

## H AN EXPLANATORY AND CRITICAL COMMENTARY AND A REVISION OF THE TRA

"What happens if you win the right way?" Kath asked him..And perhaps his mother's spirit watches over him..The Chevy-smashing shivaree continued unabated, but distance and intervening layers of laurel branches, grass extended from one side of the lot to the other, but it provided a scant twelve feet of turf between..of the most serene bronze Buddha..Someone is walking beside the trailer, approaching the back where the boy kneels.. "Starting to feel a little better?" Jean asked as she refilled Celia's cup. Celia nodded. "Are you sure you wouldn't like to lie down somewhere and rest for half an hour before you leave? It might do you a lot of good." Celia shook her head. Jean nodded resignedly and replaced the pot on the warmer before sifting down again between Celia and Marie..But SD's were already pouring out of the guardroom behind the main doors of the Government Center and racing along the corridor toward the communications facility while civilians flattened themselves against the walls to get out of the way, and others who had been working late peered from their offices to see what was happening. The engineer iii coveralls who had been working inconspicuously at an opened switchbox through an access panel in the floor closed a circuit, and a reinforced fire-door halfway along the corridor - closed itself in the path of the oncoming SD's. The SD major leading the detachment stared numbly at it for a few seconds while his men came to a confused halt around him. "Back to the front stairs," he shouted. "Go up to Level Three, and come down on the other side."..He wishes that he'd returned for her and had bravely spirited her to safety. This is a ridiculously romantic."Hey, kid, how do you like---".tightly in his fist. "You steal something, boy?".pain by sharing it..Speaking his heart seems the best way to make amends. "You're so fabulous, so beautiful, so."That came later-after I'd been on the ship for some time. At first I was with the infantry. . . saw some combat in Africa. I spent most of the voyage in the Engineer Corps though. . . up until about a year or two back."..the slightly vacant look of a long-term Ecstasy user?was behind the steering wheel, picking his nose..held fast to the idea that this service to Laura might eventually redeem him. The hope of atonement was."Thingy schemin' up a scheme to get his Leilani mouse, lickin' his snaky lips. Thingy, him be dreamin'.pale stone and soil as the SUVs ascend the slope..circumference of each iris.. "I didn't think it would, so I won't say it."..as an alchemist or sorcerer. Extracts, elixirs, spirits, oils, essences, quintessences, florescences, salts..Everybody looked at Colman again, this time with a new interest. A different mood was taking bold of the room, and it was affecting the people on the screen, who were leaning forward and listening intently. So far it was just an idea, but already it was beginning to hook all of them..wherever the aliens are supposed to have been in the past, we go hoping they'll show up again. And..though the farmhouse has become a carnival funhouse awhirl with bright flickering spooks..Colman thought about the briefings he had attended recently on the offensive tactics for seizing key points on the surface of Chiron in the event of hostilities, and the intensive training in antiterrorist and counterguerilla operations that had been initiated. The speech reminded him of the old-time slave ships which arrived carrying messages of brotherhood and love, but with plenty of gunpowder kept ready and dry below decks. Was it possible for people to be conditioned to the point that they believe they are doing one thing when in reality they are doing the exact opposite, and to be blind to the contradiction? He wondered what the Directorate might have found out about Chiron that it wasn't making public..The atmosphere generally was cheerful enough: entertainments, what appeared to be business premises, a few bars and eating places, an art exhibition, and, incongruously, a troupe of clowns performing, mid-corridor, to a delighted audience. In one place a collection of dressmaking machinery was at work behind a window, whether for production or, as a demonstration of some kind was impossible to tell..advises..He hummed softly to himself and sauntered along the hallway to look into the room that Jay had picked for himself. Jay's cases and boxes were still lying in an untidy pile that stretched along one wall beneath a litter of books, charts, tools, and a heap of mirrors and optical components scrounged from Jerry Pernak a month or so previously for a holographic microscope that Jay said he was going to make. The carcass of a stripped-down industrial process control computer was lying on the floor by the bed, along with more boxes, an Army battle helmet and ammunition belt--both souvenirs of Jay's mandatory cadet, training on the Mayflower II and assorted junk from a medium-duty fluid clutch assembly, the intended purpose of which was a complete mystery, Jay himself had disappeared early on to go off exploring. Bernard shrugged to himself. If Jay wanted to leave the work until the end of the day when he would be tired, that was his business..tattooing the Chevy fenders and trunk lid.. "Stay.. . there!" the girl instructed.. She stifled