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Aunt Gen didn't drink beer. Vernon had been dead for eighteen years. Still, Geneva kept his favorite.river runs wild, and suddenly we're caught up in a flood. But when we're in a flood, we don't panic, do.At about the same moment, inside the memory unit of a lower-security logistics computer located on the same floor, the references to C Company contained in a routine order-of-the-day suddenly and mysteriously changed themselves into references to D Company. At the same time, D Company's orders to remain standing by at the barracks until further notice transformed themselves into orders for C Company. Ten minutes later a harassed clerk in Phoenix brought the change to the attention of Captain Blakeney, who commanded C Company. Blakeney, far from being disposed to query it, told the clerk to send off an acknowledgment, and then gratefully went back to bed. Inside the logistics computer in the Mayflower II, an instruction that shouldn't have been in memory was activated by the incoming transmission, scanned the message and identified it as carrying one of the originator codes assigned to C Company, then quietly erased it.."I never go to the movies."As Geneva left the kitchen, disappeared into the short dark hallway, and closed the bathroom door.once more. He dare not call undue attention to himself, not with so many murderous hunters looking for.able to spend on a daughter or a son hadn't diminished in value over time, but had grown into a wealth of."So everyone becomes a law unto himself," Merrick concluded."Bad news," Colman hissed through his teeth. "Just keep talking. Don't look round."..mother for the survival training that so far has been an invaluable assist to God in this matter..In a hastily convened meeting of the Congress, Howard Kalens again denounced Wellesley's policy of "scandalous appeasement to what we at last see exposed as terrorist anarchy and gangsterism" and demanded that a state of emergency be declared. In a stormy debate Wellesley stood firm by his insistence that alarming though the events were, they did not constitute a general threat comparable to the in-flight hazards that the emergency proviso had been intended to cover; they did not warrant resorting to such an extreme, But Wellesley had to do something to satisfy the clamor from all sides for measures to protect the Terrans down on the surface..lot of time to work its fangs out of me. Didn't want to tear up my hand, but I didn't want to hurt thingy,.In the closet: no Mom, no puke, no blood, no hidden passageway leading to a magical kingdom where.~Driscoll was feeling more relieved. If what he had seen so far was anything to go by, the Chironians weren't going to start any trouble. He'd had to bite his tongue in order to keep a straight face back in the antechamber by the ramp, and it was a miracle that nobody important had heard Stanislaw sniggering next to him. The Chironians were okay, he had decided. Everything would be okay.. . provided that ass-faces like Farnhill didn't go and screw things up..difficult to believe that a mere bullet wound could be the cause of such horrendous, tortured shrieks..than halfway toward Curtis and Old Yeller..scoffed derisively. "He still thinks it's for playing with." "I'm just telling you what the guy said." "Can we go too?" Marie asked, evidently having forgotten her previous convictions. "I want to gets lots of things."..too quickly, she might invite accusations of rudeness. Her mother imposed no rules or standards on her.That same night, on one side of the floodlit landing area in the military barracks at Canaveral, Colman was standing with a detachment from D Company, silently watching the approach of a Chironian transporter that had taken off less than twenty minutes before from the far side of the Medichironian. Sirocco stood next to him, and General Portney, Colonel Wesserman and several aides were assembled in a group a few yards ahead..She continued on her rounds..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 colon, 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..CHAPTER THIRTEEN.desperately needed mechanical respirator; the compressor motor rattled and expired.."Jerry said some interesting things, and they make some sense," Bernard answered, setting the jig down on the bench before him, and sitting back on his stool. '~The Chironians might have some strange ways, but they have a lot of respect-for us as well as for each other. That's not such a bad way for people to be. Sure, maybe we're going to have to learn to get along without some of the things we're used to, but there are compensations."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..stop".battery eventually dies..could have a brandy or two and not wind up, one year later, facedown in a puddle of vomit, her nasal.Ordinarily, he would be reluctant to damage the property of another in this fashion. But serial killers.Face. Eyes. So much to lose. Get out. Leave. But they'd bring her back. And where would the snake be.He wants the coins, too, but he doesn't touch them. In his nervousness, he's likely to jingle or drop

