

## KEN THE CROCODILE

black buck thought an old fat lady with one eye would be easy pickings. The cops found him three days. "All right, but including the two you've already written." could not see into it at all. Nolan stood by the window watching as Nina moved away across the clearing. For a moment she vival on Mars. The windmills utilized the energy in the wind, and the plastic coating on the ground was in reality two thin sheets of plastic with a space between for water to circulate. The water was heated by the sun then pumped down to the permafrost, melting a little more of it each time. the time." A tiny pinpoint of orange glowed bright for a second, about fifty feet away, where Stanistau and Carson were covering the trail from the gorge with the submegajoule laser. Colman scowled to himself. He turned his head a fraction to whisper to Driscoll. "The LCP's showing a cigarette. Tell them to get rid of it." "For all the pearls I can put in my pockets, all the gold I can carry in one hand, all the diamonds I can lift in the other, all the emeralds I can haul up from a well in a brass kettle, and a chance to see a man living through the happiest moment of his life? I'll help you!" .119. "He didn't know nothin' about nothin'." I found myself laughing also. I got up and walked to the glass doors. I slid them open and then shut again. "Did you ever think one of these was open when it was really shut?" "And when the thin grey man fell into the tnmk," said Amos, "it didn't make any sound at all." My long coat is wrapped around the two of us, and we watch each other inches apart. "So much. Smith turns to the ship again: the deck is empty. He dips below to look at the hold, filled with casks. "Does he live in the building?" I swallowed to get my heart back in place and blinked a couple of. triggered them to start growing. We're going to have to watch it when we use anything containing plastic. "I am tired," he answered. "My head aches where yesterday he struck me. My heart aches still with puppy. I was beginning to feel like a son of a bitch." "I am Jack, Prince of the Far Rainbow," said Jack, "and this is Amos." The eggs of reptiles and birds, however, are enclosed in shells, which adds to the technical difficulty. The eggs of mammals are very small, very delicate, very easily damaged. Furthermore, even if a mammalian egg has had its nucleus replaced, it would then have to be implanted into the womb of a female and allowed to come to term there. does get a little involved, doesn't it?" He had been born almost at the end of the Lean Years following the war, so he didn't remember about that period, but his father had told him about the times when fifty million people lived amid shantytown squalor around the blackened and twisted skeletons of their cities and huddled in lines in the snow for their ration of soup and bread at government field-kitchens; about his mother laboring fifteen hours a day cutting boards for prefabricated houses to put two skimpy meals of beef broth and rice from the Chinese food ships on the table each day and to buy one pair of utility-brand pressed-paper shoes per person every six months; about his older brother killed in the fighting with the hordes that had come plundering from the Caribbean and from the south. his self-confidence. But the other voice wasn't impressed, and so instead of going straight from Center St. but blood beaded his head like a crown. It was the first time she had ever seen him bleed. He pushed. "Thank you very much," said Amos and hurried off to the wheel-house. When he found the second. And then Jain is there. Center stage. "Listen, these Martians? and I can see from your look that you." "This afternoon when the sun is its highest and hottest," said the grey man. "Tell me anyway. If he and Harry were friendly, he might know something. Why do you keep calling him a boy; how old is he?" "Everyone is." Her voice was not bitter, but there was a flatness of tone that served as well. But this evening as Amos came into the tavern, Billy was quiet, and so was everyone else. Even. He was large where Brother Hart was slim. He was fair where Brother Hart was dark. He was hairy where Brother Hart was smooth. And he was dressed in animal skins that hung from his shoulders to his feet About the man leapt fawning wolves, some spotted like jackals, some tan and some white. He pushed them from him with a rough sweep of his hand. While you are more familiar than I am with the personalities at Headquarters, I ?aspect that both of these. the lowly mission commander. He saw himself as another Michael Collins. healthy-looking? pink and flushed with health, though slightly pale as if he didn't get out in the sun much. 'Til certainly try it," Barry promised. "But how do I get to be a member?" He thought for a moment. "Maurice." He looked up at me and grinned. "Do you know stamps?" "When he gets it," Michelle amended, image-intensification device that was puzzling because it was too good. He had it on his bench now. A couple kids climb on stage and pull breakfasts out of their backpacks. "You ever read this?" says. Farther Than Apollo, BARRY MALZBERG. category (that, historically, is what it is) of heroic fantasy. I don't need to bad-mouth Pool Andersen. At the edge of the garden he stopped, remembering the order from Lang to stay out unless collecting samples. He watched the thing-bug? turtle?? for a moment, satisfied himself that it wouldn't get too far away at its creeping pace, and hurried off to find Song. you're guilty of breaking the law. "That\*\*! exactly what I said," Amos told her, and they were both very happy, for they were both clever enough to know that when a husband and wife agree, it means a long and happy marriage is ahead. back in 1938 and hadn't cleaned it up yet. The stove looked like a lube rack. Well, I sighed, it was only. "Elevations?" his hair was grey. His voice sounded to Amos like wind over mouse fur, or sand ground into old velvet. Now, as the drums sounded in the distance, Nina slept Unmindful of the din, heedless of his. Nocturnal and Diurnal Animals, ROGER ZELAZNY R Is for Spaceship, RAY BRADBURY The Tin Men Go to Sleep, ISAAC ASIMOV All Animals Are Vegetables, CLIFFORD SIMAK. Lee KMough. about to go for the third mirror himself. "What do you think that feels like, here?" She grabbed a handful of white nylon in the general area of her heart. looking for endorsements?" The man rose then, and Hinda marveled at the height of him, for he was as tall as the cottage door and his hands were grained like wood. The end result will be that though my clones, or some of them, might turn out to be valuable citizens. while we grew another toe. on first encounter, Morris is an extremely bright and able young man. Single-handed, he programmed the. "Do you sell them?" I looked around to make sure I hadn't disturbed anything, turned off the bathroom light, and got in. so terrible that you and I need not worry about him." its

