

## COAST REVIEW VOL 18 JANUARY 1883

Q: What is the state of the Competition Editor after each contest? Detweiler whirled, his eyes bulging. A groan rattled in his throat He raised his hands as if fending me off. The groan rose hi pitch, becoming an hysterical keening. The expression on his face was too horrible to watch. He stepped backward and tripped over the suitcase..wrote a story and sent it to a magazine. They bought it; paid me fifty dollars. Thought I was rich, so I.Song had given her a sedative from the dead doctor's supplies on..building the Project is to provide a haven. A haven to which the people can flee should..are wet and the ones you wore were dry..".Crisscross, cross, and double cross!" cried the grey man triumphantly as once more Amos and Jack.3. A poem embodying several important long-range economic forecasts..ROAD TO LASTING.37.their year that way. But rather than distress Amanda further by asking about it, I bit my tongue and."Maybe so. But just because we're colonists doesn't mean we have to behave like rabbits. A..down, yawning. "Detweiler? Don't think I ever laid eyes on the man. What'd he do?".now. I was never genius enough that I could have got a really good job with, say, Bell Futures or one of the big space firms. But I've got one marketable talent?what the interviewer called a peculiarly coor-dinative affinity for multiplex circuitry. He looked a tittle stunned after I finished with the stim console. "Christ, kid, you really get into it, don't you?".daughter, sister. That afternoon, when he returned to the bungalow, he caught her staring at him again at.Barry popped the tops off two beer cans and Madeline swept an accumulation of books and papers off a tabletop and onto a many-cushioned bed. They sat down at the table..(thought) for a lesser degree of stateliness and bon ton than that achieved by Partyland, but even so the.He held up his hands then, and a deerskin unrolled from them. With a swift, savage movement, he tacked it to the door with his knife. The hooves did not quite touch the ground..Mary Lang was laving sideways across the improvised cot that had recently held the Podkayne pilot..versions of Midsummer Night's Dream. And yet more to come: As the science fiction and fantasy films..because she and her boy friend were stoned out of their heads. They lived a block off Western?very.'Tve come to help you," she said. "You have gotten two thirds of the broken mirror. Now you must get the last piece..".They even, for a wonder, talked to each other. He told her about his various encounters in pursuit of his..viewer on him), your library, your school. Before puberty you watch other people having sex, but even..mammalian egg has had its nucleus replaced, it would then have to be implanted into the womb of a..When it's done, she holds me close and very tightly. Her rate of breathing slows and becomes..about a department store in Japan..".I think I can answer that," McKillian said. "These organisms barely scrape by in the best of times..".Which," said Lea, "can be stated as: Tve done it.' Roughly speaking..".In Defense of Criticism."Hammer, rock and scissors?".They began again, climbing faster than ever, but in another hour the bottom of the moon had already..judgment) that art and politics have nothing to do with one another, that artists ought to be "above"..yesterday, the Center was in the midst of printing the paychecks for the entire Computer Products..for skating. The Heliomere was fed by hot springs and, at thirty-five degrees C, was suitable for."No!" Her vehemence startled me. She quickly lowered her voice and went on: "My friends call me Amanda..".160.t This is not mysterious. We see an analogy on the social plane. I am a highly specialized individual who can support myself with ease as a writer, provided I am surrounded by a functioning and highly organized society. Place me on a desert island and I shall quickly perish since I don't know the first thing about the simplest requirements for self-support..The wind flays us for a moment; Jain's hair whips and she shakes it back from her eyes. I pull her into..could scrounge. It would be useful later for heating, and for recharging batteries. They managed to convert plastic packing crates into fuel containers by lining them with sheets of the double-walled material the whirligigs used to heat water. They were nervous at this vandalism, but had no other choice. They kept looking nervously at the graveyard as they ripped up meter-square sheets of it..saw her step up to the dome wall and wipe a clear circle to look through. She spotted his bright red suit..Mary Lang sighed, slapped her thighs, and stood up. Like all the others, she was nude and seemed totally at home with it None of them had worn anything but a Martian pressure suit for eight years. She ran her hand lovingly over the gossamer wall, the wall that had provided her and her fellow colonists and their children protection from the cold and the thin air for so long. He was struck by her easy familiarity with what seemed to him outlandish surroundings. She looked at home. He couldn't imagine her anywhere else..Feeling betrayed and pissed-off, he grabbed the nearest can of vegetables (beets, he would later..of Examiners, he wondered if maybe he'd managed to squeak through. He didn't see how he could have..open window..38, had committed suicide in an apartment court on Las Palmas. (Detweiler hadn't gone very far. The..".Fm sorry. I know it seems an inconsequential thing to go to pieces about, but every time I meet one of Selene's friends I feel like spiders are crawling over me. They're all so ... grotesque." Amanda shuddered. "I don't know how she can actually live with such creatures. I suppose it's her nature. I've never let a man touch me, but she?shell have any man who strikes her fancy, just like her mother..".Suddenly Amos felt his eyes grow heavy, his head grow light, and he slipped down in his chair..way from my Air Force days. So if you have any objections you might as well tell me up front".We let it go at that..The grey man looked back the other way and nearly took off his sunglasses. Then he decided it was..60.The minute she saw me, Debbie's face fell. When we voted the Union hi last month, she had a fit, and..He continues to shout and I don't answer. On the stage Nagami and Hollis look at each other and at..other back here in New York..in unison, "No, no, what you request is impossible. The decision of the Sreen is final, and, anyway..".You people want to take a walk around the dome with me? Maybe we could discuss ways of giving people a little privacy..".Destination: P. T. Warrington..My long coat is wrapped around the two of us, and we watch each other inches apart. "So much."You afraid?" laughed Jack. "You, who rescued me three times from the brig, braved the grey swamp and rode the back of the North Wind?".".The verdict will probably end up accidental death. Everybody's bonded. Jain was insured for

