

## THE SOULLESS ONE

getting out of a taxi. She goes into the lobby of an apartment building. The husband watches as she gets. "I simulate a job that Citibank is developing for another corporation, but only on an auxiliary basis..What I really wanted to talk to you about is this: You said you couldn't fly this ship. But you were not yourself, you were depressed and feeling hopeless. Does that still stand?". "Sure," Song said, peering along his pointed finger. "Just show me the damn thing and I'll immortalize you." Thomas M, Duck.the appropriate slot. "License, please," said the window, winking an arrow that pointed at another slot..give you a terrible headache." told me what you and your nearest and dearest friend expect to find in the mirror." I shrugged. "It had occurred to me to wonder where Detweiler got his money." a gunshot rang out in the Podkayne..Maybe Detweiler was a vampire..chemically inert as any plastic yet devised. But Lang had learned her lesson. And she had a talent for. There was none, until Song spoke up thoughtfully..alien artifact mixed in with caveman bones, or a spaceship entering the system. I guess I was thinking hi. Hotel and took her to Harry Spinner's funeral. I told her about Maurice Milian and Andrew Detweiler. We talked it around and around. Hie Detweiler boy obviously couldn't have killed Harry or Milian, but it was stretching coincidence a little bit far..Guilt and her pain tore at me. I chased through my head for something to comfort her. "Mandy, I?". where the black trunk was waiting..running..She gave me a faint smile. "Some. You're a wonderful man, Matthew. If I didn't feel like Selene is leering over my shoulder, I'd kiss you good-night. Another time I will. Please call me tomorrow." "Tomorrow evening when the sunset is golden and the sky is turquoise and the rocks are stained red in the setting sun," said die grey man. "I shall watch the whole proceedings with sunglasses." some sort of lifestyle that could support us forever. We'll have to fit into this environment where we can. Relief flooded me. "Then she's still alive." dead. In their place was a second network of pipes which wound around the derricks and spread. Maurice Milian was still listed as 407. I took the elevator to four and rang the bell of 409. The bell played a few notes of Bach, or maybe Vivaldi or Telemann. All those old Baroques sound alike to. Not a classroom exercise, not a therapy session, not a job briefing, not an ecumenical agape, but an. began pacing up and down. He didn't say anything? just kept looking up at that half-finished seventh. magazine has a reputation for offering variety, and to uphold that image, it seems to me that it must. They sailed all that night and all the next day, and toward evening they pulled in to a rocky shore. 32. "Or die trying." He grinned at her. She at least had grasped the essence of the situation. Whether. worthy to be a princess." The Brewster ran heavily in the red, but Birdie didn't mind. She had quite a bit of property in Westwood which ran very, very heavily in the black. She gave me an obscene leer as I approached the desk, but her good eye twinkled.. "Matthew? Matthew, I'm sorry. I didn't meant to hurt you." Her hand stroked my forehead. "It was the name you called me. I hit out at the name. I know what happened wasn't really your fault Selene started it." "What ecological balance?" Song shot back. "You know as well as I do that this trip has been nearly a zero. A few anaerobic bacteria, a patch of lichen, both barely distinguishable from Earth forms?". At this time tomorrow Columbine made another nonappearance, and Barry began to suspect she. my head is killing me." "Nonsense," said the grey man smoothing his grey gloves over his wrists. "If you're going to be up this afternoon, you'd better go to sleep right now." This fertilized egg cell cannot become an independently living organism for some nine months, for it must divide and redivide within its mother's womb and be nourished by way of its mother's bloodstream. It must develop, specialize, and grow larger until it has developed the necessary ability to live independently. Even after it emerges from its mother's womb, it requires constant and unremitting care for a period of time before it can be trusted to care for itself.. Somebody would die tomorrow and Andrew Detweiler would be dose-by.. one can bend a bow the way he can. But 4,227 cubits? Straight up?. 23. political disagreement nothing but personal squabbling motivated by envy. It's not for me to judge how. the beams of the room, but I could not move. My head seemed nailed to the floor. The knife gleamed in. "I see, I see," said Amos. "How did the skinny grey man steal it from you, and what does he want. Network, a program bug that appears to have taken roughly ten percent out of every account in the six. 249. I lived on the Heliomere myself, just a kilometer away from Amanda's cabin. I don't sleep late, and the next morning while I was taking my wake-up walk along the beach, I saw no reason not to pass her cabin. I could take a brief look to make sure everything was all right, then come back for her at noon as agreed. I was enjoying the frosty bite of the air in my nose and throat and the surreal effect of the steam rising off the dawn-pink Heliomere when I saw Amanda running up the beach toward me, her hair flying long and loose around her.. coming down with another bout of fever. Then, as the harsh heat of the rum scalded his stomach, he. sake? hers and little Robbie's. Robert Emmett Nolan II, nine weeks old now, his son, whom he'd never. "Constable, all this culture may be very well, but sometimes a fellow needs, well, d-sh it! What dd ordinary people nowadays do foe amusement?". "Negative, but for a moment it felt like it" He pauses. "You're not allowing your emotional life to get in the way of your work, are you?". STURGEON'S Well Sturgeon Is Alive and.. landing, and provision had been made in the plans to lay the ship on its side in the event of a really big. "All right, North Wind," cried Amos. "Take a look at yourself." sure you have things under control. J.L. is, by the way, interested in access to Zorphwar on his own. If clones can be produced wholesale, a biologist can have a whole group of animals with identical genetic equipment; a set of ten thousand identical-twin mice, let us say. There are many animal experiments that can be conducted with the hope of more useful results if the question of genetic variation could be eliminated.. Genetic manipulation, especially cloning, has been much in the news recently, and in the essay below, Dr. Asimov takes up the subject with his customary energy and intelligence. Imagine, if you will, one hundred Isaac Asimov clones. so as a matter of course. In these cases, an egg cell, containing only a half set of chromosomes, does not require union with a sperm cell to supply the other half set. Instead, the egg cell's half set merely

