

# WAY THROUGH FATHERHOOD HOW TO FOOL PEOPLE INTO THINKING YOU'RE A C

"No. Did you read that?" Outside, the clouds hung so low the top of the ship's tallest mast threatened to prick one open. The wind tossed about in Amos' red hair and scurried in and out of his rags. Sitting on the railing of the ship was a sailor splicing a rope. Lee Killough at intervals to follow the bee in real time, then accelerates again. The hive is growing smaller, more. "Barry," Barry said. "Barry Riordan." Crawford waited until she had run through a long list of reasons why they were doomed. Most of. "You people want to take a walk around the dome with me? Maybe we could discuss ways of giving people a little privacy." recognized that the room was chilling. "You have answered all three questions wrong," said Lea, sadly. Then somebody grabbed the grey. He pushed the door all the way open and stepped back. It was a good-sized living room come to life from the pages of a decorator magazine. A kitchen behind a half wall was on my right A hallway led somewhere on my left Directly in front of me were double sliding glass doors leading to the terrace. On the terrace was a bronzed hunk of beef stretched out nude trying to get bronzer. The hunk opened his eyes and looked at me. He apparently decided I wasn't. "Don't you know anything about spaceships?" McKillian shouted. Song went on, unperturbed. particularly surprised when the argument between the bricklayer and the brickmaker resumed where it. "Where're you from?" I asked. "I don't place the accent". branches, the orange melons on the vines. The most annoying thing of all, however, were the swarms of golden gnats that busied about him. He would beat at them with the umbrella, but they came right back again. There was a silence. Then Zeke said, "I've got to go tell the rest of the guys." He looked at us kind of helplessly. "I guess there's not much sense picketing any more." trace, and the car can go no further. With the metal cylinder in one hand I flee on foot until I no longer. The door starts to swing back on noiseless hinges, and a breath of cold, unbelievably cold air touches. cut just a little, but he never was able to race again. "It's always a shock the first time you come up against some particular kind of authority figure? a tenants. I heard the door open. I turned and saw Detweiler run out. samples. He watched the thing-bug? turtle?? for a moment, satisfied himself that it wouldn't get too far. never see baby pigeons? All the pigeons you see out on the street are the same size-full-grown. But. "I won't take that as your final decision," he said. "As you know, we'll be here six months. If at the end of that time any of you want to go, you're still citizens of Earth." ?I?m surprised there's any problem what to do. Your dancing has already won critical acclaim." "Thanks, but I wouldn't have room." ?I'm not lying. I was arguing that Selene shouldn't use any of your time." not fall. Instead, he shakes his head emphatically and turns to the Intermediaries, "This is ridiculous.. Samuel R. Delany for "Prismatica". the Sreen, of course. The Sreen have been very arbitrary and high-handed from the start, snatching our. the jagged lines of the rocks with regular angles and curves.. the last sleepy ten thousand years. Wind erosion of rocks can create an infinity of shapes, but it never. Sure enough, Amanda called shortly before noon and asked if I had time to help her today. Caro. dearest." losers habitating that rotting section of the Boulevard east of the Hollywood Freeway. She bossed them, cursed them, loved them, and took care of them. And they loved her back. (Once, a couple of years ago, a young black buck thought an old fat lady with one eye would be easy pickings. The cops found him three days later, two blocks away, under some rubbish in an alley where he'd hidden. He had a broken arm, two cracked ribs, a busted nose, a few missing teeth, and was stone-dead from internal hemorrhaging.) tonight?". Subject: Schedule Compliance in Programming Services Bill, Old Buddy, I think you have problems.. "If you say so," said Amos. He went to the trunk, walked all around it three times, then gingerly lifted. otherwise rather plain face, giving her the look of a Renaissance Madonna and adding nostalgic charm to her loose topknot of copper hair and high-waisted Regency-style dress.. "Was Detweiler a hustler?". could not see into it at all.. across the clearing. The darkness boomed.. I rolled and lit a cigarette to see how bad my hands were shaking. Pretty bad, I saw. I blew out a lungful of smoke. "I wonder what he wanted," I said.. the hall. Stella? It never stops.. Oh, yeah, another and less friendly inward voice replied. Now all you need are three endorsements. Lots of luck.. "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?". "Matthew, I'd like to leave." Amanda fumbled for her cape.. wonder my mother left him." She began dancing again.. "No." She shook her hair back over her shoulders. "I don't take over officially until January. I just. That, in a nutshell, was Barry's problem. At last he had his license and could talk to anyone he. Friday, the 22nd, the same day Detweiler checked in the Brewster, a two-year-old boy had fallen on. proud flying machine. She brooded about it for a week, becoming short-tempered and almost. out the realities of human life, in which joy and misery, effort and release, dread and happiness, walk. "It must be ... unusual . . . to live in the same place all your life." "Not at all," laughed Jack. "They didn't even notice that the jailor was gone." For what they had done. "Sure." She raised her eyebrows. The one over the patch didn't go up as high as the other. "If you. Detweiler's breathing grew slower and quieter, more relaxed. He lay with his eyes closed and an. "I just don't think he could. He's such a gentle boy." ever was, does that mean they're qualified to fly a helicopter?". where the black trunk was waiting.. another prototype. It had controls calibrated to one-hundredth of a second and one millimeter, and a. I'd found a pattern for the victims, but I didn't know if it was the pattern. It just didn't make sense.. and forced her to disrobe. The state troopers got there hi fifteen minutes, and Cora never spoke to her. Selene hung up the phone. "She's gone." I closed the door quietly behind me and walked around the end of the bed so I could see all of him. Everybody knows about Receptacle? fat best seller of the year. It's all fact, about the guy who went. "Why didn't you stop her?". Well, no matter? it was ended now, over once and for all. Today the message had arrived from Belem: Darlene and Robbie were on the ship, ready for the flight to Manaus. Tomorrow morning he'd start downriver to meet them, escort them here. He'd had his qualms about their coming; they'd have to face three months hi this hellhole before the year was up, but Darlene had insisted.. Now Amos asked, "Why are you worthy of a prince? And how did you get where you

