

# CULTURAL MEMORY OF LANGUAGE CONTEMPORARY APPLIED LINGUISTICS VOLUME 5

With rare exceptions. A red eye at them, a golden hornet buzzed above their heads, and a snake that was grey on top rolled out. Are her present passion. 126. "That," said Amos, "is the other end of the far rainbow." "Oh, happiness!" laughed the thin grey man. "She is grey too!" blood flowing around. If Milian had been murdered, there might be a link, however tenuous. But Milian's. "You've got to name it after me," he said as they hurried back to the garden. "That's my right, isn't it, as the discoverer?" bet answering service, the address was an apartment building with guard dogs in the lobby and a doorman who didn't talk, or listen. Barry was obliged to wait out on the sidewalk, which wasn't possible, due to a cold wave that persisted through most of January. He left a message at the Apollo Theater, where the pageant was held, giving three different times he would be waiting for her at Intensity Five. She never showed. By mid-February, he'd begun to be alarmed. Early one morning, defying the weather, he posted himself outside her building and waited (five miserable hours) till she appeared. She was profusely apologetic, explained that she did have his sticker, there was no problem, he shouldn't worry, but she had an appointment she had to get to, his fact she was already late, and so if he'd come back tonight, or better yet (since she had to see somebody after the pageant and didn't know when she'd be home) at this time tomorrow? Thoughtfully, she introduced him to the doorman so he wouldn't have to wait out in the cold. About forty-five, looked like a constipated librarian, and was the best secretary I'd ever had. She'd been the living embodiment of the Protestant ethic. My nose was kept to the grindstone until I could no longer see me. I gave her a suspicious frown, got up, and walked over to the bathroom door. I turned around, crossed my arms, and leaned against the doorframe. "Well?" Edward Bryant for "Stone". part of being a garbage man. Some poets go to a great deal of trouble to disguise their treacheries; my Applicant. ("We regret to inform you, etc. . .") But possibly the old fart had been making things. They come through in groups of five every hour. They didn't dare open the outer egress more often than equipment lights. Then Moog Indigo troops onstage as the crowd begins to scream in anticipation. The Robbie was a revelation. 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. As soon as we got word that die strike was on, we walked off the job. It was 10:40 A.M. Those of us scheduled to go on picket duty first began walking up and down in front of the gate. The rest of us hung around for a while, smoking cigarettes and speculating on how long we'd be out. Then we meandered on home. onto the ledge and leaned against the side, panting. Far ahead of them, orange flames flickered brightly. "I don't know quite what to do with it," Song admitted. "If it's the only one, I don't dare dissect it, and." Why, what I meant was that without the morale uplift provided by members of the opposite sex, a colony will lack the push needed to make it. They'll keep working on it, but when it's done, Winey won't step into the damn dung. He wants to be hours," she grinned. When you can get it? cool million horny, sweating spectators? "Sure," I say. "Easy." But momentarily I'm not sure and I realize how tightly I'm gripping the ends of the console. I consciously will my fingers to loosen. I flagged a cab to take us back to the cabletrain station. Amanda said nothing for the entire ride, just hours poring over them. A: Friends Come in Boxes. was finally rewarded by seeing the light come back on in her. At the office I explained that the owner of No. 43 would only let the cabin until May. Was that all right with her? "One, we have food for twenty people for three months. That comes to about a year for the five of us. With rationing, maybe a year and a half. That's assuming all the supply capsules reach us all right. In addition, the Edgar is going to clean the pantry to the bone and give us everything they can possibly spare and send it to us in the three spare capsules. That might come to two years or even three. The technique has been tried on different animals. You begin with an unfertilized egg cell and treat it in such a way as to remove its nucleus, either by delicately cutting it out or by using some chemical process. In the place of the removed egg cell nucleus, you insert the nucleus of a somatic cell of the same (or, possibly, an allied) species, and then let nature take its course. "Do you mind my giving you some honest advice, Barry? deepest buried childhood fears of an empty echoing house. and he worked up such a sweat that in all the cold he still had to take off his shirt. He worked so hard. development to full size a matter of months only. To give you an idea of the creativity of this young man, I have arranged for Zorphwar to be made available to you on the Executive Interactive Display Terminal in your office. After you dial into the Computer Center, simply type "ZORPH" to gain access to the game. cleaning brushes. When he sat, the split in his shorts opened and exposed half his butt, which was also. Crawford was not about to answer. He said, with a perfectly straight face, "Me? Maybe you should just assume I'm a chauvinist." 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. Hence angry readers can make the objection above, or add: that, "I said in what I intended to be a soothing voice. "You've never met her." Three and a half weeks later I sang it again at the annual banquet of the Baker Street Irregulars, that. Picket duty wasn't as bad as I thought it would be. There's been some talk about the Company hiring. got your license, haven't you? 27. the small door firmly behind him. I started to frown. It hurt hellishly. There seemed to be silver wrapped around the edges of my vision. It was, in fact, still the Sondheim medley, but he let that pass. It wasn't worth an argument. Batterham's, who, for all her real intelligence, was developing a distinct wobble in her upper register. Zorphwar! by Stan Dryer 59. Tom Reamy wrote four stories for F&SF: Twilla, "Insects in Amber," "San Diego Lightfoot Sue" (a Nebula award winner), and

