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insects hard at work in the hot, dry air..Colman found Sirocco in the Orderly Room, acting on.At least she knew the excuse was a lie. She supposed that her inability to fully deceive herself might.Micky was left speechless not by the child's acute perception but by hearing the truth put so bluntly,..explains that it's more polite to say restroom..many years ago.. "We're all having to learn how to do that." "Used to be. Is it that obvious?".thinks they're all just breeding grounds for legionnaires' disease and that gross flesh-eating bacteria.. "Can we go too?" Marie asked, evidently having forgotten her previous convictions. "I want to gets lots of things.".Providing for Laura was the reason that he worked, the reason that he lived in a low-rent apartment.. "LCP's standing by and ready to fire," another voice reported..Although Colman was going along with the mood and making a joke out of it, inside he felt a twinge of irritation. He wasn't sure why. Anita's gibe reflected the popular vogue, but the implied image of a planet populated by children was clearly ridiculous; the first generation of Chironians would be approaching their fifties. He didn't like foolish words going into people's heads and coming out again without an.~? thought about their meaning having transpired in between. Anita was an attractive girl, and not stupid. She didn't have to do things like that. Then it occurred to him that perhaps he was being too solemn. Hadn't he just done the same thing?.precious pearl, might have opened its shell to feed in this guarded fashion. In the palm of the lower hand.morning cartoon programs that had been the Sole source of moral education during their formative years..treacherously thin for them..Merrick's pained expression deepened into a frown, "Tch tch, that's inexcusable. How unfortunate. Let me see now-I can't remember exactly when it was but you were on duty. That was why I couldn't include you at the time." That was an outright lie; Bernard had been there on his day off, with Jay. "But anyway, we can soon put that straight. You'll find the place fascinating. A woman runs most of the primary process- a remarkable lady- I can promise you some interesting company as well as interesting surroundings. What I'd like you to do is arrange something with Hoskins for as soon as possible. I'm afraid I'll be tied up for the next couple of days." "Why should you be nice to people who are acting like they're trying to take over your ship?". "A good try, Wellesley," Sterm said from the large screen. "In fact I find myself forced to commend you for your surprising resourcefulness. Unfortunately from your point of view, however, we now see it was in vain." He turned his eyes away to address a point off-screen, presumably a display showing Otto and Chester. "And unfortunately from your point of view, I'm afraid that we deduced the secret of the Kuan-yin a long time ago..agents, and probably various other authorities, are already establishing roadblocks on the interstate both." "Lay off, Hoover," Chang said wearily. "We'll check it out through the net. Okay, maybe we'll see you next week." And then Jay, who had been looking from one to the other, walked back to his father and started to talk persuasively in a low voice. Bernard hesitated, looked across at Colman again, and then took a deep breath and came haltingly across with lay beside him. "It's been a long time," he mumbled. His eyes wandered away and then came back to look Colman directly in the face. "Look, Steve, about that time up on the ship in the pump bay. I, er... I--".Over his glass, Colman watched as three Special Duty troopers made their way to the bar. They stood erect and intimidating in their dark olive uniforms, cap-peaks pulled low over their faces, and surveyed the surroundings over, hard, jutting chins. Nobody met their stares for long before looking away. One of them murmured an order to the bartender, who nodded and quickly set up glasses, then grabbed bottles from the shelf behind. The SD's were the elite of the regular corps, handpicked for being the meanest bastards in the Army and utterly without humor. They reminded Colman of the commando units he had seen in the Transvaal. They provided bodyguards for VIPs on ceremonial occasions--there was hardly any reason apart from tradition in the Mayflower II's environment--and had been formed by Borftein as a crack unit sworn under a special oath of loyalty. Their commanding officer was a general named Stormbel. D Company made jokes about their clockwork precision on parades and the invisible strings that Stormbel used to jerk them around, but not while any of them were within earshot. They called the SD's the Stromboli Division..and press charges against the congressman?".an ugly knot that is no doubt the same expression she has seen on the faces of the many victims to whom.Kath closed her eyes gratefully for a moment,' and then turned to speak to Veronica, Adam, Casey, and Barbara, who were off-screen. "They've found Steve, He's all right..the coffee.. "The Kuan-yin will not be able to maneuver instantly," Stormbel answered. "By accelerating ahead of the Mayflower ii at maximum power immediately after detaching, we would be behind the planet long before the Kuan-yin could possibly be brought to bear. After that we can take up an orbit that would maintain diametric opposition." "What are you talking about, Bernard?". "Everyone I talked to about a job..corner a life-size plastic model of a human skeleton hangs from a metal stand, grinning as if death is great.peach juice from a handful of dried pits would be easier than squeezing one drop of pity from this hunter's.him, know him, whether he's in plain sight or hiding in a cave a thousand feet from sunlight..Curtis slides a pane open. Wind blusters like restless bears at the bars of a cage, but this is a mildly.person again. Never. The real Leilani was back?rested, refreshed, ready to take care of business..the woman obscene names, heaped verbal abuse on her, and she seemed to thrill to every vicious and.Marcia Quarrey then raised the question of a separate governor, responsible to Wellesley, but physically based on the surface inside the enclave to administer its affairs. Perhaps the division of authority between the members of the Directorate sitting twenty thousand miles aw4 in the ship had contributed to the difficulties experienced since planetfall, she suggested, and delegating it to one person who had the advantages of being on the spot would remedy a lot of defects. Opinions were in favor, and Quarrey nominated Deputy Director Sterm for the new office. Sterm, however, declined on the grounds that a large part of the job would involve policymaking connected with Terran-Chironian relationships, and since a Liaison Director existed to whom that responsibility was already entrusted, the sensible way to avoid possible conflicts

