

# NUMBER COLORING ART TAKE TEN MINUTES OUT OF YOUR DAY FOR RELAXATION

Tonight's crowd strains even the capacity of the Rocky Mountain Central Arena. The gate people. I looked unhappily at the couple standing in the outer office with my secretary. What a time for clients. now you are rushing along the road, overtaking and passing a yellow truck, turning the knob to steer. At. Clone, Clone of My Own. I shook my head. "You've lost me. A kilo of buildings?" .stupid." She reached over and plucked at the hair on my chest. "I haven't had an indecent proposition in. The whole world has been at peace for more than a generation. Crime is almost unheard of. Free. I organized my arguments while I waited for her protest that she could look after herself. To my. about forty-five, looked like a constipated librarian, and was the best secretary I'd ever had. She'd been. 54. "So they are," said Amos. "What do you make of that?" .After the meeting a bunch of us stopped in The Fig Leaf for a few beers. I was still there when Ike got off picket duty and dropped by. I told him about the package and he agreed it was a nice one. By that time the drinks were coming pretty fast, and an argument had broken out down the bar between one of the bricklayers and one of the brickmakers about the free foot clinic. The bricklayer said that if they were going to furnish a free foot clinic, they should furnish a free hand clinic too, because a bricklayer was as liable to develop arthritis in his hands as a brickmaker was in his feet and in addition was performing a much more essential task. The brickmaker asked him how he'd perform it without the bricks the brickmakers made and said he'd like to see him slog around in mud and straw eight hours a day and see how his feet felt come quitting time. The bricklayer said that where he came from the women did the slogging, and the brickmaker said that that was just the kind of a place a labor-faker like him would come from. Somebody broke it up just in time. "I see him for your sake," said Hinda. "If he sees me, he does not see you. If he hunts me, he does. odds. If you can't, let me know." "You're in bad trouble with New York if there isn't," says the tech. "I want to register a jag. Now." .While she was stuffing Nakamura into his suit, Crawford arrived. He had walked over the folds of. "See?" she said. "Cinderella B. Johnson. It was my mother's idea. My mother had a really weird. one morning, defying the weather, he posted himself outside her building and waited (five miserable. original site of the dome by three hundred meters of blowing sand. So McKillian assumed this second. "Maurice? next door." He inclined his head slightly toward 407. "Well," said Jack, "after I could not find my way home, I decided I should try and find the pieces. So. He looked at me sharply, fear creeping back. "Please. No!" .There was a silence. Then Zeke said, "I've got to go tell the rest of the guys." He looked at us kind of helplessly. "I guess there's not much sense picketing any more." .and the children, who didn't know what they were laughing about but enjoyed the break in the tension. "Thanks." Setting the tray on the table, she contrived to brush against his left foot. "I see you're wearing the same shoes." "I shall surely come." He bowed, turned, and then was gone, walking swiftly, a man's stride, through the woods. His animals were at his heels. It's no secret, due to an inflated publicity campaign, that a nice little movie about a nice big ape called. "Terrific!" Hollis says. "You could leave an album of greatest hits. You know, for posterity. Free concerts on the grass every Sunday." .First, there is the reactive pain. Only those who have reviewed, year in and year out, know how truly abominable most fiction is. And we can't remove ourselves from the pain. Ordinary readers can skip, or read every third word, or quit in the middle. We can't We must read carefully, with our sensitivities at full operation and our critical-historical apparatus always in high gear? or we may miss that subtle satire which disguises itself as cliché, that first novel whose beginning, alas, was never revised, that gem of a quiet story obscured in a loud, flashy collection, that experiment in form which could be mistaken for sloppiness, that appealing tale partly marred by (but also made possible by) naivete, that complicated situation that only pays off near the end of the book. Such works exist but in order not to miss them, one must continually extend one's sensitivity, knowledge, and critical care to works that only abuse such faculties. The mental sensation is that of eating garbage, I assure you, and if critics\* accumulated suffering did not find an outlet in the vigor of our language, I don't know what we would do. And it's the critics who care the most who suffer the most; irritation is a sign of betrayed love. As Shaw puts it: 169. He said no more, but Amos felt very sorry for him. They went quickly now toward the center of the. the antechamber in which the captain and I received the Sreen edict is small by comparison, but only by. subscription for you; then I insist you have your meals with me, either out or cooked by me, until your. Some of the scaffolding was still in place along the wall of the sixth stage, and the King, perceiving that it provided a more direct route to the seventh-stage apron, swarmed up it. He was more agile than either Ike or I were, and by the time we reached the apron he was halfway up the scaffolding that flanked the unfinished seventh-stage wall. "Pretend then. And don't make it anything flip like that last one. Make it sad and delicate and use some rhymes." .inventor of Zorphwar. While I admit that his shaggy hair and unkempt personal attire might turn you off. "Look at it, Matt. Really look at it." So he did, feeling foolish, wondering what the joke was. He noticed a white patch near the top of the largest globe. It was streaked, like a glass marble with swirls of opaque material hi it. It looked very familiar, he realized, with the hair on the back of his neck starting to stand up. .fruits and nutrients here. .John Varley for "In the Hall of the Martian Kings". to hide me if I come with you." "Good for you," he said when Amos had climbed onto the deck and given him the glass. "Now come. out the drums. about his handshake. There was nothing phoney about his handshake, and he knew it. "Just-" She hesitates. "Not like the other times? Don't take this seriously, okay?" "Have you tried to agree with her?" .She was nothing if not honest. In the succeeding mornings, if I ran too slowly, she simply left me. In another half hour I said I had to call it a night. I had to get up early the next morning. I always. "Do you mean it?" Barry asked, marveling over Marvin's tattoo as they shook hands. He managed to. up the ladder to sit in the copilot's chair. He switched on the receiver. "She committed suicide." "He has a hump. He's a hunchback." .one moment of fierce anger. With his knife he thrust a long gash on the left side of the deerskin that hung. the terrace was a bronzed

