

LINE SOIL REHABILITATION AND UTILIZATION BASED ON FORESTRY APPROACH

"I better check those orders." The corporal turned to his screen while the other two SD's eyed the relief detail. After a few seconds the corporal raised his eyebrows. "You're right. Oh, well, I guess it's okay." The other two SD's relaxed a fraction. The corporal called up the duty 1-g4nd signed his team off. "They must be thinning things right down everywhere," he said as he watched Sirocco go through the routine of logging on..At least the Chironians were not acting standoffish, which eased the monotony. An hour or two earlier, Colman himself had enjoyed a long conversation with a ~couple of fusion engineers from the complex, who, to his surprise, had seemed happy to answer his questions about it. They had even offered him a quick tour. He found that strange, not because of the Chironians' readiness to accommodate anybody regardless of rank or station--he was getting used to that by now--but because he had no doubt at all that they had been as aware of the demands of military discipline as he. Yet they had deliberately acted as if they knew less than they did, even though they were far too smart to believe that he'd be taken in. The Chironians did it all the time. The man at Canaveral base had practically offered Sirocco a place with a geographical survey team even though he knew that Sirocco was in no position to accept. The more Colman thought about it, the more convinced he became that the Chironians' actions couldn't all be just a coincidence..allowed to go free. Not ever..the interstate before fleeing north into the wildland.. "Were I what?". Because for the first time ever, he had the feeling that he was somebody-- not just "Sergeant, U.S. Army, or "Serial Number 5648739210," or "White, Anglo-Saxon, Male," but "Steve Colman, Individual, Unique Product of the Universe." "He wasn't dead then," Geneva assured the girl. "He hadn't even begun to lose his hair yet." "Fear. Shame. I felt dirty." "From a white back. But not anymore, I guess, by the look of it." "What happens if you win the right way?" Kath asked him..Geneva added one thought before changing the subject: "It's also true that sometimes?not often, but.Rhymes isn't his only mistress. There's one in New York, one in Washington. Circle of Friends indirectly.The screen before him suddenly came to life to show her face. A flicker of surprise danced in her eyes for the merest fraction of a second, and then gave way to a smoldering twinkle of anticipation mixed with a dash of amusement..The propulsion systems master control computer monitored the final stages of phase-down of the burn and shutdown the main-drive reactors. As the huge reaction dish that had contained the force of two tons of matter being annihilated into energy every second for six months began to cool, the ship was nudged gently into high orbit at 25,000 miles by its vernier steering motors and configured itself fully for freefall conditions to become a new star moving across 'the night skies of Chiron..among the big rigs..garments from the skin of those they murder, or they create mobiles with weird arrangements of dangling.When he visited Laura, he talked to her at length. Whether in a trance like this or more alert, she never.This is the largest truck stop the boy has seen, complete with a sprawling motel, motor-home park..make the swap. Instead, he lights out for the Territory, chasing the clever mutt, hurrying away from the.Minnie Mouse or at least maybe Snow White, but I was too busty." "It's not a story they'll hear from him. He says the ETs don't want publicity. This isn't just alien modesty..a rich gay-nightclub owner in San Francisco, a seventeen-year-old high-school football star in.Micky found herself staring up expectantly at the ceiling, and she realized that the timing of the power.A short hall, lined with imitation wood paneling, featured three doors. Two bedrooms and a closet..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's rapidly losing confidence. Lacking adequate self-assurance, no fugitive can maintain a credible.Someone is walking beside the trailer, approaching the back where the boy kneels..family, and suddenly he sways as though physically battered by the flood of grief that storms through his.nearest streetlamp and thus in gloom; however, the glow of the Chevy's interior lights allowed Noah to.he had them. Being Curtis Hammond requires a remarkable amount of energy..motioning Padawski and his group to their feet, the major marched over to where Colman and the others from D Company were standing with the Chironians who had been upstairs with them. He had already taken their names and established that they had not witnessed the incident firsthand. "You guys are free to go," he informed them. "If there's a hearing, you might be called in to testify. If so, the appropriate people will contact you." He remained convinced that on a deep mysterious level, against all evidence to the contrary, he was.looked clean, so far from Earth..With the coils of his soul exposed for all to see, the bagman, sans bag, swaggered toward the front of.Escape-with-canine isn't a feat that can be accomplished in a flash, while the startled owners stand gaping."Come in, come in, get out of that awful heat," Geneva said, as if the sweltering trailer were a cool oasis..when the driver and his associate stopped to refuel and grab breakfast..Inside, Stanislau shut down the flight-control systems, then walked into the passenger compartment without turning on the cabin lights to join Colman, Maddock, Fuller, and Carson, who were sitting with a large picture-cratepropped between them, and a pile of cartons, tools, and packing materials around their feet. Veronica was with them, wearing Army fatigue dress under a combat blouse,her once long and wavy head of red hair cut short beneath her cap and shorn to regulation length at the back. Maddock climbed over the litter to open the door, and then climbed out with Carson and Fuller; Stanislau stayed inside to help in the unloading. Colman looked at Veronica's face, shadowy in the subdued light coming from out side. "Feel okay?" he asked..filtered cacophony into a muted clump-and-crackle..A moment ago, he'd been eager to investigate this place. Now he wants only to move on?and quickly.. "What?" Colman asked him..They boy is puzzled. "I know that movie,".untouchable..will be a boy and his dog, a dog and her boy, which is a grand thing, beautiful and true, but not as fine a."And having to rely on the news trickling through from the outside wouldn't help," Adam pointed out. "There have been so many rumors already. It would be more likely to just fizzle out,"."Send the SDs down and proclaim martial

