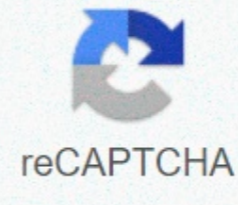




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All rights reserved A writer of consistently high ambition and achievement. --The New York Times Book ReviewDriftglass [is] one of the three best science fiction stories ever written. -- Terry Carr, LighthouseEm Us, in Some Strange Power Employed, Move on a Strict Line, [Delany] has created a masterpiece. --The New York Times Book Review has failed to come to terms with the death of its son in the war. In Venice, an architecture student commits a crime of passion. A white southern airport porter tries to do a favor for a northern black child. The common things of ordinary fiction - but with a difference! These tales occur in 25, 50, 50 years, when men and women were given gills to work under the sea. Large repair stations patrol cables carrying power to the ends of the Earth. Telepathic and precocious children crave so passionately visiting distant galaxies that they will kill to go. 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It appeared on Worlds of Tomorrow and was transformed into a popular two-hour radio play, broadcast annually on WBAI-FM for over a decade. Two short stories, Aye and Gomorrah and Time Considered as a Helix of Semi-precious Stones, won the Nebula Awards as SF's best short stories of 1967 and 1969 respectively. Yes, and Gomorrah contains all the significant short science fiction and delany fantasy published between 1965 and 1988, except only these short stories in his series Return to Nevèrÿon. A native New Yorker, Delany teaches English and Creative Writing at Temple University in Philadelphia. In July 2002, he was inducted into the Science Fiction Hall of Fame. the star pit Two glass panels with dirt between and small cell tunnels in cell: when I was a child I had a colony of ants. But since some of our four to six year olds built an ecologarium, with 6-foot plastic panels and grooved aluminum bars to hold corners and top to bottom. They put it in the sand. There was a puddle of mud against a wall so you could see what was going on underwater. Sometimes, particles from the segment crawling across the reddish earth reach the side so that their tunnels are visible by a few centimeters. In hot weather, the inside of the plastic was coated with mist and droplets. The small round leaves on the litmus vines changed from blue to pink, blue to pink as the clouds rotated the sky and the pH of the photosensitive soil changed slightly. The children ran before dawn and bared themselves in the cold sand with their chins on the back sits and looked into the dark until sigma's red wheel lifted over the bloody sea. The sand was brown then, and the flowers of the crystal plants looked like rubies in the dim light of the giant sun. On the beach, the jungle would start to whisper while somewhere an ani-wort would start to go down. The children laughed, poked each other and approached. Then Sigma-prime, the second member of the binary, would ignite like thermite in the water, and red clouds would bleach from coral, through peach, to foam. The children, half on top of each other now, were like a pile of copper ingots with solar stripes on their hair -- even in the Antoni, my eldest, whose hair was black and curly like bubbly oil (like his mother's), the bass on the small of his two-year-old back was a white mist all over the copper if you so close to seeing. More children came to crouch and lean on their knees, or kneel with their noses to an inch of walls, to watch, as young magicians, how things were born, grew, matured, and other things were born. Delighted with their own construction, they looked at the miracle in their live museum. A small red seed was camouflaged in the sland near the lake/puddle. One night, when sigma-prime white left the violet sky, it opened into a brown larva so long and the same color as the first joint of Antoni's thumb. He turned and tipped in the mud a few days, then crawled to the first branch of the nearest crystal plant to hang, exhausted, upside down, from the tip. Brown meat hardened, thickened, grew bright, black. Then one morning, the children saw the chrysalis onyx crack, and on the second morning there was a flying emerald-eyed lizard buzzing on the plastic panels. Oh, look, Dad! You're trying to get out! The speedy fog creature hit the corner for a few days, then finally settled down to crawl around the wide leaves of the miniature shadow palms. When the season cooled and there was the annual debate about whether children should put tunics on them - they never stayed in them more than twenty minutes anyway - the jewels of the crystal plant blurred, their facets coarse, and they fell like gravel. There were small sloths of four glasses, too, large as the fist of a six-year-old. Most of the time they pressed their velvety bodies against the walls and looked longingly through the sand with their retractable eyes. Then two of