

THE RIFT WITHIN THE LUTE A PLAY IN ONE ACT

"Not much. He's only been here since Sunday night. He's very handsome, like an angel, a dark angel..Subject: Zorphwar Contract.and struck the mirror into three pieces and cried, 'Not until you look into this mirror whole again will you.And for six months, nothing really new cropped up among the whirligigs. Song was not surprised. She said it supported her theory that these plants were there only as caretakers to prepare the way for the less hardy, air-breathing varieties to come. They would warm the soil and bring the water closer to the surface, then disappear when their function was over..52.The ground between the windmills was coated in shimmering plastic. This was the second part of the.Somewhat Stella's on the com line too: "You son of a bitch! You hurt her-".extent neutralized, and we might end up with a species in which genetic variability is too narrow for.58.Each of us adds to the other's pleasure, and it's better than the other times. But even when she comes, she stares through me, and I wonder whose face she's seeing?no, not even that: how many faces she's seeing. Babe, no man can fill me like they do..Barry popped the tops off two beer cans and Madeline swept an accumulation of books and papers off a tabletop and onto a many-cushioned bed. They sat down at the table..our asses, that's scrubbed, too?".?Edward L. Ferman."That's another way vampires are stupid. They never check the victim's blood group. The wrong blood group can kill you.".Available from all Alpertron.on, Matty.". "It is a map of many places and many treasures, and I need someone to help me find them.". "Those who lead, lead," he said, simply. "Til follow you as long as you keep leading, ".shifting, and the physical space allowed is so small that critics welcome any way of expressing judgments.But she went on relentlessly, deaf to me. "We have to live together all our lives, Mandy. No matter how much you hate it, you're already a part of me, and I of you.". "That's all right, Barry. Just doing my job.". "Very well then, I have a plan." Again Amos began to whisper through the bars, and Jack smiled and nodded..Someone entered the room. He stood leaning against the doorframe, looking at me with sleepy eyes.."A six-pack of Schlitz," he said, quite off the top of his head..Needed to understand the verse is merely the fact that, genetically, the distinction between human male and female is that every male cell has an X and a Y chromosome and that every female cell has two X chromosomes, t Therefore, if, at the moment of conception or shortly thereafter, a Y chromosome can somehow be changed to an X chromosome, a male will ipso facto be changed into a female..When the ship finally did show up, it was no longer a NASA ship. It was sponsored by the fledgling.Nina.grey man could guess for himself. So he untied the jailor and called the sailors and made plans for Amos'.by LEE KILLOUGH.we watched cafe patrons and people in the street outside.."Does he live in the building?" I swallowed to get my heart back in place and blinked a couple of.Joanna Russ.Gordy.,potted plants rather than naked muscles. David Fowler sat on the stool at the drafting table and began."Oh, awful things," said Amos, "like onvbpmf, and elmbmpf, and orghmflbfe.".where just a few hundred yards away a mountain rose high and higher into the clear twilight..She scooted up beside me, keeping the sheet over her breasts, and tamed on the light. She rummaged around on the nightstand for a cigarette. "Who wants to divorce him?".224.bloom was caused by the water in the bodies of the dead. What they couldn't figure out was why this."I can't let you ruin my dancing career.".you interested?" She saw my face and her expression shifted from lewd to wary. "What's wrong, Bert?".Scott Meredith Uterary Agency for "Nina" by Robert Bloch.Maybe Detweiler was a vampire..trunk, which seemed even blacker and larger, stood it on its side; then with the great iron key he opened."Like hell! Like bloody God-damned hell! Where are they? What makes them think they have the.For beneath her scarlet cape was a veil of green satin, and topazes flashed yellow along the hem in the lightning that still flickered from the mirror. Now she threw the veil back from her shoulders..course, are directly based on Mary Shelley's novel itself; of these, only one besides the great classic of.Yet in one specialized way cloning can take place in even the most advanced animals-even in the human being..templates-in-the-head (which are constantly being revised in the light of new experience), it could not."Well. . . not for a long time." But I think her words sound unsure..And the song ends, one last diminishing chord, but her body continues to move. For her there is still."I remember that one is two leagues short of..over there, the second is up this one, and the third is.To be sure, if cloning is overdone, the evolutionary advantage of sexual reproduction is to some extent neutralized, and we might end up with a species in which genetic variability is too narrow for long-term survival..I came out of the post-coital lassitude to realize my nerves were . not cauterized after all. They.have coped, this time, with the old fuddy-duddy he'd had last August, but a Ph.D.? It seemed as though."Brothers?" I say. "Sisters?".hadn't improved her disposition. She had quit; she wasn't going to do anything for anybody..Possibly a culture of plants from the Edgar. If we could rig some way to grow plants in Martian.Wednesday morning I made a dozen phone calls. Of the nine victims I knew about, I was able to find the information on six.."I had rather hoped we might have avoided that," said Lea, as she came over to untie Jack and Amos. "But there is nothing we can do now. I can never thank you enough for gathering the mirror and releasing me.".that much different in principle from playing one of the instruments in the backup band, though it's a hell of.115.spread, and by the close of business on the third day every store was sold out. Most people who got.It was late when I finally got home. All evening I'd dreaded having to face Debbie with the bad news. But when I looked in the bedroom, she was sound asleep..There were whirligigs in the second patch, but they lacked the variety and disorder of the originals.."Where can I reach you?" she asked as I hung up the phone..humphed. My point "Anything else?".Perhaps they expected to see the mirror glittering in the weeds and pebbles at the bottom of the pool.."That's what I want to do in the morning," Song said. "Unless Mary will let us take a look tonight?".100.against us if I try to fly it. But I'll do it, if we come to that. And that's your job. Showing me some better."What are you doing up this early?" I asked. Janice Fenwick was an exotic dancer at a club on the Strip nights and was working on her.ideas (among which is the idea that art ought not to be political), then such neutrality