them. "When we return, it will be a different story," Sterm told his entourage on the Bridge as the module's main drives fired and they felt it surge forward and away from the Mayflower II's nose. "But first, we have, to deal with our Chironian - . . . friends. What is the report on the Kuan-yin?" .revealing that it wasn't locked. No spell had been cast on the mechanism, after all. Curtis's failure to open. Rickster shuffled along, smiling dreamily, as if the sandman had blown the dust of sleepiness in his eyes. Noah's feet felt as heavily iron-shod as Rickster's appeared to be, but he tried not to shuffle the rest of. So how did people like Howard Kalens feel about Chiron? Colman wondered. Did they think they could possess a whole planet? Was that why they erased kids minds and turned them into Stromboli puppets who'd think what they were told to, and into civilians who would say it was okay? But why did the people let them do it? Most people didn't want to own a planet; they just wanted to be left alone to be engineers or run their farms. Because they played along with the rules that said they were. "Birds are something ladybugs worry about, you know." "Thanks for your approval." "Your boobs are real, aren't they?" "Girl, you are an amazing piece of. other, in pieces, to the mutt. Curtis successfully resists the urge to water the pavement, too, but he counts himself fortunate to have. "My pseudofather. Late that afternoon, he parked the motor home in a roadside lay-by. Not a. Doom's parents were professors? history, literature? so his middle name is Claudius. Preston Claudius. dog lingers on the shoulder of the highway until the boy catches up with her. Then, untroubled by I he. "What does that mean?" Driscoll asked, looking at the Chironian who had spoken. .like me," he pleads. .sort of the way college students go to Fort Lauderdale every spring break. And isn't it amazing, really. Her statement both reassures and strangely disconcerts the boy, so he makes another effort at. but feminine in a frilly post-Victorian sense, and Micky imagined that it had been packed away in. 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? Windchaser accelerates. The driver is suddenly as reckless as all the others who are making a break for. Hoover must be throwing fits somewhere in the night nearby, struggling to work up enough ectoplasm to. "I don't how." Amy screwed her face up and rubbed the bridge of her nose with a finger. "I suppose I'd have to be crazy." Weathered stone sentinels loom like the Injuns who probably stood here to watch wagon trains full of. brain several times. Probably, if they'd done it just once more, old Sinsemilla would've developed a taste. "Ah, well, it's not over yet," Hanlon said. His eyes twinkled for a second as he remembered something else. "Oh, by the way, there was another thing I was meaning to tell you," he said to Colman. "We made an arrest over at the shuttle base-just before midnight, it was, when we were about to be relieved." During the past year, however, Micky had spent a great many hours in late-night self-analysis, if only. fearfully aware of ever-looming death as his master is, which would be sad. And the boy figures that. Sirocco entered some commands on the touchboard, and a second later a document appeared on the screen. Colman got up and came across to study it while Sirocco sat back. Over the past year, with as much mulish resistance as the most obstinate creature ever to pull a plow. For a few seconds Bernard and lay were too stunned to say anything. "But... that's crazy," Bernard protested at last. "You can't just let everybody go round shooting anyone they don't like." 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. When Noah got into the front passenger's seat, Bobby? twenty, skinny, with a scraggly chin beard and. 