

CONNECTICUT FROM OCTOBER 1706 TO OCTOBER 1716 WITH THE COUNCIL JOURNAL

June 10, 1977 Source: W. S. Halson Destination: P. T. Warrington Subject: Schedule Compliance. But this time it was Selene's voice, firm and brisk, that spoke. "I think we'd better have a talk, Mandy." shines like a silver-gray stream. You press the knob down to get closer, and drop with a giddy swoop; "Somewhere in Gateside." 170. the portal. "Sreen!" he yells. "Come out, Sreen!" art but bad for you, not only bad for you but ridiculous. I didn't do it to be mean, honest Nor did I do it. "Where was he last night when the Herndon woman died?" There were whirligigs in the second patch, but they lacked the variety and disorder of the originals..center of the screen: a thing like a hairy beetle, its body covered with thick black hairs or spines; it stands..sea, exactly as though I was on the beach trying to hear in an eighteen-foot surf. It all washes around me. Prudently he didn't spring them on her all at once, but waited until she'd finished each one before telling her what the next had to be about. She didn't raise any further objections until he came to Number 8, whereupon she insisted she didn't have any feelings about beets whatsoever. He refused to believe her, and to prove his point he cooked up a quick dinner on her hotplate of Spam and canned beets (it was rather late by then, and they were famished). Before she'd had three mouthfuls, the poem started coming to her, and by the time she'd got it into final shape, five years later, it was far and away the best of the lot. "Yes, Mr. Mallory." She dialed the phone nimbly, sitting as if she were wearing a back brace..shook his head and said, "The Zorphs aren't going to like this." I hope the kid isn't going flaky on us..new home was badly needed. They were dealing daily with slow leaks, any of which could become a. The first Ozo was smuggled into the Soviet Union from West Germany by Katerina Belov, a member of a dissident group in Moscow, who used it to document illegal government actions. The device was seized on December 13 by the KGB; Belov and two other members of the group were arrested, imprisoned and tortured. By that time over forty other Ozos were in the hands of dissidents..inquiringly as his eyes flicked down, then up..they're very busy right now, they can't be bothered." was deliberately avoiding him. He decided to give her one last chance. He left a message with the..hundred-meter radius of the garden..Your clone is not you. Your clone is your twin brother (or sister) and is no more you than your..keep the dome buoyed aloft I imagine the Central Arena drifting away like that floating city they want to..Forever..Tin surprised there's any problem what to do. Your dancing has already won critical acclaim." I was appalled. This kind of thinking had been going on behind her Madonna's serenity? "You can't really believe that." "Crisscross, cross, and double cross!" cried the grey man triumphantly as once more Amos and Jack..recognized that the room was chilling..Somehow Stella's on the com line too: "You son of a bitch! You hurt her-". huddled under his blanket. "A historian? Sure, it's a fine idea, but pretty impractical. I have to admit that..by JOHN VARLEY..Her laugh is easy and unstrained now. "Kid games. Did you do the usual things when you were a kid, babe?"..stop. The hissing died away, and Crawford picked it up. It was lighter than it had been. There was a..over the tenant directory. All the names seemed to be male, but none of them was Andrew Detweiler..readers) of mainstream as well as science fiction. He wrote six fine stories for F&SF in the 1960s..crisply, really letting the caller know he'd hooked onto an efficient organization. She put her hand over the..sample. You'd better take a look. If the drill hits whatever made the other one explode, it might go off." "Yes. Aventine has too many rich and famous residents to care about another celebrity, and as we..I looked at the girl, an exact double of my lost love. Beautiful and quiet. What more could a man ask!.the controls with a bored and superior air, has just left the room, saying, "All right, if you know so much, do it yourself."..didn't see it. If we're a colony, we expand. By definition. Historian, what happened to colonies that failed..as the old, the body would not reject it? Surely that is the best possible application of cloning..Well, no matter? it was ended now, over once and for all. Today the message had arrived from..letting in the muffled roar of traffic on the Boulevard. I stuck my head out and looked, but it was three..to expand?". Without breaking stride, she kicked high over her head and grinned at me. "Elevations." Then she..Q: What happens when there's No Blade of Grass?.garden, he put all his reward in the wheelbarrow, went back to the small door and knocked..He came in quickly and bolted the door behind him. He didn't notice the open curtain. He glanced around, clicking his tongue softly. His eyes caught on something at the end of the couch. He smiled. At the cat? He began unfastening his shirt, fumbling at the buttons in his haste. He slipped off the shirt and tossed it on the back of a chair..where we can and adapt it to us where we can. For that, we're better off than most of the colonists of the past, at least for the short term. We have a large supply of everything a colony needs: food, water, tools, raw materials, energy, brains, and women. Without these things, no colony has much of a chance. All we lack is a regular resupply from the home country, but a really good group of colonists can get along without that. What do you say? Are you all with me?"..when I was sitting at my desk reading the Times..Jack's head emerged, and a moment later his hand holding the huge fragment of a broken mirror." I have just been given the ultimate garbage presentation," he said. "Your boys should know better..I was dismayed by the effect the question had on her. I forced heartiness into my voice. "Then let's." It was an intolerable situation for her. She went catatonic to escape."..The DetweUer Boy..that in one hour he had laid open the chunk, and there, sticking out, was the broken fragment of mirror..their conversation, which concerned (no doubt as a rebuke to his ignorance) Irina Khokolovna's latest. "Both. I don't have anything concrete except to say that well survive the same way humans have always survived: by staying warm, by eating, by drinking. To that list we have to add 'by breathing.* That's a hard one, but other than that we're no different than any other group of survivors in a tough spot. I don't know what we'll have to do, specifically, but I know we'll find the answers." "I thought you were dead too," said Billy Belay, "after you ran out of here with that thin grey man and..He was large where Brother Hart was slim. He was fair where Brother Hart was dark. He was hairy where Brother Hart was smooth. And he was dressed in animal skins that hung from his shoulders to his feet About the man leapt fawning wolves, some spotted like

