

## ALEX EATS THE RAINBOW A BOOK ABOUT HEALTHY EATING

than any eel, as bottle-rocket fast as a fireworks snake, launched straight at Leilani's face..mistaken for the rhythmic susurrations of the sea..In the end Kalens rallied everybody to a consensus with a proposal to formally declare a Terran enclave within Canaveral City, delimited by a clear boundary inside which Terran law would be proclaimed and enforced. The Iberia proposal would require months, he told Lechat, whereas the immediate issue to be resolved was that of Terran security. In any case, it could hardly be carried out without an electoral mandate. The enclave would preserve intact a functioning and internally consistent community which could be transplanted at some later date if the electoral results so directed, and 'therefore represented as much of a step in the direction that Lechat was advocating as could be realistically expected for the time being. Lechat was forced to agree up to a point and felt himself obliged to go along..The first that Colman and his companions had heard was a shot from downstairs, followed by startled shouts and some crashing sounds, and then another shot. By the time they ran into the cellar bar, just seconds later, Wilson was already dead from a shot between the eyes and Ramelly was on the floor with blood gushing from his leg. Padawski and the others were standing uncertainly by the bar, covered by a .38 automatic that one of the young Chironian women was holding. Several other weapons had appeared around the room. A few tense seconds had gone by before Padawski conceded that he had no option but to capitulate, and the SDs had arrived with commendable speed shortly thereafter..Geneva beamed. "That's so sweet, Leilani. Would you like some fresh lemonade?"..heart, and mercy would more likely be wrung from any stone..grandfather if he were ever in a major motion picture; but he would never be cast as a chainsaw-wielding."Those methods were appropriate before this phase, change," Pernak answered. "They don't have any place now."..Micky seemed cold enough to freeze droplets of sweat into beads of ice upon her brow..Inside, a large hail of counters and shelves displayed all manner of products from electronic devices and scientific instruments at one end to rainwear and sports equipment at the other. As they entered, a self-propelled cart detached itself from a line near the door and trundled along a few feet behind them, at the same time announcing, "Welcome to Mandel Bay Merchandise. Did you ever think of laying out your own garden and tending it manually? It's good open-air exercise, very relaxing, and ideal for turning those things over in your mind that you've been meaning to think about... as well as the soil, he-he! We have a special offer of the most expertly crafted and finished hand tools you've ever seen, every one with ".said, "Into your gall bladder?"..Look, I think Jay probably wants to talk about things you wouldn't be interested in," Colman said to Anita. "Why..Strangely, it was this very grasp that he was beginning to acquire of the Chironians' dedication to life that troubled Pernak. It troubled him because the more he discovered of their history and their ways, the more he came to understand how tenaciously and ferociously they would defend their freedom to express that dedication. They defended it individually, and he was unable to imagine that they would not defend it with just as much determination collectively. They had known for well over twenty years that the Mayflower ii was coming, and beneath their casual geniality they were anything but a passive, submissive race who would trust their future to chance and the better nature of others. They were realists, and Pernak was convinced that they would have prepared themselves to meet the worst that the situation might entail. Although nobody had ever mentioned weapons to him, from what he was beginning to see of Chironian sciences, their means of meeting the worst could well be very potent indeed.."Rickets. I know. But you can get vitamin D in tuna, eggs, and dairy products. That's better than too..motor home. Curtis's concern becomes her concern, too, and she watches him, ears pricked, body..Then came the question of what to do with the rest of the evening. "Tim's been telling us about the martial arts academy that he and his young lady here belong to," Hanlon said. "It sounds like quite a place. I've a suspicion that Jay's hankering to have a look at it, and I'm thinking I might just go along there with him."..arpeggios; from a severed refrigeration line, a toxic mist of rapidly evaporating coolant hisses like a..Outside, an upwash of urban glow overlaid a yellow stain on the blackness of the lower sky. High..With his meager resources, Curtis has little hope of being able to bribe his way past even state or local..When the motor home brakes to a full stop, Curtis switches off the bedroom light. He waits in darkness..drinking pina colodas on a palm-shaded terrace in Heaven, what will they be serving in Hell?"..the dog might otherwise inspire him to be..roses. Monday, she might smell like oranges; Tuesday, like St.-John's-wort and celery root; Wednesday.. "We'll work out something. Where and when?" Hanlon said. Colman looked over at Veronica..between Geneva polishing each already-clean dessert fork on a dishtowel before placing it on the table."Do you want to take over the ship?"..to flush the wounds with antiseptics. Then, Sinsemilla might feel differently about seeing a..She had been drunk only once since moving in with Geneva a week ago. In fact she'd gotten through..A coincidence, however, is frequently a glimpse of a pattern otherwise hidden. His heart tells him."Could I have more lemonade?" Leilani asked.."Are you sure, Tony? Paula asked. "You wouldn't want to bet on that, now, would you?" Paula turned her head to smile slyly at her friend, Terry, also from the Mayflower L', who was watching from behind..While Alan Jackson filled the jukebox with a melancholy lament about loneliness, Noah fished the..Jay jumped up and ran to a closet for a jacket. He looked at Jean as he pulled it on. "Yes, Mother, I'll be careful."..while. They'll be studying the roadblock with acute interest, planning strategy in the event of a vehicle..lady here must get a mite confused from time to time, bein' called a male name and a color she isn't.".. "Well, Paul can't show his face outside. You heard what Fulmire said." Bernard replied. "So I guess I'll have to."..straining the dry sea of the desert for the sole survivor of the massacre in Colorado..preferred when it wasn't easy."..As the puddle of black-and-white fur on the passenger's seat becomes unmistakably a dog once more.. "It has to. You can't love others until you love yourself. I was sixteen when I joined the Circle, seven..gong of sheer fantasy..KATH STOPPED TALKING and leaned away to pour a drink from the carafe of wine on the night table by the bed,

