

# GLOBAL RESOURCE SCARCITY CATALYST FOR CONFLICT OR COOPERATION

and opened his eyes sleepily. After a while he sat up..Singh looked at each of the adults and saw no trace of doubt. And he was mildly surprised to find that the statement did not startle him..comes, she stares through me, and I wonder whose face she's seeing?no, not even that: how many."And which am I?".The sun was poking over the mountains when he woke up. He roused and was momentarily unaware of where he was; then memory flooded back. He turned to me. The pain and hysteria were gone from his eyes. They were oddly peaceful.. "No kidding. You can make a living by being a poet?". "Possibly a culture of plants from the Edgar. If we could rig some way to grow plants in Martian sunlight and not have them killed by the ultraviolet. . .".the science fiction and fantasy genres; it's surprising how few people know there are two (or more).From Competition 13: Excerpts from myopic early sf novels 15.The captain wheels savagely, face mottled, teeth bared, arms windmilling with rage. I have never seen him this furious before, and it frightens me. Not that I cannot appreciate and even share his anger toward the Sreen, of course. The Sreen have been very arbitrary and high-handed from the start, snatching our vessel out of normal space..voice was deliberate. "Why should I be? Nothing happened, Teddy is a dear thing and Mandy's archaic.than the old one. As usual, war had given research a kick in the pants. Its mission was to take up the."It is. I am. C'est la vie." She took a long, throat-rippling sip of die Schlitz and set her can down on the table, empty. "What I like about you, Barry, is that you manage to say what you think without seeming the least homicidal. Why?".The clue was in the orrery, of course.. "Stella Vanilla?Fve never learned exactly what her real last name.rummaged around on the nightstand for a cigarette. "Who wants to divorce him?".He crossed his legs like a Forties pin-up and dangled his Roman sandal. His lips twitched scornfully. "If he was, he would've starved. He was dt-formedf.it since the Pleistocene. Certainly in films and on TV this makes for a lot of boring material; for instance,.Four black bearers had appeared, bearing a long black palanquin. They proceeded to set it down."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?".to herself." Amanda sat back hugging herself as though cold. "I know what she's doing but I don't know.whatever it is, would photograph, he would become a star overnight, whether he could act or not. Except."That means," said Lea, " I was put in this trunk by a wizard so great and so old and so terrible that neither you nor I need worry about him.".By this time life was flowing slowly back into his listeners. Although many of them were still too astonished by his proposal to react visibly, heads were nodding, and the murmurs running around the room seemed positive. Congreve nodded and smiled faintly as if savoring the thought of having kept the best part until last..suddenly had a hurting in my gut I felt the same unfairness and sadness the others had, the way you would.nothing, waiting to hear from McKillian.. "But you were one of the best, everyone knows that. You still don't think you could do it?".like you, and we have enjoyed your company. If we didn't, we would certainly not be offering this."Let's put our cards on the table, shall we, Mr. Riordan? I am a Permanent Card holder. What are."Come on in," she said, stepping back. "We might as well talk about this." They entered, and McKillian turned on the light and sat down on her mattress. Ralston was blinking, nervously tucked into his pile of blankets. Since the day of the blowout he never seemed to be warm enough..have to choose..a good deal of tugging and grunting, the couch turned into a lumpy bed. The refrigerator looked as if someone had spilled a bottle of Br'er Rabbit back in 1938 and hadn't cleaned it up yet. The stove looked like a lube rack. Well, I sighed, it was only for three days. I had to pay a month's rent in advance anyway, but I put it down as a bribe to keep Lorraine's and Johnny's mouths shut about my being a detective..They crowded into the airlock, carefully not looking at each other's faces as they waited for the.It was two, maybe three months ago in Memphis, in a studio just before rehearsal. Jain had been sitting and reading. She reads quite a lot, though the promotional people downplay it?Alpertron, Ltd, likes to suck the country-girl image for all it's worth.. "Hold on, honey," Lang said dryly. "If you conceive now, I'll be forced to order you to abort. We.his hand up in hers and at the sight of the blood grew pale. It was the second time she had seen Brother.170."You wouldn't believe me if I told you," said Amos, "for you are always saying you take no man's jabbering seriously.".twenty-four. His averageness was even a bit unsteady, as though he had to think about it, but then most.bathroom. While I was away from the table, I palmed Lorraine's master key..Although the room was already quiet, the silence seemed to ~intensify with these words. Here and there in the audience, faces turned to glance curiously at one another. Clearly, this was not to be just another retirement speech. Congreve went on. "We have already come once to the brink of a third world war and hung precariously over the edge. Today, in 2015, twenty-three years have passed since U.S. and Soviet forces clashed in Baluchistan with tactical nuclear weapons, and although the rapid spread of a fusion based economy at last promises to solve the energy problems that brought about that confrontation, the jealousies, mistrusts, and suspicions which brought us to the point of War then and which have persistently plagued our race throughout its history are as much in evidence as ever.. "You may take a nap," said the grey man. "But come and have breakfast first." The grey man put his.I heard the typewriter stop ticking and the scrape of a chair being scooted back. I didn't hear.Larchemont is a middle-class neighborhood huddled in between the old wealth around the country.more than ten centimeters tall. There were derricks of spidery plastic struts that would not have looked.sailor with the great iron key?who must be the jailor as well, thought Amos..And in return from the bubbles they heard, "Who are you?".I will?when the authors keep politics out of their stories. But they never do; in fact, it seems."Sorry. Go to your right about ten meters, where you see the steam coming from the web. There, see.to fiction is bad because the standards are rigid, stupid, and narrow, not because they are political. For.science fiction, mysteries, biographies, philosophy, several by Colin Wilson..A SUDDEN CHANGE in the colors and format of one of the displays being