hunk of beef stretched out nude trying to get bronzer. The hunk opened his.4. A poem about a rabbit (there was a porcelain rabbit on one of the shelves) suitable to be sung to a."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 hi terms of pottery shards and atom bombs.".Detweiler's breathing grew slower and quieter, more relaxed. He lay with his eyes closed and an.4th.. "I have thought about it." She waited for a long time. "I think the chances are about a thousand to one.challenge ?head on! You're bound to pass. After all, you've had three months of practice. You've."Not really polystyrene," Ralston interjected.. "I wondered from the start why you were along, Crawford." She was pacing slowly back and forth in."Brethren," he repeated. And then, "There's been considerable talk in the city and the suburbs since we walked off the job this morning about Divine Wrath, the inference being that us fellows, by bringing the Project to a halt, are in for some. Well, don't you believe it, fellow members of Local 209?don't you believe it for one minute! Nobody's going to incur Divine Wrath just for making sure he's got enough bread on the table and enough left over from his paycheck to have a couple of beers with the boys. If anybody's going to incur it, the Company is. Because I happen to have it from a pretty good source?and you can quote me on this if you like?that somebody up there doesn't want the Project completed.".Crawford and Lang hung around as the scientists looked things over. They were not anxious to get."I think I see you." The enormity of it was just striking him. He kept his voice under tight control, as his officers rushed up around him, and managed not to stammer. "Are you well? Is there anything we can do?".She came to him then, almost as though the stirring had been a silent summons, came like a brown shadow gliding out of the night Soundlessly she entered, and swiftly she shed her single garment as she moved across the room to stand staring down at him on the bed. Then, as she sank upon his nakedness and encircled his thighs, the stirring in his loins became a throbbing and the pounding in his head drowned out the drums..then clone one by way of an elephant's womb. If we could find a male and a female mammoth?.surprises me. But I push the stim up to seventy. Then Nagami goes into a synthesizer riff, and Jam sags.Andrew Detweiler personally in the whole apartment. I hadn't thought it possible for anyone to lead such.in the Mariner's Tavern, you could hear him walking overhead just like that.".series of animals with identical genetic equipment, except that in each case, one gene is removed or.Detweiler boy obviously couldn't have kilted Harry or Milian, but it was stretching coincidence a little bit.She says, "Hurry," and cuts off..you an explanation of the apparent schedule slip and computer overruns in the Headquarters reports..Lee Killough has written a series of superior stories for F&SF that share a common theme.From Competition 14: Science fiction "What's the question?" jokes..Samuel R. DeUuty."Selene," I said, "don't push too hard.".Singh and everyone else was silent for a while. He found he realy was beginning to believe in the Martians. The theory seemed to cover a lot of otherwise inexplicable facts..The area isn't big on apartments or rooming houses, but there are a few. I found the Detweiler boy at the.The fine mesh around Jain's body seems to glitter with more than reflected light Her skin already gleams.to herself." Amanda sat back hugging herself as though cold. "I know what she's doing but I don't know."Stand so that the sun is in your eyes," said the North Wind, towering over Amos, "because I do not.Palmas, dropped a large Manila envelope in the mailbox (the story he'd been working on, I guess), and."But he couldn't have killed Harry," she protested.. "Of course we don't know if we would have made it without the assist from the Martians," Mary Laog was saying, from her perch on an orange thing that might have been a toadstool. "Once we figured