

## WORKS VOLUME 2

"It's true," I say..And she was right Nolan knew it now. At least they'd be together and that would help see him.must divide and redivide within its mother's womb and be nourished by way of its mother's bloodstream..I rolled and lit a cigarette to see how bad my hands were shaking. Pretty bad, I saw. I blew out a."No, please-".before he was due; as compensation, he was redelivered into another man's body, with all sorts of.even without cloning, and the ordinary process of supplying new soldiers for despots is infinitely cheaper.armchair and gave him a sound motherly smack on the cheek. "Wonderful! That's the way to meet a.the time.".I felt my brows hop. Her voice was almost vicious in tone..though down a silver tunnel, watched Amanda jerk open a drawer. She reached in. I gritted my teeth.McKHLian looked horrified, as any good ecologist would..Then it says something for his endurance that he was able to pot."Who, senior?".He was about twenty-five, wearing tight chinos without underwear and a tee shirt. His hair was tousled."What's up?". "You know ... I wish ... Of course, I know it's not permissible, you being an examiner and all... but I."Yes?" he asked..sake?hers and little Robbie's. Robert Emmett Nolan II, nine weeks old now, his son, whom he'd never.spores?".decide on a second Inundation, you can rest assured that it will be of such dimensions.So there we are?a nice symbolic obtuse triangle. And yet?We're all just one happy show-biz.She consulted the pad, but I'd bet my last gumshoe she knew every word on it by heart "A Mrs. Carmichael called. Her French poodle has been kidnaped. She wants you to find her.". "Let's go get them buried," he said. She squeezed her eyes shut tight, forcing out tears, then nodded..?Mary H. Schaub."You know," Barry burst out in a sudden access of confessional bonhomie, "I feel confused most of.In the morning Brother Hart rose, but his movements were slow. "I wish I could stay," he said to his sister. "I wish this enchantment were at an end.".He turned to Westland. "How come you dunderheads didn't show me this right off?" he demanded..The verdict will probably end up accidental death. Everybody's bonded. Jain was insured for.significant he had not objected to the use of his nickname. He was being gentle with the condemned. "We.pressure of oxygen. By then, thousands of years from now, these early forms will have vanished. These.perched on a cushion in the leather chair at the console; your brother, who has been showing you the."Talk, Gordy," she said..The day before, Monday, the 25th, a girl had miscarried and hemorrhaged. She had bled to death."I think," said Amos, who thought quickly and was quick to tell what he thought, "that everything is not quite right in there.". "No threats," says the tech. "Just a suggestion.".one-parent organism of non-sexual origin is called a "twig"; that is, "clone.".115.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..don't want me to say anything about you, but I don't want to lie to her.".you see?".I stood outside number seven suddenly feeling like a teen-ager about to pick up his first date. I could.170.the Detweiler boy? Except the Detweiler boy?.problem is cars. Know what I mean?".Back in five minutes.".brown haunch, brown body and head. The horns shriveled and fell to the ground. Only her eyes remained the same..This seems a terrible disadvantage. Organisms that can clone, reproducing themselves asexually..By the addition of other genetic-engineering techniques, it might be possible to produce a whole.When another two weeks went by without the Board of Examiners saying boo, he couldn't stand the suspense any longer and went down to Center St. to fill out a form that asked basically where did he stand. A clerk coded the form and fed it into the computer. The computer instructed Barry to fill out another form, giving more details. Fortunately he'd brought the data the computer wanted, so he was able to fill out the second form on the spot After a wait of less than ten minutes, his number lighted up on the board and he was told to go to Window 28..body seems to glitter with more than reflected light Her skin already gleams with moisture..Mama Dolores was waiting for nun inside, nodding her greeting,..believable" was the key word. He had to be involved unless the laws of probability had broken down completely. Yet I could swear Detweiler wasn't putting on an act. His guileless innocence was real, damn it, real..sure you have things under control. J.L. is, by the way, interested in access to Zorphwar on his own.The Detweiler Boy.Here is yet another treat from the master of the contemporary chiller. And speaking of chills,..a lot more complex than even Nagami's synthesizer. It all sounds simple enough: my console is the critical.good. I told him so..into the slot of a gray machine which responded with an authoritative chunk. She slid the validated license."Now Fin likable! I thought"?he dangled the poem by one corner "?you were just hinting that I should leave?".Insect cluttering in my earpiece: "What the hell's going on, Rob? Tm monitoring the stim feed. You're.Fiction Writers of America for best short story of the year.. "Don't worry," he promised, tugging his hand out of Jason's. "I'm not the quixotic type.".122.combination of arena and spectators turns the dome into one sustaining organism. At first I misread it as."It's a good thing Senator Burkhart can't hear you say that" said another officer. But by the next.worthy of a prince either." Yet Amos found himself thinking of it anyway. "His lack of friendship for you.day and see how his feet felt come quitting time. The bricklayer said that where he came from the women.one of our most valuable heritages. Use your license wisely. Do not abuse the privilege of free speech.. "What are you doing here?" whispered Amos..from the pages of a decorator magazine. A kitchen behind a half wall was on my right A hallway led.They ended up with a long cylindrical home, divided into two small sleeping rooms, a community.off. I know I'm a fine one to talk; I won't be cooped up in here. But the colony needs it We've all felt it:.Fairbanks, looks pretty primitive in places but also has some special effects that can still awe. Alexander.man," he said. "A man who has traveled far and seen much, but never a beauty such as yours.".stuck around for more than three days. Not for a minute did I doubt he would be living at the apartment."Brethren," he said in that rich resonant voice of his, and instantly he had everybody's complete attention. It's no wonder we jumped at the chance to have him represent us at the bargaining table when he so generously offered to..Neither of them bothered to answer that. The radio hi the nose sputtered, then clanged for

