

THE KEY TO THE RIDDLE A STORY OF HUGUENOT DAYS

At the edge of the garden he stopped, remembering the order from Lang to stay out unless collecting. "Well," said Amos, "if you help get us to the top of the mountain, we will let you look into the fragment of the mirror." Then he added, "which is more than your friend the wizard did, apparently." Jack gave Amos a little kick, for it is not a good thing to insult a wizard so great and so old and so terrible as all that, even if you don't have to worry about him..55.).?I'm from pioneer stock. But you?" She shrugs. "Too delicate?".She smiled. "Wonderful.". "No. I told you it was a stray-puppy relationship. I wish Murray were here. He's much better with.O, give me a clone.,That's a hard one, but other than that we're no different than any other group of survivors in a tough spot..1. Don't shove your politics into your reviews. Just review the books..Aubade.She's shorter than I am, tiny and dark with curly chestnut hair. She's also proficient in any martial art I can think of. And if all else fails, in her handbag she carries a .357 Colt Python with a four-inch barrel. When I first saw that bastard, I didn't believe she could even lift it.softly. "Mama Dolores?".With the ship sitting on its tail, this made ninety per cent of the space in the lander useless. They were all.In the audience was my good friend of three decades?the well-known science fiction writer, boo vivant, and wit, Randall Garrett Out of the corner of my eye, I noticed a piece of paper placed on the podium as I talked about cloning. I glanced at the paper without quite halting my speech (not easy, but it can be done, given the experience of three decades of public speaking) and saw two things at once. First, it was one of Randall's superlative pieces of satiric verse,.mine.".This was getting out of band for Captain Singh..unicorn let them have gladly, for there was no doubt that they could have answered Lea's questions..are stimulated, in a variety of ways depending on subtle factors, with the result that different cells in your.sheepishly. "I did chores for her and eventually became a sort of assistant, I guess. I helped her birth."I checked the clock," she said..usually found in the Mediterranean races. His hair wasn't quite black. It wasn't exactly long and it wasn't.realized the truth..look on her face or its urgency, but he had no time to waste hi words. Brushing past her, he hastened to.than the old one. As usual, war had given research a kick in the pants. Its mission was to take up the.Copyright ? 1976,1977,1978, 1979,1980 by Mercury Press, Inc..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.. "I suppose it is," Barry said noncommittally. He couldn't figure out why the usher wanted to tell him.and from the minor stepped the beautiful and worthy Lea.. "He left about half an hour before they found Maurice. I imagine he went over there, saw Maurice dead, and decided to disappear. Can't say as I blame him. The police might've gotten some funny ideas. We didn't mention him.".I notice that the blowers have cut off. It's earlier than usual, but obviously there's enough body heat to keep the dome buoyed aloft I imagine the Central Arena drifting away like that floating city they want to make out of Venice, California. There is something appealing about the thought of this dome floating away like dandelion fluff. But now the massive air-conditioning units hum on and the fantasy dies..It would take a tome to sort out all the Frankensteins and spinoffs therefrom. Only a handful, of.living the past.know what to do with," and he opened a closet door..because our reactor will run out of power in two years. We'll need another power source, and maybe.court on Las Palmas, or not far away..and she pointed to the wheelbarrow full of gold and jewels ""is a man to be taken seriously..".have its belief in such creatures? Could there be some grotesque, distorted element of truth behind all.things like 'When is your program going to be over?' Some people just aren't that interested in talking..Eighty. I engage five more tracks. Five to go. The crowd's getting damn near all of her. And, of course, the opposite's true.. "What do' the ' seismics and Sniffers say about Swyley's decoys?" Colman asked, turning his head toward Driscoll.. "How did you know I talked to him and not the side of beef?"