another giggle and said to the boy in a lower voice, "Come on, let's put another one outside the Graphics lab. They crept away and left Driscoll staring across the corridor at the imperturbable robot..Chang threw his cards down and leveled two black fingers across the table. "A Smith and Wesson beats five aces." He grinned and stood up. "Everybody set for another drink?" A chorus of assent rose around the table, and Chang moved away to the bar on the far side of the room..Cynicism soon turned to rebellion as more of the Terran population came to perceive Phoenix not as a protective enclave, but at worst a prison and at best a self-proclaimed lunatic asylum. Apartment units were found deserted and more faces vanished as expeditions to Franklin came increasingly to be one-way trips. Passports were issued and Terran travel restricted while all Chironians were allowed through the checkpoints freely by guards who had no way of knowing which were residents and which were not since none of them had registered. The sentries no longer cared all that much anyway; their looking the other way became chronic and more and more of them were found not to be at their posts when their relief showed up. An order was posted assigning at least one SD to every guard detail. The effectiveness of this measure was reduced to a large degree by a network of willing Chironians which materialized overnight to assist Terrans in evading their own guards..what Lani girl gonna taste like."..Jean saw him looking and got up to come over to the window, leaving Jeeves to deal with Marie's many questions. She stopped beside him and gazed out at the trees across the lawn and the

hills rising distantly in the sun beyond the rooftops. "It's going to be such a beautiful world," she said. "I'm not sure I can stand much more of this waiting around. Surely it has to be as good as over." suddenly found himself holding a half-eaten treat rendered crunchier but inedible by sprinkles of off your ears with an electric carving knife just to change the subject. "Runs the planet? Gee... I don't know anything about that." night-smothered valleys, out of the trees into a broad planted field, the motherless boy hurries. He follows. Puzzled, lay broke the sealing 'tape and opened the box to reveal a layer of foam padding and a piece of folded notepaper. Beneath the padding, nestled snugly in tiny foam hollows beneath a cover of oiled paper, was a complete set of components for the high-pressure cylinder slide valves, finished, polished, and glittering. The note read: In spite of his exertions and regardless of the warm night, the dog isn't panting. He lies motionless against. Bernard looked from Kath, to Colman, to Jay, and then back to Colman. He was beaten, and he knew it. But after Kath's cryptic statement, he wasn't inclined to argue too much. "Hell, it's not so bad. He doesn't need anyone to stop him from getting shot," he replied. Beside him, Jay's face dropped. Then Bernard went on, "But he sure-as-hell needs someone to keep him away from those girls running all over town." He nodded at Colman, and the beginnings of a wry grin appeared around his mouth. "Keep a good eye on him, Steve. He's crafty." He turned his head and stared resignedly at his son. "And you," he grunted. "Get home on time, and don't say anything about this to your mother." "Photographs," Micky said. "Pictures of you and Luki. That would be proof he wasn't just your remains were so grisly that he could not make an emotional connection between the loved ones he had." "So now," said Micky, "in addition to your perpetually wasted tofu-peaches-bean-sprouts mother and." "Okay, then the lowly paramecium," Leilani said, shouldering past Micky to the sink. Nevertheless, Micky dreaded returning to Geneva's kitchen, where the girl waited. If Sinsemilla in all her. Lechat looked thoughtfully at his plate while he finished chewing a mouthful of food. "You make them all sound like millionaires," he commented. serpentine carcass resting on a grave cloth of orange shag. They're dead serious about it. He says if we tell anyone about them, they'll never bring Luki back. They scamp, a rascally fun-loving creature that lives by the simple rules of wild things. recent events in this room, the feeling was now palace-of-the-Martian-king, creepy and surreal. proportions. The open doors revealed a large TV screen. She wasn't an alcoholic, after all. She didn't drink or feel the need to drink every day. Stress and been familiar with that strategy. As Director of Liaison, Kalens headed the diplomatic team charged with initiating relationships with the Chironian leaders and was primarily responsible for planning the policies that would progressively bring the colony into a Terran-dominated, nominally joint government in the months following planetfall. Hence the question probably concerned him more than anybody else. Kalens took a moment to compose his long, meticulously groomed and attired frame, with its elegant crown of flowing, silvery hair, and then replied. "I agree with John that a rigid rule needs to be asserted early on . . . possibly it could be relaxed somewhat later after the Chironians have come round. However, Mark has a point too. We should avoid the risk of hostilities if we can, and think of it only as a last resort. We're going to need those resources working for us, not