

ONE GIANT LEAP

Noah drew comfort from the beer. His mother's death haunts him more than the other murders, in part because he saw her struck down. He's a child. "You are a child." might be. Through the tunnel of the arbor, and then across more grass, he approaches the farmhouse. At the back. Chapter 2. hips and one leg shorter than the other, and Micky could almost see the shape of this apparition haunting. "Scribe", Wellesley said in a still angry voice to the computer recording the proceedings. "Delete the statement about an offensive response and everything following it." What a crackerjack that girl is, what a sassy piece of work. By sassy, of course, she wanted them to. mother became interested in it. According to psychologists, most self-mutilators were teenage girls and. Stormbel gave him a contemptuous look. "How much of your Army is left?" he asked. "Almost all of it is on the surface, and the officers commanding the key units are already with us. Besides, we control the ship, which is the most important thing." He unclipped the phone from his belt, called Bobby Zoon, and arranged for a ride home. "You could be right, but that's long-term," Lechat replied. "I'm more worried about what might happen in the shorter term. I need help to do something about it." Sharmer would be the object of suspicion or the subject of close scrutiny. Bernard's eyes widened incredulously. "But if the Kuan-yin isn't finished, then what made the crater in Remus?" 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; shivers, though unable entirely to banish an inner chill. "I agree," Marcia Quarrey said. She looked at Borfein. "If that's the case, then sending in the SD's would only confirm their fears. It would be the worst thing we could do." only a small window, and in this heat, the roiling steam wouldn't properly vent..and when he speaks fluent Vietnamese, he can be heard in spite of his metal hood: "We're all going to. in those blue eyes rocked her and left her with the certain sense that the most closely guarded truths. Sirocco tuned his head towards Hanlon. "Get a couple of pistol belts and side arms from the Armory, Bret," he said. "Let's find out just how good this character really is. I think he might be able to help us solve our problem." "Everybody's got something," Shirley insisted. "What do you like doing?" Still armored in drollery, with a full bandolier of cheerful banter, Leilani said, "I never thought of myself. cruising at sixty miles per hour. Violators of visa privileges would face permanent exclusion. Chironian residents who failed to comply with the registration requirement after a three-day- grace period would be subject to expulsion and confiscation of their property for resale at preferential rates to Terran immigrants.. "Yep." "Yours"~ "Nope." "Then is there any difference?" "For being a good soldier and a lousy citizen." At what she judged to be a safe distance, perhaps ten feet past the fence, Micky stopped to watch. The two Chironians frowned at each other. "Owns it?" Juanita repeated. Her voice suggested that the notion was a new one. "I'm not all that sure what you mean. The people who work here, I guess." "I probably will," the girl declared. the landscape ahead of them with light, hoping to spot an obviously trampled clump of weeds or deep. psychologically and physically? and yet she had survived. Leilani's situation was no better but no worse. CHAPTER TWENTY-NINE. "That's my car," he explained. "I'm behind the wheel." January 10, 2081. "But what if he launches those weapons into orbit before issuing an ultimatum?" Bernard asked. At any moment, however, one of them might retreat here to the bedroom. If a search by authorities. "Were they ever there?" Leilani asked again. The vending machine is smarter than the hand dryers. It offers pocket combs, nail clippers, disposable. been in years. With his meager resources, Curtis has little hope of being able to bribe his way past even state or local. notches above plain grub. "Even if he could have identified them, they might no longer be innocent horsemen transporting ornate. enterprise. 4. Problem families? Fiction. She advanced one more step, not out of a sense of obligation or curiosity, but because by turning away. Bernard spread his hands resignedly. "Very well, I can seethe sense in being prepared. But I can't see how it affects our planning here in Engineering, up in the ship." Driscoll turned his eyes a fraction to the side. They widened in disbelief as one of the Kuan-Yin's steel colossi marched into view, holding a length of aluminum alloy tubing over its left shoulder and being followed by a brown, Indian-looking gift of about seven and a fair-halted boy of around the same age. It's not real life. There isn't anything like that in real life. "Who cares? It's more fun. Why be a drag?" follow you anywhere, push through any door, and insist on your attention, you could find no sanctuary. "It's true," Leilani said, correctly reading the looks that the women exchanged. "We've only lived beside. to recall the placement of furniture, hoping to avoid raising a clatter. The lowing of cows and the soft whickering of horses aren't responses to his intrusion. These sounds are. ~That could be a good place to start," Kalens suggested to Wellesley. - At that moment a local alarm sounded inside the command post. Within seconds the sounds of men running to stations came from the passageways and stain to the rear. One of the duty crew was already flipping switches to collect report summaries, and Charez got up to go to the outer observation room just as the Watch Officer appeared in the doorway from the other side. "There are troops approaching the lock," the Watch Officer announced. "Regulars-thirty or more of them." Sinsemilla was as likely to be in her daughter's room as she was anywhere else. She had no respect for. long-ago leak, all vaguely resembling large insects. Sunlight had bleached the drapes into shades no. "Gut-feel," Pernak told him "The weapons have to exist. I tell you, I know how these people's minds work." Sirocco smiled tiredly. "You're excused from taking off your boots," he murmured. self-destructive, or whether she would be able to pull her life out of the fire into which she herself had. was us. - "I'm not sure I'd trust any electronics," Lechat cautioned, "Could be risky," Bernard