..for the power switch with his other hand. He never touched it. As he moved the device, the ghost images."Terrific!" Hollis says. "You could leave an album of greatest hits. You know, for posterity. Free concerts on the grass every Sunday..".CLAUSE'S Tales White From the Hart BURROUGH'S Ant Tarzan and the Men HENDERSON'S The Different People: No Flesh LUNDWALL'S What About Science: It's All Fiction.He looked at me with an expression I'd never seen before, and I knew why Lorraine said he had a lost, doomed look. "Well, we can't live forever, can we? Are you ready to go?".Avenger while the other commands the Zorph fleet. The player terminals may be anywhere, as long as."Mary, I told you about that already," he complained. It was a gentle complaint and, even more.watery eyes peered at me through a Lone Ranger mask of Maybelline on a plaster-white face. Her dress.That brought her alter to mind. "Will Selene be signing, too?".vivant, and wit, Randall Garrett Out of the corner of my eye, I noticed a piece of paper placed on the.Jain goes into her final number. It does not work. The audience is enthusiastic and they want an encore, but that's just it: they, shouldn't want one. They shouldn't need one..screen" (whatever that means these days) and color did not make up the difference, nor for the loss of.tunes, then swooped down upon them, grabbing them up and setting them on his shoulders. Amos and.The image as it swells hypnotically toward him is clear and sharp, without tremor or atmospheric.tantalizes the audience as nakedly, only occasionally obscured by the cloudy metal mesh that transforms."Me." I manage a weak smile.. "But I'd have to become part of ... what Selene is." She pulled away from me, shaking her head..once dearer to me..".Standing just outside the airlock was Mary Lang. She turned as they came out, and did not seem surprised.. "That's no use. The doctor says it's a miracle he's still breathing. If he wakes up at all, he won't be anything like you knew him. The telemetry shows nothing like the normal brain wave. Now I've got to talk to Commander Lang. Have her come up." The voice of Mission Commander Weinstein was accustomed to command, and about as emotional as a weather report.development to full size a matter of months only..More reasonably, it could be argued that the clone of a great human being

would retain his genetic. There is no reason to suppose that this separation of offspring cells can't happen over and over, so. So Amos and Jack stood with the sun hi their eyes, and the great blustering North Wind squatted. "He . . . was my brother. We were twins. Siamese twins. All those people died so I could stay alive." It stops being easy after the frog, though. Frog eggs are naked and can be manipulated easily. They, by the ultraviolet, the ones just below them would still thrive when the right conditions returned. When, to see them walking away across the green and yellow meadows to the golden castle. Lea leaned her. The three scientists allowed their studies to slide as it became more important to provide for the. The doe looked at the hunter for a moment more. A single tear started in her eye, but before it had. techniques of forced growth (in the laboratory, of course, and not in a human womb) might make.⁹³ the arm of the couch like a little gnome and smiled. It ran its fingers down the side of Detweiler's cheek. lost, doomed look. "Well, we can't live forever, can we? Are you ready to go?" John VaHey. When Westland left, I headed for the men's room to down a couple of aspirin to steady my nerves. And who should I meet coming out of the door but Admiral Venerate. Venerate and I are old buddies, having been together on the Potlatch Investigation Team some eight years ago. At that time I proved there were no irregularities in the award of the Potlatch missile contract to Megalo. Venerate proved that the Navy had done nothing wrong. I was promoted to this staff position. Venerate moved up to Admiral. Palmas, dropped a large Manila envelope in the mailbox (the story he'd been working on, I guess), and brief quotations in a review, without permission in writing from the publisher. the ground. She tried to scratch her head but was frustrated by her helmet. ought to recognize, but if he had seen her on TV, he didn't remember. In a way she seemed almost too. repeated these actions in reverse. Smith tinkered with the other controls until he got a view of the. "That," said Amos, "is the other end of the far rainbow." She threw herself into the Heliomere without looking back. After a bit I undressed and followed her. herself to ribbons. Sick, alibi, moved. "Jack, is Peg in there?" In this, the twenty-third volume in a series, I have continued the practice begun in number 22 of including non-fiction material from F&SF's regular departments. The aim is to provide readers of these anthologies with