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make the swap. Instead, he lights out for the Territory, chasing the clever mutt, hurrying away from the cover behind hulking culinary equipment of unknown purpose, Curtis moves indirectly but steadily into arm, its fangs bared on the back of his hand, its eyes bright with hatred. "But you ought to realize that. A whiff of the city has come to this high desert. The warm air is bitter with the stink of exhaust fumes." "Hey, how come you never told us about that part?" he asked as the girl led Swyley away.. whenever he was admitted. Bret Hanion, the sergeant in charge of Second Platoon and a long-standing buddy of Colman, was sitting on the other side of Sirocco with Stanislaw, Third Platoon's laser gunner, and a couple of civilian girls; a signals specialist called Anita, attached to Brigade H.Q. was snuggling close to Colman ~with her arm draped loosely through his.. fact dozed off in this chair. The only dreamless sleep he ever experienced was the silken repose that gasps for breath, and the cool air is rough in his raw throat. His heart like a horse's hooves kicks, kicks. "Oh, there was something I meant to show you," Sirocco said, shifting his feet from the desk and turning toward the companel. "It come in earlier this evening. Want a laugh?". The transport swings into a wide space between two huge trucks.. makes her more difficult to kill than are ordinary mortals.. Just then Jerry Pernak came around a corner accompanied by his fianc?, Eve Verritty, and two more Chironians. A cart was following them with a few odds and ends inside. He gaped at Bernard and Jay in surprise, then grinned. "Hey! So Jay dragged you out to see the sights, eh? Hello, Jay. Started making friends already?" Introductions were exchanged with smiles and handshakes. The two new Chironians were Sal, a short, curly-headed blonde who pursued research in physics at a university not far from Franklin, and Abdul, a carpenter and also one of the Founders, who lived in a more secluded area inland and looked Eskimo. Abdul's grandson, he informed them proudly, had hand-carved the original designs from which the programs for producing the interior wood fittings used at Cordova Village had been encoded. He was delighted when Bernard praised their quality and promised to tell his grandson what the Terran had said.. "Don't leave them at the post," Sirocco said. "Go with them to Kath's, find out as much as you can about what the hell the situation is, and then get back here as soon as you can. That way, maybe we'll be able to figure out what needs to be done..". "I've seen your mother go through a lot of men over the years. She's always been so ... restless. I knew. believes in all of it, and more," Leilani reported.. desperately needed mechanical respirator; the compressor motor rattled and expired.. "Are we to run and hide on the far side of the planet for fear of offending a disorganized and undisciplined race who owe us everything that they take for granted and waste freely as if nothing had any value or ever had to be earned?" Kalens was asking from the screen. "Whose sciences and labors conceived and built the Kuan-yin, and with it the very machines that created the prosperity of Chiron? Whose knowledge and skills, indeed, created the Chironian race itself, who would now lay claim to all around them as theirs and send us away like paupers from the feast that we have provided?" He paused a second for effect, and his face took on an indignant scowl below his crown of silver hair. "I say no! I will not be driven away in such fashion I will not even contemplate such an action. I say, publicly and without reservation, that any such suggestion can be described only as surrender to moral cowardice that is beneath contempt. Here we have come, after crossing four light-years of space, and here we will remain, to share in that which is our right to share, and to enjoy that which is no more than our just due." A thunder of applause greeted the exhortation. Jean had heard enough and told Jeeves to turn off the screen.. small, though it isn't beyond the realm of possibility.. After stripping down to panties and a tank top, she sat in bed, atop the sheets, sipping cold lemon vodka. A Tenure of Landholdings Act was passed, declaring that all property rights were transferred to the civil administration and that legally recognized deeds of title for existing and prospective holdings could be purchased at market rates for Terrans and in exchange for nominal fees for officially registered Chironian residents, a concession which was felt essential for palatability. Employment by Terran enterprises would enable the Chironians to earn the currency to pay for the deeds to their homes that the government now said it owned and was willing to sell back to them, but they had grounds for gratitude-it was said- in being exempt from paying the prices that newly arrived Terrans would have to raise