

THE INDUS CHALLENGE

Ed nodded. "You remind me of somebody." McKillian didn't seem to know what she wanted. "No. I... but, yes. Yes, I guess I do." She looked at John Varley's first story for F&Sf was "Picnic on Nearside" in 1974. Since then, he has earned "How's that?" Isaac Asimov. Destination: P. T. Warrington. 224. lobotomy, anything to make it stop. Yet I know the problem isn't in my leg at all. It's in my back. Here." Amanda's charming acquiescence. And I never ceased to be fascinated by the difference between doorman saying he would be by to collect his you-know-what at half past twelve the next night. "Sure, when I was really young." I repeat by long-remembered rote: "Rock breaks scissors, scissors cut paper, paper covers rock." communication with us through their Intermediaries, then issuing their incredible edict. They do not. "Because some people don't. They think it's affected. But I can't help the name I was born with, can. Books: In Defense of Criticism by Joanna Russ 51. forehead broke bloodlessly apart He would rub and rub fur-flier still till the brown hide skinned back. "Did he and Maurice have sex together?" He stopped at the clearing's edge, raised his head, and sniffed. The smell of man hung on the air, heavy and threatening. He came through it as if through a swift current and stepped to the cottage door. like you, and we have enjoyed your company. If we didn't, we would certainly not be offering this. That stopped me for a minute, but I'm not sure why. I must've had a mental picture of Charles. chemistry professor with his nose canted to the left. His identical-twin brother had his nose canted to the right. The combination of the Martian polar inclination, the precessional cycle, and the eccentricity of the orbit. them. enjoyed them so much I'd bought my own wetsuit But I didn't enjoy it nearly as much as I did Saturday. "I don't know. The subject never came up." He wasn't being defensive. He Has a Hole in His Head and His Teeth Glow in the Dark, ROGER ZELAZNY. focus, he saw slim brown legs. brown haunch, brown body and head. The horns shriveled and fell to the ground. 268. (see question 5) that Tolkien is a good, interesting, minor writer whose strong point is his landscapes. Tharsis Base sat on a wide ledge about halfway up from the uneven bottom of the Tharsis arm of the Great Rift Valley. The site had been chosen because it was a smooth area, allowing easy access up a gentle slope to the flat plains of the Tharsis Plateau, while at the same time only a kilometer from the valley floor. No one could agree which area was most worthy of study: plains or canyon. So this site had been chosen as a compromise. What it meant was that the exploring parties had to either climb up or go down, because there wasn't a damn thing worth seeing near the camp. Even the exposed layering and its areological records could not be seen without a half-kilometer crawler ride up to the point where Crawford had climbed to watch the sunrise. hours ago, just as I arrive." landed in the nominal 'summer/ It's been theorized that if there were any Martian life it would have. I laugh and pull her close. Selene was already fastening her dress. I groped halfheartedly for my clothes. friends. "What's the use of all this talk?" She dug into her ID folder, which was made of the same velvet as her dress, and took out her. A: Simak, Sohl, Spinrad and Sturgeon. were secure. The crew was enjoying the luxury of sleeping without their suits. Science: Clone, Clone of My Own by Isaac Asimov 101. hunched in the seat, his hands hanging limply, staring into space. He was trembling uncontrollably and his rather late by then, and they were famished). Before she'd had three mouthfuls, the poem started coming. a woman worthy of a prince. "your jewels into the trunk with my nearest and dearest friend." was the color of tarnished copper, and the fire-engine-red lipstick was painted far past her thin lips. Her. organisms are clones. At midnight I was still awake, sitting in number five in my jockey shorts with the light out and the door open. I listened to the ticking of the Detweiler boy's typewriter and the muffled roar of Los Angeles. And thought and thought and thought. And got nowhere. He pushed the door all the way open and stepped back. It was a good-sized living room come to life. The Organizer was using us. Now she lay on the bunk, her feet sprawled carelessly in front of her. She slowly shook her head back and forth. scored in the tenth. And he knew with a priori certainty that he hadn't done that well. The most he'd. "Selene, did you hear me?" Moses was in the launch, working on the engine. He looked up as Nolan ran towards him, shouting. He crossed his legs like a Forties pin-up and dangled his Roman sandal. His lips twitched scornfully. THE ORGANIZER: If the Project's real purpose is to provide a haven, why weren't they. breakfast time. to get started on their analyses. Song knelt again and started digging around one of the ten-centimeter. from her face. She was dressed in a loose-fitting bottoms of a ship suit, a gray piece of dirty cloth that. "Who is Freddy?" Dr. Rebates said, and no need for alarm. With proper treatment and rest she would recover. A week. We only go out in the hottest part of the day, and your hands and feet tend to get cold. But we manage." 262. inflated and insulated, name. So she went instead to the clearing's edge and cried. Martian exploration where the first expedition had left off and, incidentally, to recover the remains of the. "Hold it," Crawford said. "I just wanted to know if you had any ideas." He was secretly pleased at the argument; it got them both thinking along the right lines, moved them from the deadly apathy they must guard against. At noon Amanda was waiting for me out on her deck. She came down the steps toward the runabout with a regal grace so unlike Selene's bridled energy it was hard to believe they possessed the same body. "Aw, shuddup." The computer returned obediently to its meditations. fragment of the mirror." Then he added, "which is more than your friend the wizard did, apparently." Jack. John Varley. "This is what would kill us, Crawford. What's your first name? Matt. Matt, this baby is a flyer for the first forty thousand meters. It doesn't have the juice to orbit on the jets alone. The wings are folded up now. You probably didn't see them on the way in, but you saw the models. They're very light, supercritical, and designed for this atmosphere. Lou said it was like flying a bathtub, but it flew. And it's a skQI, almost an art. Lou practiced for three years on the best simulators we could build and still had to rely on things you can't learn in a simulator. And he barely got us down in one piece. We didn't noise it around, but it was a damn close thing. Lou was young; so was Cantrell. They were both fresh from flying. They flew every day, they had the feel for it. They were tops." She slumped back into her chair. "I haven't flown anything but

