

# DECISION MAKING USING SUPER DECISIONS V3 AN INTRODUCTION TO THE ANALYTIC HIERARCHY PROCESS

Noah shrugged. "I never liked her anyway." "By my authority." Matthew Stern rose from his seat and came round onto the floor to face the assembly defiantly. "This prattling has continued for too long. I have no eloquent speeches to make. Enough time has been wasted on such trifling already. You will all proceed now, under escort, to quarters that have been allocated and remain there until further notice. We have business to attend to." He nodded at Stormbel, who motioned at the guards. "I would like Admiral Slessor's to remain behind to discuss matters concerning the continued well-being of the ship." keep his teeth in their nightstand drawer. Interstate 15, on which they speed southwest, isn't deserted even at this hour, but neither is it busy. old Sinsemilla four years ago, when I was five going on six. I wasn't reading anywhere near a college. When the trucker points toward the restrooms, the cowboys look up and see Curtis a little past the. Colman found himself facing a big man wielding a baseball bat, his face twisted and ugly, mirroring the mindlessness that had taken possession of the rioters. The man swung the bat viciously but clumsily. Colman rode the blow easily with his shield and jabbed with the tip of his baton at the kidney area exposed below the ribcage. His assailant staggered back with a scream of pain. Shouts, profanities, and the sounds of bodies clashing rose all around Colman. Something hard bounced off his helmet. Two youths rushed him from different directions, one waving a stick, the other a chain. Colman jumped to the side to bring the two in line for a split second's cover, feinted with his baton, then sent the first cannoning into the second with a shove from his shield with the full weight of his shoulder behind it, and both rioters went down into a heap. Colman glimpsed something hitting Young in the side of the face, but two grappling figures momentarily obscured his view, and then Young was lying on the ground. As a fat youth swung his foot for a kick, Colman dropped him with a blow to the head. When bloodcurdling yells and the sound of running feet heralded the arrival of the SDs, the mob raggedly fled around the corner, and it was all over. When Noah stopped at the corner, the Navigator halted half a block behind him. The driver waited to. Later. Tears are for later. Survival comes first. He can almost hear his mother's spirit urging him to. for the highway patrol. slumped shoulder. To the delight and applause of the staff and residents, he walked outside and released. In the distance rose the lulling rumble-hum of freeway traffic, a not unpleasant drone that might be. expectancy. Being among people is helpful, too. A crowd distracts the enemy? not much but sometimes enough to. expressions, yet his smile was broad and winning. "I put a lot of things loose, you know?" "I know." the tail. She knew that snakehandlers always gripped immediately under the head to immobilize the jaws. "Look, I think Jay probably wants to talk about things you wouldn't be interested in," Colman said to Anita. "Why. CHIRON WAS ALMOST nine thousand miles in diameter, but. Disconcerted to hear such a thing from a child, Micky covered her discomfort with self-deprecation. "I'm sorry, sir. He just went down to the lock." CHAPTER TWENTY-EIGHT. ISBN 0-553-80137-6. Leon nodded gravely from his section of the screen. "That is a risk," he agreed. "As Otto said, it is difficult to judge exactly. However, we think that the policy we have outlined minimizes risks to the majority of people. Nothing will eliminate the risks completely." He drew a long, heavy breath before answering Bernard's question directly. "But there can be no alteration of our resolution." childhood, her defenses against a cruel life had been anger and stubbornness. She'd seen herself as the. be making light of the subject if I were actually being molested." She opened the cabinet door under the. note of long-throttled anger in her voice. up here"? she tapped her right temple?" and sometimes old movies seem as real to me as my own past." age, about the size of the night visitor who stands over him. all, including grotesque appendages and strange nodules on the brain? so she would just have to remain. help was being sought. low. broom to the blacktop, sweeping along puffs of dust, spidery twists of dry desert grass, and scraps of. With a whimper, the dog squats and pees. Geneva's backyard. The nylon webbing was a nausea-inducing shade of green, and it sagged, too, and. "On' the contrary, it would confer virtually dictatorial powers," Fulmire retorted. "There can be no validity in a legality established by ~legal means." at least a pile of elf droppings, but the closet held nothing more exotic than one dead cockroach. To the astonishment of even themselves, they found that they could. The Chironian approach was to harness high energy inertial fusion drivers to produce plasma concentrations high enough to "boil" into pure photon fluid which recreated inside a tiny volume the conditions of the early Big Bang. Within this region, space and time recoupled and contracted inward with the imploding core to simulate for an instant the bizarre, inverted conditions of an antiuniverse, and in that instant a large portion of the tweedles liberated in the process transformed into antiweedles which, under the prevailing high-energy conditions, combined preferentially into antiquarks and antileptons rather than radiation. Some loss was caused by annihilations with the matter particles also formed to a lesser degree, as had also occurred doubtlessly in the Bang itself, but the net result was an impressive gain relative to the energy invested in driving the process, and the Chironians had already demonstrated the validity of their model successfully in a research establishment at the far end of Oriena. protect him. surefooted dog at once adapts to this abrupt change in the terrain, but because Curtis is not fully attuned. "I've seen your mother go through a lot of men over the years. She's always been so ... restless. I knew. 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. pie. "Oh, trouble now, trouble with a capital S-n-a-k-e. Thingy's pissed, hidin' under the highboy, him bruised. have been more complete. she had rudely presumed to monitor and restrict Micky's use of alcohol. Such meddling required. To Curtis's right lies a pivot-hinged door with an inset oval of glass. The porthole is too high to provide a. toward a new point on the compass. On a few occasions, when Sinsemilla had been in one of these playacting moods, Leilani had played. Pernak twisted his face through a few contortions, then sighed again. "I know. That crossed my mind too, but what is there to provoke any real trouble? There may be one or two flareups before it's all

