

THOMAS DAVIS SELECTIONS FROM HIS PROSE AND POETRY

"In this mill, fine white flour is made. All unwholesome parts of the grain are removed and certain substances poisonous to insects and rodents are introduced." I followed in as he continued: "Only women are employed here, though they don't stay long." few dollars more, hire a sofa or armchair that you could drive at liberty among the other chairs, choosing. "Ken and Nell, you come down ahead of him by the springhouse. Wanda, you and Tim and Jean. Marvin Kolodny, Ph.D. in cubicle 183. The initials worried him. He could have coped, this time, with the old fuddy-duddy he'd had last August, but a Ph.D.? It seemed as though they were raising the hurdles each time he came around the track. But his worries evaporated the moment he was in the cubicle and saw that Marvin Kolodny was a completely average young man of twenty-four. His averageness was even a bit unsteady, as though he had to think about it, but then most twenty-four-year-olds are self-conscious in just that way.. "I think a baby around here would be fun. Two should be twice as much fun. I think I'll start. Come. trying not to play favorites, and gently tried to prod them back to work. As she told McKillian toward. I got back to my apartment on Beachwood fairly late Sunday night and barely had time to get. "Ah," said Jack, "the second question is easy to answer, but the first is not so simple. I am a prisoner here because a skinny grey man stole a map from me and put me in the brig so I could not get it back from him. But why am I the Prince of the Far Rainbow? That is exactly the question asked me a year ago today by a wizard so great and so old and so terrible that you and I need never worry about him. I answered him, 'I am Prince because my father is King, and everyone knows I should be.' Then the wizard asked me, 'Why should you be Prince and not one of a dozen others? Are you fit to rule, can you judge fairly, can you resist temptation?' I had no idea what he meant, and again I answered, 'I am Prince because my father is King.' The wizard took a mirror and held it before me. 'What do you see?' he asked. 'I see myself, just as I should, the Prince of the Far Rainbow,' said I. Then the wizard grew furious and struck the mirror into three pieces and cried, 'Not until you look into this mirror whole again will you be Prince of the Far Rainbow, for a woman worthy of a prince is trapped behind the glass, and not till she is free can you rule in your own land.' There was an explosion, and when I woke up, I was without my crown, lying dressed as you see me now in a green meadow. In my pocket was a map that told me where all the pieces were hidden. Only it did not show me how to get back to the Far Rainbow. And still I do not know how to get home." Crawford relaxed. The awful burden of responsibility, which he had never wanted, was gone. He was content to follow her lead.. THE ORGANIZER: If the Project's real purpose is to provide a. Tavern swung in the breeze.. females could be cloned over and over. When the number of individuals was sufficiently increased, sexual. It wasn't a pretty job. Halfway through it, Song came down the ladder with the body of Lou Prager.. "I will not leave." Mama settled herself hi a rocker beside the crib. As Nolan turned to go, she called after him softly. "Remember what I have told you, senior. If she comes again?".. had an open, friendly face and gave me a neutral smile-for-a-stranger. "Yes?" he asked.. problem. He didn't have to write the poem, only propose it. by TOM REAMY. 61. "So what about the crude?" Ralston asked. He didn't completely believe that part of the model they had evolved. He was a laboratory chemist, specializing in inorganic compounds. The way these plants produced plastics without high heat, through purely catalytic interactions, had him confused and defensive. He wished the crazy windmills would go away.. 55. Amanda. Energy ran like a restless, self-willed thing under her skin. She could not even sit without that. Here Comes Mr. Jordan was a whimsical film fantasy of the 1940s about a boxer taken to Heaven before he was due; as compensation, he was redelivered into another man's body, with all sorts of supposedly humorous complications. I didn't think it was very funny then, and I didn't think it was very funny when it reappeared as Heaven Can Wait, though Warren Beatty did a nice job as the dumb athletic type (a football player now) and Dyan Cannon shrieked to great effect a couple of times.. find someone to talk to. It is a basic human need, after all. Perhaps the basic need. I had no choice.".. right on.. delivered her summary of what she had learned. "Marry hasn't been able to find a mechanism that would." "Not lately. And even when we were together, we never talked to each other, except to say practical things like 'When is your program going to be over?' Some people just aren't that interested in talking. Debra certainly isn't. That's why?" (He couldn't resist the chance to explain his earlier failures.) "I did so poorly on my earlier exams. Assuming I did get a low score last time, which isn't certain since the results were erased. But assuming that I did, that's the reason. I never got any practice. The basic day-to-day conversational experiences most people have with their spouses never happened in my case.".. something moved inside it, and they saw it was the form of a lovely girl. It was Lea, who had appeared to.. a second phenomenal ram-fall again cause the Twin Rivers to overflow their banks to.. All but one, that is. For as Nolan moved forward, another shadow glided out from the deeper darkness beside the bungalow.. Nina. He sat for a moment then solemnly held out his hand. I took it He shook my hand, then opened the. Scott Meredith Uterary Agency for "Nina" by Robert Bloch. ecologist, and Song Sue Lee, the exo-biologist They still stood numbly by the airlock, unable as yet to.. he so generously offered to.. "Hey, do you mind if I sit down on your couch a minute? I am frazzled. It's a tremendous. hard put to come across, with the later film's completely uninteresting script and camerawork.. demonstrated.. And what about this, Mallory? What if someone died nearby tonight while you were with Detweiler; what if he comes straight to his apartment and goes to bed; what if he wakes up hi the morning feeling fine; what if nothing is going on, you son of a bitch?. harder for the rest of us to get our endorsements honestly.".. certainly used that way far too often.) "That's unthinkable. I couldn't bear it. There's no other way but to go on as I am. So promise me.. one softly serrated against the night sky. Working on it every day, I've kind of forgot how high it is, how. Maurice Milian was still listed as 407. I took the elevator to four and rang the bell of 409. The bell. "If there is anything I can do in return . . . ?" "Oh. Sorry, I didn't notice. Well. . . thanks.".. Topanga. The road isn't traveled much, there are no houses on it, and people don't like to get their

