

ROSAMUNDE VON WILHELMINE VON GERSDORF

"That's right," said Jack. "And nearer than you think is a great, grey, dull, tangled, boggy, and baleful swamp. The first piece is at the bottom of a luminous pool in the center. But it is so grey there that the grey man would blend completely in with the scenery and never get out again. Up this one is a mountain so high that the North Wind lives in a cave there. The second piece of the mirror is on the highest peak of that mountain. It is so windy there, and the grey man is so thin, he would be blown away before he was halfway to the top. Two leagues short of over there, where the third piece is, there stretches a garden of violent colors and rich perfume where black butterflies glisten on the rims of pink marble fountains, and bright vines weave in and about. The only thing white in the garden is a silver-white unicorn who guards the last piece of the mirror. Perhaps the grey man could get that piece himself, but he will not want to, I know, for lots of bright colors give him a headache." "Because we were expected," Song said, still looking away from them. "They must have watched the. 165. I told him I hoped he was right.. Selene moved around the room, touching the chairs, working her bare feet through the carpet, soothing away the bizarre reflections of. "Til certainly try it," Barry promised. "But how do I get to be a member?". would've let me die, but he knew and got blood for me. Hers." He sat staring at me blankly, his mind. Tharsis Base sat on a wide ledge about halfway up from the uneven bottom of the Tharsis arm of the. Milian, age 51, had fallen through the plate-glass doors leading onto the terrace of the high-rise where he. saw me." She made it in time to see her shipmates of the last six months gasping soundlessly and spouting blood from afl over then" faces as they fought to get into their pressure suits. It was a hopeless task to choose which two or three to save in the time she had. She might have done better but for the freakish nature of her struggle to reach them; she was in shock and half believed it was only a nightmare. So she grabbed the nearest, who happened to be Doctor Ralston. He had nearly finished donning his suit; so she slapped his helmet on him and moved to the next one. It was Luther Nakamura, and he was not moving. Worse, he was only half suited. Pragmatically she should have left him and moved on to save the ones who still had a chance. She knew it now, but didn't like it any better than she had liked it then.. another strike vote. There was a big chorus of nays and not a single yea. That shows how Union brothers. I look up as she bursts into raucous laughter. "I'll be goddamned. Will you look at this?" She points at puppy. I was beginning to feel like a son of a bitch.. plant that sprouted up half a meter, then extruded two stalks parallel to the ground. At the end of each. support myself with ease as a writer, provided I am surrounded by a functioning and highly organized. thermometer between her lips.. 229. let the authority figure know right from the start that you intend to be deferential, and this was a quality. 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.. the struggle. Gradually, the chairs and carpet softened to bright blue.. "You liked him, didn't your*. that never seemed to be finished. So he and Lang had to learn about the new discoveries at the nightly. samples. 88. sailor with the great iron key? who must be the jailor as well, thought Amos.. Her voice faltered only a little but her hands began to shake. The orange in the chair's color went darker and the yellows bled away. Amanda stabbed several times with a hairpin without being able to place it right. After a seventh or eighth try she stood up, letting the hairpins spill onto the carpet. She walked to the far end of the fireplace, where she stood with her back to me, toying with the tops of the fire tools. "It hasn't been long at all since? since I told you I... trusted you." Shopping, a mom-and-pop mini-grocery on Sixth Ave. right next to the International Supermarket.. She nodded and leaned her bulk on the registration desk. "Early twenties, twenty-two, twenty-three.. voice was deliberate. "Why should I be? Nothing happened, Teddy is a dear thing and Mandy's archaic." My father could have been President but for Margot Randall. The woman was rapacious, vulgar.. and opened his eyes sleepily. After a while he sat up.. "Amanda," I called.. image-intensification device that was puzzling because it was too good. He had it on his bench now.. Lee Kittaugh. "Yes, I am really the North Wind," came the thunderous voice. "Now you tell me who you are before I blow you into little pieces and scatter them over the whole wide world." back and forth.. I looked at him, at his face, at his eyes, at his soul. "There's a gun in the glove compartment," I said.. There's one sure gauge for judging a part of town: the movie theaters. It never fails. For instance, a. "Unfortunately, I have used up my quota. However"? she held up a single perfect finger?" it's almost the New Year. If you're not in a desperate hurry . . . 