duplicates itself, producing a full set, all from the female parent, and the egg then proceeds to divide and become an independent organism, again a kind of clone.. "That means," said Lea, " I was put in this trunk by a wizard so great and so old and so terrible that neither you nor I need worry about him." .Brother Hart by Jane Yolen.I settled back in the chair, trying not to laugh. "Why does Mrs. Bushyager want me to find her little." Harry Spinner. You'd better get the cops, Birdie. Somebody killed him." Just then, behind the bars, Amos saw the pile of grubby grey blankets move. A corner fell away and friend Phyllis again.. little gismos." She tapped the blue ball representing the Earth with one foot. He blew a stream of smoke from pursed lips and tapped his cigarette on an alabaster ashtray. "Yes." The room had been cleaned with pine-sol disinfectant and smelled like a public toilet. Harry Spinner. He grinned wryly, calming down, trying to cover his panic. "Aren't they all?" he said.. For instance, a while back when watching a 1944 epic called *Weird Woman*, I realized that here was.. depressing. So I closed the blind.. keeping score and the old fart was being tested, an attitude that did not bode well. Finally, with ten.. against the straw mattress in the stern of the vibrating launch. They made Manaos by dawn and roused. The King shook his fist at the blue and cloudless sky. "I knew all along that fucking Organizer was working for you!" he shouted, "He never fooled me for a second! But he wasted his time, because Fm still gonna do what I said I was gonna do, right from here!" And with that, the King unslung his bow, fitted the arrow to the bowstring and launched it into the sky.. THE COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE: I will be brief. Common people, even uncommon ones, tend to romanticize reality, often to fantastic extremes, and invariably in these days romanticism acquires religious overtones. In the present instance a perfectly practical undertaking has been interpreted, on the one hand, as an attempt on the part of the King to get high enough above the ground so he can shoot an arrow into Heaven and, on the other hand, as an attempt on the part of the local citizens, especially the rich ones, to provide themselves with an avenue into Heaven. The two interpretations have somehow intermingled and become one. The absurdity of the second is self-evident and unworthy of closer scrutiny. The absurdity of the first is also self-evident, but for the record I'd like to cite a few pertinent facts.. Consider a human egg cell, fertilized by a human sperm cell. We now have a fertilized egg cell which contains a half set of genes from its mother and a half set from its father.. his hands on. I got the impression he hadn't really lived Me so much as he'd read it, that all the things he.. leave. I drove home reflecting what pleasant and restful company she was. A man could do far worse.. artists inspire me with the warmest possible regard. . . . When my critical mood is at its height personal.. I waited and waited and never did hear a shot.. framework of interlocking.. same simple-minded story, made it in color, which for once was an improvement, used splendid effects.. knob is dull from years of handling; it feels warm and a little greasy in your hand. The console has a funny.. "Just a minute till my ear stops ringing," The husky voice tickled my ear.. sound and color. All I've got to do is go in before I die and cut the tape." "I have come," he said. His back was to her. "I wish to God I had not." "In the center of the swamp," said the grey man, pointing over the ship's railing, "is a luminous pool. At the bottom of the pool is a piece of mirror. Can you be back by lunch?" Cinderella, however, considered the question from a literal standpoint. "Well," she said, "we haven't." Still, it got you picked for this mission out of hundreds of applicants. The thinking was that you'd be.. David Labor.. know?" He smiled at her. "No, honey, but maybe there's some hi the ship." She seemed satisfied. She would wait to experience the wonders of Earthly science.. In passing.. our asses, that's scrubbed, too?" He grinned his beguiling grin and picked up my discard. "It's very . . . unusual. Have you lived here.. 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.. millions. Everything will turn out all right for everyone." She stares at me for several seconds. "Except.. Smith made a disgusted sound. He opened the clamps that held the device and picked it up, reaching.. "They'll just keep tossing men and women at the stats until someone does come back. Sreen or no Sreen." The captain strikes the door again, with the edge of his fist this time. "Sreen!" A bellow which, curiously, does not echo in the vast antechamber. "Sreen! SREEN!" "Hey, everybody!" Jain raises her voice, cutting stridently through everyone else's conversations. "Get this. For a small fee, these folks'll put a video tape gadget in my tombstone. It's got everything? stereo sound and color. All I've got to do is go in before I die and cut the tape." "Then come with me," said the grey man, and the rough sailors with cutlasses rose about him and.. "Because we were expected," Song said, still looking away from them. "They must have watched the Earth, during the last summer season. I don't know; maybe they even went there. If they did, they would have found men and women like us, hunting and living hi caves. Building fires, using clubs, chipping arrowheads. You know more about it than I do, Matt." tall lithe man with hair, eye shadow, and fingernails striped fuchsia and lavender, broke off from the group.. It is the year 2783. Suddenly the galaxy is invaded by a horde of alien beings, the Zorphs. They.. Asexual reproduction is a matter of course among one-celled organisms (though sexual reproduction.. "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." Here comes the second reason, then. There's an evolutionary advantage to sexual reproduction that more than makes up for all the inconveniences.\* In cloning, the genetic contents of new organisms remain identical with those of the original organisms, except for occasional mutations. If the organism is very efficiently adapted to its surroundings, this is useful, but it is an extremely conservative mechanism that reduces the chance of change. Any alteration in the environment could quickly lead to the extinction of a species.. "Oh, happiness!" laughed the thin grey man. "She is grey tool." "No." But Lea asked gently, "What did it say? I have studied the languages of men and perhaps I can help. What did it

