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powder into the wounds with a small syringelike applicator..The Ring modules contained all of the kinds of living, working, recreational, manufacturing, and agricultural facilities pioneered in the development of space colonies, and by the time the ship was closing in on Alpha Centauri, accommodated some thirty thousand people. With the communications round-trip delay to Earth now nine years, the community was fully autonomous in all its affairs --a self-governing, self-sufficient society. It included its own Military, and since the mission planners had been obliged to take every conceivable circumstance and scenario into account, the Military had come prepared for anything; there could be no sending for reinforcements if they got into trouble..Trust. Curtis has no choice now but to put his full faith in the dog. If they are to be free, they will be free..motioning Padawski and his group to their feet, the major marched over to where Colman and the others from D Company were standing with the Chironians who had been upstairs with them. He had already taken their names and established that they had not witnessed the incident firsthand. "You guys are free to go," he informed them. "If there's a hearing, you might be called in to testify. If so, the appropriate people will contact you."..Bernard stared at her for a moment longer, then nodded and looked at the communications operator sitting by Celia. "Can you get Admiral Slessor on line here?" The operator nodded and sat forward to begin entering a code..Rhymes isn't his only mistress. There's one in New York, one in Washington. Circle of Friends indirectly.As one, the two cowboys start toward Curtis. Donella calls to them, but even she, in her majestic..magnificent dimensions are matched by the size of her good heart..Jean shook her head, still refusing to contemplate the prospect. "But why does it have to be over?" She looked imploringly at Bernard. "We were happy all those years in the ship, weren't we? We had our friends, like Jerry and Eve, we had the children. There was your job. Why should this planet take it all away from us? They don't have the right. We never wanted anything from them. It's-it's all wrong."..The shelves hold half-gallon plastic containers of orange juice, grapefruit juice, apple juice, milk, also.."The calculations and simulations have been verified?" Sterm said, looking at Gaulitz.."I guess so. So what was the rest of it?"..Colman narrowed his eyes, barely conscious of the jealous mutterings behind him. "Well . . . sure," he said cautiously. "If it wouldn't be any trouble to anyone. You must have talked to the two guys who were here earlier."..Klonk way was to ingratiate, to amuse, to charm, but while you could expect a high degree of success..might be the sound of hope, but also ever receding..aware of the boy himself, and if they can recognize the hunters, they must be able to recognize the boy,,years and suffered like he did, and then just be gone as if he never lived. That's not right. Hell if it is. Hell..against the sensitive surfaces of his upturned eyes..run alone or in pairs, or in families, toward their vehicles, some glancing back in fear as more..The colonization of Chiron was over..With a mental sigh that she dared not voice, Leilani approached the bed..wish that thou were as well made as she.".."Cute little slippery thingy won't kill you, Leilani. Little thingy just wants what we all want, baby. Little..Colman turned on his elbow and found Swyley leaning with his arms on the bar, staring straight ahead at the bottles on the shelves behind. Colman raised his eyebrows. Had it been anyone else he would have looked more surprised, but Swyley's ability to read minds was just another of his mysterious arts that D Company took for granted. After a few seconds Swyley went on, "They're seducing all of us. That's how they're fighting the war."..The FBI, the National Security Agency, and other legitimate authorities won't kill Curtis immediately."Confused but quiet at the barracks," Jarvis told him. "A lot of shooting inside the base at Canaveral. Everyone seems to be trying to get his hands on the heavy equipment there. A shuttle's on fire in one of the launch bays.".."It's the master," Bernard said. "He's got overwrite privileges too. I just watched him try it."..She wasn't an alcoholic, after all. She didn't drink or feel the need to drink every day. Stress and..A misdirected life couldn't be put on a right road quickly or without struggle. For all of Geneva's..share the risk and to leave her less exposed, "and then expect us not to care when we see the danger..black clouds span the western sky, and continue to unfurl in this direction, as though a vault deep in the..door on the truck cab and jumps to the pavement. Although he was riding shotgun position beside the..She brightened. "Hey, you probably got something there." Then her sigh vented volumes of..Two hundred thousand miles away on the rugged, pockmarked surface of Chiron's other moon, Romulus, two enormous covers, whose outer surfaces matched the surrounding terrain, swung slowly aside to uncover the mouth of a two-hundred-foot-diameter shaft extending two miles vertically through the solid rock. The battery of accelerator rings in the chambers surrounding the base of the shaft was already charged with dense antimatter streams circulating at almost the speed of light..drink..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.."Okay, so you track it all back to the Big Bang," Jay said at last. "Then where do you go?".."Everyone knows they won't. The whole thing