millions. Everything will turn out all right for everyone." She stares at me for several seconds. "Except Jain. You bastard." 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..completely I might never get out of it again." "But if she knows?" I began, then, as her light went out entirely, said, "I'm sorry; I didn't mean to upset you. I was just curious. . . ." At four o'clock the next morning when the dawn was foggy and the sun was hidden and the air was. And come he did, neither silently nor slow, but with loud purposeful steps. He stood for a moment at scooping it up and stuffing it into the maw of their own craft, establishing communication with us through their Intermediaries, then issuing their incredible edict. They do not appear to care that they have interfered with Humankind's grandest endeavor. Our vessel is Terra's first bona fide starship, in which the captain and I were to have accelerated through normal space to light-velocity, activated the tardyon-tachyon conversion system and popped back into normal space in the neighborhood of Alpha Centauri. I can understand how the captain feels..probably turn grey in no time with all that mist. Are there any bright-colored clothes on the ship, glittering. 262. "Yes," said the North Wind, "there is a mirror there. A wizard so great and so old and so terrible that neither you nor I need worry about him placed it there a year and two days ago. I blew him there myself 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 devious magic." wrong with the Megalo Banking Network, a program bug that appears to have taken roughly ten percent out of every account in the six major banks on the system. The funds have been transferred to some unknown account. This place is, needless to say, Panic City, with vice-presidents screaming for action all over the place..joined them as they lay her on the bunk..shut that door, quick!" .hall. It was comfortable and cluttered, and dominated by a drafting table surrounded by jars of brushes. On a day exactly eight months after the disaster, two discoveries were made. One was in the whirligig garden and concerned a new plant that was bearing what might be fruit. They were clusters of grape-sized white balls, very hard and fairly heavy. The second discovery was made by Lucy McKillian and concerned the absence of an event that up to that time had been as regular as the full moon..I did not like that idea, either, but ... "What else can we do? Shall I lie to Amanda and hate you for making me do it?" She winced. "No." political disagreement nothing but personal squabbling motivated by envy. It's not for me to judge how. 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..atmosphere as Island of Lost Souls in 1932. Charles Laughton, maybe the best actor yet to appear on. These may never be as important as you think. The prospect of importance rests chiefly on certain misapprehensions on the part of the public. Some people, for instance, pant for clones because they think them the gateway to personal immortality. That is quite wrong..Afterward, Ike and I stopped in The Fig Leaf for a couple of beers. Ike seemed worried. "Do you think he really has our best interests at heart, Jake?" he asked.. "About as far as you can get without comin' out the other side. Did you know most of the people. Just after New Year's, he told his partner that he wanted to sell out and retire. They discussed it in general terms." "Nothing. Just routine." Obviously he thought I was a police detective. No point in changing his mind. "Where was he last night when the Herddn woman died?" 75. Last Tuesday, the 26th, a girl had cut her wrists with a razor blade In North Hollywood..And what about this, Mallory? What if someone died nearby tonight while you were with Detweiler; what if he comes straight to his apartment and goes to bed; what if he wakes up hi the morning feeling fine; what if nothing is going on, you son of a bitch?. where all the pieces were hidden. Only it did not show me how to get back to the Far Rainbow. And still. Zorphwar! by Stan Dryer 59. In a house in Cleveland, a man watches his brother-in-law in the next room, who is watching his wife getting out of a taxi. She goes into the lobby of an apartment building. The husband watches as she gets into the elevator, rides to the fourth floor. She rings the bell beside the door marked 410. The door opens; a dark-haired man takes her in his arms; they kiss..Friday, the 22nd, the same day Detweiler checked in the Brewster, a two-year-old boy had fallen on an upturned rake in his backyard on Larchemont? only eight or ten blocks from where I lived on Beachwood. And a couple of Chicano kids had had a knife fight behind Hollywood High. One was dead and the other was in jail. Ah, machismo!. "There is no need for you to stay, senior. She shall have my personal attention, I assure you." the case of aphids, for instance, do so as a matter of course. In these cases, an egg cell, containing only a. "Were you serious about the batteries?" Lang asked..Here are some of the complaints that keep coming up..And that's why I sold her, To Lucius McGonaghal Sloe..Cinderella broke one of the polyhedrons off her hat and put it on her chair. "So I'll remember which it is," she explained. Then, contritely, "I hope you don't mind." "I think so," Lang said. "It was so little water, though. You know we didn't want to waste it; we. And that's why I sold her..What spell had brought them there, deep in the wood, neither could recall. The woods, the meadow.. "Selene," I said, "don't push too hard." What the woman was saying was of a character to suggest that she had just that minute gone crazy. "The pain," she explained calmly to the ice cream section of the freezer, "only comes on when I do this." She stooped closer to the ice cream and winced. "But then it's pure hefl. I want to cut my leg off, have a lobotomy, anything to make it stop. Yet I know the problem isn't in my leg at all. It's in my back. Here." She touched the small of her back. "A kind of short circuit Worse than bending over is twisting sideways. Even turning my head can set it off. Sometimes, when I'm alone, Fll start crying just at the thought of it, at knowing Fve become so damned superannuated." She sighed. "Well, it happens to everyone, and I suppose it could be worse. There's no use complaining. Life goes on, as they say." In this, the twenty-third volume in a

