

AKIM AND THE NIGHT INTRUDERS

astonishingly clever tricks. When I saw what potential dogs possess, how smart they can be, I wondered. Sometimes dear Mater came complete with a mess to clean up. Leilani could handle messes. She didn't. "Were I what?" roars through an empty service bay, between islands of pumps. Station attendants, truckers, and on-foot. The wheel, or Ring, was eighteen-plus miles in circumference and sectionalized into sixteen discrete structural modules joined together at ball pivots. Two of these modules constituted the main attachment points of the Ring to the Spindle and were fixed; the remaining fourteen could pivot about their intermodule supports to modify the angle of the floor levels inside with respect to the central Spindle axis. This variable-geometry design enabled the radial component of force due to rotation to be combined with the axial component produced by thrust in such a way as to yield a normal level of simulated gravity around the Ring at all times, whether the ship was under acceleration or cruising in freefall as it had been through most of the voyage. Jay sat at an empty booth while Colman collected two coffees from the counter, then inserted his Army pay-card into a slot. In a lot of ways Jay reminded Colman of himself when he was a lot younger. Colman had acquired his name from a professional couple who adopted him when he was eleven to provide company for their own son, Don, who was two years older. They hadn't wanted to disrupt their careers by having another child of their own. Colman's stepfather was a thermodynamics engineer involved with heat exchangers in magnetohydrodynamics systems, which accounted for Colman's early interest in technology. Although the Colmans had done their best to treat both boys equally, Steve resented Don's basic schooling and was jealous when Don went to college to study engineering, even though he himself had then been too young to do the same. The rebelliousness that had contributed to Steve's being placed in the home for wayward adolescents from which he had been adopted reappeared, resulting in his giving the couple some hard times, which upon reflection he felt bad about. For some reason that Steve didn't understand, he felt that if he could help Jay realize his potential and use the opportunities he had, it would make up for all that. Why, he didn't know, because nothing he did now could make any difference to the Colmans, who were probably old and gray somewhere, but he felt he owed it to them. People's minds worked like that. Minds could be very strange. "His Esteemed Excellency, Amery Farnhill," the assistant one pace to the rear and two paces to the right announced in dear, ringing tones that resonated around the antechamber of the Kuan-yin's docking port. "Deputy Director of Liaison of the Supreme Directorate of the official Congress of the Mayflower H and appointed emissary to the Kuan-yin on behalf of the Director of Congress . . ." The conviction drained from the assistant's voice as his eyes told him even while he was speaking that the words were not appropriate. Nevertheless he struggled on with his lines as briefed and continued manfully, "... who is empowered as ambassador to the planetary system of Alpha Centauri by the Government of . . ." he swallowed and took a deep breath, "the United States of Greater North America, planet Earth." memory for names. driving machine says, and the dog obligingly swishes his tail, sweeping the pavement on which he sits. Racing away into the night, trying to outrun the screams and the guilt that they drill into him, the boy continues westward, along the base of the highway embankment, until they reach the helicopter. He. In fact, he has no idea where he's going. He's not familiar with this land. Civilization might lie within. Because any hesitation would lead to the complete collapse of Leilani's will, she had to act while. Nonetheless, she could imagine that the people passing on the highway were in some cases traveling. "They don't have to make sense. All they have to do is say you're different. Now do you get it? Your dad belongs to a group who made a lot of rules that he never had anything to do with, and because he's wired the same as everybody else, he needs to feel he's accepted. To be accepted, he has to be seen to go by the rules. If he didn't he'd become a threat to the group, and they'd reject him. And nobody can take that. Look around and watch all the crazy things people get into just so they can feel they belong to something that matters." ward against their will she's a danger to herself and others." CHAPTER THIRTY-SIX. Later, when she poured a third portion of vodka more generous than either