

...sigh...

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Dan'I Danehy-Oakes — 28 Jun 2001, 09:58

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(Stumbles backward at the deafening massed roar of YEEESSSS!)

Oh. Okay. Well, then, in that case, may I point out the word "generally" in my previous post...

Blatt, blatt,

Michael Straight — 28 Jun 2001, 14:16 · follows Dan'I Danehy-Oakes

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Sorry I wasn't clear. I mentioned that more as the exception that proves your rule. It's a nifty engineer's spin on "solved by technological means" that I wouldn't have thought to describe that way if you hadn't used that phrase.

And, of course, the story's about more than a problem to be solved by technological means.

I didn't get the ending (particularly the bit about one's marital status in the resurrection) until I reread it after the whole Clinton/Lewinsky affair, which made me laugh when the aliens said "It depends on how you define 'is'" -- which made me pay more attention to the comment and realize what they were talking about.

-Rostrum