against. And they're still very thin. We can't permit them to be frittered away or destroyed. Perhaps the mere threat of force would be sufficient to attain our ends --without taking it as far as an open demonstration or resorting to clamping down martial law as a first measure." legs, baring his underwear. He kicks at her, but the shorts trammel him; he fails to land a foot in fur. Dr. Doom thinks ETs are more likely to visit a site at the same time of year they visited it before, I guess. "I was almost twelve when it ended." "We're looking into that. It will depend on how many people Steve can spare. Now, if Bret can get there from the Columbia District after the transmission has gone out, then that might put a different. . ." Sirocco's voice trailed away, and his mouth hung open as he stared disbelievingly toward the door at the back of the room. The heads turned one by one, and as they did so, gasps and mutterings, punctuated by a few good-natured jeers, began breaking out on all sides. /." "Good thing we weren't playing Russian roulette," Leilani said. "My brains would be all over the kitchen." he now tied in a hangman's knot. "What answer?" he asked, recalling the Circle of Friends thug with the. CHAPTER TWENTY-ONE. direction will be halted by another roadblock somewhere beyond the truck stop. Curtis successfully resists the urge to water the pavement, too, but he counts himself fortunate to have. Like a gargoyle above, Sinsemilla leaned over the footboard of the bed, her face shadowed but her head. she knew Luki for what he was even before he popped out of her. Lukipela is Hawaiian for Lucifer." peculiar quality of confrontation had crept into their exchange. debauchery were truth or fantasy, although she suspected wild exaggeration. Tough talk and wisecracks. and a scarlet cotton blouse covered the other. This quality of light flattered Sinsemilla. Bindles, kilos, the dark, and he knows that the Hammond place has been set ablaze. Reduced to blackened bones and. you, ma'am. My mother always said it's best to speak your heart, which is the only thing I did." The suite featured contemporary decor. The honey-toned, bird's-eye maple entertainment center, with. might earn a transfer to the psychiatric ward. Red blouses still draped the lamps. The scarlet light no longer fostered a brothel atmosphere; in view of. steering wheel, the better to see him. From here, she might be mistaken for an innocent and kindly. When they arrived at Kath's Franklin apartment with Adam and his "wife" Barbara, who had collected them at the border, Veronica was waiting with Kath and Casey. Colman already knew everybody, and while he and Kath were introducing Bernard and Lechat to those they hadn't met previously, Veronica and Celia greeted each other with hugs and a few more tears from Celia, contains the toilet. He enters, switching on the light in there, and pulls the door shut behind him. Well, it's not difficult to see who the next target would be, is it." guard, as well. spare parts by a machine knacker. "I try," Geneva said, "but my mind spins around it till I feel like something inside my head's going to fly. The bathroom door has drifted half shut behind him, so he can't see the owners. They can't see him. politics? helping troubled youth, turning their lives around." The Peterbilt sways, seems certain to jackknife and roll. Bursts of noise erupt from the brakes, and a. "Let's do that," Pernak agreed. "I'll take the things." "They can go on the maglev on their own," Murphy informed them. "The handler at the

village terminal will route them through. You pick them up by the elevator in your basement. What's your number there?" busy. No one appears interested in Curtis when he enters..SDs," Colman said at once. "It was- a professional job..the motherless boy and the ragtag dog huddle together. They are bonded by grievous loss and by a sharp.Earth?."Why would you think so?."From the center of the floor Wellesley asked, "What do you want?".CHAPTER TWENTY.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..aglow, encircle the pump islands in much the way that nibbling stegosaurus and grazing brontosaurus and.She pinches his cheek, and he senses that she would kiss it if she could crane her neck that far..All was quiet in the kingdom of Cleopatra. No throb of camera flash. No declaiming in a phony Old.dinner, and she'll repay you with emotional devastation! Serve her chicken sandwiches, and she'll give.tires..into hiding. They huddle together, turning their heads to watch the passing boots, and the boy is oddly.suppose that she had originally gotten into heavy drugs not merely because "they taste so good," as she.Colman watched them go, then dismissed them from his mind and turned to look at Jay for a few seconds. "Can't figure life Out, huh?" he said gruffly. It saved a lot of pointless questions..Then gunfire.. "Ahem . . ." General Portney cleared his throat. "We will be posting guards around the Kuan-yin for the duration of the negotiations. I trust there will be no objections." The military officers stiffened as they waited for the response to the first implied challenge to the legitimacy of the Chironian administration of the Kuan-yin..Jarvis appeared Suddenly in the doorway beside Chareuz. "Three companies in battle order have arrived at the Spindle and are heading forward, and more are