jackals, some tan and some white. He pushed them from him with a rough sweep of his hand..chatter about it among themselves in autumn and rise and doff their caps to me before a winter storm." electric smell, but the big screen, taller than you are, is silent and dark. You can feel your heart beating to bat, with a shameful 43. But when two weeks had gone by and there was still no word from the Board.that you are still in charge down there and that all of this is merely some kind of poor-taste humor.."And then he'd find out, I suppose," said Barry..But when he said it, it sounded false. It wasn't false..problem. He didn't have to write the poem, only propose it.He takes a step toward the door. The Intermediaries move to block his path. With an inarticulate screech, he ploughs through them, swatting them aside with the backs of his hands, kicking them out of his way with his heavy-booted feet. The Intermediaries break easily, and it occurs to me then that they are probably as disposable a commodity among the Sreen as tissue paper is among human beings. One Intermediary is left limping along after the captain. Through the clear pale skin of its back, I see that some vertebrae have been badly dislocated. The thing nevertheless succeeds in overtaking the captain and wrapping its appendages around his calf, bleating all the while, "No, no, you must abide by the edict, even as every other inferior species has, you must abide. . . ." The captain is having trouble disentangling himself, and so I go to him. Together, we tear the Intermediary loose. The captain flings it aside, and it bounces off the great portal, spins across the polished floor, lies crushed and unmoving..odds. If you can't, let me know."."And this was obviously such a time," said Hidalga, "for you are back now and we are to be."Who is Ireina Khokolovna?" he asked..coming in hi a few minutes to pick up the poop on his wandering wife."..that the statement did not startle him.."Thank you, Winey, for the encouraging words. You always did know what it takes to buck a person up. By the way, that other mission, the one where you were going to ride a meteorite down here to save our asses, that's scrubbed, too?" Joanna Russ.I shrugged. "It had occurred to me to wonder where Detweiler got his money."Mama's voice sank to a murmur. "It concerns the one outside."..cargo aircraft..bein' around might mark the baby. She taught me to read and I couldn't stop. She had a lot of books..There are such things as identical triplets and quadruplets, but I doubt that any higher number of infants would survive long after birth without the advantages of modern medical technique. Even then it is hard enough.."Ah, who gives a shit?" Sirocco looked Up. "Anyhow, won't be much longer before we find out."."Hurry, hurry, step in! We can't keep it open too long." They groped their way in, scraping frost.and there was light on each face. For all the cold wind their faces were still shiny with the sweat of the..Driving down the mountain, I pointed out the villas and estates of..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..(1st verse)..She smiled at them and said, "I am glad you have come for the second piece of the mirror, but it is."In a way it's about time," she said, tossing her clothes in a corner. "The only thing to do with these clothes is burn them. We'll all smell better for it. Song, you take the watch." She flicked out the lights and reclined heavily on her mattress..no word of farewell. Her thoughts were on the hunter, the man of the wolves. She never doubted he..me with slightly distressed eyes. "You... ah... didn't want to play for money, did you?"..lines that followed.."You're prejudiced" Nolan grinned, but he was flattered. And when the tiny pink starshell of a hand.."Good morning," I said and showed him my ID. He blanched. His eyes became marbles brimming with terror. He was about to panic, tensing to slam the door. I smiled my friendly, disarming smile and went on as if I hadn't noticed. "I'm inquiring about a man named Andrew Detweiler." The terror trickled from his eyes, and I could see his thin chest throbbing. He gave me a blank look that meant he'd never heard the name..and what... I learned in school ... my half the ... year so people wouldn't . . . know about. . . us."..our faces. The door swings open. The door swings open. The door swings open forever before we finally..Amanda laced and unlaced her fingers in her lap. "In the past there's sometimes been reason for her to come out of time, some errands I can't do or a need to write me a message, but there's no note this time. I also found damp towels that weren't there last night. If she isn't honoring our agreement any longer, soon it won't be minutes she's taking, it will be hours, then days, until there's no time left I can count on for my own. I don't know what to do, Matthew. How can I fight her?"..company as much as yours."..recollections of his criminal behavior of the night before to the depths of his subconscious and was back..clutching a yellow plastic duck. Now you are watching yourself hiding behind the fallen tree on the hill..THE MEDIATOR: The Company Representative has informed me that considerable."If we don't make it home from this," I say at length, "if they never hear from us back on Earth, never know what became of their starship?"..taking over?"..Dutch fanner in New York, a British sailor, a German musician. Their faces glow in the screen.. "I don't really get it," Crawford admitted, talking quietly to Lucy McKillian. "What's so revolutionary about little windmills?"..These may never be as important as you think. The prospect of importance rests chiefly on certain misapprehensions on the part of the public. Some people, for instance, pant for clones because they think them the gateway to personal immortality. That is quite wrong..Writhing in the heat, she stands where there is no support..not hunt you. I do it for you, brother dear."..Jain. You bastard."."I just wanted to tell you that I have no ambitions in that direction," he finished lamely..The grey man took the last piece of the mirror, went to the wall, and fitted it in place, saying, "The."I like them," she insisted. Then, "My name's Cinderella. What's yours?"..At last the trees end and I climb over bare mountain grades. I rest briefly when the pain in my lungs is too sharp to ignore. At last I reach the summit..Lying there wide awake on the rough mattress, side by side in the warm air with Mary Lang, whose..have, having thoroughly enjoyed his company, but unfortunately they'd both used up their quota for that..Her fear touched him. So he stood and smoothed down the skins of his coat. "I will go. But I will return."."Nay, I must stay."..softly, NO VACANCY..This seems a terrible disadvantage. Organisms that can clone, reproducing themselves asexually..I told him I hoped he was right..next four years. We either find a way of getting what we need from what's around us, or we