1". You should have insisted on dinner last night. Playing hostess for the Senator. much higher it's going to be when we get back on the job. The highest thing ever, they say. I won't. Barry thought that in many ways her problems bore a resemblance to his, at least insofar as they both had to look for intellectual companionship outside the bonds of marriage. But when he began to elaborate upon this insight and draw some interesting parallels between his experience and hers, Columbine became impatient. She did not come right out and tell him that he was in breach of contract, but that was definitely the message conveyed by her glazed inattention. Responsive to her needs, he resisted the impulse to make any further contributions of his own and sat back and did his level best to be a good listener and nothing more.. Bat there are other reasons. Critical judgments are so complex (and take place in such a complicated context), the vocabulary of praise and blame available in English is so vague, so fluid, and so constantly shifting, and the physical space allowed is so small that critics welcome any way of expressing judgments that will be both precise and compact. If vivid be added thereunto, fine? what else is good style? Hence critics, whenever possible, express their judgments in figurative language. Wit is a form of condensation (see Freud if you think this is my arbitrary fiat) just as parody is a form of criticism (see Dwight McDonald's Modern Library collection thereof).. She washed the wound with water. The cut was long but it was not deep. Some scratch got in the woods. I forgot to watch out for the rebound. Pain lanced up my arm. I went down, bouncing my head off. prove to be moneymakers, 5 properties will be dusted off, "modernized," and reproduced. I can see the. "This

way," she said, beckoning them into a tunnel formed from more strips of plastic. They twisted around through a random maze, going through more gates that opened when they neared them, sometimes getting on their knees when the clearance lowered. They heard the sound of children's voices.. "I simulate a job that Citibank is developing for another corporation, but only on an auxiliary basis..He smiled at her. "Special circumstances. Short-term problems."concerts on the grass every Sunday.". . . Mr. Zirul has committed so many other failures of technique that a whole course in fiction writing could be erected above his hapless corpse." (William Atheling, Jr. [James Blish], *The Issue at Hand*, Advent, Chicago, 1964, p. 83.).All Animals Are Vegetables, CLIFFORD SIMAK.became so neurotic when exposed to a large number of users or households where emotion ran hot that.I was sorry to hear That you've got to be going. But you're not? Then I'm sorry to hear that.A Reflection.I See You 9."Why do you look at me like that, senior? Is it not natural for a woman to bulge when she carries a.142.haven, why weren't they and the rest of the people so informed in the first place?.The cracks opened. "Oh, yes. He's only been here a few days. The name had slipped my mind.".Weinstein time to reply to that Weinstein had been trapped by his own seniority into commanding the.Singh told his people to stop, and he stood back admiring the.And there was much work to do. Most of the physical sort devolved on Crawford and, to some."I had rather hoped we might have avoided that," said Lea, as she came over to untie Jack and."It sounds very specialized," McKillian said thoughtfully. "Maybe we should be looking for the niche.and smelled. But none of them would have wanted to sleep outside in the dome, even if Lang had.John Varley.Amanda sat back sipping her coffee with a contented smile. "I hope your business isn't suffering because of all the time you've spent on me.". "So they are," said Amos. "What do you make of that?".Amos..hand in hand.. "Is something the matter?" she asked, handing him the uppers with a glass of water. "You look.faces she's seeing. Babe, no man can fill me like they do..It isn't Moog Indigo; they're laying down the sound and light patterns behind Jain as expertly as.It gets light on the top of a mountain well before it does at the foot, and this mountain was so high that when they reached the bottom the sun was nowhere in sight, and they had a good half hour until breakfast time..look up at the sleeping loft, each place her feet touched a patch changed color to a pale, clear yellow..doubt succeed. What purpose will it serve?.A highly depressing idea, but he did not on that account roll out the console to select a remedy from."What do I look like?" demanded the North Wind..Each of us adds to the other's pleasure, and it's better than the other times. But even when she comes, she stares through me, and I wonder whose face she's seeing?no, not even that: how many faces she's seeing. Babe, no man can fill me like they do.. "Whose idea was it that Detweiler have dinner and spend the evening with you?".I cleared a space on the couch and sat. "How did Detweiler and Maurice get along?".lane Yolen's classic fantasy tales have been appearing in F&SF since 1976. She is the author of many fantasy story collections, one of which (*The Girl Who Cried Flowers*) was a National Book Award finalist..Selene went on exercising. "She won't ask. People have been taking care of Mandy all her life. She takes it for granted we know what she needs." She straightened, pink with exertion. "Oh, Fd better warn you. Next week is the Senator's birthday. Mandy will be anting.Lang stood up and shook Song's shoulder. Song came slowly back to them and sat down, still.Gateway and disappear. It was high enough: it had to. But it didn't. For, all of a sudden, a great hand.The problem with literature and literary criticism is that there is no obvious craft involved?so people."You are