arm and kept crawling about mindlessly, growing weaker..indeed walking through the violent colors and rich perfumes, past the pink marble fountains where the."Ready.".180 Lee Killough.?Doris McElfresh."Not lately. And even when we were together, we never talked to each other, except to say practical."I am Amos, and I am here to see what makes you so uninteresting that everyone tells me to avoid.worthy of a prince either." Yet Amos found himself thinking of it anyway. "His lack of friendship for you.Nolan thought of the hatred in Nina's eyes, and he shuddered. "Then what did she do with him?".techniques of forced growth (in the laboratory, of course, and not in a human womb) might make.to determine their impact points, and to calculate the radius of destruction of each burst. Normally such.A: The Lathe of Heaven.close and dark, filled with the musk of deer..We flew over and spent most of the day glubbing around in the Pacific with a bunch of kids fifteen years younger than I and five years younger than Janice. I'd been on these jaunts with Janice before and enjoyed them so much I'd bought my own wetsuit But I didn't enjoy it nearly as much as I did Saturday night and all of Sunday..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..Rising, and three remarkable novels, The Genocides (1964), Camp Concentration (1968) and 334..violent colors and rich perfume where black butterflies glisten on the rims of pink marble fountains, and.be long..Palmas, dropped a large Manila envelope in the mailbox (the story he'd been working on, I guess), and.certain tower in Babylon was never finished and why all great builders, from Nebuchadnezzar to."Not lately. And even when we were together, we never talked to each other, except to say practical things like 'When is your program going to be over?' Some people just aren't that interested in talking. Debra certainly isn't. That's why?" (He couldn't resist the chance to explain his earlier failures.) "I did so poorly on my earlier exams. Assuming I did get a low score last time, which isn't certain since the results were erased. But assuming that I did, that's the reason. I never got any practice. The basic day-to-day conversational experiences most people have with their spouses never happened in my case."?I'm going to cut her out, Matthew," Amanda's voice said from above me. It was tow but trembling,..pale, blurred look in the starlight, the six completed stages blending together, the uncompleted seventh.All characters in this book are fictitious. Any resemblance to actual persons, living or dead, is purely coincidental.."Take whom you like," said the grey man, "so long as you bring back my mirror." The well-muffled."Well," said Amos, "if you help get us to the top of the mountain, we will let you look into the.different position than it had been."..carefully avoid trends and formulas in an effort to publish a balance of different types of fantasy and sf..results were erased. But assuming that I did, that's the reason. I never got any practice. The basic.foreground, the twirling colors of the whirligigs..no reports on the progress of the Zorphwar project from you people. Please get the necessary input into.She was nothing if not honest. In the succeeding mornings, if I ran too slowly, she simply left me behind. She was blunt about what she thought and not at all hesitant about disagreeing with me. Still, there was no verbal swordplay and no pretense about her, which was as attractive in its way as Amanda's charming acquiescence. And I never ceased to be fascinated by the difference between Amanda's serenity and Selene's coUed-spring energy..guys were already buying their booze on the cuff, and everybody had glum looks on their faces. I wasn't.shadow gliding out of the night Soundlessly she entered, and swiftly she shed her single garment as she.space flight. We wanted as few scientists as possible and as many astronauts as we could manage. We."Not me," she said. "I mean being in a star's bed." I told her she was a bitch and she laughed. Not.63."Why, what I meant was that without the morale uplift provided by members of the opposite sex, a.She turned and padded hastily down the hallway, Nolan behind her. Together they entered the.even without cloning, and the ordinary process of supplying new soldiers for despots is infinitely cheaper."Good." As though of its own volition her coat slipped off her shoulders onto the back of the folding chair. She turned her head sideways and addressed the old woman behind the refreshment counter. "Evelyn, how about an orange juice." She looked at him. He nodded. "Make it two."."You wouldn't believe me if I told you," said Amos, "for you are always saying you take no man's.I was sitting there, wondering how in hell I would find him, when the phone rang again. Miss.inventor of Zorphwar. While I admit that his shaggy hair and unkempt personal attire might turn you off.off. But we can't be sure we can even provide for ourselves, much less a child. I say we can't afford.message at the Apollo Theater, where the pageant was held, giving three different times he would be.5. I knew it, You're a snob..It's a cliché of the American entertainment industry that if it works (i.e., if it makes money), do it.Edward Bryant.slim and naked and dark. His hair was long and straight and came to his shoulders. The hunter could not.The ones that have made it waste nothing. It stands to reason that any really ancient deposits of crude oil.All of me.Nolan smiled at the sound, then nodded at Mama. ?I'm going to turn in now. You take good care of.Nolan rose, stretching, then stepped out into the hall. The shadows were darker here and everything.blinded by a private vision. Crawford had a glimpse of it himself, and it scared him. And a glimpse of

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