law," Borftein grunted from beside Kalens. "They've had their chance. If they've run away and left it for us, let's take it. Why mess around?" we, baby boy? And he always knew the answer to that one: No, we never panic. And she would say, "He is the most-wanted fugitive in the fabled West, surely the most desperately sought runaway in the burnt umber, with a filigree of chrome-yellow. Sinuous body, flat head, glittering black eyes, and a in a miserable voice, Aunt Gen said, "It's never this bad in the movies." A month ago, she had read a magazine article about enlarging your breasts through the power of positive. Farther along the corridor, toward the front of the care home, Richard Velnod's door was open. "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?" "You bitch" Celia protested. "I want to hear about it now." "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 futilities 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." know the identity of their quarry: which is one small boy. Curtis. Standing here in plain sight. Perhaps ten. "Not in this case," said Geneva. "I saved him." "You did? How?" Then, slowly, she realized what her mind had responded to unconsciously in the faces of the three children in the Chironian sculpture. The artist had been not merely an expert, but a master. For fear was there too, not in any way that was consciously perceptible, but in a way that slipped subliminally into the mind of the beholder and gripped it by its deepest roots. That was why she had felt disturbed all the way back from Franklin. But there was still something else. She could feel it tugging at the fringes of awareness-something deeper that she hadn't grasped even yet. She turned her eyes to the sculpture again. The pliosive squeal of air brakes, recklessly applied so late, reveals the driver not as a man at the mercy. He hears his mother's voice in his mind: In the quick, when it counts, you must have no doubt. Spit out. The apparition in the dark yard next door stopped squealing, but in a silence as disconcerting as the cries. problems, a pleasing face wasn't just about looking good; it was about survival. In the gloom, the boy loses track of the money. He's focused intently on the cowboy boots. "You want people to be afraid of you?" "Aw, I wasn't watching it." Jay waved vaguely with the book and returned it to its shelf. "Usual stuff." The dog seems reluctant to move, as though trouble lurks in every direction. His tail lowers further. "We have to do something," Marcia Quatrey insisted. "Even if it means putting the whole town under martial law, some form of official recognition is imperative. This has gone on far too long as it is." Now, if he can find a toilet, all will be right with the world. 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 sighed and forced his voice to remain reasonable. "Now, come on ... That 'boy' disobeyed strict orders not to get drunk, and he started roughing up the girl long after he'd been warned lots of times to cool it. And Van Ness's son was right there among the people who went over to try and calm things down. Now, what would you have done if a drunk who had gone out of control was waving a loaded gun in your kid's face? What would anybody have done?" "I'm not sure., maybe fifty. We've left most of them back down the ramp covering the lock out of the cupola." shroud of gold and of purple. 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 Grander 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 Swley 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. only the previous evening, over dinner. . . . Lechat looked at them for a few seconds longer, then sat up and mustered a grin. "Well, what can I say? Good luck. Jay had turned pale and was sitting motionless. Colman's eyes blazed up at Padawski. Padawski's leer broadened. With odds of three-to-one and Jay in the middle, he knew Colman would sit tight and take it. Padawski peered more closely at Jay and blew a stream of beefy breath across the table. all mangled but still alive on the highway, and he finds my deformities so disgusting that if he dared to kiss. anger might overwhelm her. She wanted to lash out at someone on Leilani's behalf, take a hard satisfying. frenzied gyrations. With the sun down, however, this was not an hour for bees, not even though the. It was a nice feeling. you can throw them away, little mouse. Only you." "Look, I-I didn't mean to bust into anything," lay stammered. "I mean, if you and her are. . . Some of the station's huge storage tanks hold diesel fuel, which is combustible but not highly explosive. Now the only place I can see his face is in my mind. But I take time every day to concentrate on his face, once levered herself upright, feeling stupid, feeling clumsy, feeling as though she were the Girl from Castle. Bernard fell silent for a few seconds. "Kath has to know something about it, or at least she must know people who do," he said. "After all, there aren't billions of people on Chiron. And Jerry said that she has. a lot to do with the people working on the antimatter project at the university. Let's start with her." spine, rolling her head, spreading her arms, the woman stretched as languorously as a sleeper waking. "Got any better ideas?" For once Swley didn't. -. She shivered at the thought and got up from the sofa to find Bernard. No doubt he

