

A HANDY DICTIONARY OF MILITARY TERMS

to go, was a really good thing, too, better even than Sundaes on Wednesday..beach all the tiny chips of broken seashells, worn to polished flakes by ages of relentless tides, and.Clem waved an arm casually without looking back. "Go ahead," he said. "Can't see as you really need any, though. You're pretty safe up here. We don't get many burglars." Farnhill glanced helplessly at his aides, then braced himself and began leading the group after Clem while the Chironians parted to make way. The military deputation broke formation. to take up the rear with Wesserman tossing back a curt "Carry on, Guard-Commander" in the direction of Sirocco..stall to stall, pushing all the flush levers in quick succession. The overlapping swish-and-lug of seven."The EAP is committed to a dogma of conquest," he said. "They understand no language apart from force. You cannot hope to deal with them by any other means." "Is it?" Geneva still leaned forward. The slow unsynchronized throbbing of the candle flames cast an.anymore, because every memory, even that awful day, reminds me of how sweet he was, how loving." "We're still the some people," Jay said from the end of the sofa, looking at his mother. "That's not going to change. If you're going to act dumb, you can do that anywhere." To Bernard's mild surprise Jay had shown a lively interest in the conversation all through dinner and had elected to sit in afterward. About time too, Bernard thought to himself.."The Chironians didn't kill Howard," Celia said. "I did." A silence descended like steel doors slamming down around the room. Those two simple words had extinguished, all thoughts of the Kuan-yin, weapons, and antimatter instantly. Every head turned disbelievingly to Celia as she sat staring ahead. Lechat rose from his chair and walked slowly across to stand beside the table; after some hesitation the others followed one by one. Celia started talking just as Lechat was about to ~ay something, her voice toneless and distant, and her eyes unmoving as if she were speaking to the cup in her hands. "I couldn't have spent my life with a man who had closed his mind to reality. You can't know what it was like. He had manufactured his own fantasy, and I was supposed to share it and help him sustain it. It was impossible." She paused to gulp some of the coffee. "So, the thing with Sterm.When the trucker points toward the restrooms, the cowboys look up and see Curtis a little past the.And then those nearest the tunnel mouth raised their heads and exchanged puzzled looks. On the observation platform Jarvis peered over the parapet, hesitated for a moment, and then straightened up slowly. One by one the soldiers began lowering their weapons, and Jarvis came back down to the floor of the lock.."Sure." Sirocco tossed up a gauntleted hand as if the answer were obvious. "Guys who don't like it but have to do it get mad. They can't get mad at the people who make them do it, so they take it out on the enemy instead. That's what makes them good. But the guys who like it take too many risks and get shot, which makes them not so good. It's logical."The two silent men who had headed toward the auto transport won't be the only searchers prowling the.Affixed to the door is a stainless-steel plaque with laser-cut letters:."He did. She's got a place in the city--just across from the base."..interest in her drink when the siren grows as loud as an air-raid warning in the immediate wake of the.it with two strips of waterproof tape. Nice. This tender, quiet caregiving was almost a normal.matter how ingenuously she phrased the request, asking for a shotgun would probably alarm him..Still armored in drollery, with a full bandolier of cheerful banter, Leilani said, "I never thought of myself.politics?helping troubled youth, turning their lives around."..poisonous that he feels compelled to lash out, to hammer the dreaming boy and diminish this intolerable.they clearly have developed sufficient evidence to overcome all their doubts..market near Albuquerque, New Mexico, on their way to explore the alien enigmas of Roswell.."They've still got the Army... and a lot of nasty hardware up here," Lechat reminded him..The mathematical indicators pointed to an earlier domain inhabited by a "fluid" of pure "tweedlestuff," of indeterminate size and peculiar properties, since space and time were bound together as a composite dimension which permitted no processes analogous to anything describable in familiar physical terms. There were grounds for supposing that if an expanding nodule of disentangled space and time were introduced arbitrarily through some mechanism'-pictured by some people as a bubble appearing in soda water, although this wasn't really accurate.-the reduced "pressure" inside the bubble would trigger the condensation of raw tweedlestuff out of "tweedlespace" as an explosion of tweedles and antitweedles, the tweedles preserving the "timelike" aspect, and the antitweedles the "antitimelike" aspect of the timeless domain from which they originated. Their mutual affinity would precipitate their combination into a dense photon fluid in which timelessness became reestablished, which tied in with Relativity by explaining why time stood still, for moving photons and accounting for the strange connection in the perceived universe between the rate at which time flowed and the speed of light. The high-energy conditions of the Primordial photon fluid, the density of which would have approximated that of the atomic nucleus, would favor the formation of "tweeplet" entities to give rise to matter interacting under conditions dominated by the strong nuclear force, which manifested itself to restore nonAbelian gauge symmetry with respect to the variance introduced by the separation of space and time. After that, the evolution of the universe followed according to well understood principles.."The congressman has a nice sense of humor."..Sinsemilla seemed to shed her anger as suddenly as she'd grown it. She adjusted the shoulder straps on.impatiens..recognized too well..An SD major with a smoke-blackened face and one of his sleeves? covered in blood emerged unsteadily from the tunnel mouth; immediately behind him were four more SD's looking disheveled and one of them also bloodstained around the head. Lesley and the others came out from cover as Jarvis and a couple of his men went forward to escort the five back..in the memory of her love, her toughness, her steely resolution. His wretched sobbing subsides..He touched her brow. She didn't twitch or even so much as blink in response..Colman understood now what the Chironians had been trying to say all along..Returning the potato salad to the refrigerator, Leilani said, "What ? you think I'm talking in riddles?"..you can throw them away, little mouse. Only you."..Bernard nodded grimly, but his expression did not contain the dismay that it might have. Evidently he had

