

## CRITIC VOL 30 FOR JULY AUGUST SEPTEMBER OCTOBER NOVEMBER AND DEC

A sponge, or a freshwater hydra, or a flatworm, or a starfish can, any of them, be torn into parts and. Amanda's charming acquiescence. And I never ceased to be fascinated by the difference between. Robert F. Young has written thirty-nine stories for F&SF over the years, and we can think of only three writers who have contributed as much fiction as Mr. Young (Poul Andersen, A warn Davidson, and Ron Goulart). A Robert Young story is always a pleasure because its high quality is as predictable as its subject matter is unpredictable. Here he gives us the real story behind why a certain tower in Babylon was never finished and why all great builders, from Nebuchadnezzar to Moses (Robert), have such a rough time.. away at its creeping pace, and hurried off to find Song.. "The map says so," said the grey man. And sure enough, in large green letters one corner of the map was marked: HERE.. "I just want to point out that instead of an expedition, we are now a colony. Not in the usual sense of.. \*Td rather not talk about it over the phone. Can you come over?". Pramatica by Samuel R. Delany 243. "Lucy, listen to yourself.. people or make fun of their superstitions. And be couldn't afford to alienate Mama now. "I shall take. 'Tve come to help you," she said. "You have gotten two thirds of the broken mirror. Now you must get the last piece..". "Very well," said Amos a third time.. emerged that for most of her childhood, Amanda Selene Gail had been two personalities, Amanda Gail. bank statement She dropped it on the desk with a papery plop. "Don't worry," I assured her, "I won't. The Almsbury was half a dozen blocks away on Yucca. So I walked. It was a rectangular monolith about eight stories tall, not real new, not too old, but expensive-looking. The small terraces protruded in neat, orderly rows. The long, narrow grounds were immaculate with a lot of succulents that looked like they might have been imported from Mars. There were also the inevitable palm trees and clumps of bird of paradise. A small, discrete, polished placard dangled in a wrought-iron frame proclaiming, ever so softly, NO VACANCY.. "Good evening," said Amos. "I'm exploring the ship and I have very little time. I have to be up at four o'clock in the morning. So can you tell me what I must be sure to avoid because it would be so silly and uninteresting that I would learn nothing from it?". He nodded. 'I use another name. You probably wouldn't know it either. It's not exactly a household word." His eyes said he'd really rather not tell me what it was. He had a slight accent, a sort of soft slowness, not exactly a drawl and not exactly Deep South. He shoved the typewriter over and pulled out a deck of cards.. "Good," said Amos. "Oh, but one more thing. You say it is windy there. I shall need a good supply of.. "Which," said Lea, "can be stated as: 'I've done it.' Roughly speaking..". "Aw, Aunt Ellie!". After the meeting a bunch of us stopped in The Fig Leaf for a few beers. I was still there when Ike got off picket duty and dropped by. I told him about the package and he agreed it was a nice one. By that time the drinks were coming pretty fast, and an argument had broken out down the bar between one of the bricklayers and one of the brickmakers about the free foot clinic. The bricklayer said that if they were going to furnish a free foot clinic, they should furnish a free hand clinic too, because a bricklayer was as liable to develop arthritis in his hands as a brickmaker was in his feet and in addition was performing a much more essential task. The brickmaker asked him how he'd perform it without the bricks the brickmakers made and said he'd like to see him slog around in mud and straw eight hours a day and see how his feet felt come quitting time. The bricklayer said that where he came from the women did the slogging, and the brickmaker said that that was just the kind of a place a labor-faker like him would come from. Somebody broke it up just in time.. Sitting on the floor huddled in a blanket was Martin Ralston, the chemist His shirt was bloody, and joined them as they lay her on the bunk.. foredoomed.. "I think so," said Amos. "But that is a terribly grey swamp. I might blend into the scenery so completely I might never get out of it again..". "I'm not going to get out of your way, and I tell you, don't do it Not now and not later..". "And three and a half for the pair," Jason added. "And that is a rock-bottom offer. You won't do better anywhere else..". general inefficiency down to the detailed operation of the Computer Center. Someone immediately spilled.. wouldn't notice. I went back to the closet and waited.. "No one is paying you to find this Detweiler person, are they?". talk to Commander Lang. Have her come up." The voice of Mission Commander Weinstein was.. negotiations.. "Like what?". haven't the foggiest idea..". an old wound, crusted but clean. The slash on the right was new, and from it blood still dripped.. "We're doing some diving off Catalina tomorrow. Want to come along?". branch so the grey man had not been able to see him from the waist up.. So there we are? a nice symbolic obtuse triangle. And yet? We're all just one happy show-biz family.. Notes of the Language of Science Fiction). He has not written much short fiction recently, and so.. "I do hope you aren't going to say it was me, not with a chair adapted to Selene right beside you..". The man neither spoke nor rose but stared at her face.. Q: Where can you watch As the World Turns?. Nolan shuddered. That's what she was; an animal. In repose, the lithe brown body was grotesquely.. "It would be all right for a while," she recalled. "But the pressure would build until I had to go out and find someone to talk to. It is a basic human need, after all. Perhaps the basic need. I had no choice..". "Come on," said Amos, "just a little way. . .". hard into the webbing, you can just make me out. FU wave my arms. See?". our lighter forms of entertainment. I presume you are referring to something in the nature of a Music Hall.. last of the Zorph fleet The Admiral turned around grinning like a child of ten who has found a pony under.. senseless, gesture of defiance.. Have you noticed how often people say "I feel" instead of "I think" or (God forbid) "I know"? Kids.. endorsement?". The North Wind rumbled to himself for a while and at last confessed: "But no one has ever seen the.. In fact, the controls on this machine are unfamiliar, die little viewers you have used all your life have only one knob, for nearer or farther? to move up/down, or left/right, you just point the viewer where you want to see. This machine has dials and little windows with numbers in them, and switches and pushbuttons, most of which you don't understand, but you know they are for special purposes and don't matter. The main control is a metal rod, right in front of you, with a gray plastic knob on the top. The knob is dull from years of handling; it feels warm and a little greasy in your hand. The

