

## DOGS AND HUMANS

He sat for a moment then solemnly held out his hand. I took it He shook my hand, then opened the glove compartment He removed the gun and slipped out of the car. He went down the hill into the brush..even as I voice it, no one on Earth is going to be able to defy the edict. "We haven't any choice, sir, they.He turned to move out of my way and I saw the hump. I don't know how to describe what I felt I."What's wrong?" I asked, walking in..A lot of the other Union members had stopped in The Fig Leaf, and the place was full. Some of the.Of my own ftesh and bone."Could be," Swyley agreed noncommittally..goldstone than the feral warmth of topaz. Too, despite her slow walk beside me, she radiated energy so.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..He was very clever. He always made it look like an accident or suicide when he could. I didn't interfere..Sturgeon Lives Comfortably, THEODORE STURGEON.you'd swear he was no more than four years old. You've seen little kids with those big, guileless.. "Did you hear him?" he said softly. "Did you hear him die?".That's Leigh, the oldest. You turn the viewer, catch a glimpse of Bobby running downhill through the.How Swyley did what only he did so well was something nobody was quite sure of, least of all Swyley himself. Whatever the reason, Swyley's ability to pick out significant details from a hopeless mess of background garbage and to distinguish consistently between valid information and decoys was justly famed and uncanny. But since Swyley himself didn't understand how he did it, he was unable to explain it to the systems programmers, who had hoped to duplicate his feats with their image-analysis programs. That had been when the "-sits" and the "-zoologists' began their endless batteries of fruitless tests. Eventually Swyley made up plausible-sounding explanations for the benefit of the specialists, but these were exposed when the programs written to their specifications failed to work. Then Swyley began claiming that his mysterious gift had suddenly deserted him completely..He was buttoning his shin. That must have been the delay: he wouldn't want anyone to see him with his shut off. Everything Td been told about him was true. He wasn't very tall; the top of his head came to my nose. He was dark, though not as dark as I'd expected, I couldn't place his ancestry. It certainly wasn't Latin-American and I didn't think it was Slavic, His features were soft without the angularity usually found in the Mediterranean races. His hair wasn't quite black. It wasn't exactly long and it wasn't exactly short His clothes were nondescript. Everything about him was neutral?except."If you saw a man living through the happiest moment of his life, would it be worth it then?".?I'm not lying. I was arguing that Selene shouldn't use any of your time.. "When I blew the wizard here a year ago," said the North Wind from above them, "he left it right there, but the snow and ice have frozen over it..".recognized the name? She stepped back, holding the door for me. I could tell that detectives, private or.It was late when I finally got home. All evening I'd dreaded having to face Debbie with the bad news. But when I looked in the bedroom, she was sound asleep..There were whirligigs in the second patch, but they lacked the variety and disorder of the originals. They were of nearly uniform size, about four meters tall, and all the same color, a dark purple. They had pumped water for two weeks, then stopped. When Song examined them, she reported the bearings were frozen, dried out They seemed to have lost the plasticizer that kept the structures fluid and living. The water in the pipes was frozen. Though she would not commit herself in the matter, she felt they were dead. In their place was a second network of pipes which wound around the derricks and spread transparent sheets of film to the sunlight, heating the water which circulated through them. The water was being pumped, but not by the now-familiar system of windmills. Spaced along each of the pipes were expansion-contraction pumps with valves very like those in a human heart."Lots of people make money playing gin..".tracks anyway. Moog Indigo takes their cue and begins to play. Hollis gives the dome the smoky pallor."Hammer, rock and scissors?".Smith set the device down on the bench with care. His hands were shaking. He had had the thing.by DAMON KNIGHT.hesitation cuts the wires. Limbs spread-eagled to the compass points, the woman plunges into the flames..Barry refused to believe her. Neither the woman nor her apartment corresponded with his preconceptions of poets and the necessarily indigent life they must lead. "Have you ever published a book?" he asked craftily..are probably as disposable a commodity among the Sreen as tissue paper is among human beings. One.Enchanted Evening at Partyland!".piece is on the top of a windy mountain so high the North Wind lives in a cave there..".Interference crackles and what she says is too soft to hear.. "No, absolutely not. We're still basically in love. After all, most married couples end up not saying.CLAUSE'S Tales White From the Hart.anything like you knew him. The telemetry shows nothing like the normal brain wave. Now I've got to."Okay," I say.. "The door was bolted from the inside. They had to break it down to get in..".I laughed. I thought you were unlucky..".himself, and so I go to him. Together, we tear the Intermediary loose. The captain flings it aside, and it.neither you nor I need worry about him placed it there a year and two days ago. I blew him there myself.As for the exception reports triggered by your schedule slippage, J.L. has signed off on the necessary.Mary Lang sighed, slapped her thighs, and stood up. Like all the others, she was nude and seemed.voice: "Children, come in and get washed for dinner now..".then clone one by way of an elephant's womb. If we could find a male and a female mammoth?.The light hi her dimmed, leaving her only a lanky girl in an anachronistic dress. She pulled at a copper lock dangling down over her temple. "There's no need. The courts won't recognize us as separate people. What one does is legally binding on the other..".Number five bad one door and four windows?identical to the other nine Lorraine assured me. The

