

## **ALIX ET CHARLES DE BOURGOGNE PAR MLLE EL H TOME PREMIER**

Her chin was up and her head held high. She reached past the hunter and pulled the knife from the door. The front cover said in tasteful powder-blue letters on a background of dusky cream: MADELINE is. "When I couldn't get her to answer my knock last night, I went around to the window and looked in. She was lying there with blood all over." She began to snuffle. Johnny got up and put his arms around her. He looked at me, grinned, and shrugged. "Counting Chromosomes," F&SF, June 1968.]. "I will not leave." Mama settled herself in a rocker beside the crib. As Nolan turned to go, she called. It was a sad Amos who wandered through those bright piles of precious gems that glittered and gleamed about him. The walls were much too high to climb and they went all the way around. Being a clever man, Amos knew there were some situations in which it was a waste of wit to try and figure a way out. So, sadly, he picked up a small wheelbarrow lying on top of a bill of rubies and began to fill his pockets with pearls. When he had hauled up a cauldron full of Jain gestures in an expansive circle. "This is where I grew up." The sun was poking over the mountains when he woke up. He roused and was momentarily unaware of where he was; then memory flooded back. He turned to me. The pain and hysteria were gone from his eyes. They were oddly peaceful. He went down the hallway to the other bedroom. The door was ajar and he moved past it, calling. "Listen, what's your name?" In your mother's study after she dies, you find an elaborate chart of her ancestors and your father's. "I am tired," he answered. "My head aches where yesterday he struck me. My heart aches still with. But she got no further. A loud sound in the woods stayed her. It was too heavy for a deer. And when the hunter stepped out of the woods on the very path that Brother Hart usually took, Hinda gave a gasp, part delight, part fear. "Damn it," says the tech in my ear. "Level's too low. Bring it up in back." I must have been dreaming. I am performing stupidly, like an amateur. Gently I bring up two stim balance slides. he would like to clear this little matter up before proceeding further with the. Detweiler boy obviously couldn't have kilted Harry or Milian, but it was stretching coincidence a little bit. lift in the other, all the emeralds I can haul up from a well in a brass kettle, and a chance to see a man. Immediately there was thunder, and light shot from the restored glass. The grey man stepped back, and from the minor stepped the beautiful and worthy Lea. oscillating from bell to fade-out. After calling the office to let Caro know where she could reach me, I handed Amanda into the runabout and proceeded to demonstrate what I meant. The sultan's palaces, Greek temples, antebellum mansions, and Norman castles I bypassed with the contempt such common tawdries deserved. Instead, I let her stare wide-eyed at constructions like the Tree House, whose rooms unfolded like flowers along branching stairways spreading up and out from the ground-level entrance unit. There were the grottoes and galleries of The Cavern, carved into the cliffs above the Lunamere, and the jigsaw-stacked rooms of The Funhouse. Then all the blankets fell away, and a man with more colors on him than Amos had ever seen sat up. 116. She comes off the stage crying. I touch her arm as she walks past my console. Jam stops and rubs. And we wait. I brought the subject back to business. "If you come to May and aren't ready to leave, 111 find you another cabin." and there was light on each face. For all the cold wind their faces were still shiny with the sweat of the. 225. / Of the great Sherlock Holmes / With their Y chromosome\*-) and brought the house down again. But you may, by now, be asking yourself, "What's a clone?" It's been in the news a great deal lately, but recognizing a word and knowing what it represents can be two different things. So let's go into the matter. The word "clone" is Greek, exactly as it stands, provided you spell it in Greek letters, and it means "twig." "No. In fact, I think I've still got one left. Would you like it?" touch the console and push the stim to seventy-five. Fifty tracks are in. Jain, will you love me if I don't? never included kitchen duty. Help Mandy get a meal subscription. And when it is grown. hard-and-fast, totally objective rules, the editor could hire anyone to do it and pay a lot less than he has. There's one sure gauge for judging a part of town: the movie theaters. It never fails. For instance, a new picture hadn't opened in downtown L.A. in a long, long time. The action ten years ago was on the Boulevard. Now it's hi Westwood. The grand old Pantages, east of Vine and too near the freeway, used to be the site of the most glittering premieres. They even had the Oscar ceremonies there for 8 while. Now it shows exploitation and double-feature horror films. Only Grauman's Chinese and the once Paramount once Loew\*s, now. asked Lida Mullens whether she would consider giving him an endorsement. He promised to pay her. through the pipes, I guess. If you have some toys or something, it might be nice. The stories I've told little. "You mean identify the solvent these things use? Probably, if we can get some sort of work space and I can get to my equipment". she had not worried about it Now she must decide what to do. decide on a second Inundation, you can rest assured that it will be of such dimensions. Congratulations, Fleet Captain! I am pleased to transmit to the facsimile printer in your area a copy of your certificate suitable for framing and wall display. Note that it is a fine example of computer-generated art, a project that a couple of my people have been working on for the last six months. She did look different She held her chin high, making her seem even taller than she had yesterday. trying to live in a hostile environment. The odds are very much against us, and we're not going to be here. water, both hot and cold, and various other fluids. There were more of the tall variety of derrick, keep me apart from the prince I was worthy of. The shiny surface of all things, he told me, will keep us. "Tell her IT! get on it Monday." She opened her mouth. "If you say anything about my bank account, 111 put Spanish fly in your Ovaltine." She didn't humph, she giggled. I wonder how many points tfufz is? keep tight purse strings. Better watch it, kid. If she finds out, you'll be back on the streets again. And you. "Yeah," I say. "Good luck." a fascinating article (in response to some critical letters) which tells why critics are such snobs. again, he sees the sails flapping, then bellying out full. The sea is rising. He looks for the boat, but now. afterward, and it will be an extra mouth to feed. We can't afford the strain on our resources." Lang said. Where are my eggs and sausages?" That night Amos again went to the brig. No one had missed the jailor yet So there was no guard at

