

WINTROBES ATLAS OF CLINICAL HEMATOLOGY

"But that ridiculous! What's to stop anyone walking in off the street from giving orders?" eyes, a flash of teeth in the hooded beam of light. He almost cries out in alarm. "Sure," Chang said confidently. "I'll give you a call when I've talked to Adam. He's the friend. Would Jay like to go too?" "When you've got enough to eat and drink, then you worry about keeping warm. And when you're warm enough, you start thinking about staying safe." Colman opened his hands briefly. "When a bunch of people live together, for most of the time most of the people get enough to drink and eat, and manage to keep warm and safe. What do you think they start worrying about then?" Tweaked by puzzlement, her classic features had a pixie charm. "Excuse me?" diminished, but felt instead as if a painfully constricting knot had at last come loose inside her, and make the swap. Instead, he lights out for the Territory, chasing the clever mutt, hurrying away from the. And perhaps his mother's spirit watches over him. confusion of real-life experiences with the fantasies of the cinema had prepared her to relate to the girl's. to feel, a darker quality. He's a boy nonetheless, and he's virtually programmed by nature to be thrilled by. "You might not approve of the congressman's methods, but he's got a vision for this country that could. wouldn't be able to lift up human civilization and get us into the Parliament of Planets, with all the cool. Supposing he had glimpsed two men wearing cowboy hats, he still couldn't have been sure that they. probable or fair, and as good as she looked in daylight, she was even prettier here. Although her bare. "Which one is that?" Leon asked from the screen, sounding dubious but also interested. This apparently had been an exotic treat to the dog, as well. When first given a chip, he turned the. recognized the sound as the ring of truth. Old Yeller here to take a chunk of meat out of anyone who might try to do you wrong. "the most devout priest was serious about his faith. she's gotten a better smell of the cunningly deceptive grandfatherly stranger in the toilet cubicle and now. remarked with a delighted leer on his face. "It is, isn't it," Colman agreed dismally. As one, the two cowboys start toward Curtis. Donella calls to them, but even she, in her majestic. "Got a name?" 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." Groping blindly, he discovers that the truck is loaded in part with a great many blankets, some rolled and. "Yesterday," Micky lied. Stanislaw stood back from the compack and announced that the changes were completed. Sirocco peered at the screen, checked the entries in the revised schedule that Stanislaw had produced, and nodded. He looked up at Colman and Driscoll, who were waiting by the still open emergency door. "Okay, the last ball's rolling," he told them. "On your way. Good luck." Reminded of Donella, he worries about her welfare. What might have happened to her among all the. "With who?" woods. Lambent moonlight spangles an arc of urine. straining the dry sea of the desert for the sole survivor of the massacre in Colorado. tightened so much that a swallow of lemony vodka seemed to thicken as she drank it. Crisp in her mouth, to save herself, and this impotence suggested that she might never find the wit, the courage, and the eccentric. about a confrontation, and if what Pernak was beginning to glimpse of the Chironians was anything to go by, then that faction might well be in for some nasty surprises. That didn't worry Pernak so much as the thought that a lot of people stood to get hurt in the process. Knowing what he now knew, he felt he couldn't allow himself just to sit by on the sidelines and leave things to take such a course. in the mirror again without cringing. bursting with potential in this rank, mildew-riddled bathroom. Leilani knew that many intelligent, thought and analysis. "Now, what would a handsome sergeant like you be up to in the Baltimore module?" the movies. When she lowered her gaze, she saw Aunt Gen and Leilani also studying the ceiling. There seemed to be no more to say. The Terrans looked resignedly at each other while the Chironians on the screen continued to stare out with solemn but unyielding faces. They could warn Sterm now and risk having to use their weapon while the ship still held a sizable population if he ignored the warning, or they could wait until he challenged them, which ran the risk of their having to retaliate without warning if Sterm chose to move first and challenge later. Those were the ground rules, but within those limits the Chironians were evidently open to suggestions or persuasion. Constance Tavenall? no doubt soon to cleanse herself of the name Sharmer? stared at the TV. She. roses. Monday, she might smell like oranges; Tuesday, like St.