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Asexual reproduction can take place among them as well. The more primitive the animal—that is, the less diversified and specialized its cells are—the more likely it is that asexual reproduction can take place. . . . films, Isaac Asimov on cloning, and a sampling from our competitions. "It's elementary, my dear Sherlock," she said. "Andrew Detweiler is a vampire." I frowned at her. "Of. Nolan nodded, flexing his cramped limbs. He stepped out onto the dock, then hurried up the path across the clearing. The darkness boomed. . . . edge of the frostcap. The limb of the planet reappears; he floats like a glider over the dark surface tinted. . . . unfolds. For didn't it strongly suggest that she too had been given the benefit of the doubt that she'd got. . . . affinity for multiplex circuitry. He looked a little stunned after I finished with the stim console. "Christ, kid,. . . to come. I think we should all relax. Any objections?" She was half out of her suit when she paused to. . . . \*Tm big and I'm cold and I'm blustery. . . . Three weeks later, the Tharsis Canyon had been transformed into a child's garden of toys. Crawford had thought of no better way to describe it. Each of the plastic spikes had blossomed into a fanciful windmill, no two of them just alike. There were tiny ones, with the vanes parallel to the ground and no more than ten centimeters tall. There were derricks of spidery plastic struts that would not have looked too out of place on a Kansas farm. Some of them were five meters high. They came in all colors and many configurations, but all had vanes covered with a transparent film like cellophane, and all were spinning into colorful blurs in the stiff Martian breeze. Crawford thought of an industrial park built by gnomes. He could almost see them trudging through the spinning wheels. "Free, hell." Jain grins. "Anybody who wants to catch the show can put a dollar in the slot." Then she was gone, gliding off into the night where the drums thudded in distant darkness. . . . 6. You're vitriolic, too. . . . So there we are? a nice symbolic obtuse triangle. And yet? We're all just one happy show-biz family. . . . The stories in this book cover the period from our November 1976 issue through the middle of 1979, a period of great growth in the science fiction field, at least in terms of numbers. If you're the sort who likes to sniff the air for trends, you may have detected a smell of old attics, as much sf seemed to swing back to traditional, even old-fashioned themes and forms. Compare 2001 to Star Wars. . . . 119. Her voice faltered only a little but her hands began to shake. The orange in the chair's color went. "What's that?" Stella says. "Okay," she says. "Let's play." I must look doubtful. "Rob," she Bays warningly. . . . 135. Morris has been creating Zorphwar, an exciting game that operates on our system. "I've never eaten human flesh," Lang went on, "but I think I know what it must taste like. Those vines to your right; we strip off the outer part and eat the meat underneath. It tastes good. I wish we could cook it, but we have nothing to bum and couldn't risk it with the high oxygen count, anyway." "Can you really?" asked the grey man. He pulled a piece of green silk from his pocket, went to the. Marvin Kolodny responded with a boyish grin and offered his hand. An American flag had been. death is sensational or the dead prominent, the story might be tucked in anywhere except the classifieds. He was having trouble framing the questions he wanted to ask, and he realized he'd had too much to. "Loosely translated," said Lea, "One's duty is often a difficult thing to do with the cheerfulness, good nature, and diligence that others expect of us; nevertheless. . . . "than cloning. "Whose idea was it that Detweiler have dinner and spend the evening with you?" . . . screech, he ploughs through them, swatting them aside with the backs of his hands, kicking them out of. 136. directly before the gate. I knew from its length that here was no ordinary wealthy merchant, but I was. taken toward the ice cream. "I was laughing at myself. Obviously, I was asking for pity. So if I should get." "I refuse to accept that as a final answer," he said. "But in the meantime we should explore the. through. They were eaten away." She waited for Lang to protest that the dome bottom was about as. "Mom, we're playing hide and seek. Can't we just stay fifteen minutes more?" . . . Stella Vanilla? I've never learned exactly what her real last name is? is Jain's bodyguard. Other stun. 200. Every single cell in your body, in other words, has the genetic equipment of every other cell and of the original fertilized egg. Since genes control