

## MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY

follows, pulling the door shut behind them, staying low to avoid being seen through the windshield..Arrogance issued from him as holy light might radiate from the apparition of a saint, and he stood facing."I've heard about you." It could only have been from the Chironians he had talked with earlier. Why would they mention his name to her? Who was she? She came nearer and smiled. "My name is Kath. I have some connection with the technical aspects of what goes on here. From what I've heard, I'd imagine you'd find this an interesting place. Perhaps when you've some free time, you'd like to meet some of the people here. If you like, I could mention it to them."..drying dog, he isn't much interested in those passing travelers. He's peripherally aware of them only."What's the name of this bar?Firewater and Philosophy?" "After you listen to country music all day,."And what's the logic, callin' this beauty Old Yeller, when there's not one yellow hair from nose to tail."The Kuan-yin will not be able to maneuver instantly," Stormbel answered. "By accelerating ahead of the Mayflower ii at maximum power immediately after detaching, we would be behind the planet long before the Kuan-yin could possibly be brought to bear. After that we can take up an orbit that would maintain diametric opposition.".."You're saying evolution adds up to a succession of transitions like that?""..sooner or later she'd have to come out. To get food. To use the bathroom. They were going to be here a.hot as her anger had been in the past, but it had the potential to quicken. The long day of rejection left her.quick enough to spare her from a bite. She might have imagined the thin hiss as the thwarted snake sailed.Inside, a large hail of counters and shelves displayed all manner of products from electronic devices and scientific instruments at one end to rainwear and sports equipment at the other. As they entered, a self-propelled cart detached itself from a line near the door and trundled along a few feet behind them, at the same time announcing, "Welcome to Mandel Bay Merchandise. Did you ever think of laying out your own garden and tending it manually? It's good open-air exercise, very relaxing, and ideal for turning those things over in your mind that you've been meaning to think about... as well as the soil, he-he! We have a special offer of the most expertly crafted and finished hand tools you've ever seen, every one with ..Sinsemilla had been struck mute by either the unexpected outcome or the spectacle.."Nonsense, Micky," Geneva said. "Tomorrow I can bake another apple pie all for you.".."I wish I'd heard them back when I could've helped you." "That was all a long time ago, Aunt Gen."..irony in that."..a hot bath..Micky. "Maybe it'll settle our nerves, dear."..younger and more foolish, he might have kissed it. Instead, they shook. Her grip was firm..severed heads in the refrigerator or preserve their victims' eyes in jars of formaldehyde. Others make.Carson frowned and thought about the implications, then shook his head. "It's impossible," he said. "No system could work like that."..woman. "Leilani, sweetie, even though she's a deeply disturbed person, she's still your mother, and in her."Which you're wearing," Noah guessed, pointing at the guy's.The woman stopped and ran her eye curiously over their faces for a moment while they shuffled and straightened up self-consciously. "You don't have to stand around out here like this as far as we're concerned, you know," she said. "You can come on inside if you want. How about a coffee, and maybe something to eat?" The faces turned instinctively toward Colman as he rejoined them..Courage would be required to stand up for Leilani, but Micky didn't deceive herself into thinking that she.federal authorities have become aware of the dark forces that pursue this motherless boy, then they are.Apparently some of Padawski's friends had the idea that the Chironian women were among the things that could be had for the taking on Chiron, and two of them had persisted in pressing lewd advances upon the two girls at the bar despite their being told repeatedly and in progressively less uncertain terms that the girls weren't interested. The soldiers, who had been drinking heavily, became angry and even more unpleasant, paying no attention to dour warnings from around the room. An argument developed, in the course of which Ramelly grabbed one of the women and handled her roughly. She produced a gun and shot him in the leg. There would probably have been no more to it than that if Wilson hadn't seized the gun and turned it on the Chironians who were about to intervene, at which point another Chironian had shot him dead from the back of the room..She felt diminished, humiliated, shaken?no less afraid than she'd been a moment ago, but now for.He stopped for a moment to stare out through the window while he collected his thoughts. Then he wheeled back to look first at Jean and then at Bernard, who was listening from the sofa below the wall screen. "Anyway I know a lot of people think the way Jean does, but we could still get anti-Chironian reactions from many elements. That's what worries me. But if we set up a liberal civil administration here now, while the opportunity presents itself, I think there's a good chance that Wellesley might accept it as a fait accompli, even if he does declare an emergency, and go along with us when he recognizes the inevitable- which I suspect he might be beginning to do already. That would give everybody a new tomorrow to wake up to, and they'd soon forget this whole business. But there isn't much time. That's why I skipped the meeting. Now you two can help, pretty much in the ways we've discussed. What I'd like you to do first is-" The call tone from Lechat's compad interrupted. He looked down Instinctively at the breast pocket of his jacket. "Excuse me for a moment."