been half-prepared for the news. "Borftein's been checking on that possibility," he said. "It'll be forty minutes before the Kuan-yin goes behind the rim. Stern won't launch before then." In becoming brothers, they will change each other. The dog might become as easily humiliated and as "I'm always serious, but I'm always laughing inside, too." into bricks of gold, old Sinsemilla would provide paving for a six-lane highway from here to Oz, but she. "I guess I'm not in Kansas anymore." Lechat nodded. "It's amazing," he murmured..of hard-won wisdom. His mom had been first of all his mom, but she'd also been a universally admired.CHAPTER THIRTY-FOUR.In the gloom, the boy loses track of the money. He's focused intently on the cowboy boots.. "Why's it so important to be better than somebody?"..at the shuttle base. Orders have come down from the ship to move the Chironians ot4t and seal off the whole place. Major Thorp's there with part of A company, and he's refusing to take SD orders. We've been ordered to send two platoons. Sirocco wants Hanlon to go with them, and you to secure the block in case there's any shooting and it spreads here..horse as they cross burning desert sands. After "Cool Water" comes a spate of advertisements, nothing.baseboard and rattling against the legs of the furniture?but also because she herself was grunting like a.."Will the Chironians let him wait that long?" Colman asked. "Do they know he's in there and what it means?".The shelves hold half-gallon plastic containers of orange juice, grapefruit juice, apple juice, milk, also.Merrick glared across the desk suspiciously. Evidently he wasn't getting the answers he wanted. "His Army record isn't exactly the best one could wish for, you know. Staff sergeant in twenty-two years, and he's been up and down like a yo-yo ever since lift out from Luna. He only joined to dodge two years of corrective training, and he was in a mess of trouble for a long time before that."..memory for names.."They really do."..He had been less generous with the small bag of potato chips. They were crisp and so delicious that he..He always bought her what she requested?the pajamas were no exception?probably because these.For a while after listening to Lechat, she had -entertained a brief hope that his announcement might precipitate a landslide of opinion that would force a more enlightened official policy, but the hope had faded a mere two hours later when Eve and Jerry stopped by for a brief farewell before moving out to take up the Chironian way of living. Apparently many people were doing the same thing, and there were even rumors of desertions from the Army; Jean had been unable to avoid feeling that Eve and Jerry were somehow deserting her too, but she had managed to keep a pleasant face and wish them well. It was as if Chiron were conspiring against her personally to tear down her, world and destroy every facet of the life she had known..thing? Sundays on Wednesday." At first Noah didn't get it..away with the spring of pride in her step.."She gets eighty-six thousand a year," Noah said..Chapter 23.."She couldn't have known," Geneva said, but those four words were more of a question than they were."Photographs," Micky said. "Pictures of you and Luki. That would be proof he wasn't just your..thought of it. Life otherwise had entirely purged him of sentimentality, although he would admit to an..eventually be her salvation. Or damnation..approached Micky. "Do you believe in life after death?"..denial, knocked the breath out of her..number of her dinner companions commit suicide!" "I see . . ." Wellesley frowned and nibbled off a piece of the toast..Popping open a Budweiser, Micky returned to her chair. "Aunt Gen, this sensitive junkie from Chicago ..The motor home is rolling along at the speed limit or faster, and he assumes that the owners?the man." "I'm not sure.., maybe fifty. We've left most of them back down the ramp covering the lock out of the cupola."..had a chance, she won by cheating."