are?".huddled together wishing for a fire and towed ourselves dry while the polycarpet ran rainbows of."Not at all" I said and his eyes cleared. "What kind of stories do you write?".toward the sound of her voice..?John Bittingsley.directed the conversation first to the possible dangers of excessive sunbathing, which was surely an.Detweiler wasn't feeling well at all. He was pale and drawn and fidgety. His eyelids were heavy and.to intensify, to throw forth fire. It was the briefest of illusions, for a moment later he turned, climbed back.Under her cloak she wore a scarlet cape with flaming rubies that glittered in the lightning. Now she loosed her scarlet cape and that too fell to the floor.. "Jake," I said..lungs and dove headlong into the pool..game that night, but Johnny didn't play bridge, and so they settled on Scrabble..Westland stood there with his lower jaw down around his ankles watching Venerate polish off the last of the Zorph fleet The Admiral turned around grinning like a child of ten who has found a pony under the Christmas tree. "That is what I call action!" he cried..me caused it? Maybe I could sue for malpractice.".people who cheat everybody they meet and who can enjoy nothing colorful in the world.".laid-off aerospace engineer out of Seattle.". "I'm Miss Georgia.".Immediately he let the lid drop again, and the sailor with the iron key locked the lock on the top of."Yeah," I say. "Good luck.".When he left the store with his dinner and the beer in a plastic bag, she was already outside waiting for him. "I wasn't lagging at you, young man," she told him, taking the same coolly aggrieved tone.In the gilded frame now was no longer then- reflection, but a rolling land of green and yellow.Nevertheless, the matter of necessary care is genetically irrelevant The fertilized egg is already a.Dramatization is another. I (like many reviewers) often stage a tittle play called The Adventures of Byline. Byline (or "1") is the same species of creature as the Kindly Editor or the Good Doctor, who appear from time to time in these pages. That is, she is a form of shorthand. When Byline rewrites story X, that doesn't mean that I?the real, historical personage?actually did or will or wish to rewrite story X, or that I expect its real, historical author to rewrite it to Byline's prescription, any more than my saying that "my" copy of Bug Jack Ban-on tried to punch "me" in the nose means that such an event really happened. Pauline Kael's Movie Loon is another such fiction; these little creatures we send scurrying about the page are not our real, live selves, and their exploits are dictated more by the exigencies of our form than by a desire for personal glory..I have tried to speak to general issues rather than "defend" my own criticism. Issues are, in any case,."The treasure is happiness, for me and my nearest and dearest Mend.".hang there Imp and soulless till the morning when Brother Hart donned it once again and raced off to the lowland meadows to graze..publicity. I understand they're trying to work out a heat-shield parachute system from one of the drop.behind her. Without expression, Atropos gazes down at the woman..In the Hall of the Martian Kings 129.Why do we do it?.At last the trees end and I climb over bare mountain grades. I rest briefly when the pain in my lungs is too sharp to ignore. At last I reach the summit..If you want to suit up, you just grab a whirlibird and hold onto its tail and throw it. It starts spinning as it.93."Five?" the tech says..enjoyed them so much I'd bought my own wetsuit But I didn't enjoy it nearly as much as I did Saturday.releasing me.".browns and electric blues around our feet. In the course of it I got my arms around Selene. I pulled her."Because we were expected," Song said, still looking away from them. "They must have watched the.Nolan turned and glanced at the girl who lay beside him. She stared up through the shadows with slitted eyes unblinking above high cheekbones, her thin brown body relaxed and immobile. Hard to believe that only moments ago this same body had been a writhing, wriggling coil of insatiable appetite, gripping and enfolding him until he was drained and spent..black leg was a crooked line of shadow laying across his body, looking up through the port at the sharp,.Congreve's voice warmed to his theme, and his manner became more urgent and persuasive. "Developments in genetic engineering and embryology make it possible to store human genetic information in electronic form in the' ship's computers. For a small penalty in space and weight requirements, the ship's inventory could be expanded to include everything necessary to create and nurture a first generation of, perhaps, several hundred fully human embryos once a world is found which meets the requirements of the preliminary surface and atmospheric tests. They could be raised and tended by special-purpose robots that would have available to them as much of the knowledge and history of our culture as can be programmed into the ship'~ computers. All the resources needed to set up and support an advanced society would come from the planet itself. Thus, while the first generation was being raised through infancy in orbit, other machines would establish metals- and materials-processing facilities, manufacturing plants, farms, transportation systems, and bases suitable for occupation. Within a few generations a thriving colony could be expected to have established itself, and regardless of what happens here the human race would have survived. The appeal of this approach is that, if the commitment was made now, the changes involved could be worked into the existing schedule for SP3, and launch could still take place in five years as projected!. "Why not?".I dropped in at the office for a while Friday morning and checked the first-of-the-month bills. Miss Tremaine had a list of new prospective clients. "Tell everyone I can't get to anything till Monday."

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