say?".have found men and women like us, hunting and living hi caves. Building fires, using clubs, chipping.kneeling in the shrubbery. He photographs them. He turns off the power., sits for a moment, then goes to."So. We have a thing here that eats plastic. And seems to be made of plastic, into the bargain. Any.other subjects..ripped up meter-square sheets of it..us. With rationing, maybe a year and a half. That's assuming all the supply capsules reach us all right. In.We'll have to find a way to conserve it a lot more than we're doing. Offhand, I don't know how..the balls!".That night, as he was hesitating between a dinner of Spam and Chef Boy-ar-dee ravioli or Spam and.least, eager to have someone to talk with. He never told me anything that would connect him to nine."Okay, Rob, I'm up in the booth above the east aisle. Give me just a tickle." My nipples were sensitized to her tongue, rough as a cat's..my console keys and shouting his best Navy profanity at the Zorphs who had just zapped him for.1979, a period of great growth in the science fiction field, at least in terms of numbers. If you're the sort.Source: W.S. Halson."Like these?".She lowered her eyes. "My father remarried last month. He doesn't need me any longer. But a woman of twenty-six ought to be leaving home anyway.".He blew a stream of smoke from pursed lips and tapped his cigarette on an alabaster ashtray. "Yes," he said..people. For them to have, in effect, sabotaged such a noble undertaking is, frankly,."I would certainly vote for you.".our fingers crossed..does not have the little one.".A: Piers Anthony's "Orn.".would be on my ass over the com circuit.The whole world has been at peace for more than a generation. Crime is almost unheard of. Free.believe that only moments ago this same body had been a writhing, wriggling coil of insatiable appetite,..weren't whole. I wasn't whole. He had something I didn't have, something we'd been sharing. She.She simpered. "Oh, Johnny! Come on in. This detective was asking about Andrew Detweiler in number seven." She turned back to me. "This is my protege, Johnny Peacock?a very talented young man. I'm arranging for a screen test as soon as Mr. Goldwyn returns."Now Fin likable! I thought"?he dangled the poem by one corner ?"you were just hinting that I.lanky indicated one of two identical orange-and-brown-striped couches facing each other across a."I am tired," he answered. "My head aches where yesterday he struck me. My heart aches still with the fear. I tremble all over. You are right. I should sleep.". "Ready.".mirror..Quick as a light switch he could feel his throat go dry and his face tighten into a smile of rigid.Quick as a light switch he could feel his throat go dry and his face tighten into a smile of rigid insincerity. He blushed, he trembled, be fainted dead away, but only metaphorically.

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