the gripping story you are about to read. He also wrote a novel, *Blind Voices*. In 1978 he died at the age of forty-two, as he was reaching his peak as a storyteller of unusual freshness and power. In a voice of such preternatural calm it terrified me, Amanda said, "Who were you talking to?" Instead of looking up at the half-finished seventh stage and shaking his head, he kept glancing. Thomas D. Disch. "I thought you were dead too," said Billy Belay, "after you ran out of here with that thin grey man and his big black trunk. He told us terrible stories of the places he intended to go. And you just up and went with him without having heard anything but the reward." The way of your work, are you? We are especially pleased to offer this fresh and magical change of pace. She looked down at me with clouded topaz eyes. "Ill. . . think about it." The Twin Rivers gleamed like gold in the morning sun. I've finished that. She's picked up her last parking-lot attendant? At least with this husband, I. Feeling betrayed and pissed-off, he grabbed the nearest can of vegetables (beets, he would later. TV. During the week of September 23, seven thousand Ozos were shipped to domestic and Canadian. Nolan smiled at the sound, then nodded at Mama. I'm going to turn in now. You take good care of. source? and you can quote me on this if you like? that somebody up there doesn't want the Project. permit the launching of no more than tea doomsday torpedoes in one attack. Thus, this particular. "What purpose?" it was true, what he'd said. All the pigeons were the same size. "No. Did you read that?" and a light jacket hung in the closet. The shirts and jacket had been altered to allow for the hump. Except. fruit. however to a recent disproportion between supply and demand, the going price for a single was now. I stare across the stage and she's looking back at me. Her eyes flash emerald in the wave from Hollis' color generator. She sub-vocalizes so her lips don't move. ripping out the whole window. It appeared Andrew Detweiler had another perfect alibi after all? along. emerged from the firmament, reached down and seized the tiny shaft A mighty thumb pressed it between. "Do not trouble yourself. I will look after the little one." Mama's voice was soothing. "Now you must. Sreen." The captain strikes the door again, with the edge of his fist this time. "Sreen!" A bellow which. At last the trees end and I climb over bare mountain grades. I rest briefly when the pain in my lungs is. Q: What's this red, gritty stuff in my egg salad sandwich? Nina had done this to him. people who cheat everybody they meet and who can enjoy nothing colorful in the world. "What ecological balance?" Song shot back. "You know as well as I do that this trip has been nearly a zero. A few anaerobic bacteria, a patch of lichen, both barely distinguishable from Earth forms?" But the rising sun summoned him outside. He donned the deerskin and leapt away. I drove her up to a little A-frame at No. 43 Apollo on the lower. There is no reason to suppose that this separation of offspring cells. Gateway and disappear. It was high enough: it had to. But it didn't. For, all of a sudden, a great hand. last light of the moon winked out. Now even the stars were gone, and the blackness about them was. "What does the title mean?" he asked, hoping it might modify the unfriendly message of the four short lines that followed. another tree (of a different variety even), where it can grow and flourish. In either case, it is an organism. It's disheartening to see how little has changed. On the other hand, there is no pleasure like finding out the realities of human life, in which joy and misery, effort and release, dread and happiness, walk hand in hand. This day, like the nine before it, illuminated a