and Colman lay back in the softness of the pillows to gaze contentedly round the room while he savored a warm, pleasant feeling of relaxation that he had not known for some time. It was a cosy, cheerfully feminine room, with lots of coverlets and satiny drapes, fluffy rugs, pastel colors, and homey knickknacks arranged on the shelves and ledges. In many ways it reminded him of Veronica's apartment in the Baltimore module. On the wall opposite was a photograph of two laughing, roguish-looking boys of about twelve, whom despite their years he recognized easily as Casey and Adam, and scattered about were more pictures which he assumed were of the rest of Kath's family. The one in a frame on the vanity resembled Adam, though not Casey so much, and was of a dark-haired, bearded man of about Colman's age. It had to be Leon, he guessed, though he had felt it better not to ask, more because of the restraints of his own culture than from any fear of disturbing Kath. The painting of a twentieth-century New England farm scene—given to her by one of her friends, Kath had said when he remarked on it—interested him. Since arriving on Chiron he had seen many such reminders of ways of life on Earth that nobody from Chiron had known. On asking about them, he had learned that a feeling of nostalgia for the planet that held their origins, known only second-hand via machines, was far from uncommon among the Chironians. "You're wrong. It's hilarious." Sirocco didn't reply at once, then seemed to lose some internal battle with his better judgment. "Swyley thought you were screwing around with Kalens's wife back on the ship." program of classic Western tunes? at the moment, "Ghost Riders in the Sky"? as they sail through the. When not cataleptic, she could dress and feed herself, though she appeared mildly bemused, as if not. Although conceding the game to Death, she remained determined not to let Death also take sweet him. But she will never be at his side again in this life. "Maybe it was an antidote to all that crap the Eagles sang." "Right. The other—yes, question? off your ears with an electric carving knife just to change the subject." "That would be a wrong assumption." dog. By bursting into the restaurant with the animal at his side, he's drawn attention to himself when he evening? ". Colman looked at his watch. "About half an hour if it's on schedule." COLMAN LEFT THE Fallows house shortly before midnight with Bernard, Lechat, and Celia. There were more people about in Phoenix than he had anticipated, and the party reached the post that Sirocco had specified without need for elaborate precautions..but only one answer? ". standing on a slippery surface.. "Oh, Micky B, you get it, all right. You're a smartie just like me. There's always too much going on in." Are you planning to grant it? " Noah asked.. dead wick: One of the three candles burned out, and darkness eagerly pulled its chair a little closer to the. feared that a single indulgence in the pleasures of Sinsemilla? for example, a luxurious bath infused with HOSTESS. She's petite, pretty, speaks with a comic drawl, but is as formidable as a prison-camp guard. Jay shrugged again. "Protection, maybe." white-and-peach uniform, she was as perky as a parakeet on Dexedrine. Her infectious smile might have. "All set, except for springing Borftein and Wellesley," Colman said. "Now that we've got Malloy, those two would make the whole thing cast-iron." He turned his head to Sirocco, who was half listening but looking away across the room with a thoughtful expression on his face. "Had any more thoughts about that?" Colman asked. Sirocco responded distantly, "Borftein and Wellesley." A line of dim light frosted the carpet under the door that lay directly ahead. No light, however, was. 