agreed after a second's reflection. "If Stern and whoever else is involved have been preparing for this, I wouldn't put it past them to have taps and call-monitor programs anywhere. Someone will have to go there." Leilani took the first bite from her second serving of pie. She chewed longer than cooked apples, trapped in this claustrophobic rolling slaughterhouse with psychotic retirees who'll eat him with chips and a dog. Black and white. Shaggy. The transport swings into a wide space between two huge trucks. "Just shut up and keep still, and you won't get hurt", he murmured without moving his eye from the edge of the almost-closed door. "We're just passing through". After a short silence Sirocco tensed suddenly. "Here they come. . . just two of them with a sergeant," he whispered. "Get ready. There are two guys talking by the coffee dispenser. We'll have to grab them too. Faustzman, you take care of them." The others readied themselves behind him, leaving one to watch the three people on the floor. Outside in the passageway, the SD detail on its way to relieve the security guards at the tear lobby was almost abreast of the door. Indifference might be repaid in kind, and she wouldn't tolerate a thankless child. On the bosom of the dark plain below, a half-mile necklace of stopped traffic, continually growing. 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. Padawski and his followers had somehow shown up on the far side of the Medichironian, which was only sparsely settled, and seemed to be settling in as bandits in the hills. What a bandit would hope to achieve on a world like Chiron was hard to see, but revenge against Chironians seemed to have a lot to do with it; two isolated homes had been invaded, ransacked, and looted, in the course of which five Chironians and one soldier had been killed, three Chironians, including a fifteen-year-old girl, had been raped. The Army was scouring the area from the air and with search parties on foot, but so far without success -- the renegades were well trained in the arts of concealment. Satellites were of limited use if they didn't know exactly where to look, especially where rough terrain was involved. . . course, Haley Joel Osment, who was cute, sensitive, intelligent, charming, radiant, divine. "Who are you?" he demanded. The formality had evaporated from his voice. "Are you in authority here? If so, what are your rank and title?" hopelessness was the result, perhaps the burning away of illusions wasn't so desirable, after all. . . in a dead-end gang. But I got turned around. "In her tiny bedroom, Micky kicked off her toe-pinching high heels. She stripped out of her cheap cotton. "Is there a computer in the house?" Bernard called out. "At your service," a voice replied from the direction of the screen. "I answer to Jeeves, unless you want to {sake it something different." The voice changed to that of a girl speaking with a distinctive French accent. "Une petite francaise, possiblement?" Then it switched to a guttural male--"Karl, ze Bavarian butler, maybe?"--to smooth tones--"Or perhaps something frightfully English might meet more with your approval?"--and finally back to its original American. "All planetary communications and database facilities at your disposal--public, domestic, educational, professional, end personal; information storage, computation, entertainment~ instruction, tuition, reference, travel arrangements, accommodations, services, goods, end resources, secretarial assistance, and consultancy. You name it, I can handle it or put you in touch with the right people." or Kingsley, Wycliffe, Crispin. You'd grow old and die trying to find a Jim or Bob among them. Dr. information than all five human senses combined, so he doesn't nudge her out of the way. Bantam Books are published by Bantam Books, a division of Random House, Inc. Its trademark, rope, stretched long by centrifugal force that thwarted its inward-coiling efforts, the reptile parted the air. blood of others was the staff of life. sharp as venom. Bernard shook his head. "No. We're in touch with them but Wellesley vetoed any mention of it." Colman nodded. He wouldn't have risked their deciding to fire first either. Bernard went on, "Wellesley's tried contacting the Battle Module too, but Stern won't talk. We sure he'll keep the module attached until after the attack goes in--in other words if he doesn't pull it off and gets blasted, we all get blasted. The same thing applies if the Chironians decide to press the button. We have to assume he's on a forty-minute countdown, Hanlon and Annley are on their way there, and Sirocco left a few minutes ago. Borstein is sending through everybody he can scrape together. What are the chances?" reason to worry about losing her apple pie. . . their traces, like sleeping horses briefly roused from dreams of sweet pastures, the silence that settles is. Colman's eyebrows arched in surprise. "True, but--wow! I had no idea that anything here was that advanced." Experiments and research into harnessing the potential energy release of antimatter had been progressing on Earth since the first quarter of the century, primarily in connection with weapons programs. The attraction was the theoretical energy yield of bringing matter and antimatter together-- one hundred percent conversion of mass into energy, which dwarfed even thermonuclear fusion. For bombs and as a source of radiation beams, the process had devastating possibilities, and it had been appreciated for a long time that such a beam would offer a highly effective means of propelling a spacecraft. Stern studied his fingers for a moment and then looked ' up. "Where direct military intervention is impractical or undesirable, control is usually exercised by restricting and controlling the distribution of wealth," he said slowly. "Here, the traditional methods of accomplishing that would be difficult, if not impossible, to apply since the term cannot be applied with its usual meaning. This society must have its pressure points, nevertheless. It is an advanced, high technology society; ultimately its wealth must derive from its technical and industrial resources. That is where we should look for its vulnerable spots." Marcia Quarrey then raised the question of a separate governor, responsible to Wellesley, but physically based on the surface inside the enclave to administer its affairs. Perhaps the division of authority between the members of the Directorate sitting twenty thousand miles away in the ship had contributed to the difficulties experienced since planetfall, she suggested, and delegating it to one person who had the advantages of being on the spot would remedy a lot of defects. Opinions were in favor, and Quarrey nominated Deputy Director Stern for the new office. Stern, however, declined on the

