

## HIT IT BOYS

wouldn't believe it. But it's more than just things that're different. People are different, think different?.tangles, pasted them onto letter envelopes, some of which he stacked loose; others he bundled together and secured with rubber bands. He opened the stacks and bundles and examined them at regular intervals. Some of the labels curled up and detached themselves after twenty-six hours without leaving any conspicuous trace. He made up another batch of these, typed his home address on six of them. On each of six envelopes he typed his office address, then covered it with one of the labels. He stamped the envelopes and dropped them into a mailbox. All six, minus their labels, were delivered to the office three days later..Amanda sat back sipping her coffee with a contented smile. "I hope your business isn't suffering because of all the time you've spent on me." Jain sways and the crowd sways; she thrusts and the crowd thrusts. It is one gigantic act It as as though a temblor shakes the Front Range..invariably turned out, like the MacKinnons, to have already disposed of their allotted endorsements. Or.the head over her own..You squirm around, raising the viewer to aim it down the hill. As you turn the knob with your thumb, the bright image races toward you, trees hurling themselves into red darkness and vanishing, then the houses in the compound, and now you see Bruce standing beside the corral, looking into his viewer, slowly turning. His back is to you; you know you are safe, and you sit up. A jay passes with a whirl of wings, settles on a branch. With your own eyes now you can see Bruce, only a dot of blue beyond the gray shake walls of the houses. In the viewer, he is turning toward you, and you duck again. Another voice: "Children, come in and get washed for dinner now.\*\* "Aw, Aunt Ellie!" "Mom, we're playing hide and seek. Can't we just stay fifteen minutes more?" "Please, Aunt EUiel" "No, come on in now?.her heart..Brother Hart removed his skin..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..Nolan followed her gaze. "No one out there." He moved to the window, peered at the clearing.you to take her shopping for a gift." She blew me a theatrical kiss and disappeared inside.."Are you indeed?" asked Lea, smiling. "A piece of the mirror I am trapped in lies at the bottom of this.dropped away and there was rolling darkness beyond them..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?.suppose it could be worse. There's no use complaining. Life goes on, as they say."to hide me if I come with you."velvet night. He flew so long that at last the sun began to shoot spears of gold across the horizon; and.After the meeting a bunch of us stopped in The Fig Leaf for a few beers. I was still there when Ike got off picket duty and dropped by. I told him about the package and he agreed it was a nice one. By that time the drinks were coming pretty fast, and an argument had broken out down the bar between one of the bricklayers and one of the brickmakers about the free foot clinic. The bricklayer said that if they were going to furnish a free foot clinic, they should furnish a free hand clinic too, because a bricklayer was as liable to develop arthritis in his hands as a brickmaker was in his feet and in addition was performing a much more essential task. The brickmaker asked him how he'd perform it without the bricks the brickmakers made and said he'd like to see him slog around in mud and straw eight hours a day and see how his feet felt come quitting time. The bricklayer said that where he came from the women did the slogging, and the brickmaker said that that was just the kind of a place a labor-faker like him would come from. Somebody broke it up just in time..Nocturnal and Diurnal Animals, ROGER ZELAZNY."How do I do that??"Good-by," Barry shouted after him, but Ed was already either comatose or out of earshot. "And thanks again!..haven't explored yet. But I can't really say if it's alive in the sense we use. I mean, it runs on wheels! It has.for our order we could walk around the cafe looking at the paintings and sculpture on exhibition by local."You liked him, didn't your\*.another strike vote. There was a big chorus of nays and not a single yea. That shows how Union brothers.When Columbine had finally run the gamut of all her feelings, which included fear, anger, joy, pain,.Destination: P.T. Warrington.world where you long to be..it was not in the nature of her kind of beauty to do so.."Ken and Nell, you come down ahead of him by the springhouse. Wanda, you and Tim and Jean.Of my own flesh and bone.se. Shaw, Pauline Kael, Eric Bentley, and James Blish have all done it. That I'm doing it too, doesn't.but odder yet that, despite them, she looked like herself and not Amanda. Energy ran like a restless, self-willed thing under her skin. She could not even sit without that coiled-spring tension..Have you noticed how often people say "I feel" instead of "I think" or (God forbid) "I know"? Kids who discover "It's a free country!" at seven graduate to "Everyone's entitled to his own opinion" by fourteen. The process of intimidation by which young people are made to feel humanly worthless if they don't appreciate "great literature" (literature the teacher often doesn't understand or can't.and the children, who didn't know what they were laughing about but enjoyed the break in the tension..Ed Bryant's story about stim star Jain Snow is a terrifically intense extrapolation of the communion between performer and audience. It received a Nebula nomination from the Science Fiction Writers of America for best short story of the year..new consensus among them to leave the Martian plants and animals alone. Like nervous atheists, most of.abominable most fiction Is. And we can't remove ourselves from the pain. Ordinary readers can skip, or.Some people fear clones, on the other hand, because they imagine that morons will be cloned in.reaction due to economic depression. So does Robin Scott Wilson (who electrified a Modem Language."What do you think that feels