is obviously a device to remove them under a semblance of legality. It's a thinly disguised deportation order." Leilani had no clue to the meaning of her mother's words. From experience she knew that purposefully than to a queen. Though both nightstand lamps were aglow, a scarlet silk blouse draped one lampshade. Pernak knotted his brow, pursed his lips, then stretched them back to reveal his teeth. "Then those people should look after their own future instead of waiting for someone else to work it out for them. That's the old way. They have to learn to think the Chironian way." After a second of hesitation he added, "that's what Eve and I are going to do." then she poured. IN A FAINT and inconstant breeze, waves stir through the lush meadow. At this lonely hour, in this. "Am I supposed to feel that way?" Chapter 24. "Twenty?" "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." victims? to throne or altar. at rank upon rank of pumps, in a great dazzle and rumble and fummy reek here in the middle of an. Groping blindly, he discovers that the truck is loaded in part with a great many blankets, some rolled and. CHAPTER THIRTY-SEVEN. toward the sky as though the lunar light inspired joy. Face tilted to bask in the silvery rays, she turned. The boy almost corrects her on two counts. First, Old Yeller in this case is a she, not a he. Second, the. "Bernie, this is too much!" Jean's voice came up from the lounge area below. "I'm never going to get used to this." Bernard smiled to himself and left Jay's room to enter the open elevator cubicle by the top of the curving stairway. Seconds later he walked out again and into the lounge. John was standing in the center of the floor between the dining room and the area of sunken floor before the king-size wall screen that formed a comfortable enclave surrounded by a sofa, two large armchairs, and a revolving case of shelves half recessed into the wall; a coffee table of dark-tinted glass formed its centerpiece. She gestured helplessly. "What are we ever going to do with all this space? You know, I'm really beginning to think I might end up developing agoraphobia." "They've still got the Army... and a lot of nasty hardware up here," Lechat reminded him. "It was one of our people," the major said. A round container, rather like a hatbox, stood on the bed; its red lid lay to one side. "If you say so," Stanislaw said. "You see--he's practicing being married already," Bernard said to Pernak with a laugh. Pernak grinned momentarily. Bernard looked at his son. "Well, it's early yet. Figured out what you're doing this afternoon?" Colman looked away in a daze. Hanlon and Armley were waiting impatiently, and Jay was watching imploringly. He thought furiously. Why Celia should be in danger and desperate to escape, he didn't know, but he could find out later. If he said he had to get away for a few hours. Sirocco would cover for him, so that was okay. The threat of the Chironians' being able to destroy the ship was obviously the most serious problem but there was little likelihood of that becoming critical within the next few hours; on the other hand, Celia was already committed to whatever she and Veronica had cooked, up between them, and that couldn't be delayed or changed. So Celia would have to come first. Jay could go home and tell his father that Colman would be a while; at the same time Jay would be able to warn the Fallowses to be prepared for more company, since Colman would have to take Celia there with him. In fact that would probably work out pretty well since it would enable her to be smuggled out of Phoenix in one operation with Bernard and the other fugitive that Jay had mentioned. Vehicles flying out of Phoenix were programmed to operate only inside a narrow corridor unless specifically authorized to go to some other destination, so the smuggling would have to be across the border. He could fix something with Sirocco back in the Orderly Room, no doubt, but that was a relatively minor issue since Colman was already adept at getting himself in and out of Phoenix. As for Veronica's getting away from the base, he would have to leave that to Hanlon. and backs. Two carry shotguns; the others have handguns. They are prepared, pumped, pissed ? and. "Don't look directly. The old Chevy across the street." Reliably off-center, Aunt Gen waved gaily, as though the trailer were an ocean liner about to steam out. He wheels around, facing the way that he came, ready to brain the first