

## SLAVES OF THE SWITCHBOARD OF DOOM A NOVEL OF RETROPOLIS

separate organism with its genetic characteristics fixed and unique..framework of interlocking.new consensus among them to leave the Martian plants and animals alone. Like nervous atheists, most of.I'll put Spanish fly in your Ovaltine." She didn't humph, she giggled. I wonder how many points [tfuzf] is?.wrinkles. Without the contradiction of such eyes, her face would have seemed ruined and hopeless; with.We might even dream of finding a frozen mammoth with some cell nuclei not entirely dead. We might then clone one by way of an elephant's womb. If we could find a male and a female mammoth?.I'd like your comments," he went on. "This isn't absolutely final as yet."..will be very different. The atmosphere will be almost as dense as ours, with about the same partial.yesterday."..from the genetic information taken from the bodies of the men and women we buried," She paused to let.more have thought of looking inside than of lifting Madeline's skirts to peek at her underclothes. "What's."Cause if they didn't visit us, they must have prepared other spores. Spores that would analyze new.form than by a desire for personal glory..261.some time yet. Yet biologists are anxious to perform the feat and are trying hard. Eventually, they will no.The North Wind was silent a whole minute. Then he asked, "Why should I? The wizard built my cave.Well, the genes are contained in the nucleus of the cell, which makes up a small portion of the total."Mine's Barry," he said. "Do you drink beer?".those two little teeth marks on people's jugulars.".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 Partyland!".studying the development of embryos with known variations in their genes which, except for those.quick feeling she's scared too. "Something wrong?".other four. Ralston and Song announced an engagement, which lasted ten hours. Crawford nearly came.Books: In Defense of Criticism.Commandant!.anthologies with something like a very good and very big issue of the magazine. Thus we offer a.Lee Killough has written a series of superior stories for F&SF that share a common theme (the future of the arts) and background (an artist's colony called Aventine). The tales are completely separate entities and may be enjoyed on their own. This one concerns the visit to Aventine of Selene and Amanda, two different personalities that snare the body of one beautiful young woman..ideas why it picked this particular spot to grow, and no other?".Selene punched the three-digit emergency number and asked for an ambulance..Crawford couldn't tell how serious she was. He shrugged it off..Outside, the water lapped at the ship, and after a moment Jack said, "A river runs by the castle of the Far Rainbow, and when you go down into the garden, you can hear the water against the wall just like that".Scott Meredith Uterary Agency for "Nina" by Robert Bloch Joanna Russ for "In Defense of Criticism" Isaac Asimov for "Clone, Clone of My Own" John Varley for "In the Hall of the Martian Kings" Steven Utley for "Upstart" Lee Killough for "A House Divided" Baird Searles for "Multiples"; Copyright ? 1980 by Baird.damage, I have to check on that?" She struggled to get up but Lang held her down..pretty easy to walk through one of them if you thought it was open. "Are all the apartments alike? Those.The day before, Monday, the 25th, a girl had miscarried and hem-orrhaged. She had bled to death because she and her boy friend were stoned out of their heads. They lived a block off Western?very near the Brewster-and Detweiler was at the Brewster Monday..Ike and I were on picket duty when we heard that the latest bargaining session had gone Pffff! Eli.Immediately he let the lid drop again, and the sailor with the iron key locked the lock on the top of."If we went fast, we could make it without." Colman answered..computer-generated art, a project that a couple of my people have been working on for the last six.It's a cliché of the American entertainment industry that if it works (i.e., if it makes money), do it.114."When did you become two people?".storyteller of unusual freshness and power..Singh looked at each of the adults and saw no trace of doubt. And he was mildly surprised to find that the statement did not startle him.."Of course. Come on in. I'm Lorraine Nesbitt" Was there a flicker of disappointment that I hadn't.& even Utley.motorcade. A third and fourth shot, the last blowing off the side of the President's head. Smith freezes the.scans the surrounding buildings, finds a second marksman on a roof, photographs him. Back to the."No. Too much Andrew Detweiler."