

## I DECLARE AND DECREE

stranger who slaked herself upon him, slaked his own urgency again and again as her hissing breath.of teaching?" said the school voc counselor. "No," I said. "I want the action." Caution, an old habit, claimed him. He circled the clearing, never once making a sound. He.quick feeling she's scared too. "Something wrong?"..proteins and be able to duplicate them. Further than that, some of the plants might have been able to."Selene," I said, "don't push too hard."..came into sight..destroyed without mercy. You, as Captain of the Avenger, the great Terran warship, will range.can you? You can't wait to tell him you think the King is a kook."..Amos was so delighted he jumped up and down. The prince swam to shore, and Amos helped him.Columbine had joined her husband in Wilmington, Delaware, and there was no knowing when, if ever,..nap with her hand. Then, as if putting on a cloak, she wrapped the skin around her shoulders and pulled.211. He down unpeacefully?exhausted?and sleep, and my dreams are of weathered stone. And I awake empty..He surmounted the second stage. The third. Ike and I stayed right behind him. The fourth. The fifth..a fascinating article (in response to some critical letters) which tells why critics are such snobs.I called Amaada later. I expected to find her herself, yesterday already forgotten, but she still sounded anxious. "Matthew, can you come up?"..By trial and error, Smith has found the settings for Dallas, November 22,1963: Dealey Plaza, 12:25 P.M. He sees the Presidential motorcade making the turn onto Elm Street. Kennedy slumps forward, raising his hands to his throat. Smith presses a button to hold the moment in tune. He scans behind the motorcade, finds the sixth floor of the Book Depository Building, finds the window. There is no one behind the barricade of cartons; the room is empty. He scans the nearby rooms, finds nothing. He tries the floor below. At an open window a man kneels, holding a high-powered rifle. Smith photographs him. He returns to the motorcade, watches as the second shot strikes the President. He freezes time again, scans the surrounding buildings, finds a second marksman on a roof, photographs him. Back to the motorcade. A third and fourth shot, the last blowing off the side of the President's head. Smith freezes the action again, finds two gunmen on the grassy knoll, one aiming across the top of a station wagon, one kneeling in the shrubbery. He photographs them. He turns off the power,, sits for a moment, then goes to the washroom, kneels beside the toilet and vomits..fascinating article by Joanna Russ on the pain of reviewing sf books, Baird Searles on "multiples" in sf.down, back and forth, in and out, or squeeze and relax. Nothing on Earth goes round and round, unless.out the realities of human life, in which joy and misery, effort and release, dread and happiness, walk."Thanks," I said and winked at her. She dropped the receiver back on the cradle from a height of three inches and went back to typing. Grinning, I picked up my phone. "Hello, Janice," I said..Smith locked up the device and all his notes, went home and spent the rest of the day thinking..stopped to consider?forty-one years old..creature? Nolan grimaced in self-disgust as he turned away..Barry said nothing, but his expression must have conveyed his disapproval..out. He looked fine, all over his spell."..Out!" he said. He forced her to the open window, raising his hand threateningly as she spewed and.Amanda wrenched herself sideways, stabbing at the left hand. "Leave me alone."..Now Fin likable! I thought"?he dangled the poem by one corner ?"you were just hinting that I."He's heading up past the corncrib"!..lines that followed..the great Sherlock Holmes / With their Y chromosome) and brought the house down again. But you may..some of our celebrity citizens: actress Lillith Manners, novelist.A high-ranking officer in Army Intelligence, watching the first demonstration of the Ozo in the Pentagon, exclaimed, "My God, with this we could dismantle half the establishment?all we've got to do is launch interceptors when we see them push the button."..On the com circuit the tech yells: "Idiot! I'm already reading ninety. Ninety, damn it. There's still one number to go."..He laughed. "That lets me out. Sit down. Move the stuff."..LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, our guest of honor tonight-Henry B. Congreve." The toastmaster completed his introduction and stepped aside to allow the stocky, white-haired figure is black tie and dinner jacket to move to the podium. Enthusiastic applause arose from the three hundred guests gathered in the Hilton complex on the western outskirts of Washington, D.C. The lights around the room dimmed, fading the audience into white shirtfronts, glittering throats and fingers, and mask like faces. A pair of spotlights picked out the speaker as he waited for the applause to subside. In the shadows next to him, the toastmaster returned to his chair..or bad art a personal matter that makes a man [sic] a critic. . . . when people do less than their best, and.truncated Martian day that would never touch the blackness over his head.."I want to see them," the captain insists..It may be because I was always rotten in math, but it wasn't until right then that I figured out.Now do not get the idea that everyone here is simply sitting around playing Zorphwar. That is far from the case. While our schedules have slipped a bit in the last couple of months, morale is at an all-time high. With a crew of satisfied programmers, I feel there is nothing we cannot accomplish..room, and a laboratory-storehouse-workshop in the old fuel tank. Crawford and Lang spent the first.It seemed self-evident to him that nobody in his right mind would want to get killed, or to be sent to places he'd never heard of by people he'd never met in order to kill other people he didn't know. Therefore nobody in his right mind would be in the Army. But since the Army was full of people whom it had judged to be acceptably sane and normal, it seemed to follow that the Army's ideas of what was normal had to be very strange. Now, to transfer into something like Engineering seemed on the face of it to be a perfectly natural, reasonable, constructive, and desirable thing to want to do. And that seemed enough to guarantee that the Army would find the request unreasonable and him unsuitable..as mine. The kitchen had one plastic plate, one plastic cup, one plastic glass, one plastic bowl, one small.Humaner, THEODORE STURGEON.successful revolution isn't possible until the proletariat becomes conscious of their oppressions, and they.Marvin Kolodny responded with a boyish grin and offered his hand. An American flag had been tattooed on his right forearm. On a scroll circling the flagpole was the following inscription: Let's All Overthrow the United States Government by Force &..appear from time to time in these

pages. That is, she is a form of shorthand. When Byline rewrites story. Amos stood blinking as jewels by the thousands fell out on the floor, glittering and gleaming, red, other than sexual reproduction. Put it another way: It is an organism that is the product of asexual, already demonstrated their awesome power through the ease with which they located and intercepted us, as another enigma had cropped up which demanded their attention. The Thief of Bagdad may set some sort of record with three acceptable productions, all using widely, works. I'd seen him interviewed on some talk show where he'd worn a jumpsuit zipped to the neck. His Imperial Majesty, Ruler of Zorpdom and the Greater Galaxy, The Middle Claw of Justice in the Q: What is the state of the Competition Editor after each contest? gleamed about him. The walls were much too high to climb and they went all the way around. Being a. Investigations. I got up and looked out. This section of the Boulevard wasn't rotting yet, but it wouldn't. "I suppose it is," Barry said noncommittally. He couldn't figure out why the usher wanted to tell him. Did she expect him to recognize her? She was beautiful enough, certainly, to have been someone he ought to recognize, but if he had seen her on TV, he didn't remember. In a way she seemed almost too beautiful to be a noted personality, since there is usually something a little idiosyncratic about each of them, so they can be told apart. Columbine Brown was beautiful in the manner not of a celebrity but of a deluxe (but not customized) sports car. 205. "He's about twenty-two," I continued, "dark, curly hair, very good-looking." "I have a plan," said Amos, who could think very quickly when he had to. "Simply do as I say." I See You 9. "You must return to your ship," they insist, "and obey the will of the Sreen." "Yes. It's all over." "Sure, when I was really young." I repeat by long-remembered rote: "Rock breaks scissors, scissors cut paper, paper covers rock." Brother Hart lay on their straw bed. When he looked up at her, Hinda could not bear the twin Lorraine's and Johnny's mouths shut about my being a detective. 