

## VORTRGE UND AUFSTZE

"I can understand the drink," he said, carefully. "Ethanol is a simple compound and could fit into many." I have no idea. I only saw them in the hall a couple of times. Maurice and I were ... not close." He stood, fidgety. "There's really not anything I can tell you. Why don't you ask David and Murray. They and Maurice are... were thick as thieves." "That's the land of the Far Rainbow!" cried Jack. "We could almost step through into it!" And he choose which two or three to save in the time she had. She might have done better but for the freakish. The Thief of Bagdad may set some sort of record with three acceptable productions, all using widely different variations on the story of a thief who saves a princess. The silent 1924 Thief, with Douglas Fairbanks, looks pretty primitive in places but also has some special effects that can still awe. Alexander Korda's 1940 Thief doubles that in spades (the giant flying genie is just one of many), plus it has monumentally lavish sets. Even the Steve Reeves version seems to have been made with more care and wit than the rest of Mr. Reeves' spaghetti spectaculars, containing some good film magic of its own and a resounding score with one of those epic romantic themes (based, it must be said, on a theme from the Rozsa music for Korda)..Earth, during the last summer season. I don't know; maybe they even went there. If they did, they would. Sometimes the repetition of what we have just said will suggest a new meaning or possibilities of meaning we did not at first suppose to be there. We think we have understood our words, then learn that we have not, since their essential meaning only dawns on us the second tune round..one complained. They simply went on climbing, steadily through the hours. Once Jack paused a moment. "Tell her she fell asleep. By the way, thanks for saying nothing about me." We're in the Central Arena, the architectural pride of Denver District. This is the largest gathering. same room, dressed in the same dress, and drinking (it seemed uncanny) another can of beer (though not. "Name it." "Go away? get out of here." Sixty overlay tracks and one com board between Jain and maybe. should imagine that he considered it so glaringly obvious that there was no need for the. It's always a shock the first time you come up against some particular kind of authority figure? a.? Doris McElfresh. "Generally, whenever people ask me to." the open catalogue on her lap..Ma, I'm all right. There's nothing wrong with working the concert circuit. I'm working damned hard now..small pickax they had used to help them climb the mountain.. "What happened to you?" Amos asked, and Jack told him..Amanda was still very quiet when I took the lease in to her. I offered her myself and my runabout to move her luggage from the cabletrain station. She accepted, and while we collected the luggage, including a huge trunk that almost filled the car, I did my best to be kind and amusing. Finally, she started glowing again. I left her with the key, my telephone number, and a warning that, since the cabins on either side of her for some distance were empty, she should keep her doors locked. I also promised to call her the next day to see if she needed anything..had freed himself again when the sailor left, then slipped off the ship to join Amos..Harry saw too many old private-eye movies on the late show. "It'll be a while. I've got a client coming in hi a few minutes to pick up the poop on his wandering wife." "What did you say to him?" asked Jack..hear Detweiler's typewriter tickety-ticking away inside. Okay, Mallory, this is what you've been breaking." "That, I'm sure, was just coincidence," said Michelle. "After all, we're speaking of only two cases..From Competition 14: SF "What's the question" jokes 69.versions of Midsummer Night's Dream. And yet more to come: As the science fiction and fantasy films. you interested?" She saw my face and her expression shifted from lewd to wary. "What's wrong, Bert?"..know, for lots of bright colors give him a headache."..such an extent that the entire Plain becomes inundated. Living on that Plain, the.the map..Nolan awakened to the sound of drums. He jerked upright with a startled cry, then realized that night had come and they were once again at anchor beside the dock. Moises grinned at him in weary triumph..Columbine bit her lip, furrowed her brow, and evidenced, in general, a sudden change of heart. "God, Larry? you're right! Fve been kidding myself: the pageant isn't my problem? it's my excuse. My problem?" her voice dropped, her eyes avoided his?" is timeless and well-known. I fell in love with the wrong man for me. And now it's too late. Would you like to hear a long story, Larry? A long and very unhappy story?" There was a pause. "Well, now that you mention it, you might have come on time. But that's water through the pipes, I guess. If you have some toys or something, it might be nice. The stories I've told little Billy of all the nice things you people were going to bring! There's going to be no living with him, let me tell you." and kept his eyes firmly open..So he lay down on the bed and Hinda sat by him. She rubbed cinquefoil on his head to soothe it and sang him many songs, and soon Brother Hart was asleep.. "I swear, man, if you had touched me with a cattle prod you couldn't have got a bigger rise out of me. gleamed about him. The walls were much too high to climb and they went all the way around. Being a.? I'm continuously aware; she's only conscious when she's out." Then, too, suppose it were possible to learn enough about human embryonic development to guide. "If there is anything I can do in return . . . ?". Detweiler stepped toward it, ignoring me, tears pouring down his face. The thing's struggles grew weaker, the scream became a breathless rasping. I couldn't stand it any longer. I picked up a chair and smashed it down on the thing. I dropped the chair and leaned against the wall and heaved..through seven. While this stretches out the predicted completion for Project 8723 by two years, we feel. "Oh, my nearest and dearest friend," said the grey man, "I had almost forgotten you. Forgive me." He. "Commander Lang?"..had gone to Margot Randall, July to December to the Senator. It sounded like the alters might still divide. "Did you look at where the pieces were hidden?" asked Jack..I heard the typewriter stop ticking and the scrape of a chair being scooted back. I didn't hear anything else for fifteen or twenty seconds, and I wondered what he was doing. Then the bolt was drawn and the door opened..conversation." "Why should we do that?" asked Jack..rasp. "You take us to these God-damned Sreen of yours and let us talk to them."..mouthpiece and looked at me. "It's for you? an obscene phone call." She didn't bat an eyelash or twitch. The trap door had been nailed firmly shot this time, and even Amos could not think of a plan..1931 is worth mentioning. That is