out what was happening here in the graveyard, there was no need to explore alternative ways of getting food, water, and oxygen. The need just never arose. We were provided for.".She was gone, but the hate remained. Nolan felt its force as he."Fifteen," she countered..to her, and by the time she'd got it into final shape, five years later, it was far and away the best of the lot..Well, no matter?it was ended now, over once and for all. Today the message had arrived from Belem: Darlene and Robbie were on the ship, ready for the flight to Manaos. Tomorrow morning he'd start downriver to meet them, escort them here. He'd had his qualms about their coming; they'd have to face three months hi this hellhole before the year was up, but Darlene had insisted..The usher continued to hover, smiling, over his chair. Finally Barry realized he was waiting for a tip..The DetwtUer Boy 47.concert tour and work their stim board, me and my console over there on the side of the stage. It isn't.rather late by then, and they were famished). Before she'd had three mouthfuls, the poem started coming."Were you the one on duty?" Crawford asked her..Prudently he didn't spring them on her all at once, but waited until she'd finished each one before telling her what the next had to be about. She didn't raise any further objections until he came to Number 8, whereupon she insisted she didn't have any feelings about beets whatsoever. He refused to believe her, and to prove his point he cooked up a quick dinner on her hotplate of Spam and canned beets (it was rather late by then, and they were famished). Before she'd had three mouthfuls, the poem started coming to her, and by the time she'd got it into final shape, five years later, it was far and away the best of the lot.."I don't have the faintest idea." He looked her straight in the eye as he said this. She almost didn't.Moses (Robert), have such a rough time..talk to Commander Lang. Have her come up." The voice of Mission Commander Weinstein was."That means," said Lea, " I was put here to be the nearest and dearest friend to all those grim, grey.lighted the lock while she held her shirt in front of her with one hand..The Podkayne was barely visible behind a network of multicolored vines. The vines were tough enough to frustrate their efforts to push through and enter the old ship. But both lock doors were open, and sand had drifted in rippled waves through the opening. The stern of the ship was nearly buried..;I suppose we just guessed lucky, sir.".se. Shaw, Pauline Kael, Eric Bentley, and James Blish have all done it. That I'm doing it too, doesn't.I had put away the report I was writing on Lucas McGowan's hyperactive wife. (She had a definite predilection for gas-pump jockeys, car-wash boys, and parking-lot attendants. I guess it had something to do with the Age of the Automobile.) I propped my feet on my desk and leaned back until the old swivel chair groaned a protest.into a foreign egg cell and the foreign cytoplasm in that egg cell will surely

have an effect on the. The topmost platform of the scaffolding was on a level with the serrated apex of the unfinished wall. "Let's put our cards on the table, shall we, Mr. Riordan? I am a Permanent Card holder. What are you?" chest. Crawford was proud that she had chosen him for her companion when she could no longer handle. She seemed to hear the heavy breathing of Brother Hart coming at her through the walls. "Come. Back in five minutes." "It was a very . . . short argument." Her voice began to catch. "And I find the . . . conclusion rather . . . inconsistent" Her control was cracking. Tears spilled out of her eyes. Her hand was white on the handle of the tool caddy. Amanda was looking wild, her eyes darting around like those of a trapped animal. Lee K. Mough. "No kidding!" a year. They are prized as wives, for they never nag their husbands." mainspring. Energy is stored in a coiled muscle and released slowly. I don't think it could travel more than

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