

## DER WEG DER WELT

This is new territory," I answer. "We never had a million before." I know she thinks it's an excuse..me from a hundred directions. The faded photographs covered every level surface and clung to the walls.many freestanding, brimful metal ashtrays. Having already forked out twenty-five dollars upstairs as his.would be on my ass over the com circuit.Slowly, Selene twisted the wrist back and down while the poly around them swirled in wave after wave."Oh, happiness!" laughed the thin grey man. "She is grey tool".he'd passed.."Right. The thing about cars is ... Well, I live in Elizabeth across the river, right? So any time I come here I've got to drive, right? Which you might think was a drag, but in fact I always feel terrific. You know?""Sounds all right to me," Lang assured her. "It'll do for a working theory. Now what about airborne spores?""I mean I think these plants we've been seeing were designed to be the way they are. They're too.Crawford missed most of the interesting work, being more suited for the semiskilled manual labor that never seemed to be finished. So he and Lang had to learn about the new discoveries at the nightly briefings in the shelter. He remembered nothing about any animal life being discovered, and so when he saw something crawling through the whirligig garden, he dropped everything and started over to it.Hinda's eyes followed nun down the path until she counted even ' the shadows of trees as his own..He didn't want to think about it now; he didn't want to think of anything. Not Nina, not Darlene, not.4. A poem about a rabbit (there was a porcelain rabbit on one of the shelves) suitable to be sung to a baby..overloads are handled by adjusting the work load in the Computer Center. However, at three thirty."Insignificant."."If I might be able to-".the elevator (the dogs growled portentously until the doorman said "Aus!"), and told him to ring at door.shock. I traveled to California and back by train. -Yea, they still run.].artists inspire me with the warmest possible regard. . . . When my critical mood is at its height personal.I cannot rationalize electronically what happens. I cannot imagine the affection and hate and lust and fear cascading into her and pouring back out. But I see the antenna mesh around her naked body glowing suddenly whiter until it flares in an actinic flash and I shut my eyes..addresses supplied by Smith: five hundred to electronics manufacturers and suppliers, six thousand, thirty.gentle slope to the flat plains of the Tharsis Plateau, while at the same time only a kilometer from the.At intervals that varied unpredictably the furniture within this living room would rearrange itself, and suddenly you would find yourself face-to-face with a new conversational partner. You could also, for 8 few dollars more, hire a sofa or armchair that you could drive at liberty among the other chairs, choosing your partners rather than leaving them to chance. Relatively few patrons of Partyland exercised this option, since the whole point of the place was that you could just sit back and let your chair do the driving..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..my calls." She lowered her eyelids demurely. "I was a Goldwyn Girl, you know."..deliberately difficult, testing him, possibly his reactions hadn't been that entirely inappropriate. Possibly.and kept his eyes firmly open..Saturday morning, the third day since Miss Herndon died, I had a talk with Lorraine and Johnny. If Detweiler wanted to play cards or something that night, I wanted them to agree and suggest I be a fourth. If he didn't bring it up, I would, but I had a feeling he would want his usual alibi this time..of his shut, right where it covered his belly button..172.Even organisms as complex as insects can in some cases give birth to parthenogenetic young and, in.In the first place, as an organism becomes more complex and specialized, its organs, tissues, and cells become more complex and specialized as well. The cells are so well adapted to perform their highly specialized functions, that they can no longer divide and differentiate as the original egg cells did.}.What spell had brought them there, deep in the wood, neither could recall. The woods, the meadow..Jack's head emerged, and a moment later his hand holding the huge fragment of a broken mirror came into sight..not hunt you. I do it for you, brother dear."."No need to sugar-coat it I know it as well as anyone. But even a billion to one shot is better than nothing. I take it they think Crawford is right, that survival is at least theoretically possible?""Though he minded, he hadn't the gumption to say so. "I don't remember. Not a lot. They're really.truth of a piece of fiction matters, for aesthetic reasons. To apply rigid, stupid, narrow, political standards.with him without having heard anything but the reward."It crawled halfway into the bag, then seemed to think something was wrong. It stopped, but Song nudged.of Examiners, he wondered if maybe he'd managed to squeak through. He didn't see how he could have.."Does he live in the building?" I swallowed to get my heart back in place and blinked a couple of.The viewer is your babysitter, your television, your telephone (the telephone lines are still up, but they are used only as signaling de-."That's mean, Janice," I groaned..Stan Dryer."Well, as you don't appear to be either a mugger or a rapist, there had to be some reason you followed a dotty old woman home from her latest nervous breakdown. Let's make a deal, shall we?""I think I see you." The enormity of it was just striking him. He kept his voice under tight control, as."What I really wanted to talk to you about is this: You said you couldn't fly this ship. But you were.her license not because her score entitled her to it, but thanks to Bylaw 9(c), Section XII? The chagrin of.The wind flays us for a moment; Jain's hair whips and she shakes it back from her eyes. I pull her into the shelter of my arms, wrapping my coat around us both. "Do you want to go back down to the car?""265.It neither faltered nor slowed. Any moment now, it seemed, it would pass through the invisible Gateway and disappear. It was high enough: it had to. But it didn't. For, all of a sudden, a great hand emerged from the firmament, reached down and seized the tiny shaft A mighty thumb pressed it between two mighty fingers. There was a distant snap!, barely audible above the wind. Then the hand withdrew, and the broken arrow fell back to earth and landed at the King's feet.you. Next week is the Senator's birthday. Mandy will be asking you to take her shopping for a gift." She.to be something wrong with the Megalo telephone system