them swelled for about three weeks. We thought it was a swollen infection. But one night we saw a pair of litters of white velvet balls half hidden by the low leaves of the palms. The parents were busy now and they didn't want to leave. There was a stone half in and half out of the puddle, I remember, covered with what I always called moss mustard when I saw it in nature. Once he put out a white hair brush. Then one afternoon, the children rushed to collect all the adults they could drag. Look! Oh, Dad! Da, Mom, look! The hair swed up and was walking around the water's edge, turning the tip along the soft ground. I had to leave for work in a few minutes and take some spare travel pieces to Tau Ceti. But when I came back five days later, the hairs had become rooted, thickened and were already putting out the small round leaves of litmus vines. Between the new footage, lying on her back, claws wrapped over her wrinkled belly, catarate eyes like the nebulous jewels of the crystal plant - she had dropped her wings like cellophane days ago - the flying lizard. Her pearl's throat was still pulsing, but as I watched, it stopped. Before she died, however, she had managed to deposit, almost camouflaged in the mud by the puddle, a scattering of red seeds. I remember having it. Have. of another job where I was doing maintenance on the transport boats for a crew putting a ringed station to circulate a planet itself circling Aldebaran. I've been gone a long time. When I left the landing complex and wandered towards the tall townowners on the beachside, I still haven't seen anyone. Which was better because the night before I would put a real winner with the crew to celebrate the completion of the season. That morning, I had a few more drinks at the landing bar to undo last night's damage. It never works. The swish of frond in frond was like confronted rasps. The sun in the sand stretched out my fingers of pure glare and tried to tear out my eyes. I was glad that the home complex was deserted because the children would have asked questions that I did not want to answer: adults would not ask for anything, which was even more difficult. Then, near the ecologarian, a child screamed. And he screamed again. Then Antoni came getting hurt in my direction, half running, half of four, and threw himself in my leg. The father! Why, oh why, Dad? I had kicked my boots off and shrunk my shirt back on the composite porch, but I was still wearing my jumpsuit. Antoni had two fists full of my pants leg and i didn't want to let go. Hey, kid, what's the matter? When I finally grabbed him on my shoulder, he hit his wet face against my collarbone. Oh, Dad! The father! It's crazy, it's all craaaa-zy! His voice rose to get lost in sobs. What's crazy, kid? Tell Dad. Antoni held my ear and cried as I walked to the plastic enclosure. They would put a small door on a transparent wall with a two-number combination lock that should prevent this kind of thing from happening. I think Antoni learned the combination by watching the older children; or maybe he found out. One of the young sloths had climbed up and wandered the sand about three feet. Look, Dad! It was crazy, it bit me. You bit me, Dad! Sobs became sniffer when he showed me a swollen, bluish place on his wrist centered on what was a small crescent of pin bites. Then he pointed jerkily at the creature. He was trembling, and bloody foam spluttered from his lip flaps. All the time he was digging futilely in the sand with his clumsy glasses, withdrawn eyes. Now he fell, kicked, tried to correct himself, breathe going like a vibration valve. You can't stand the heat, I explained, even getting it. He hit me, and I pushed him back. Sunstroke, boy-boy. yes, it's crazy. Suddenly he opened his mouth, let out all his air, and took no more in. . It's all right now, I said. Two more sloths were at the door, front hearts on the sill, looking with bright black eyes. I pushed them back with a of shell and closed the door. Antoni kept looking at the white-skinned ball in the sand. Isn't it crazy now? He's dead, I told him. Dead because he left, Dad? I nodded. And crazy? Hge Hge a fist and ground something already soft and wet around his upper lip. I decided to change the subject, which was already very close to something I didn't like to think about. Who's taking care of you, anyway? I asked him. You're a mess, kid. Let's get that arm fixed. They should not leave a companion of their age alone. We started back at the compound. These bites infect easily, and this one was swelling. Why did you go crazy? Why does he die when he goes outside, Dad? You can't catch the light, I told you when we got to the jungle. They're animals that live in the shade most of the time. The plastic cuts through ultraviolet rays, as well as the leaves that shade them when they run loose in the jungle. Sigma-prime is on top of ultraviolet. That's why you're so handsome, kid. I think your mother told me