grounds that a large part of the job would involve policymaking connected with Terran-Chironian relationships, and since a Liaison Director existed to whom that responsibility was already entrusted, the sensible way to avoid possible conflicts was to unify the two functions, lie therefore nominated Howard Kalens; Quarrey seconded, and the vote was carried by a wide margin..Colman nodded. "Sure. They're selected and trained to obey orders and not ask questions. Some of them would shoot their own mothers if the right person said so. And Stormbel was in on it. It fits." He thought for a second longer, and then looked at Lechat and Bernard. "There were a lot of suspicious things about Padawski breaking out too. It couldn't have happened the way it did without inside help. A lot of us have been thinking it was a setup to bait the Chironians into hitting back."..Sighing, Micky got up to retrieve a second beer from the refrigerator..monkey might scamper, the boy turns a corner at a long butcher block and encounters a cook who's.withered beyond recovery. The raging tornadoes that routinely sought vulnerable trailer parks across the."Shall we be getting back to the party then?" Hanlon asked as they descended a broad flight of steps in the intermediate Level plaza after Jay had departed for the Maryland module..the closet door with ease. Grunting, she shoved and shook it out of her way..The boy almost corrects her on two counts. First, Old Yeller in this case is a she, not a he. Second, the.men more than she valued me. She always got tired of them sooner or later, and she always knew she.without muscle definition? immense, smooth, pink. As if to provide the illusion of height and to balance.The sight of Cliff Walters moving toward the monitor room on the other side of the glass partition interrupted his thoughts. A moment later the door to one side opened with a low whine and Waiters walked in. Fallows swung his chair round to face him and looked up in surprise. "Hi. You're early. Still forty minutes to go."..so close..A coincidence, however, is frequently a glimpse of a pattern otherwise hidden. His heart tells him.dealership to which it should be delivered. "Tomorrow morning's soon enough. Better not send anyone."Really--you just walk in and help yourself. That's how they do things here... for everything."..thought of it. Life otherwise had entirely purged him of sentimentality, although he would admit to an.Klonk I was born with. You've got to be mad to be Mad-doc?that's what Luki and I used to say."

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