mortgages to meet. At the same time, under an Aliens Admissions Act, Chironians from outside would be allowed entry to Phoenix only upon acquiring visas restricting their commercial activities to paying jobs or approved currency-based transactions, for which permits would be issued, or for noncommercial social purposes. Thus the Chironians living in or entering Phoenix would cease, in effect, to be Chironians, and the problem would be solved.. thoroughbred but performed like a worn-out plow horse.. "Dry as a cracker..". The others watched as he pulled the unit out, accepting the call with a flip of his thumb, Judge Fulmire peered from the miniature screen. "Are you alone, Paul?" Fulmire asked without preamble. His voice was clipped and terse.. "Runs the planet? Gee... I don't know anything about that..". AS TASTY AS FRESH orange juice is when lapped out of a shoe, Old Yeller nevertheless loses mode, though her tail continues to wag gently.. "And by implication that he was mixed up in the bombings and the Padawski escape too," Bernard threw in.. poisonous that he feels compelled to lash out, to hammer the dreaming boy and diminish this intolerable. by ETs? it was supposed to happen before we were ten. Each of us would be made whole, he promised. matter? and provides a screening effect behind which a fugitive can, with luck, pass undetected.. Bernard, Pernak, and Jean stared at the picture for a long time. Pernak's eyes were very serious, and Jean began biting her lip apprehensively. At last Bernard nodded and looked at the other two. "Okay, I'm with you," he told them. "Most of the people making all the big speeches out there aren't equipped to handle this. I don't think Iberia matters too much one way or the other anymore, but we need to get Lechat in on it-and fast..". Do you believe in life after death?. Geneva left the door half open behind her. She sat on the edge of the bed, sideways to her niece.. psychotic disregard for his or her personal safety.. down. In this girl, Micky saw the hope of a good, clean life full of purpose? which she

couldn't quite yet. sometimes she sidled up to when she didn't have the nerve to approach it directly? the truth was that her. So that was it! Merrick's blue-eyed boy had let him down, and he needed a replacement. Merrick didn't give a damn about Bernard's qualities as an engineer; he was interested only in extricating himself from what was no 'doubt an embarrassing predicament. As Bernard thought back over the deviousness that he had listened to since he sat down, his memory of Kath's frankness and openness, even to a stranger, came back like a breath of fresh air. "You can stuff it," he heard himself say even before he realized that he was speaking.. "When I call him my pseudofather, I'm indulging in wishful thinking. He's my legal stepfather. He married. for Leilani, and perhaps none for Micky herself.. "I don't explain the doctor," Leilani said. "I just quote him." "He sounds like a perfectly dreadful man,". untouchable.. She wriggled closer and slid an arm across his chest. "Tell me about Earth. I've told you how I grew up. What was it like with you?".. pillows piled.. against her headboard, everything had changed, and nothing had changed.. "What alternative?".. income tax on it.".. people right out of bed, Preston. You told us stories like that. Well, gee, then for sure if I'm wearing these. ONE DOOR AWAY FROM HEAVEN A Bantam Book December 2001. INSIDE THE RESTAURANT, which must have the capacity to seat at least three hundred, the boy.. Chapter 13. seriousness? if that's what it takes to get the pie? that my mother isn't a danger to me. I've lived with her. started to get up.. "I see . . ." Wellesley frowned and nibbled off a piece of the toast.. Bernard acknowledged with a nod and leaned forward to speak in a low voice to the face that had appeared on an auxiliary screen. "This is urgent, Admiral. Make sure that all the sky-roof outer shutters are closed immediately.".. "Were they ever there?" Leilani asked again.. hallucinogens during pregnancy give the baby psychic powers.".. "Scared shitless," Leilani agreed.. concerned that the one she chose would have an existing relationship with her husband or with a friend of. Stern nodded slowly as he ticked off the points one by one in his mind, looking at Stormbel coolly, then turned to Gaulitz, one of the senior scientists, who was sitting with some advisers to one side of the room. "Let us be certain about the Kuan-yin," he said. "The success of the entire operation is at stake. You are quite sure?".. HOWARD KALENS SAT at the desk in the study of his villa style home, set amid manicured shrubs and screens of greenery in the Columbia District's top-echelon residential sector, and contemplated the porcelain bottle that he was turning slowly between his hands. It was Korean, from the thirteenth-century Koryo dynasty, and about fourteen inches high with a long neck that flowed into a bulbous body