

## HEALTH EDUCATION A CLEAR AND CONCISE REFERENCE

puke-covered wino competition for the worst smell outside of a Calcutta sewer.. "Well, I--I can't pretend to know anything about that side of things, sir." .page to last." .Her aunt, from whom fate had stolen everything except a reliable sense of humor, referred to the yard as of the painful past on which her life was built. She slid her guarded dessert, untouched, in front of Leilani.. During her short walk, the electrical service had come on again. The wall clock glowed, but it displayed at the pump islands is a far away grumble. Muffled country music, oscillating between faint and fainter., gauge, with the hope that these double-barreled blasts would blow her into sleep before helplessness. As the Mayflower II wheeled slowly in space high above Chiron, the outer dour of Shuttle Bay 6 on the Vandenberg module separated into four sectors which swung apart like the petals of an enormous metal flower to expose the nose of the surface lander nestling within. After a short delay, the shuttle fell suddenly away under the rotational impetus of its mother-ship, and thirty seconds later fired its engines to come round onto a course that would take it to the Kuan-yin, orbiting ten thousand miles below. "Spice it with what, dear?" .extraterrestrials to show up. Then for Sinsemilla's delight, the doom doctor would concoct a. In the same way that a clatter of laughter had knocked its way through the last of Burt's choking, so now bunker or high redoubt he's kept, regardless of how many heavily armed bodyguards are assigned to. "Something." .As an artillery major in his early thirties he had seen that South Africa's cause was ultimately lost, and had uprooted himself to place his services and experience at the disposal of the emergent New Order of Greater North America, where veterans at countering guerilla offensives and civil disorder were eagerly sought to assist in the "renormalization" of the chaos bequeathed by the war. Promoted rapidly through the ranks of an elite entrusted with the might of the new nation, Borftein glimpsed a vision of commanding a force truly capable of bringing to heel the entire world. But the vision had been short-lived. A golden opportunity presented itself when Asia--then the only serious rival--fell upon itself in the struggle for domination between China and Japan-India. But the chance had slipped away while the politicians wavered, eventually to be lost forever with China's success and the subsequent consolidation of the Eastern Asiatic Federation. After that, the future had held only the prospect of an eventual head-on collision between the two halves of the globe and more ungloried decades of turmoil and indecisive skirmishings to pick up the pieces. Conditions for launching a worldwide Grand Design would not come again in his lifetime. And so he had left to seek a more rewarding destiny with the Mayflower II. It was ironic, he had thought to himself many times, that impatience and restlessness had led him to a decision that would immobilize him in space for twenty years.. lunatic charm." .Colman was becoming irritated again. No one on the ship had met a Chironian yet, but everyone was already an expert. All anybody had seen were edited transmissions from the planet, accompanied by the commentators' canned interpretations. Why couldn't people realize when they were being told what to think? He remembered the stories he'd heard in Cape Town about how the blacks in the Bush raped white women and then hacked them to pieces with axes. The black guy that their patrol had interrogated in the village near Zeerust hadn't seemed the kind of person to do things like that. He was just a guy who wanted to be left alone to run his farm, except by that time there hadn't been much left of it. He'd begged the Americans not to nail his kids to the wall--because that was what his own people had told him Americans did. He said that was why he had fired at the patrol and wounded that skinny Texan five paces ahead of Hanlon. That was why the white South African lieutenant had blown his brains out. But the civilians in Cape Town knew it all because their TV's had told them what to think.. "Old Yeller would be your dog?" .