door had a heavy-duty bolt that couldn't be fastened or unfastened from the outside. The window beside the door didn't open at all and wasn't intended to. The bathroom and kitchen windows cranked out and were tall and skinny, about twenty-four by six. The other living room window, opposite the door, slid upward. The iron bars bolted to the frame were so rusted I doubted if they could be removed without ripping out the whole window. It appeared Andrew Detweiler had another perfect alibi after all?along with the rest of the world..He stood up and went in the bathroom. The light came on and I heard water running. The thing sat hi the same place watching him. Detweiler came out of the bathroom and sat back on the couch. The tfimg climbed onto his back, huddling between bis shoulder blades, its handg on his shoulders. Detweiler stood up, the thing hanging onto hhn, retrieved the shut, and put it on. He wrapped the straps nearly around the artificial hump and stowed it in the suitcase. He closed the lid and locked it.He tried to think of what most poems were about Love seemed the likeliest subject, but he couldn't imagine Madeline, at her age and with her temperament, being in love with anybody. Still, that was her problem. He didn't have to write the poem, only propose it.my head is killing me.".sex cells, eggs and sperm, retain the lack of genetic specialization required to produce a new organism.to herself, sleeping in the catamaran moored beside the bank across the river and not even venturing into."That light-hearted body, the Bach Choir, has had what I may befittingly call another shy at the Mass.He crossed his legs like a Forties pin-up and dangled his Roman sandal. His lips twitched scornfully..The Organizer had the minutes of the meeting Xeroxed and distributed them among the members. I.mellower and mellower and wishing she were here. Then, in February, when the world had once again.spied four of the creatures. Song took a sample bag from her pouch and held it open in front of the beast..flooding has occurred since the Inundation; in the second, it's highly unlikely that.A bitter look.on a proposed naval system. Thus, we have pretended that we are fighting a space war of the future.He went down the hallway to the other bedroom. The door was ajar and he moved past it, calling softly. "Mama Dolores?".liked him, mixed with varying portions of pity, to be sure, but liking nevertheless. Harry Spinner liked him,.It was too early to drop around, and so I ate breakfast, hoping this was one of the times Detweiler.across the clearing, through the trees and into the open space before the riverbank..the same genetic equipment possessed by the original fertilized egg..This day, like the nine before it, illuminated a Tharsis radically changed from what it had been over."Where is the third mirror hidden?" asked Amos..While Caro typed in the blanks, I wondered at the difference between Amanda Gall's attitude toward Selene and that portrayed by the columnists. They made it sound like kinky fun. Over the past several years there had been a rush to the analysts' couches by people hoping to find another personality or two living inside their heads with them. I even knew perfectly normal people so taken with the idea that they resorted to aping the signs of dissociation..they could withdraw when things start to get tough again? They'd leave spores behind them as they.'Isn't that amazing," said Hidalgo. "That's the most amazing thing I ever heard of.".so high that the North Wind lives in a cave there. The second piece of the mirror is on the highest peak of.He held out his hand. Ed shook it gravely..Picket duty wasn't as bad as I thought it would be. There's been some talk about the Company hiring scabs, but I guess that's all h is ?talk. Anyway, nobody tried to get in. Not that they'd have succeeded if they had. The setup is ideal for picketing. You'd almost.development to full size a matter of months only..often end up with the most sophisticated, flawed, or least-accessible works of great writers:.In the morning Brother Hart rose, but his movements were slow. "I wish I could stay," he said to his.That afternoon I played gin with the Detweiler boy. He was genuinely glad to see me, like a friendly.clothes is burn them. We'll all smell better for it. Song, you take the watch." She flicked out the lights and.prism into blues and yellows and reds, As they looked, Jack sighed. "These are the colors of the Far.I hope so. We've only been out a week, but it seems twice that long, with nothing to do but hang around."How do you intend to find it?" Ahead through the tall grey tree trunks, silvery light rose in the mist.She was almost drowned out by a rising tide of babble at the door. I looked around to see the group from the street pouring into the cafe in loud and animated conversation with each other. One of them, a tall lithe man with hair, eye shadow, and fingernails striped fuchsia and lavender, broke off from the group and headed toward us with a grin..239.Robbie was a revelation..A lot of the other Union members had stopped in The Fig Leaf, and the place was full. Some of the guys were already buying their booze on the cuff, and everybody had glum looks on their faces. I wasn't particularly surprised when the argument between the bricklayer and the brickmaker resumed where it had left off. This time, nobody broke it up."That's another way vampires are stupid. They never check the victim's blood group. The wrong.Having called for a discussion, McKillian proceeded to clam up. Song and Crawford sat on their.apart, until a prince can gather the pieces of the mirror together again, which will release me.".compulsory talk we had to do in high school.".Jack's head emerged, and a moment later his hand holding the huge fragment of a broken mirror.?Harvey Abramson.because my father is King.' The wizard took a mirror and held it before me. 'What do you see?' he.frogs croaked at them, and one or two bubbles broke the surface. Together Amos and Jack looked into.another tree (of a different variety even), where it can grow and flourish. In either case, it is an organism.overworked, and a labor of love. The problem is usually to recruit reviewers, not discourage them..Something came around the end of the couch. It wasn't a cat. I thought it was a monkey, and then a frog, but it was neither. It was human. It waddled on all fours like an enormous toad..Nolan nodded, flexing his cramped limbs. He stepped out onto the dock, then hurried up the path across the clearing. The darkness boomed..my life was that she did not have Selene's conscious coordination. The poker only brushed my forearm.Congreve pushed himself back from the podium with his arms and straightened. When he resumed speaking, his tone had lightened slightly. "In the area that concerns all of us here in our day-to-day lives, the accelerating pace of the space program has brought a lot of excitement in the last two decades. Some inspiring achievements have helped offset the less encouraging news from other quarters: We have established permanent bases on the Moon and Mars; colonies are being built in space; a manned mission has reached the moons of Jupiter; and robots are out

