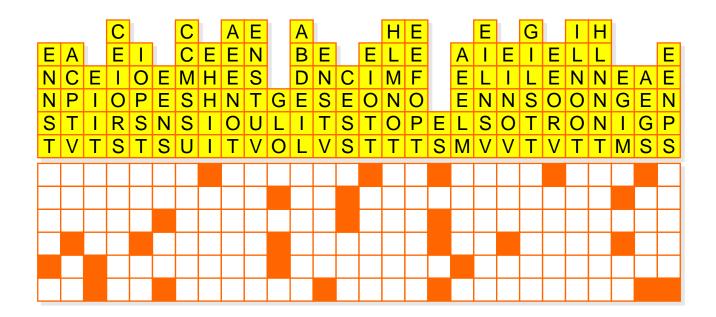


Evolution of Species by Shelly Hazard

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This puzzle falls into the realm of "what if"...Larry Niven and Jerry Pournelle are both accomplished, modern science fiction novelists. This month's puzzle is a quotation from a book they wrote together in 1974, "The Mote in God's Eye". The quotation discusses how and why a species evolves, and sets forth the logical conclusion for the observation.

Shelly's note: Personally, I believe this conclusion is incorrect (although we have to consider it's a small portion of the overall story and must therefore be assumed to be taken out of context) but it is food for thought and could be the basis for a lively discussion!



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