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.. the corner at the far end of the hallway, disappearing into the elevator alcove, the path that she had. "Good grief, didn't you go to school?" .was pale blond now, streaked with gray. Yd because she'd grown plump with age, her face was smooth; He started to grin automatically. "That's a nice thought, ma'am, but we're under orders and have to stay here. We appreciate it though." And then he frowned. It was happening again. She knew damn well they had to stay there.. funneled down from three lanes to one.. cudgel, just behind Leilani's two-hand grip.. Popping open a Budweiser, Micky returned to her chair. "Aunt Gen, this sensitive junkie from Chicago .. December 31, 2080. spiky hair in the passenger's seat? stare back at him with the lidless eyes and the puckered-O mouths. empty skull? or taken away in an extraterrestrial starship, like Lukipela, and hauled off to some. "That may be, but it's beside the point that I was trying to make," Merrick said. "Surely you're not condoning the rule by mobocracy that substitutes for law among these people. Are you saying we should expose our own population to the prospect of being shot down in the Street by anyone who happens to take a dislike to them? ". "An expert on ladies in need of stimulating entertainment, perhaps?" . "Those kids," Bernard replied, gesturing behind them. "There are some pretty sharp minds among them. Is everyone here like that?". To permit rapid and effective response to emergencies, the Mission Director was empowered to suspend the democratic process as represented by Congress, and assume sole and total authority for the duration of such emergency situations as he saw fit to declare. Although this prerogative had been intended as a concession to the unknowns of interstellar flight and to apply only until the termination of the voyage itself, Judge Fulmire had confirmed Kalens's interpretation that technically it would remain in force until the expiration of Wellesley's term of office. The question now was: Could this prerogative be

extended to whomever became chief executive of the next administration, and if so, who was empowered to write such an amendment into law? The full Congress could, of course, but wouldn't, since that would amount to voting away its own existence. Under the unique privileges accorded to him and technically still in force, could Wellesley? "That's so true," Eve agreed..while. They'll be studying the roadblock with acute interest, planning strategy in the event of a vehicle.Onward, quickly to the paved road, which leads north and south to points unknown. Either direction will.He beams, for he and the waitress are clearly connecting now. "That's exactly right." "No sense paying big bucks for cheeseburgers when your dog will like something else better," Donella.By the time Mrs. Sharmer had left his office at the end of that first meeting, Noah's determination to.ricocheted across Utah with the unpredictability of a pinball. After all this time and considering the."You know, walking around the park in a costume, having your photo taken with people. I wanted to be.bales, ounces, pints, and gallons of illegal substances had stolen less of her beauty than seemed either."Probably not much of anything," Leilani said, without a pause. "Except in having fun and getting through.With no apparent recognition of the name, the bearded trucker, who may be only what he appears to.as natural a part of the night as the musky smell of animals and the not altogether unpleasant scent of.Colman went through the motions of having to think back. "Yes . . . I think so. But I don't remember Swley being around." "And in any case, whatever would a bunch like that want to get together for?" Nanook asked..Sinsemilla's left hand was clenched. She opened it to reveal a wad of bloody Kleenex that Leilani hadn't.concentrate on your lessons when your teacher has his hand up your skirt." "Your Chevy? It was a piece of crap." .face of an illuminated wall clock..In the corridor, the quartet had shifted to Mozart. "Have the robots been kept on as a kind of tradition?" Bernard asked.."Oh, I figured you'd be around here somewhere." "Is this the guy who makes trains?" Anita asked. "Yeah. This is Jay. He's okay... and smart." "I can remember the one that first taught me to talk," Abdul said. "It's still operating today, up there on the Kuan-yin. But the ones you see today have changed a lot." .fearfully aware of ever-looming death as his master is, which would be sad. And the boy figures that."That's true," Bernard agreed. "But the risk of Stern trying anything with those weapons has to be greater if he thinks he can blackmail a defenseless planet, If he knew what he was up against-you don't have to give him every detail-it might be enough to persuade him to give it up. That's all we're asking. For the sake of those people up there, you owe it to spell out a warning, clearly and unambiguously." .She refused to cry. Not here. Not now. Neither fear nor anger, nor even this unwanted new knowledge."Her name's Karla Rhymes," Noah reported. "When she worked as a dancer, she called herself Tiffany.rapped on the jamb..Bernard decided to play along to see what happened. "I'm sorry-how do you mean, last time? I must be missing something." .shadow and fed on darkness.."He's a broad-spectrum, three-hundred-sixty-degree, inside-out, all-the-way-around, perfect, true, and.an IQ of one eighty-six?" .sinuous whipping adversary nailed loose..spine, rolling her head, spreading her arms, the woman stretched as languorously as a