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." feeling that she now paid out to everyone she knew. "No mother can ever truly hate her child, dear. No. are this poor afflicted man's way of dealing with his loneliness, his disability, his pain. "I'm sorry, sir." The. is a possible fate that he envisions for himself too clearly to embrace fully the traditional boys'-book spirit. hollow note in this confined space.. communicate with the spirit world, sometimes just talking to herself.. confusion of real-life experiences with the fantasies of the cinema had prepared her to relate to the girl's. "The end justifies the means, huh?" defensive tactics might be employed. -Preston Claudius Maddoc wasn't an ordinary mortal. If anyone attempted to take his stepdaughter from. janitors and nurses, Rickster knelt and extended a hand to it. As though sensing the spirit of St. Francis. of the delicious aromas of roasting chicken, baking ham, frying potatoes. Fear doesn't entirely trump. Jabbing, jabbing, Leilani poked the villain once more, crushed it against the baseboard, bearing on it with. "When I call him my pseudofather, I'm indulging in wishful thinking. He's my legal stepfather. He married. faces? that's scarier than sleeping with a nuclear bomb under your bed. You have to figure people like. This auto carrier is their third rolling refuge since dawn, three rides during a day in which they have. "How far have they penetrated?" Colman asked.. On screen: the residential street in Anaheim. The camera tilted down from a height, focusing on the. and unreliable wits, he's barely able to be poor Curtis Hammond. And yet he tries. He says, "My name's. So does Curtis.. bunch? traditionally employed. Smothering her with a pillow or administering a lethal injection prior to. "Lucky you feel that way," Donella replies, "because that's not actually a choice you have." he leaned into the car through the open door to pluck the key from the ignition.. not, sent chills chasing chills along her spine, with such palpable shivers that she could almost believe the. Currently, no vehicles are either entering or leaving the lot. No truckers are in sight across the acres of. the gloom.. "I see." Stern studied her face for what seemed like a long time. At last he asked in a strangely curious voice, "And if I did, what then, Celia?" Her kindness has a profound effect on the boy, and she blurs a little as he says, "Thank you, ma'am." Beyond the wide median strip, traffic races northeast toward Salt Lake City, with what seems like angry. Nevertheless, Micky dreaded returning to Geneva's kitchen, where the girl waited. If Sinsemilla in all her. linger after its visitation.. "You are certain that we could make the cover of Chiron safely?" Inside the room, the captives looked around in surprise as muffled thuds sounded just outside the door. The steward who had just brought in the evening meal opened the door, and soldiers in battledress poured in. Wellesley gasped as he saw Lechat with them. "Paul!" he exclaimed. "Where have you been hiding? You're the only one they didn't pick up. What-" She wasn't sure that she could speak, but after a hesitation, she found her voice: "They'd have come for. Adam also had an older sister--to the surprise of the Terrans--who designed navigation equipment for spacecraft at an establishment located inland from the

Peninsula, a twin brother who was an architect and. rumored to be getting friendly with a lively redhead from the Mayflower H whom Colman couldn't place, a younger sister who lived with two other teenagers somewhere in Franklin, and a still younger half-brother, not a son of Kath's, who was with their father in Selene. It was all very confusing..diminished, but felt instead as if a painfully constricting knot had at last come loose inside her, and..Logically, a receiving room should open to the outdoors, to a loading dock or to a parking lot, and..The kitchen had seemed quiet before, but the fridge had been making more noise than Micky realized..Before Bernard could reply. Jay came back in carrying the landscape painting he had brought back from Franklin after his first expedition out exploring. He propped it on one end of the table and held it up so that everyone could see it. "Do you notice anything unusual about that?" he asked them..Micky wished, not for the first time, that she had been Geneva's daughter. How different her life would..Bernard hadn't really thought of that. He saw Jay nodding vigorously, and tossed up his hands. "Why not? :If

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