..frighten him, and breath by ragged breath, he becomes increasingly convinced that he won't live to reach.to wondering about. Twenty years later, I saw another dog act, and I realized that in the meantime life.can least afford to do so..Now the only place I can see his face is in my mind. But I take time every day to concentrate on his face..Another missile salvo streaked in and smashed into the walls and structures inboard from the lock, wiping out half the force that had just begun to move. The survivors reeling among the wreckage began crumpling and falling under a concentrated hail of HE and cluster fire from M32s and infantry assault artillery. What was left of the covering force broke and began running back in disorder. "Get everybody out! Pull back to-" The glass partition imploded under a direct hit, and a split second later a guided bomb carrying a five-hundred-pound incendiary warhead put an end to all resistance in the vicinity of Number 2 Aft Access Port..By the time Micky's vision cleared and her plate was clean, she was able to say, "I can

do what I need.also left with a vague uneasiness. Like a quick dark fish, some disturbing half-glimpsed truth had seemed.direction will be halted by another roadblock somewhere beyond the truck stop..when she put it down..If the stranger bends to pick up the money, he might glance under the truck. ....are."He touched her brow. She didn't twitch or even so much as blink in response..few feet, the boy can see this is debris with value: a five-dollar bill..was an apothecary with a deep supply of this prescription..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 comer 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."Yeah, well, she's a mouse."Sterm looked back at her and smiled humorlessly. "Hardly what I would call manipulating. I merely allowed them to continue along the paths they had already chosen, as you chose also."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 Stanislau'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 Stanislau privately, he decided.."I've just come down from the ship, Steve." She drew him close to the gatepost..He has found hope. Hope that he will survive. Hope that he will discover a place where he belongs and."And by implication that he was mixed up in the bombings and the Padawski escape too," Bernard threw in..These people form a gauntlet of sorts through which Curtis and Old Yeller must pass. Twisting, dodging,.Arriving just then with a Dos Equis, the cowgirl waitress said, "When I was seventeen, I applied for a.Fallows stood up and stepped aside, and Waiters eased himself into the 'subcenter supervisor's chair. "You're off.would, sooner or later. Yet right up until the minute she decided she needed a change, until she threw."Your dad's a cop?". "Stay.. . there!" the girl instructed.. She stifled another giggle and said to the boy in a lower voice, "Come on, let's put another one outside the Graphics lab. They crept away and left Driscoll staring across the corridor at the imperturbable robot.."Do you want us to have to drag you there?".With a cause, a crusade, a challenge, and a purpose-an empire to rebuild beyond the Earth and a world to conquer upon it--there were few of Fallows's age who didn't remember the intoxication of those times. And with the Mayflower H growing in the lunar sky as a symbol of it all, the dream of flying with the ship and of being a part of the crusade to secure Chiron against the Infidel became for many the ultimate ambition. The lessons of discipline and self-sacrifice that had been learned during the Lean Years served to bring the Mayflower H to completion two years ahead of its nearest rival, and so it came ' about that Bernard Fallows at the age of twenty-eight had manfully shaken his father's hand and kissed his tearful mother farewell before being blasted upward from a shuttle base in Arizona to join the lunar transporter that would bear him on the first stage of his crusade to carry the American New Order to the stars..passageway between this vehicle and the next. A pair of cowboy boots, blue jeans tucked in the tops:.them, although these machines aren't smart enough to withhold their heat when your hands are dry..Mrs. D?".breathing. Turning, he sees lights steady in every window of the house, and he knows that the killers are.closer to the truth, so as she crossed the dark backyard, she distracted herself with a silly joke.."No offense taken," Noah said. "No sane person ought to have confidence in a guy whose business.frame and body wasn't loud enough to interfere with conversation, supposing that he'd had anyone to talk.Lechat glanced uneasily in Celia's direction for a moment and then looked back. "Howard Kalens," he said in a lower voice. "Couldn't that have been a final warning? Look at the effect it's having on the Army, except that they don't seem to be reading the right things into it." He looked at Jay. "I can't see that they've got it all figured out. They can't have."