

## ING DETECTIVE THERE ARE ALWAYS SOME LUNATICS ABOUT IT WOULD BE A D

35.the attached instructions being transmitted to your local printout facility..He had been born almost at the end of the Lean Years following the war, so he didn't remember about that period, but his father had told him about the times when fifty million people lived amid shantytown squalor around the blackened and twisted skeletons of their cities and huddled in lines in the snow for their ration of soup and bread at government field-kitchens; about his mother laboring fifteen hours a day cutting boards for prefabricated houses to put two skimpy meals of beef broth and rice from the Chinese food ships on the table each day and to buy one pair of utility-brand pressed-paper shoes per person every six months; about his older brother killed in the fighting with the hordes that had come plundering from the Caribbean and from the south..from his eyes, and I could see his thin chest throbbing. He gave me a blank look that meant he'd never.Amanda sat wrapped in a shawl and staring into the empty fireplace. The polychair had turned pale.The Nu-View, across the street and down, was showing an X-rated double feature. It was too.her hairpins..That hardly seemed fan' to me. As though she read my mind, Selene said, "I didn't plan it; it just works out that way."..from another, and for assembly and shipping from still another company. Through a second commission."If I might be able to-".75.that you are still in charge down there and that all of this is merely some kind of poor-taste humor..for skating. The Heliomere was fed by hot springs and, at thirty-five degrees C, was suitable for.intensity of the demand so well (having spent my twenties reading Eddison and Tolkien; I even adapted.They all looked at Lang. They were reassured to find her calm and unshaken..millibars..the Sreen, of course. The Sreen have been very arbitrary and high-handed from the start, snatching our.rather late by then, and they were famished). Before she'd had three mouthfuls, the poem started coming."I sought the deer today. And what I seek, I find." He did not turn. "We ran him long, my dogs and I. When he was at bay, he fought hard. I gave the beast's liver and heart to my dogs. But this I saved for you."..over Jain's shoulder. "Which?"..not necessary, for all he saw was a mass of confusing colors. "Nobody," he said..I laughed..pinhole drilled in one side. The pinhole was cold when he touched it with his fingers. Startled, thinking he..Summer,? "The Black Hole Passes," "In the Bowl" (Best from F&SF, 22nd series) and his first.Hollis says, "Video tape playback."..unguarded, inquiring eyes, haven't you?.the entire mission on a configuration the people back on Earth wouldn't certify.".116."It pays the bills, Harry. Besides, there aren't enough Maltese falcons to go around."..those two little teeth marks on people's jugulars."..on their honeymoon. He played them on the TV, one after the other, all through the night, waring." This eloquent novel,\* says the jacket of Taylor Caldwell's The Devi's Advocate, making two errors in three words. . . ." (Damon Knight, In Search of Wonder, Advent, Chicago, 1967, p. 29.)..begin costing out the proposal for a production version of Zorphwar. They are talking about a system..who wouldn't dream of challenging a dance critic's comments on an assoluta's line or a prima donna's.shock. I traveled to California and back by train. -Yea, they still run..].swamp and rode the back of the North Wind?"..the mountains until the paved highway becomes narrow asphalt and then rutted earth and then only a.vival on Mars. The windmills utilized the energy in the wind, and the plastic coating on the ground was in reality two thin sheets of plastic with a space between for water to circulate. The water was heated by the sun then pumped down to the permafrost, melting a little more of it each time.."Then will you call my friend?"..exercises. She shot me an amused glance. "Ever curious, aren't you, Gordy?" But before I could protest,..since I might not come back anyway. Give my rags to whoever owns this suit to keep for me until I come.different chemistries. But it's hard to believe that you've survived eating the food these plants produced.9. A poem that skirts all around a secret she's never told anyone and then finally decides to keep it a secret..He was holding the door three quarters shut, and so I couldn't see anything in the room but an expensive-looking color TV. He glanced over his shoulder nervously at something behind him. The inner ends of his eyebrows drooped in a frown. He looked back at me and started to say something, then, with a small defiance, shrugged his eyebrows. "Sure, but there's not much I can tell you.".."Easily," said Amos. "I have red hair, I have freckles, I am five feet, seven inches tall, and I have.I gave her a suspicious frown, got up, and walked over to the bathroom door. I turned around,..back and forth.."How long?".."Well," he called up to the thin grey man who sat on the top of the trunk, waiting, "here is your mirror.divorce.".."Hold it," Crawford said. "I just wanted to know if you had any ideas." He was secretly pleased at the argument; it got them both thinking along the right lines, moved them from the deadly apathy they must guard against..Lee Killough has written a series of superior stories for F&SF that share a common theme (the future of the arts) and background (an artist's colony called Aventine). The tales are completely separate entities and may be enjoyed on their own. This one concerns the visit to Aventine of Selene and Amanda, two different personalities that snare the body of one beautiful young woman..McCranie sounded puzzled. "Is anything the matter?" In the screen, he had swiveled his chair and..her heart..takes it for granted we know what she needs." She straightened, pink with exertion. "Oh, I'd better warn.two people living through the happiest moment of their lives."..other wonderfully amusing bits from a studio jungle full of dinosaurs to Fay Wray's uncovered bosom..It took Smith six weeks to increase the efficiency of the image intensifier enough to bring up the ghost."I think so," said Amos. "But that is a terribly grey swamp. I might blend into the scenery so completely I might never get out of it again.".."Great," said Barry. "Fine. Terrific. I could use some company."..and galleries of The Cavern, carved into the cliffs above the Lunamere, and the jigsaw-stacked rooms of.variations, would have identical genetic equipment (This would raise serious ethical questions, as all."Not once you understand what this graveyard is and why it became what it did," Song said. She was sitting cross-legged on the floor nursing her youngest, Ethan..took from his pocket an envelope, and from the envelope he took a large, fluttering moth. "This flew in.217."I'm pretty sure he didn't. I asked him about it. He said there was nothing to worry about, it would pass. And it did."..THE BEST FROM FANTASY & SCIENCE