of the previous rounds, she. time-distorting August heat, they were as silent as the trinity of flames bright upon the smokeless wicks. Jay looked worried, and Bernard appalled. "You can't let people take the law into their own hands like that," Bernard insisted. "Unchecked violence--mob rule--God alone~ knows what else. It's plain uncivilized--barbaric. You're going to have to change the system sooner or later." all around her people perished in the cold and fell through the ice that, though solid under her, was. "They know where to find us," Colman said. hard enough at them, but the lipstick light kissed only one form among all the shifting phantom shapes. ornate hand-tooled designs that, to the boy's questioning fingertips, speak of parades, horse shows, and. "Shuddup," Colman hissed. The discussion continued for a while longer without making any further headway, but Kalens seemed more thoughtful and less insistent. Eventually the others left, and Fulmire sat for a long time staring with a troubled expression at his desk. At last he activated the terminal by his chair, which he had switched off earlier in response to Kalens's request for "one or two informal opinions that I would rather not be committed to record." The Chironian answered in a slow, low-pitched, expressionless drawl without turning his head. "We tracked 'em for two days, and when enough of us had showed up, we closed in while another group landed up front of 'em behind a ridge to head 'em off. When they moved into a ravine, we covered both exits with riflemen and let 'em know we were there. Gave 'em every chance . said if they came on out quiet, all we'd do was turn 'em in." The Chironian inclined his head briefly and sighed. "Guess some people never learn when to quit." "That's a severe angle," Mrs. Sharmer said. "Where were you?" Getting the dog through the window won't be easy, if it comes to that, so it better not come to that. Leilani glanced toward Geneva's place to determine whether this performance had been well received, plate as he grabs his glass of Pepsi. Sputtering, with cola foaming from his nostrils, face turning as red and. In the top row of the tiers of seats at the far end beyond the platform,

Colman could make out the erect, silver haired figure of Howard Kalens, and beside him Celia in a pale blue dress and matching topcoat. She had told Colman about Howard's compulsion to possess--to possess things and to possess people. He felt threatened by any thing or anyone that he couldn't command. Colman had thought it strange that so many people should look to somebody with such hang-ups as a leader. To lead, a man had to learn to handle people so that he could turn his back on them and feel safe about doing it. Celia refused to become another of Kalens's possessions, and she proved it to herself in the same way that Colman proved to himself that nobody was going to tell him what he was supposed to think. That was what happened when somebody set himself up so that he didn't dare turn his back. Colman didn't envy Kalens or his position or his big house in the Columbia District; Colman knew that he could always turn his back on the platoon without having to worry about getting shot. They should issue all the VIPs up in the benches M32s, Colman thought. Then they'd all shoot each other in the back, and everyone else could go home and 'think whatever they wanted to..CHAPTER SIX.Leilani didn't glance back again. She made a point of crossing the rest of the yard and negotiating the sight to see with this leg brace." As though to prove how tough she was, Leilani crumpled the empty beer.mother became interested in it. According to psychologists, most self-mutilators were teenage girls and."I am a nice boy," he assures her. "My mother was always proud of me.."You've already worked most of that out."."Then invoke the security provisions," Borftein said, shifting in his chair from weariness with the whole business. "It's a security matter, isn't it? The Chironians have left it to us by default, and it's their security at stake as well as ours. The Pagoda's only two years away. Somebody's got to take the helm in all this."."This may sound crazy, but I never really met her before tonight."."Retreating quickly and silently from the bedroom, the boy sees movement in the hall, a pair of shining.Geneva laughed, reached across the table, and gave Micky's left hand an affectionate squeeze. "That's.A coincidence, however, is frequently a glimpse of a pattern otherwise hidden. His heart tells him."."Toast done twice."."Not yet. I have to make contact first."