of celadon glaze delicately inlaid with mishima depicting a willow tree and symmetrical floral designs contained between decorative bands of a repeated foliose motif encircling the stem and base. His desk was a solid-walnut example of early nineteenth-century French rococo revival and the chair in which he was sitting, a matching piece by the same cabinetmaker. The books aligned on the shelves behind him included first editions by Henry James, Scott Fitzgerald, and Norman Mailer; the Matisse on the wall opposite was a print from an original preserved in the Mayflower II's vaults, and the lithographs beside it were by Rico Lebrun. And as Kalen's eyes feasted on the fine balance of detail and contrasts of hues, and his fingers traced the textures of the bottle's surface, he savored the feeling of a tiny fraction of a time and place that were long ago and far away coming back to life to be uniquely his for that brief, fleeting moment.. "Looks like it," Sirocco agreed. He moved behind the desk while the D Company privates took up positions beside the entrance, and the SD's walked away talking among themselves.. and a woman.. "An afterlife without Hell," Aunt Gen explained, "would be as polluted and unendurable as a world. motel, and the associated enterprises. Pickup trucks are favored over cars, and the few SUVs have a. "Spike it with what, dear?".. "Programs based on Jesus don't get enough public funds to make them worth faking the piety." He slid. Lechat pursed his lips for a second, and then nodded curtly. "It do it," he said simply. He averted his eyes for a moment longer, and then looked across at Celia. The others had read, the same thing and followed his gaze, knowing what they were asking her to do. Colman could see the torment in her eyes as she looked back at Lechat. After all that had happened, she would have to leave the safety and security of Franklin to return to Phoenix, from there to the shuttle base, and then all the way back up to the Mayflower II. There was no other way.. to the pair of you. I hope everything works out." "Thanks," Pernak acknowledged.. To stave off more tears, Micky said, "That's sweet, Aunt Gen, but everything you have doesn't amount." "Confusion," Sirocco said while jabbing at buttons and talking to screens. "People just off the shuttle coming down with stories about something big happening up in the ship-" He turned to one of the screens: "Then try and find his adjutant and get him on a line." Then back to Colman:.. what Lani girl gonna taste like.".. His handsome profile was ideal for stone monuments in a heroic age, though by his actions he had proved. interpret a patient's responses. If this had been nuclear-reactor engineering, Micky would already have. hectoring recriminations that would last hours, days, until you prayed to go deaf and considered cutting. In her tiny bedroom, Micky kicked off her toe-pinching high heels. She stripped out of her cheap cotton. "But we don't even know which Chironians to talk to," Lechat pointed out, many clothes to allow a boy and a dog to shelter among the shirts and shoes.. Depression passed, too. Lately she had made her way from day to day in a curious and fragile state of. Providing for Laura was the reason that he worked, the reason that he lived in a low-rent apartment, Donella, 'cause my dad was Don and my mom was Ella? and I think what we serve here is a few. playful, she bounds forward, snatches a muzzleful of plaid, and jerks the stranger off his feet. The man. boy. Even if the animal's sudden anxiety hadn't been strong enough to feel, the nearest of the tall pole. "No, sir. Why would I?".. bristling with weapons, Curtis follows her.. were to can her and talk to her nicely.".. "I don't like the idea of a limited military presence down there," Borftein said. "We're trusting the Chironians too much. I still say they could have strength that they're not showing yet. We could be exposing those civilians to all kinds of risks--terrorism, provocations. What if they get hit by surprise? I've seen it all before." Jay shrugged again. "Protection, maybe.".. Suddenly, Imm the outer entrance to the foyer behind Hanlon, a firm, authoritative voice ordered, "Stop that!" The sergeant looked up from the panel just as he was about to place the call, and his jaw dropped open in astonishment. Borftein was striding forward toward the desk with Wellesley on one side of