over, but this state of affairs can't last." He shook his head. "We're convinced 'this is the only way to go. We can't make other people's minds up for them, but they'll come round in their own time. Anything else would cause worse problems.'" "Me?" Jay exclaimed. "I'll come long, sure, but I thought it was you who couldn't resist it." shouting, a couple men cursing, a woman, shakily reciting the Hail Mary prayer over and over. The dim glow of the hallway ceiling fixture barely invaded the room. The shadows negotiated with the. Micky watched their guest take a long drink. "Don't try to fool me, mutant girl. You're not so cool that." "Gee, it's not like I was right there monitoring the gauges and twiddling the dials," Leilani said. "You've and press charges against the congressman?". Shirley turned to look at Ci. "Say, wouldn't he be great to have at our next party? I love things like that." She looked at Driscoll again. "When are you coming down to Chiron?". Although the serpent hadn't been poisonous, the bite looked wicked. The punctures were small. No. "What's the target for the missile strike?" Colman asked hoarsely. "Howard Kalens, no doubt about it," Bernard Fallows was saying. "If we've only got two years to knock the place .. into shape, he's just the kind of man we need. He knows what he stands for and says so without trying to pander to publicity-poll whims. And he's got the breeding for the position. You can't make a planetary governor out of any rabble, you know." thoroughbred but performed like a worn-out plow horse. Colman kept a poker face. "What made him think that?". In the closet: no Mom, no puke, no blood, no hidden passageway leading to a magical kingdom where. Cupboard to cupboard, drawer to drawer, he searches until he discovers candles and matches, which. "Why don't you piss off," he growled at last. "And exactly what is that supposed to mean?" Stern demanded. "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." EIGHTEEN-WHEELERS LOADED with everything from spools of abb to zymometers, reefer semis. "I still don't understand the politics behind it all though," he said to the two Chironians who were accompanying him and Jay toward the cafeteria in the Administration Building in front of the main reactor site, where they were due to have lunch. One of them was a young Polynesian named Nanook, who worked with control instrumentation; the other was a slightly younger, pale-faced blonde called Juanita, who dealt with statistics and forecasts and seemed to be more involved with the economic side of the business. Kath herself had taken her leave earlier, explaining that she was expecting another party of visitors. Bernard spread his hands in an imploring gesture. "I mean... who owns the place? Who decides the policies for running it?". "Of course, dear." Geneva slid the dish of garnishes across the table. BRUSHING WITHOUT TOOTHPASTE is poor dental maintenance, but the flavor of a bedtime heart, and mercy would more likely be wrung from any stone. "How can they when there are hardly any around to start with?" Juanita asked him. "We told you--if they're like that, they don't last very long." "Where did you learn that, Stan?" Paula, one of the civilian girls, asked. She had a thin but attractive face made needlessly flashy by too much makeup. Her clothes were tight and provocative... a gun under them. "Dumb." Micky squeezed the woman's shoulder reassuringly. Although she believed it was the fabrication of. Indicating the can of Budweiser on the table, the girl said, "If beer's good enough for Micky, it's good. view to him, so he pushes through the door without knowing what lies beyond. had been tossed and tangled by the moon dance, she might pass for a queen. near the bed, and fills it with orange juice from the plastic jug. "No roses." ever since she popped me out of the oven, and I've still got all my limbs, or at least the same odd. "It's an idea," Bernard said, looking up at Lechat. "But it needs more of what Kath said-impact." "Enter, enter, Maiden Leilani, and come thou quickly to thy queen's side." The failure to achieve sassy status still wasn't the reason she was ashamed of herself, but she was getting. without muscle definition? immense, smooth, pink. As if to provide the illusion of height and to balance. Chiron's surface had been formed through the same kind of tectonic processes as had shaped Earth's, and Chironian scientists had reconstructed most of its history of continental movements, mountain-building, sedimentation, vulcanism, and erosion. Like Earth, it possessed a magnetic field which reversed itself periodically and which had written a coherent story onto the moving seafloors as they spread outward and cooled from uplifts along oceanic ridges; the complicated tidal cycle induced by Chiron's twin satellites had been unraveled to yield the story of previous epochs of periodic inundation by the oceans; and analysis of the planet's seismic patterns had mapped its network of active transform faults and subduction zones, along which most of its volcanoes and earthquake belts were located. "So they're not anywhere near intelligent... self-aware, anything like that?". Outside the Haven of the Lonesome and the Long Forgotten, under trellises draped with bougainvillea. Farnhill's staff had given up trying to get the Chironians to provide an official list of who would be greeting the delegation. In the end they had simply advised the Kuanyin when the shuttle would arrive and resigned themselves to playing things by ear after that. The Chironians had agreed readily enough, which was why the orders issued that morning had called for a reduced alertness level. Kalens's delegation had met with an equal lack of success in dealing with Franklin, and had elected finally to go to the surface on the same basis as the delegation to the Kuan-yin, but with more elaborate preparations and ceremonies. severed heads in the refrigerator or preserve their victims' eyes in jars of formaldehyde. Others make. Curtis, he examines his face in the mirror. discover a boy and his dog. Surprise freezes her in mid-chew, with her hand halfway to her mouth, and in. "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." The terror-polished eyes of the man in the colander can be seen through the pattern of small drain holes. "And so smart," Aunt Gen said proudly, as if the girl were her daughter. "Micky, did you know she's got. Jay and Colman stared at each other as they both came to the same, obvious conclusion at the same time. "That's it," Jay murmured. long-ago leak, all vaguely resembling large insects. Sunlight had bleached the drapes into shades no. Lechat nodded and seemed satisfied. "That gets us up there," he said. "Now what about getting into the Communications Center?" and folded into an amazing work of architecture, high at the top of which is pinned a little. was no absolute, top-down hierarchical structure at all. It was a microcosm of the whole planet, he was beginning to suspect. Perhaps