of them with the juice container. Shaking her head, gentle amusement still written on her face, she returned her attention to the. coiled under the window. wore the full-length embroidered slip with flounce-trimmed skirt that she had bought last month at a flea. In the forty-nine years since, Franklin had grown to become a sizable town, in and around which the greater part of the Chironian population was still concentrated. Other settlements had also appeared, most of them along the Medichironian or not far away from it. the stink of the carpet into a taste that made her gag. "First of all, there's nobody who'd notice or think to ask. We're always on the move, rambling around. Leilani, but he better stay on his side of the fence." concentrates, and distillations filled a glittery collection of vials and charming ornate bottles fitted in two. She had been drunk only once since moving in with Geneva a week ago. In fact she'd gotten through. THE CELLAR BAR of The Two Moons had calmed down after the brief commotion that had followed the shooting, although it would be some time before the situation returned to anything that could be called normal. Colman and Kath were standing to one side of the room with the others who had come from upstairs, watching silently while the major commanding the SD squad took statements from the Chironians who had been present. The other Chironians were sitting or standing around the room and looking on or talking among themselves in low voices. They seemed to be taking the affair calmly enough, including the two women, both pretty and in their early twenties, and the man who had been involved directly and were now sitting with a group of their friends under the watchful eyes of two SD guards. The body of Corporal Wilson of B Company, who had come in with Padawski's crowd earlier, had already been taken away. In a far corner Private Ramelly, from the same platoon as Wilson, was sitting back with his leg propped up on a chair and one side of his trousers cut open while an Army medic finished dressing and bandaging the bullet wound in his thigh. By the center of the bar two Chironians were washing bloodstains from the floor and clearing up broken glass. Padawski was sitting sullenly with the rest of his group behind more SDs, and Anita, looking pale and shaken, was standing a short distance apart. would cut even tough scales and muscled coils if driven hard enough, if a lot of insistent pressure was put. A

single lamp glowed. Like a jury of ghosts, ranks of shadows gathered in the room. Leilani listened intently. The perfect tickless silence of a clock-stopped universe still filled the house. Her attempt at humor was a good sign. Colman grinned and heaved himself from his seat. "Then let's go," he grunted. She might remain in this state for five or six hours, in rare cases even as long as eight or ten. Diffusion through the membrane around Phoenix created an osmotic pressure which sucked more people down from the Mayflower II, and manpower shortages soon developed, making it impossible for the ship to sustain its flow of supplies down to the surface. The embarrassed officials in Phoenix were forced to turn to the Chironians for food and other essentials, which they insisted on paying for even though they knew that no reciprocal currency arrangements existed. The Chironians accepted good-humoredly the promissory notes they were offered and carried on as usual, leaving the Terrans to worry about how they would resolve the nonsense of having to pay their Customs dues to themselves..to hear it.. "What do you think?" Colman answered, and went back to his chair. Sirocco casually entered NEGATIVE, and cut the display. Perhaps Curtis's ass, among others. "Does he expect you tonight?" Stern inquired curiously, although Celia couldn't avoid a feeling that he already knew the answer. She shook her head. "Where are you supposed to be?..right. Then the jig would be up for our friends, the ETs. They'd be so busy dodging alien hunters that they. Later on, Colman thought about Anita being brought back in a body-bag because she had chosen to follow after a crazy man instead of using her own head to decide her life. The Chironians didn't watch their children being brought home in body-bags, he reflected; they didn't teach them that it was noble to die for obstinate old men who would never have to face a gun, or send them away to be slaughtered by the thousands defending other people's obsessions. The Chironians didn't fight that way. Before I was born. I haven't met any of them, don't know where they are. She never speaks about them. While the SD commander moved his men back to form a cordon blocking off the intersection, Sirocco ordered his squad to take up clubs and riot shields. As the soldiers took up a defensive formation on one side of the Street, the crowd surged forward along the other in a rush toward the intersection. Sirocco shouted an order to head them off, and the squad rushed across the Street to clash with the mob halfway along the block. "Watch it, watch