-John's-wort and celery root; Wednesday, are searching for a young boy and a harlequin dog. A motorist? the jolly freckled man with the mop of. "I'll remind her," Pernak promised. "Ready, lay? Let's go." automobile-club card out of his wallet, he unclipped the phone from his belt and called the. Yet instinct causes the young intruder to halt one step past the threshold. recognizes him for the monster that he is. Whether the psychic wire or a good nose is responsible, she. and country-and-western bars from Omaha to Santa Fe, to Abilene, to Houston, to Reno, to Denver. For a few seconds Bernard and lay were too stunned to say anything. "But... that's crazy," Bernard protested at last. "You can't just let everybody go round shooting anyone they don't like." For a moment, Micky perceived in their young visitor a quality that chilled her because it was like a view. the rich shade of pure-gold coins, fitting for a descendant of an old-money family that earned its fortune in. You have this kind of pride. Honor, he called it. But these days, honor is for suckers, and that makes you. possibility of capture or snakebite, frisky with the prospect of new terrain and greater excitement, tail. would want to be alone with Charles Manson and a chain saw. instinct for survival, traveling into an unknown land, toward an unknowable future. shame arose from the fact that she had spilled her guts this evening. Spilled, gushed, spewed. She'd told. particularly old, but they are going to be a great team. of battle readiness had held off friends as well as enemies, and in fact it had prevented her from. Driscoll met her eyes calmly. "I'd risk it," he said. "Sure, if this was for real, I'd put money on it." as though they had been abducted and then displaced in space or time by meddling extraterrestrials. "Sure,"

Murphy accepted, and they all began walking. On the way, lay explained the problem to his three friends. The terror-polished eyes of the man in the colander can be seen through the pattern of small drain holes. "Oh, Jay," Jean groaned. "They were probably taking you for a ride to get laugh out of it. At your age, you should know better." "Well... no. Why?" Geneva beamed. "That's so sweet, Leilani. Would you like some fresh lemonade?" Go, pup, he says or only thinks. "A real pro burglar Terry exclaimed. "You son-of-a-gun." Hanlon said admiringly. Here came that unsettling shift in the girl's eyes, like a sudden muddy tide washing through clean water. "We'll use candles later." He listens. He himself is not a hunter, however, so he doesn't know what exactly to listen for. The action. CLUMP, CLUMP, CLUMP, clump, clump, clump, clump, clump. Micky observed. "Flat as a slice of the Swiss cheese on that platter." "They've already got security," Nanook declared. "And if they're not rich enough already, how is some crazy supposed to help?" like me," he pleads. laughter of a secretly forlorn clown: genuine if you listen with just your ears, but sadly fraudulent if you. beyond the next door, he finds logic rewarded. A warm breeze, free of kitchen odors and the smell of. cast it. This evening had become all about Leilani Klunk, if it had not actually been about the girl from the. It wasn't a moment to be keeping up pretenses. Colman's frown deepened. "What about her? Is she okay?" In the years since, the instrumentation module had sprouted a collection of ancillary structures which had doubled its size, the original fuel tanks near the tail had vanished to be replaced, apparently, by a bundle of huge metal bottles mounted around the central portion of the connecting boom, and a new assembly of gigantic windings surrounding a tubular housing now formed the tail, culminating in a parabolic reaction dish reminiscent of the Mayflower H's main drive, though much smaller because of the Kuan-yin's reduced scale. The Mayflower H's designers had included docking adapters for the shuttles to mate with the Kuan-yin's ports, and the Chironians had retained the original pattern in their modifications, so the shuttle would be able to connect without problems. but by nothing more than landmarks, broken wagon wheels of previous failed expeditions, and the. "It never occurred to me that a congressman would keep a bunch of thugs on the payroll." "What kind of outcome?" Thelma asked from beside Leon. this. But he's out tonight." "I'd rather invite Satan than him," said Geneva. "You're welcome here anytime, soap and sometimes with an imaginary sumo wrestler and professional assassin named Kato, with whom. A party was thrown in the Bowery that night to celebrate the Mayflower Its safe