and the message network is all fouled up..ran her hand lovingly over the gossamer wall, the wall that had provided her and her fellow colonists and rocker, was carried off in the opposite direction..came, Nolan knew.."Very well," said Amos a second time. "Until then, I shall walk around and explore your ship." "Sir," I say, "there's nothing we can do here. We're just going to have to return home and let Earth." "Listen, Jain?" The captain, an Indian named Singh, got his crew started on erecting the permanent buildings, then climbed into a crawler with three officers for the trip to Tharsis. It was almost exactly twelve Earth-years since the departure of the Edgar Rice Burroughs..Amanda said, "I think this will be fine. Where do I sign the lease?" There was a silence, then it was ripped apart by Lang's huge..his shut off. Everything Td been told about him was true. He wasn't very tall; the top of his head came to..Here, then, is "Randall's Song," to which I took the liberty of adding a verse myself: handle science jobs as well as anyone. We saw you as a kind of insult, a slap in the face by the scientists.Satisfied, Brother Hart sat down to eat. But Hinda was not hungry. She watched her brother for a..Jack clung to his long, thick hair as the Wind began to fly down the mountain, crying out in a windy voice:..hemoglobin. It's sort of like fermented blood. Human blood..His first elation fizzled out and he was left with his usual flattened sense of personal inconsequence..And from half a dozen directions they heard: Come on, just a little way. . . just a little way. . . little way. . . ."Okay, keep spread out on both sides, everybody. Jim, can you and Edie head him off before he..right, I was told..)the big blue escalator up to his first first-hand experience of direct, interactive personal communication..She frowned, shook her head vehemently, and then said, "Well . . . maybe. . . ."man the mirror. "Now we only have a third to go, if I remember right. When do I start looking for that?"..long-term survival..Her goldstone eyes widened in disbelief. "Architecture?"..?peak English-".come early to exercise." "Maybe I'm way beyond it" A receptacle works only one-way..hardest ice any man or woman had ever seen. This block is ten degrees colder. Can you chop through."That's ail right. Do you feel better now?"..impulse to make any further contributions of his own and sat back and did his level best to be a good."Well, as you don't appear to be either a mugger or a rapist, there had to be some reason you." "I said," he said, with woozy precision, "my name is Ed."..kneeling in the shrubbery. He photographs them. He turns off the power,, sits for a moment, then goes to..Window 28 was the window that issued licenses: he had passedl.the jagged lines of the rocks with regular angles and curves..earing my mother bad dropped the night before in a winter dance. That block of ice was the coldest and..Of my own flesh and bone.Hence angry readers can make the objection above, or add:..including warehouses of Stargate imports; and since the train ran until midnight, we could have dinner and..Friday, the 22nd, the same day Detweiler checked in the Brewster, a two-year-old boy had fallen on..climbed onto his back, huddling between his shoulder blades, its hand on his shoulders. Detweiler stood..more than makes up for all the inconveniences. In cloning, the genetic contents of new organisms remain..She shrugged, running in place while she talked to me. "Someone has to let you know when things need to be done."..ends of the console. I consciously will my fingers to loosen..mirror. She had been discovered about eleven-thirty when the manager went over to ask her to turn..He pushed the door all the way open and stepped back. It was a good-sized living room come to life..appear from time to time in these pages. That is, she is a form of shorthand. When Byline rewrites story..living inside their heads with them. I even knew perfectly normal people so taken with the idea that they..of the trunk and stick my head in to see how his nearest and dearest friend was getting along. But I would."Why the hell shouldn't If..As I paddled around, I felt my muscles relax and a drowsy lassitude flow through me..Where are my eggs and sausages?"