console has a funny electric smell, but the big screen, taller than you are, is silent and dark. You can feel your heart beating against your breastbone. You grip the knob harder, push it forward just a little. The screen lights, and you are drifting across the next room as if on huge silent wheels, chairs and end tables turning into reddish silhouettes that shrink, twist and disappear as you pass through them, and for a moment you feel dizzy because when you notice the red numbers jumping in the console to your left, it is as if the whole house were passing massively and vertiginously through itself; then you are floating out the window with the same slow and steady motion, on across the sunlit pasture where two saddle horses stand with their heads up, sniffing the wind; then a stubbled field, dropping away; and now, below you, the co-op road shines like a silver-gray stream. You press the knob down to get closer, and drop with a giddy swoop; now you are rushing along the road, overtaking and passing a yellow truck, turning the knob to steer. At first you blunder into the dark trees on either side, and once the earth surges up over you in a chaos of writhing red shapes, but now you are learning, and you soar down past the crossroads, up the farther hill, and now, now you are on the big road, flying eastward, passing all the cars, rushing toward the great world where you long to be..55.)gate, limping a little the way all brickmakers do, and shouting, "Did you hear? Did you hear? The blossoms, the purple fruit on the branches, the orange melons on the vines. The most annoying thing of. I'm not disturbing you, am I? I heard the typewriter." The room was indeed identical to mine, though it looked a hundred per cent more livable. I couldn't put my finger on what he had done to it to make it that way. Maybe it was just the senudarkness. He had the curtains tightly closed and one lamp lit beside the typewriter..the woods. His animals were at his heels..Jack gazed out at the moon and sighed. "If it were daylight, I wonder could I see all the way to the Far Rainbow from here." THE ORGANIZER: Very well. But keep in mind that the typical member of Local 209 is concerned solely with how much his efforts will net him, not with the use to which their end result will be put.It was a sad Amos who wandered through those bright piles of precious gems that glittered and gleamed about him. The walls were much too high to climb and they went all the way around. Being a clever man, Amos knew there were some situations in which it was a waste of wit to try and figure a way out. So, sadly, he picked up a small wheelbarrow lying on top of a bill of rubies and began to fill his pockets with pearls. When he had hauled up a cauldron full of literature or the standards of criticism outside our own small field. Add to this the defensiveness so many get that data into the computer pronto..To Your Broadcast Bodies, Get Yourselves, PHILIP JOSE FARMER.all that, even if you don't have to worry about him..The next morning I staggered out of bed at 6 A.M. I took a cold shower, shaved, dressed, and put.It reached its too-large hand up and caught hold of Detweiler's belt It pulled its bloated body up with the nimbleness of a monkey and crawled onto the boy's back. Detweiler was breathing heavily, clasping and unclasping his fingers on the arm of the couch.."I have been Miss Georgia six nights a week for the last four years, with matinees on Sunday and Tuesday, and do you suppose in all that time that the audience has ever voted for me to be Miss America? Ever?"..and adapt it to us where we can. For that, we're better oft than most of the colonists of the past, at least.I See You by Damon Knight 1."I am very anxious to see you at the happiest moment of your life," said Amos. "But you still haven't told me what you and your nearest and dearest friend expect to find in the mirror.".."When I blew the wizard here a year ago," said the North Wind from above them, "he left it right."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."..come early to exercise."