

## THE PHANTOM OF THE POLES

During the week of September 23, seven thousand Ozos were shipped to domestic and Canadian. hope I'm wrong, but I don't expect ...". 16. color of parrot's feathers, a yellow as pale as Chinese mustard, and a blue brilliant as the sky at eight. orange design. His shirt was gold with rainbow checks, and one boot was white and the other was black. We had better enjoy it It's what there is. . . . and I guess if you kept changing the batteries it would run forever. And it's nearly polystyrene, that's what you said. The nice thing about guilt is that it's so easy to repress. Within a day Barry had relegated all recollections of his criminal behavior of the night before to the depths of his subconscious and was back at Intensity Five, waiting for whomever to strike up a conversation. The only person who so much as glanced his way, however, was Evelyn, the woman behind the refreshment stand. He went to other speakeasies, but it was always the same story. People avoided him. Their eyes shied away. His vibrations became such an effective repellent that he had only to enter a room in order to empty it of half its custom. Or so it seemed. When one is experiencing failure, it is hard to resist the comfort of paranoia. 151. ? Steve Steinberg. Don't Ask, Dragoon, GORDON DICKSON A Bit Unclear, H, BEAM PIPER Not That One, TOM TRYON. "Look at it, Matt. Really look at it." So he did, feeling foolish, wondering what the joke was. He. keyboard on Nagami's synthesizer. ASIMOV'S The Trilogy Foundation. We sped through the city in what I judged to be a locomotive, although there were no tracks. "What. "Were you the one on duty?" Crawford asked her. "Thank you, Dr. Kolodny," Barry said, lingering in the doorway of the cubicle. "Thanks terrifically." Jain takes back the book and shrugs. "It sounds very specialized," McKillian said thoughtfully. "Maybe we should be looking for the niche." "Very well," said Amos a third time. "We'll see, won't we?" her chest. Her eyes were half-open. cut. The blood hadn't spread very far. Most of it had been soaked up by the threadbare carpet under the. Colman frowned to himself as his mind raced over the data's significance. No sane attacking force would contemplate taking an objective like that by a direct frontal assault in the center--the lowermost stretch of the trail was too well covered by overlooking slopes, and there would be no way back if the attack bogged down. That was what the enemy commander would have thought anyone would have thought. So what would be the point of tying up lots of men to defend a point that would never be attacked? According to the book, the correct way to attack the bunker would be along the stream from above or by crossing the stream below and coming down from the spur on the far side. So the other side was concentrating at points above both of the obvious assault routes and setting themselves up to ambush whichever attack should materialize. But in the meantime they were wide open in the middle. clothing, have never seen any adult shit or piss, and would be embarrassed or disgusted if they did. Why. skill, almost an art. Lou practiced for three years on the best simulators we could build and still had to. chosen at random. The instruction booklets were in sealed envelopes packed with each device. Three. A Baptist minister in Louisville led the first mob against an Ozo assembly plant. A month later, while civil and criminal suits against aU the rioters were still pending, tapes showing each one of them in. Moises frowned. "As I told you, there is the matter of the repairs. Perhaps this afternoon?" predator. "I don't know. It's just a feeling--that's all." the floor. I looked up through a starry haze of pain to see Amanda falling to her knees beside me, crying. 90. didn't flicker. "You're kidding." Her eyebrows rose a millimeter. "Was she a slinky blonde??" "The hunter was here," he said as he crossed the door's threshold. "Well," he called up to the thin grey man who sat on the top of the trunk, waiting, "here is your mirror from the bottom of the luminous pool." raising his hands to his throat. Smith presses a button to hold the moment in tune. He scans behind the. to himself as he hung up the two-thirds completed mirror. The final third was on the table. em never been more than thirty miles from the place they were born, never saw an electric light? You. forever. No sense getting uptight; everything was going to be all right. I was sitting there, wondering how in hell I would find him, when the phone rang again. Miss. nightmare would be over. leadership role in the production of the final package, he simply shook his head and said, "The Zorphs. She put two cigarettes in her mouth and lit them both. She handed me one. "You don't look a bit like Paul Henreid," I said. She pointed out the window at a passing group who were sporting a rainbow of fanciful hair colors and wearing leotards and tights beneath coats thrown casually around their shoulders. was deliberately avoiding him. He decided to give her one last chance. He left a message with the. they might have been imported from Mars. There were also the inevitable palm trees and clumps of bird. Curtis Brown Ltd. for "Zorphwar!" by Stan Dryer and. Selene punched the three-digit emergency number and asked for an ambulance. windy peaks, is the cave of the North Wind. Even higher, on the highest and windiest peak, is the second. asleep now. There was a special meeting tonight at the Union Hall. At it, the Organizer asked if everybody had. stalk was a perfect globe, one gray, one blue. The blue one was much larger than the gray one. "Good," said Amos. "Oh, but one more thing. You say it is windy there. I shall need a good supply of." Does he live in the building?" I swallowed to get my heart back in place and blinked a couple of. want to reintegrate me." 192. 20. ? Chris Leithiser. "Oh. Mine's Barry. How are you, Ed?" trying not to play favorites, and gently tried to prod them back to work. As she told McKillian toward. "Hell, those were grossly overblown. I just happened to get into some scrapes and managed to get out of them." When the blowout started, Lang had snapped on her helmet quickly. Then she had struggled against the blizzard and the undulating dome bottom, heading for the roofless framework where the other members of the expedition were sleeping. The blowout was over in ten seconds, and she then had the problem of coping with, the collapsing roof, which promptly buried her in folds of clear plastic. It was far too much like one of those nightmares of running knee-deep in quicksand. She had to fight for every meter, but she made it. And so we continue to look for good writing and fresh ideas and entertaining narratives, and once those. Amanda. Energy ran like a restless, self-willed thing under her skin. She could not even sit without that. them, grabbing them up and setting them on his shoulders. Amos and Jack clung to his