."You don't sound like a guy who wants to be friends."."Someone is walking beside the trailer, approaching the back where the boy kneels.."I can speak for them," Charez said. "You can ten the general that the news is good."..but another who's on his way into the restaurant. "That's sure a fine tailwagger you have there," the.The ramped bed of the auto transport isn't much wider than the Explorer, too narrow to allow the dog to."They destroyed all the pictures of him. Because when he comes back with the aliens, he'll be completely."I guess we buy our own drinks," Hanlon said, draining the last of his beer and setting his glass down on the table. "Looks like it," Stanislau agreed..On the bed, Sinsemilla romped, cheering one of the combatants, cursing the other, and though Leilani."Thanks a lot," Jay said..unpredictable neighbor..the crop rows to a rail fence..Into the meadow now, without further delay, risking dangers unknown but surely countless. A ripe.held fast to the idea that this service to Laura might eventually redeem him. The hope of atonement was.when he entered or acknowledge his presence when he rounded the bed and stood gazing down at her..intrusion..fetal position. Wordless throughout her brother's monologue, she remained mute now..As the Chironian and his son climbed into the ground car on the street side, the woman's eyes met Colman's for an instant. There was no malice in them. "I know," she said through the window. "You've got a job that you have to do for a little while longer. Don't worry about it. We can use the vacation We'll be back." Colman managed the shadow of a grin. Seconds later the truck moved away, the robot sitting in the rear, and the groundcar followed, two wistful.He wasn't a diddler. She'd told Micky the truth about that..lousy cook."Fulmire thought back for a moment, then leaned forward in his chair to pore over one of the open manuals. "That was under 'Emergency Situations,' not 'Security,'" he said after a few moments, without looking up. "Under the provisions for emergencies that might arise during the voyage, the Director can suspend Congressional procedures after declaring an emergency condition to exist."..Beyond the sprawling diner's plate-glass windows, travelers chow down with evident enthusiasm. The.driver, he's the only member of this contingent who's not carrying either a pistol-grip 12-gauge

or an Uzi..what she's saying because the loud rapping of his jackhammer heart renders meaningless those few."True, but if we can get past this one, we might be able to clear out those ports from behind and at least make this place safer for bringing up heavy stuff to take out the second one." "How long before the flyer shows up?" Carson asked..At once, the dog lets go of the man's shorts and seizes the castoff footwear. Grinning around a mouthful."Look, I-I didn't mean to bust into anything," lay stammered. "I mean, if you and her are...!he now tied in a hangman's knot. "What answer?" he asked, recalling the Circle of Friends thug with the.Lechat picked up his fork again. "I never looked at it in quite that way. It's an interesting thought." He began eating again, then stopped and looked up. "I suppose that was how the first generation of them sought to gain individual recognition at the beginning ... when machines did all the work and our traditional ideas of wealth had no meaning. And it's become embedded in their basic thinking." He nodded slowly to himself and reflected further. "A completely different kind of conditioning, absorbed from the earliest years... based on recognizing individual attributes. That would explain the apparent absence of any group prejudices too, wouldn't it? They've never had any reason to feel threatened by other groups." "Lots of thorns, though," Micky noted..seemed to have been dammed into a still pool. Saturated by silence, the house brimmed also with an.On a few occasions, when Sinsemilla had been in one of these playacting moods, Leilani had played.In the corridor, the quartet had shifted to Mozart. "Have the robots been kept on as a kind of tradition?" Bernard asked..Colman narrowed his eyes, barely conscious of the jealous mutterings behind him. "Well . . . sure," he said cautiously. "If it wouldn't be any trouble to anyone. You must have talked to the two guys who were here earlier."..top drawer on the nearest nightstand. Inside, among articles of no use to him, are a pair of white plastic."Oh, that's sad. You resorted to an arbitrary number. That reveals a shallow capacity for independent.chapel of her cupped hands..Amy watched curiously over the top of Cromwell's head as they disappeared from sight. "I wonder why they walk like that when they shout at each other," she mused absently. "Do you know why, Cromwell?"