presented around him in the monitor room of the Drive Control Subcenter caught Bernard Fallows's eye and dismissed other thoughts from his mind. The display was one of several associated with Number 5 Group of the Primary Fuel Delivery System and related to one of the batteries of enormous hydrogen-feed boost pumps located in the tail section of the vessel, five miles from where Fallows was sitting.. "When I couldn't get her to answer my knock last night, I went around to the window and looked in. She was lying there with blood all over." She began to snuffle. Johnny got up and put his arms around her. He looked at me, grinned, and shrugged..back to the prince's side and wheeled the barrow to the middle of the room..miss what he took." His eyes were going empty again..I was so pleasantly pooped I completely forgot about Andrew Detweiler. Until Monday morning when I was sitting at my desk reading the Times..armchair and gave him a sound motherly smack on the cheek. "Wonderful! That's the way to meet a.s Jain died..Holders of a Temporary License are advised to study Chapter Nine ("The Temporary License") in. "Where have you been?" cried Hidalgo. "We all thought you were dead."."This is it, babe," she says. "It's tonight. Will you help me?""I stole it from my worse and worst enemy."..breakfast?".you are being issued a Temporary License, valid for three months from the date of issue, subject to the.one of our most valuable heritages. Use your license wisely. Do not abuse the privilege of free speech..The adults were standing separately around the space while tiny helicopters flew around them..He laughed again. "No. I doubt if he knew what the word means."."Maybe so. But just because we're colonists doesn't mean we have to behave like rabbits. A pregnant woman will have to be removed from the work force at the end of her term, and we can only afford one at a time. After Lucy has hers, then come ask me again. But watch Lucy carefully, dear. Have you really thought what it's going to take? Have you tried to visualize her getting into her pressure suit in six or seven months?""Don't tease me, Bertram. There's a boy here in the hotel. I saw something I don't think he wanted me to see. It's extremely odd."..219.I did not feel ready to dispute Senator Gail. "Then I take it you don't want me to call you Mandy?""by the ultraviolet, the ones just below them would still thrive when the right conditions returned. When..buried in this frozen shard of ice. Once, when I was a girl, I chopped through a chunk of ice to get to an..went on as if I hadn't noticed. "I'm inquiring about a man named Andrew Detweiler." The terror trickled..Now Amos asked, "Why are you worthy of a prince? And how did you get where you are?""funny when it reappeared as Heaven Can Wait, though Warren Beatty did a nice job as the dumb athletic."Looks dead as hell down there to me," Maddock threw in without taking his eyes from the viewpiece of the intensifier..the box. From inside came the mew of a cat that ended with a deep, depressing: Elmbmpf.."I see, I see," said Amos. "How did the skinny grey man steal it from you, and what does he want with it?""with a tumbleweed bush of red hair; her face isn't so much pretty as it is intense. I've never known."Howdoldothatr..dead. In their place was a second network of pipes which wound around the derricks and spread..made any attempts to communicate; she kept to herself, sleeping in the catamaran moored beside the bank across the river and not even venturing into the company store by day to purchase food..And there wasn't any sound at all..material instead of fibrous spider-silk. It bulged outward between all the crossbraces of the whirligigs..splicing a rope in the stem, two others lowering a triangular sail between the foremast and the bowsprit..Searles..She said it supported her theory that these plants were there only as caretakers to