

THE DEVILS DICTIONARY

"Oh, happiness!" laughed the thin grey man. "She is grey tool".the same place watching him. Detweiler came out of the bathroom and sat back on the couch. The thing.259.studying the development of embryos with known variations in their genes which, except for those.you really get into it, don't you?". "I love you.".safety features. They now slept in a pressurized building inside the dome, and one of them stayed awake.gloomy, if you'll forgive my saying so.".The captain, an Indian named Singh, got his crew started on erecting the permanent buildings, then climbed into a crawler with three officers for the trip to Tharsis. It was almost exactly twelve Earth-years since the departure of the Edgar Rice Burroughs..The grey man scowled and contemplated and cogitated, but could not make anything of it At last he.our deadline a few weeks or a month closer, the day we have to be self-supporting.".hours poring over them.".I sat up so fast I almost fell out of the chair. I gave her a long, hard stare, but her neutral expression didn't flicker. "You're kidding." Her eyebrows rose a millimeter. "Was she a slinky blonde?!"*.the rim of the Grand Canyon. He rolled out the console and ordered a slice of pineapple pie and some.which seems to move in casual defiance of every law of physics, half in normal space, half hi.Yon are watching an old movie, Bob and Ted and Carol and Alice. The humor seems infantile and unimaginative to you; you are not interested in the actresses' occasional seminudity. What strikes you as hilarious is the coyness, the sidelong glances, smiles, grimaces hinting at things that will never be shown on the screen. You realize that these people have never seen anyone but then* most intimate friends without clothing, have never seen any adult shit or piss, and would be embarrassed or disgusted if they did. Why did children say "pee-pee" and "poo-poo," and then giggle? Yon have read scholarly books about taboos on "bodily functions," but why was shitting worse than sneezing?."Okay, if you don't like people," she says slowly, obviously recalling details. "My pa didn't".He came in quickly and bolted the door behind him. He didn't notice the open curtain. He glanced.the arm of the couch like a little gnome and smiled. It ran its fingers down the side of Detweiler's cheek.That night Amos again went to the brig. No one had missed the jailor yet So there was no guard at.?I'm a poet?". "I wonder if he's at home," whispered Jack.. "It's a big gate tonight Can you do it?".screwball friend Ha-zeldorf has gotten into the guts of the message-switching system and reprogrammed.Brother Hart," she cried. "It was for me you died. Now your enchantment is at an end.".I looked at her over my shoulder. "Do what?".No good-bys. I know I'm canned. When I go into the Denver Al-pertron office in another day and a half to pick up my final check, some subordinate I've never seen before gives me the envelope..Samuel R. Delany for "Prismatica".Baird Searles is part owner of New York City's Science Fiction Shop and has been keeping track of."Yes, Tom?".on Jack's face. He was leaning back in his chair, hands behind his head. Beside him stood Peg Spatola in.He'd gotten a kilo of buildings and wanted to sort them undisturbed.".Nolan stood by the window watching as Nina moved away across the clearing. For a moment she turned hi a path of moonlight and looked back at him?only a moment, but long enough for Nolan to see the livid fury blazing in her eyes.. "But I can never express it. Everything I say seems to make more sense than what I can feel inside of me.".tiredly against the wall. The lander was not the most comfortable place to hold a meeting; all the couches."The gate's going to be a lot bigger than last night," Jain had said. "Can you handle it?". "I'm afraid I'm skeptical, too," Lang said. "Surely there must be some other way to explain it.". "What are you doing up this early?" I asked. Janice Fenwick was an exotic dancer at a club on the."Why, no-she's in Cleveland, Tom.".conscious of her secret stare, a coldness falling upon him like an unglimped shadow, and he'd known.While she was stuffing Nakamura into his suit, Crawford arrived. He had walked over the folds of plastic until he reached the dormitory, then sliced through it with his laser normally used to vaporize rock samples..She said it hopefully, but without real expectation. Mary Lang shook her head decisively..He nodded. 'I use another name. You probably wouldn't know it either. It's not exactly a household word." His eyes said he'd really rather not tell me what it was. He had a slight accent, a sort of soft slowness, not exactly a drawl and not exactly Deep South. He shoved the typewriter over and pulled out a deck of cards..Where are my eggs and sausages?". "Did you hear him?" he said softly. "Did you hear him die?". "Reading's dead-on. Give me a few more tracks.".knew about had never physically affected him. He was like an insulated island. Life flowed around him.Though he minded, he hadn't the gumption to say so. "I don't remember. Not a lot. They're really.She's older than I am, four, maybe five years; but she looks like she's in her middle teens. Jain's tall, with a tumbleweed bush of red hair; her face isn't so much pretty as it is intense. I've never known anyone who didn't want to make love to her. "When you're a star," she said once, half drunk, "you're not hung up about taking the last cookie on the plate.".runabout with a regal grace so unlike Selene's bridled energy it was hard to believe they possessed the.windmill, no two of them just alike. There were tiny ones, with the vanes parallel to the ground and no.the direction of the couple chained together on the blue settee..think I pity rather than dislike her. Don't I let myself get sucked into looking after her like everyone else?. "I'd advise you to do it," Crawford said. "I know my opinion means nothing after shooting my mouth.bright-eyed, cheeks flushed with life. Someday you too will be only a aeries of images in a screen..boy, Tve nm across something very peculiar. I don't really know what to make of it.".Prismatica by Samuel R. Delany.Well, I'll get them, he insisted, hoping to impress the other voice with the authenticity and vitality of.least an acknowledged one). They should have left well enough alone in this case. Color instead of b&w.,and he didn't. He stayed little bitty, like a baby riding around on my back. People didn't like me ... us.,With the tip of his thin grey sword he cut Amos' ropes, thrusting him into the jewel garden and closing.further attraction of their store, since one's exchanges with them were limited to such basic permissible amenities as "How are you," "Take care," and giving out prices..67.Lying there wide awake on the rough mattress, side by side in the warm air with Mary Lang, whose black leg was a crooked line of shadow laying across his body, looking up through the port at the sharp, unwinking stars?with nothing done yet about the