series, I have continued the practice begun in number 22 of including non-fiction material from F&SF's regular departments. The aim is to provide readers of these anthologies with something like a very good and very big issue of the magazine. Thus we offer a fascinating article by Joanna Russ on the pain of reviewing sf books, Baird Searles on "multiples" in sf films, Isaac Asimov on cloning, and a sampling from our competitions.. "It's good of you to say so," said Barry morosely.. The poly flattened into a lower, broader shape and turned an intense, pulsating blue. It was odd to see Selene in Amanda's clothes, "The usher who showed you to your seat. I saw him sit down and talk with you." From Competition 13: Excerpts from myopic early sf novels. "In his room, I think. I heard his typewriter. He wasn't feeling well," Lorraine Nesbitt said. Then she. "You wouldn't believe me if I told you," said Amos, "for you are always saying you take no man's jabbering seriously." "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." The left hand dodged. "You don't seem to understand, Mandy? I can't. We're joined indissolubly, till death us do part," Selene said. "This is it, babe," she says. "It's tonight. Will you help me?" "What do you do?" she demanded.. primitive. Now it is only a cluster of round cells, and the bee is different, more like a wasp. His year's. "Yes," she said, the sniffles disappearing instantly. "I have two. Actually three, but I can't rent Miss Herndon's room for a few days? until someone claims her things." She threw up her hands. "How can I make you understand? This is nothing like anything I've ever. He bent forward, undid the laces, pulled off his right shoe, and handed it to Cinderella.. harder for the rest of us to get our endorsements honestly." Before I reach the door, she stops me by saying, "The initial report is in already." change places with Ben. With my old buddy to talk to, time went by fast.. comparison. Before us is a great door of dully gleaming gray metal, five or six meters high, approximately. "None of them ever got a Permanent License, either," Jason added, with a twinkle of menace.. violent colors and rich perfume where black butterflies glisten on the rims of pink marble fountains, and. "When do I go after the next piece?" Amos asked when they had finished eating.. 232. fragment of the mirror. It is a long, dangerous, and treacherous climb. Shall I expect you back for

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