180 Lee Killough. want to get away from it But pain-killers can be bad for the health, and even if they were not, I am. Selene went on exercising. "She won't ask. People have been taking care of Mandy all her life. She. of course? for his infirmity." I drove, not paying any attention to where I was going, almost as deeply in shock as he was. I finally started looking at the street signs. I was on Mullholland. I kept going west for a long time, crossed the San Diego Freeway, into the Santa Monica Mountains. The pavement ends a couple of miles past the freeway, and there's ten or fifteen miles of dirt road before the pavement picks up again nearly to Topanga. The road isn't traveled much, there are no houses on it, and people don't like to get their cars dusty. I was about in the middle of the unpaved section when Detweiler seemed to calm down. I pulled over to the side of the road and cut the engine. The San Fer-. where just a few hundred yards away a mountain rose high and higher into the clear twilight. 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. other ones, like small slugs, eating them away when the colonists saw they wouldn't need them. "But. I push the tracks to fifteen." "You mean identify the solvent these things use? Probably, if we can get some sort of work space and I can get to my equipment". coiling caresses, none of the mindless thrashing to final frenzy. But it didn't matter; the two of them were. 10. A poem giving an eyewitness account of something awful happening hi Arizona, in February. "Matthew Gordon?" she asked in a soft, hesitant voice I remembered from political broadcasts in the. V. cracked ribs, a busted nose, a few missing teeth, and was stone-dead from internal hemorrhaging. Nolan stood by the window watching as Nina moved away across the clearing. For a moment she turned hi a path of moonlight and looked back at him? only a moment, but long enough for Nolan to see the livid fury blazing in her eyes. ones, to provide themselves with an avenue into Heaven. The two interpretations have. back through the postal system and found him, but by that time he was safely dead. deaths, mostly about where he'd been, things he'd read. He read a lot, just about anything he could get. half set of chromosomes, does not require union with a sperm cell to supply the other half set. Instead, from the bottom of the luminous pool. "During the week of September 23, seven thousand Ozos were shipped to domestic and Canadian addresses supplied by Smith: five hundred to electronics manufacturers and suppliers, six thousand, thirty to a carton, marked "On Consignment," to TV outlets in major cities, and the rest to private citizens chosen at random. The instruction booklets were in sealed envelopes packed with each device. Three thousand more went to Europe, South and Central America, and the Middle East. "I have just been given the ultimate garbage presentation," he said. "Your boys should know better than to try to snow me about naval-training games." embrace. Instead he said, "You did not call me to the clearing. You did not say my name. Only when I. With rare exceptions." "Mary, I wanted. . . is it all right if I call you Mary?" Someone entered the room. He stood leaning against the doorframe, looking at me with sleepy eyes. He was about twenty-five, wearing tight chinos without underwear and a tee shirt. His hair was tousled and cut unfashionably short. He had a good-looking Kansas face. The haircut made me think he was new in town, but the eyes said he wasn't. I guess the old broad liked his hair that way. because of all the time you've spent on me." began to go forward. Fortunately for his morale, this state of funk did not continue long. Barry didn't let it. The next night he was off to Partyland, a 23rd St. speakeasy that advertised heavily on late-night TV. As he approached the froth of electric lights cantilevered over the entrance, Barry could feel the middle of his body turning hollow with excitement, his throat and tongue getting tingly. The game started out like a

Marx Brothers routine. Lorraine and Johnny acted like two canaries playing Scrabble with the cat, but Detweiler was so normal and unconcerned they soon settled down. Conversation was tense and ragged at first until Lorraine got off on her "career" and kept us entertained and laughing. She had known a lot of famous people and was a fountain of anecdotes, most of them funny and libelous. Detweiler proved quickly to be the best player, but Johnny, to my surprise, was no slouch. Lorraine played dismally but she didn't seem to mind..unpleasant visions of superintelligent dinosaurs, and I do not want the captain to antagonize such."When we were bora," he said, and his eyes focused again, "we were joined at the back. But I grew."What?" I practically screamed..the plants, like bees, and the plants either donate or are robbed of the power to wind the spring. Did you.Q: When was this picture taken?.into the clearing, the unicorn snorted and struck his front feet against the ground, one after the other..I drove on home wishing I could have stayed. I wondered what Selene would have to say about the incident..She lowered her eyes. "My father remarried last month. He doesn't need me any longer. But a.a period of time before it can be trusted to care for itself..I was carrying a long list of rentals, owned by summer people who authorized whiter leasing to pay for the upkeep on their property. They were all over Aventine, from a few apartments down near the shopping square to cabins in the woods and along the shores of both the Lunamere and Heliomere. I explained the choices to Amanda as I handed her into the runabout and unplugged the car from its charger. The Lunamere's main attraction in winter was that it froze over, making sixteen kilometers of ice for skating. The Heliomere was fed by hot springs and, at thirty-five degrees C, was suitable for year-round swimming..273.Alternately, she could leave it in an envelope with the doorman..Hinda ran over to him and would have bathed him with her tears, but the jangling noise called out again, close and insistent. She ran to the window to see.."Who are you?" asked Hinda. "What are you? And why do you seek the deer?" Her voice was gentle but firm.."Tell her IT! get on it Monday." She opened her mouth. "If you say anything about my bank account, 111 put Spanish fly in your Ovaltine." She didn't humph, she giggled. I wonder how many points tfuzf is?.affinity for multiplex circuitry. He looked a little stunned after I finished with the stim console. "Christ, kid,.I smiled and spoke some platitudes about the vast technical expertise available at the Megalo Corporation and their ability to respond quickly to any technical challenge..KU, Old Man: You were right as to the reaction of our President and Comptroller. The old stuff.book?" he asked craftily..12. A poem presenting an affirmative, detailed description of her own face..spinning into colorful blurs in the stiff Martian breeze. Crawford thought of an industrial park built by.naturally available. We've altered the biome. Does anyone know where the exhaust air from the dome."Hello, can you hear me now?".you. You can replenish your energy reserve by returning to a friendly base. You can hop sectors using.I looked unhappily at the couple standing in the outer office with my secretary. What a time for clients to walk in. "I have some people here. Can it possibly wait?".of paradise. A small, discrete, polished placard dangled in a wrought-iron frame proclaiming, ever so.So the prince ran down the rocks to the shore and snuck onto the ship, and Amos waited for the sun.under the proper circumstances..with a six-pack, and we sat around most of the rest of the day, drinking beer and talking. He's up for.selfish desire to be one of the first ones through the Gateway?". "Yeah. Really isolated. My pa convinced himself he was one of the original settlers. He was actually a.comparison. Before us is a great door of dully gleaming gray metal, five or six meters high, approximately.home watching Willy Marx? or anywhere but Partyland..right hand. Hers is a clenched fist: stone. My first two fingers form the snipping blades of a pair of scissors. "I win!" she crows, delighted..off with great conviction. "You knew when my license would expire, and you've just been stringing me.When another two weeks went by without the Board of Examiners saying boo, he couldn't stand the.needs of the moment The dome material was weakening as the temporary patches lost strength, and so a.She dug into her ID folder, which was made of the same velvet as her dress, and took out her license. It was blue, like his (a Temporary License), and, again like his, there was a staple in the upper left-hand comer.."Yes, it is," said Amos. "What do they keep here that is so uninteresting everyone tells me to avoid it?". "Just what we were doing. Taking stock of our situation. We need to make a list of what's available to us. We'll write it down on paper, but I can give you a general rundown." He counted off the points on his fingers..the frenzy but managed to stay aloof from most of it. She went to the shelter with whoever asked her..produced plastics without high heat, through purely catalytic interactions, had him confused and.But not quite. He still had to get one more endorsement But now it seemed possible, likely, even.asked the empty room..schedule while Nolan made his daily rounds in the fields..Robert Block.wheeled up to him and asked what kind of music he liked.

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