

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE NEW JERSEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY VOL 5

hobgoblins, with monsters of a singular nature crouched behind doors from the attic to the subcellar..thingy just wants love," Sinsemilla said, drawing out love until it was longer than a twelve-syllable word..Micky looked away from Geneva, because she didn't want to talk about her past. Not here, not now..hunkers in front of the mutt, pets him, scratches behind his ears, and says, "You wait right here. I'll be..What a crackerjack that girl is, what a sassy piece of work. By sassy, of course, she wanted them to..Stanislau touched in some commands, and immediately all references to C Company were replaced by references to D Company. Because the computer said so, D Company was now scheduled for transfer to the ship that evening, and C Company could have an undisturbed night in bed. Stanislau promptly reset the references to their original forms. The best time to make the switch permanently would be later in the day, with less time for the wrong people to start asking wrong questions..Chastened by her near-disastrous misreading of the grandfatherly man's character, Old Yeller proceeds.Later. Tears are for later. Survival comes first. He can almost hear his mother's spirit urging him to."And you're a cop.."Book design by Virginia Norey.NOAH FARREL WAS SITTING in his parked Chevy, minding someone else's business, when the.'What about the sentries?" Sirocco asked curtly..He returned to the Bowery, where a couple of businessmen out on the town bought him a drink. They were concerned about the rumors of possible trouble because they had big plans for expansion on Chiron, and they pressed ..... Colman for inside information from the Military. Colman ' ~d he didn't have any. The businessmen hoped everything would be resolved peacefully but were glad that the Army was around to help solve any problems. They didn't want peace to prevent people like Colman from getting shot or so that Chironians who were like Jay and the black guy near Zeerust could become engineers or run their farms without getting wiped out by air strikes; they wanted it So that they could make money by hiring Chironians at half the wages they'd need to pay Terrans, and to set up good, exclusive schools to put their kids in. You couldn't put Chironians in the schools, because if you did they'd want the same wages. And in any case they'd never be able to afford it. The Chironians weren't really people, after all..his remark: not more than was true about him, but more than he intended to reveal. "You're no dog, Mr..Cutting her serving of apple pie with the side of her fork, Leilani said, "What a pair, huh?". "Stop this now," Borftein advised grimly. "How much of the Army do you think will follow you?".comment on them, because she surely knew that consolation wouldn't be welcome.."It is," Adam agreed readily. "But modesty and self-effacement aren't the same thing either..".None of these people appears to be suspicious of him, and none seems likely to be one of the relentless..smiles, but she tricked one out of it anyway. "Judging by the men I've fallen for, ice cream beats love.scored six or eight points higher. Sinsemilla's not a boffo mom when it comes to keeping the fridge.The ramped bed of the auto transport isn't much wider than the Explorer, too narrow to allow the dog to.Hesitantly, he eases open the driver's door and slips out of the SUV. onto the bed of the transport.. "Zangreni needs stimulants to catalyze her~ psychic currents. That's how she make predictions..".agents, and probably various other authorities, are already establishing roadblocks on the interstate both.wish that thou were as well made as she..".But his reputation had put him in a no-win situation at the Friday night poker school because when he won, everybody said he was sharpening, and when he didn't, everybody said he was lousy. So he had stopped playing poker, but not before his name had been linked catalytically with enough arguments and brawls to get him transferred to D Company. As he stared fixedly at the wall across the corridor, the thought occurred to him that in a place with so many kids around, there ought to be a big demand for a conjuror. The more he thought about it, the more appealing the idea became. But to do something about it, he would first have to figure out-some way of working an escape trick---out of the Army. Swyley should have some useful suggestions about that, he thought..mishap and calamity, she had added supplies to the basic kit. She kept it always near at hand.. "Life! Earth life. You're a part of it. Isn't that an exciting feeling? It has to be..".might be the man himself now," Hanlon's voice said from the grille by the screen. "Ah, yes., a little the worse for wear, but he'll be as good as new." He gave a final heave on the lines and pulled another figure up into the picture. Bernard and Celia breathed sighs of relief as they recognized Colman's features beneath the watch-cap inside the helmet, dripping with perspiration but apparently unharmed. Column anchored himself to another part of the structure that Hanlon was on, unhitched his safety line and untangled it from the other one, and then helped Hanlon pull it in to produce another spacesuited figure, this time upside down and with a pudgy, woebegone face that was somehow managing to keep a thick pair of glasses wedged crookedly across its nose..He always bought her what she requested?the pajamas were no exception?probably because these.like switched-off TV screens with a lingering phosphorescence, though the tint is faintly yellow..plain grub..grove of trees..lighters, and more exotic items that the boy can't identify, but it knows whether or not you've fed coins to..Spears.. "Oh, Micky B, you get it, all right. You're a smartie just like me. There's always too much going on in..night..the answers to them could be learned only by earning her complete trust, and that her trust could be.the end of a long prep table, Curtis hurries into a narrow work aisle with loosely thatched rubber mats on.'CHANGE ISN'T EASY, Micky. Changing the way you live means changing how you think. Changing."Good enough?" Sirocco asked, cocking an eyebrow at Lechat.. "Most of the day, yeah. Mrs. D is teaching me all about sex..". "The compassionate young woman who saved him from the needle," Micky pressed, "was she you, Aunt.POINT NORDAY WAS twenty-five miles or so north of Franklin, beyond the far headland of Mandel Bay, on a rocky stretch of coastline indented by a river estuary that widened about a large island and several smaller ones. In the early days of the colony, when the Founders first began to venture out of the original base to explore their surroundings on foot, they had found it to be approximately a day's travel north of Franklin. Hence its name..He lingered in the suite until he was certain that he'd given Constance Tavenall time to leave the hotel. In.jammed in the bottleneck at the restaurant's front door, not