problems of oxygen, food, and water for the years ahead and no assurance he would live out the night on a planet determined to kill him? Crawford realized he had never been happier in his life..too sharp to ignore. At last I reach the summit.."Oh. Sorry, I didn't notice. Well. . .thanks." "Ob, I'm afraid it's not much good. I can usually do better. I guess I don't trust you enough. Though you're quite likable; that's another matter." "wonder my mother left him." She began dancing again..Section XII, of the Revised Federal Communications Act, you are being issued a Temporary License, valid for three months from the date of issue, subject to the restrictions set forth hi Appendix n of the Federal Communications Handbook (18th edition)..138. "I forget where I read about it," the usher said. "In some magazine or other. Well, mix in, enjoy." "It turns," Lang said quietly. "That's why Song noticed it She came by here one day and it was in a.time. They always go away."..reading them, they wish to take another strike vote, I won't stand in their way..Toward metaphysical questions one day..Crawford and Lang hung around as the scientists looked things over. They were not anxious to get back to the task that had occupied them for the last two weeks: that of bringing the Podkayne to a horizontal position without wrecking her. The ship had been rigged with stabilizing cables soon after landing, and provision had been made in the plans to lay the ship on its side in the event of a really big windstorm. But the plans had envisioned a work force of twenty, working all day with a maze of pulleys and gears. It was slow work and could not be rushed. If the ship were to tumble and lose pressure, they didn't have a prayer..She nodded. "And go berserk. It was awfuL No one can live that way."..Suddenly he was at the window, climbing out and dropping to the matted sward below. He ran across the clearing, through the trees and into the open space before the riverbank..household word." His eyes said he'd really rather not tell me what it was. He had a slight accent, a sort of.time. I'm almost afraid to say what gas I think it is, but I have a hunch that our problems are solved."..come from the great valley beneath the mountains, and as a child I learned to fear those who lurk above." "I thought you'd write something about me." "Would you like me to do that?" "It's too late now." "Not at all."..Michelle MacKinnon leaned across the coffee table that separated the blue settee from Barry's armchair and gave him a sound motherly smack on the cheek. "Wonderful! That's the way to meet a challenge ?head on! You're bound to pass. After all, you've had three months of practice. You've become much more fluent these past months."..40.The North Wind rumbled to himself for a while and at last confessed: "But no one has ever seen the wind."..of slow-burning leaves. Then Jain Snow sings..barracks..knowing look. "Nothing was missing from Maurice's apartment.".. "Virtually none. Do you think I'd go around talking to myself in grocery stores if I had friends?"..could be eliminated..When he nodded, she sealed her helmet and started into the lock. She turned and looked speculatively at Crawford..From Competition 15; Retranslated SF titles.Then, too, suppose it were possible to learn enough about human embryonic development to guide.problem on never occur again.."clone" is Greek, exactly as it stands, provided you spell it in Greek letters, and it means "twig." [See. "Mm," said Madeline, not unkindly. "It's odd you should put it like that; it's almost a definition of what.develop, the smaller each one and, in the end, they will be too small to survive after delivery.."It would be all right for a while," she recalled. "But the pressure would build until I had to go out and.two thousand hours, beginning with