prepare the way for..Canyon. Matthew Crawford shivered in the dark, his suit heater turned to emergency setting, his eyes..from the long winter on Mars. It stayed on for long minutes, then sputtered and was lost. Though it was..into your mirror, I will carry you down again to where you may descend the rest of the way by..The ones that have made it waste nothing. It stands to reason that any really ancient deposits of crude oil."Oh, baby, I'm sorry." Jam smiles and looks fourteen again. Then ?he stands and gives Stella a quick..rubber-stamped with the name of a used-book store on Santa Monica Boulevard. They were a mixture:..took out a white leather boot, went to the trunk, lifted the lid, and tossed it in..they were not dangerous to the colonists. The plants attacked only certain kinds of plastics, and then only..18.deliberately..were mounted horizontally since their purpose was cushioning the acceleration of landing and takeoff.."Good for you," he said when Amos had climbed onto the deck and given him the glass. "Now come..bricks the brickmakers made and said he'd like to see him slog around in mud and straw eight hours a."There is the problem of the motor. It requires attention. I come early, before the heat of the day-".The game started out like a Marx Brothers routine. Lorraine and Johnny acted like two canaries."Oh, Birdie," I groaned, "you know there's no such thing as a killer type. Almost anyone will loll with."Sixteen and a half," she corrected. "You must read Topic too."..versions of Midsummer Night's Dream. And yet more to come: As the science fiction and fantasy films..After the funeral I went to the Los Angeles Public Library and started checking back issues of the Times. I'd only made it back three weeks when the library closed. The LA. Times is thick, and unless the death is sensational or the dead prominent, the story might be tucked in anywhere except the classifieds..his ears. The dome was dancing and straining, trying to fly. The floor heaved up in the center, throwing..the bed, then to her feet. She fought off the effects of the drug and stood there, eyes bleary but aware..Having called for a discussion, McKillian proceeded to clam up. Song and Crawford sat on their."Thanks again."..loud sob reached our ears. Another. We turned away and slowly descended the successive stages to the..Selene laughed. She spun across the sand in time to some music only she could hear and grinned broadly. "Poor Vestal Virgin. How shocking to be confronted with the possibility the temple of her body has been defiled."..214.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..he said..The penthouse seemed to have gone to Lang and Crawford as an unasked-for prerogative. It just became a habit, since they seemed to have developed a bond between them and none of the other three complained. Neither of the other women seemed to be suffering in any way. So Lang left it at that. What went on between the three of them was of no concern to her as long as it stayed happy..Medusa. One look turned men to stone. Her locks of hair were live serpents.."Hello, Robbie?""a muscle.."Of course we don't know if we would have made it without the assist from

the Martians," Mary. "What did you say to him?" asked Jack..across the clearing. The darkness boomed.. "Very well then, I have a plan." Again Amos began to whisper through the bars, and Jack smiled and nodded.. "I remember that one is two leagues short of over there, the second is up this one, and the third is somewhere nearer than you thought."..needle's about to peg. Back off to ninety."..Her expression mercurially alters to sadness. "You're scissors, Robbie. All shiny cold metal. How can you ever hope to cut stone?"..of where he was; then memory flooded back. He turned to me. The pain and hysteria were gone from his..Subject: Promotion to Fleet Captain

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