cars."When the dawn is foggy and the sun is hidden and the air is grey as grey can be."Martian exploration where the first expedition had left off and, incidentally, to recover the remains of the."Most of them." I hardly ever won, but then I liked to play games with outrageous risks..From Competition 18: Transposed SF titles.He didn't want to think about it now; he didn't want to think of anything. Not Nina, not Darlene, not even Robbie. Darlene would be all right, Robbie was fine, and Nina was gone. That left him, alone here with the drums. Damned pounding. Had to stop, had to stop so he could sleep-It was the silence that awakened him. He sat up with a start, realizing he must have slept for hours, because the shadows outside the window were dappled with the grayish pink of dawn..clothing, have never seen any adult shit or piss, and would be embarrassed or disgusted if they did. Why."Does he live in the building?" I swallowed to get my heart back in place and blinked a couple of times to clear away the skyrocket..and unclasping his fingers on the arm of the couch..there was dried blood all over his face and hands from the nosebleed he'd only recently gotten under.She shrugged, running in place while she talked to me. "Someone has to let you know when things.that in one hour he had laid open the chunk, and there, sticking out, was the broken fragment of mirror..their year that way. But rather than distress Amanda further by asking about it, I bit my tongue and.the dome heaved over away from him, and the floor raised itself high in the air, held down by the.him a boy; how old is he?"..flies, and wraps the end product around you. It takes some practice, but it works. The stuff sticks to.Source: W. S. Halson Destination: P. T. Warrington Subject: Zorphwar Exposure Park Baby, I think."I'll get it," McKillian said, turning toward the lab.."You want a cigarette?"..A highly depressing idea, but he did not on that account roll out the console to select a remedy from.a reputation as one of sf?s most exciting new storytellers through such work as "Retrograde."Loosely translated," said Lea, "One's duty is often a difficult thing to do with the cheerfulness, good."Exactly." She squinted across the vast tasteful expanse of Party-land, then stood up and waved. "I think I've recognized someone," she said excitedly, preening her paper feathers with her free hand. Far away, someone waved back..189.gone to Lang. There was little friendship between the two, especially when Weinstein fell to brooding."Oh, I couldn't I'm too unlucky.."basins of stone. They had been put there for a warning, because just beyond them the floor of the cave.They had little trouble finding where the matthews came from. They found dozens of twenty-centimeter lumps on the sides of the large derricks. They evidently grew from them like tumors and were released when they were ripe. What they were for was another matter. As well as they could discover, the matthews simply crawled in a straight line until their power ran out If they were wound up again, they would crawl farther. There were dozens of them lying motionless in the sand within a hundred-meter radius of the garden..the plants, like bees, and the plants either donate or are robbed of the power to wind the spring. Did you."Fifteen," she countered..imagine Madeline, at her age and with her temperament, being in love with anybody. Still, that was her.chained, wrist to wrist, on the blue settee? No, at the last moment, his chair veered left and settled down.of his shut, right where it covered his belly button..perched on a cushion in the leather chair at the console; your brother, who has been showing you the.He considered it. "All right, Commander Mary." She punched him playfully. She had barely known him before the disaster. He had been a name on a roster and a sore spot in the estimation of the Astronaut Corps. But she had borne him no personal malice, and now found herself beginning to like him..and there was light on each face. For all the cold wind their faces were still shiny with the sweat of the."He does not seek you," Hinda replied.."I am very anxious to see you at the happiest moment of your life," said Amos. "But you still haven't told me what you and your nearest and dearest friend expect to find in the mirror.."and began pushing at her hair..two people living through the happiest moment of their lives."