Betabet

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High inflation. Civil unrest. There are no annual plants to keep the fishing-flies in. The universe is complex, & travels swiftly until stopped by sometimes brightly coloured ice floes which lie dormant for ten months of the year. They lower the salinity, & this reduces inflammation in the posterior opening of the peacock. It was her favourite bird until a shell-less dwarf condemned eternally to fill a bottomless barrel came along. She transplanted his eyes into a three-stage rocket. 8000 people disappeared.
It is no more rational to accept deism than it is to make women in garrison towns liable to compulsory examination for venereal disease. These cosmogony myths, much used for mourning, function mainly as a fastener, separating the theme parks from the spoken tongue. Sacred sites are fairground businesses. The popular works are those whose honey glands the ants milk & convert to iso-butanol.
Two umpires arbitrate, specify what actions or omissions may be criminal. The Dragon-Kings bring rain. Complex projects might involve many pathways, providing a place for social & other facilities in the neighbourhood. There is a tiny temple with a statue of the God, & there is always a spare hand which each player takes it in turn to own.
To be ceased being
in the present tense
& fled. Monks beat
their heads in one
last round of ritual &
joined it. To the young
it was the stuff of
nursery rhymes; but
too much for the
superstitious who
took it pluperfectly
& saw in it a sign
that leprosy would up-
load later. They had
no out, could do
nothing more than
encase their seed
within any leaf or
left-wing poet
that was available.
Little came of it — the
appearance money
was deemed too small —
but as a mathematical
technique it was
exemplary abscission.
Though numerous pieces were written to accentuate the strengths of the individual musicians, all of which have been used for the decoration of ecclesiastical vestments, drama was the dominant artform of the age. This undeclared war disrupted the climate disastrously, lasted for many years, was only stopped when the chariot races were shot dead in the cathedral. It was then that food chains were defined.
The only unemployment is frictional & coverts to energy. Any loss is syllogism, a cloistered emperor or armoured warfare. It lays a single egg. The basic principle of built-in functions is more macabre & dreamlike. Comes into play when used to wash a jug of water. Each holds an attribute, a form fragmented by penetrating shafts of light. Cruel & unusual punishment. Belligerent silica. Shari’a law. It is done & no longer worth thinking about.
In late Spring she was born into a wealthy patrician family whose green parts were eaten as a substitute for lettuce. It was a divinely given talent, worsened by drinking alcohol. A similar tragedy overtook the inhabitants of Argos.
Recognised as an omni-
competent deity by the
Celts, his meticulously drawn
storyboards range from
home electronic packages
through to hydroelectric
turbines. A whole
burnt offering, from one
body to another. They are
part of the atman. Possibly
karma, or perhaps the
aspirin found in willow-
bark. The right-wing
politician goes off to
wallow in a waterhole,
provoking demonstrations
from animal-lovers. There
are doubts about the
validity of his conviction.
The gods in the Kalevala are gas & dust spread thinly through the solar system. Sickle-shaped, the gas flows outwards from the Sun as either analog video disk or solar wind. Fine dust lies in the plane of Tuonela, scattering the property of consciousness to produce as by-product zodiacal light. Comets enter shed by swans. Interference patterns swarm. Sometimes Surma seizes the imprudent man & swallows him. More dust forms & appears as meteor showers as it passes through the prevalent atmosphere that marks the home of Hiisi.
Early apples. Falls are broken by a square mat. Their independence from the other branches of central authority is a central tenet to the democratic process. Women are not segregated, are carried in procession on a large vehicle. Thrill of nerves. Such direct narrative with the unspoken & unconscious reactions of the characters can be considered the hallmark of the vocal music of the Renaissance.
Suddenly the darkness was dispelled. A flaming eye opened in Siva’s forehead, a third eye like an economic theory. Brilliant red everywhere. Uniform. Even the dust-coloured sabres worn by troops in India melted in this amorphous trisulphide of antimony. A perfect rhythm, covered inside & out with erotic sculptures that symbolised some mystic union with the deity. The modified version was given plants from ten different climactic zones, plus a Nobel Prize for synthesizing genetic piracy.
Leopard & shepherd. Aerial perspective. Silicone is left after the waters have withdrawn, a raised lump that grows with successive floods. The misty atmosphere blurs, & changes the colour of the background as it dissolves certain Latin inscriptions carved on votive monuments. The river Sfumato overflows its banks. High rate of flow, an identity of sound, seat & deceit, that extends the flooded area from the German soldiers to the last fully accented syllable. Overlying colour allows the rites more of a three-dimensional existence. Station. Crustacean. The line between.
Disease is not an imbalance of the humours but shared between the monarch & the assembly, each able to initiate laws. The process allows for more than one output. A westward migration of most of the church’s members carried out over 400 autopsies, were produced by inlaying small pieces of marble or glass in a pattern to form a floor. She is besought only to awaken the good & the generous, to let the wicked sleep. His band was called Inedible Morels.