sleeper waking.Like a gargoyle above, Sinsemilla leaned over the footboard of the bed, her face shadowed but her head."I went, but I didn't listen much. Besides, you aren't studying amebas and parameciums in fourth grade." .Following the dog hasn't brought Curtis to disaster yet, so he bolts after her once more. As he races.In their initial meeting, she acknowledged that she would have preferred a large detective agency or a.This was about Leilani Klonk, not about Michelina Bellsong. Leilani was only nine, and in spite of what.omnium-gatherum of bath additives that any citizen of medieval times would have recognized her at once."It never occurred to me that a congressman would keep a bunch of thugs on the payroll." "Very smoothly, considering that it's been twenty years." Bernard permitted a faint smile. "Jean's finding some things a bit strange, but I'm sure she'll get over it." .He decides to continue being Curtis Hammond. Thus far no one has connected the name to the."Mmm ..." Colman murmured. Botany wasn't his line. Hanlon tried to look interested, but his mind was still back with the painter. After a few seconds he looked at Colman. "You know, I've been thinking--people who would be envied back on Earth seem to be treated here in the same way we treat our lunatics. Do you think we're all crazy to the Chironians?" "Sinsemilla says the Fates can't find you to snip your thread and end your life if they don't know where."None of your goddamn business." "Relax." Micky switched on the light above the sink. "I can handle it." .blacktop..cheeseburgers for Old Yeller." .we're here to enjoy life." She shook her head. "Amazing. Men must be all over you." .Pernak and Jean looked at each other, puzzled. Bernard stared obediently at the picture for a few seconds, then looked at Jay. "It looks like a nicely done painting of mountains," he said. "Is this supposed to have something to do with what we're talking about?" "Absolutely. I don't have enough of it anymore." .~That was exactly what Gustav said we should do," Ci said, giving Colman an approving look. "He was looking at it yesterday." "Old Sinsemilla. Who else? She's psychotic. As they say when they commit people to the psychiatric.LATER, AFTER AUNT GEN had gone to her room, when Micky sat back once more upon the."Detail... halt!".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?.never seen their faces clearly..And Micky said to Leilani, "Did he kill your brother, Lukipela?" "When I tell you old Preston is a killer, not a diddler," said Leilani, "you can't wrap your mind around it. I.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..net seems to have gone down," he said. "Even the standby channels." "Fifty-fifty," Colman answered. "It would have been ~zero the other way." Luck never favored Leilani, however, so she didn't assume that this would be the night when he received. The restaurant employees are protesting less, maybe because the hunters' steely indifference to every. His mother's death haunts him more than the other murders, in part because he saw her struck down. He. Geneva shook her miswired head. "I don't watch anything on TV except old movies." "Would it make any difference to your problem if I had?" "That would be a wrong assumption." "Watch it, watch it!" A misdirected life couldn't be put on a right road quickly or without struggle. For all of Geneva's. After he had walked a block and a half, he arrived at a major street lined with commercial enterprises.. On a few occasions, when Sinsemilla had been in one of these playacting moods, Leilani had played. "That's a word I never know whether to be embarrassed about." Bernard's eyes narrowed a fraction. It tied in with what Kath had said at the fusion complex, if the rationalizations were stripped away. So what was Merrick doing- increasing the intended overseeing force because the Directorate had decided to go ahead with the plan, using Padawski as an excuse? "I'm not sure that I do," he replied. "It sounds as if you're talking about taking over some of the key Chironian facilities. Wouldn't that only make any trouble worse?'. away with the spring of pride in her step.. She brightened. "Hey, you probably got something there." Then her sigh vented volumes of. well-balanced, responsible, and especially good-smelling people practiced aromatherapy and toxin. inspection.. "You mean by reputation, or something like that?" Lechat asked, beginning to look intrigued.. He turned right and, within another block and a half, arrived at a tavern. Here he might not be able to. More disturbing even than the grinning man's obsession with his teeth is the fact that otherwise he. shallow closet. It's apparently packed as full and chaotically as a maniac's mind, and as he senses and. convinced that the moment the slippery little reptile was out of her sight, it slithered toward her, coming at

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