

TOWN IN A CINNAMON TOAST

usually found in the Mediterranean races. His hair wasn't quite black. It wasn't exactly long and it wasn't his big black trunk. He told us terrible stories of the places he intended to go. And you just up and went. "When we were bora," he said, and his eyes focused again, "we were joined at the back. But I grew and he didn't. He stayed little bitty, like a baby riding around on my back. People didn't like me ... us, they were afraid. My father and mother too. The old witch-woman I told you about, she birthed us. She seemed always to be hanging around. When I was eight, my parents died in a fire. I think the witch-woman did it. After that I lived with her. She was demented, but she knew medicine and healing. When we were fifteen. "I swear, man, if you had touched me with a cattle prod you couldn't have got a bigger rise out of me. 122. under the proper circumstances. They're probably from the Blue Orion Theatre up the street Would you like to see the show there tonight?" "I've got a car; we're going away." "at a grey spider web that spread from the limb of a tree above them to a vine creeping on the ground, copy certain genetic material if they encountered any. Take a look at that pipe behind you." Singh turned. encore, but that's just it: they, shouldn't want one. They shouldn't need one. "No. She was a dumpty brunette." The two of them had managed to salvage most of the dome. Working with patching kits and lasers to. Tom Rcamy. They circled so high they cleared the clouds, and once again the stars were like diamonds dusting the velvet night. He flew so long that at last the sun began to shoot spears of gold across the horizon; and when the ball of the sun had rolled halfway over the edge of the sea, he settled one foot on a crag to the left, his other foot on the pinnacle to the right, and bent down and set them on the tallest peak in the middle. No good-bys. I know I'm canned. When I go into the Denver Alpertron office in another day and a. not mysterious. We see an analogy on the social plane. I am a highly specialized individual who can. his device was sharp and bright When he varied the inputs to the components in a certain way, the bright. "I think I see you." The enormity of it was just striking him. He kept his voice under tight control, as. last election, extolling the senatorial virtues of her father. "I'm Amanda Gail. I wired you about renting a. rock one moment, then tried to jerk them loose the next The rope was very useful indeed, and neither. "No way," she says. "He didn't and he won't. He doesn't like what I do." I can't think of anything to say now. After a while Jain rescues me, "It isn't your hassle, and it isn't mine anymore." There were straps across his chest. "It is safer," Michelle said, "to work through a professional introduction service than to try and peddle. basis for The Omega Man with Charlton Heston. In this case, an earlier film from the same source was. "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." conditioned by a lifetime of fighting her way to the top. It took root in her again and pulled her erect on. have its belief in such creatures? Could there be some grotesque, distorted element of truth behind all. people. For them to have, in effect, sabotaged such a noble undertaking is, frankly, wouldn't believe it. But it's more than just things that're different. People are different, think different?. in the cell under all the grey blankets. In the morning, when the sailor had come to exchange clothes, Jack. "I do know enough to know the Edgar is not equipped for an atmosphere entry. My idea was, not to. On Christmas Eve, feeling sad and sentimental, he got out the old cassettes he and Debra had made on their honeymoon. He played them on the TV, one after the other, all through the night, waring mellow and mellow and wishing she were here. Then, hi February, when the world had once again refused to end, she did come home, and for several days it was just as good as anything on the cassettes. They even, for a wonder, talked to each other. He told her about his various encounters in pursuit of his endorsements, and she told him about the Grand Canyon, which had taken over from the end of the world as her highest mythic priority. She loved the Grand Canyon with a surpassing love and wanted Barry to leave his job and go with her to live right beside it Impossible, he declared. He'd worked eight years at Citibank and accrued important benefits. He accused her of concealing something. Was there some reason beyond the Grand Canyon for her wanting to move to Arizona? She insisted it was strictly the Grand Canyon, that from the first moment she'd seen it she'd forgotten all about Armageddon, the Number of the Beast, and -all the other accoutennments of the Apocalypse. She couldn't explain: he would have to see it himself. By the time he'd finally agreed to go there on his next vacation, they had been talking, steadily, for three hours! "A Toyota." moved across the room to stand staring down at him on the bed. Then, as she sank upon his nakedness. PHsmatica. 56. educated guesses from time to time about the tastes of some groups of readers. Editors must, such. lights, sound, color, and all the rest of the systems. Finally some nameless tech comes on circuit to give. clutching a yellow plastic duck. Now you are watching yourself hiding behind the fallen tree on the hill, "Enough to get by." I smiled. "Hello, I'm Bert Mallory. I just moved in to number five. Miss Nesbitt tells me you like to play gin." Another section opened up and they stepped through it After three more gates were passed, the. "Hello, lover!" she brayed hi a voice like a cracked boiler. I've lowered my price to a quarter. Are. touch, then buried her face against my shoulder. At the station, waiting for the train to come in, she sat up. "We sure did, and we were lucky to have Marty Ralston along. He kept telling us the fruits in the. "It pays the bills, Harry. Besides, there aren't enough Maltese falcons to go around." Honuft This corner of hell, where die drums dinned and the shadows leaped and capered before nickered fires?. down the mountain for several minutes. When she turns back toward me, her eyes are softer and there's. Q: When was this picture taken?. "The most unique collection of architecture in the world." Hinda's hand went to her mouth.. months, Fve never seen her get op before noon on a concert day. That kind of sleep-in routine would kill me. I was out of bed by eight this morning, partly because Fve got to get this console modified by showtime, and partly because I didn't feel like being in the star's bed when she woke up.. I've known the question would come, though I hadn't known who'd articulate it? her or me. My. world as her highest mythic priority. She loved the

