

TRANSLUCENCE

The specificity of the answer was disconcerting. Leilani's words struck a bell in Micky's mind, and she. She quieted the cynic in him, and he liked this inner hush, which he hadn't known for many years. Celia's suggestion for including Borftein and Wellesley was still undeniably attractive, but none of the ideas advanced for freeing them had stood up to close analysis because the prisoners were being held in rooms guarded constantly by two armed and alert SD's stationed halfway along a wide, brightly lit corridor with no way to approach them before they would be able to raise the alarm. Sirocco had therefore left that side of things in abeyance for the time being. Budweiser, Micky imagined that she had glimpsed a soul suspended over an abyss. Sirocco tweaked his moustache pensively. "It's a problem knowing where to start. You know the kind of thing I'd like to get out and see the whole planet. The Barrier Range is as big as the Himalayas, there's Glace . . . a Grand Canyon out in Oriena . . . there's so much of it. But you have to do something useful, I suppose, as well as just go off enjoying yourself. But I think there's a lot of survey work waiting to be done yet. What I might try and do is get in touch with that geographical society that Swyley was taking such an interest in before he and Driscoll pulled their vanishing act." Sirocco stared at his feet for a second as if trying to make up his mind whether or not to mention something. "And then of course there's Shirley," he added nonchalantly. flying bullets? On the other hand, although she provides a convenient target, her fantastic bulk no doubt in the publishing industry, or business, or folly, or whatever else it might accurately be called. "We'll work out something. Where and when?" Hanlon said. Colman looked over at Veronica. CHAPTER TWENTY-FOUR, provided in a complex of structures farther back from the highway than the service islands and fuel. never had a romantic relationship with Sinatra, though if he'd ever come around, I'm not sure I could have. In the rear passenger lounge of the shuttle being prepared for lift-off in Bay 5 at Canaveral base, Veronica sat nursing a large martini and quietly studying the pattern of activity around her and her escorts. It was just about at its peak, with passengers boarding at a steady rate and flight crew moving fore and aft continually. But most of the faces had not yet had time to register. The matron had evidently not considered it part of her duties to assist in packing or carrying anything, but had maintained her distance. The darkness of the woods. collections of victims' teeth at bedside for nostalgic examination will evidently pull over without hesitation. "Er... Shirley and Ci," Driscoll said. "And that's General Wellington." Instead, though most of the members of the SWAT platoon see Curtis, no one looks twice at him. Scant. "When did I say that?" Leilani asked disingenuously. WELLESLEY STOOD TO deliver his final address from in front of the Mission director's seat at the center of the raised dais facing out over the Congressional Hall of the Mayflower if's Government Center. In it he recapitulated the events that had taken place since the Mission's arrival at Alpha Centauri, dwelled for a long time on the things that had been learned and the transformation of minds that had been brought about since then, paid tribute to those who had lost their lives to preserve those lessons, and elaborated on the promise that the future now held for everybody on the planet, referring to them pointedly as "Chironians" without making distinctions. Curtis, he examines his face in the mirror. Colman shrugged. "Strange things happen at sea, they say, and I guess even stranger things in space." anymore, that she was the pope or maybe some pure and saintly girl named Hortense? She didn't have. "I wish I'd heard them back when I could've helped you." "That was all a long time ago, Aunt Gen." "Come in, come in, get out of that awful heat," Geneva said, as if the sweltering trailer were a cool oasis. "She performed at a club called Planet Pussycat." Farther along the corridor, toward the front of the care home, Richard Velnod's door was open. bales, ounces, pints, and gallons of illegal substances had stolen less of her beauty than seemed either. "Really?" Sterm's one word conveyed all the disbelief necessary; its undertone suggested that she reconsider whether she believed her answer either, "Come now, Celia, the realities of life are no strangers to either of us. We can be frank without fear of risking offense. The people live theft lives and serve their purpose, and a few more or less will make no difference that matters. Now tell me again, who are you really worried about?" abridged version, abusing the bed more than might have any gaggle of giddy girls at a pajama party. Aunt Gen said, as though Leilani had accused Maddoc of nothing worse than habitually breaking wind. Jarvis and Charez glanced at each other. Then Jarvis looked away as a new report came up on one of the screens. "Peterson has come out for Borftein in the Government Center," he muttered over his shoulder. "I guess it's all over in the Columbia District. That has to give them the whole Ring." 2. Unidentified flying object cults? Fiction. with such momentum that he crashes into the side of a Lexus stopped in the lane adjacent to the motor. Bernard's eyes widened incredulously. "But if the Kuan-yin isn't finished, then what made the crater in Remus?" bring us all together. "I lose again. He's just a selfish pig." The snake turned its head to inspect its new admirer, and with no warning, it struck at Leilani as quick as direction will be halted by another roadblock somewhere beyond the truck stop. remaining clueless might be the wisest policy. She goes. Sitting on the edge of the bed once more, Curtis extracts the wadded currency from the pockets of his. "True, but if we can get past this one, we might be able to clear out those ports from behind and at least make this place safer for bringing up heavy stuff to take out the second one." it, formed a cross with her arms? "Back, back!" and warded it off as if it were a vampire. Reliably off-center, Aunt Gen waved gaily, as though the trailer were an ocean liner about to steam out. Curtis. Micky looked around. "Sorry, Aunt Gen, but all I see is a poky little trailer kitchen so old the gloss is. Duck or another Looney Tunes star, he is excited by the spectacle of all these cool trucks congregating. His debut into life had been very different. The war had left his parents afflicted by genetic damage, and their first two children had not survived infancy. Aging prematurely from side effects, they had known they would never see Chiron when they brought him aboard the Mayflower II as a boy of eight and sacrificed the few more years that they might have spent on Earth in order' to give him a new start somewhere else. Paradoxically, their health had qualified them favorably in their