arrival and the end of the voyage. A lot of the talk concerned the news broadcast earlier in the evening, describing in indignant tones the deliberate snubs that the Chironians had inflicted on the delegations sent down to the Kuan-yin, and by implication the insult that had been aimed at the whole Mission and all that it represented. In the opinions of many present, it wouldn't be a bad thing if the Chironians were taught a lesson; they'd asked for it. None of the people who thought that way had met a Chironian, Colman reflected, but they were all experts. He didn't want to spoil the mood of the party, however, so he didn't bother arguing about it. The others from D Company who had gone to the Kuan-yin and were in the Bowery with him seemed to feel the same way. faraway Texas, but the boy is no longer in the mood to sing along. her brain. Micky was better than that. Yeah, sure, all right, Micky did indeed harbor the tendency to. insufficient to illuminate the boy or to draw the attention of any motorist rocketing by at seventy or eighty. Curtis sees nowhere to hide from this juggernaut, and he has no time to run to safety. He's not at serious. Most of the adults he knew--the ones over twenty-five or so, anyway--seemed to feel an obligation to be sympathetic toward people like him, who had never experienced life on Earth. From what he had seen he wasn't sure that he'd missed all that much. Life on the Mayflower II was comfortable and secure with plenty of interesting things to do, and ahead lay the challenge and the excitement of a whole new unknown world. Certainly that was something no one back on Earth could look forward to. as if satisfied that everything was now clear. It wasn't. "Why? What happens with them?" Bernard asked. Nanook hesitated for a moment as if reluctant to risk being offensive by explaining the obvious. He shrugged. "Well . . . usually somebody ends up shooting them," he replied. "So it never gets to be . a real problem." Regardless of the inconsequential nature or the questionable validity of the triggering offense, an. on a forty-eight, that right?" Waiters asked. "Uh-huh." "Any plans?" No part of this book may be reproduced or transmitted in any form or by any means, electronic or. "A boy of twenty-three," Kalens had said a few minutes previously. "Who was entrusted to us as a child to be given a chance to live a life of opportunity on a new world free of chains and fetters . . . to live his life with pride and dignity as God intended-cut down when he had barely glimpsed that world or breathed its air. Bruce Wilson did not die yesterday. His life ended when he was three years old." -service-station pumps and barricades of parked vehicles to reach him. Billowing balls of fire, arcing jets. underside of the chest, because of the pole punching into the snarled coils and knocking on the. "Mama likes bad boys." though he finds the idea of dinosaurs-to-diesel-fuel silly enough to have first been expounded by Daffy. "Minnie's pretty flat-chested." "What you need is to join the Circle of Friends." Five minutes later Swley and Malloy had gone into conference in a corner with Celia and Lechat, and Colman stood apart with Sirocco and Hanlon, discussing tactical details. "We might have enough now to put a demolition squad outside to take out the Battle Module drive section like Carson suggested," Hanlon said. "Even if Stern gets in there it would give more protection to the rest of the ship." "He wouldn't get away with it, surely," lay said incredulously. "I mean, you wouldn't still let him walk in and out of places and help himself to anything he wanted, would you?" door in Micky's heart, a door that had for a long time been kept locked, barred, and bolted. Beyond lay. After walking another mile, he came to the all-night market that he'd specified for the rendezvous. "Do him good too," Sirocco declared. "Then they might make him an engineer. But you'll have a hard time. He's holding out till he's found out what the talent's like on Chiron." 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. "The calculations and simulations have been verified?" Sterm said, looking at Gaulitz. The property was wider than it was deep, to allow the full length of the house trailer to face the street. treasure, Curtis scuttles past the cook, bound for freedom and a makeshift dinner, surprised by the arrival. What followed was a General Foul-up. "She's real protective," the boy assures him. watched from any window. Beyond the open back door lay a deserted kitchen dimly revealed by the. "The Chironians didn't kill Howard," Celia said. "I did." A silence descended like steel doors slamming down around the room. Those two simple words had extinguished, all thoughts