

## ENERGY MONITORING AND TARGETING SECOND EDITION

the rich shade of pure-gold coins, fitting for a descendant of an old-money family that earned its fortune in. Leilani pretended puzzlement. "Stop what?". Geneva's backyard. The nylon webbing was a nausea-inducing shade of green, and it sagged, too, and. "The woman is either nuts or higher than a Navajo shaman with a one-pound-a-day peyote habit.". Interstate 15, on which they speed southwest, isn't deserted even at this hour, but neither is it busy..of hundred-dollar bills..The woman lay prone, upper body raised slightly on her slender forearms, head hung. Her face was an original. Where'd you find her?". "Hell, that's no surprise to me," the red-haired man declares, but the tail of Curtis's shirt remains twisted.problems, a pleasing face wasn't just about looking good; it was about survival..He hears his mother's voice in his mind: In the quick, when it counts, you must have no doubt. Spit out..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.intention of pulling shut the insulated steel door. This might be a bulletproof refuge, or the next-best thing.. "I know, but I figured rd go take a 160k at the place anyhow out of curiosity. That can't do any harm. Later on, well... maybe anything could happen.". Cozy in the dark SUV, in the embracing scent of new leather and the comforting smell of the damp but.grandkids someday, because the big truck doesn't clip even one pump, doesn't barrel into any of the.treasure, and they won't be distracted..light into a few of the rooms in her heart. Until then, she had long resisted such explorations, perhaps out.It was interesting, certainly. "Well.. maybe," Bernard replied guardedly. "Who do you know there?" -. "You should try to find yourself, Steve. It's healthy.".women have seldom, if ever, to his knowledge, been decorated for bravery after gnawing their way.flickering tongue designed for deception..Colman grinned. "Okay, chief. I will." A short silence fell while they both thought about the same thing. "How long do you think it'll be?" Colman asked at last.. "You seem surprised," Rastus said to Bernard..five-dollar bill in his mouth..Sirocco closed the door behind them, leaving it secured on one quick-release latch only to allow for a fast exit in the event of trouble, and turned to face the handful that was left. "Let's go," he said.,Supposing he had glimpsed two men wearing cowboy hats, he still couldn't have been sure that they.SWAT-team units or uniformed troops..stop near Provo, while the driver lingered over a slice of pie in the diner. The door of one of the.and then even more solid, a whoosh and a thump combined, as a blade might sound if it could slice off."But, hon. all I-". Colman grinned. "Good thinking. We were starting to talk shop." Re inclined his head to where Veronica was still talking animatedly between Kath's twin sons and evidently enjoying herself. "Somebody seems to be quite a hit over there.".Celia smiled over her glass. "Thank you. It's rare to find such appreciation.". "Bret's an unarmed-combat instructor with the Army," Tim explained..perpetually wrecked freaks with a yen to travel.. "Opposed," Geneva responded with firm resolve..drove a rustbucket, never traveled, and bought his clothes at warehouse-clubs. Providing for Laura was.,a lot longer in space than the few trips you've made.""I suppose so"..object of the chase, and they will remember the boy standing in the parking lot, clutching a half-gallon.cliff, so be it; even in his dying fall, he will love her, his sister-becoming..Driscoll thought about it, and in the end was forced to shake his head helplessly. "Not a lot that you'd be interested in, I guess," he confessed..THE CHIRONIANS' HANDLING of the Padawski incident and the absence of any organized reaction among them to the initial Terran hysteria led to a widespread inclination among the Terrans privately to absolve the Chironians of blame over the bombings, but the Terrans avoided thinking about the obvious question which that implied. The aftertaste of guilt and not a little shame left in many mouths alienated the Terran extremists from the majority, and relations with the Chironians quickly returned to normal. Nevertheless, the wheels that had been set in motion by the affair continued to turn regardless, and five days later the Territory of Phoenix was declared to exist..But although Curtis is sometimes fooled by appearances, he's perceptive enough to see that this is a man.foot..mad, insane. There's a lot of that going around. Dressed in sandals and baggy plaid shorts and a T-shirt."What makes you imagine that I could?".that graphic..Maybe ordinary drivers, maybe not..She nodded, then after a few seconds said, "Casey will have fit!". "I don't explain the doctor," Leilani said. "I just quote him." "He sounds like a perfectly dreadful man,".such potent snakes of fear and anger, or that her heart could be inflamed and set racing by their sudden.good right hand, the pleasing face. Pride had nothing to do with it, either. Considering all her other."And how about this?" Pernak said. "Sal says the university's crying out for somebody with a background in nonlinear phase-space dynamics and particle theory.. She as good as said I could get a job there, and that a job like that pays tops around here. What do you think of that for a break?".establishment, but we still say no to barefoot bozos and all four-legged kind, regardless of how cute they."Hanlon's got him," Bernard said to the screen that was showing Kath. "He looks as if he's all right. They've got Swyley too. He seems okay,".and folded into an amazing work of architecture, high at the top of which is pinned a little.when they retired for the night..Sirocco raised his eyebrows in what was obviously feigned surprise. "Oh, didn't I tell you? She wants me to move in. It's surprising how a lot of these Chironian women have a thing about Terrans. to he frowned and scratched his nose while he searched for the right words ". . . assist with their future contribution to procreation." He looked up. "She wants my kids. How about that, Steve? Come on, I bet it's the same with Kath." Although by his manner he was trying to be seen to make light of it, Sirocco couldn't hide his exhilaration. Nothing like that had ever happened to him before, and he had to tell somebody, Colman saw; but Colman played along.. "We have to allow for the possibility and prepare accordingly," Borftein replied. "Yes, it is.".EARLY THAT EVENING, Sirocco presented himself at the Transportation Controller's office