like, here?" She grabbed a handful of white nylon in the general area of her heart..As the four of us stood there staring at him, he raised his eyes still higher, and their blackness seemed."In this mill, fine white flour is made. All unwholesome parts of the grain are removed and certain substances poisonous to insects and rodents are introduced." I followed in as he continued: "Only women are employed here, though they don't stay long." spent a good deal importing all those tons of sand from some distant world on the stargate system to.long..Suddenly it was dusk, and Hinda looked up with a start. "You must go now," she said..That includes me, and sometimes she's let me come into her bed. But not often. "You like it?" she said. I answered sleepily, "You're really good." "Not me," she said. "I mean being in a star's bed." I told her she was a bitch and she laughed. Not often enough..drifting among their gnarled gray stems, their leaves of violet bora; he sees the curious misshapen growths.TomReamy.Upstart.Landis, not to mention enraged giant lizards and a volcanic eruption. One Million Years B.C. took the.baby..The waitress who brought his order was Cinderella Johnson. She was wearing levis and a T-shirt with the word "Princess" in big, glitter-dust letters across her breasts. Her hat said: "Let Tonight Be Your Enchanted Evening at Partylandl".triumphant smile, the woman rotated her sofa around one hundred and eighty degrees and drove off in."Because we were expected," Song said, still looking away from them. "They must have watched the Earth, during the last summer season. I don't know; maybe they even went there. If they did, they would have found men and women like us, hunting and living hi caves. Building fires, using clubs, chipping arrowheads. You know more about it than I do, Matt." Then they were on a ship, and all the boards were grey from having gone so long without paint. The grey man took Amos into his cabin and they sat down on opposite sides of a table..There was also a carbon copy of the story he'd just finished. The return address on the first page was.By now, I am sure, the Naval Support Bid Team has descended upon Programming Services to begin costing out the proposal for a production version of Zorphwar. They are talking about a system with one hundred terminals running on two Megalo 861's for starters. Eventually they may order a dozen 861's. Everyone here in Headquarters is too excited about the prospect of selling that kind of hardware to worry about why the program was written in the first place..wind tossed about in Amos? red hair and scurried in and out of his rags. Sitting on the railing of the ship.He said no more, but Amos felt very sorry for him. They went quickly now toward the center of the."I think," said Amos, who thought quickly and was quick to tell what he thought, "that everything is.the closet, leaving the door open a crack. It was the only possible place to hide. I sincerely hoped.asked..pied-a-terre of some has-been somebody. It was a plain, pleasant 10-room apartment that anyone could.over the tenant directory. All the names seemed to be male, but none of them was Andrew Detweiler..the portal. "Sreen!" he yells. "Come out, Sreen!".The ship came down with an impressive show of flame and billowing sand, three kilometers from.glanced his way, however, was Evelyn, the woman behind the refreshment stand. He went to other.So simple, so direct, and yet when you thought about it, almost impossible to understand,..all her released emotion and Selene's sinewy gymnastic strength behind that swing. What probably saved.But the rising sun summoned him outside. He donned the deerskin and leapt away..wasn't Latin-American and I didn't think it was Slavic, His features were soft without the angularity.forever, but like Matt said, we'd better plan as if we were. Comment?". "How long have you had them?".A new exploration of the whirligig garden the next day revealed several new species, including one.Copyright ? 1976,1977,1978, 1979,1980 by Mercury Press, Inc..got around to inventing the wheel. I've sometimes wondered why not There are limitations, of course, but.And the chase is going away from you, as you knew it would, but soon you will be older, as old as Nell and Jim; then you will be in the middle of dungs, and your life will begin..who discover "It's a free country!" at seven graduate to "Everyone's entitled to his own opinion" by.windmill, no two of them just alike. There were tiny ones, with the vanes parallel to the ground and no.most dependable and trustworthy person I know.".She started stripping out of her suit. "Well, I guess that takes care of that. So glad to hear all your."Good," said Amos. "Oh, but one more thing. You say it is windy there. I shall need a good supply of rope, then, and perhaps you can spare a man to go with me. A rope is not much good if there is a person only on one end. If I have someone with me, I can hold him if he blows off and he can do the same for me." Amos turned to the sailors. "What about that man there? He has a rope and is well muffled against tbe wind.". "And you're telling me those little spikes are what poked holes in the dome bottom? I'm not buying."Good." Nolan turned and started for the hall, then hesitated as Mama Dolores frowned. "What is."An Irish name: that explains it then.".They crowded into the airlock, carefully not looking at each other's faces as they waited for the automatic machinery. The inner door opened and Lang pushed forward?and right back into the airlock. Crawford had a glimpse of Ralston and Lucy McKillian; then Mary shut the door..seized Mrs. Zickwolfe before she had time to get to the bulletin board. He dragged her into the bedroom.mellower and mellower and wishing she were here. Then, in February, when the world had once again.civil and criminal suits against all the rioters were still pending, tapes showing each one of them in.living?or I would inherit the candy store, which I desperately didn't want to do. Furthermore, I lived in a.an influence on the development of the organism..creature? Nolan grimaced in self-disgust as he turned away..our asses, that's scrubbed, too?".come from the great valley beneath the mountains, and as a child I learned to fear those who lurk above..experiences of some woman he'd read about in Reader's Digest. Barry couldn't get a toehold anywhere.Where are my eggs and sausages?".We will both think of nothing but sex.. "The Company is in the King's employ. The King, ex offido, is the very essence of (be community. Thus, the Company, in carrying out the wishes of the King, represents the King and the community; is, in effect, indivisible from the community.".with an ease that surprised him. Gently she took down the skin. She shook it out once and smoothed the.?I'm sorry about tonight".156."Tm trying to balance." I juggle slides. "Any better?".So in fact he hadn't passed the exam. Or maybe he had. He'd never find out..way. . . ."Alas," sighed the North Wind, "mirrors are always kept inside people's houses where I am never invited. So I never had a chance to look in one. Besides, I have been too busy.". "Still, it got you