..know the cycle's drawing to an end, they seed the planet with the spores and ... do something. Maybe..bade." Amos jumped out of his rags and handed them to the sailor who trotted off toward the."Not too early, please?" she said. "I like to sleep late."..Selene also kept me informed on what needed to be done, either around the cabin or for Amanda..171.Amos ran to get his wheelbarrow, pot the prism on top, and wheeled it to the mirror. Then, just in case, he went back and locked the trunk tightly..wander, and she stood up and gazed into the valley below them. It was as barren as anything that could be imagined: red and yellow and brown rock outcroppings and tumbled boulders. And in the foreground, the twirling colors of the whirligigs..?I'm afraid to," said Amos. "It has said such awful and terrible things."..The area isn't big on apartments or rooming houses, but there are a few. I found the Detweiler boy at the."I checked the clock," she said..the lid. He didn't see anything, so he lifted it further. When he still didn't see anything, he opened it all the."I will tell the cook," said the grey man..suddenly Nina's face contorted as she launched herself at him, her fingers splayed and aiming at his eyes..238.Suddenly it was dusk, and Hinda looked up with a start. "You must go now," she said..both hands, but the muzzle didn't waver. Stella fired once; the slug tore the guts out of a parked.They stared at each other and Jack jumped up. "Why we must be in the cave of. . .".She was almost drowned out by a rising tide of babble at the door. I looked around to see the group.Nothing was trouble which guaranteed me the chance to see her twice a day. When I met Selene on the beach several days later, I thanked her..never see baby pigeons? All the pigeons you see out on the street are the same size-full-grown. But."Here's what we know for sure. The E.R.B. is useless to us. Oh, they'll help us out with plenty of..Sitting on the floor huddled in a blanket was Martin Ralston, the chemist His shirt was bloody, and there was dried blood all over his.Perhaps they expected to see the mirror glittering in the weeds and pebbles at the bottom of the pool; perhaps they expected their own reflections. But they saw neither. Instead, the face of a beautiful girl looked up at them from below the surface..well..made them the darlings of the gossip columns..43.I took a deep breath and lied with a straight face. ?I promise."..than they could follow. It hit Crawford on the arm, then fell to the floor where it gradually skittered to a..She did not move or answer..From the mirror there was a laugh..Bingo!.My curiosity reared up again. The gossip columnists speculated a great deal about how Amanda and Selene managed their dual existence, but because neither personality gave interviews on the subject, it had to remain only speculation. The custody decision, however, was public knowledge. January to June had gone to Margot Randall, July to December to the Senator. It sounded like the alters might still

divide then\* year that way. But rather than distress Amanda further by asking about it, I bit my tongue and hurried out to get the lease from my secretary.. "That's really sick," Stella says..a second phenomenal ram-fall again cause the Twin Rivers to overflow their banks to say now. After a while Jain rescues me, "It isn't your hassle, and it isn't mine anymore.".recognized the name? She stepped back, holding the door for me. I could tell that detectives, private or

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