..A: Friends Come in Boxes.That night Amos again went to the brig. No one had missed the jailor yet So there was no guard at all."There is the problem of the motor. It requires attention. I come early, before the heat of the day-". "Sixteen and a half," she corrected. "You must read Topic too."..Once more she vanished while he slept, and he hadn't seen her all day. But at times he'd been conscious of her secret stare, a coldness falling upon him like an unglimped shadow, and Jde'd known that tonight she'd come again..things like 'When is your program going to be over?' Some people just aren't that interested in talking..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..up. She humphed..bein' around might mark the baby. She taught me to read and I couldn't stop. She had a lot of books.streamers of orange and scarlet radiated out across the surface of the poly while the shape narrowed and.Suddenly it was dusk, and Hinda looked up with a start. "You must go now," she said..fruit..applied these to coated paper, let them dry, and cut the paper into rectangles. He numbered these.I dropped by number seven. The typewriter had been put away, but the cards and score pad were still on the table. His suitcase was on the floor by the couch. It was riveted cowhide of a vintage I hadn't seen since I was a kid. Though it wore a mellow patina of age, it had been preserved with neat's-foot oil and loving care. I may have been mistaken about his not moving..order of business?"..faculties. The mental sensation is that of eating garbage, I assure you, and if critics? accumulated suffering."How long have you had them?"..you know. It's difficult to verbalize. He has such an incredible innocence. A lost, doomed look that Byron.color of parrot's feathers, a yellow as pale as Chinese mustard, and a blue brilliant as the sky at eight.This time, he had brought his bow with him. It was slung diagonally across his back. His right hand held an arrow..". . . and I guess if you kept changing the batteries it would run forever. And it's nearly polystyrene, that's what you said.".. "Oh my God," I whisper to the captain, "oh, oh my God.".. "Yes," said the North Wind, "there is a mirror there. A wizard so great and so old and so terrible that neither you nor I need worry about him placed it there a year and two days ago. I blew him there myself in return for a favor he did me a million years past, for it was he who made this cave for me by artful and devious magic."..It turned out that they were safe from that imagined danger. There were spores in the air now, but they were not dangerous to the colonists. The plants attacked only certain

kinds of plastics, and then only in certain stages of their lives. Since they were still changing, it bore watching, but the airlocks and suits were secure. The crew was enjoying the luxury of sleeping without their suits..resorted to aping the signs of dissociation..pieces are hidden."..with him without having heard anything but the reward."."And when the thin grey man fell into the tmnk," said Amos, "it didn't make any sound at all."..humphed. My point "Anything else?".Someone walked by the door, quietly and carefully. I leaned my head out It was Johnny Peacock..deaths, mostly about where he'd been, things he'd read. He read a lot, just about anything he could get."I do know enough to know the Edgar is not equipped for an atmosphere entry. My idea was, not to bring down the whole ship but only what's aboard the ship that we need. Which is a pilot. Might that be possible?".He went to the half wall separating the kitchen and poured two cups from a pot that looked like h."Mrs. Bushyager called. Her sister and Mr. Bushyager are still missing."..for the upkeep on their property. They were all over Aventine, from a few apartments down near the

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