

NACH LACAN

his hair was grey. His voice sounded to Amos like wind over mouse fur, or sand ground into old velvet. "Just what we were doing. Taking stock of our situation. We need to make a list of what's available to us. We'll write it down on paper, but I can give you a general rundown." He counted off the points on his fingers...inventor of Zorphwar. While I admit that his shaggy hair and unkempt personal attire might turn you off. "I've met her friends."...for me to risk seeming preoccupied or impatient. I kept smiling, though inside I felt as Selene looked...difficult-to-evolve specializations as intelligence are not likely to arise in the entire lifetime of a habitable. "Is something the matter?" she asked, handing him the uppers with a glass of water. "You look...He went to the half wall separating the kitchen and poured two cups from a pot that looked like h...He nodded. "First time tonight. In fact, this is my first time ever in any speakeasy. I just got my license yesterday."...their next conversational destination. Barry found himself sitting next to a girl in a red velvet evening dress...Smith made a disgusted sound. He opened the clamps that held the device and picked it up, reaching...could be imagined: red and yellow and brown rock outcroppings and tumbled boulders. And in the... "Well, as you don't appear to be either a mugger or a rapist, there had to be some reason you...a muse. If you give me twenty good ideas for poems, I'll give you your endorsement."...tears you to shreds...experiences of some woman he'd read about in Reader's Digest. Barry couldn't get a toehold anywhere...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...Amanda recoiled...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...XII...He turned toward the suitcase, his back to me. The hump was artificial, made of something like foam rubber. He unhooked the straps, opened the suitcase, and tossed the hump in. He said something, too soft for me to catch, and lay face down on the couch with his feet toward me. The light from the opened curtain fell on him. His back was scarred, little white lines like scratches grouped around a hole...Jack's head emerged, and a moment later his hand holding the huge fragment of a broken mirror came into sight...is a regular resupply from the home country, but a really good group of colonists can get along without...When the moon lit the clearing, the hunter returned. He could not wait until the morning. Hinda's fear...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... "Constable, all this culture may be very well, but sometimes a fellow needs, well, d-sh it! What do ordinary people nowadays do for amusement?" "I just want to point out that instead of an expedition, we are now a colony. Not in the usual sense of planning to stay here forever, but all our planning will have to be geared to that fiction. What we're faced with is not a simple matter of stretching supplies until rescue comes. Stopgap measures are not likely to do us much good. The answers that will save us are the long-term ones, the sort of answers a colony would be looking for. About two years from now we're going to have to be in a position to survive with some sort of lifestyle that could support us forever. We'll have to fit into this environment...look. "How fun."...know?"...?David Labor. "But that's not important. The important thing is what you said from the first, and I'm surprised you didn't see it. If we're a colony, we expand. By definition. Historian, what happened to colonies that failed to expand?" "Oh, of course. Minor poets do nothing else. They positively swarm. I'd rather be major and lonely, thank you very much."...She shakes her head. "Just my pa." I guess I look curious because she looks away and adds, "My mother died of tetanus right after I was born. It was a freak thing."...The Detweiler Boy by Tom Reamy 17...ever since then she's been dreading a walkout. How were we going to manage now, she asked me when...She sighed again, but this time with relief. "The Detweiler boy was down here with me until six-thirty...of where he was; then memory flooded back. He turned to me. The pain and hysteria were gone from his...I was brought up in a candy store under a father of the old school who, although he was Jewish, was...Nightingale must have run that stinking army hospital in the Crimea. Her tenants were the losers habitating...215. "You feel you can trust me?" She lowered her eyes and tried to look wicked and temptress-like, but it was not in the nature of her kind of beauty to do so... "Thank you very much," said Amos and hurried off to the wheel-house. When he found the second...by lining them with sheets of the double-walled material the whirligigs used to heat water. They were...feet About the man leapt fawning wolves, some spotted like jackals, some tan and some white. He. "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?"...and Maurice are... were thick as thieves." "Tell him I'll get back on it Monday."...Her laugh is easy and unstrained now. "Kid games. Did you do the usual things when you were a kid...have destroyed me. However, when you made your attack, I was safely docked at a base star and thus...pieces of the mirror together. Now they could make out what the shape of the third would be. "And if...Writhing in the heat, she stands where there is no support The fire licks her body...Project Hi-Rise by Robert F. Young...She was nothing if not honest. In the succeeding mornings, if I ran too slowly, she simply left me...There was a pause while she debated. "I guess so, but, please, come when you can."...stick together when the chips are down...high peaks, where the great serpents dwell. Your workers here, even Moises, know only the jungle, but I...roof of the Megalo Corporation Headquarters for pickup by Zorph shuttle craft. Failure to comply with...food, water, and oxygen. The need just never arose. We were provided for."...That particular morning she was working through a set of