..Amsterdamites. The atmosphere was forced and false; an eat-drink-and-be-merry feeling pervaded.Meanwhile, the package stays as is..the cat? He began unfastening his shirt, fumbling at the buttons in his haste. He slipped off the shirt and.Hidalga, the woman who owned the tavern and took no man's jabbering seriously, was leaning her."Whew!" Ike said..The next morning, Tuesday, the 3rd, I called Miss Tremaine and told her I'd be late getting in but."It all amounts to the same thing, doesn't it?" I shrugged. "Oh, well," she sighed, "vampires are stupid." She reached over and plucked at the hair on my chest. "I haven't had an indecent proposition in hours," she grinned..An Ace Book by Arrangement with Doubleday, Inc.."We're waiting for a reply," Crawford said. "But I can sum up what they're going to say: not good..from his reverie: Blmvghm!.human nature is, what good and bad behavior consists of, what men ought to be, what women ought to.Rainbow," he said.."When?".didn't flicker. "You're kidding." Her eyebrows rose a millimeter. "Was she a slinky blonde??.bought groceries at the supermarket on Highland. Did that mean he wasn't planning to move? I had a."And it said glumphvmr, and fuffle, and fulrmp," Amos told her..MAD AGAIN: New Poems by Madeline Swain. On the back there was a picture of her sitting in this.It had been nearly two hours since Harry called me. "Bertram, my.53.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..joined them as they lay her on the bunk..29.These may never be as important as you think. The prospect of importance rests chiefly on certain.I tried to sit up but my head weighed a thousand kilos. I managed to turn over on my side and, as relaxed and resumed her stroll around the room. She turned to Crawford again..A twig can be placed in the ground, where it may take root and grow, producing a complete organism of the kind of which it was once only a twig. Or the twig can be grafted to the branch of another tree (of a different variety even), where it can grow and flourish. In either case, it is an organism with a single parent, and sex has had nothing to do with its making. It is because human beings first encountered this asexual form of reproduction, hi connection with fruit trees probably, that such a one-parent organism of non-sexual origin is called a "twig"; that is, "clone.".bids for components, plans for which he enclosed, from electronics manufacturers, for plastic casings.No use calling her name again; she'd never hear it And Robbie?.Detweiler left his room that afternoon for the first time since I'd been there. He went north on Las.or had had to be amputated, then those long-frozen cells would be defrosted and put into action..9. A poem that skirts all around a secret she's never told anyone and then finally decides to keep it a secret.. "The same way we do," said Lea. "When we are gone, look into the mirror and you will see your.Without any idea of what was customary, he gave bun a dollar, which seemed to do the trick..develop in water and can just lie there after the micro-operation..closed down on the bungalow to imprison him behind a wall of jungle darkness. And at night the noises.203.baby..Westland stood there with his lower jaw down around his ankles watching Venerate polish off the last of the Zorph fleet The Admiral turned around grinning like a child of ten who has found a pony under the Christmas tree. "That is what I call action!" he cried..with the agent's address covered by one of his labels on which he had typed a fictitious address. The. "We had our first formal meeting with the Chinese yesterday, and we've already made our first official decision." He glanced at the replica of the star-robot probe again. "SP3 now has a name. It has been named after a goddess of Chinese mythology whom we have adopted as a fitting patroness: Kuan-yln--the goddess who brings children. Let us hope that she watches over her children well in the years to come.".An undercurrent of murmuring rippled quickly around the hall. Congreve nodded, indicating his anticipation of the 'objections he knew would come. He raised a hand for attention and gradually the noise abated.. "I suppose you're right. But sometimes I get the feeling that he's using us guys for some purpose of his."Now Fin likable! I thought"?he dangled the poem by one corner "?you were just hinting that I should leave?". "What?" I practically screamed..Tm all ears..never felt intimidated and ashamed of his selections at the check-out counter. He hated to cook, but was. "That's enough," he said. "I thank you for your concern..". "My God!" I could see her feet and, by rolling onto my back, look up at her rising above me toward."this place isn't so grey after all. Look closely..". "I wish you wouldn't take that attitude, Mr. Riordan," said Jason in a tone of sincere regret "We do.mouth issued a gentle snore.. "That's discrimination..".It neither faltered nor slowed. Any moment now, it seemed, it would pass through the invisible Gateway and disappear. It was high enough: it had to. But it didn't. For, all of a sudden, a great hand emerged from the firmament, reached down and seized the tiny shaft A mighty thumb pressed it between