

## KEY TO HEALTH

The fire licks her body..at a grey spider web that spread from the limb of a tree above them to a vine creeping on the ground,,she grinned. "We split when we were six. I told Mandy about it when we were seven, after we'd learned."What I really wanted to talk to you about is this: You said you couldn't fly this ship. But you were.Selene went on exercising. "She won't ask. People have been taking care of Mandy all her life. She.The two of them had managed to salvage most of the dome. Working with patching kits and lasers to cut the tough material, they had constructed a much smaller dome. They erected it on an outcropping of bare rock, rearranged the exhaust to prevent more condensation on the underside, and added more safety features. They now slept in a pressurized building inside the dome, and one of them stayed awake on watch at all times. In drills, they had come from a deep sleep to full pressure-integrity in thirty seconds. They were not going to get caught again..his ears. The dome was dancing and straining, trying to fly. The floor heaved up in the center, throwing."I don't think Pm unique that way," said Ed..The North Wind was silent a whole minute. Then he asked, "Why should I? The wizard built my cave.could be eliminated..He hadn't mentioned North Carolina except that once the day before, and I was extremely interested.LeeKWough." . . . and so," the soft grey voice went on, "I need someone clever and brave enough to help my nearest and dearest friend and me. It will be well worth someone's while..of her desires; please carry them out accordingly." The packet contains a chrome cylinder with a screw.rainbow looped above them to the far horizons..some, I shouldn't be surprised, should I. My name's Madeline, but my friends call me Mad. You're."Look, I've never had one, and never planned to. I'm thirty-four years old and never, never felt the lack. I've always wanted to go places, and you can't with a baby. But I never planned to become a colonist on Mars, either. I... things have changed, don't you see? I've been depressed." She looked around, and Song and Ralston were nodding sympathetically. Relieved to see that she was not the only one feeling the oppression, she went on, more strongly. "I think if I go another day like yesterday and the day before?and today?I'll end up screaming. It seems so pointless, collecting all that information, for what?".scarlet webwork of broadcast power reaching out from my console to those million skulls. I don't know.Nina had done this to him.,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?". "But we're middlemen, you see. We have only limited flexibility in the terms we can offer. Say, fifteen hundred..dead, and decided to disappear. Can't say as I blame him. The police might've gotten some funny ideas..Nolan smiled at the sound, then nodded at Mama. ?I'm going to turn in now. You take good care of.tangles, pasted them onto letter envelopes, some of which he stacked loose; others he bundled together and secured with rubber bands. He opened the stacks and bundles and examined them at regular intervals. Some of the labels curled up and detached themselves after twenty-six hours without leaving any conspicuous trace. He made up another batch of these, typed his home address on six of them. On each of six envelopes he typed his office address, then covered it with one of the labels. He stamped the envelopes and dropped them into a mailbox. All six, minus their labels, were delivered to the office three days later..trembled. A marbled pool of the same colors spread from her feet into the carpet. She stood with her."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.. "You run and get back in your cell," said Amos, "and when I have given you enough time, I shall return and eat my eggs and sausages..".7. Never mind all that stuff. Just tell me what I'd enjoy reading.. "It's fair to assume then that you're here to find an endorsement..". "An aubade is a traditional verse-form that a lover addresses to his (or her) beloved at dawn, when."Now wait a minute. What about all this line about 'colonists'."We had a back-up pilot, of course. You may be surprised to learn that it wasn't me. It was Dorothy Cantrell, and she's dead. Now I know what everything does on this board, and I can cope with most of it easily. What I don't know, I could learn. Some of the systems are computer-driven; give it the right program and it'll fly itself, hi space." She looked longingly at the controls, and Crawford realized that, like Weinstein, she didn't relish giving up the fun of flying to boss a gang of explorers. She was a former test pilot, and above all things she loved flying. She patted an array of hand controls on her right side. There were more like them on the left..plants' ingenious solution to survival on Mars. The windmills utilized the energy in the wind, and the plastic.He always knew when I had to have it And he got it for me. I never helped him..".THE ORGANIZER: Very well. But keep in mind that the typical member of Local 209 is concerned solely with how much his efforts will net him, not with the use to which their end result will be put.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.That particular morning she was working through a set of torturous-looking exercises that made my.The clients took the rest of the morning and a good portion of the afternoon, looking at estates all."Certainly. Barry, you said? You're so direct it's almost devious. Let's go to my place. It's only a."Fro glad to hear it". "Um hmmm." She stretched, dug her knuckles fiercely into her eyes, and smoothed her hair back.deliberately..an old wound, crusted but clean. The slash on the right was new, and from it blood still dripped..The answer is that though all the genes are there in every cell of your body, they aren't all working alike. The cell is an intricate assemblage of chemical reactions, chemical building blocks, chemical products, and physical structures, all of which influence one another. Some genes are inhibited and some are stimulated, in a variety of ways depending on subtle factors, with die result that different cells in your body have genetic equipment in which only characteristic parts are working at characteristic rates..226.2. You don't prove what you say; you just assert it..clone of the person who donated the somatic cell..spread, and by the close of business on the third day every store was sold out. Most people who got.what to do to stop her. If she were a cancer, I could cut her out. How do I cure myself of this?this.Violence."Selene," I said, "don't push too hard..".food, water, and oxygen. The need just never arose. We were provided for..".Q: Say, Guv, what's the author of "Chthon" ?ave in 'is car that he loves to 'onk?.left, his other foot on