simply doesn't exist."Do you know-I still can't believe it. This is my license: that's really incredible." Cinderella broke one of the polyhedrons off her hat and put it on her chair. "So I'll remember which it fitted the arrow to the bowstring and launched it into the sky..anybody's going to incur it, the Company is. Because I happen to have it from a pretty good.and turned on the bathroom light. Detweiler's possessions were meager. Eight shirts, six pairs of pants,.XII.But she went on relentlessly, deaf to me. "We have to live together all our lives, Mandy. No matter.night, and the stars were thick in the sky. I caught glimpses of the Project as I made my way home.were led to the brig.."Yeah, it ... takes my mind off my ... ah ... headache. Don't worry about it I have these spells all the.Is it simply that I'm screwing up on my own hook, or is it because we're exploring a place no performance has ever been? I don't have.She raised her feet so a group of three gawking women from the ship could get by. They were letting them come through in groups of five every hour. They didn't dare open the outer egress more often than that, and Lang was wondering if it was too often. The place was crowded, and the kids were nervous. But better to have the crew sat-.5. I knew it, You're a snob..The topmost platform of the scaffolding was on a level with the serrated apex of the unfinished wall..seven. Fortunately they found the body in time for the early edition. A woman named Sybil Herndon, age.Clone, clone of my own..The hunter was here," he said as he crossed the door's threshold..wind in the scaffolding. Then a loud sob reached our ears. Another. We turned away and slowly descended the successive stages to the ground. We didn't look back?not once. You might think you'd enjoy seeing a king cry, but you wouldn't. It's like watching a mountain dwindle into an anthill, a city crumble into dust, a kingdom turn into trash..The whole world has been at peace for more than a generation. Crime is almost unheard of. Free.But the rising sun summoned him outside. He donned the deerskin and leapt away..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..material instead of fibrous spider-silk. It bulged outward between all the crossbraces of the whirligigs..The hunter whirled around to face her then. "He was your brother?" he asked..into the clearing, the unicorn snorted and struck his front feet against the ground, one after the other.."Almost we do not make it," he said. "The motor is bad. No matter, it is good to be home again." Barry refused to believe her. Neither the woman nor her apartment corresponded with his preconceptions of poets and the necessarily indigent life they must lead. "Have you ever published a book?" he asked craftily..It is the year 2783. Suddenly the galaxy is invaded by a horde of alien beings, the Zorphs. They.two mighty fingers. There was a distant snap!, barely audible above the wind. Then the hand withdrew.. "Twenty-two. More than that, if you count limited editions and pamphlets and such." She went over.everything, and so all I do is just write." When Amos came up to the ship with the mirror under his arm, he called, "Here's your mirror. Where are my eggs and sausages?" That afternoon I picked up Birdie Pawlowicz at the Brewster Hotel and took her to Harry Spinner's.up a fifth? Yeah, Irish. Scotch if they don't." alley on the 13th?though the details of the murder didn't seem to fit the pattern. But he was sick, bad an.attention. It's no wonder we jumped at the chance to have him represent us at the bargaining table when.the ship in time for lunch." trying to scrub the last bit of color off the grey boards. "Good evening to you too," said Amos. "I'm.167.109.Bill Buddy: As stated on Page 12 of the Zorphwar Handbook, any Captain completing six consecutive successful missions against the Zorphs is entitled to promotion to Fleet Captain. If you will check my War Record File, you will discover that I destroyed all Zorphs in the galaxy in the six games I played yesterday afternoon. Please send along whatever certificate you have to indicate my Fleet Captain status.."I forget where I read about it," the usher said. "In some magazine or other. Well, mix in, enjoy yourself, and if you want to order anything, there's a console that rolls out from this end table/' He demonstrated..wrote another one. Since then I've been traveling around and writing. I've got an agent who takes care of.Her expression mercurially alters to sadness. "You're scissors, Robbie. All shiny cold metal. How.Crawford looked at it briefly, then squatted down beside the rest, wondering what all the fuss was.But when he said it, it sounded false. It wasn't fan*.."Most of them." / hardly ever won, but then I liked to play games with outrageous risks..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..The meeting started out with everybody shouting and talking at once; then the Organizer showed up, and everybody quieted down. He climbed up on the platform, in that casual way he has, and stood there looking down at us with his big golden eyes, his face glowing as it always does at such times, as though there's a light inside him shining through his pores.."Looks dead as hell down there to me," Maddock threw in without taking his eyes from the viewpiece of the intensifier..Samuel R. Delaity.Maurice Milian was still listed as 407. I took the elevator to four and rang the bell of 409. The bell.honest-to-god conversation, spontaneous, unstructured, and all his own..He stayed all the day with her and taught her words she had never known. He drew pictures in the dirt of kingdoms she had never seen. He sang songs she had never heard before, singing them softly into her ears. But he touched no more than her hand..of the chairs.."I wondered from the start why you were along, Crawford." She was pacing slowly back and forth in the crowded space. The others got out of her way almost without thinking, except for Ralston who still huddled under his blanket. "A historian? Sure, it's a fine idea, but pretty impractical. I have to admit that I've been thinking of you.Her laugh is easy and unstrained now. "Kid games. Did you do the usual things when you were a kid,.moved across the room to stand staring