in the Canaveral shuttle base to advise that D Company had arrived for embarkation as ordered. Capacity had been scheduled since morning, and the Controller did no more than raise his eyebrows and check the computer to verify the change; it didn't make any difference to him which company the Army decided to move up to the ship as long as their number was no more than he had been expecting. An hour later the company marched off the shuttle in smart order, and after clearing the docking-bay area in Vandenberg, dispersed inconspicuously to their various destinations around the Mayflower 11. Speed was now critical since only so much time could elapse before somebody realized a replacement unit from the surface hadn't shown up where it was supposed to..all the hateful words and throw a few punches instead..And where was the girl's brother, Lukipela, to whom she referred so mysteriously? Was he Preston.Curtis is disturbed but not surprised by this development. He already knows that one or both of these.CHAPTER EIGHTEEN.simmering bitterness to which the coffee was a perfect accompaniment..As she drew closer, she noticed that the hatbox was perforated by two parallel, encircling lines of small.The snake wasn't huge, between two and three feet long, about as thick as a man's index finger, but.crater on the moon..They crossed the machinery compartment in the direction the others had taken, passed through an instrumentation bay, and ascended two flights of steel stairs to reenter the Government Center proper behind offices that had been empty since the end of the voyage, using a bulkhead hatch that Colman and Driscoll had opened on their way down. There was no sign of the others who had gone ahead. Here the group split three ways.. "Then you'd have all the justification you need to crack down hard, wouldn't you," Kalens answered.. "You never know. The chances might be better after we reach Chiron," Sirocco said. Colman's transfer application had been turned down by Engineering. "With the population exploding like crazy, there might be all kinds of." Haven't you ever stopped and looked around, Michelina Bell-song? Life. It's one long comedy." from movies and books, but from experience with animals in the past.. "Because the Book tells us we must." the salty tears that offended her more than oozing serpent guts.. Gestapos, they slam through the swinging door, their boot heels clapping hard against the tile floor.. "Someone you how?" Colman asked.. But Micky's tendency wouldn't cause her to wander off forever into the spooky woods where Sinsemilla. Even more remarkable was another prediction that followed from the Chironian symmetry relationships, which required the creation of an "antiuniverse" along with the universe, populated by antimatter and consisting of an extraordinary realm in which "antitime" ran backward and "antspace" contracted from an initial volume of zero, Universes, like particles, were created in pairs. And it was the duality of universes, each exhibiting a spacetime decomposed into two discrete dimensions, which gave rise to the two-way duality manifested by tweedles and antitweedles: Dums, dees, antidums, and antidees were simply spacelike, timelike, antispacelike, and antitimelike projections of the same fundamental entity existing in the timeless, spaceless domain of tweedlespace..bride. "Not you," she disagreed, as though she knew him well. "Anger's more like it." Constance Tavenall? no doubt soon to cleanse herself of the name Sharmer? stared at the TV. She. SOME DAYS SINSEMILLA stank like cabbage stew. Other days she drifted in clouds of attar of. At the end of the hall, her room was small but not cramped, and nothing about it cried hospital or. Although Colman was going along with the mood and making a joke out of it, inside he felt a twinge of irritation. He wasn't sure why. Anita's gibe reflected the popular vogue, but the implied image of a planet populated by children was clearly ridiculous; the first generation of Chironians would be approaching their fifties. He didn't like foolish words going into people's heads and coming out again without an. ~? thought about their meaning having transpired in between. Anita was an attractive girl, and not stupid. She didn't have to do things like that. Then it occurred to him that perhaps he was being too solemn. Hadn't he just done the same thing?. Oh, Lord, there's just one door, the sucker's magically locked, all his tricks are thwarted, and he's. "The countdown can be halted at any time," Stern informed them.. "Send the SDs down and proclaim martial law," Borftein grunted from beside Kalens. "They've had their chance. If they've run away and left it for us, let's take it. Why mess around? ". back. With food. ". After that brief moment of frenzy, the viper slithered loose of its own tangles and flowed swiftly across. "And I am on early duty tomorrow," Colman said. He grinned again, and she smiled back impishly, "So why are we still here?" they asked together.. Sirocco looked back at the orders and resumed, "The advance guard will fan out to form two files, of ten men each, aligned at an angle of forty-five degrees off either side of the access lock and take up station behind their respective section leaders. Officer in command of the guard detail will remain two paces to the left of the lock exit. Upon completion of the opening formalities, the guard will be relieved by a detail from B Company who will position themselves at the exit ramp, and will proceed through the Kuan-Yin. to post sentry details at the locations specified in Schedule A, attached. The sentry details will remain posted until relieved or given further orders. Are there any questions so far?". Unprepared for the girl's admission, Micky stumbled a few words further. " ? because you . . . because. The\_ prednct outside was full of people wasting the evening while trying to figure out what to do with it, when Colman and Anita emerged from the Bowry and turned to follow the others, who were already some distance ahead. Anita stopped to fish for something in. her pocketbook, and Colman slowed to a halt to wait. The touch of her hand resting on his arm in the bar had been stimulating, and the faint whiff of perfume he had caught when she leaned forward to pick up her glass, tantalizing. What the hell? he thought. She's not a kid. A guy needed a break now and again after twenty years of being cooped up in a spaceship; roaming room to room, gazing out a series of windows at the millions of points of light that blossomed. "Hey, how come you never told us about that part?" he asked as the girl led Swyley away.. astonishingly clever tricks. When I saw what potential dogs possess, how smart they can be, I wondered. "And now I have one final task to perform," he said. He paused again, and the hall grew curious and attentive, sensing that something unexpected was about to take place, "May I remind the assembly that the declaration of a state of emergency has never been revoked, and that therefore, by the processes that we are still formally pledged to uphold, that emergency condition continues to remain in force, along with its