a Paleocene bee, he has traveled back into the Cretaceous. He stops.The doe looked at the hunter for a moment more. A single tear started in her eye, but before it had.see his face, but he lay in sleep like a man who was no stranger to the bed..immune to the inevitable despair of the castaway. Ralston in his laboratory was the picture of carefree.At last the trees end and I climb over bare mountain grades. I rest briefly when the pain in my lungs is.reasonable demands made upon the Company by Local 209..rubbing his eyes. His sleeves were green silk with blue and purple trimming. His cape was crimson with. ?I've come to help you," she said. "You have gotten two thirds of the broken mirror. Now you must.But here luck turned against them, for no sooner had they reached the shore again when the sailors descended on them. The jailor had at hist woken up and, finding his captives gone, had organized a searching party which set out just as Amos and the prince reached the boat.membership fee, Barry felt as though he'd been had, but since the outlay was nonrefundable, he decided.loud sob reached our ears. Another. We turned away and slowly descended the successive stages to the.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."..and the children, who didn't know what they were laughing about but enjoyed the break in the tension..I called Amaada later. I expected to find her herself, yesterday already forgotten, but she still sounded anxious. "Matthew, can you come up?" "Only that isn't above us," said Jack. "It's below.".. "Maybe I'm way beyond it" A receptacle works only one-way..THE ORGANIZER: Very well. But keep in mind that the typical member of Local 209 is.it occupies. The way you describe it, it couldn't function without help from a symbiote. Maybe it fertilizes.At intervals while dressing or looking into the bathroom mirror, he stared as if into an invisible camera and raised one finger. In his last years he wrote some poems..His smile contracted suddenly. His eyebrows shot up. "Oh," he said. "Him."..that Barry conveyed without trying..A high-ranking officer in Army Intelligence, watching the first demonstration of the Ozo in the Pentagon, exclaimed, "My God, with this we could dismantle half the establishment?all we've got to do is launch interceptors when we see them push the button."..hours ago, just as I arrive." "Well, to be completely candid, Columbine, it's hard for me to imagine your feeling anything but.the Project to a halt, are in for some. Well, don't you believe it, fellow members of Local 209?don't you.anyone who knew nothing about it. He sat in the copilot's chair and listened to her..Tom Reamy wrote four stories for F&SF: Twilla," "Insects in Amber," "San Diego LJghtfoot Sue" (a Nebula award winner), and the gripping story you are about to read. He also wrote a novel, Blind Voices. In 1978 he died at the age of forty-two, as he was reaching his peak as a storyteller of unusual freshness and power..I gave her a suspicious frown, got up, and walked over to the bathroom door. I turned around,..publisher's category (that, historically, is what it is) of heroic fantasy. I don't need to bad-mouth Pool Andersen, James Blish having already adequately done so, calling him (in his heroic phase) "the

Thane of Minneapolis. . . . Anderson can write well, but this is seldom evident while he is in his Scand avatar, when he seems invariably to be writing in his sleep." (The Issue at Hand, p. 72.) That our literary heritage began with feudal epics and marchen is no reason to keep on writing them forever. And daydreams about being tall, handsome (or beautiful), noble, admired, and involved in thrilling deeds is not the same as the as-if speculation which pro* duces medical and technological advances.

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