long, thick hair as the Wind began to fly down the mountain, crying out in a windy voice: "Now I shall tell all the leaves and whisper to the waves who I am and what I look like, so they can chatter about it among themselves in autumn and rise and doff their caps to me before a winter storm." The North Wind was happier than he had ever been since the wizard first made his cave..fear cascading into her and pouring back out. But I see the antenna mesh around her naked body glowing."But in the mountains?" a turnip existence..I have tried to speak to general issues rather than "defend" my own criticism. Issues are, in any case, more important than personalities, although there is a (small) section of fandom which sees in aesthetic or political disagreement nothing but personal squabbling motivated by envy. It's not for me to judge how good my criticism is; if enough readers think it's bad, and the editor thinks so too, presumably hell stop printing it although writing book reviews (except for places like the New York Times) is underpaid, overworked, and a labor of love. The problem is usually to recruit reviewers, not discourage them..wounds of his eyes. She turned away and said, "You may go out now. It is safe. He will not hunt you."Of course I'm right." a zero. A few anaerobic bacteria, a patch of lichen, both barely distinguishable from Earth forms?" \*T've got a car; we're going away."..At long last the Mediator has got both sides to agree to another meeting. It's to take place tomorrow.a period of time before it can be trusted to care for itself..After a while, she says, "Robbie, I'm cold,\*\* and so I move bade to her and hold her and say nothing. I realize, rubbing against her hip, that Pm again hard; she doesn't object as I pour back into her all the frustration she unloaded in me earlier.."Then marry me," said Amos, "for I always thought you had uncommonly good sense in matters of whom to believe and whom not to. Your last words have proved you worthy of my opinion."..taking over?"..West Coast That is the reason your paycheck was not delivered to you today. Regrettably, it is also the..He stopped, bunking at me. He looked at Amanda's horrified expression and frowned uncertainly. "Teddy?ah?that is?Gerald Theodore. Selene and I were dancing partners and cohabs in London three years ago."..put them on sale at prices ranging from \$49.95 to \$125. By the following day the word was beginning to..She pulled the shawl tighter around her. "When I got up this morning, that chair you're sitting in was."So do I," Lang said, ending the discussion. But she explained her reasons to them..mellower and mellower and wishing she were here. Then, in February, when the world had once again..distortion. It is summer in the northern hemisphere: Utopia is wide and dark. The planet fills the screen,.72 Edward Bryant.Three weeks later, the Tharsis Canyon had been transformed into a child's garden of toys. Crawford had thought of no better way to describe it. Each of the plastic spikes had blossomed into a fanciful windmill, no two of them just alike. There were tiny ones, with the vanes parallel to the ground and no more than ten centimeters tall. There were derricks of spidery plastic struts that would not have looked too out of place on a Kansas farm. Some of them were five meters high. They came in all colors and many configurations, but all had vanes covered with a transparent film like cellophane, and all were spinning into colorful blurs in the stiff Martian breeze. Crawford thought of an industrial park built by gnomes. He could almost see them trudging through the spinning wheels..We sped through the city in what I judged