Grand Canyon with a surpassing love and wanted."How can you prove you are really you?" returned the Wind..was a sailor splicing a rope..She looked back without stopping. "If you like. I'd like having."What you can do with your stickers," Barry said resolutely, "is stick them up your ass. Your asses.,I drive west, away from the soiled towers of the strip-city. I drive beyond the colstrip pits and into the mountains until the paved highway becomes narrow asphalt and then rutted earth and then only a trace, and the car can go no further. With the metal cylinder in one hand I flee on foot until I no longer hear sounds of city or human beings..chatter about it among themselves in autumn and rise and doff their caps to me before a winter storm..".marks a leader. She took a deep breath and came fully awake for the first time that day..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..time. They always go away..".Amanda backed as she spoke, until she was stopped by a wall. The polycarpet extending up the..stick together when the chips are down..The door starts to swing back on noiseless hinges, and a breath of cold, unbelievably cold air touches."Ken and Nell, you come down ahead of him by the springhouse. Wanda, you and Tim and Jean."About as far as you can get without comin? out the other side. Did you know most of the people."You wouldn't believe me if I told you," said Amos, "for you are always saying you take no man's.I waited and waited and never did hear a shot..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..for a pair, since people with two blanks to fill could be presumed to be that much more desperate. Due."All right," he said. "Write a poem about how much you're in love with me..club and the blight spreading down Melrose from Western Avenue. It tries to give the impression of..standing, shooting the breeze with Ike. He had pink cheeks, with jowls to match, and a big blunt nose..on "bodily functions," but why was shitting worse than sneezing?.than you did with what you said a few minutes ago. Do I dare ask?". "Smart thinking," said Venerate. "Now how do I get this game HBrted?".?Mary H. Schaub."We're doing some diving off Catalina tomorrow. Want to come along?".Ents (or his other bucolic-comic creations) are as empty-sublime as the Big People's heroics. But I agree."Andy?" He frowned slightly. "Come on in. I'm David Fowler." He held out his hand..driving..?This way," she said, beckoning them into a tunnel formed from more strips of plastic. They twisted..didn't have a prayer..it to produce these messages as a practical joke. If this is the case, correct the situation immediately and..her for some distance were empty, she should keep her doors locked. I also promised to call her the next..at the rail; now he sees that the woman has a child hi her arms. The child struggles, drops over the rail..You should have insisted on dinner last night. Playing hostess for the Senator never included kitchen duty. Help Mandy get a meal subscription..was a stray puppy..". "Well, you see, Dr. Kolodny, what she believes is that the end of the world is about to happen. Next.were secure. The crew was enjoying the luxury of sleeping without their suits..phone call and what I'd found..to see if the names were in alphabetical order..windsock and open cockpit, this one was a mad confusion of dials, switches, and lights designed to awe.deluxe (but not customized) sports car..I was appalled. This kind of thinking had been going on behind her Madonna's serenity? "You can't really believe that..".always survived: by staying warm, by eating, by drinking. To that list we have to add 'by breathing?. "Do you mind my giving you some honest advice, Barry??.a woman worthy of a prince..".members of the expedition were sleeping. The blowout was over in ten seconds, and she then had the..frustration to both groups. There was a great deal of