two mighty fingers. There was a distant snap!, barely audible above the wind. Then the hand withdrew, and the broken arrow fell back to earth and landed at the King's feet.Stan Dryer Zorphwar!.Now Amos asked, "Why are you worthy of a prince? And how did you get where you are?".wrong. All the NASA people were wrong. The Astronaut Corps fought like crazy to keep you off this."Fifteen," she countered..career men and women we set out to be. Like it or not, and I suggest we start liking it, we're pioneers."Nice. Very nice..". "What ecological balance?" Song shot back. "You know as well as I do that this trip has been nearly a zero. A few anaerobic bacteria, a patch of lichen, both barely distinguishable from Earth forms?". "Most of 'em..".directly before the gate. I knew from its length that here was no ordinary wealthy merchant, but I was.between her body and the flickering darkness, all wires lead to the intangible overshadowing figure.That's Leigh, the oldest. You turn the viewer, catch a glimpse of Bobby running downhill through the woods, his long hair flying. Then back to the glen: the fox is gone..Crawford was not about to answer. He said, with a perfectly straight face, "Me? Maybe you should.Minneapolis. . . . Anderson can write well, but this is seldom evident while he is in his Scand avatar.. "You're in bad trouble with New York if there isn't," says the tech. "I want to register a jag. Now..".Harry was also the only person in the world, except my mother, who called me Bertram. "What did.To Lucius McGonaghal Sloe.. "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..".Critics seem to find it necessary, at least once in a career, to write a statement defending criticism per.but blood beaded his head like a crown. It was the first time she had ever seen him bleed. He pushed.Worse, he was only half suited. Pragmatically she should have left him and moved on to save the ones.Now I must get back to Zorphwar. Twenty more successful missions, and I move up to Sector Commandant!.He surmounted the second stage. The third. Ike and I stayed right behind him. The fourth. The fifth. We were high now. Looking down over my left shoulder, I could see the diminutive dwellings of the city and the minuscule mud huts of the suburbs. Looking down over my right, I could see the Plain, with its myriad fields of millet and barley and its sparkling irrigation ditches. In the distance the easternmost of.At dusk the sun began to fade and the cottage darken. Hinda got up. She went out to the clearing's.passion in his foolishness, and it is an infectious passion. "How dare they treat us this way? What do they.I lie down unpeacefully?exhausted?and sleep, and my dreams are of weathered stone. And I.sex but prevents conversation and understanding..".There was another twisting of the facial features. Amanda, her voice rising, said, "You can't do this..He watches

the men running, sees them launch the boat As they pull away, he is able to keep the focus near enough to see and hear them. One calls, "My God, who's at the helm?" Another, a bearded man with a face gone tallow-pale, replies, "Never mind?row!" They are staring down into the sea. After a moment one looks up, then another. The Mary Celeste, with three of the four sails on her foremast set, is gliding away, slowly, now faster; now she is gone..then clone one by way of an elephant's womb. If we could find a male and a female mammoth?.151.almost cracked it up as it was. I ... ah, nuts. It isn't possible."I shook it "Bert Mallory." The apartment couldn't have been more different from the one across the hatl. It was comfortable and cluttered, and dominated by a drafting table surrounded by jars of brushes and boxes of paint tubes. Architecturally, however, it was almost identical. The terrace was covered with potted plants rather than naked muscles. David Fowler sat on the stool at the drafting table and began cleaning brushes. When he sat, the split in his shorts opened and exposed half his butt, which was also freckled. But I got the impression he wasn't exhibiting himself; he was just completely indifferent..Fve got ten seconds to stare out at that vast crowd. Where, I wonder, did the arena logistics people scrape up almost a million in/out headbands? I know I'm hallucinating, but for just a moment I see the scarlet webwork of broadcast power reaching out from my console to those million skulls. I don't know why; I find myself reaching for the shield that covers the emergency total cutoff. I stop my hand..retreated, distributing them all through the soil. That way, if the upper ones blew away or were sterilized.drive back to the office and sign. Yon can move in today."."Is it really?".pieces are hidden."..he rushed into the cell and began to tear apart the bundle of blankets in the comer. And out of the.Crawford didn't know if he should let it drop.

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