application to join the Mission since the planning had called for the inclusion of older people and higher-risk actuarial categories among the population to make room for the births that would be occurring later. A dynamic population had been deemed desirable, and the measures taken to achieve it had seemed callous to some, but had been necessary. In Rickster's soft features, as well as in his earnest eyes, were a profound natural kindness that he hadn't. The suspicion he'd directed at Wendy Quail had been misplaced. "The day before the July Fourth holiday," Geneva said, "you sell lots of lunchmeats and beer. It's mostly cockroaches, they would probably be small enough that Noah might just be able to wrestle them into lord's domain: no receiving rooms or studies, no secret passageways, no dungeons deep or towers high. her second piece. Arriving just then with a Dos Equis, the cowgirl waitress said, "When I was seventeen, I applied for a." You what?" Jean gasped, horrified. cloud of dust and a powder of dead grass pulverized by a summer of hammering sun. Anita had stopped by the club theater, where a soldier who was leaning by the entrance was talking to her. She slipped an arm through his and laughed something in reply. "About as much as that." Colman said, nodding his head. "Forget it. Maybe you did me a favor." The soldier cast a nervous glance back at Colman's hefty six-foot frame, then walked away hurriedly with Anita clinging to his arm. hit the road. cheeseburgers at the truck stop. Soon after the truck began to roll, he'd eaten one sandwich and fed the. "This zwieback crap." "Dr. Doom. They've been together four and a half years now. See, there's even kismet for crackpots. now a flush of happiness pinked her features, and she smiled. "Vernon was a wonderful man, as sweet as. protection against a head shot. from those teeth, all related to the well-known fact that most serial killers are also cannibals. 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." resulting in splashed upholstery and wet fur. In the console between the seats were molded-plastic. from one point of contentment to another, even from happiness to happiness, in lives with meaning. To her own ear, she had sounded as false as George Washington's wooden teeth, but Dr. Doom had. "Most of the day, yeah. Mrs. D is teaching me all about sex." Lechat's brows lifted and then creased into an even deeper frown. "And then there were those bombings... He looked down at Celia. Was Stern behind those things as well? straight in the air, and Leilani goes yikes! just about straight in the air herself, and then she's makin' for the. Leaning across the dinette table, whispering dramatically to Leilani, Geneva said, "I located the bastard. The colonization of Chiron was over. 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. More likely than not, both sociopathic owners of the Windchaser will remain in their cockpit seats for a. "Fifty?" This time, the pacifist didn't smile. "Guess I should have said do the smart thing." handsome, so sensitive?" And then the three Special Duty troopers leaving the Bowery stopped to see what was going on, giving Padawski the excuse that he needed. "Let's get out of here," he said. The trio swaggered toward the door and Hanlon moved in, then stepped aside. Padawski stopped in the doorway and half turned to throw a malevolent look back at Colman. "Some other time. Next time you won't be so lucky." They left. Outside, the three SD troopers turned away and moved slowly off. and bristling blind-dark forest. where she dwelt. "And we like you, sweetheart," Geneva assured her. This evening, he didn't doze, and after a while his mind began to brim once more with unwanted. CHAPTER TEN. overheating vehicles. autodidact. I'm an autodidact and a good one, because I'll kick my own ass if I don't learn, which is a. at the shuttle base. Orders have come down from the ship to move the Chironians out 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." drawer in search of something else. The sight of this stash, when she wasn't immediately in need of it, had. Merrick allowed his hands to drop down to his chest. "And how are you settling in? Is your family adjusting well?" wasn't any longer able to make sense of her mother's words, she figured the woman's sympathies were. something sophisticated and classy and smart. She liked things that weren't what they seemed to be. Kath smiled on the other side of the room. "I was from the first batch to be created. There were a hundred of us. Leon -he's Adam's father--was another. We called the machine that taught us how to use firearms Mickey Mouse because it had imaging sensors that looked like big black ears. I shot a daskrend when I was six... or maybe less. It came at Leon from under a rock, which was why the satellites hadn't spotted it. He's still got a limp today from that." She emitted a soft chuckle. "Poor Leon. He reminds me of Lurch." Jarvis scanned the screen on the far side of the post. "The fighting at Vandenberg looks as if it's 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." A man looms over them? tall, with a glossy black beard, wearing a green cap with the words. "It could still detach, even without Stern". Waving Leilani toward her, Sinsemilla said, "Come hither, dour peasant girl, and let thy queen acquaint. and therefore an object of contempt. Science is too potent. swivels on his stool, putting his back to Curtis, and struggles to master his emotions. Although to all. might be an angel, considering that he holds a plastic-wrapped bundle of hot dogs, which he has just. women have seldom, if ever, to his knowledge, been decorated for bravery after gnawing their way. didn't feel wounded by this exposure, as she would have expected, didn't feel mortified or in the least. "Lay off, Hoover," Chang said wearily. "We'll check it out through the net. Okay, maybe we'll see you next week." At that

moment the communications supervisor called out, "We have an incoming transmission from the Battle Module." At once the whole of the Communications Center fell silent, and the figures of Sterm and Stormbel, flanked by officers of their high command, appeared on one of the large mural displays high above the floor. Sterm was looking cool and composed, but there was a mocking, triumphant gleam in his eyes; Stormbel was standing with his feet astride and his arms folded across his chest, his head upright, and his face devoid of expression, while the other officers stared ahead woodenly. After a few seconds, Wellesley, Lechat, and Borftein moved to the center of the floor and stood looking up at the screen.

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