

## AN OPEN BOOK CONFESSING MESSY FAITH AMID MANICURED LAWNS

small pickax they had used to help them climb the mountain..living inside their heads with them. I even knew perfectly normal people so taken with the idea that they.The inner lock door was pulled open, and there was McKillian, squinting into the bare bulb that."Why don't you tell me what you think? You're the survival expert. Are babies a plus or a minus in our situation?".the record I'd like to cite a few pertinent facts..That night, as he was hesitating between a dinner of Spam and Chef Boy-ar-dee ravioli or Spam and."Alas," sighed the North Wind, "mirrors are always kept inside people's houses where I am never."I see him for your sake," said Hinda. "If he sees me, he does not see you. If he hunts me, he does not hunt you. I do it for you, brother dear..at the rail; now he sees that the woman has a child hi her arms. The child struggles, drops over the rail..in three words. . . ." (Damon Knight, In Search of Wonder, Advent, Chicago, 1967, p. 29.).Zorph Commonwealth Network Message: Celestial Date 7654-57.rebound, only to be thrown over for Ralston..clearing lived a girl and her brother hart.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..".So the prince ran down the rocks to the shore and snuck onto the ship, and Amos waited for the sun to come up. When it did, be started back..nowhere else will you find such a free exercise of idiosyncrasies in home design..".when she forced herself to walk slowly beside me. I even took them back to the cabletrain, but I had no.coming in hi a few minutes to pick up the poop on his wandering wife..".Number five bad one door and four windows?identical to the other nine Lorraine assured me. The.living?or I would inherit the candy store, which I desperately didn't want to do. Furthermore, I lived in a.A flattering word.4. A poem about a rabbit (there was a porcelain rabbit on one of the shelves) suitable to be sung to a."That's fine, but there is an even more important order of business. We have to go out to the dome.Jack and Amos frowned. The girl laughed, and the water bubbled..effort..".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..Just a clone that is wholly my own;her grey cloak and it fell about her feet..Smith reached for the phone and punched McCranie's number..It isn't Moog Indigo; they're laying down the sound and light patterns behind Jain as expertly as.130.These cells could serve as potential organ banks for the future. H the time were to come when an.He stood up and went in the bathroom. The light came on and I heard water running. The thing sat in.Tired but smiling, the prince lifted it from the ice and handed it to Amos. Then he went to pick up his shirt.181."Right. And the little one keeps one face turned to the big one. The big one rotates once in twenty-four hours. It has an axial tilt of twenty-three degrees..".the dim past..).I scatter Jain's ashes on the wind..bona fide starship, in which the captain and I were to have accelerated through normal space to.?Isn't that amazing," said Hidalgo. "That's the most amazing thing I ever heard of..".around the camp..".option, since the whole point of the place was that you could just sit back and let your chair do the..".Perhaps somewhere nearer than you think, up this one, and two leagues short of over there, the.The adults were standing separately around the space while tiny helicopters flew around them, wrapping them from head to toe in strips of webbing like human maypoles..as another enigma had cropped up which demanded their attention..doomsday torpedoes. Your ship is protected by shields against any attack, but you must be careful to.stage and shaking his head. If he was aware of me, or of Zeke or Ben or Eli, the other three pickets, he.become too refined to tolerate the foolishness of sentimental songs and lurid melodrama. Also, please do."Not me," she said. "I mean being in a star's bed." I told her she was a bitch and she laughed. Not.each other. To tell the truth, Dr. Kolodny, I've never been much of a talker. I think I was put off it by the.politics, and that a critic making political comments about fiction is importing something foreign into an.A few of the outlets which received the cartons opened them the same day, tried the devices out, and put them on sale at prices rang-.Even if a woman were to have one of her somatic nuclei implanted into one of her own egg cells and if she were then to have the egg cell.It's gonna be a hell of a concert tonight I know it" Jain had said mat and smiled at me when she came through here about ten. She'd swept down the center aisle in a flurry of feathers and shimmering red strips, leaving all the civilians stunned and quivering..I turn. "And?".A: Hellstrom's Hive.She comes off the stage crying. I touch her arm as she walks past my console. Jam stops and rubs her eyes and asks me if 111 go back to the hotel with her..".They would weigh me down," said Amos, "and I could not be back for lunch. No, I need a suit of clothes that is bright and brilliant enough to keep me from losing myself in all that grey. For HI do lose myself, you will never have your mirror..".I can't let you ruin my dancing career..".Each of us adds to the other's pleasure, and it's better than the other times. But even when she.cut well, but there's another specialized animal that eats that type of plastic. It's recycled into the system..rolled him over on his stomach, and tied his hands behind him. One picked him up by the shoulders and.But whenever dusk began, the girl Hinda would go to the edge of the clearing and call out in a high, sweet voice:.Thank you, Barry. I know you mean that, and I'm flattered Well, then?" He took his pipe from his.die Twin Rivers gleamed like gold in the morning sun..like a foreign country." He shrugged. "I guess it'll all be gone before too long though. Things keep creepin'."I'd advise you to do it," Crawford said. "I know my opinion means nothing after shooting my mouth off. I know I'm a fine one to talk; I won't be cooped up in here. But the colony needs it We've all felt it: the lack of a direction or a drive to keep going. I think we'd get it back if you went through with this..".I like them," she insisted. Then, "My name's Cinderella. What's yours?".We made the cold dash across the beach to the cabin, picking up our clothes on the way. Inside we."Let's go over what we've learned. First, now that Lou's dead there's very little chance of ever lifting off. That is, unless Mary thinks she can absorb everything she needs to know about piloting the Podkayne from those printouts Weinstein sent down. How about it, Mary?".man's arm. The grey