trainers for eight years." responding. This time she was through the door almost before the reverberations had died down, leaving. V2.5 ? Fixed formatting, broken paragraphs, garbled text; by peragwinn."You, dear heart," he said, reaching for her.."Only that isn't above us," said Jack. "It's below." sensitized to her tongue, rough as a cat's..the black woman to her knees. In another second the interior was a whirling snowstorm. He skidded on." . . . and I guess if you kept changing the batteries it would run forever. And it's nearly polystyrene..This fertilized egg cell cannot become an independently living organism for some nine months, for it must divide and redivide within its mother's womb and be nourished by way of its mother's bloodstream. It must develop, specialize, and grow larger until it has developed the necessary ability to live independently. Even after it emerges from its mother's womb, it requires constant and unremitting care for a period of time before it can be trusted to care for itself..license yesterday."..trunk, which seemed even blacker and larger, stood it on its side; then with the great iron key he opened.The heat was stifling, worse than anything he could remember. Even Moises was gasping for air as he gunned the jeep over the rutted roadway, peering into the shimmering haze.."Brethren," he repeated. And then, "There's been considerable talk in the city and the suburbs since.In the Hall of the Martian Kings 147.different position than it had been."..Again those black and burning eyes of his seemed to absorb the Project from its bottommost brick to."Because she's positive her ex-husband is the kidnaper. She doesn't want to get him in any trouble;."I'd suffer if I couldn't spend time on you."."Did you bring any bubblegum?" the girl asked..different variations on the story of a thief who saves a princess. The silent 1924 Thief, with Douglas.garden, he put all his reward in the wheelbarrow, went back to the small door and knocked..Suppose, then, die nucleus of a somatic cell were surrounded with the cytoplasm of an egg cell. Would the genetic equipment in the nucleus unblock, and would the egg cell then proceed to divide and redivide? Would it go on to form an individual with the genetic equipment of the original somatic cell and, therefore, of the person from whom the somatic cell was taken? If so, the new organism would be a clone of the person who donated the somatic cell..prove to be moneymakers, 5 properties will be dusted off, "modernized," and reproduced. I' can see the.Q: In Sword & Sorcery Poker, what beats a full castle?."Well, there's no doubt that you have a definite communications problem. But I think it's a problem you can lick! Til tell you what, Barry: officially, I shouldn't tell you this myself, but I'm giving you a score of 65." He held up his hand to forestall an effusion. "Now, let me explain how that breaks down. You do very well in most categories?Affect, Awareness of Others, Relevance, Voice Production, et cetera, but where you do fall down is in Notional Content and Originality. There you could do better."."Fever." Nolan gestured to Mama Dolores, and the old woman held Darlene still while he forced the thermometer between her lips..had been intended to get them back. Command of the Podkayne, the disposable lander that would make the lion's share of the headlines, had gone to Lang. There was little friendship between the two, especially when Weinstein fell to brooding about the very real financial benefits Lang stood to reap by being the first woman on Mars, rather than the lowly mission commander. He saw himself as another Michael Collins..There was much rustling and squirming for the next few minutes as they got out of their clothes. Song brushed against Crawford in the dark and they murmured apologies. Then they all bedded down in their own bunks. It was several tense, miserable hours before anyone got to sleep..She hooted a single derisory hoot. "I thought you said you liked music!".INTENSITY FIVE.1979, a period of great growth in the science fiction field, at least in terms of numbers. If you're the sort."Tell him I'll get back on it Monday."..funny and libelous. Detweiler proved quickly to be the best player, but Johnny, to my surprise, was no."It was a beacon. We figured that out when we saw they grew only hi the graveyard. But what was it.way. "Why, there's nothing in ..." he began. But then something caught his eye at the very bottom of the."What do you win?""You stay around and nudge some more poems out of me. I'm feeling the wind in my sails, but I need.looking down at us with his big golden eyes, his face glowing as it always does at such times, as though.As for schedules, I have discussed the matter with JX. and demonstrated Zorphwar to him. Both of us are in entire agreement with your analysis. Maintaining morale is one of our primary goals, and we are sure you have things under control. J.L. is, by the way, interested in access to Zorphwar on his own executive terminal. I trust that you will see to the necessary arrangements."."The other end of the rainbow?" asked Hidalgo.."Good," said Amos. "Oh, but one more thing. You say it is windy there. I shall need a good supply of rope, then, and perhaps you can spare a man to go with me. A rope is not much good if there is a person only on one end. If I have someone with me, I can hold him if he blows off and he can do the same for me." Amos turned to the sailors. "What about that man there? He has a rope and is well muffled against the wind."."Though, truly," said Amos, glancing at the ceiling, "I had a friend once named Billy Belay, an old.happy executive..The area isn't big on apartments or rooming houses, but there are a few. I found the Detweiler boy at the.efficiently adapted to its surroundings, this is useful, but it is an extremely conservative mechanism that.suddenly Nina's face contorted as she launched herself at him, her fingers splayed and aiming at his eyes..I heard the typewriter stop ticking and the scrape of a chair being scooted back. I didn't hear.result, all checks from R through Z were not printed on time and failed to make the courier flight to the."Fine," he says. "About a minute, stand by. Ms, Snow wants to say hello."..words. She put their food on the table and they ate their meal in silence. Then they slept like beasts and.Singh and everyone else was silent for a while. He found he realty was beginning to believe in the.Driscoll spoke into the microphone boom projecting from his helmet. "Red Three, routine check." This would leave an innocuous record in the automatic signal logging system. In the darkness Driscoll pressed a key to deactivate the recording channel momentarily. "You're showing a light, shitheads. Douse it or cover it." His finger released the key. "Report status, LCP."..Brother Hart lay on their straw bed. When he looked up at her, Hinda could not bear the twin.103.Eyes with the warm brilliance of goldstone looked at me through her lashes. "I'm alone."..There's one sure gauge for judging a part of town: the movie theaters. It never fails. For instance, a new picture hadn't opened in downtown L.A. in a long, long time. The action ten years ago

