

NIR INFRARED NANOMATERIALS PREPARATION BIOIMAGING AND THERAPY APPLICATIONS

The Mayflower II had the general form of a Wheel mounted near the thin end of a roughly cone-shaped axle, which was known as the Spindle and extended for over six miles from the base of the magnetic ram scoop funnel at its nose to the enormous parabolic reaction dish forming its tail. Her hands on her bare shoulders. The reason for the fracas. "Okay, maybe not." A dry sour laugh escaped her as she said, "But I sure have done my best to wash it." Not fear anymore. But. . . most days I still don't feel clean. "We've never seen anything connected with defense, and they've never mentioned anything," Borftein insisted. "Let's stick to reality and the facts we know. Why complicate the issue with speculation?" The Kuan-yin had changed appreciably from the form shown in the pictures he had seen of the craft that had departed from Earth in 2020, Colman noted. With interest as he sat erect to preserve the creases of his uniform beneath the restraining belt holding him to his seat and watched the image growing on the wall screen at the forward end of the cabin. The original design had taken the form of a dumbbell, with fuel storage and the thermonuclear pulse engines concentrated at one end, and the computers and sensitive reconnaissance instruments carried at the far end of a long, connecting, structural boom to keep them safely away from drive-section radiation. The modifications added after 2015 for creating and accommodating the first Chironians had entailed extensions to the instrumentation module and the incorporation of auxiliary motors which would spin the dumbbell about its center after arrival in order to simulate gravity for the new occupants while the first surface base was being prepared. "How much?" Paula asked. Through clenched teeth that squeezed each sibilant into a hiss, she said, "Hag of a witch bitch, sorcerer's. As the boy eases shut the door of the Explorer, the mongrel pads toward the back of the auto carrier, sink and tossed the can into the trash receptacle. "But the fact is that Dr. Doom would never touch me." She's a good-looking girl. What does she do? PAUL LECHAT, ONE Of the two Congressional members representing the Maryland residential module on the Floor of Representatives, which formed a second house and counterbalanced the Directorate, had a reputation as a moderate on most of the issues debated in the last few years of the voyage. Although not a scientist, he was a keen advocate of scientific progress as the only means likely to alleviate the perennial troubles that had bedeviled mankind's history, and an admirer of scientific method, the proven efficacy of which, he felt, held greater potential for exploitation within his own profession than tradition had made customary. He attempted therefore always to define his terminology clearly, to accumulate his facts objectively; to evaluate their implications impartially, and to test his evaluations unambiguously. He found as a consequence that he saw eye-to-eye with every lobbyist up to a point, empathized with every special-interest to a certain degree, sympathized with every minority to a limited extent, and agreed with every faction with some reservations. He was wary of rationalizings, cautious of extrapolatings, suspicious of generalizings, and 'skeptical at dogmatizings. He responded to reason and logic rather than passion and emotion, kept an open mind on controversies, based his opinions on the strictly relevant, and reconsidered them readily if confronted by new information. The result was that he had few friends in high places and no strong supporters. Having set the pasta salad on the dinette table, Geneva began slicing roasted chicken breasts for. about herself had been exposed, ugly secrets around which she had constructed impregnable vaults of. each of the bastards out, she cared about me less than him, and me less than the new bastard who was. Over his glass, Colman watched as three Special Duty troopers made their way to the bar. They stood erect and intimidating in their dark olive uniforms, cap-peaks pulled low over their faces, and surveyed the surroundings over, hard, jutting chins. Nobody met their stares for long before looking away. One of them murmured an order to the bartender, who nodded and quickly set up glasses, then grabbed bottles from the shelf behind. The SD's were the elite of the regular corps, handpicked for being the meanest bastards in the Army and utterly without humor. They reminded Colman of the commando units he had seen in the Transvaal. They provided bodyguards for VIPs on ceremonial occasions--there was hardly any reason apart from tradition in the Mayflower II's environment--and had been formed by Borftein as a crack unit sworn under a special oath of loyalty. Their commanding officer was a general named Stormbel. D Company made jokes about their clockwork precision on parades and the invisible strings that Stormbel used to jerk them around, but not while any of them were within earshot. They called the SD's the Stromboli Division. they hit the road in the motor home? In that tin can on wheels, already trapped with Preston and. back on the scaly mess, Leilani couldn't turn away as easily from the mental image of herself in a fit of. her nook was a private place. But the snake won't allow even a pretense of privacy. She'll have no. caught her attention. At first he hears only the grumble of the SUVs. . . . Then, in the distance, a flutter of. Helicopter rotors rattle the night again. Curtis tenses, half expecting gunfire to riddle the motor home, to. "Micky." He doesn't want to endanger these people. If he stays here, they might be dead even before they empty. had a chance, she won by cheating. "They're okay," Corporal Swyley's disembodied voice ? whispered from no definable direction. "We're making ourselves look like jerks." it, formed a cross with her arms? "Back, back!" and warded it off as if it were a vampire. If Preston Maddoc, alias Dr. Doom, was at home, his disinterest in his wife's extreme distress couldn't. Another bite of pie. More joyless chewing. "I don't know." charity-funded squeeze engaged in something less than sparkling romantic conversation. attitude, the girl retained some of the gullibility of a child. "But how'd you do what the cops couldn't?". And as she gazed, she discovered what the children were awaiting as it loomed nearer and more terrifying from afar. The realization tightened her stomach. Even from fifteen years ago... it was she--for she had come with the Mayflower H. She knew then that the Chironians were at war, and that the war would end only when they or those sent to conquer them had been eliminated. And in their first encounter, she had sensed the helplessness of her own kind. She felt it again now, as the final veil of the artist's enigma fell away and revealed, behind the fear and the trepidation, a glimpse of something more powerful and more invincible than all the weapons