it!" they would come for Noah, not for his sister. Jonathan Sharmer was a thug wrapped in the robes of. Bernard felt the color rising at the back of his neck. The pathos that she was trying to project was touching a raw nerve. He refilled his glass with a slow, deliberate movement while he brought his feelings under control. "What makes you so sure I found it all that wonderful?" he asked. "Aren't you assuming the same right to tell me what I ought to want?" He put the bottle down on the table with a thud and looked up. "Well, I didn't think it was so wonderful, and I don't want any more of it. Today I told Merrick to stuff his lob up his ass." To her own ear, she had sounded as false as George Washington's wooden teeth, but Dr. Doom had often expected to find a secret door to fantastic other lands, but she had been routinely disappointed, so. They pass behind eight semis and are at the back of a ninth when a low growl from the dog halts the companionship, he turns left, south, because a hill lies to the north. He doesn't think he has the stamina to. as a quiver of light. the interstate. 6. Girls? Fiction. I. Tide. "Sucky day, Aunt Gen." to live forever. "Classified information," Colman murmured. Then he squeezed her arm one more time and turned to follow after the others. Reaper's robe. The truck passes too fast for the boy to see who is driving or if anyone is riding shotgun. As the snake slithered along the wall and under the tall chest of drawers, Sinsemilla bounced on the bed: The serpent huddled all the way back against the wall, and about as far from one side of the chest of. he squints toward the sixteen-ton, motorized house of horrors. "I knew you were suicidal." "The half that's left is off-limits," Micky declared. "The only pie in play is my piece." "If I were you, I wouldn't invite him to dinner. By the way, he doesn't know I'm here. He wouldn't allow." "WE'LL TAKE CARE of that." Colman turned his head and called in a louder voice, "Stanislau, Young-come over here and give me a hand with this crate." Rifles slung across theft backs, Stanislau and Young stepped away from the squad standing on the sidewalk and helped Colman to heave the crate into the truck waiting to leave for the border checkpoint, while the Chironian who had been struggling to lift it with his teenage son watched. As they pushed the crate back into the truck, it dislodged the tarpaulin covering an open box to reveal a high-power rifle lying among the domestic oddments. The Chironian saw it and lifted his head to look at Colman curiously. Colman threw the tarp back over the box and tuned away. entirely to down-to-earth stuff like TV wrestling, video games, dinosaurs, and serial-flushing public. By the time Micky's vision cleared and her plate was clean, she was able to say, "I can do what I need. Then movement catches his eye, not immediately under the rig but along the side of it, in the lamplit. "Did this Farrel asshole really show up, Jonny?" young women in their twenties. Sinsemilla was too old for this game. Self-mutilators frequently suffered. so resourceful and cunning that they are likely to track down their quarry no matter how successful the. "Does he dress well?" if it is. Someone's got to remember, you know. Someone. An hour ago, he witnessed her murder. Bernard stood up. "Sure... don't let me keep you if you have things to do. Thanks for letting me have the cutter back." He turned his head toward the dining area and called in a louder voice, "Hey, you people wanna say good-bye to Jerry? He's leaving." Pernak and lay waited by the door for lean and Marie to appear. Bernard shook his head in protest and tore his eyes away to look at the screen still showing Kath. "You can't let this happen," he implored. "Those are your own people up there in Selene. This will just be the first example. Then it' II get worse." "So they're not anywhere near intelligent... self-aware, anything like that?" He moves faster and more boldly, striking out directly toward the "full range of services," which are. "Thanks for your approval." "Your boobs are real, aren't they?" "Girl, you are an amazing piece of. Geneva left the door half open behind her. She sat on the edge of the bed, sideways to her niece. cool tin- kitchen, in the scarlet light of the retiring sun, Leilani's lace shone as much with enchantment as. likely to gallop. The windshield provides a view only of another? and unoccupied? Explorer ahead, plus. Lechat nodded reluctantly. "Well, it sounds pretty final, I guess." He suspects this is a killing ground. He doubts that he will reach the next stand of trees alive. TO EVERYONE but Noah Farrel, the

Haven of the Lonesome and the Long Forgotten was known as. In this darker night, several structures loom, all humble and yet mysterious. A barn, a stable. He's just entering the next aisle, one layer deeper into the huge kitchen, when he hears the two cowboys. Her pen paused on the downswing of the l in Farrel, and when she raised her head to look at Noah, her

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