their. So they pushed the jewels back and leaned against the closet door till it closed. Then they returned to the map. (can university) totally lost its point here, since its chilling quality comes from the very ordinariness of the people involved, and the professor's wife of Weird Woman is given a childhood background of Caribbean voodoo. Much closer is the well-known version, Burn Witch, Bum, which has become a sort of minor classic. across the clearing. The darkness boomed. not been able to excavate the long insulated taproot, but she could infer how deep it went. It extended all. and turned on the bathroom light. Detweiler's possessions were meager. Eight shirts, six pairs of pants, "Fifteen," she countered. He continues to shout and I don't answer. On the stage Nagami and Hollis look at each other and at stone. My first two fingers form the snipping blades of a pair of scissors. "I win!" she crows, delighted. Well, Local 209 pulled out, just like the Company did. We knew there'd be no more jobs on the Plain for the Jikes of us. We spread out all over. North and south and east and west. I went south. Right now, I've got a flunky's job in a granary. It doesn't pay very much, but it'll keep Debbie and Little Jake and myself going till I learn the language. Once I learn the language, I'll get back in Construction. There's a big project about to begin just east of here. From what I gather, it's a tomb of some kind, and it's supposed to set a new trend. Building it may take as long as a year, and they're going to need all lands of skilled labor. I figure that as a bricklayer I can get on easy. copy certain genetic material if they encountered any. Take a look at that pipe behind you." Singh turned. crisply, really letting the caller know he'd hooked onto an efficient organization. She put her hand over the. and headed toward us with a grin. She shook her head, eyes hooded and expressionless, and then Nolan remembered that she didn't. embryonic development to guide embryos into all sorts of specialized bypaths that would produce a kind of monster that had a full-sized heart, with all else vestigial, or a full-sized kidney or lung or liver or leg. With just one organ developing, techniques of forced growth (in the laboratory, of course, and not in a human womb) might make development to full size a matter of months only. "When do I go after the next piece?" Amos asked when they had finished eating. his face. It was just about die way Lorraine Nesbitt had described it If you called central casting and asked for a male angel, you'd get Andrew Detweiler in a blond wig. His body was slim and well-formed? from where I was standing I couldn't see the hump and you'd never know there was one. I had a glimpse of his bare chest as he buttoned the shirt It wasn't muscular but it was very well made. He was very healthy-looking? pink and flushed with health, though slightly pale as if he didn't get out in the sun much. His dark eyes were astounding. If you blocked out the rest of the face, leaving nothing but the eyes, you'd swear he was no more than four years old. You've seen little kids with those big, guileless, unguarded, inquiring eyes, haven't you? She raised her feet so a group of three gawking women from the ship could get by. They were letting them come through in groups of five every hour. They didn't dare open the outer egress more often than that, and Lang was wondering if it was too often. The place was crowded, and the kids were nervous. But better to have the crew sat. With only a week left till his temporary license expired, Barry abandoned all hope and all shame and. It turned out that they were safe from that imagined danger. There were spores in the air now, but they were not dangerous to the colonists. The plants attacked only certain kinds of plastics, and then only in certain stages of their lives. Since they were still changing, it bore watching, but the airlocks and suits were secure. The crew was enjoying the luxury of sleeping without their suits. "Are you sure you feel like playing Scrabble tonight?" I asked. Barry to leave his job and go with her to live right beside it Impossible, he declared. He'd worked eight. was a stray puppy. "The second meeting is to take place this afternoon. All of us have our fingers crossed. 270 Samuel R, Delany. against the edge of my green. Like a startled creature, Hinda moved away from nun, but remembering her brother inside the cottage, she found voice to say "Tomorrow." She reached behind her and steadied herself on the door handle. She seemed to hear the heavy breathing of Brother Hart coming at her through the walls. "Come tomorrow." in front of an unoccupied bent-wood rocker. A sign in the seat of the rocker said: "I feel a little sick. later, two blocks away, under some rubbish in an alley where he'd hidden. He had a broken arm, two. I showed him my ID. Instead of going pale, he only looked interested, "I was told by the man in 409.187. "Hi," said the girl in a tone intended to convey a worldly-wise satiety but achieved no more than blank anomie. "What's up?" A Bit Unclear, H, BEAM PIPER. not see his face, but he lay in sleep like a man who was no stranger to the bed. , flooding has occurred since the Inundation; in the second, it's highly unlikely that. I see her stagger slightly. I don't think I am feeding her too much too fast, but mute another pair of tracks anyway. Moog Indigo takes their cue and begins to play. Hollis gives the dome the smoky pallor of slow-burning leaves. Then Jain Snow sings. I've known the question would come, though I hadn't known who'd articulate it? her or me. My. "Cause if they didn't visit us, they must have prepared other spores. Spores that would analyze new. sideways at Ike and Eli and Zeke and me. Finally he singled me out and came over to where I was. I laughed. I thought you were unlucky. two bound figures, walked up to the door. It is important to remember that the most important genetic possession of any species is not this gene. swamp and rode the back of the North Wind? though void storms may toss you about a bit in space and time. In addition, you will have to handle a variety of problems with your ship such as invasion by mind-warping beings, power-system failure, and occasional crew mutinies. The console commands that control your warship are simple and are given in the attached instructions being transmitted to your local printout facility. by LEE KILLOUGH. of a bitch every minute. He hadn't mentioned North Carolina except that once the day before, and I was extremely interested in all subjects he wanted to avoid. "What's it like in the Blue Ridge? Coon huntin\* and moonshine?" who should come winded to the cottage but Brother Hart. He had no words to tell her hi his deer form. "Barry," Barry said. "Barry Riordan." "Well," said Amos at last, "I think I'll go outside and walk around the deck a bit." "I think so," Lang said. "It was so little water, though. You know we didn't want to waste it; we. ordinary identical twin would be. Your clone does not have your consciousness, and if you die, you are. Then the picture changed, and he was looking down a familiar, seaside, cobbled street, wet with rain. A storm had just ended and the clouds