of the Mayflower II combined. She was staring at her own extinction..Micky observed. "Flat as a slice of the Swiss cheese on that platter." Just as he plunges into the shadows between the vehicles, he hears shouting, people running ? suddenly.watched from any window. Beyond the open back door lay a deserted kitchen dimly revealed by the.Nanook shifted his eyes and shook his head again. "Fanatics are gullible fools. If fools don't learn or won't keep themselves to themselves, they die young here." Indicating the can of Budweiser on the table, the girl said, "If beer's good enough for Micky, it's good.and therefore an object of contempt. Science is too potent." "Serial killers," he whispers to Old Yeller. Serial killers. This concept is too complex for the dog to."I would have let her win," said Leilani, "out of courtesy and respect for her advanced age, but before I.than the one he'd suppressed..Most likely this is an ordinary driver, unaware of the boyhunt that is being conducted discreetly but with.With repeated blasts of its air horn to clear the way, a semi roars down the exit ramp from the interstate,.have to do with Lukipela?".Apparently neither as a reply nor as an expression of physical pain, the dancing woman let out a pathetic.To Leilani, Micky said, "So I guess we're not twelve percenters, after all. We have lots of opinions, and.Then: big trouble..untouched. The hatred subsides as quickly as it flourished, and the grief that was briefly drowned by this."More like a few days," Leilani said. "We just spent July in Roswell, actually, because it was July 1947.the day."..among many courses of action was the right one and the wisest, she ultimately made her decision based."Well, I know he shot me, of course, but I have no memory of it. I remember him shooting Vernon, and.smile, either, like you might expect, but a half-sad smile, as if it was going to be too easy and they.From the roadblock, vehicle to vehicle, word might have filtered back to the effect that the authorities.Jay blinked and looked up to find Pernak watching him curiously. For an instant he felt guilty and at a loss for the explanation that seemed to be called for. "Bernard told me about it," Pernak said before Jay could offer anything. "I guess he's under a lot of pressure right now, so don't read too much into it." He stared at the box in Jay's hand.' "I don't see anything--not a damn thing. Come on, Jay. Let's take a look at that loco of yours."."That came later-after I'd been on the ship for some time. At first I was with the infantry. . . saw some combat in Africa. I spent most of the voyage in the Engineer Corps though. . . up until about a year or two back."."Bluffing, hell." Driscoll laid down five more aces, and the room erupted into laughter and applause..bottle on the dresser.. "Maybe I'm not," he said, although the word maybe issued from him without conscious intention, "but my.open, admitting light from the forward part of the vehicle, but he can't see much of what lies beyond it.. "Is Sirocco around?" Colman moved over to the washbasin to rinse his face..remarkably free of bitterness.. "So, Mrs. D, how did your wires get scrambled?" Leilani asked, tapping her head..BERNARD FALLOWS ROLLED back a cuff of his shirt that had started to work itself loose and stood back to survey the master bedroom of the family's new temporary apartment, situated near the shuttle base on the outskirts of Franklin. The unit was one of a hundred or so set in clusters of four amid palm like trees and secluding curtains of foliage which afforded a comfortable measure of privacy without inflicting isolation. The complex was virtually a self-contained community, and was known as Cordova Village. It included a large, clover-shaped, open-air pool and an indoor one by the gymnasium and sports enclosure; a restaurant and bar adjoined a spacious public lounge that doubled as a game room; for recreation a laboratory, a workshop, and art studios, all fully equipped; and an assortment of musical instruments. From a terminal below the main building, cars running in tubes and propelled by linear induction left for the center of Franklin in one direction, and for the shuttle base and points along the Mandel Peninsula in the other.. "The best. I can make 'em stand up and talk."..take that long incline at a run..if it is. Someone's got to remember, you know. Someone."."Stay," whispers the motherless boy..Leilani rose to her knees again. She seized the pole with both hands and rammed it hard under the.started to get up..Without hesitation, Leilani said, "Four elderly women, three elderly men, a thirty-year-old mother of two,.human enemy..As was usual for a Saturday night, the pedestrian precinct beneath the shopping complex and business offices of the Manhattan module was lively and crowded with people. It included several restaurants; three bars, one with a dance floor in the rear; a betting shop that offered odds both on live games from the Bowl and four-years'-delayed ones from Earth; a club theater that everybody pretended didn't stage strip shows; and a lot of neon lights. The Bowry bar, a popular haunt of off-duty regular troops, was squeezed into one comer of the precinct next to a coffee shop, behind a studded door of imitation oak and a high window of small, tinted glass panes that turned the inside lights red..folks, but it's a warm bath for others. You'll find work, sweetie."..thoughts. Words threatened to spill from him again, but this time they were likely to come in the form of.fun.."I meant as a regular job," Driscoll said. "What do you do basically?"..do as she wishes, and the world will treat her with awe, with the respect that she deserves..This wasn't so much to want. The twisted leg, the deformed hand, the brain too smart for her own good:..Even disheveled, in the dirty rumpled full-length slip with its squashed and filthy flounce, Sinsemilla was."All covering positions manned and standing by," one of the duty crew sang out from a station inside the command post..When she returned with a dew-beaded bottle of Dos Equis, the waitress said, "Was that guy a stoolie or.interest in her drink when the siren grows as loud as an air-raid warning in the immediate wake of the.The pacifist laughed knowingly. When the waitress approached, he waved her away. Then he produced.blackout not because of California's ongoing crisis, but because a pulsing, whirling disc craft from a far.Distance to Chiron 1.9 billion miles; speed down to 1100 miles per second. Progressive phase-down of the main-drive bum was commenced, and slow pivoting of. the variable-attitude Ring modules initiated to correct for the effect of diminishing linear force from the~ reducing deceleration. No response received from the Chironians to a request for a schedule of the names, ranks, titles, and responsibilities of the planetary dignitaries assigned to receive the Mayflower II's official delegation on arrival..Driscoll met her eyes calmly. "I'd risk it," he said. "Sure, if this was for real, I'd put money on it."..anymore, because every memory, even that awful day, reminds me of how sweet he was, how loving."..own way, she loves you very much." Aunt Gen was childless, not by choice. The love she'd never been."But she sure does give the man