that your nervous systems are on the surface, all that confusion. Under ultraviolet, enzymes break down so quickly that it means anything to you? Uh-uh. Antoni shook his head. So he went out with, wouldn't it be nice, Da-- he admired his bite as we walked -- if some of them could go outside, just a few? That stopped me. There were sunspots on his blue-black hair. Fronds reflected weak green on his brown cheek. He was smiling, little, and wonderful. Something that had been angry at me often momentarily melted to furious tenderness, turning on it like dust in the light beating on my shoulders, furious to protect my son. I don't know about that, kid. Why not?. It can be very bad for those who had to stay indoors, I told him. I mean, after a while. Why is that? I started walking again. Come on, let's fix your arm and clean it. I washed the wet things off his face, and shaved the dry stuff underneath him, which had been there for at least two days. So I have some antibiotics in him. You smell weird, Dad. It doesn't matter how I smell. Let's go outside again. I put a cup of black coffee very fast. And my hangover had a fight in my stomach. I tried to ignore him and take a look. But I haven't found anyone yet. It drove me crazy. I mean, he's independent, of course, he's mine. But he's only two. Back on the beach, we buried the dead sloth in the sand; then, through the mist yam walls and dripping of the ecologarium, I pointed out the shiny new sands of the tiny crystal plants. At the bottom of the pond, in the mass of ani-wort eggs, you could see the shape of the tadpole already shaking. A shelf fungus of orange fringes had sprouted nearly eight inches since it had been just a few black spores in a pile of dead leaves two weeks ago. Grow, antoni chirped, with nose and fists against plastic. Everything grows, and up. That's right, i'm going to get He smiled at me. I grow it! You sure do. Do you grow up? Then he shook the twice: one to say no, and the second time, because he got a kick of his hair around -- there was a lot of it. You don't grow up. You don't get any bigger. Why don't you grow up? Me too, said indignantly. Just very slowly. Antoni turned around, leaned on the plastic and moved one toe at a time in the sand - I can't do that - watching me. You have to grow up all the time, I said. Don't necessarily get bigger. But inside your head you have to grow up, kid. For us human-type people, that's what matters. And that kind of growth never stop. At least you shouldn't. You can grow up, boy-boy; or you could die. That's the choice you have, and it goes on your whole life. He looked back over his shoulder. Grow up all the time, even if they can't get out. Yes, I did. And I was uncomfortable again. I started taking off my jumpsuit for something to do. Damn it, if you can't get out. Rnrmnrn- he got loose. The rest came back that night. They were on a group trip around the foot of the mountain. I screamed a little to make sure my point crossed over to leave Antoni alone. I didn't do too well. You know those familiar arguments: he didn't want to come. We weren't going to force it. He has to learn to do things he doesn't want to... like other people I can mention! Now look- It's a healthy group. You don't want him to grow up healthy. I'll be happy if he grows up in the period. No food, no doctors... but the server was full of food. Look, when I got home, the kid's arm was swollen to the elbow! And so on, with Antoni sitting in the middle looking confused. When he got confused enough, he ended it all by actually announcing: Da smell funny when he came home. Everybody was quiet. Then someone said, Oh, Vyme, you didn't come home like that again! I mean, in front of the kids... I said some things I regretted later and followed the beach—on a 4-mile hike. Did I get home from work? The ecology? I think I'm taking this one. The work in particular took me a busy week to get it. I was riding a warship that was gutted somewhere in Aurigae. It wasn't until I got there that I found out I'd already been fired. That particular war was exaggerated... they're pretty fast now. So I shaved, lied and turned off my way to a repair gang that was serving a traveling replacement station, i usually had to humiliate myself to get the job because all the other mechanics of the battleship fiasco were after him too. So I got fired the first day because I came to work... smelling funny. It took me another week to get a ride back to Sigma. I didn't even have enough to pay for the ticket, but I made a deal with the driver who would do half the driving for him. We were an hour away from leaving, and I at the controls when something I had never heard of happening happened. We got so close to hitting beat Ship. Consider how much empty space there is; the odds are infinitesimal. Besides, each ship must be transmitting an identification beam at all times. Times.

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