irony hi having two such powerful ships so close to..Chills..then proceeds to divide and become an independent organism, again a kind of clone..spinning into colorful blurs in the stiff Martian breeze. Crawford thought of an industrial park built by."I know," she sighed, "but I still can't believe it" She tapped her scarlet fingernails on the dolled..ears strained for the signs of his approach. There were none..My face must betray my confusion. I don't know how I should react..back to the prince's side and wheeled the barrow to the middle of the room..round opening in the trunk: Fulrmp, Melrulf, Ulfmpkgrumfl.Michelle MacKinnon leaned across the coffee table that separated the blue settee from Barry's armchair and gave him a sound motherly smack on the cheek. "Wonderful! That's the way to meet a challenge ?head on! You're bound to pass. After all, you've had three months of practice. You've become much more fluent these past months..".by ISAAC ASIMOV."You must have quite an artists' colony here," Amanda said, looking over the collection. She ran a."A little higher, please..". "When I couldn't get her to answer my knock last night, I went around to the window and looked in..misapprehensions on the part of the public. Some people, for instance, pant for clones because they think.From Competition 13: Excerpts from myopic early sf novels.more of Amanda, but I was puzzled by the notes..".Reading's dead-on. Give me a few more tracks..".same slow and steady motion, on across the sunlit pasture where two saddle horses stand with their..clever enough to know that when a husband and wife agree, it means a long and happy marriage is..It seemed self-evident to him that nobody in his right mind would want to get killed, or to be sent to places he'd never heard of by people he'd never met in order to kill other people he didn't know. Therefore nobody in his right mind would be in the Army. But since the Army was full of people whom it had judged to be acceptably sane and normal, it seemed to follow that the Army's ideas of what was normal had to be very strange. Now, to transfer into something like Engineering seemed on the face of it to be a perfectly natural, reasonable, constructive, and desirable thing to want to do. And that seemed enough to guarantee that the Army would find the request unreasonable and him unsuitable..Relief flooded me. "Then she's still alive..".?ready. How about you?".live. I've heard it before. That's a male-oriented way to look at it, Crawford." She was regaining her..neat, orderly rows. The long, narrow grounds were immaculate with a lot of succulents that looked like.Paramount once Loew's, now Downtown Cinema (or something) at the west end got good openings..A tremor of heartfelt emotion colored her lovely contralto voice as she said, "Oh Jesus, what am I going..Jane Yolen's classic fantasy tales have been appearing

in F&SF since 1976. She is the author. She scooted up beside me, keeping the sheet over her breasts, and tamed on the light. She rummaged around on the nightstand for a cigarette. "Who wants to divorce him?". While she was stuffing Nakamura into his suit, Crawford arrived. He had walked over the folds of plastic until he reached the dormitory, then sliced through it with his laser normally used to vaporize rock samples. "Get out of my way.". At the cabin she said, "I'm sorry I was poor company.". "Hello, Robbie?". thousand more went to Europe, South and Central America, and the Middle East.. price, if Barry were interested.. sidewalk. Going to Selma or the Boulevard to turn a trick and make a few extra bucks. Lorraine must. *Td love to." She looked at me through her lashes. "I can't think when I've enjoyed another man's company as much as yours.". "How far in did you live?". "I like your shoes," she said.. BURROUGH'S Ant Tarzan and the Men

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