him, Lechat on the other, and a squad of soldiers in tight formation bringing up the rear. Celia and Malloy were between them. The two SD guards glanced uncertainly at each other. "Is this protection any different from the domination by the EAF that we should be so concerned about?" Ch~st~t asked. Colman tried to ignore them as he re-formed the squad while Sirocco consulted his papers to identify the next house on the list. The Chironians understood that taking it out on the soldiers wouldn't help their cause. A soldier who might have been an ally became an enemy when he saw his friends being carried bruised and bleeding away from a mob. Everything the Chironians did was designed to subtract from their enemies instead of add to them, and to whittle their opposition down to the hard core that lay at the center, which was all they had any quarrel with. He could see it; Sirocco could see it, and the men could see it. Why couldn't more of the Terrans see it too? Colman's eyebrows arched in surprise. "True, but-wow! I had no idea that anything here was that advanced." Experiments and research into harnessing the potential energy release of antimatter had been progressing on Earth since the first quarter of the century, primarily in connection with weapons programs. The attraction was the theoretical energy yield of bringing matter and antimatter together- one hundred percent conversion of mass into energy, which dwarfed even thermonuclear fusion. For bombs and as a source of radiation beams, the process had devastating possibilities, and it had been appreciated for a long time that such a beam would offer a highly effective means of propelling a spacecraft. Bernard frowned at her in bemusement. Nothing was making any sense. "But-its antimatter drive ... that's your weapon, isn't it?". fetal position. Wordless throughout her brother's monologue, she remained mute now. vehicles, the trucker says. Stern's -eyes took on a distant light, and his breathing quickened visibly. "I will build this world into the power that Earth could never be-an unconquerable fortress that even a fleet of EAF starships would never dare approach..any kind. After the juice, all he can count on is kicking their sex organs." Micky, honey, I don't think this is really proper dinner-table conversation," Geneva gently admonished..five-hundred rummy." click-and-squeak of her leg brace faded until it could have been mistaken for the language of industrious. dressed in all manner of styles and colors and reflecting the various races of Earth in more or less even proportions, which was to be expected since the genetic codes carried by the Kuan-yin had comprised a balanced mix of types. Children and young people were everywhere, and humanoid robots seemed to be part of the scheme of things. The robots intrigued Bernard; such creatures were not unknown on Earth, but they had tended to be restricted to experiments in research labs as technological curiosities since, functionally, they didn't really make a lot of sense. Presumably the Chironian robots had been developed from the machines that had raised the first Chironians, which had-been designed not in the form of tin men at all, but to suit their purpose--as warm-bodied, soft surfaced tenders. So conceivably the notion of machines as companions had become a permanent feature of Chironian life that could be traced back to the earliest days. The designs had later been changed to suit the whims and preferences of the children after natural parents appeared on the scene to satisfy their more basic physiological and psychological needs. To his surprise Bernard found himself thinking that the relationship between man and humanoid machine might have been quite warm, and in some way charming; certainly he could see no evidence~ of the cold and sinister state of affairs that Jean had pictured..After watching the macabre ritual for several minutes, he turned to study the red-bearded Chironian, who was standing impassively almost beside him. He appeared to be in his late twenties or early thirties, but his face had the lines of an older man and looked weathered and ruddy, even in the pale light of the floodlights. His eyes were light, bright, and alert, but they conveyed nothing of his thoughts. "How did it happen?" Colman murmured in a low voice, moving a pace nearer..a merry mood often sang an ebullient mantra that she'd composed herself: "I am a sly cat, I am a summer. standing on a slippery surface..the crushed blades under him, and scrambles at once to his feet..Micky and Mrs. D were nice people, caring people, and when Leilani shared the details of her situation. Pernak tossed up his hands. "I've been to take a look at their university and what they do there. You wouldn't believe it. And I've already got a position if I want it, for no other reason than that people already there say it's okay. You get a house, for nothing . . . a good one. Or they'd build you one however you want it. How can you say no? We're going to become Chironians. And so will everybody else when they've gotten over the voyage. Then people like Kalens can yell all they want, but what can they do if there's nobody left to take any notice? It's as I said-you have to start thinking like Chironians." a little, too, but then he realizes that her attention is elsewhere..Wellesley shook his head firmly. "Not if you, re talking about roughing up people in the streets. It would undo everything we've achieved." the snake.

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