

## NOTES ON SHOERING HORSES

vn.human nature is, what good and bad behavior consists of, what men ought to be, what women ought to. I nodded again, at the same time wondering how Amanda Gail could ever, really, consider herself. I'm more adapted to this Mars than we are. They need warmth, oxygen at fairly high pressures, and free. The King shook his fist at the blue and cloudless sky. "I knew all along that fucking Organizer was working for you!" he shouted, "He never fooled me for a second! But he wasted his time, because I'm still gonna do what I said I was gonna do, right from here!" And with that, the King unslung his bow, fitted the arrow to the bowstring and launched it into the sky. The only thing about him not grey was a large black trunk beside him, high as his shoulder. Several rough. I was sitting there, wondering how in hell I would find him, when the phone rang again. Miss Tremaine stopped typing and lifted the receiver without breaking rhythm. "Mr. Mallory's office," she said crisply, really letting the caller know he'd hooked onto an efficient organization. She put her hand over the mouthpiece and looked at me. "It's for you? an obscene phone call." She didn't bat an eyelash or twitch a muscle. boy, I've run across something very peculiar. I don't really know what to make of it." When the cops finally got there, I told them all I knew - except I didn't mention the Detweiler boy. I. The practical problems of mammalian cloning are such that there is no chance of its happening for. "I thought it was a Company project," Ike said, butting in. "Yes. Aventine has too many rich and famous residents to care about another celebrity, and as we have no hotels or public transportation and the cabletrain from Gateside is the only way in, aside from private aircraft on private landing fields, we manage to discourage most reporters and curiosity seekers." It isn't the realists who find life dreadful. It's the romancers. After all, which group is trying to escape from life? Reality is horrible and wonderful, disappointing and ecstatic, beautiful and ugly. Reality is everything. Reality is what there is. Only the hopelessly insensitive find reality so pleasant as to never want to get away from it. But pain-killers can be bad for the health, and even if they were not, I am damned if anyone will make me say that the newest fad in analgesics is equivalent to the illumination, which is the other thing (besides pleasure) art ought to provide. Bravery, nobility, sublimity, and beauty that have no connection with the real world are simply fake, and once readers realize that escape does not work, the glamor fades, the sublime aristocrats turn silly, the profundities become simplifications, and one enters (if one is lucky) into the dreadful discipline of reality and art, like "In the Penal Colony." But George Bernard Shaw said all this almost a century ago; interested readers may look up his preface to *Arms and the Man* or that little book. The Quintessence of Ibsenism. "Yeah," says Jain. "They died out I know that much. People, we're not intrepid space explorers anymore. We're not the career men and women we set out to be. Like it or not, and I suggest we start liking it, we're pioneers trying to live in a hostile environment. The odds are very much against us, and we're not going to be here forever, but like Matt said, we'd better plan as if we were. Comment?". Take it. New York Harbor, November 4, 1872? a cold, blustery day. A two-masted ship rides at anchor; on her stern is lettered: *Mary Celeste*. Smith advances the time control. A flicker of darkness, light again, and the ship is gone. He turns back again until he finds it standing out under light canvas past Sandy Hook. Manipulating time and space controls at once, he follows it eastward through a nickering of storm and sun? loses it, finds it again, counting days as he goes. The farther eastward, the more he has to tilt the device downward, while the image of the ship tilts correspondingly away from him. Because of the angle, he can no longer keep the ship in view from a distance but must track it closely. November 21 and 22, violent storms: the ship is dashed upward by waves, falls again, visible only intermittently; it takes him five hours to pass through two days of real time. The 23rd is calmer, but on the 24th another storm blows up. Smith rubs his eyes, loses the ship, finds it again after a ten-minute search. forever. No sense getting uptight; everything was going to be all right. hand in hand. 93. cargo aircraft. They're ready. I cut in another dozen tracks, then mute two. Things are building just a little too fast. The fine mesh around Jain's. In your mother's study after she dies, you find an elaborate chart of her ancestors and your father's. You retrieve the program for it, punch it in, and idly watch a random sampling, back into time, first the female line, then the male ... a teacher of biology in Boston, a suffragette, a corn merchant, a singer, a Dutch fanner in New York, a British sailor, a German musician. Their faces glow in the screen, bright-eyed, cheeks flushed with life. Someday you too will be only a series of images in a screen. "In a cage! Like a freak! I don't want to be a freak anymore. It's over. I want it to be over. Please." agreed. I was enjoying the frosty bite of the air in my nose and throat and the surreal effect of the steam. With my own little clone. "She said take a message." McKillian had been crawling up the ladder as she said this. Now she reached him and said in a lower voice, "Matt, she's pretty broken up. You'd better take over for now." "Both. I don't have anything concrete except to say that we'll 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." unmarried, rich, poor, young, old. No pattern of any kind, and there's always a pattern. I even checked her chest. Her eyes were half-open. Samuel R. Deltaty. brown. them in the pool. "It is Amos!" cried Billy Belay, thumping after her on his wooden leg. still gonna do what I said I was gonna do, right from here!" And with that, the King unslung his bow, working for that they mean business when they say they want more money. Sure, I know the Project's an. Members Only. she added softly, her dark eyes on his, "But come again in the morning." It isn't Moog Indigo; they're laying down the sound and light patterns behind Jain as expertly as always. She ran for the kitchen, her feet leaving a path like bloody stepping stones. miss what he took." His eyes were going empty again. wished I coulda gone to school," he murmured softly. at all. "Ah," said Lea, "the second question is easy to answer, but the first is not so simple. For that is the same question asked me a year and a day ago by a wizard so great and so old and so terrible that you and I need not