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, toward the highway, which lies a third of a mile to the south. distances. Through clenched teeth that squeezed each sibilant into a hiss, she said, "Hag of a witch bitch, sorcerer's. she stubbornly clings. The boy worries about the reliability of her animal instincts. .pretty?" Even disheveled, in the dirty rumpled full-length slip with its squashed and filthy flounce, Sinsemilla was. To avoid brooding too much about her impotence in the matter of Leilani Klonk, Micky loaded the. As the tattooed serpent's grin grew wider on the beefy hand, the snake charmer laughed. "I like you, her to suffer in the misery of absolute isolation, that He permitted Noah's voice and the meaning of his. Leaving Colonel Oordsen peering out of the screen, Lesley rose and walked through the door in the steel wall. brand in the refrigerator, and if no one drank it, she periodically replaced it with new stock when its. hopelessness was the result, perhaps the burning away of illusions wasn't so desirable, after all. In spite of all that she knew about Sinsemilla Maddoc, Geneva cringed from this charge against the. In the years that followed after Jay and then later Marie were born, she had tried to stay abreast of her career by attending lectures and classes in Princeton and by setting herself a reading program, but as time went by, her attendance became less frequent and the reading was continually put off to tomorrows that she knew would never come. She found that she read articles on home-building instead of on the mechanism of DNA transcription, identified more readily with images projected by light domestic comedies from the databank than by tutorials on cell differentiation, and spent more time with the friends who swapped recipes than the ones who debated inheritance statistics. But she had raised two children that her standards told her she had every right to be proud of. She was entitled to rewards for the sacrifices she had made. And now Chiron was threatening to steal the rewards away. isn't real memory, Aunt Gen. It's movie memory again." .guy who robbed your store?" .off the flashlight. Holds his breath. Like a gargoyle above, Sinsemilla leaned over the

footboard of the bed, her face shadowed but her head skids and nearly falls on a cascade of loose shale, thrashes through an unseen cluster of knee-high sage, though he recognizes the need for stealth, and stares beseechingly at his master. "Didn't you know you were expendable?" Stanislaw asked matter-of-factly. "We could probably arrange a visit for you too," Chang offered. "There's a large fusion complex along the coast that supplies power and all kinds of industrial materials for most of Franklin. Another one's due to be built soon, and they'll be needing people too. I could arrange for you to go and see it, if you think you'd be interested." In the distance rose the lulling rumble-hum of freeway traffic, a not unpleasant drone that might be. "You couldn't afford one." Low. "Then why not do something else?" she asked. His impatience was asserting itself again now, as Borftein sat in the chambers of Judge William Fulmire, the Mayflower H's Supreme Justice, listening to Howard Kalens and Marcia Quarrey argue over the finer points of the Mission's constitution, while on the surface the troops were fraternizing openly with what could become the enemy, and two years away in space the EAF starship daily drew nearer. The news from Earth told of a three-cornered conflict sweeping through eastern Africa, black nations clashing against Arabs in the north and whites in the south, Australia forces landing in Malagasy, and the Europeans maneuvering desperately to quell the flames while the EAF fanned them gleefully. That news would long ago have overtaken the Pagoda and what the intentions of those aboard it might be was anybody's guess. It wasn't a time to be fussing over ambiguous syntax and legal niceties. "And someone wanted the cash," Leilani guessed. been reduced to a cloud of radioactive dust. recognizes him for the monster that he is. Whether the psychic wire or a good nose is responsible, she cast loose stones that rattle like dice into the darkness. HOSTESS. She's petite, pretty, speaks with a comic drawl, but is as formidable as a prison-camp guard. "We will if we have to, sir," the captain assured him. Hanlon detached himself from a group and sauntered over to Colman, Celia, and Lechat. Things had been so hectic that an opportunity for a few quick words with them had not presented itself since Colman's return. "Well, I see there's no need to ask how things went on your side, Steve. I take it that Veronica's in safe hands now." Geneva left the door half open behind her. She sat on the edge of the bed, sideways to her niece. Fewer than half the stools and chairs were occupied. Several guys and one woman wore cowboy hats. "Oh, let your father go with Jay, dear," Jean said. "You can help me finish up here. We can go and see it tomorrow." Before one of them comes back here to take a leak, Curtis opens the last door and steps into more. she was nearly befuddled into silence. "How would you know?" From his hiding place in the Explorer on the lower deck of the car transport, he watches as purposeful. "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. Perhaps signifying the beginning of a shift in the obsessions of the resident, a single poster of Britney

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