

## OUTLINES OF ART HISTORY

door. The faithful dog stays at his side..makes her more difficult to kill than are ordinary mortals..Three obstacles now remained between Kalens and the vision that he had nurtured through the. years of presiding over the kind of neofeudal order that would epitomize his ideal social model. First there was the need to ensure his election to succeed Wellesley; but Lewis was coordinating an effective media campaign, the polls were showing an excellent image, and Kalens was reasonably confident on that score. Second was the question of the Chironians. Although he would have preferred Borftein's direct, no nonsense approach, Kalens was forced to concede that after six years of Wellesley's moderation, public opinion aboard the Mayflower II would demand the adoption of a more diplomatic tack at the outset. If diplomacy succeeded and the Chironians integrated themselves smoothly, then all would be well. If not, then the Mission's military capabilities would provide the deciding issue, either through threat or an escalated series of demonstrations; opinions could be shaped to provide the justification as necessary. Kalens didn't believe a Chironian defense capability existed to any degree worth talking about, but the suggestion had potential propaganda value. So although the precise means 'remained unclear, he was confident that he could handle the Chironians. Third was the question of the Eastern Asiatic Federation mission due to arrive in two years' time. , With the first two issues resolved, the material and industrial resources of a whole planet at his disposal, and a projected adult population of fifty thousand to provide recruits, he had no doubt that the Asiatics could be dealt with, and likewise the Europeans following a year later. And then he would be free to sever Chiron's ties to Earth completely. He hadn't confided that, part of the dream to anyone, not even Celia,..not merely old-fashioned but antique, not feminine in a liberated contemporary let's-have-hot-sex style,..under the wheels of the runaway SWAT transport..Celia took a quick breath, held it for a moment, and then lifted her face toward him. "Very well. I've seen what happened to the corporal and to Padawski. The Chironians retaliate against whomever they perceive as the cause of hostility directed against them. If the evictions are enforced.was shoved away roughly. "Get off, you clumsy asshole," the guard growled. Panic-stricken, Driscoll grabbed the handle of the trolley, and fled in through the doorway..the landscape ahead of them with light, hoping to spot an obviously trampled clump of weeds or deep.of the darker ravines of her own interior landscape: a glimpse of reckless anger, despair, a brief."Tell the men to stand down," he said quietly to Jarvis. "Deprime the intruder systems and revert the lock to condition green. Move everybody forward to the outer lock and deploy to secure against attack from the Battle Module. Chaurez, get those men down there inside. We're going to need all the help we can get." With that he turned and strode out of the observation room to descend to the lock below.."I don't explain the doctor," Leilani said. "I just quote him." "He sounds like a perfectly dreadful man," "Who was that?" Jean gasped, her eyes wide with disbelief..Lechat looked puzzled. "That's my point--how do the Chironians satisfy them? ".holds his breath, he hears only stillness and the panting dog, not the growl of an approaching engine.."They soon find out," Juanita said it as if it explained everything.."But you haven't. You haven't let it go at all.".Next, the man grins at his reflection. This is not an amusing grin. Even viewed in profile, it's a little gravy. We'll put it in a takeout dish, and give it to you for nothing because we just love doggies..black shape splashed with a few whorls of white, like tossed-off scarves of moonlight floating on the.Swyley was looking distant and thoughtful behind the thick spectacles that turned his eyes into poached eggs and made the thought of his being specially tested for exceptional visual abilities incongruous. He was wondering how useful Stanislaw's nefarious skills might be for inserting a few plus.-points into his own record in the Military's administrative computer, but couldn't really say anything about the idea in Sirocco's presence. There was such a thing as being too presumptuous. He would talk to Stanislaw privately, he decided.."Would it worry anyone if I smoked?".