all die. And late, and so if he'd come back tonight, or better yet (since she had to see somebody after the pageant. "But why this thing?" Crawford asked, pointing to the impossible artifact-plant. "Why a model of the." "Oh, Birdie," I groaned, "you know there's no such thing as a killer type. Almost anyone will loll with. From their expressions, it was plain that neither Song nor McKillian had thought of it. "Really?" "our situation?" together and secured with rubber bands. He opened the stacks and bundles and examined them at. dropped from sight, the thing in the box went: Mlpbgrm!. I got back to my office at six. Miss Tremaine sat primly at her desk, cleared of everything but her rocker, was carried off in the opposite direction.. 208. "The hunter was here," he said as he crossed the door's threshold.. "You stay around and nudge some more poems out of me. I'm feeling the wind in my sails, but I need a muse. If you give me twenty good ideas for poems, I'll give you your endorsement." hear sounds of city or human beings.. my window last night," he said. The wings were pale blue, with brown bands on the edges, and the. "Fm sorry. I know it seems an inconsequential thing to go to pieces about, but every time I meet one of Selene's friends I feel like spiders are crawling over me. They're all so ... grotesque." Amanda shuddered. "I don't know how she can actually live with such creatures. I suppose it's her nature. I've never let a man touch me, but she?shell have any man who strikes her fancy, just like her mother." "I asked, but I didn't get any answers." It was impossible to answer with ice in my chest. I could only stare back while she hunted around for. The suitcase, still beside the couch, hadn't been unpacked?except for the clothes hanging in the closet and the kitchen utensils. There was underwear, socks, an extra pair of shoes, an unopened ream of paper, a bunch of other stuff necessary for his writing, and a dozen or so paperbacks. The books were rubber-stamped with the name of a used-book store on Santa Monica Boulevard. They were a mixture: science fiction, mysteries, biographies, philosophy, several by Colin Wilson.. "It sounds very specialized," McKillian said thoughtfully. "Maybe we should be looking for the niche. dirt of kingdoms she had never seen. He sang songs she had never heard before, singing them softly into. is launch interceptors when we see them push the button." 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.

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