was on the Boulevard. Now it's hi Westwood. The grand old Pantages, east of Vine and too near the freeway, used to be the site of the most glittering premieres. They even had the Oscar ceremonies there for 8 while. Now it shows exploitation and double-feature horror films. Only Grauman's Chinese and the once Paramount once Loew*s, now.Women don't understand about strikes, about how important it is for workers to show who they're."Thank you, Dr. Kolodny," Barry said, lingering in the doorway of the cubicle. "Thanks terrifically.".man the mirror. "Now we only have a third to go, if I remember right. When do I start looking for that?"".No!" Her vehemence startled me. She quickly lowered her voice and went on: "My friends call me Amanda,".You are six, almost seven, and you are being allowed to use the big viewer for the first time. You are.freckled. But I got the impression he wasn't exhibiting himself; he was just completely indifferent..become too refined to tolerate the foolishness of sentimental songs and lurid melodrama. Also, please do.of her outburst on the Morones, who looked elsewhere, and on Barry, who couldn't resist meeting her."When I couldn't get her to answer my knock last night, I went around to the window and looked in..not quite right in there."..not been able to excavate the long insulated taproot, but she could infer how deep it went. It extended all."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".The door starts to swing back on noiseless hinges, and a breath of cold, unbelievably cold air touches our faces. The door swings open. The door swings open. The door swings open forever before we finally see into the next chamber..Well, no matter?it was ended now, over once and for all. Today the message had arrived from.The day before, Monday, the 25th, a girl had miscarried and hem-orrhaged. She had bled to death because she and her boy friend were stoned out of their heads. They lived a block off Western?very near the Brewster-and Detweiler was at the Brewster Monday..down the mountain for several minutes. When she turns back toward me, her eyes are softer and there's.* Please don't write to tell me that the activities involved in sexual reproduction are not inconvenient at all, but are a lot of fun. I know that better than you do, whoever you are. The fun is an evolutionarily developed bribe designed to have us overlook and forgive the inconveniences. If you are a woman, you will see the point more quickly, perhaps, than a man wilt.The MacKinnons introduced themselves. His name was Jason. Hers was Michelle. They lived quite.It's really a different world back in there, with almost no contact with the outside."..Smith turns to the ship again: the deck is empty. He dips below to look at the hold, filled with casks, then the cabin, then the forecandle.."Here's what we know for sure. The E.R.B. is useless to us. Oh, they'll help us out with plenty of.Lee Killough for "A House Divided"

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