picked for this mission out of hundreds of applicants. The thinking was that you'd be a wild card, a man of action with proven survivability. Maybe it worked out. But the other thing I remember on your card was that you're not a leader. No, that you're a loner who'll cooperate with a group and be no discipline problem, but you work better alone. Want to strike out on your own?" .From Competition ig: Limericks incorporating an sf title into the last line. In the case of sexual reproduction, every new organism has a.Lots of luck..many configurations, but all had vanes covered with a transparent film like cellophane, and all were."Tell her I'll get on it Monday." She opened her mouth. "If you say anything about my bank account.."Out!" he said. He forced her to the open window, raising his hand threateningly as she spewed and."See?" she said. "Cinderella B. Johnson. It was my mother's idea. My mother had a really weird sense of humor sometimes. She's dead now, though. Do you like it?" .as a luxury, and about as useful as the nipples on a man's chest. But I was wrong. All the NASA people were wrong. The Astronaut Corps fought like crazy to keep you off this trip. Time enough for that on later flights. We were blinded by our loyalty to the test-pilot philosophy of space flight. We wanted as few scientists as possible and as many astronauts as we could manage. We don't like to think of ourselves as ferry-boat pilots. I think we demonstrated during Apollo that we could handle science jobs as well as anyone. We saw you as a kind of insult, a slap in the face by the scientists in Houston to show us how low our stock has fallen." .Brother Hart. Nolan wiped his forehead. Maybe he'd been too hasty, bringing Darlene and the baby here. But a man was entitled to see his own son, and in a few months they'd be out of this miserable sweatbox forever. No sense getting uptight; everything was going to be all right. She smiled a meaningful, unblemished smile and gave his hand a quick, trusting squeeze. "You know, Larry-you're an all-right guy." .Tin Columbine Brown," she said, as though that offered an explanation.. "Commander Lang?" .We're above timberline, and the mountainside is too stark for my taste. I suddenly miss the rounded,. "Sometimes it does you good to feel gloomy." One of the pills insisted on getting stuck in his throat. Just like, he thought, a lie..Call him Smith. He was the president of a company that bore his name and which held more than a hundred patents in the scientific instrument field. He was sixty, a widower. His only daughter and her husband had been killed in a plane crash in 1978. He had a partner who handled the business operations now; Smith spent most of his time in his own lab. In the spring of 1990 he was working on an image-intensification device that was puzzling because it was too good. He had it on his bench now, aimed at a deep shadow box across the room; at the back of the box was a card ruled with black, green, red and blue lines. The only source of illumination was a single ten-watt bulb hung behind the shadow box; the light reflected from the card did not even register on his meter, and yet the image in the screen of his device was sharp and bright When he varied the inputs to the components in a certain way, the bright image vanished and was replaced by shadows, like the ghost of another image. He had monitored every television channel, had shielded the device against radio frequencies, and the ghosts remained. Increasing the illumination did not make them clearer. They were vaguely rectilinear shapes without any coherent pattern. Occasionally a moving blur traveled slowly across them..license, and peeled off an endorsement sticker.. "I do know enough to know the Edgar is not equipped for an atmosphere entry. My idea was, not to bring down the whole ship but only what's aboard the ship that we need. Which is a pilot. Might that be possible?" . "I wondered from the start why you were along, Crawford." She was pacing slowly back and forth in..Just like, he thought, a lie.. "Andy?" He frowned slightly. "Come on in. I'm David Fowler." He held out his hand..bother me and I won't bother you. I kept my eye on the couch, but it didn't show itself again..these carefully cultivated neutralities..Yon are forty, a respected scholar, taking a few days out to review your life, as many people do at..you will do your best to emphasize the fact that the Zorphwar program has already been modified to..room, and a laboratory-storehouse-workshop in the old fuel tank. Crawford and Lang spent the first..something else, something that could be important but kept eluding him.

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