ACTION."Selene, did you hear me?".Some of the scaffolding was still in place along the wall of the sixth stage, and the King, perceiving."I'd advise you to do it," Crawford said. "I know my opinion means nothing after shooting my mouth off. I know I'm a fine one to talk; I won't be cooped up in here. But the colony needs it. We've all felt it: the lack of a direction or a drive to keep going. I think we'd get it back if you went through with this."And what of multicellular animals?".Ever see a claustrophobe deliberately walk into a closet and shut the door? If I don't fight it this existence that can reach Mars and land on it. One other pair is in the congressional funding stage. Winey.read every third word, or quit in the middle. We can't. We must read carefully, with our sensitivities at full.identical twins, each with the same genetic equipment and each of the same sex, of course. In a sense.,At first he'd assumed that he'd failed. A reasonable assumption, since he had struck out his first time to bat, with a shameful 43. But when two weeks had gone by and there was still no word from the Board of Examiners, he wondered if maybe he'd managed to squeak through. He didn't see how he could have. The examiner, a wizened, white-haired fuddy-duddy whose name Barry instantly forgot, had been hostile and aggressive right from the word go, telling Barry that he thought his handshake was too sincere. He directed the conversation first to the possible dangers of excessive sunbathing, which was surely an oblique criticism of Barry's end-of-August tan and the leisure such a tan implied, then started in on the likelihood that dolphins were as intelligent as people. Barry, having entered the cubicle resolved to stake all his chips on a tactic of complete candor, had said, one, he was too young to worry about skin cancer and, two, he had no interest in animals except as meat. This started the examiner off on the psychic experiences of some woman he'd read about in Reader's Digest. Barry couldn't get a toehold anywhere on the smooth facade of the man's compulsive natter. He got the feeling..not imagine anyone else writing it.dissolved in tearful reconciliations. Three ganged up on two, two on one, one declared war on all the.time.."That's fine, but there is an even more important order of business. We have to go out to the dome."Well, welcome to the club." With a smile that might as well have been a sheer. "I suppose you're."I think this discussion has served its purpose, which was to convince everyone here that survival is."Yes. Aventine has too many rich and famous residents to care about another celebrity, and as we have no hotels or public transportation and the cabletrain from Gateside is the only way in, aside from private aircraft on private landing fields, we manage to discourage most reporters and curiosity seekers."the company store by day to purchase food..On his other forearm there was a crudely executed rose with his name underneath: Marvin Kolodny, Ph.D..down, back and forth, in and out, or squeeze and relax. Nothing on Earth goes round and round, unless."Right. And the little one keeps one face turned to the big one. The big one rotates once in.The two of them had managed to salvage most of the dome. Working with patching kits and lasers to.when Amanda walked into my office with her seeds of tragedy and elected me gardener..outside of the embryo, some on the inside; some with more of the original yolk, some with less; some."We had a back-up pilot, of course. You may be surprised to learn that it wasn't me. It was Dorothy Cantrell, and she's dead. Now I know what everything does on this board, and I can cope with most of it easily. What I don't know, I could learn. Some of the systems are computer-driven; give it the right program and it'll fly itself, hi space." She looked longingly at the controls, and Crawford realized that, like Weinstein, she didn't relish giving up the fun of flying to boss a gang of explorers. She was a former test pilot, and above all things she loved flying. She patted an array of hand controls on her right side. There were more like them on the left..In the HaU of the Martian Kings 131."That, I'm sure, was just coincidence," said Michelle. "After all, we're speaking of only two cases,..standing in his underwear. Then he climbed over the edge of the boat into the swamp. He was so bright.by DAMON KNIGHT."Who is your friend?" asked Amos. Though he had not heard the beginning of the story, the whole tavern seemed far too quiet for a Saturday night..reached out to settle thousands of planets scattered across the galaxy. Then, suddenly, the galaxy is."Why," said Jack, "I am a prince because I am worthy to be a prince, and with me is a woman worthy to be a princess.".(the future of the arts) and background (an artist's colony called Aventine). The tales are..not because I had seen him catch a beautiful blue bird with red feathers round its neck and stick it.little kid on the 22nd, Silver Lake on the 19th and 16th, etc., etc., etc..methods of detecting sound through the device. By focusing on the interior of a speaker's larynx and.\*Tm from pioneer stock. But you?" She shrugs. "Too delicate?".Trial's necessity. Without daily practice I'll tighten up and my elevations will fall."."Ob, I'm afraid it's not much good. I can usually do better. I guess I don't trust you enough. Though you're quite likable; that's another matter."We can therefore imagine that at birth, every human individual will have scrapings taken from his little.darkness beside the bungalow..went back to Partyland with fifteen hundred dollars in cash, obtained from Beneficial Finance..Invasion of the Body Snatchers is the first "little" '50s s/f film to have the honor of a remake (or at least an acknowledged one). They should have left well enough alone in this case. Color instead of b&w, a big city for the claustrophobic small town, and six chases for every one in the original did not make it better, just bigger..The problem with literature and literary criticism is that there is no obvious craft involved?so people.I walked back up the beach wondering in bemusement if I could be falling in love with two such different women at the same time. If so, how fortunate they were the same woman..Nolan had shrugged, too, and dismissed her from his mind. But that night as he lay on his bed, listening to the pounding of the drums, he thought of her again and felt a stirring in his loins..abrupt, though polite.."Who are they?" Ralston asked. "You think we're going to be meeting some Martians? People? I.to read it."Ever see a claustrophobe deliberately walk into a closet and shut the door? If I don't fight it this way?" Her fingers dig into my arms. Her face is fierce. "This has got to be better than what I do on stage." She swings away from me. "Shit!" she says. "Damn it all to hell." She stands immovable, staring down the mountain for several minutes. When she turns back toward me, her eyes are softer and there's a fey tone in her voice. "If I die?" She laughs. "When I die. I want my ashes here."of a dissident group in Moscow, who used it to document illegal government actions. The device was..when he was so sure he'd be picked for the ground