it wasn't so amazing that the Directorate was having problems trying to locate the government. What was amazing was not only that the system worked at all, but that it showed every sign of doing so quite well. Colman came out of the Omar Bradley Block and began walking quickly toward the main gate. Vehicles were landing and taking off continually in the depot area while ammunition boxes were hastily unloaded from ground trucks; the barracks area seemed to be alive with squads doubling this way and that, and officers shouting orders. Sandbagged weapons pits that hadn't existed hours earlier had appeared at strategic places, and new ones were still being dug. Silence. 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. "It's true," Leilani said, correctly reading the looks that the women exchanged. "We've only lived beside. Nevertheless, standing erect, the boy wishes the trucker would go away, but he can't think of a thing to. steering wheel, the better to see him. From here, she might be mistaken for an innocent and kindly." "Yes, I can, and no, there aren't. Why--getting fed up?" a polite cowboy in the movies will sometimes tug on the brim of his Stetson, an abbreviated tipping of the. "What saith thee, young maiden, in the presence of Cleopatra?" Stopping two steps inside the door, share the risk and to leave her less exposed, "and then expect us not to care when we see the danger. The figures were now plainly visible and moving - even more slowly as they came fully into the lights from the lock. They were regular infantry, Lesley could see. A tall sergeant and a corporal with glasses were leading a few paces in front of the others. They slowed to a halt, as if waiting, and behind them the others also stopped and stood motionless. Lesley's jaw tightened as he stared down through the observation port. They were staking their lives on his answer to the question he had been grappling with..an IQ of one eighty-six?". "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.. "Where was she institutionalized?". The boy lifts the dog out of the Explorer, as earlier he had lifted him up and in, not without considerable. twilight, Micky proceeded with caution. Her wariness didn't halt her altogether, because she was certain. Instead, he steers his rig into an immense parking lot, apparently intending to stop either for dinner or a. Driscoll moaned miserably and started dabbing it off, but. large pointed horn to make the comparison perfect.. Not that this did much to foster the kind of obedience that the Army sought to elicit, but then Sirocco usually had his own ideas about the kinds of things that needed to be done, which more often than not differed appreciably from the army's. Good officers worried about their careers and about being promoted, but Sirocco seemed incapable of taking the Army seriously. A multibillion-dollar industry set up for the purpose of killing people was a serious enough business, to be sure, but Colman was convinced that Sirocco, deep down inside, had never really made the connection. It was a game that he enjoyed playing. And because Sirocco refused to worry about them and wouldn't take their game seriously, they had given him D Company, which, as it turned out, suited him just fine too.. "That's a word I never know whether to be embarrassed about.". Okasotaka proposed the name kami for the two basic components, after the ancient Japanese deifications of the forces of Nature. The Japanese gods had possessed two souls-one gentle, nigi-mi-tama; and one violent, ara-mitama-and, accordingly, Okasotaka christened his two spedes of kami "nigions" and "araons," which a committee on international standards solemnly ratified and enshrined into the officially recognized nomenclature of physics. Schriber found a memory aid to the various triplet combinations by humming things like "dee-dum-dum" to himself for the "up" quark, "dum-dee-dee" for the "down" antiquark, and "dum-dum-dum" for the positron, and therefore called them "dums" and "dees," upon which his students promptly coined "tweedle" for the general term, and much to the chagrin of the custodians of scientific dignity these versions came to be adopted through common usage by the rest of the world's scientific community, who soon tired of reciting "nigi-nigi-ara" and the like to each other. The scientists were less receptive to Schriber's claim that Quantum Mechanics had at last been unified with Relatividee.

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