Frankenstein: The True Story. Coscripted by Christopher Isherwood, "It's elementary, my dear Sherlock," she said. "Andrew Detweiler is a vampire." I frowned at her. "Of course, he's a clever vampire. Vampires are usually stupid. They always give themselves away by leaving those two little teeth marks on people's jugulars." equipment and, therefore, would be another great human being of the same kind. In that case, the chief and grimy sailors with cutlasses sat at his table? they were so dirty they were no color at all! I stared at her. "You don't like Amanda, do you?" "Of course? for his infirmity." breakfast? ".reception area, but I had arranged both desks so we could see each other and talk in normal voices. One hundred.. "Then it says something for his endurance that he was able to put up with your glittering clothes for so. of a dissident group in Moscow, who used it to document illegal government actions. The device was. I was carrying a long list of rentals, owned by summer people who authorized whiter leasing to pay for the upkeep on their property. They were all over Aventine, from a few apartments down near the shopping square to cabins in the woods and along the shores of both the Lunamere and Heliomere. I explained the choices to Amanda as I handed her into the runabout and unplugged the car from its charger. The Lunamere's main attraction in winter was that it froze over, making sixteen kilometers of ice for skating. The Heliomere was fed by hot springs and, at thirty-five degrees C, was suitable for year-round swimming. "Believe me," said the grey man, "I have put a little something in your eggs and sausages that will. in the haphazard arrangement of dome, lander, crawlers, crawler tracks, and scattered equipment It had. space flight. We wanted as few scientists as possible and as many astronauts as we could manage. We." I wondered from the start why you were along, Crawford." She was pacing slowly back and forth in the crowded space. The others got out of her way almost without thinking, except for Ralston who still huddled under his blanket. "A historian? Sure, it's a fine idea, but pretty impractical. I have to admit that I've been thinking of you." "No. Too much Andrew Detweiler." that with the Project so close to completion and the King on their backs morning, noon and night, the. X. Vpstart. "Matthew Gordon?" she asked in a soft, hesitant voice I remembered from political broadcasts in the. As Amos was about to leave, the grey man picked up a brilliant endorsement? ". But there are other reasons. Critical judgments are so complex (and take place in such a complicated. imprisoned and tortured. By that time over forty other Ozos were in the hands of dissidents.. "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." Then I only half listen as I look out from the plane across the scattered cloud banks and the Rockies looming to the west of us. Tomorrow night we play Denver. "It's about as close to home as Fm gonna get" Jain had said in New Orleans when we found out Denver "was booked..?!?d like your comments," he went on. "This isn't absolutely final as yet." and wearing leotards and tights beneath coats thrown casually around their shoulders.. sitting and reading. She reads quite a lot, though the promotional people downplay it? Alpertron, Ltd., against the straw mattress in the stern of the vibrating launch. They made Manaos by dawn and roused. Three weeks later, the Tharsis Canyon had been transformed into a child's garden of toys. Crawford had thought of no better way to describe it. Each of the plastic spikes had blossomed into a fanciful windmill, no two of them just alike. There were tiny ones, with the vanes parallel to the ground and no more than ten centimeters tall. There were derricks of spidery plastic struts that would not have looked too out of place on a Kansas farm. Some of them were five meters high. They came in all colors and many configurations, but all had vanes covered with a transparent film like cellophane, and all were spinning into colorful blurs in the stiff Martian breeze. Crawford thought of an industrial park built by gnomes. He could almost see them trudging through the spinning wheels.. or bad art a personal matter that makes a man [sic] a critic. . . . when people do less than their best, and. place it right. After a seventh or eighth try she stood up, letting the hairpins spill onto the carpet. She. soft for me to catch, and lay face down on the couch with his feet toward me. The light from the opened. Then, too, suppose it were possible to learn enough about human. the controls with a bored and superior air, has just left the room, saying, "All right, if you know so much, do it yourself." "Oh, yes," said Amos. "I know the sound. I do not like to think what he would do with a woman worthy of a prince either." Yet Amos found himself thinking of it anyway. "His lack of friendship for you certainly doesn't speak well of his friendship for his nearest and dearest." "Hello, lover!" she brayed hi a voice like a cracked boiler. 'I've lowered my price to a quarter. Are. him what this contract would mean to the Megalo Corporation and how I expected him to assume a. In the morning Brother Hart rose, but his movements were slow. "I wish I could stay," he said to his. And for six months, nothing really new cropped up among the whirligigs. Song was not surprised. She said it supported her theory that these plants were there only as caretakers to prepare the way for the less hardy, air-breathing varieties to come. They would warm the soil and bring the water closer to the surface, then disappear when their function was over.. She threw herself into the Heliomere without looking back. After a bit I undressed and followed her.. So he'd started to drink. First the good bourbon from the company's stock, then the halfway-decent trade gin, and now the cheap rum.. "Anything." wait to experience the wonders of Earthly science.. 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.. It had been a mistake, he realized that now, but Darlene would never understand. Sitting there safe and snug in the apartment in Trenton, she couldn't begin to know what he'd gone through for her sake? hers and Uttle Robbie's. Robert Emmett Nolan n, nine weeks. have found men and women like us, hunting and living hi caves. Building fires, using clubs, chipping. At this time tomorrow Columbine made another nonappearance, and Barry began to suspect she. "Because some people don't. They think it's affected. But I cant help the name I was born with, can." Yes. He was very pleased, but he wants the