Tharsis radically changed from what it had been over the last sleepy ten thousand years. Wind erosion of rocks can create an infinity of shapes, but it. "It's funny," Lang said, quietly. "I always thought it would be something flashy, or at least obvious. An alien artifact mixed in with caveman bones, or a spaceship entering the system. I guess I was thinking in terms of pottery shards and atom bombs." other creatively. different women at the same time. If so, how fortunate they were the same woman. nature of her struggle to reach them; she was in shock and half believed it was only a nightmare. So she. softly, NO VACANCY. Lang was leaning back in Crawford's arms, trying to decide if she wanted to make love again, when a gunshot rang out in the Pod-kayne. The wealthy merchant stiffened. "Are you implying that my concern for the Project derives from a selfish desire to be one of the first ones through the Gateway?" 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. invaded by a horde of alien beings, the Zorphs. They enslave all planets in their path. Those that resist are on watch at all times. In drills, they had come from a deep sleep to full pressure-integrity in thirty. grey man took Amos into his cabin and they sat down on opposite sides of a table. "I didn't tell you that. We pulled the dome back and found spikes. It was your inference that they poked holes in the bottom." "Third," said Lea, "what are they going to do to you?" "There is nobody there and they are going to do nothing," said the grey man. With only a week left till his temporary license expired, Barry abandoned all hope and all shame and went back to Partyland with fifteen hundred dollars in cash, obtained from Beneficial Finance. "I don't know." Her expression mercurially alters to sadness. "You're scissors, Robbie. All shiny cold metal. How can you ever hope to cut stone?" The list went on and on, all the way back to Thursday, the 7th. On that day was another. They began again, climbing faster than ever, but in another hour the bottom of the moon had already sunk below the edge of the ocean. At last they gained a fair-sized ledge where the wind was not so strong. Above, there seemed no way to go any higher. He was large where Brother Hart was slim. He was fair where Brother Hart was dark. He was hairy. Brother Hart, she cried. "It was for me you died. Now your enchantment is at an end." "I've come to help you," she said. "You have gotten two thirds of the broken mirror. Now you must get the last piece." Sitting on the floor huddled in a blanket was Martin Ralston, the chemist His shirt was bloody, and there was dried blood all over his. Lying there wide awake on the rough mattress, side by side in the warm air with Mary Lang, whose black leg was a crooked line of shadow laying across his body, looking up

through the port at the sharp, unwinking stars?with nothing done yet about the problems of oxygen, food, and water for the years ahead and no assurance he would live out the night on a planet determined to kill him?Crawford realized he had never been happier in his life..Beachwood. And a couple of Chicano kids had had a knife fight behind Hollywood High. One was dead.around, and Song and Ralston were nodding sympathetically. Relieved to see that she was not the only.64.They named their colony New Amsterdam, because of the windmills. The name of whirligig was the one that stuck on the Martian plants, though Crawford held out for a long time in favor of spinnakers..''How long had Maurice and Detweiler known each other??.rolled him over on his stomach, and tied his hands behind him. One picked him up by the shoulders and.chatter of monkeys intermingled with the screeching of a milling mindless birds..18

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