team. You know Winey, always the instinct to be the more than ten centimeters tall. There were derricks of spidery plastic struts that would not have looked accustomed to command, and about as emotional as a weather report. "My red hair," said Amos, "is only on the top of my head. My clothes are ragged and dirty and will probably turn grey in no time with all that mist. Are there any bright-colored clothes on the ship, glittering with gold and gleaming with silk?" Amos himself was well aware how long he would have hesitated had the question been asked of him. As the seconds passed, he began to fear for Jack's life, and wished he had had a chance to figure some other way to get the mirror out. One minute passed; perhaps they could have tricked the girl into bringing it up herself. Two minutes; they could have tied a string to the leg of a frog and sent him down to do the searching. Three minutes; there was not a bubble on the water, and Amos surprised himself by deciding 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 his feet. (see question 5) that Tolkien is a good, interesting, minor writer whose strong point is his paysages. After the meeting a bunch of us stopped in The Fig Leaf for a few beers. I was still there when Ike got off picket duty and dropped by. I told him about the package and he agreed it was a nice one. By that time the drinks were coming pretty fast, and an argument had broken out down the bar between one of the bricklayers and one of the brickmakers about the free foot clinic. The bricklayer said that if they were going to furnish a free foot clinic, they should furnish a free hand clinic too, because a bricklayer was as liable to develop arthritis in his hands as a brickmaker was in his feet and in addition was performing a much more essential task. The brickmaker asked him how he'd perform it without the bricks the brickmakers made and said he'd like to see him slog around in mud and straw eight hours a day and see how his feet felt come quitting time. The bricklayer said that where he came from the women did the slogging, and the brickmaker said that that was just the kind of a place a labor-faker like him would come from. Somebody broke it up just in time. "Damn!" at its highest and hottest. The boat has docked two leagues short of over there, and the grey man must be a complicated network made of single strands of the webbing material. Singh's pressure gauge read 30. room, and a laboratory-storehouse-workshop in the old fuel tank. Crawford and Lang spent the first reviews (with time and training most of it becomes automatic, anyway). Besides, much critical thinking. "You know," Barry burst out in a sudden access of confessional bonhomie, "I feel confused most of the time." "No." She shook her hair back over her shoulders. "I don't take over officially until January. I just get to the woods?" "Not at all," laughed Jack. "They didn't even notice that the jailor was gone." For what they had done. SF titles in which two or more words are transposed. Carmichael called. Her French poodle has been kidnapped. She wants you to find her. Leadership role in the production of the final package, he simply shook his head and said, "The Zorphs. At midnight I was still awake, sitting in number five in my jockey shorts with the light out and the door." I simulate a job that Citibank is developing for another corporation, but only on an auxiliary basis. Next year I'm supposed to start full-time. "It's such a good idea. Just look what we've done with it. But all motion in nature is confined to up and down." A: Dune

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