..Nolan turned and glanced at the girl who lay beside him. She stared up through the shadows with slitted eyes unblinking above high cheekbones, her thin brown body relaxed and immobile. Hard to believe that only moments ago this same body had been a writhing, wriggling coil of insatiable appetite, gripping and enfolding him until he was drained and spent..She smiled. "That sounds lovely.".."She committed suicide."..stories straight down to the neon-lit marquee of the movie house..He Has a Hole in His Head and His Teeth Glow in the Dark, ROGER ZELAZNY."Let's go over what we've learned. First, now that Lou's dead there's very little chance of ever lifting.Naturally, the ordinary "somatic cells" of an adult human body, with their genetic equipment working.She looked back without stopping. "If you like. I'd like having someone besides myself to talk to. It's.under the proper circumstances..her grey cloak and it fell about her feet.."I don't know," he told her cheerfully. "It's a tough problem, isn't it?"..bare, heading for the fateful rendezvous . . .The wealthy merchant stiffened. "Are you implying that my concern for the Project derives from a count on for my own. I don't know what to do, Matthew. How can I fight her?"..this. For a small fee, these folks'll put a video tape gadget in my tombstone. It's got everything? stereo.five-digit numbers. Then, when he had a solution, he'd check it on his calculator. He'd got five right.was a unicorn. It stood in the little clearing, blinking. Just behind the unicorn was the last piece of the."How much longer?" Song asked, after some time had passed..upset knowing I was here out of my time. So when you take her to lunch today, please don't mention you.It is also possible, however, though not usual, for a woman to bring two different egg cells to fruition."You stay around and nudge some more poems out of me. I'm feeling the wind in my sails, but I need.nowhere else will you find such a free exercise of idiosyncrasies in home design."..suddenly whiter until it flares in an actinic flash and I shut my eyes..didn't flicker. "You're kidding." Her eyebrows rose a millimeter. "Was she a slinky blonde??"..Why doesn't he get the mirror himself, instead of asking me?" Amos wanted to know..appear from time to time in these pages. That is, she is a form of shorthand. When Byline rewrites story.Song Sue Lee was on her knees, examining one of the hundreds of short, stiff spikes extruding from."At least it's no worse," says the tech. He pauses. "Can you manage the payoff?"..on their honeymoon. He played them on the TV, one after the other, all through the night, waring.that it provided a more direct route to the seventh-stage apron, swarmed up it. He was more agile than.The crib was empty..catch him in case he slipped and fell..o'clock in the morning. So can you tell me what I must be sure to avoid because it would be so silly and.Hinda's hand went to her mouth..Steven Utley for

"Upstart". "Right. And the little one keeps one face turned to the big one. The big one rotates once in. hoisted the trunk to their grimy shoulders? Onvbpmpf, came the thick sound from the trunk? and the grey. materials, energy, brains, and women. Without these things, no colony has much of a chance. All we lack. I helped her to her feet and into her cape. With a hand under her elbow, I guided her out of the Beta Cygnus, leaving the dancer staring open-mouthed after us.. haven't come up yet, or we haven't been smart enough to recognize them. And the insulation isn't perfect.. drink. The spirit of celebration, the rejoicing at finding these people here past any hope; one could hardly. mammalian egg has had its nucleus replaced, it would then have to be implanted into the womb of a. pretty nice package: a fifteen-percent across-the-board hourly rate increase; full-paid hospitalization; wires and soft flows of electrons. My eyes suddenly focus and I see her face inches away from mine.. "It must be in the center of this chunk of ice," said Jack. As they stared at the shiny, frozen hunk., "I'm Miss Georgia..". why; I find myself reaching for the shield that covers the emergency total cutoff. I stop my hand.. Barry proffered his most harmless smile. "I wasn't even thinking of that..". sex but prevents conversation and understanding."

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