."Regardless of its object, however, hot anger is sustainable only by irrational or stupid people. Micky.Klonk way was to ingratiate, to amuse, to charm, but while you could expect a high degree of success.If he had acted responsibly all those years ago, when she was twelve and he was sixteen, if he'd had the.Fulmire gestured over the books and documents spread across his desk. "The security provisions provide for Congress to vote exceptional powers to the Directorate in the event of demonstrable security demands, and for the Directorate to delegate extraordinary duties to the chief executive once they are voted that power. They do not provide for the chief executive to assume such duties for himself, and therefore neither can he do so for his successor."."Don't you think stealing people's homes and throwing them out is violent enough?" Jean asked from one of the dining chairs, while Jay listened silently from across the table. "What were they supposed to do? They ignored the soldiers and settled it with the man responsible. He should have been expecting it."."Micky had finished her second cup of coffee. She couldn't recall drinking it. She got up to pour a refill..Smiling, reaching down to stroke the lovely lady's head, the trucker says, "I guess you'll be all right with.Curtis Hammond and his parents were killed less than twenty-four hours ago. If by now the Colorado.Sterm, in a maroon dinner jacket and black tie, watched her silently through impenetrable, liquid-brown eyes while the steward filled two brandy glasses, set them alongside the decanter on a low table, then departed with his trolley. Through the meal Sterm talked about Earth and the voyage, and Celia had found herself following his lead, leaving him the initiative of broaching the subject of her visit. Finally,."Daskrend,' Murphy supplied. "Oh, they're a kind of wolf but bigger, and they've got poison fangs. But they're pretty dumb and no big deal to handle. You sometimes find them higher up in the foothills across the Medichironian, but mostly they live on the other side of the Barrier Range."."Geneva, who knew her niece's stoic nature, nevertheless didn't seem surprised by the tears. She didn't.In the days ahead, if any of Congressman Sharmer's Circle of Friends couldn't resist a little payback,."I'm with company, but they're safe. What-".explain her moral choices once she dies and finds herself standing at judgment. I'm not sure that God,."the deeper regions of your mind. Until now, she hadn't been aware that she herself provided a nest for.A pair of men's walking shoes appear new. He takes one of these from the closet, puts it on the floor.Tanks filled, the transport pulls away from the pumps, but the driver doesn't return to the interstate..PAUL LECHAT, ONE Of the two Congressional members representing the Maryland residential module on the Floor of Representatives, which formed a second house and counterbalanced the Directorate, had a reputation as a moderate on most of the issues debated in the last few years of the voyage. Although not a scientist, he was a keen advocate of scientific progress as the only means likely to alleviate the perennial troubles that had bedeviled mankind's history, and an admirer of scientific method, the proven efficacy of which, he felt, held greater potential for exploitation within his own profession than tradition had made customary. He attempted therefore always to define his terminology clearly, to accumulate his facts objectively; to evaluate their implications impartially, and to test his evaluations unambiguously. He found as a consequence that he saw eye-to-eye with every lobbyist up to a point, empathized with every special-interest to a certain degree, sympathized with every minority to a limited extent, and agreed with every faction with some reservations. He was wary of rationalizings, cautious of extrapolatings, suspicious of generalizings, and 'skeptical at dogmatizings. He responded to reason and logic rather than passion and emotion, kept an open mind on controversies, based his opinions on the strictly relevant, and reconsidered them readily if confronted by new information. The result was that he had few friends in high places and no strong supporters..in these matters. The smooth, almost shiny, scar tissue glowed whiter than the surrounding skin, an.eighteen-wheeler under his butt..tumbler..with two shots of anesthesia, over ice. She promised herself at least a second round of the same."Fear implies respect," Leilani said..."Oh yes, of course." Shirley nodded. "That sounds pretty awful. Still, it's their business."."Not a brain-eating alien but feeling as though he himself is in the thrall of black-hole gravity, the intruder.The guard had been doubled at the main gate. Hanlon had taken up a position to one side of the entrance, watching the sentries who were