to be a locomotive, although there were no tracks. "What new wonder shall I see?" I mused, for many were the sights shown me already. My guide, an illustrious professor, halted the machine..I drove, not paying any attention to where I was going, almost as deeply in shock as he was. I finally..Fortunately, I intercepted your little jest before anyone else saw it Now forget the fun and games and get that data into the computer pronto..Joanna Russ for "In Defense of Criticism"..seven. Fortunately they found the body in time for the early edition. A woman named Sybil Herndon, age..John Varlcy..change places with Ben. With my old buddy to talk to, time went by fast..Suddenly it was dusk, and Hinda looked up with a start. "You must go now," she said..I had put away the report I was writing on Lucas McGowan's hyperactive wife. (She had a definite..In the first place, as an organism becomes more complex and specialized, its organs, tissues, and cells become more complex and specialized as well. The cells are so well adapted to perform their highly specialized functions, that they can no longer divide and differentiate as the original egg cells did.)..:"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?"..By the time she'd finished the sonnet about how much she loved him, he had come up with all twelve..Well, Local 209 pulled out, just like the Company did. We knew there'd be no more jobs on the Plain for the Jikes of us. We spread out all over. North and south and east and west. I went south. Right 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 and myself going till I learn the language. Once I learn the language, I'll get back in Construction. There's a big project about to begin just east of here. From what I gather, it's a tomb of some kind, and it's supposed to set a new trend. Building it may take as long as a year, and they're going to need all lands of skilled labor. I figure that as a bricklayer I can get on easy..239..subsequent messages to Message Central for relay to the Zorph commandship assigned to your sector..He was genuinely surprised. "You didn't take that crack seriously, did you? I might as weQ admit it It was intentional, like that cattle prod you mentioned. You looked like you needed a kick in the ass.\*\*..The Isaac Asimov clones, once they grow op, simply won't live in the same social environment I did, won't be subjected to the same pressures, won't have the same opportunities. What's more, when I wrote, I just wrote?no one expected anything particular from me. When my clones write, their products will always be compared to the Grand Original and that would discourage and wipe out anyone.."What makes you think that women are a natural resource, Craw-ford?" she said, slowly and..206..yawning incredibly wide on movable jawbones. And she might have gone on, but Nolan stopped her..Wednesday morning I made a dozen phone calls. Of the nine victims I knew about, I was able to find the information on six..She nodded knowingly. "Of course?I should have known. Freddy shills for Topic magazine and..rendezvous with a drone capsule full of supplies we hadn't counted on." And besides, Lang thought to..I came hi the door, with prices the way they were and with no money coming in? I told her not to worry,..He whistled his animals to him and left the clearing as swiftly as he had come..Damon Knight."Bert, do that again."..Then that's one form of oppression right there. Children?"..our lighter

forms of entertainment. I presume you are referring to something in the nature of a Music Hall, dropped from sight, the thing in the box went: Mlpbgrm!

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