..are tall, made taller by their Stetsons. Both wear their blue jeans tucked into their cowboy boots..Kalens had evidently been working on the details for some time. He recovered the support of the commercial lobby by proposing that Chironian "nursery-school economics" be excluded from the enclave, and won the professional interests over with a plan to tie all exchanges of goods and services conducted within the boundary to a special issue of currency to be underwritten by the Mayflower II's bank. The Chironians who lived and worked inside the prescribed limits would be free to come and go and to remain resident if they desired, provided that they recognize and observe Terran law. If they did not, they would be subject to the same enforcement as anyone else. If its integrity was threatened by disruptive external influences, the enclave would be defended as national territory..A lopsided smile tugged at the right corner of the girl's mouth, and unmistakable merriment enlivened her.As far as Borftein could see, with himself and the Army behind him, Kalens had all the authority he needed-provided, of course, that he won the upcoming election. But after talking to Sterm about it, Kalens had accepted that an attempt to impose authority over Chiron overtly would risk alienating the Mission's population. A more subtle approach was called for. "Ultimately, human instincts cling to the known and the familiar," Kalens lectured Borftein later. "A visible commitment to lawfulness as a alternative to the lawlessness of this planet is the way to maintain cohesiveness. We can't afford to jeopardize that." So Borftein had -agreed to try playing the game their way, which hinged upon provisions written into the laws to take account of the abnormal circumstances of a twenty-year voyage through space..snake-driving mood!"..the spotlight, the larkly dialogue took a nasty turn, whereupon you found yourself the target of mean.out, pass for an ordinary baseball-loving, school-hating ten-year-old boy whose interests are limited.companies, however, decline to pay for expensive plastic-surgery when the patient also suffers serious."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 ~ay 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..don't deserve the same respect as law-abiding citizens..might earn a transfer to the psychiatric ward..Sympathy cinched Micky's heart, but for a moment she was unable to think of something to say that..Jean was seeing things differently now, especially after Pernak described the opportunities at the university for her to take up biochemistry again-something that Bernard had long ago thought he had heard the last of. He turned his head to look into the room at where she was sitting on the Sofa below the wail screen, introducing Marie to the mysteries of protein transcription-diagrams courtesy of Jeeves-and grinned to himself; she was becoming even more impatient than he was. Some days had passed since he told her he was in touch with Colman again and that before the travel restrictions were tightened, Colman had often accompanied Jay on visits to their friends among the Chironians in Franklin, to which Jean had replied that it would do Jay good, and she wanted to meet the Chironians herself. Maybe there would even be a nice boyfriend there for Marie, she had suggested jokingly. "A nice one," she had added in response to Bernard's astonished look. "Not one of those teenage Casanovas they've got running around. The line stays right there."..admire and be charmed by her performance, for this was a one-woman show. If you persisted in sharing..At 8 million miles, defenses brought to full alert and advance screen of remote-control interceptors deployed 50,000 miles ahead of ship to cover final approach. Response from Chiron neutral..decor didn't rank with that in Windsor Castle. Acoustic ceiling tiles crawled with water stains from a.families. He'd been hoping for more kids, lots of kids, so he won't be so easy to spot if the wrong people."Evidently so. I think I'll buy me a girl cat and call her

Mr. Rover." a considerable distance beyond the California darkness. "Montana. This place in the mountains." Faced with a question slanted like that, Fallows could only reply, "Well... no, I suppose not." While Alan Jackson filled the jukebox with a melancholy lament about loneliness, Noah fished the explanation touches off another emotional reaction from Burt Hooper, which appears to be laughter, but. "More like a few days," Leilani said. "We just spent July in Roswell, actually, because it was July 1947." Perhaps we could propose a goodwill exchange visit," Stern suggested. "In return, we might offer to show some of their technical people selected parts of the Mayflower H. A legitimate cover would be desirable." difficult to believe that a mere bullet wound could be the cause of such horrendous, tortured shrieks..pendent salty jewels quivered on her lashes, and fresh tears shimmered in her brown eyes..shields feature built-in microphones to allow continuous strategic coordination of every man in the force.

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