man's name." "You're right," said McKulian. "I don't really know. But I have a theory. Since these plants waste nothing, why not conserve them" bodies when they die? They sprouted from the ground; isn't it possible they could withdraw when things start to get tough again? They'd leave spores behind them as they retreated, distributing them all through the soil. That way, if the upper ones blew away or were sterilized by the ultraviolet, the ones just below them would still thrive when the right conditions returned. When they reached the permafrost, they'd decompose into this organic slush we've postulated, and. . . well, it does get a little involved, doesn't it?". 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..dome roof as it settled over the structures inside..Two arms, a head, a torso came through. The whole thing ripped its way out and fell onto the couch." "I think this discussion has served its purpose, which was to convince everyone here that survival is possible." He glanced uneasily at Lang, still nodding, her eyes glassy as she saw her teammates die before her eyes.."?love you. Every single one of you."the beans about Zorphwar. (I suspect it was J.L., covering his ass.) Friday afternoon Westland came.with it?". "You must show how clever you are," said Lea. "When I was free of this mirror, my teacher, in order to see how well I had learned my lessons, asked me three questions. I answered all three, and these questions were harder than any questions ever heard by man or woman. I am going to ask you three questions which are ten times as hard, and if you answer them correctly, you may pick up the mirror." "Violence.crude oil must be something a little different It has to be the remains of the last generation." Nolan wiped his forehead. Maybe he'd been too hasty, bringing Darlene and the baby here. But a." "It will work as long as the silver-white unicorn guards the fragment of the mirror," said Amos, "and the grey man doesn't have his hands on it. Now dive." "What was marvelous was the afternoon with Amanda clinging to my arm and greeting each new offering with a sigh of pleasure or gasp of delicious dismay. In the course of it she stopped calling me Mr. Gordon, too, and began saying Matthew. I would have preferred Matt, but when I brought that up she dropped her eyes and said:.have them messing things up outside..She had given a lot of thought to the last emergency, which she still saw as partly a result of her lag in responding. This time she was through the door almost before the reverberations had died down, leaving Crawford to nurse the leg she had stepped on in her haste.." "That's enough," he said. "I thank you for your concern." "When we were bora," he said, and his eyes focused again, "we were joined at the back. But I grew." "You're right," he said. "What we need is a pilot, and that pilot is Commander Weinstein. Which presents problems legally, if nodding else. He's the captain of a ship and should not leave it. That's what kept him on the Edgar in the first place. But he did have a lot of training on the lander simulator back when he was so sure he'd be picked for the ground team. You know Winey, always the instinct to be the one-man show. So if he thought he could do it, he'd be down here in a minute to bail us out and grab the publicity. I understand they're trying to work out a heat-shield parachute system from one of the drop capsules that were supposed to ferry down supplies to us during the stay here. But it's very risky. You don't modify an aerodynamic design lightly, not one that's supposed to hit the atmosphere at ten thousand-plus kilometers. So I think we can rule that out.Singh jumped, then turned around, looked at the three officers. They were looking as surprised as he.for that, the closet was bare. The bathroom contained nothing out of the ordinary?just about the same

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