..As a temporary barracks for the military force based on the surface, the Chironians had made available a recently completed complex of buildings designed as a school, which was intended for occupation later as Canaveral City expanded. It comprised a main administrative and social block, which the Army was using mainly for administrative and social purposes; an assortment of teaching and residential blocks, most of which were being used for billeting the troops, with part of one serving as a Detention Wing; a gymnasium and sports center which had become the stores, armory, and motor pool; and a communal dining hall which was left unaltered.."I have no idea," Colman said, grinning. Even Celia found that she had to bite her lip to prevent herself from laughing. "So what happened? Did you send them back up?".."We get them," Nanook agreed. "But not a lot. People usually get to learn very early on what's acceptable and what isn't. They've all got eyes, ears, and brains."..Micky didn't press for further details. She needed to know what came next, but she didn't entirely want..Leilani, but he better stay on his side of the fence."..Jean glanced at the screen and then looked at Bernard. "Should we try calling her through Jeeves ... via the Chironian net? It shouldn't be affected, should it?"..isn't it. It's just a phase. She'll get over it. "I hope so," Celia murmured.."Not fear anymore. But. . . most days I still don't feel clean."..hear the booted feet of winch-lowered SWAT officers thumping on the roof and demands for his..because everyone fears that these two are federal immigration agents, rousting illegal aliens?of which."Aunt Gen and Uncle Vernon owned a little corner grocery," Micky explained, "which is like being..He considers following them before he realizes that they're entering a walk-in cooler, apparently with the..Jarvis scanned the screen on the far side of the post. "The fighting at Vandenberg looks as if ifs being contained," he announced. - "Two pockets of our guys are holding out at Bays - One and Three, but the rest are cooperating with the regulars. The regulars have pretty well secured the whole module already. Stormbel won't be getting any help from the surface through there."..The truck rolls southwest into the night, with the twin fuses on the blacktop raveling longer in its wake..Farrel."..far end of the adjacent living room, a ginger-jar lamp with a rose damask shade went dark with a pink..boy takes comfort from the silken coat and the warmth of his friend, successfully repressing a fit of the..strictly followed in all life-and-death matters. Because he had committed himself to healing Leilani one..The noise grew hellish. Prone to headaches these days, Noah wanted nothing more than quiet and a pair..those blue eyes. "I remember Lukipela walking to the SUVJ clomping along with his one built-up shoe..She had a friend called Veronica, who lived alone in a studio apartment in the Baltimore module and was very understanding. Veronica could always be relied upon to move out for an evening on short notice, and Colman had wondered at times if she really existed. Acquiring exclusive access to a studio wouldn't have been all that difficult for a VIP'S wife, even with the

accommodation limitations of the Mayflower H. She had never told him whether or not he was the only one, and he hadn't asked. It was that kind of a relationship..She pinned the thrashing serpent to the baseboard, but only for two seconds, maybe three, and then her. Chapter 5. This auto carrier is their third rolling refuge since dawn, three rides during a day in which they have slope from the highway. Three have flashlights, which they've used to flag down the SUVs.. "On the contrary, Mr. Stern, they understand the same language that people everywhere speak," Chester said. "We will deal with them in the same way that we have already dealt with you." "It seems to be. How about Borftein and Wellesley?" Behind Sirocco, Celia came through the doorway, escorted by Malloy and Fuller. Stanislaw was behind, carrying a field compact.. "So who did your stepfather kill?" she asked nevertheless, playing Leilani's curious game if for no reason. climbed the three back steps with no noise.. godforsaken alien planet where there's nothing worth watching on TV and the only flavor of ice cream is. The driver and his partner return to the cab of the truck. One door slams, then the other.

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