torturous-looking exercises that made my muscles protest to watch. She never broke the rhythm of them and her voice came in gasps between stretches and bends. "Habit, I guess. I always left ... notes for Mandy." and galleries of The Cavern, carved into the cliffs above the Lunamere, and the jigsaw-stacked rooms of, played a few notes of Bach, or maybe Vivaldi or Telemann. All those old Baroques sound alike to me..Moises was in the launch, working on the engine. He looked up as Nolan ran towards him, shouting..cell can't do the work of a fertilized egg cell and produce a new organism?.It isn't Moog Indigo; they're laying down the sound and light patterns behind Jain as expertly as..While she was stuffing Nakamura into his suit, Crawford arrived. He had walked over the folds of..The old light bulb went on inside my head. "You want a working system?" I said. "You follow me."."Do not trouble yourself. I will look after the little one." Mama's voice was soothing. "Now you must."Oh, I'm afraid it's not much good. I can usually do better. I guess I don't trust you enough. Though..the lid. He didn't see anything, so he lifted it further. When he still didn't see anything, he opened it all the.."Really?""Does this map tell where the pieces are hidden?""..sidewalk. Going to Selma or the Boulevard to turn a trick and make a few extra bucks. Lorraine must..to bat, with a shameful 43. But when two weeks had gone by and there was still no word from the Board..Twin Rivers gleamed like gold in the morning sun..Not from you, he wanted to tell her. Instead he looked off into the distance at the perambulations of a suite of chairs in another ring. Only when all the chairs had settled into place did he refocus on the..Honuft This corner of hell, where die drums dinned and the shadows leaped and capered before nickering fires?.Crawford relaxed. The awful burden of responsibility, which he had never wanted, was gone. He..bottom percentiles..of localized bluish-purple over the canyon rim, and he was surrounded by footlights. Day had come, the..to herself, sleeping in the catamaran moored beside the bank across the river and not even venturing into..I notice that the blowers have cut off. It's earlier than usual, but obviously there's enough body heat to..human experimentation does, but that is not the issue at the moment)."May I run with you?" I called after her..expecting, neither a demoralized wreck heaped with moldering memorabilia nor yet the swank, finicky..some sort of lifestyle that could support us forever. We'll have to fit into this environment where we can..He inserted his license into the other slot, a bell went ding, and miraJ He was inside Party-land, ascending..we go through the positions. Her breathing grows a little ragged; that is all. And yet she is more..have to see it himself. By the time he'd finally agreed to go there on his next vacation, they had been..n.Cinderella, however, considered the question from a literal standpoint. "Well," she said, "we haven't ever really talked together, not seriously, but you certainly ought to have a license."."Brethren," he said in that rich resonant voice of his, and instantly he had everybody's complete..could almost smell the smoke from my sizzling nerve endings. And this time when I pushed her onto the..leaving any conspicuous trace. He made up another batch of these, typed his home address on six of..up. The winds couldn't bury them that deep in only twelve thousand years."..It's always there, so you never get around to it".And when it is grown.."Then you'll help my friend and me?"..It stops being easy after the frog, though. Frog eggs are naked and can be manipulated easily. They develop in water and can just lie there after the micro-operation..Mary Lang was laving sideways across the improvised cot that had recently held the Podkayne pilot, Lou Prager. Her head was nodding listlessly against the aluminum hull plate behind her, her chin was on her chest. Her eyes were half-open..78.deluxe (but not customized) sports car..word and knowing what it represents can be two different things. So let's go into the matter-The word..So he'd started to drink. First the good bourbon from the company's stock, then the halfway-decent..seized Mrs. Zickwolfe before she had time to get to the bulletin board. He dragged her into the bedroom..McKillian looked horrified, as any good ecologist would..Unless one of you two has some experience in Mars-lander handling that you've been concealing from..Jain soars to the climax. I shove the slides all the way forward The crowd is on its feet; I have never..become much more fluent these past months."..Amos and the prince began to brush the snow from a lump on the ground, and beneath the white..of the tool caddy.."I think so," said Amos. "But that is a terribly grey swamp. I might blend into the scenery so..brushed against Crawford in the dark and they murmured apologies. Then they all bedded down in their.."Never?"..windsock and open cockpit, this one was a mad confusion of dials, switches, and lights designed to awe."It was a beacon. We figured that out when we saw they grew only hi the graveyard. But what was it telling us? We felt it meant that we were expected. Song felt that from the start, and we all came to agree with her. But we didn't realize just how much they had prepared for us until Marty started analyzing the fruits and nutrients here..deliberately difficult, testing him, possibly his reactions hadn't been that entirely inappropriate. Possibly..Plain for the likes of us. We spread out all over. North and south and east and west. I went south. Right..Thoroughly ridiculous."..A lot of the other Union members had stopped in The Fig Leaf, and the place was full. Some of the..screen" (whatever that means these days) and color did not make up the difference, nor for the loss of..And then around again as I use the sixty stim tracks, each with separate controls to balance and augment..It was not unexpected; Lang had been waiting for it to happen since the night the Burroughs left. But.."You have no choice." Tendrils of green and blue wormed their way into the pattern. "I'm as much a..Amsterdamites. The atmosphere was forced and false; an eat-drink-and-be-merry feeling pervaded..I shuddered. "You need more than that I'm going to call a food service in Gateside and take out a subscription for you; then I insist you have your meals with me, either out or cooked by me, until your first week's supply of meals is delivered."."Ashes?" I say, unsure how to respond. Humor her. "Sure?..July 15, 1977 Source: W. S. Halson Destination: P. T. Warrington Subject: Zorphwar Exposure Park Baby, I think we have a problem. That was a great game of..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..Someone walked by the door, quietly and carefully. I leaned my head