witnessing a demonstration of die Zorphwar Naval Bat-tie Simulation System," I said to Westland. "A valuable training aid, ft is a product of the research staff of the Megalo Corporation Programming Services Department".could govern beside any man. He said I was proud, and that my pride was good. But then he saw how I."They would weigh me down," said Amos, "and I could not be back for lunch. No, I need a suit of clothes that is bright and brilliant enough to keep me from losing myself in all that grey. For HI do lose myself, you will never have your mirror.". "Nothing. A good secretary keeps her employer informed. I was informing you.".other subjects..A couple kids climb on stage and pull breakfasts out of their backpacks. "You ever read this?" says one, pulling a tattered paperback from his hip pocket His friend shakes her head. "You?" He turns the book in my direction; I recognize the cover..179.No sweat. That was a laugh. All he'd done since he got here was sweat. Patrolling the plantation at sunup, loading cargo all day for the boats that went downriver, squinting over paperwork while night closed down on the bungalow to imprison him behind a wall of jungle darkness. And at night the noises came?the hum of insect hordes, the bellow of caimans, the snorting snuffle of peccary, the ceaseless chatter of monkeys intermingled with the screeching of a milling mindless birds..grape-sized white balls, very hard and fairly heavy. The second discovery was made by Lucy McKillian.friends. "What's the use of all this talk?".A: The Sands of Mars."I'm here, Jain.". "Oh, baby, I'm sorry." Jam smiles and looks fourteen again. Then ?he stands and gives Stella a quick hug. She glances over at me and winks, and my face starts to flush. One-way..way from my Air Force days. So if you have any objections you might as well tell me up front".so terrible that you and I need not worry about him.".political disagreement nothing but personal squabbling motivated by envy. It's not for me to judge how.They triggered them to be activated only when they encountered certain different conditions. Maybe they knew exactly what it would be; maybe they only provided for a likely range of possibilities. Song thinks they've visited us, back in the Stone Age. In some ways it's easier to believe than the alternative. That way they'd know our genetic structure and what lands of food we'd eat, and could prepare..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 bis 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.". "Sure," Song said, peering along his pointed finger. "Just show me the damn thing and I'll immortalize you.".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 tune. 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..He was having trouble framing the questions he wanted to ask, and he realized he'd had too much to drink. The spirit of celebration, the rejoicing at finding these people here past any hope; one could hardly stay aloof from it But he refused a fourth drink regretfully..Amos and darted on ahead to get back to the cell. Then Amos walked out to the boat with the broken.can you ever hope to cut stone?".International Red Cross and to volunteer organizations in Europe, Asia and Africa. He got drunk.She was almost drowned out by a rising tide of babble at the door. I looked around to see the group."Do you mean it?" Barry asked, marveling over Marvin's tattoo as they shook hands. He managed to.Td Hke to see that process from the start," he said. "Where you suit up for the outside, I mean.".10 Damon Knight romismg or ludicrous activities wen widely distributed in the.Three and a half weeks later I sang it again at the annual banquet of the Baker Street Irregulars, that."You might," said Amos. But though his heart was with Jack, he still felt a good spirit was important.small painting of a boy and girl, she in a soft white dress, and he in jeans and tee shirt. They looked about."Sure, no trouble." She went to the desk in the corner of the room and quickly wrote the following poem, which she handed to Barry to read:.had the press, I believe." She spun once more and finished in a deep curtsy, then straightened and began."Ah, several things. But maybe it isn't my place to bring them up now. First, I want to say that if you're ... ah, concerned, or doubtful of my support or loyalty because I took over command for a while. . . earlier today, well. . .".Destination: P. T. Warrington."You know ... I wish ... Of course, I know it's not permis-.Smith made a disgusted sound. He opened the clamps that held the device and picked it up, reaching for the power switch with his other hand. He never touched it. As he moved the device, the ghost images had shifted; they were dancing now with the faint movements of his hand. Smith stared at them without breathing for a moment. Holding the cord, he turned slowly. The ghost images whirled, vanished, reappeared. He turned the other way; they whirled back..was a sailor splicing a rope..with Crawford's assessment..Amanda's wrist bent back farther. Her fingers fought to hold on to the knife, but with each moment.I rolled and lit a cigarette to see how bad my hands were shaking. Pretty bad, I saw. I blew out a lungful of smoke. "I wonder what he wanted," I said..coming in hi a few minutes to pick up the poop on his wandering wife.".anyone who knew nothing about it. He sat in the copilot's chair and listened to her.

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