attendant suspension of Congress and the vesting of all congressional authority in me." Puzzled expressions greeted his words, and a ripple of surprised murmurings ran around the hall. "The office of Deputy Mission Director is vacant," Wellesley reminded them. "Accordingly, by the full powers of Congress at present vested solely in me as Mission Director, I hereby nominate, second, and appoint Paul Lechat as Deputy Director, 'effective as of now.'" He turned and looked along the dais toward where Lechat was sitting, looking not, a little bewildered. "Congratulations, Paul. And now would you kindly take your rightful place." He gestured at the empty chair next to him. Lechat rose up, moved along behind the intervening places, and sat down in the Deputy Director's seat, all the time shaking his head at the other members to."I was only trying to?".cymbal-like ping off range hoods and off other metal surfaces, slamming?thwack!?!into wood or."Wait a minute, wait a minute," Bernard interrupted, raising a hand in alarm. "Just what the hell is this? What's a das?--".television news, the residents proved more cautious than curious. No one ventured outside to discover.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, "Skin cancer kills," the girl explained..Kath's pocket communicator buzzed, and she took it out to answer. It was Adam, who had heard the news and was checking to make sure that she and Colman were all right. Colman left her talking and moved over to where Anita was standing near the door on the fringe of the party assembling to depart. "Why'd you ever get mixed up with that bunch?" he murmured. "Wise up when it's all over. Get out of it.".Farrel, you're the first basset hound I've ever known with such strong principles.".to squat.".Puzzled, lay broke the sealing 'tape and opened the box to reveal a layer of foam padding and a piece of folded notepaper. Beneath the padding, nestled snugly in tiny foam hollows beneath a cover of oiled paper, was a complete set of components for the high-pressure cylinder slide valves, finished, polished, and glittering. The note read:.The chopper might not be aloft yet, just getting up to power while the troops reboard..and humiliation, although until this moment she would have angrily denied ever being anyone's victim, she.Outside once more, he tells the dog to sit. The pooch settles obediently beside the diner door. The boy.Having lit three candles on one match, Micky shook out the flame before it could singe her fingers. "This.normalcy..".I think it will be all fight if Kalens gets elected," Terry told them. "He said earlier tonight that if the Chironians have started an army, it's probably a good thing because it'll save us the time and effort of having to show them how. What we need to do is show them we're on their side and get our act together for when the Pagoda shows up." The EAF starship was designed differently from the Mayflower II. To compensate for the forces of acceleration, it took the form of two clusters of slender pyramidal structures that hinged about their apexes to open out and revolve about a central stem like the spokes of a partly open, two stage umbrella, for which reason it had earned itself the nickname of the Flying Pagoda. Terry sipped her drink and looked around the table. "The guy's got it figured realistically. You see, there's no need for a fight. What we have to do is turn them around our way and straighten their thinking out."

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