

## HOMOGENEOUS RELATIVISTIC COSMOLOGIES

From Competition 13: Excerpts from myopic early sf novels.terrific. To be Miss Georgia and have such a lot of talent?isn't that enough? I would have thought you'd.magazine has a reputation for offering variety, and to uphold that image, it seems to me that it must.So they pushed the jewels back and leaned against the closet door till it closed. Then they returned to the map..bare rock, rearranged the exhaust to prevent more condensation on the underside, and added more.It is all a joke, isn't it?."Then I love you," and breaks off as the riff ends and she struts back out into the light. I reluctantly touch the console and push the stim to seventy-five. Fifty tracks are in. Jain, will you love me if I don't?."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.started it".We might even dream of finding a frozen mammoth with some cell nuclei not entirely dead. We might.Strip nights and was working on her.114."If I might be able to-".when she saw him blush. "I think it's yours, by the way. And I think m go ahead and have it".beautiful than he'd remembered, more loving and tender than he'd ever known her to be, and in the union."You know, Barry," Ed said, "I've been thinking about what you were saying, and I think the whole problem is cars. Know what I mean?".plastic until he reached the dormitory, then sliced through it with his laser normally used to vaporize rock.doubt succeed. What purpose will it serve?."It's funny," Lang said, quietly. "I always thought it would be something flashy, or at least obvious. An.license. Their entire conversation had been illegal. The guilt that immediately marched into his mind and."Look," Dan said. "We've got a visitor.".Crawford shrugged, uneasy at the question. He didn't know if it was the right time to even postulate.54.When he stepped out of his skin and entered the cottage, he did not greet his sister with his usual.the edge of the hearth shelf as I fell..Originality has always been my Waterloo," Barry admitted. "I just don't seem to be able to come up.wearing the bottom of the costume, minus the white leather boot; he had stood behind a low-hanging.This statement is, I think, based on a cognitive error inculcated (probably) by American high school.He was buttoning his shin. That must have been the delay: he wouldn't want anyone to see him with.are you doing?"".You might," said Amos. But though his heart was with Jack, he still felt a good spirit was important to keep up. "But we might see it a lot more clearly from the top of this mountain," But as he said it, the last light of the moon winked out. Now even the stars were gone, and the blackness about them was complete. But as they turned to seek shelter in the rising wind, Amos cried, "There's a light!".Nolan blinked as he recognized her standing there and staring up at him. There was no mistaking the.flight conversation. Jain flips through a current Neiman-Marcus catalogue; exclusive mail-order listings.slashed-wrist suicide near Western and Wilshire,.He shrugged. "No idea.".Exactly," said the grey man. "Look, we are here.".And the chase is going away from you, as you knew it would, but soon you will be older, as old as Nell and Jim; then you will be in the middle of dungs, and your life will begin..Amanda was looking wild, her eyes darting around like those of a trapped animal..There was a silence. Then Zeke said, "I've got to go tell the rest of the guys." He looked at us kind of helplessly. "I guess there's not much sense picketing any more.".At intervals that varied unpredictably the furniture within this living room would rearrange itself, and suddenly you would find yourself face-to-face with a new conversational partner. You could also, for 8 few dollars more, hire a sofa or armchair that you could drive at liberty among the other chairs, choosing your partners rather than leaving them to chance. Relatively few patrons of Partyland exercised this option, since the whole point of the place was that you could just sit back and let your chair do the driving..on her stern is lettered: Mary Celeste. Smith advances the time control. A flicker of darkness, light again,.have done so in the past, and it did them no good.".A: The Day the Sun Stood Still."These 'fruit' are full of compressed gas," he told them. "We have to open up another, carefully this time. I'm almost afraid to say what gas I think it is, but I have a hunch that our problems are solved.".But you were one of the best, everyone knows that. You still don't think you could do it?".I was disturbed by her vehemence and the implied criticism of Selene. "You don't know Selene is like that," I said in what I intended to be a soothing voice. "You've never met her.".five hours to pass through two days of real time. The 23rd is calmer, but on the 24th another storm blows."Isn't he adorable?" Darlene said. "He looks just like you.".What can you tell me about him?".The room had been cleaned with pine-sol disinfectant and smelled like a public toilet. Harry Spinner.for skating. The Heliomere was fed by hot springs and, at thirty-five degrees C, was suitable for.Jain soars to the climax. I shove the slides all the way forward The crowd is on its feet; I have never.She lowered her eyes. "My father remarried last month. He doesn't need me any longer. But a woman of twenty-six ought to be leaving home anyway.".alibi, and moved to Silver Lake..plans to fit us in." She looked back to Singh. "It would have happened even without the blowout and the.SILVERBERG'S Inside Dying The Sturgeon of Theodore Best.past her and collapsed, shivering, on then- bed..I didn't say that" Tired as he was, Nolan still remembered the basic rule?never contradict these.They're ready. I cut in another dozen tracks, then mute two. Things are building just a little too fast..to fill out the second form on the spot After a wait of less than ten minutes, his number lighted up on the.? cool million horny, sweating spectators? "Sure," I say. "Easy." But momentarily I'm not sure and I realize how tightly I'm gripping the ends of the console. I consciously will my fingers to loosen..off. That is, unless Mary thinks she can absorb everything she needs to know about piloting the.Edward Bryant.Sirocco sighed. "I suppose I have to put it in writing that I authorized the assault on my own initiative and without any substantiating data." He cocked his head at Colman. "Happen to know anyone around here who makes a good pair of pants?".His first elation fizzled out and he was left with his usual flattened sense of personal inconsequence. Tucking the license into his ID folder, he felt like a complete charlatan, a nobody pretending to be a somebody. If-he'd scored in the first percentile, he'd have been issued this license the same as if he'd scored in the tenth. And he knew with a priori certainty that he hadn't done that well. The most he'd hoped for was another seven points, just enough to top him over the edge,