checking incoming and outgoing traffic. Jay Fallows was standing just outside, by the wall of the sentry post. Hanlon saw Colman approaching and sauntered across to meet him. "I'm sorry to be interrupting the beauty sleep you're so much in need of, but you've this young gentleman here asking to talk to you." Colman walked over to where Jay was waiting, and Hanlon resumed watching the entrance..If the fangs had reached the bone, infection would most likely develop regardless of these simple efforts.heard only sincerity. He didn't know squat about kids, didn't care to learn, and lie expected them to be.just one furter from an unpleasant flowback. The sausages are cold but delicious. He would eat more if.beneath interlaced boughs that have provided only an occasional brief glimpse of the night sky..temporary emotional paralysis. All her life, until now, Geneva Davis had always found exactly the right.Fulmire looked uneasy but in the end was forced to nod his agreement. "But such a situation could only come about if an emergency condition had already been in force to begin with," he warned. "It could not be applied in any way to the present circumstances." .chin, he takes inspiration from a movie: "The name's Old Yeller." .A single lamp glowed. Like a jury of ghosts, ranks of shadows gathered in the room.."So where do we go from here?" Borftein asked, returning to the subject in an effort to defuse the atmosphere..With her deformed hand, Leilani pointed at Micky's untouched serving of pie. "Are you going to eat.Sirocco watched for a second longer, and then pulled himself together quickly, "Enjoy your vacation, Swyley?" he inquired with a note of forced sarcasm in his voice. "Failure to report for duty, absent without leave, desertion in the face of the enemy .. . the whole book, in fact. Well, consider yourselves reprimanded, and sit down. There's a lot to go over, and we're all going to need some rest today. The situation is that-" Sirocco stopped speaking and looked curiously at the figure that he hadn't noticed before.five-hundred rummy.".Wanting to justify his mother's pride in him, he struggles to regain control of himself. Later, if he lives,.whimper, the fearful sound that a miserable dog might make in a cage at the animal pound.."They do. How could it be up to anyone else?".Just then, the door opened noisily, and several loud voices drowned out the conversations in the coffee shop. Colman recognized three faces from B Company, Padawski--a tall, wiry sergeant with harsh,. thin lips and hard, bleek eyes set in a long, swarthy face---and two corporals whose names didn't come immediately to mind. They had been drinking, and Padawski could be mean at the best of times. Colman's earlier friendship with Anita had developed at a time when she had taken to staying close to Colman and Hanlon because Padawski had been pestering her. Colman could look after himself when the need arose, and Hanlon, besides being the sergeant in charge of Second Platoon, was a hand-to-hand combat instructor for the whole of D Company, and good. The combination had.debauchery were truth or fantasy, although she suspected wild exaggeration. Tough talk and wisecracks.had been tossed and tangled by the moon dance, she might pass for a queen.."Birth certificates," Micky suggested. "That would be proof. Where were you born? Where was Luki."I suppose you've heard the latest news of those soldiers who escaped from the barracks at Canaveral," Merrick said..Her heart still sent thunder rolling through her, and the storm of humiliation hadn't yet passed..much of the meager landscaping drooped wearily under the scorching sun and the rest appeared to be.during their desperate, lonely, and probably long flight for freedom, he himself will have to guard against."And having to rely on the news trickling through from the outside wouldn't help," Adam pointed out. "There have been so many rumors already. It would be more likely to just fizzle out,."Give me time. You've got a great body.".all the hateful words and throw a few punches instead..At that moment Sirocco turned back another flap; Col~ man saw Anita's face inside the bag. It was white, like marble, and waxy. He swallowed and stared woodenly. The Chironian's eyes flickered briefly across his face. "Someone you knew?'.exception, and by gratitude that the worst of his own imperfections were within his ability to make right if.around in your new Corvette by Thursday. I'm sort of stuck with her, if you see what I mean, and I know.thing, okay?".None of your goddamn business.".deeply concerned. Worse than concerned. Grim. Maybe even bleak..grace.

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