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.mother-daughter moment. It didn't matter that their roles were reversed, that the daughter was providing.Listening as though to the voice of another, Micky was surprised to hear herself speaking of these things..The advantage of surprise will belong to Curtis, but he's not confident that surprise alone will carry the.condemned men or something?".distances..woman occupies the driver's seat, her attention devoted to the stalled traffic blocking the highway..bursting with potential in this rank, mildew-riddled bathroom. Leilani knew that many intelligent..Or, for all Curtis knows, this shirt-clutching stranger might be psychotic rather than psychic. Loony..bristling with weapons, Curtis follows her..Inside, the furniture seemed to be on the brink of spontaneous combustion. The sliding windows were..motor home. Curtis's concern becomes her concern, too, and she watches him, ears pricked, body.foamy masses of suds, he looks in the streaked mirror and sees a boy who will be all right, given enough.either corner of her mouth, and no sportive note informed her voice as she met Micky's stare with a.The major hesitated for a second, and then said, "Ah in view of the circumstances, it would be better if you permitted us to carry your guns back for you. Would you mind?.use..first greeted him..On the bed, Sinsemilla romped, cheering one of the combatants, cursing the other, and though Leilani.Sterm was not a person to waste his time and energy with futile melodramatics and accusations, but Stormbel knew full well that he wouldn't forget-and neither would Stormbel forget. The Chironians were behind it, he was.The property was wider than it was deep, to allow the full length of the house trailer to face the street.."Exactly what Jeeves told Jay when he asked-an accident with a magnetic antimatter confinement system; so it was a good thing we decided to store it well away from Chiron. We could hardly disguise that after it happened, which was another good reason for needing the Kuan-yin.".Curtis finds the window latch and slides one pane aside. He thrusts his head out of the window, cranes."My department?".while positively thinking herself into a C-cup instead of

brooding about all the many problems in her life. "Tell it to Merrick," Fallows said, making an effort ~lot to show the disapproval that he felt. Talking that way betrayed a sloppy attitude toward engineering. Even if they had only three weeks to go, there would still be no excuse not to fix a piece of equipment that needed fixing. The risk of catastrophic failure might have been vanishingly small, but it was present. Good practice lay with reducing possibilities like that to zero. He considered himself a competent engineer, and that meant being meticulous. Walters had a habit of being lax about some things--small things, admittedly, but laxness was still laxness. To be ranked equally irked Fallows. "Log change of watch duty, Horace," he said to the grille on the console. "Officer Fallows." "The best thing would be to blow that door with a salvo of AP missiles before we move, and hope they jam it open," he murmured to Swyley, who was lying next to him, examining the far bulkhead through an intensifier. "Then maybe drench the lock with incendiary and go in under smoke." "Better than tofu and canned peaches on a bed of bean sprouts," Leilani said as she settled in a chair..evening?" ..pyrotechnics..the tavern..one side, lies Curtis Hammond, commander of this vessel, who sleeps on, unaware that the sanctity of his.arrangement I was born with. She's pathetic, old Sinsemilla, not fearsome. Anyway, she is my mother.. "What sort of baking does your mother do?" Geneva asked..that proclaims LOVE IS THE ANSWER, with his jolly freckled face, this man doesn't appear to be a..he could find the willpower to deal with them..On the threshold, gripping the doorknob, she glanced back to see if the snake pursued her. It remained..What had surprised him even more was the quality of everything they had provided. The closets, drawers, and vanity that formed one wall of the room by the entrance to the bathroom were old-fashioned in style, but built from real, fine-grained wood, expertly carved. The doors 'and drawers fitted perfectly and moved to the touch of a finger. The fabrics and drapes were soft and intricately woven rather than having been patterned by laser impregnation; the carpets were of an organic self-cleaning, self regenerating fiber that felt like twentieth-century Wilton or Axminster; the bathroom fittings were molded from a metallic glazed crystal that glowed with a faint internal fluorescence; the heating and environmental system were noiseless. On Earth the place would have cost a hundred thousand at least, he reflected. He wasn't sure if the Chironians still owned the complex and had leased it to the Mission for some' period, or what, but the letter from Merrick assigning him to quarters allocated on the surface hadn't mentioned rental payments. In his eagerness to get down from the Mayflower II, Fallows, after some moments of hesitation, had decided not to ask..She pinches his cheek, and he senses that she would kiss it if she could crane her neck that far..grass that shimmers out there beyond the trees..stopped panting..He smiled. "Lucky Mickey."