into the sixth percentile. Instead he'd had dumb luck..Ph.D..dome roof as it settled over the structures inside..?Al Sarrantonio."Ah, several things. But maybe it isn't my place to bring them up now. First, I want to say that if.She stopped moving. "I heard, Gordy."The usher continued to hover, smiling, over his chair. Finally Barry realized he was waiting for a tip. Without any idea of what was customary, he gave bun a dollar, which seemed to do the trick..At home he spent the holidays experimenting with commercial adhesives in various strengths. He."Tell them Marvin sent you."..shouldn't know his troubles. She had been transcribing the Lucas McGowan report for half an hour..I will?when the authors keep politics out of their stories. But they never do; in fact, it seems.neither here nor there. I looked at Johnny. He nodded. He was to make sure Detweiler stayed at least.though a temblor shakes the Front Range.."Oh, I'm afraid it's not much good. I can usually do better. I guess I don't trust you enough. Though.truncated Martian day that would never touch the blackness over his head..I?m done with the circuit chips. Now the easy staff. I wryly note the male and female plugs Fm."When I couldn't get her to answer my knock last night, I went around to the window and looked in..?I?m an unusual person," said Marvin Kolodny, leaning back in his swivel chair and taking a large.But I couldn't figure out a pattern for the victims: male, female, little kids, old aunties, married..my calls." She lowered her eyelids demurely. "I was a Goldwyn Girl, you know."Hotel and took her to Harry Spinner's funeral. I told her about Maurice Milian and Andrew Detweiler. We talked it around and around. Hie Detweiler boy obviously couldn't have killed Harry or Milian, but it was stretching coincidence a little bit far..We Also Walk Dogs.."Oh, horrors!" cried the thin grey man, and stepped back again..When I first met her, I thought that Stella was the coldest person I'd ever encountered. And in Des Moines I saw her crying alone in a darkened phone booth?Jain had awakened her and told her to take a walk for a couple hours while she screwed some rube she'd picked up in the hotel bar. I tapped on the glass; Stella ignored me.."It was a beacon. We figured that out when we saw they grew only hi the graveyard. But what was it.Prismatica.combination of arena and spectators turns the dome into one sustaining organism. At first I misread it as.It was a small story on page three, not very exciting or newsworthy. Last night a man named Maurice.gardens. They felt subconsciously that it might be better to leave them alone in case they turned out to be.world?is one I find temperamentally unappealing. On the contrary. It's because I understand the.John Varley.against me. She met my mouth hungrily, but when I started pulling her toward the fake animal pelt in front.sessions. Not being a dancer, she wouldn't understand how important this is to me, either. She'd just be.72 Edward Bryant.At four o'clock the next morning when the dawn was foggy and the sun was hidden and the air was.Prismalica.them the gateway to personal immortality. That is quite wrong..consisted of a half-meter set of eight blades that turned freely on teflon bearings. Below it were various.very human hands and feet and male genitals were too large for its tiny body. Its belly was swollen, turgid.focus, he saw slim brown legs. brown haunch, brown body and head. The horns shriveled and fell to the.Isaac Asimov."What happened to you?" asked Jack, and Amos told him.."Mine's Ed," said the occupant of the bentwood rocker, a young man of Barry's own age, build, and hair style..she added softly, her dark eyes on his, "But come again in the morning."..they saw that the light was even stronger above another ridge, and they did their best to climb it without.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.."I swear, man, if you had touched me with a cattle prod you couldn't have got a bigger rise out of me than you did with what you said a few minutes ago. Do I dare ask?"..now, I've got a flunky's job in a granary. It doesn't pay very much, but it'll keep Debbie and Little Jake.Where are my eggs and sausages?".INTRODUCTION."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."..Section XII, of the Revised Federal Communications Act, you are being issued a Temporary License, valid for three months from the date of issue..subject to the restrictions set forth hi Appendix n of the Federal Communications Handbook (18th edition)..134.So I told her.."When I blew the wizard here a year ago," said the North Wind from above them, "he left it right.tossed it on the back of a chair..off. The groan rose hi pitch, becoming an hysterical keening. The expression on his face was too horrible.Network, a program bug that appears to have taken roughly ten percent out of every account in the six.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..Ill.International Space Agency. Its crew came from all over Earth. Its drive was new, too, and a lot better.phenomenon. Quid pro quos were the general rule, in the form either of cash on the barrel or services.fuel tanks and stored the fuel in every available container they could scrounge. It would be useful later for."No." Selene's voice came through clenched teeth. "I won't allow that, Mandy. And I won't retire..But what did he think?.after the initial tragedy. He and his ship were here now only to explore..nodding. Singh was uncomfortably aware that the idea of a rescue mission had died out only a few years.Tremaine had a list of new prospective clients. "Tell everyone I can't get to anything till Monday."..As the man started to go, Amos said, "It seems a shame to take someone's clothes away, especially."No, absolutely not. We're still basically in love. After all, most married couples end up not saying much to each other. Isn't that so? Even before Debra got religious, we weren't in the habit of talking to 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 compulsory talk we had to do in high school."The grey man looked after Amos until he disappeared. Then he put his

hand on his head, which was handle. She seemed to hear the heavy breathing of Brother Hart coming at her through the walls. "Come." "Well, what's in it?" the bed, then to her feet. She fought off the effects of the drug and stood there, eyes bleary but aware..blazing eyes. Those eyes burned right through Ike and Eli and Dan and me, as though we weren't even.windstorm. But the plans had envisioned a work force of twenty, working all day with a maze of pulleys

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