in danger of trampling one another like shallow closet. It's apparently packed as full and chaotically as a maniac's mind, and as he senses and those blue eyes. "I remember Lukipela walking to the SUVJ clomping along with his one built-up shoe." "Is that just a copy file, or are you displaying the master schedule?" Lechat inquired, penetrating, as air finds its way into places from which water is kept out. "He can't have been here ten under the chest of drawers." "Yeah," Noah acknowledged without enthusiasm. Colman remembered what lay had ~aid about the Chironian custom of going armed outside the settlements, and guessed that it traced back to the days when the Founders had first ventured out of the bases. Knowing the ways of children, he assumed this would have happened before they were very old, which meant that they would have learned to look after themselves early on in life, machines or no machines. That probably had a lot to do with the spirit of self-reliance so evident among the Chironians. He is pleased by his ability to function in spite of his fear. He's also pleased by his resourcefulness. "What in hell's come over him?" Hanlon asked, nonplussed. "Aren't they paying captains well these days?" 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. thinks they're all just breeding grounds for legionnaires' disease and that gross flesh-eating bacteria. dead wick: One of the three candles burned out, and darkness eagerly pulled its chair a little closer to the. Leilani dressed in a pair of summer-weight cotton pajamas. Midnight-blue shorts and matching. 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." hand-brake release worked smoothly, the gear shift didn't stick much, and the clatter-creak of the aged. Throughout the theft of shirt, jeans, socks, and shoes, Curtis Hammond sleeps as soundly as though a. Bernard stopped, frowned, and looked around. The store was moderately busy; people strolled about examining things rather than acquiring very much. An exception was a couple on the far side whom he recognized as Terms from the Mayflower II, conspicuous for the three carts trailing them in convoy and loaded with everything imaginable. The couple were lower-echelon office workers, and Bernard acknowledged their presence from afar with a faint nod. vulnerability. But while remembered moments of their encounter now brought a smile to Micky, she was. though he finds the idea of dinosaurs-to-diesel-fuel silly enough to have first been expounded by Daffy. light and shadows of her kitchen, and the jack-o'-lantern glow beyond. Al the lime, time answer seemed odd, although not particularly dark with meaning. In retrospect, those. The motor home is rolling along at the speed limit or faster, and he assumes that the owners? the man. "Oh, Christ Warily, Colman brought a hand up to his brow. "Okay. Look, as soon as I can-" Footsteps approaching at the double interrupted and made him look around. It was Sergeant Armley, from the Orderly Room. As one, the two cowboys start toward Curtis. Donella calls to them, but even she, in her majestic. Rickster's uncle, executor of the estate, was also guardian of the boy. An embarrassment to his relatives. This humble scene at Geneva's kitchen table was a fresh breeze of reality, clearing away the lingering. Between a Chevy pickup and a Volkswagen, a jolly-looking man with a freckled face and a clown's heart. Stern did not appear surprised. "They have merely to comply with the law to avoid such consequences." "It's a klutz," Adam said wearily. "It's got a glitch in its visual circuits somewhere ...something like that. I don't know." A short silence fell, and the deadlock persisted. Then Marcia Quarrey turned from the window, where she had been staring down over the Columbia District. "I thought you said earlier that there was a provision for ensuring the continuity of extraordinary powers where security considerations require it," she said, frowning. thoughts. Words threatened to spill from him again, but this time they were likely to come in the form of. bring us all together." "What are you doing?" "The Army's on ifs way through the Spindle," Lesley said to Brad. "They should start arriving here any time now." But Lesley was not listening as he gazed down at the platform below, which fanned outward from the arc lights above the lock to become indistinct in the darkness of the antechamber. Figures - were moving slowly from the shadows by the transit tubes and freight rails, spread thinly at the back, but closing up as they converged with the lines of the platform. They were moving carefully, in a way that conveyed caution rather than stealth, and seemed to be avoiding cover deliberately. And they were carrying their weapons underarm with the muzzles trained downward in a manner that was anything but threatening. overheating vehicles. The transport swings into a wide space between two huge trucks. "How do you know it's right?" "You could clarify yourself right into a casket." "He will. He doesn't like people much, unless they're dead. He isn't likely to chat you up across the." "It is from my perspective,? said Leilani. "Worming your way into our hearts," Micky continued, because saying our instead of my seemed to. Or, at least, the three that lived with him. Adam had two more who lived with an earlier "roommate" named Pam in an arctic scientific base of some kind in the far north of Selene. Adam's father lived there too; he'd separated from Kath several years earlier. Adam's present partner, Barbara, had flown to the arctic base for a two week visit and had taken a daughter--hers but not Adam's --who lived with them in Franklin. Barbara also intended to see Pam and Adam's other two children, as Pam and she were quite good friends. On Chiron, no institution comparable to marriage seemed to exist, and no social expectations of monogamous or permanent relationships between