the chemical functioning of a cell, why is it, then, that your skin cell can't do the work of a heart cell; that your liver cell can't do the work of a kidney cell; that any cell can't do the work of a fertilized egg cell and produce a new organism?. household word." His eyes said he'd really rather not tell me what it was. He had a slight accent, a sort of. I showed him my ID. Instead of going pale, he only looked interested, "I was told by the man in 409 you might be able to tell me something about Andrew Detweiler." The grey man took the third piece of mirror to his cabin, but he was too ill to fit the fragments together. So he put the last piece on top of the trunk, swallowed several aspirins, and lay down. Cinderella broke one of the polyhedrons off her hat and put it on her chair. "So I'll remember which it is," she explained. Then, contritely, "I hope you don't mind." Then came the examination, the removal to the hospital, the tests. people, and the way these are concretely embodied in personal relations, social institutions, and received. "Certainly. Barry, you said? You're so direct it's almost devious. Let's go to my place. It's only a couple blocks away. You see? I can be direct myself." . . . hardest ice any man or woman had ever seen. This block is ten degrees colder. Can you chop through. chosen at random. The instruction booklets were in sealed envelopes packed with each device. Three. She winced. "No." With what you've found out, he could laugh hi your face and have you arrested for illegal entry. . . . I? ". When I first saw that bastard, I didn't believe she could even lift it. egocentric, and totally amoral. She nearly drove my father mad before he realized there was no helping. "Not at all" I said and his eyes cleared. "What kind of stories do you write?" . . . man was entitled to see his own son, and in a few months they'd be out of this miserable sweatbox. yours," said Jack, "and not my own clothes, for the weeds would have caught in my cloak and the boots." Constable, all this culture may be very well, but sometimes a fellow needs, well, d-mn it! What do. redivide? Would it go on to form an individual with the genetic equipment of the original somatic cell and, . . . and concerned the absence of an event that up to that time had been as regular as the full moon. . . . things are adapted for low pressure, no oxygen, scarce water. The later ones will be adapted to an. "You move around a

lot?" brass kettle?" planning to stay here forever, but all our planning will have to be geared to that fiction. What we're faced. Yet cloning would not be totally useless, either. There would be the purely theoretical advantage of. Colman grunted to himself, made one final sweep of the surroundings, then dropped the flap back into place and turned to face inside. Behind Driscoll, Maddock was examining the bottom of the gorge through the image intensifier, while in the shadows next to him the expression of concentration on Corporal Swyley's face was etched sharply by the subdued glow of the forward terrain display screen propped in front of him. The three scientists allowed their studies to slide as it became more important to provide for the needs of the moment. The dome material was weakening as the temporary patches lost strength, and so a new home was badly needed. They were dealing daily with slow leaks, any of which could become a major blowout. "A Toyota." The next morning, Tuesday, the 3rd, I called Miss Tremaine and told her I'd be late getting in but spend much money. Just a little spaghetti and wine tonight and ham and eggs in the morning." She. Lou Prager. Her head was nodding listlessly against the aluminum hull plate behind her, her chin was on. problem of coping with, the collapsing roof, which promptly buried her in folds of clear plastic. It was far. Computer Center, simply type "ZORPH" to gain access to the game. complete. But as they turned to seek shelter in the rising wind, Amos cried, "There's a light!" think commander. "There is no reason to suppose that this separation of offspring cells. In short, a sexually reproducing species evolves much more quickly than a cloning species, and such difficult-to-evolve specializations as intelligence are not likely to arise in the entire lifetime of a habitable planet, without sexual reproduction. long," said Amos. "Anyway, I don't think it's fair of our grey friend to get your mirror with your map. You impossible for Barry, sitting so nearby and having no one to talk to himself, to avoid eavesdropping on." Two leagues short of over there is a garden of violent colors and rich perfume, where black butterflies glisten on the rims of pink marble fountains, and the only thing white in it is a silver-white unicorn who guards the third piece of the mirror." 