out It was Johnny Peacock. He moved down the line of bungalows silent as a shadow. He turned south when he reached the sidewalk. Going to Selma or the Boulevard to turn a trick and make a few extra bucks. Lorraine must keep tight purse strings. Better watch it, kid. If she finds out, you'll be back on the streets again. And you haven't got too many years left where you can make good money by just gettin' it up..A Box of Scruples, JAMES BLISH.wit than the rest of Mr. Reeves' spaghetti spectaculars, containing some good film magic of its own and a. overworked, and a labor of love. The problem is usually to recruit reviewers, not discourage them..stand up..consecutive successful missions against the Zorphs is entitled to promotion to Fleet Captain. If you will.his third glass, and that was what he still couldn't understand..blowing away. "It is so high and so cold up there that you will never reach it," said the Wind. "Even the."Bert, do that again..empty..172.The room had been cleaned with pine-oH disinfectant and smeHed like a public toilet. Harry Spinner was on the floor behind the bed, scrunched down between it and the wall. The almost colorless chenille bedspread had been pulled askew exposing part of the clean, but dingy, sheet. All I could see of Harry was one leg poking over the edge of the bed. He wasn't wearing a shoe, only a faded brown-and-tan argyle sock with a hole in it The sock, long bereft of any elasticity, was crumpled around his thin rusty ankle..It would take a tome to sort out all the Frankenstein^ and spinoffs therefrom. Only a handful, of course, are directly based on Mary Shelley's novel itself; of these, only one besides the great classic of 1931 is worth mentioning. That is Frankenstein: The True Story. Coscripted by Christopher Isherwood, it takes enough liberties to almost qualify as a variation, but is wonderfully literate and contains.six or seven months?"..and grimy sailors with cutlasses sat at his table?they were so dirty they were no color at all!."What purpose?".Copyright ? 1976,1977,1978, 1979,1980 by Mercury Press, Inc..I nodded again, at the same time wondering how Amanda Gail could ever, really, consider herself alone. The acrimonious divorce of former Olympic runner Margot Randall and Senator Charles Christopher Gail had traumatically divided not only Amanda's childhood but her very psyche. Five years ago, when Margot Randall died hi a hovercraft accident and Amanda moved to Washington full-time, it emerged that for most of her childhood, Amanda Selene Gail had been two personalities, Amanda Gail and another calling herself Selene Randall. The revelation, and their decision to remain dissociated, had made them the darlings of the gossip columns..reclined heavily on her mattress..The captain wheels savagely, face mottled, teeth bared, arms windmilling with rage. I have never seen.bath?identical with the other nine units she assured me. With a good deal of tugging and grunting, the

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