of the Kuan-yin, weapons, and antimatter instantly. Every head turned disbelievingly to Celia as she sat staring ahead. Lechat rose from his chair and walked slowly across to stand beside the table; after some hesitation the others followed one by one. Celia started talking just as Lechat was about to say something, her voice toneless and distant, and her eyes unmoving as if she were speaking to the cup in her hands. "I couldn't have spent my life with a man who had closed his mind to reality. You can't know what it was like. He had manufactured his own fantasy, and I was supposed to share it and help him sustain it. It was impossible." She paused to gulp some of the coffee. "So, the thing with Sterm. surefooted dog at once adapts to this abrupt change in the terrain, but because Curtis is not fully attuned. Maybe something hideous does lurk in there. Perhaps awaiting Curtis is a discovery far more disgusting. "So what will you do? Sirocco inquired, propping his feet back on the desk. "Figured it out yet?" "He did. She's got a place in the city--just across from the base." Instead of a bath, she took a shower. Her soap of choice? a cake of Ivory? worked well enough to. As their speed continues to fall precipitously to fifty, then below forty, under thirty, as the brakes are. Diffusion through the membrane around Phoenix created an osmotic pressure which sucked more people down from the Mayflower II, and manpower shortages soon developed, making it impossible for the ship to sustain its flow of supplies down to the surface. The embarrassed officials in Phoenix were forced to turn to the Chironians for food and other essentials, which they insisted on paying for even though they knew that no reciprocal currency arrangements existed. The Chironians accepted good-humoredly the promissory notes they were offered and carried on as usual, leaving the Terrans to worry about how they would resolve the nonsense of having to pay their Customs dues to themselves. charity-funded squeeze engaged in something less than sparkling romantic conversation. And who did those three words bring to mind? Out of control. Like mother, like daughter. Leilani's. hot as her anger had been in the past, but it had the potential to quicken. The long day of rejection left her. "I'd be opposed," said Geneva, brandishing a carrot stick. "It's how the Chironians have been working all along," Lechat said. "They've been doing everything in their power to entice as many people as possible away from the opposition and effectively over to their side. Haven't they done it with us? When they're down to the last handful who'll never be able to think the way the Chironians think, they'll get rid of them, just as they did Padawski. That's how their society has always worked. When it comes down to the last few who won't be sensible no matter what anybody does, they don't fool around. And they'll do the same thing with the ship if Sterm makes one threatening move with those weapons up there. I'm convinced of it. The Chironians took out their insurance a long time ago. That would be typical of how they think too." "I lose again. He's just a selfish pig." artistic scalpel work to her left arm. A six-inch-long, two-inch-wide snowflake pattern of carefully. of the two brightly costumed behemoths who obviously had learned all the wrong lessons from the. people are homicidal tooth fetishists. She must deal with this, and fast; but nothing on the bed would be of help to her in a snake chase, snake. wherever the aliens are supposed to have been in the past, we go hoping they'll show up again. And. "I sure hope not, ma'am. That was one mean lizard." Oven to oven, past a ten-foot-long cooktop, past an array of deep fryers full of roiling hot oil, around. stop near Provo, while the driver lingered over a slice of pie in the diner. The door of one of the. "Port Norday?" "We get them," Nanook agreed. "But not a lot. People usually get to learn very early on what's acceptable and what isn't. They've all got eyes, ears, and brains." comparatively genteel murderer, you nevertheless didn't want to be alone with him any more than you. baroque detail was not a fabrication, then what of the murderous stepfather, Dr. Doom, and his eleven. Hanlon walked over and sat down in the booth as business returned to normal. "They hew you were here, Steve. I heard them talking in the back of Rockefeller's. So I thought I'd come back down and hang around." "Confused but quiet at the barracks," Jarvis told him. "A lot of shooting inside the base at Canaveral. Everyone seems to be trying to get his hands on the heavy equipment there. A shuttle's on fire in one of the launch bays."

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