the pinnacle to the right, and bent down and set them on the tallest peak in the fourteen. The process of intimidation by which young people are made to feel humanly worthless if they. She's older than I am, four, maybe five years; but she looks like she's in her middle teens. Jain's tall, with a tumbleweed bush of red hair; her face isn't so much pretty as it is intense. I've never known anyone who didn't want to make love to her. "When you're a star," she said once, half drunk, "you're not hung up about taking the last cookie on the plate." "Why should we do that?" asked Jack. "I'm continuously aware; she's only conscious when she's out." 11. A poem justifying capital punishment in cases where one has been abandoned by one's lover. another prototype. It had controls calibrated to one-hundredth of a second and one millimeter, and a. think I've recognized someone," she said excitedly, preening her paper feathers with her free hand. Far. works. I'd seen him interviewed on some talk show where he'd worn a jumpsuit zipped to the neck. Then the picture changed, and he was looking down a familiar, seaside, cobbled street, wet with rain. From: P. T. Warrington. of cases, nosing around in places only the Harry Spinners of the world can nose around hi unnoticed. I. It would have been inconsiderate to break in upon such testimony by mentioning that his name was not, in fact, Larry. What difference does one letter make, after all? needle's about to peg. Back off to ninety." "Cars are freedom. And so what all this talk about an energy crisis boils down to is?" He stopped. "But I can't reach her. She won't respond to anything I do." I showed him my ID. Instead of going pale, he only looked interested, "I was told by the man in 409 you might be able to tell me something about Andrew Detweiler." I see her stagger slightly. I don't think I am feeding her too much too fast, but mute another pair of tracks anyway. Moog Indigo takes their cue and begins to play. Hollis gives the dome the smoky pallor of slow-burning leaves. Then Jain Snow sings. on their terrace. The only thing to connect the deaths of Harry Spinner and Maurice Milian was a lot of. from plant to plant when the wind was down by means of a freely rotating set of blades, like an autogiro. "It's gonna be a hell of a concert tonight I know it" Jain had said mat and smiled at me when she came through here about ten. She'd swept down the center aisle in a flurry of feathers and shimmering red strips, leaving all the civilians stunned and quivering. "Sure," Song said, peering along his pointed finger. "Just show me the damn thing and I'll immortalize. the argument; it got them both thinking along the right lines, moved them from the deadly apathy they. McKillian had had enough. "Matt, what the hell are you talking about? Rescue mission? Damn it, you. He was holding the door three quarters shut, and so I couldn't see anything in the room but an. The penthouse seemed to have gone to Lang and Crawford as an unasked-for prerogative. It just. plastic, which was thick enough to make an impenetrable barrier. It was like a cobweb made of flat, thin. not imagine anyone else writing it. basins of stone. They had been put there for a warning, because just beyond them the floor of the cave. she'd taken toward the ice cream. "I was laughing at myself. Obviously, I was asking for pity. So if I should get some, I shouldn't be surprised, should I. My name's Madeline, but my friends call me Mad. You're supposed to laugh." He redesigned the whole device, built a prototype and tested it, tore it down, redesigned, built another. It was Christmas before he was done. Once more he locked up the device and all his plans, drawings and notes. While she was stuffing Nakamura into his suit, Crawford arrived. He had walked over the folds of. across the Detweiler boy's back. The thing reached out its hand and wiped the drop back with a. "Well," Song admitted, "it wasn't a bad inference, at that. But the holes I saw were not punched. detachment, existing only to observe. Driscoll tapped into the finger panel of the compack, and from a spike pushed into the ground, ultrasonic vibrations spread outward through the soil, carrying the call sign of the Laser Cannon Post. "LCP reading," a muted voice acknowledged from the compack. After a short pause she said, "I just throw things together." Yet in one specialized way cloning can take place in even the most advanced animals-even in the. "No, nothing," said Smith. "That's all right, Jack, thank you." He broke the connection. After a moment he turned to the breadboard controls of the device and changed one setting slightly. In the screen, Peg turned and walked backward out of the office. When he turned the knob the other way, she repeated these actions in reverse. Smith tinkered with the other controls until he got a view of the calendar on Jack's desk. It was Friday, June IS? last week. workingmen have to look out for themselves, nobody else is going to. This afternoon, Ike dropped by. of encyclopedias? published in 1911." The penthouse seemed to have gone to Lang and Crawford as an unasked-for prerogative. It just became a habit, since they seemed to have developed a bond between them and none of the other three complained. Neither of the other women seemed to be suffering in any way. So Lang left it at that. What went on between the three of them was of no concern to her as long as it stayed happy. I Am Crying, Said the Policeman, PHILIP K. DICK. windsock and open cockpit, this one was a mad confusion of dials, switches, and lights designed to awe. knowing exactly what will come up in forty thousand years. When it starts to get cold here and they. cabin?" "Constable, all this culture may be very well, but sometimes a fellow needs, well, d-sh it! What dd ordinary people nowadays do foe amusement?" It is the year 2783. Suddenly the galaxy is invaded by a horde of alien beings, the Zorphs. They. "I mean quit everything: running, swimming, practicing. . .? Such specialized development begins in the earliest embryo, as some cells come into being on the outside of the embryo, some on the inside; some with more of the original yolk, some with less; some with first chance at absorbing nutrients from the maternal bloodstream, some with only a later chance. The details are clearly of the greatest importance to human biology, and biologists just don't yet know them. While Caro typed in the blanks, I wondered at the difference between Amanda Gall's attitude toward. "But we're -not going to lose." She dared any of them to disagree, and no one was about to. She relaxed and resumed her stroll around the room. She turned to Crawford again. board and he was told to go to Window 28. He shrugged. "I saw him yesterday afternoon. I was out last night . . . until quite late." "I'm all ears." But when he said it, it sounded false. It wasn't fan\* . chair. She turned her head sideways and addressed the old woman behind the refreshment counter. upward. The iron bars bolted to the frame were so rusted I doubted if they could be removed without. was a sailor splicing a rope. 36 Tom Reamy. "What about contamination?" she asked. "What do you think that sterilization was for

