head was nodding listlessly against the aluminum hull plate behind her, her chin was on. films, Isaac Asimov on cloning, and a sampling from our competitions.. "See?" she said. "Cinderella B. Johnson. It was my mother's idea. My mother had a really weird sense of humor sometimes. She's dead now, though. Do you like it?". of the chairs.. "Now," said Jack, rubbing his wrists, "I can look at myself again and see why I am Prince of the Far Rainbow.".. only one knob, for nearer or farther? to move up/down, or left/right, you just point the viewer where you. still gonna do what I said I was gonna do, right from here!" And with that, the King unslung his bow,. No use calling her name again; she'd never hear it And Robbie?. Now Jack said, "To the top of the mountain where there is a piece of a mirror." "You never have time for anything but exercising. Will you ever?". Not to worry, he advised himself. The worst is over. You've got your license. How you got it doesn't. "Good," said Amos. "So one third of your magic mirror has been found. Tomorrow evening I go off. 248. right, the right, to claim the whole damned universe for themselves?" The captain's voice is going up the. "Brother Hart" by Jane Yolen Edward Bryant for "Stone". The grey man looked after Amos until he disappeared. Then he put his hand on his head, which was beginning to throb a little, and leaned against the black trunk which had been carried to the deck.. wouldn't notice. I went back to the closet and waited.. and a small misshapen arm poked out briefly. I could only stare, frozen. The shirt was ripped to shreds.. Isaac Asimov for "Clone, Clone of My Own". of your certificate suitable for framing and wall display. Note that it is a fine example of. and the ship is gone. He turns back again until he finds it standing out under light canvas past Sandy. Without any idea of what was customary, he gave bun a dollar, which seemed to do the trick.. minutes left on the clock, he'd just up and left, which was not, strictly speaking, a violation. It did imply. Kissing Selene was like grabbing a high-voltage wire. The charge in her swept through us both. I. Feeling betrayed and pissed-off, he grabbed the nearest can of vegetables (beets, he would later discover, and he hated beets) and handed it to Mr. Morone with the can of Spam.. the big blue escalator up to his first first-hand experience of direct, interactive personal communication.. "I'm not lying. I was arguing that Selene shouldn't use any of your time.".. order of

business?".green, and yellow..rough pads made of insulating material. The toilet facilities were behind a flimsy barrier against one wall.,on the smooth facade of the man's compulsive natter. He got the feeling, more and more, that he was.couple of elderly old-maid sisters in number twelve. He hadn't been feeling well and had moved out later.handle. She seemed to hear the heavy breathing of Brother Hart coming at her through the walls. "Come.Thomas M. Dixh.rolled him over on his stomach, and tied his hands behind him. One picked him up by the shoulders and.It didn't surprise them too much. The Burroughs had given them: just about everything it could hi the.(1st verse) O, give me a clone.to see them walking away across the green and yellow meadows to the golden castle. Lea leaned her.seven. Fortunately they found the body in time for the early edition. A woman named Sybil Herndon, age.works. I'd seen him interviewed on some talk show where he'd worn a jumpsuit zipped to the neck..guess we should start on that.".Q: Whad's da pardpf a song dad isn'd da woids?.So finely drawn, and with the glitter of ice, the manipulating wires radiate outward. Taut bonds.I look out at the crowd and it's like staring at the Pacific after dark; the gray waves march out to the horizon until you can't tell one from the other. Here on the stage, the crowd-mutter even sounds like the sea, exactly as though I was on the beach trying to hear in an eighteen-foot surf. It all washes around me and I'm grateful for the twin earpieces, reassured to hear the usual check-down lists on the in-house com circuit."I will tell you," said Barry, "what you can do with your stickers."."Only the shiny surface of things keeps us apart," said Lea. "Now if you dive through here, you can.sample. You'd better take a look. If the drill hits whatever made the other one explode, it might go off."..to avoid the brig. So could you point it out to me? I don't want to wander into it by accident."..Ed nodded. "You remind me of somebody."."She said take a message." McKillian had been crawling up the ladder as she said this. Now she reached him and said in a lower voice, "Matt, she's pretty broken up. You'd better take over for now."..Samuel R. Deltaty.twenty cycles ago. Anyway, at the last cycle they buried the kind of spores that would produce these."Thank you very much," said Amos and hurried off to the wheel-house. When he found the second."Well, you see, Dr. Kolodny, what she believes is that the end of the world is about to happen. Next February. That's where she's gone DOW?to Arizona, to wait for it. This is the third time she's taken off."..believable" was the key word. He had to be involved unless the laws of probability had broken down completely. Yet I could swear Detweiler wasn't putting on an act. His guileless innocence was real, damn it, real..the small and large screens for F&SF for many years. If you've ever been confused by the many different.He continues to shout and I don't answer. On the stage Nagami and Hollis look at each other and at.to do now for people with special ability and training (low though that pay necessarily is). It's true that the.a box number at the Hollywood post office. The title of the story was "Deathsong." I wished I'd had time.ensemble, but that's just it: they, shouldn't want one. They shouldn't need one.."Who, senor?"."Busy doing . . . ?".does get a little involved, doesn't it?".Having called for a discussion, McKillian proceeded to clam up. Song and Crawford sat on their.He had phoned me about ten after five. I had found the body at seven. "Awhile," I said. "The blood.best way I know of pleasing our leaders..We might even dream of finding a frozen mammoth with some cell nuclei not entirely dead. We might then clone one by way of an elephant's womb. If we could find a male and a female mammoth?.I sighed. "So have I." I turned and looked at what he was working on at die drafting table. It was a small painting of a boy and girl, she in a soft white dress, and he in jeans and tee shirt. They looked about fifteen. They were embracing, about to kiss. It was quite obviously the first time for both of them. It was good. I told him so..Amanda, too, seemed to think going to Gateside was more trouble than she was worth, but I had my.249."Let me guess," he said, much more calmly than he felt "The little one goes around the big one, right?".Generally, readers don't notice the presence of familiar value judgments in stories, but do notice (and."David and Murray?".driving..to the bed, rooted among the papers, and returned with a thin, odd-sized paperback. "This is the latest". "Cinderella!" he exclaimed. "Cinderella Johnson! Are you working here?". "At Intensity Five I'm just plain Columbine, honey. The same as you're just Larry. And not knowing isn't much of an answer. Here I am exposing myself in front of you, and you come back with \*No Opinion.' I don't buy that.".enough to frustrate their efforts to push through and enter the old ship. But both lock doors were open.,could explain only pan of the time. The cues people respond to hi fiction or drama are complex and.244.I say, "Sure.".The minute she saw me, Debbie's face fell. When we voted the Union hi last month, she had a fit, and ever since dien she's been dreading a walkout. How were we going to manage now, she asked me when I came hi the door, with prices the way they were and with no money coming in? I told her not to worry, that with the Project so dose to completion and the King on their backs morning, noon and night, the Company would have to come across pronto. She said she hoped so, what with another mouth to feed any day now and our savings account down to two figures, and what would I like for dinner?baked fish or fried figs? I said baked fish..Then he showed her how a white light shining through it would break apart and fill her hands with all the colors she could think of..egocentric, and totally amoral. She nearly drove my father mad before he realized there was no helping

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