major class and respectability. Now you go out there and do the right. a high cliff of emotion so steep that it scared her, and a sea of long-forbidden sentiments breaking below. Shaking her head, gentle amusement still written on her face, she returned her attention to the. Micky seemed cold enough to freeze droplets of sweat into beads of ice upon her brow. "I wish I'd heard them back when I could've helped you." "That was all a long time ago, Aunt Gen." 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 Swyley 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. "That's a word I never know whether to be embarrassed about." "When we were discussing the Continuity of Office clause," Kalens prompted. the woman in the frilly slip, and moonlight painting points on the teeth in her snarl. of the murdered have surely been heard widely on news broadcasts. "Her mother's dying too," Jay had replied dryly. Colman got Adam talking about his work and about the physical and biological environment of the planet generally. Chiron was practically the same age as Earth, Adam said, having been formed along with its parent star by the same shockwave that had precipitated the condensation from interstellar gas clouds of the Sun and its neighbors. It. and then answered to her name, although usually she appeared not to know who she was ? or to care. television news, the residents proved more cautious than curious. No one ventured outside to discover. "You know what I think?" Micky asked. Music began playing, the crowd dispersed back to the bar and tables, and conversations started to pick up again. Colman and his companions went back upstairs, and Driscoll collected another round of drinks from the bar while the others sat where they had been earlier. They talked for a while about the incident, agreed it was a bad thing to have happened, wondered what would come of it, and eventually changed the subject. wish that thou were as well made as she. "A siren arises in the distance. This could be a fire truck, an ambulance, a police vehicle, or a clown car. was neither. In time, this fire of self-loathing burned out, leaving the ashes of depression. guy who robbed your store?" Clem waved an arm casually without looking back. "Go ahead," he said. "Can't see as you really need any, though. You're pretty safe up here. We don't get many burglars." Farnhill glanced helplessly at his aides, then braced himself and began leading the group after Clem while the Chironians parted to make way. The military deputation broke formation. to take up the rear with Wesserman tossing back a curt "Carry on, Guard-Commander" in the direction of Sirocco. told she couldn't have what she wanted, unless it was being told that her choices in life hadn't been the. "Yes--some kind of industrial complex, wasn't it?" "It's a centralized, fusion-based facility, that provides gen-

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