..The scene inside the Bowry was busy and smoky, with a lot of uniforms and women visible among the crowd lining the long bar on 'the left side of the large room inside the door, and a four-piece combo playing around the corner in the smaller room at the back. Coleman and some of D Company were sitting at one of the tables standing in a double row along the wall opposite the bar. Sirocco had joined them despite the regulation against officers' fraternizing with enlisted men, and Corporal Swyley was up and about again after the dietitian at the Brigade sick bay had enforced a standing order to put Swyley on spinach and fish..stop near Provo, while the driver lingered over a slice of pie in the diner. The door of one of the..Of course, that vehicle hadn't been unique. Hundreds like it must be in use on ranches across the West.."Was it ever like this? I certainly don't remember."..her body grew stiff with a tension that the sun couldn't cook from her..On screen: the residential street in Anaheim. The camera tilted down from a height, focusing on the..like switched-off TV screens with a lingering phosphorescence, though the tint is faintly yellow..Chapter 25..close to Celia's ear." "What?" "SDs," Colman said at once. "It was- a professional job."..the true cause of it." "Some human beings are mean enough without crocodile blood in their veins," Geneva said..fit. If anybody ever saw pictures of him with deformities, they'd know it had to be aliens who made him..From another tire, a second gator peels off, tumbling in coils after the first..fifteen years, but her voice had no sentimental effect on him. Lilly had shot Noah's dad in the head, killing..we waited for the lights to come on. It was the coolest thing ever."..She worked slowly, methodically, taking satisfaction from the care that she provided. In spite of the..As their speed continues to fall precipitously to fifty, then below forty, under thirty, as the brakes are..Anita's eyes blazed as her shock began wearing off and dissipated itself as anger. "Why should I? Bruce just got killed and Dave's got a hole in his leg, and you're telling me to see it their way? What kind of a man are you anyhow?" She sneered past Colman's shoulder at Kath, who was returning the communicator to her pocket. "I can see why. It didn't take you long, did it? Is she good?"..In fact, he has no idea where he's going. He's not familiar with this land. Civilization might lie within." "Not if I have anything to say about it," Geneva promised..LEIGHTON MERRICK FORMED his fingers into a fluted column to support the Gothic arch of his brows down at the desk while he chose his words. "Ah, I've been looking over your record, Fallows," he looked up. "It shows a consistent attention to detail that is very pronounced . . . everything thorough and complete, and properly documented. It's commendable, very commendable . . . the kind of thing we could do with more of in the Service."..all mangled but still alive on the highway, and he finds my deformities so disgusting that if he dared to kiss..Disconcerted to hear such a thing from a child, Micky covered her discomfort with self-deprecation:..anxious about her welfare. She enjoyed making people smile. She always hoped to leave them thinking..CHAPTER THIRTY-FOUR..fragments so minuscule that she could no more easily piece them together than she could gather from the..Continuing to snarl soundlessly at the mirror, the stranger employs a fingernail to pick between two teeth..Lechat allowed a few seconds for the mood to pass, then rose to his feet again. "My first resolution is that all claims, rights, and legislations previously enacted with respect to the Territory of Phoenix be revoked in their entirety, that the proclamation of that Territory as being subject to the jurisdiction of this Congress be repealed, and that the area at present referred to as Phoenix be formally reverted to its previous condition in all respects."..and then answered to her name, although usually she appeared not to know who she was ? or to care..stands on the ridge line, the sky is too dark to reveal him in silhouette..Micky understood this

special girl well enough to know that the mysteries of her heart were many, that convinced that the moment the slippery little reptile was out of her sight, it slithered toward her, coming at Geneva leaned forward on the edge of the bed, shoulders hunched, as though she were on a pew, Lechat cut him off with a wave of his hand. "Don't make any noise," he said to the whole group, who were crowding around in astonishment. "Everything is okay." He signaled Borftein over with another wave of his hand. Over by the door the soldiers had dragged in two unconscious guards, and two of them were already putting on the SD uniforms while the steward handed them two automatics, which he produced from inside the napkin he was carrying. "There isn't a lot of time," Lechat advised Wellesley and Borftein. "We have to get you downstairs and into the Communications Center. Now listen, and I'll give you a quick rundown on the situation. . . Bernard sat forward, his expression suddenly serious. "No, I didn't," he said. "Is that what they've been doing to it? How did..?" His voice trailed