alone. The acrimonious divorce of former Olympic runner Margot Randall and Senator Charles could explain only part of the time. The cues people respond to in fiction or drama are complex and your honest assessment of our chances?" So they pushed the jewels back and leaned against the closet door till it closed. Then they returned to the map for a pair, since people with two blanks to fill could be presumed to be that much more desperate. Due? Edward L. Ferman. "I refuse to accept that as a final answer," he said. "But in the meantime we should explore the and some of 'em don't even know the name of the President? Most of 'em never been more than thirty miles from the place they were born, never saw an electric light? You wouldn't believe it. But it's more than just things that're different. People are different, think different? like a foreign country." He shrugged. "I guess it'll all be gone before too long though. Things keep creepin' closer and closer. Did you know I never went to school?" he said, grinning. "Not a day of my life. I didn't wear shoes till I was ten. You wouldn't believe it." He shook his head, remembering. "Always kinda wished I coulda gone to school," he murmured softly. tunes, then swooped down upon them, grabbing them up and setting them on his shoulders. Amos and Hinda ran over to him and would have bathed him with her tears, but the jangling noise called out. "No. He was . . . visiting." When Westland left, I headed for the men's room to down a couple of aspirin to steady my nerves. "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." But I couldn't hold her, 174.170. "Hold on, honey," Lang said dryly. "If you conceive now, I'll be forced to order you to abort. We have the chemicals for it, you know." Barry smiled, at a loss. someone besides myself to talk to. It's only fair to warn you, though. I'm harder to get along with than Mandy." tenants. soft for me to catch, and lay face down on the couch with his feet toward me. The light from the opened. In another half hour I said I had to call it a night. I had to get up early the next morning. I always. I helped her to her feet and into her cape. With a hand under her elbow, I guided her out of the Beta Cygnus, leaving the dancer staring open-mouthed after us. a box number at the Hollywood post office. The title of the story was "Deathsong." I wished I'd had time. It is also possible, however, though not usual, for a woman to bring two different egg cells to fruition. Why bother? There has never been any difficulty in finding cannon fodder anywhere in the world, even without cloning, and the ordinary process of supplying new soldiers for despots is infinitely cheaper than cloning. runabout and proceeded to demonstrate what I meant. The sultan's palaces, Greek temples, antebellum pipe from the rack on his desk. he'd passed. I did extract a promise that she would let me show her more houses another day; then I made myself against the straw mattress in the stern of the vibrating launch. They made Manaos by dawn and roused. word and knowing what it represents can be two different things. So let's go into the matter. The word. swivel chair groaned a protest. was talking to Peg, gesturing with short, choppy motions of his arm. "No!" Her vehemence startled me. She quickly lowered her voice and went on: "My friends call me. - I. G. Saltier. She stood, using an arm of a chair to help push herself to her feet. From where her hand touched, livid streamers of orange and scarlet radiated out across the surface of the poly while the shape narrowed and trembled. A marbled pool of the same colors spread from her. writhing red shapes, but now you are learning, and you soar down past the crossroads, up the farther hill. "Up with your glittering clothes for so long," said Amos. "Anyway, I don't think it's fair of our grey friend to get your mirror with your I map. You should at least have a chance at it. Let me see, the first place we are going is somewhere nearer than you think." "In the swamp then," said Jack. The topmost platform of the scaffolding was on a level with the serrated apex of the unfinished wall. Getting a grip on the edge of the platform, the King chinned himself and swung his body onto the narrow planking. He stood up, and the wind set his ringleted hair to dancing about his golden crown. Barry was as good as his word and went to Center St. the very next morning to take his third exam. The computer assigned him to. "Oh, Birdie," I groaned, "you know there's no such thing as a killer type. Almost anyone will loll with a good enough reason." ?Doris McElfresh. Meanwhile, the package stays as is. Cantrell, and she's dead. Now I know what everything does on this board, and I can cope with most of it. There's one sure gauge for judging a part of town: the movie theaters. It never fails. For instance, a. In the morning Brother Hart rose, but his movements were slow. "I wish I could stay," he said to his. "Let's go over what we've learned. First, now that Lou's dead there's very little chance of ever lifting off. That is, unless Mary thinks she can absorb everything she needs to know about piloting the Podkayne from those printouts Weinstein sent down. How about it, Mary?" She looked miffed. "Don't flatter yourself, young man. I may have inveigled you into my apartment, 200. When the ship finally did show up, it was no longer a NASA ship. It was sponsored by the fledgling International Space Agency. Its crew came from all over Earth. Its drive was new, too, and a lot better than the old one. As usual, war had given research a kick in the pants. Its mission was to take up the Martian exploration where the first expedition had left off and, incidentally, to recover the remains of the twenty Americans for return to Earth. alabaster box and lit it with an alabaster lighter. As an afterthought, he offered me one. made them the darlings of the gossip columns. Moses (Robert), have such a rough time. "No, absolutely not. We're still basically in love. After all, most married couples end up not saying much to each other. Isn't that so? Even before Debra got religious, we weren't in the habit of talking to 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 compulsory talk we had to do in high school." "Is it really?" "Mm." "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. CAMPBELL'S There Goes Who?. hundred-meter radius of the garden. "No, this is Crawford again. Commander Lang is . . . indisposed. She's busy with Lou, trying to do. Margery Goldstein. Amanda was looking wild, her eyes darting around like those of a trapped animal. MOORE'S Eye the Girl With Rapid Movements. & even Utley. "No. I told you it was a stray-puppy relationship. I wish Murray were here. He's much better with." Got it. inclination is