were breaking apart. Down the block the sign of the Mariner's Tavern swung in the breeze..She hooted a single derisory hoot. "I thought you said you liked music!".And come he did, neither silently nor slow, but with loud purposeful steps. He stood for a moment at the clearing's edge, looking at Hinda, measuring her with his eyes. Then he laughed and crossed to her..?I'm surprised there's any problem what to do. Your dancing has already won critical acclaim.".anybody's going to incur it, the Company is. Because I happen to have it from a pretty good.It was a sad Amos who wandered through those bright piles of precious gems that glittered and gleamed about him. The walls were much too high to climb and they went all the way around. Being a clever man, Amos knew there were some situations in which it was a waste of wit to try and figure a way out. So, sadly, he picked up a small wheelbarrow lying on top of a bill of rubies and began to fill his pockets with pearls. When he had hauled up a cauldron full of."Tin no swimmer but I prefer hot water to ice," Amanda said..some reason beyond the Grand Canyon for her wanting to move to Arizona? She insisted it was strictly.She declined with a smile. "I really should finish unpacking."."Yeah, it ... takes my mind off my ... ah ... headache. Don't worry about it I have these spells all the.Nolan thought of the hatred in Nina's eyes, and he shuddered. "Then what did she do with him?".Ninety..Briefly, to answer other statements in the letters: I apologize for implying that Tolkien's hobbits and Ents (or his other bucolic-comic creations) are as empty-sublime as the Big People's heroics. But I agree (see question S) that Tolkien is a good, interesting, minor writer whose strong point is his paysages moralists. Ditto C S. Lewis, in bis Naraya books. As for other writers mentioned, only strong, selective blindness could miss the Vancian cynicism or the massive Dunsanian irony (sometimes spilling over into despair) which make their heroism far from simple or unquestioned-by-the-authors-them-selves. As for the others, I find them ghastly when uncorrected by i comedy, or satire (Morris, sometimes), or (in Beagle's case) the nostalgic wistfulness which belongs to fantasy per se rather than the

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