individuals---or for that matter any expectations for them to conform to any behavior pattern at all.. "No venom, baby. Thingy has fangs but no poison. Don't wet your panties, girl, we're doing less laundry. She refused to cry. Not here. Not now. Neither fear nor anger, nor even this unwanted new knowledge. delivered. Gen met misfortune not simply with stoic resignation, but with a sort of amused embrace; she joined with her, from behind..aliens or his vessel might spiral into the gravitational vortex of a black hole while he dreamed of Britney.somewhere, with her clatter-clank leg under a table, with her poster-child hand tucked out of sight in her.the next growth of trees..Then, slowly, she realized what her mind had responded to unconsciously in the faces of the three children in the Chironian sculpture. The artist had been not merely an expert, but a master. For fear was there too, not in any way that was consciously perceptible, but in a way that slipped subliminally into the mind of the beholder and gripped it by its deepest roots. That was why she had felt disturbed all the way back from Franklin. But there was still something else. She could feel it tugging at the fringes of awareness-something deeper that she hadn't grasped even yet. She turned her eyes to the sculpture again.. "I know what you think and why. You think Dr. Doom diddles little girls, because that's what experience.BRUSHING WITHOUT TOOTHPASTE is poor dental maintenance, but the flavor of a bedtime."That's up to them. If it pleases them to say so, why should we mind?". Geneva leaned forward on the edge of the bed, shoulders hunched, as though she were on a pew..Leilani squinted with righteous indignation. "So you refused to give it to him." .victims?.before she had been able to return here. She hadn't been Leilani Klonk when she hurried from this room..Lechat nodded. "That was already understood," he replied grimly..spare parts by a machine knacker..shivers, though unable entirely to banish an inner chill..took things from you that you never-ever wanted to give, the proper authorities weren't there for you.Next, the man grins at his reflection. This is not an amusing grin. Even viewed in profile, it's an.Colman's eyes widened for a moment as he listened. "I'd never really thought about it," he admitted. "But I guess, yes . . . it'd have to have been like that. Your kids today don't seem to have changed all that much either. "How do you mean?" Kath asked..As difficult as it was to watch over her when she lay in this trance of despair, Noah was grateful that she."A rosebush." .contains the toilet. He enters, switching on the light in there, and pulls the door shut behind him..Curtis pushes away from the car and turns just as Old Yeller, no longer barking savagely, leaps out of.suddenly appear stone-hard, and cold enough to bring an early end to summer across the entire North

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