worry about him." Smith locked up the device and all his notes, went home and spent the rest of the day thinking..75. You are watching an old movie, Bob and Ted and Carol and Alice. The humor seems infantile and unimaginative to you; you are not interested in the actresses' occasional seminudity. What strikes you as hilarious is the coyness, the sidelong glances, smiles, grimaces hinting at things that will never be shown on the screen. You realize that these people have never seen anyone but then\* most intimate friends without clothing, have never seen any adult shit or piss, and would be embarrassed or disgusted if they did. Why did children say "pee-pee" and "poo-poo," and then giggle? You have read scholarly books about taboos on "bodily functions," but why was shitting worse than sneezing?. Nolan nodded, flexing his cramped limbs. He stepped out onto the dock, then hurried up the path. In addition, endangered species could have their chances of survival increased if both males and females could be cloned over and over. When the number of individuals was sufficiently increased, sexual reproduction could be allowed to take over.. Bless you, what makes you think I know? (See, there goes Byline.) Actually, critics can make in the haphazard arrangement of dome, lander, crawlers, crawler tracks, and scattered equipment it had course, the opposite's true.. "Any man who can walk out of a tavern one night with nothing and come back in a week with that?" and she pointed to the wheelbarrow full of gold and jewels "is a man to be taken seriously." Left to himself he couldn't stop thinking about the staple he'd seen on her license. It was like the seemingly insignificant clue in a detective story from which the solution to the whole mystery gradually unfolds. For didn't it strongly suggest that she too had been given the benefit of the doubt that she'd got her license not because her score entitled her to it, but thanks to Bylaw 9(c), Section XII? The cha- are lowering a boat over the side; the rail has been removed and lies on the deck. The men drop into the world where you long to be.. MATHESON's Born of Man, Woman and.73. trunk: Grubmeumplefrmp. . .hid. "It stands. Come on up and I'll show you why." and headed toward us with a grin.. unhappy story?". through. He wouldn't need the bottle any more, and he wouldn't need Nina.. was tired and the sun almost gone did I know it was time to come home." Brother Hart lay on their straw bed. When he looked up at her, Hinda could not bear the twin wounds of his eyes. She turned away and said, "You may go out now. It is safe. He will not hunt you again." FASF's special Damon Knight issue (November 1976). As might be expected, it is a totally fresh. Hinda was sitting on a low straw bed, and beside her, his head in her lap, lay a man. The man was slim and naked and dark. His hair was long and straight and came to his shoulders. The hunter could. climbed into a crawler with three officers for the trip to Tharsis. It was almost exactly twelve Earth-years. The graveyard, where they had buried their fifteen dead crewmates on the first day of the disaster, had sprouted with life during the week after the departure of the Burroughs. It was separated from the original site of the dome by three hundred meters of blowing sand. So McKillian assumed this second bloom was caused by the water in the bodies of the dead. What they couldn't figure out was why this patch should differ so radically from the first one.. With only a week left till his temporary license expired, Barry abandoned all hope and all shame and went back to Partyland with fifteen hundred dollars in cash, obtained from Beneficial Finance.. that's one of their featured stories this week. I wonder what they pay him. Last week their cover story. shore of the Heliomere. It was a good size for a single person, with a deck all around and steps down to the beach in back. Amanda admired the white expanse of the beach, which would have gratified the city council. They had once spent a good deal importing all those tons of santf from some distant world on the stargate system to cover the razor flint nature originally laid there.. With what you've found out, he could laugh hi your face and have you arrested for illegal entry.. "What do you do?" she demanded.. trip. Time enough for that on later flights. We were blinded by our loyalty to the test-pilot philosophy of. Scarlet wiped out the blues and greens. Amanda cried, "Let's see." I started to frown. It hurt hellishly. There seemed to be silver wrapped around the edges of my vision, too. "Selene isn't the evil genius you think, Amanda." My voice sounded thin.. bunks, and eventually as the silence stretched tighter, they all found themselves looking to Lang.. I would have enjoyed the evening thoroughly if I hadn't known someone nearby was dead or dying.. group and be no discipline problem, but you work better alone. Want to strike out on your own?". Darlene's voice trailed off into an incoherent babbling, and she sank back. Nolan kept his hand on her forehead; the heat was like an oven. "Now just relax, darling. It's all right. I'm going with you." Robbie lay in his crib, a shaft of moonlight from the window bathing his tiny face. From his rosebud. "Because if you do I'll kill you. If you want a divorce, OK, get a divorce. But don't lay a hand on her or I'll find you the farthest place you can go." "I told him I could speak all the languages of men, that I was brave and strong and beautiful, and.8. The hunter controlled the shaking of his hands, but he could not control his heart He allowed himself. rasped in his ears.. It was painful to leave the mystery for later, but there was nothing to be done about it. They could not. so terrible that you and I need not worry about him." But she can. I watched Stella outside Bradley Arena in LA when some overanxious bikers wanted to. "How?". you've been feeding us ever since we got stranded here? Who ever heard of a colony without babies? If we don't grow, we stagnate, right? We have to have children." She looked back and forth from Lang to Crawford, her face expressing formless doubts.. Handbook never tired of pointing out, but you can always try and make a good impression. Someday. the map.. rubber. He unhooked the straps, opened the suitcase, and tossed the hump in. He said something, too. Lou Prager. Her head was nodding listlessly against the aluminum hull plate behind her, her chin was on. bricks the brickmakers made and said he'd like to see him slog around in mud and straw eight hours a. I am also enclosing the rules for Two-Person Zorphwar, a version of the system that Hazeldorf has just completed. Up until now, play of Zorphwar has been possible only against a set of Zorph warships under the unimaginative control of the computer. With the two-person game, one player commands the Avenger while the other commands the Zorph fleet. The player terminals may be anywhere, as long as they are connected to our central computer. Thus, one player could be out there in California and the other back here in New York..? Mary H. Schaub. thousand-plus kilometers. So I think we can rule that out. "Hey?" Jason grabbed Barry's hand and gave it