was to unify the two functions, lie therefore nominated Howard Kalens; Quarrey seconded, and the vote was carried by a wide margin. There seemed to be no more to say. The Terrans looked resignedly at each other while the Chironians on the screen continued to stare out with solemn but unyielding faces. They could warn Stern now and risk having to use their weapon while the ship still held a sizable population if he ignored the warning, or they could wait until he challenged them, which ran the risk of their having to retaliate without warning if Stern chose to move first and challenge later. Those were the ground rules, but within those limits the Chironians were evidently open to suggestions or persuasion. As a desperate but relatively unseasoned fugitive, he has been largely successful at adventuring, and now illuminated. From the open double-bay doors in the chopper's fuselage, sufficient light escapes to reveal. "Oh, there's a lot of studying I've got listed-general engineering with a lot of MHD, then maybe I'll see if I can get into something at Norday for a while. Later on I might move out to the new place they're talking about." He isn't aware of my associate in the attic. "Acknowledged," the computer replied. The people who have fled the restaurant appear to share Curtis's grim assessment of the situation. All. Noshing on a cream-filled snack cake, contentedly plastering a fresh coat of fat on his artery walls, he heard the screams of the others, but by the time he found them, they were dead, and their steaming. Sheltering against a weathered outcropping of rock, he wishes desperately that his mother were with. The closet door rattles. Probably just road vibration. have revealed their true nature. They are engaged in an urgent search for something more important than. Jean raised her hands in an imploring gesture. "Doesn't what Paul Lechat was saying this morning make a lot of sense to you? Isn't it the only way? Well, he's going to need help to do it. I expected you to get on the line right away and find out if there was something we could do. Luck never favored Leilani, however, so she didn't assume that this would be the night when he received. "Hell, that's no surprise to me," the red-haired man declares, but the tail of Curtis's shirt remains twisted. CHAPTER TEN. successfully maintained until recently, but now the cork was pulled and apparently lost. Her vision pumps. four rioters were left behind with sore heads or other minor injuries. While the Company medic began cleaning up the injured and Sirocco stood talking with the SD commander a short distance away, Colman watched Kalens's limousine drive away in the opposite direction and disappear. That was how it had always been, he could see now. For thousands of years men had bled and died so that others might be chauffeured to their mansions. They had sacrificed themselves because they had never been able to penetrate the carefully woven curtain that obscured the truth-the curtain that they had been conditioned not to be able to see through or to think about. But the Chironians had never had the conditioning. He remembered back to when he had been sixteen and gave a senator's son nothing more than he'd had coming to him. A pair of sheriff's deputies had taught him a painful lesson in "respect" in a cell at the town jailhouse, and the Army had been trying to teach him "respect" ever since. But that had been Earth-style respect. He was beginning to feel that perhaps he was learning the true meaning of the word for the first time. True respect could only be earned; it couldn't be extorted. A real leader led by the willingness of his followers, in the way that the people at the fusion complex followed Kath or Adam's children followed him, not by command. The Chironians could turn their backs on each other in the way that people like Howard Kalens would never know, as Colman could on his platoon. These were his kind of people. It was uncanny, but he was starting to feel at home here--something he had never really felt anywhere before in his life. aglow, encircle the pump islands in much the way that nibbling stegosaurus and grazing brontosaurus and. WEDNESDAY, after a fruitless day of job-seeking, Micky Bell-song returned to the trailer park, where. "I guess I'm not in Kansas anymore." as decrepit as Micky's bile-green lounge. "This lawn furniture sucks." his lips, blinking grains from his eyelashes, Curtis pushes up onto his knees. If his mother's spirit abides. Although everybody had been expecting the announcement, a tension had been building as the room waited for the words that would confirm the expectations. Now that the words had been said, the tension released itself in a ripple of murmurs accompanied by the rustle of papers, and the creaks of chain as bodies unfolded into easier postures. The mention of antimatter reminded Colman of something. He sat back on the sofa and cast his mind back as he tried to pinpoint what. It reminded him of something Kath had said. The others stopped talking and looked at him curiously. And then it came to him. He cocked his head to one side and looked at Bernard. "Did you know that Chironians were modifying the Kuan-yin into an antimatter ship?" he asked. also burned from her all illusions. She didn't entertain fantasies derived from the movies or from any other. Farnhill frowned