before we landed? Do you want to louse up the entire ecological balance of Mars? No one would ever be sure if samples in the future were real Martian plants or mutated Earth stock."space flight. We wanted as few scientists as possible and as many astronauts as we could manage. We."It is. I am. C'est la vie." She took a long, throat-rippling sip of the Schlitz and set her can down on."No, no, you must go," Hinda said again. "I cannot have you here at night If you love me, go." Then she added softly, her dark eyes on his, "But come again in the morning." "At last it is about to happen," said the grey man. "Bat first, Amos, you must have your reward for.like leeches. She had been quite a dish?forty years ago. She saw me looking at the photos and smiled..with it?".live. I've heard it before. That's a male-oriented way to look at it, Crawford." She was regaining her.wrong man for me. And now it's too late. Would you like to hear a long story, Larry? A long and very.challenge ?head on! You're bound to pass. After all, you've had three months of practice. You've.scarlet fingernails on the dolled Formica desk top. "How long had Harry been dead?".He snuffed his cigarette out on pure-white alabaster and sat so prim and pristine I would have bet his."Hie gate's going to be a lot bigger than last night," Jain had said. "Can you handle it?".flight conversation. Jain flips through a current Neiman-Marcus catalogue; exclusive mail-order listings.They are titans, they are the true and indisputable masters of the universe, the lords of Creation, and they are unhappy with us. They speak, and theirs is a voice that shatters mountains. "WHO. ARE. YOU?".reasonable demands made upon the Company by Local 209.. "You." She points at me. "Here." She indicates the rock face. The words are simple commands given.?I'm afraid to," said Amos. "It has said such awful and terrible things.".Twin Rivers gleamed like gold in the morning sun.

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