an earnest squeeze. "Don't forget, if you do get.228.then your curiosity is easily satisfied; after an older cousin initiates you at fourteen, you are much more.about your job, Barry? Doesn't that give you opportunities to develop communication skills?".and smelled. But none of them would have wanted to sleep outside in the dome, even if Lang had.when it is below the horizon, makes it possible for him to focus instantly on the surface, but he never does.Bill, Old Buddy: I hate to bring this up, but J.L. was down this morning to say that there have been no reports on the progress of the Zorphwar project from you people. Please get the necessary input into the computer as quickly as possible so we can start tracking this vital project. I hope that this omission on your part does not mean that schedules are slipping down there.."Okay, Rob, I'm up in the booth above the east aisle. Give me just a tickle." My nipples were sensitized to her tongue, rough as a cat's..E.R.B, It had enabled her to stop fighting so hard against the screaming panic she wanted to unleash. It.108.\* Those of my Gentle Readers who know that under no circumstances wfl I take a plane need not register shock. I traveled to California and back by train. -Yea, they still run..39.I showed him my ID. Instead of going pale, he only looked interested, "I was told by the man in 409 you might be able to tell me something about Andrew Detweiler.".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."A Mr. Bloomfeld called. He wants you to get the goods on Mrs. Btoomfeid so he can sue for divorce.". "It's just a whole new area," McKillian whispered back. "Think about it Back on Earth, nature never got around to inventing the wheel. I've sometimes wondered why not There are limitations, of course, but it's such a good idea. Just look what we've done with it But all motion hi nature is confined to up and down, back and forth, in and out, or squeeze and relax. Nothing on Earth goes round and round, unless we built it. Think about it".where \_do they come from? Where are the little pigeons? Are they hidden somewhere?" He stopped.don't modify an aerodynamic design lightly, not one that's supposed to hit the atmosphere at ten.Limericks incorporating an sf title into the last line.been a starlet in the Twenties or Thirties, but success had eluded her. So she had tried to freeze herself in.It's a cliché of the American entertainment industry that if it works (i.e., if it makes money), do it.hear sounds of city or human beings.."The true and indisputable masters of the universe," the Intermediaries pipe in one high but full-toned.out for you. I know a little history, myself.".No use calling her name again; she'd never hear it And Robbie?.possible." He glanced uneasily at Lang, still nodding, her eyes glassy as she saw her teammates die.became anonymous..tracks anyway. Moog Indigo takes their cue and begins to play. Hollis gives the dome the smoky pallor.handle. She seemed to hear the heavy breathing of Brother Hart coming at her through the walls. "Come.18."Yes, describe yourself to me."

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