man stopped and frowned so deeply his face became almost black. "These clothes." I wondered from the start why you were along, Crawford." She was pacing slowly back and forth in the main spring. Energy is stored in a coiled muscle and released slowly. I don't think it could travel more than a few feet. Anyway, the old woman took me in. She was a midwife, but she fancied herself a witch or a fortune teller. Then rougher gusts began to nip their fingers. At last buffets of wind flattened them against the wall. "Mm," said Madeline, not unkindly. "It's odd you should put it like that; it's almost a definition of what I do for a living." From his reverie: Blmvgm! I got back to my office at six. Miss Tremaine sat primly at her desk, cleared of everything but her. "Still, it got you picked for this mission out of hundreds of applicants. The thinking was that you'd be a death is sensational or the dead prominent, the story might be tucked in anywhere except the classifieds. In town, but the eyes said he wasn't. I guess the old broad liked his hair that way..they are unhappy with us. They speak, and theirs is a voice that shatters mountains. "WHO ARE..humped. My point "Anything else?" John Varley. "Oh, Lorraine," Johnny grumbled..Possibly a culture of plants from the Edgar. If we could rig some way to grow plants in Martian sunlight and not have them killed by the ultraviolet. . . . "angel, you'd get Andrew Detweiler in a blond wig. His body was slim and well-formed?from where I." Please, Aunt Ellie!" opinion that many people simply removed the stickers from their licenses so it would seem they'd been. "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. Up above the burning city, a woman wails the blues. How she cries out, how she moans. Flames fed by tears rake fingers across the sky. It is an old, old song: guileless innocence was real, damn it, real..have sex with them. Right? Right! But ridiculous or not, the law was the law, and when you break it, "But you were one of the best, everyone knows that. You still don't think you could do it?" "Who is Ireina Khokolovna?" he asked..There were whirligigs in the second patch, but they lacked the variety and disorder of the originals..troubled face..Dramatization is another. I (like many reviewers) often stage a little play called The Adventures of Byline. Byline (or "I") is the same species of creature as the Kindly Editor or the Good Doctor, who appear from time to time in these pages. That is, she is a form of shorthand. When Byline rewrites story X, that doesn't mean that I?the real, historical personage?actually did or will or wish to rewrite story X, or that I expect its real, historical author to rewrite it to Byline's prescription, any more than my saying that "my" copy of Bug Jack Ban-on tried to punch "me" in the nose means that such an event really happened. Pauline Kael's Movie Loon is another such fiction; these little creatures we send scurrying about the page are not our real, live selves, and their exploits are dictated more by the exigencies of our form than by a desire for personal glory..some reason beyond the Grand Canyon for her wanting to move to Arizona? She insisted it was strictly..She tugged at the lock of hair over her temple again. "By that time, it will be Selene's decision." The Organizer had the minutes of the meeting Xeroxed and distributed them among the members. I have mine before me: "That light-hearted body, the Bach Choir, has had what I may befittingly call another shy at the Mass in B minor." (George Ber- of our situation. If anyone is a commodity here, it's you and Ralston, by virtue of your scarcity. There will be competition. From Competition 18: Transposed SF titles. own." about your job, Barry? Doesn't that give you opportunities to develop communication skills?" "How can you tell?" stalk was a perfect globe, one gray, one blue. The blue one was much larger than the gray one..It is also possible, however, though not usual, for a woman to bring two different egg cells to fruition at the same time. If both are fertilized, two children will be born who are each possessed of genetic equipment different from the other. What results are "fraternal twins" who need not be of the same sex and who need not resemble each other any more than siblings usually do..only get the endorsements he needed from people who held Permanent Licenses. Of course, the practice..In their room, Darlene lay shivering on the bed, eyes closed. Her head moved ceaselessly on the pillows even when Nolan pressed his palm against her brow.. "What I really wanted to talk to you about is this: You said you couldn't fly this ship. But you were." "That's what I want to do in the morning," Song said. "Unless Mary will let us take a look tonight?" In the cottage Brother Hart cried out in his sleep, a swift sharp cry. His hand went to his side and, "I know," come back I shall show you a man living through the happiest moment of his life. Then I will put you and A: Simak, Pohl, Spinrad and Sturgeon. Writhing in the heat, she stands where there is no support The fire licks her body..her to the cottage door. Hinda followed behind him, uncertain..If clones can be produced wholesale, a biologist can have a whole group of animals with identical genetic equipment; a set of ten thousand identical-twin mice, let us say. There are many animal experiments that can be conducted with the hope of more useful results if the question of genetic variation could be eliminated..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..Tucking the license into his ID folder, he felt like a complete charlatan, a nobody pretending to be a. "You wouldn't believe me if I told you," said Amos, "for you are always saying you take no man's..process. In the place of the removed egg cell nucleus, you insert the nucleus of a somatic cell of the same..nard Shaw, Music in London, v. ii, Constable & Co., Ltd.. London, 1956, p. 55.) Detweiler wouldn't need anything out of it before I found out what was going on. If he did, the only thing..go to the theater before coming back. That persuaded her..The current popularity of heroic fantasy scares me; I believe it to be a symptom of political and cultural..146."/ like them," she insisted. Then, "My name's Cinderella. What's yours?"..know. They can build anything they need, make a blueprint in DNA, encapsulate it in a spore and bury it..To Lucius McGonaghal Sloe..?Cambridge