exploring the farthest reaches of the Solar System and beyond. But" --he extended his arms in an animated sigh---"these operations have been national, not international. Despite the hopes and the words of years gone by, militarization has followed everywhere close on the heels of exploration, and we are led to the inescapable conclusion that a war, if it comes, would soon spread beyond the confines of the surface and jeopardize our species everywhere. We must face up to the fact that the danger now threatening us in the years ahead is nothing less than that.".She nodded. "And go berserk. It was awful. No one can live that way.".Batterham's, who, for all her real intelligence, was developing a distinct wobble in her upper register..the bulletin board in the other's kitchen. On the bulletin board was a note that said "OK." If there was any.with it?". "It's elementary, my dear Sherlock," she said. "Andrew Detweiler is a vampire." I frowned at her. "Of course, he's a clever vampire. Vampires are usually stupid. They always give themselves away by leaving those two little teeth marks on people's jugulars.". "Very well," said Amos a third time..Baird Searles is part owner of New York City's Science Fiction Shop and has been keeping track of the small and large screens for F&SF for many years. If you've ever been confused by the many different versions of some sf films, the article below will help sort things out..back in kind the moment he was issued his own license. Lida informed him airily that she didn't have a.violent colors and rich perfume where black butterflies glisten on the rims of pink marble fountains, and."Maybe I'm way beyond it" A receptacle works only one-way.. "What did you find this time, Harry? A nest of international spies or an invasion from Mars?" I guess.Yon are five, hiding in a place only you know. You are covered with bark dust, scratched by twigs, sweaty and hot. A wind sighs in the aspen leaves. A faint steady hiss comes from the viewer you hold in your hands; then a voice: "Lone, I see you?under the bam, eating an apple!" A silence. "Lone, come on out, I see you." Another voice. "That's right, she's in there." After a moment, sulkily: "Oh, okay.".pieces of the mirror together. Now they could make out what the shape of the third would be. "And if."We do. Between them and our celebrity citizens, shopkeepers and simple businessmen like me are a minority group. Aventine is really a village with a large population.". "Now wait a minute. What about all this line about 'colonists'.There was a pause. "Well, now that you mention it, you might have come on time. But that's water through the pipes, I guess. If you have some toys or something, it might be nice. The stories I've told little Billy of all the nice things you people were going to bring! There's going to be no living with him, let me tell you.". "This would be a nice night for a fire. Shall I build one?" I asked.. "No, you can't! The baby?". "In his room, I think. I heard his typewriter. He wasn't feeling well," Lorraine Nesbitt said. Then she.5 Barrow Street."One, we have food for twenty people for three months. That conies to about a year for the five of us. With rationing, maybe a year and a half. That's assuming all the supply capsules reach us all right. In addition, the Edgar is going to clean the pantry to the bone and give us everything they can possibly spare and send it to us in the three spare capsules. That might come to two years or even three..each other a lot better, were relaxed in the close company of each other, and were supported by a new."Listen, what's your name?".The examiner, a wizened, white-haired fuddy-duddy whose name Barry instantly forgot, had been hostile.?I?m all ears.".of the Martian pressure-tight web, the kind of web that would have been made only by warm-blooded.. "Very well then, I have a plan." Again Amos began to whisper through the bars, and Jack smiled and nodded..Joanna Russ for "In Defense of Criticism". "I know," she sighed, "but I still can't believe it" She tapped her.He redesigned the whole device, built a prototype and tested it, tore it down, redesigned, built another. It was Christmas before he was done. Once more he locked up the device and all his plans, drawings and notes..Lee Killough has written a series of superior stories for F&SF that share a common theme."Yes, it is," said Amos. "What do they keep here that is so uninteresting everyone tells me to avoid it?". "Jake. Well, Jake, I happen to be a wealthy merchant, as you may have guessed. In Frankincense."You might," said Amos. But though his heart was with Jack, he still felt a good spirit was important

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