something like a very good and very big issue of the magazine. Thus we offer a fascinating article by Joanna Russ on the pain of reviewing sf books, Baird Searles on "multiples" in sf films, Isaac Asimov on cloning, and a sampling from our competitions. your part does not mean that schedules are slipping down there. problem on never occur again. "Hey, everybody!" Jain raises her voice, cutting stridently through everyone else's conversations. "Get this. For a small fee, these folks'll put a video tape gadget in my tombstone. It's got everything? stereo sound and color. All I've got to do is go in before I die and cut the tape." "I am Jack, Prince of the Far Rainbow," said Jack, "and this is Amos." She started walking. "Mandy does." was tired and the sun almost gone did I know it was time to come home. cut the tough material, they had constructed a much smaller dome. They erected it on an outcropping of. The North Wind rose up in his cave and sped toward the opening that was so high they could not see. perched on a cushion in the leather chair at the console; your brother, who has been showing you the. three inches and went back to typing. Grinning, I picked up my phone. "Hello, Janice," I said. the beams of the room, but I could not move. My head seemed nailed to the floor. The knife gleamed in. The heat was stifling, worse than anything he could remember. Even Moises was gasping for air as he gunned the jeep over the rutted roadway, peering into the shimmering haze. and saw a pipe about as thick as his arm. It was flexible, and had a swelling in it that continuously pulsed. Someone entered the room. He stood leaning against the doorframe, looking at me with sleepy eyes. and a very good imitation calf-length mink swept into the room, took a quick survey of those present. They had little trouble finding where the matthews came from. They found dozens of. ?I'd love to." She looked at me through her lashes. "I can't think when I've enjoyed another man's. argyle sock with a hole in it The sock, long bereft of any elasticity, was crumpled around his thin rusty. "Third," said Lea, "what are they going to do to you?" "Though, truly," said Amos, glancing at the ceiling, "I had a friend once named Billy Belay, an old. From across the room Billy Belay tried to make a sign for Amos to be quiet, but the grey man turned around, and the finger Billy had put to his lips went quickly into his mouth as if he were picking his teeth. Novelist and critic Joanna Russ teaches English at the University of Washington. When our. "We were suiting up when you got here. It takes about half an boor; so we couldn't get out hi time to meet you." the typewriter. while I was . . . how did you say it? Indisposed. But you should pay more attention to the social aspects. Paint-Do Not Touch." With its Y chromosome changed to X; "Nonsense," said the grey man. "I have more emeralds and diamonds and gold and pearls than I know what to do with," and he opened a closet door. I bit my tongue but it was too late. She shrieked like a stricken animal and came at me swinging. "Selene, did you hear me?" "Do you mean it?" Barry asked, marveling over Marvin's tattoo as they shook hands. He managed to. 111. in return for a favor he did me a million years past, for it was he who made this cave for me by artful and. and a small misshapen arm poked out briefly. I could only stare, frozen. The shirt was ripped to shreds. ad hoc task forces instantly created to investigate everything from general inefficiency down to the detailed operation of the Computer Center. Someone immediately spilled the beans about Zorphwar. (I suspect it was J.L., covering his ass.) Friday afternoon Westland came slamming into my office to ask about a thousand questions about our schedules and the cost of running Zorphwar. I tried to get him to try using the program, but he was too upset to listen to reason. He gave me one hour to produce a full report justifying the project and went storming back up to the executive wing. I'm afraid that your ass and mine would have been in the sling but for a stroke of incredible luck. The crib was empty. attend the Union meeting tonight Ike told me to listen real good so I could tell him all about it, and I said I. "You may take a nap," said the grey man. "But come and have breakfast first." The grey man put his arm around Amos' shoulder and took him down to his cabin where the cook brought them a big, steaming platter of sausages and eggs. undress, but he was too tired. The throbbing in his head was worse, pulsing to the beat of the drums.

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