What can a dog do against a lion? The Pisakas are almost always vampires. Finding nothing to approve of in the holistic view of body & mind he prepared the first periodic table of the elements arranged in order of relative atomic weights & pointed out the Law of Octaves. The Bhutas & Pretas are sometimes ghosts, sometimes goblins & have reinstated a limited form of free-market trading. The Nagas are a fabulous race of snakes.
It is a melody of considerable range produced by sliding the smallest & eastern-most of the lakes along a conductive ribbon. Few companies bother to compete. Those that do make inroads invade via the cornea, a genetically engineered transplant, distant by eight diatonic degrees from any other point on the surface of the mollusk. The remainder are mudpuppies, great bodies of glycerides with the skull of an early hominid & microorganisms in the gut.
For all that it is circumspect, there is nothing in the page size of Slavonic mythology to suggest the loss of movement or illegal organisations of a terrorist nature. The audience is not seated. The corresponding solid figure is formed by packaging various household medicines. Yams & sweet potatoes were introduced 1200 years ago & this produced a tempering of the General’s iron rule.
Falling towards an immense black hole. Six flavours — up, down, top, bottom, strange & charm. To each there is an antiparticle. It is stale news, a tiny relative of mushrooms.
Is sequoia-sized. Is bigger than. Sometimes rises to over one thousand metres. Is the hand more normally used, has red or black face. The white is other. A relationship analogous to the number of winners ridden or equinoctal sunrise, concerned with gay rights, peace & female consciousness. Not flexible. Subjective. Political. At some points its traces have been lost by erosion & apparent disdain for public opinion, but shareholders still receive a discount. In gratitude they have raised a makeshift museum, the first example of a particle formed from a charmed quark. The hand is dextrous there.
Fifty years later the verdict was declared unjust. She gave him nothing to eat, instead breathed softly on him. Doctrine handed down, tradition handing down from ancestors to posterity, opinion or belief in these Italian immigrants Sacco & Vanzetti supposed to have divine authority. At night hid him in the fire like a burning coal.
The trial in Massachusetts of the Vietnam War dragged on. He was committed to an asylum, convicted of murder during an attempted robbery by South Vietnamese & U.S. forces. 5000 Vietcong were expelled from Saigon for sexual offences & the judge’s anti-anarchist prejudice. Prolonged controversy in order to destroy all that was mortal in him. Nothing written down. No stay of execution. Later she would anoint him with ambrosia.
Rumours continued to circulate about his death even after it. They followed an elliptical path, transmuting one form of energy to another, in a geostationary transfer orbit.
In a single day
the continued use or
enjoyment of a right
serves no useful
purpose. Most are
invisible. The logic gates
are not connected
so any disturbance
is noticeable only at
an atomic level. Moment
to moment movement
is unpredictable &
goes beyond the
limit of his powers.
They have now almost died out or merged with the rest of the population. Pitched so that the batsman may hit them as they bounce, they can be represented geometrically by an arrow or by two or three numbers which give the magnitude of their components. Acclaimed as the first proletarian dramas, they receive blood from all parts of the body below the diaphragm & later move effortlessly between jazz & romantic ballads. One bed is coarse, one fine, & show a cyclic pattern of freeze & thaw. The darker layers are deposited in summer. Each pair makes up the sedimentary record of a year. Counting the couplets gives a measure of absolute time.
Conditions apply. Unexpected events occur. Soil creep, radio-active decay, long-legged waterbirds. A four-wheeled vehicle draws heavy loads, indulges in continual rapid chatter. Thin disks of unleavened bread are occasionally transmitted to human beings through water contaminated with rat urine. Magnetic flux, usually thicker along one edge than the other, releases energy at the rate of one weft at a time. In cold regions, it causes the coat colour of several species to turn white in winter.
Squirrels were sacrificed every year, & tissues offered up. Such piety. & such persistence in opening up a mission that was eventually murdered in a court intrigue. His other works include a dry, electrostatic method of producing images & an instrument for scraping bones. He was canonised in 1692 & is grouped with the inert gasses. Pottery soldiers were buried to protect his tomb.
The smaller of two sex chromosomes, his early work was romantic & lyrical. It has seen mounting inter-ethnic violence; but when placed in the branches of a tree whose roots bind heaven & earth & hell it converts the sugar into carbon dioxide & alcohol, & builds up an immunity. The difference is due to precession, which slowly moves the annual % return until a cease-fire can be arranged & a more constitutional form of hammer-beam roof initiated.
Two percent of the world’s economy is controlled by hunters & agriculturalists who once lived on the banks of the Mighty River. Use of the phase-contrast microscope has made their work easier though there are still frequent outbursts of violence & the complex orchestral & electronic components of their later pieces has made them difficult to categorize. Some under the pressure to reform remember the earlier times when the asking of paradoxical questions could bring sudden enlightenment. But even they seek to maintain their wealth & build upon it. In the one-party state there are many mansions. It is the natural history of animals.