uncertainly from side to side then licked his lips and inflated his chest as if about to answer. He deflated suddenly and shook his head. The words to handle the situation just wouldn't come. The diplomats shuffled uncomfortably while the soldiers stared woodenly at infinity. A few awkward seconds dragged by. At last the assistant took the initiative and peered quizzically at the man who had introduced himself as Clem. They're dead serious about it. He says if we tell anyone about them, they'll never bring Luki back. They. Kath gave a short laugh, "Of course not ... but they're deceptive, aren't they. You have to remember that they've evolved from systems which were designed to adapt themselves to, and teach, children. You project a lot of yourself into what you think they're saying." operation like this in the Utah boondocks as easily as in Manhattan? although not with a mere sand, across loose shale, between masses of sage and weather-sculpted thrusts of rock, zigging and. "I better check those orders." The corporal turned to his screen while the other two SD's eyed the relief detail. After a few seconds the corporal raised his eyebrows. "You're right. Oh, well, I guess it's okay." The other two SD's relaxed a fraction. The corporal called up the duty 1-4nd signed his team off. "They must be thinning things right down everywhere," he said as he watched Sirocco go through the routine of logging on. light instead of retreating from it. not orphaned, is not alone. For a moment, the young intruder's envy curdles into a hatred so thick and hearts, wounded minds, torn spirits. be dead for sure. As one, the two cowboys start toward Curtis. "Uh, yeah." They entered the capsule pickup point and came out onto the platform, where four or five other people were already waiting, a couple of whom were neighbors and nodded at Jay in recognition. The next

capsule around the Ring was due in just over a minute, and they stopped in front of an election poster showing the austere, aristocratic figure of Howard Kalens gazing protectively down on the planet Chiron like some benign but aloof cosmic god. The caption read simply: PEACE AND UNITY..Getting inside would therefore require some men being moved right up to at least one of the security points without arousing suspicion-armed men at that, since they would be facing armed guards and could hardly be sent in defenseless. Malloy had again discouraged ideas of attempting to impersonate SD's. The only alternative came from Armley-a bluff, backed up with information manufactured by Stanislaw, to the effect that regular troops were being posted to guard duties inside the complex as well as SD's, and providing reliefs from D Company. Obviously the plan had its risks, but making three separate attempts at the three entrances simultaneously would improve the chances, and it was a way of getting the right people near enough. In the end, Sirocco agreed. Once they got that far it would be a case of playing it by ear from there on, and the biggest danger would be that of SD reinforcements arriving from the guardroom behind the main doors of the Government Center complex, which was just a few hundred feet away on the same level, before the situation was under control. That was the part that Bernard Fallows had come along to handle..CHAPTER SEVEN.The apparition in the dark yard next door stopped squealing, but in a silence as disconcerting as the cries.a confident assessment..he feels his way with outstretched hands to guard against surprises..Universal truths often find expression in universal cliches. When it rains, it pours, and when it pours, the drumming from the physical demands of flight, now booms also with fear. Into the night has entered a..you're in..".No doubt," Noah said, "they were once troubled youths rescued from a life of mischief, and.Geneva was the only one to bring tears to the table, and she blew her nose noisily in a Kleenex. Of.Grimacing, Leilani said, "Worming?".Then Colman's communicator started bleeping. Bernard Fallows was calling from the Communications Center. "I guess you did it," he said. "But it's not over yet. We've found out where Stern is..".gunfire?Curtis hears it for sure this time?erupts, muffled but unmistakable, from the depths of the.beneath interlaced boughs that have provided only an occasional brief glimpse of the night sky..D!".out of Eden..".The Chironians on channel eight are requesting a report, sir..".I'm not sure it's enough," he worries, jamming his bankroll into his pocket again. "I need two bottles of.CHAPTER THIRTY.Celia's suggestion for including Borftein and Wellesley was still undeniably attractive, but none of the ideas advanced for freeing them had stood up to close analysis because the prisoners were being held in rooms guarded constantly by two armed and alert SD's stationed halfway along a wide, brightly lit corridor with no way to approach them before they would be able to raise the alarm. Sirocco had therefore left that side of things in abeyance for the time being..could travel through the air when it flung itself out of a tight coil. She thought maybe she'd read that it.Kalens chewed on a slice of orange but made a face as if the fruit was bad. "But we've been publicly insulted," he objected. "What are you saying--that we should simply forget it? That would be unthinkable. What kind of a precedent would we be setting?".Bernard stared at her for a moment longer, then nodded and looked at the communications operator sitting by Celia. "Can you get Admiral Slessor on line here?" The operator nodded and sat forward to begin entering a code..fish for which so many nets have been cast..".To your approval, I trust," he said. Celia had suggested a cognac earlier on, when Stern had asked her preference for an after dinner liqueur..".All of them." Shirley sounded mildly surprised. "What do you mean by 'basically'?".Evidently having snatched a small treasure from the teeth of the desert breeze, the dog holds the.authorities. He shoves the currency into his pockets once more..as she stumped toward the foot of the bed..know I've ratted on him."

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