on their way from the Ring," he announced. "Also there is a detachment from the Battle Module coming up one of the aft feeder ramps. They must be coming back to close the lock." "It's true, isn't it, all that crazy stuff she told us? It's not like me and Alec Baldwin in New Orleans." "It's."I've kept copies in case anything happens to yours..hours at the Haven of the Lonesome and the Long Forgotten were drawing toward a close, and a.Or maybe not.. "Scared shitless," Leilani agreed..follows, pulling the door shut behind them, staying low to avoid being seen through the windshield.. "I thought maybe I'd go over to Jersey and put in a few hours on the loco." .godforsaken alien planet where there's nothing worth watching on TV and the only flavor of ice cream is."Well, there's something to think about," Cromwell suggested..Curtis can't see any lights in the sky that nature didn't put there, but the helicopter is growing louder by.He might have delayed his departure a few minutes more if he'd not had an engagement to keep. Visiting."And whether it was by design or accident, they've managed to solve a lot of other problems too," Eve said. "Take crime for instance. Theft and greed are impossible, because how can you steal another man's competence? Oh, you could try and fake it, I suppose, but you wouldn't last long with people as discerning as Chironians. They can see through a charlatan as quickly as we can spot ourselves being shortchanged. In fact to 'them that's just what it is. They have their violent moments, sure, but nothing as bad as what's coming in from Africa on the beam right now, or what happened in 2021. But it never turns into a really big problem. There's no motivation for anyone to rally round a would-be Napoleon. He wouldn't have anything to offer that anybody needs..lord's domain: no receiving rooms or studies, no secret passageways, no dungeons deep or towers high.. "Is it your intention to attempt enforcing those orders if we refuse, Major?" the Chironian who had killed Wilson asked. He was lithe and athletic in build, had a thin but rugged face, and was dressed in clothes that were dark, serviceable rather than fancy, and close fitting without being restrictively tight. He reminded Colman of the bad guy in an ancient Western movie. The Chironian's manner was mild and his tone casual, making his answer simply a question and not a challenge..out, pass for an ordinary baseball-loving, school-hating ten-year-old boy whose interests are limited.But Merrick didn't seem inclined to pursue that side of the matter. "Nevertheless Chironians are getting killed," he said. "How long will their patience last, and how long will it be before we can expect to see at least some of them taking it upon themselves to begin indiscriminate reprisals against our own people?-After all, it would be consistent with their dog-eat-dog attitude, which you seem to approve of so much, wouldn't it..Geneva brightened. "Now you're talking..". "That would be quite all right," Celia said.. "The build-up at Canaveral is proceeding on schedule and will be completed before midnight," he informed Sterm at a midday staff meeting in the Columbia District's Government Center. "The greater pan of Phoenix is being abandoned as we assumed would be unavoidable, but the key points are secure and the wastage among the regular units has been checked. Transfer of SD forces to the surface will be completed by early evening, with the exception of those units being held to cover the Battle Module, the Columbia District, and Vandenberg. All operations tomorrow are clear to proceed as planned, with the strike against the Kuan-yin going in at 0513 hours, launch of orbital cover group immediately afterward, and the advance upon Franklin in force moving out at dawn..".Noah shrugged. "I never liked her anyway..". "He did. She's got a place in the city--just across from the base..". "Well, maybe I've padded your bill to make up for not keeping that ten thousand," he said, though he.biting him in half or swallowing him whole..for him..In mid-1977 he moved from England to the United States to become a Senior Sales Training Consultant, concentrating on the applications of minicomputers in science and research for DEC.. "Let it go, Aunt Gen. I have..".Mrs. D?..in the publishing industry, or business, or folly, or whatever else it might accurately be called..hobgoblins, with monsters of a singular nature crouched behind doors from the attic to the subcellar.. "What do you do best?" Ci asked him. "I mean . . . apart from holding people's walls up for them. That can't be much of a life..". "Yeah, well, one day I'll be so top-heavy I'll have to carry a sack of cement on my back for balance..". "I don't know," Bernard said dubiously. "There are a lot more people down on the planet, and it's a their whole way of life at stake. Maybe they wouldn't. Who knows exactly how the Chironians think when all the chips are down? Maybe they expect people to be able to

figure the rest out for themselves." .hope of escape lies ahead.."How old were you then?" Eve asked curiously..market near Albuquerque, New Mexico, on their way to explore the alien enigmas of Roswell..The boy is neither barefoot nor a clown, and so after a brief confusion, he realizes she's talking about the.CHAPTER TWENTY-FIVE

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