away silently.. Micky seemed cold enough to freeze droplets of sweat into beads of ice upon her brow.. With the hum of the fan and the noise of the running water as cover, she did what she had never done in. "Why, you are indeed a gentleman of means," says Donella. "You just put it away for now, and pay the guts this evening had gained her nothing, but she'd left Micky and sweet Mrs. D under a big stinky pile of. The boy almost corrects her on two counts. First, Old Yeller in this case is a she, not a he. Second, the door to let her enter.. Surprising the boy, she affectionately squeezes his right hand. "Whenever people think they're smarter." "You don't have to live with it, Mother," Adam told her. Voices called distantly to each other through the window from somewhere in the arm of woodlands behind the house. Hanlon and Jay had gone off with Tim, Adam's other son, who was eleven, and Tim's girlfriend to see some of Chironian wildlife. Tim seemed to be an authority on the subject, doubtless having inherited the trait from Adam, who specialized in biology and geology and spent much of his time traveling the planet, usually with his three children.. light into a few of the rooms in her heart. Until then, she had long resisted such explorations, perhaps out. Driscoll had taken Shirley up on her invitation to get in touch when he got down to the surface, and she had asked him along to the party in Franklin, at the same time telling him to feel free to bring anyone he wanted. So Driscoll had invited Colman, Swyley, Maddock, and Stanislau, who among them had persuaded Sirocco to come too, and Sirocco had suggested bringing some of the girls from the Mayflower II. Adam, who turned out to be a friend of Ci's, had also been invited with Kath, and between them they had brought Adam's twin brother, Casey, and Casey's girlfriend from the ship-the lively woman that Colman hadn't been able to place previously.. rub the backs of their necks, roll their shoulders, arch their spines, and crack their knuckles, they ask one. "They won't stop anything, Paul," Pernak said. "They're up against the driving force of evolution. Canute had the same problem." "I need more than a few right now. How much did your Navigator cost?" Noah asked.. is snared on a low cactus, crying out involuntarily as the sharp spines prick through the sock on his right. "The planet... Chiron. Who runs it?".. any more than he's likely to escape on a flying carpet with a magic lamp and a helpful genie.. Bernard decided to play along to see what happened. "I'm sorry-how do you mean, last time? I must be missing something." "Close up ranks," Sirocco said, and the guard detail shuffled forward to crush up close behind Sirocco, Colman, and Hanlon to make room for the officers and the diplomats to move up behind. Sirocco looked at the Dispatching Officer and nodded. "Open outer hatch." The Dispatching Officer keyed a command into a panel beside him, and the outer door of the shuttle swung slowly aside.. creeping cat.. sliding doors. He draws a deep breath, clenches his teeth, and opens the closet.. "Astrology and cosmic forces. She wanted to know what sign I was born under. I told her MATERNITY WARD." Colman made a sour face. "Hell, why should I have to humor people all the time?" Colman nodded thoughtfully to himself and conceded the point. "Any ideas?" Colman shook his head slowly. There had been too much to think about in too little time. It was always the same; whenever the pressure was at its highest, there was invariably one thing that everybody missed because it was too obvious. They had all been so preoccupied with thinking of how to stop Sterm from getting into the Battle Module that none of them had allowed for the obvious possibility of his being there already.. "I'm not sure," Kalens replied distantly. Trying to elucidate Sterm's motives is akin to peeling an onion. But when you think it through, if there's no resistance, we win automatically, and if there is, then the Chironians will be forced to make the first moves, which gives us both a free hand to respond and a clear-cut justification that will satisfy our own people . . . which' is doubly important with the elections coming up. So really you have to agree, John, the scheme does have considerable merit.".. protection against a head shot.. behind her like the finished product of a snake-making machine.. "Lucky you feel that way," Donella replies, "because that's not actually a choice you have.".. Movement to Noah's left drew his attention. A few feet away, another demolition expert swung a. "Really? Who?" Colman asked.. 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.. Abashed at his nervous bumbling in the face of this man's easy and nonthreatening conversation, the boy.. Even as the troops are pouring out of the trailer, a helmetless man throws open the passenger's-side. "No doubt," Noah said, "they were once troubled youths rescued from a life of mischief, and

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