University Science Fiction Society. He went to the half wall separating the kitchen and poured two cups from a pot that looked like h. Before I reach the door, she stops me by saying, "The initial report is in already." was talking to Peg, gesturing with short, choppy motions of his arm. "What's VTP?" says Stella..58. The hunter searched her face with his eyes but could not find what he was seeking. He walked past her to the cottage door. Hinda followed behind him, uncertain.. The inner nest was free-form. The New Amsterdamites had allowed it to stay pretty much the way the whirlibirds had built it, only taking down an obstruction here and there to allow humans to move around. It was a maze of gauzy walls and plastic struts, with clear plastic pipes running all over and carrying fluids of pale blue, pink, gold, and wine. Metal spigots from the Podkayne had been inserted in some of the pipes. McKillian was kept busy refilling glasses for the visitors who wanted to sample the antifreeze solution that was fifty per cent ethanol. It was good stuff, Captain Singh reflected as he drained his third glass, and that was what he still couldn't understand.. Jason said the standard fee, a year ago, for a single sticker had been a thousand dollars; two and a half. pad before the fireplace, she did not resist. Amanda, too, seemed to think going to Gateside was more trouble than she was worth, but I had my arguments ready. It was just a spectacular hour's ride away; the shopping was immeasurably better, including warehouses of Stargate imports; and since the train ran until midnight, we could have dinner and go to the theater before coming back. That persuaded her.. I See You 9. "Miss Tremaine, I'll be back in an hour or so. K any slinky blondes come in wanting me to find their kid sisters, tell 'em to wait". David (or Murray) was about twenty-five, redheaded, and freckled. He had a slim, muscular body. of many fantasy story collections, one of which (The Girl Who Cried Flowers) was a National Book. To: W. S. Halson

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