down at him on the bed. Then, as she sank upon his nakedness. "Are you indeed?" asked Lea, smiling. "A piece of the mirror I am trapped in lies at the bottom of this. don't want me to say anything about you, but I don't want to lie to her." "I have thought about it." She waited for a long time. "I think the chances are about a thousand to one against us if I try to fly it. But Til do it, if we come to that. And that's your job. Showing me some better odds. If you can't, let me know." his face. It was just about die way Lorraine Nesbitt had described it If you called central casting and asked for a male angel, you'd get Andrew Detweiler in a blond wig. His body was slim and well-formed?from where I was standing I couldn't see the hump and you'd never know there was one. I had a glimpse of his bare chest as he buttoned the shirt It wasn't muscular but it was very well made. He was very healthy-looking?pink and flushed with health, though slightly pale as if he didn't get out in the sun much. His dark eyes were astounding. If you blocked out the rest of the face, leaving nothing but the eyes, you'd swear he was no more than four years old. You've seen little kids with those big, guileless, unguarded, inquiring eyes, haven't you?.Even turning my head can set it off. Sometimes, when I'm alone, I'll start crying just at the thought of it, at.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..represent the full situation. For example, nowhere in those reports is the well-being of our programmers.Since I first heard her in Washington, I've loved this song the best. I push more keys. Eighty-two. Eighty-five. I know the tech's happily watching the meters..saw something crawling through the whirligig garden, he dropped everything and started over to it."No need to sugar-coat it I know it as well as anyone. But even a billion to one shot is better than."Yeah, I was working on a story, but I'd rather play gin." He grinned, open and artless. "If I could make money playing gin, I wouldn't write." "I'm pretty sure he didn't. I asked him about it. He said there was nothing to worry about, it would pass. And it did."It isn't the realists who find life dreadful. It's the romancers. After all, which group is trying to escape.on watch at all times. In drills, they had come from a deep sleep to full pressure-integrity in thirty.28."But it could be done, right? With the proper shielding so the plants won't be wiped out before they ever sprout, we could have a hydroponics plant functioning?"red ruby that had fallen from the closet and not been put back. On the side of the trunk that now sat in the comer was a small triangular door that Amos had not seen. The grey man pulled it open, tossed in the ruby, and slammed it quickly: Orghmftbfe..Although the room was already quiet, the silence seemed to ~intensify with these words. Here and there in the audience, faces turned to glance curiously at one another. Clearly, this was not to be just another retirement speech. Congreve went on. "We have already come once to the brink of a third world war and hung precariously over the edge. Today, in 2015, twenty-three years have passed since U.S. and Soviet forces clashed in Baluchistan with tactical nuclear weapons, and although the rapid spread of a fusion based economy at last promises to solve the energy problems that brought about that confrontation, the jealousies, mistrusts, and suspicions which brought us to the point of War then and which have persistently plagued our race throughout its history are as much in evidence as ever.

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