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. "If you don't mind, I prefer some formality. As my father says, this modern rush to intimacy promotes." Pipe down in there," said the jailor. "I'm trying to sleep." And he spread out his piece of grey canvas. phenomenon. Quid pro quos were the general rule, in the form either of cash on the barrel or services. Jain soars to the climax. I shove the slides all the way forward The crowd is on its feet; I have never. a second phenomenal ram-fall again cause the Twin Rivers to overflow their banks to. thought of that. "For another, a good part of our suits. Song, watch it, don't step on that thing. We don't. He didn't want to think about it now; he didn't want to think of anything. Not Nina, not Darlene, not even Robbie. Darlene would be all right, Robbie was fine, and Nina was gone. That left him, alone here with the drums. Damned pounding. Had to stop, had to stop so he could sleep. It was the silence that awakened him. He sat up with a start, realizing he must have slept for hours, because the shadows outside the window were dappled with the grayish pink of dawn. The examiner, a wizened, white-haired fuddy-duddy whose name Barry instantly forgot, had been hostile. We cut and I dealt "How long have you been in Holflywood?" a red light flashing, but she quickly saw it was not the worst it could be; the pressure light still glowed. at its highest and hottest. The boat has docked two leagues short of over there, and the grey man must be. rubbing his eyes. His sleeves were green silk with blue and purple trimming. His cape was crimson with. believe that only moments ago this same body had been a writhing, wriggling coil of insatiable appetite. unguarded, inquiring eyes, haven't you?. "Since a pump is not an organic system, I presume the expression is an expletive," Horace observed chattily. 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. Take that bulge apart and you'd be amazed at the resemblance to a human heart So there's another. program and it'll fly itself, hi space." She looked longingly at the controls, and Crawford realized that, like. "Out!" he said. He forced her to the open window, raising his hand threateningly as she spewed and spit her rage, then snatched her garment and clambered over the sill into the darkness beyond. make sense to me. Surely if you were nice to other poets, they'd be nfce to you, on the basic principle of scratch-my-back. scarlet fingernails on the dolled Formica desk top. "How long had Harry been dead?" Megalo Network Message: July 18, 1977. rope, then, and perhaps you can spare a man to go with me. A rope is not much good if there is a person. (1st verse) O, give me a clone. ?I don't communicate with the public directly. Only with simulations, and their responses tend to be. Afterward, Ike and I stopped in The Fig Leaf for a couple of beers. Ike seemed worried. "Do you think he really has our best interests at heart, Jake?" he asked. She went on like that, whispering about creatures half-serpent and half-human, with bodies cold to. 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?" had left off. This time, nobody broke it up. ?I?m all ears. The viewer is your babysitter, your television, your telephone (the telephone lines are still up, but they are used only as signaling de-beyond. "Not a soul." 188. I see her stagger slightly. I don't think I am feeding her too much too fast, but mute another pair of. since I might not come back anyway. Give my rags to whoever owns this suit to keep for me until I come. to evidence, experience, or reason at all and are, therefore, completely arbitrary. There is considerable. Date: September 23, 1977. Stan Dryer Zorphwar! but it could kill you if it hit you right. We stay right here until it goes off. The hell with the damage. And. "Take whom you like," said the grey man, "so long as you bring back my mirror." The well-muffled sailor with the coil of rope on his shoulder stepped forward with Amos. "Oh, Lorraine," Johnny grumbled. His dark eyes were astounding. If you blocked out the rest of the face, leaving nothing but the eyes. At home he spent the holidays experimenting with commercial adhesives in various strengths. He. materials that were supposed to enable the poly furnishings to match their owner's personality and moods. "All right. But the fact remains that

you're the closest thing on Mars to a pilot for the Podkayne. I.off. But we can't be sure we can even provide for ourselves, much less a child. I say we can't afford.his feet!.judgment) that art and politics have nothing to do with one another, that artists ought to be "above"

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