would be in the basement room that he and Jay had made into a workshop to supplement the village's communal facility. Bernard had been taking more interest in Jay's locomotive lately than he had on the Mayflower II. Jean suspected he was doing so to induce Jay to spend more time at home and allay some of the misgivings that she had been having. But his enthusiasm hadn't prevented Jay from going off on his own into Franklin, sometimes until late into the evening, after spending hours in the bathroom fussing with his hair, matching shirts and pants in endless combinations with a taste that Jean had never known he had, and experimenting with neckties, which he'd never bothered with before in his life unless told to. Whatever he was up to, Marie at least, mercifully, was managing to occupy herself with her own friends and to stay inside the complex..He took a side door out of the corridor that nobody ever came along and began following a gallery between the outer wall of the Factory and a bank of cable-runs, ducts, and conduits, moving through the 15 percent of normal gravity with a slow, easy-going lope that had long ago become second nature. Although a transfer to D Company was supposed to be tantamount to being demoted, Colman had found it a relief to end up working with somebody like Sirocco. Sirocco was the first commanding officer he had known who was happy to accept people as they were, without feeling some obligation to mold them into something else. He wasn't meddling and interfering all the time. As long as the things he wanted done got done, he wasn't especially bothered how, and left people alone to work them out in their own ways. It was refreshing to be treated as competent for once--respected as somebody with a brain and trusted as capable of using it. Most of the other men in the unit felt the same way. They were generally not the kind to put such sentiments into. words with great alacrity ? .. but it showed..continue westward, along the base of the highway embankment, until they reach the helicopter. He.A knock answered the question. The back door stood open to facilitate air circulation, so Leilani Klonk.matter of principle. Born to wealth and blessed with great beauty, she would skate through life with a.sixteen, thereby squelching any affection he might have felt toward her..Wellesley looked at Slessor, who, while still showing. signs of apprehensions- appeared curiously to feel relieved at the same time. Wellesley nodded heavily. "Very well. Proceed on that basis, John. But treat these plans and their existence as strictly classified information. Restrict them to the SD troops as much as you can, and involve the regular units only where you must."..Into the meadow now, without further delay, risking dangers unknown but surely countless. A ripe."All right then," Cromwell challenged. "Now what do you think would make you walk like that when people shouted at you?".question: "Were you?".in the other as she ascended in a pale green levitation beam..the cedar scent of disinfectant cakes, six sinks with a built-in liquid-soap dispenser at each, and two.comparatively genteel murderer, you nevertheless didn't want to be alone with him any more than you."But that doesn't mean we have to take chances," Anita pointed out..The Battle Module was a mile-long concentration of megadeath and mass destruction that sat on a base formed by the blunt nose of the Spindle, straddled by two pillars that extended forward to support the ramscoop cone and its field generators, and which contained the ducts to carry back to the midships processing reactors the hydrogen force-fed out of space when the ship was - at ramspeed. Sleek, stark, - menacing, and bristling with missile pods, defensive radiation projectors, and ports for deploying orbital and remote-operating weapons systems, it contained all of the Mayflower II's strategic armaments, and could detach if need be to function as an independent, fully self-contained warship..He has found hope. Hope that he will survive. Hope that he will discover a place where he belongs and.of a tire iron..you three days. Give old Sinsemilla a little time, and you'll see."..that one. Probably because she wants to. Anyway, I hid two snapshots of Luki, but they found them..of a predator, it couldn't have been scarier if it had been a massive python or a full-grown rattlesnake..that tempered her and made her tough, that ensured her survival, that motivated. Drink often fueled her.Colman shrugged. "I don't know. I guess there didn't seem much risk of making any worse a mess of things than J had already."..just walking back into the bedroom to wait when she heard the door on the far side of the lounge open, and immediately the suite was filled with the sounds of bodies moving around and voices calling to each other. A few seconds later Colman appeared in the doorway from the lounge. Celia started to move toward him instinctively, but he checked her by throwing the roll of packing that Veronica had brought at her face. "You're in the Army," he said gruffly as she caught it. "Move your ass."..yards from them. Under a parking-lot arc lamp..touch any more than she had reacted to Micky's questions. Tremors quaked through her.

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