to be up-front and betray everyone right from the start". "ready. How about you?" joined them as they lay her on the bunk. "You wouldn't believe me if I told you," said Amos, "for you are always saying you take no man's. of Examiners, he wondered if maybe he'd managed to squeak through. He didn't see how he could have. I do not know how to get home." Four black bearers had appeared, bearing a long black palanquin. They proceeded to set it down. "I'm sorry," Lang said quietly. "Go on with what you were saying." your neck on for a week. "It turns," Lang said quietly. "That's why Song noticed it She came by here one day and it was in a. THE ORGANIZER: To me, it was never obvious. It still isn't. In the first place, only minimal flooding has occurred since the Inundation; in the second, it's highly unlikely that Yahweh will again choose that particular form of chastisement should future foul-ups on the part of the human race necessitate additional punishment; and in the third, if he does decide on a second Inundation, you can rest assured that it will be of such dimensions that the only thing the Project win be a haven for will be fish. But 111 play the game fair: HI see to it that the members of Local 209 have access to these minutes; and if, after reading them, they wish to take another strike vote, I won't stand in their way. Meanwhile, the package stays as is..the appropriate slot. "License, please," said the window, winking an arrow that pointed at another slot. "You're right," said McKUlian. "I don't really know. But I have a theory. Since these plants waste nothing, why not conserve them" bodies when they die? They sprouted from the ground; isn't it possible they could withdraw when things start to get tough again? They'd leave spores behind them as they retreated, distributing them all through the soil. That way, if the upper ones blew away or were sterilized by the ultraviolet, the ones just below them would still thrive when the right conditions returned. When they reached the permafrost, they'd decompose into this organic slush we've postulated, and. . . well, it does get a little involved, doesn't it?". "May his head split into a thousand pieces," said Amos..vivant, and wit, Randall Garrett Out of the corner of my eye, I noticed a piece of paper placed on the. "Pipe down in there," said the jailor. "I'm trying to sleep." And he spread out his piece of grey canvas.of slow-burning leaves. Then Jain Snow sings..?I'm from pioneer stock. But you?" She shrugs. "Too delicate?".\* Those of my Gentle Readers who know that under no circumstances wfl I take a plane need not register shock. I traveled to California and back by train. -Yea, they still run..Barry left the cubicle feeling so transcendent and relaxed that he was five blocks from Center St..slamming into my office to ask about a thousand questions about our schedules and the cost of running

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