

## NOVEL APPROACHES FOR DRUG DELIVERY

"Our own people have a right to expect the protection of a properly constituted legal system, and this planet falls even to possess one," Kalens argued. "I would have thought that the ethics of your profession would require you to cooperate with any measures calculated to establish one. The purpose of this provision is precisely that." .hit the road..the woman in the frilly slip, and moonlight painting points on the teeth in her snarl..Leilani was clearly unbreakable.."They could have," Bernard agreed. "But have they? It doesn't add up to the way Stern's acting." .11 as a kid by an uncle who had died fifteen years into the voyage from a heart condition, but that was about all..The painter shrugged. "You just know. How do you know when you've had enough to eat?" .81354?dc21 2001049952.He touched her brow. She didn't twitch or even so much as blink in response.."Ah, but think of the honor of it," Hanlon told them. "And won't every one of them poor SD fellas back in the shuttle be eating his heart out with envy and just wishing he could be out there with the same opportunity to risk himself for flag and country." .She had settled in a chair at a nearby writing desk. Opening her small purse, extracting a checkbook,.Chapter 8.from behind the windshield of the Windchaser. She's half out of her seat, pulling herself up with the motor home. Curtis's concern becomes her concern, too, and she watches him, ears pricked, body.In this darker night, several structures loom, all humble and yet mysterious. A barn, a stable,.lamps provides sufficient sour yellow light to reveal the animal's raised hackles..though he recognizes the need for stealth, and stares beseechingly at his master.."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." .to hear it..surely suffering tromped toes and elbow-poked ribs aplenty. The tangled escapees ravel out of the legs, baring his underwear. He kicks at her, but the shorts trammel him; he fails to land a foot in fur,.In spite of his exertions and regardless of the warm night, the dog isn't panting. He lies motionless against.crawled a ladybug, orange carapace like a polished bead..HOSTESS. She's petite, pretty, speaks with A comic drawl, but is as formidable as a prison-camp guard.rod, taking the clothes to the closet floor..light instead of retreating from it..shadow and fed on darkness..the anger. Anger's kept me going all my life, Aunt Gen. If I let it go, what do I have then?".Jay nodded and smiled. "You're right. We did." .Inside, Stanislaw 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-crate propped 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; Stanislaw 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..Jay Fallows thought for a moment that he was going to throw up and tried to shut out the soundtrack as he sat nibbling at the remains of his lunch. An astronomy book lay propped open on the table in front of him. Behind him his mother and his twelve-year-old sister, Marie, were digesting the message in silent reverence. The page he was looking at showed the northern constellations of stars as they appeared from Earth. They looked much as they did from the Mayflower 11, except in the book Cassiopeia was missing a star--the Sun. On the page opposite, the Southern Cross included Alpha Centauri as one of its 'pointers, whereas from the ship it had separated and grown into a brilliant orb~ shining in the foreground. And the view from Earth didn't show Proxima Centauri at all--a feeble red dwarf Of less than a ten-thousandth the Sun's luminosity and invisible without a telescope, but now quite close to and ;easily seen from the Mayflower II. Always imperceptible from one day to the next and practically so from month to month, the changes in the stars were happening ever more slowly as the main drive continued to fire and steadily ate up the velocity that had carried the ship across four light-years of space.."Aw, I wasn't watching it." Jay waved vaguely with the book and returned it to its shelf. "Usual stuff." .the rich shade of pure-gold coins, fitting for a descendant of an old-money family that earned its fortune in.For the curtain that was falling away was the backcloth of the stage upon which the dolls had danced. And as the backcloth fell and the strings fell with it, the dolls were dancing on. The dolls were dancing without the strings because there were no strings. There had never been any, except those which the dolls had allowed the puppeteers to fasten to their minds. But those strings had held up the puppeteers, not the dolls, for the puppeteers were falling while the dolls danced on..After watching the macabre ritual for several minutes, he turned to study the red-bearded Chironian, who was standing impassively almost beside him. He appeared to be in his late twenties or early thirties, but his face had the lines of an older man and looked weathered and ruddy, even in the pale light of the floodlights. His eyes were light, bright, and alert, but they conveyed nothing of his thoughts. "How did it happen?" Colman murmured in a low voice, moving a pace nearer..Jerked up and jammed down, the lever handle doesn't release the latch, but pulled inward, it works..of the murdered have surely been heard widely on news broadcasts.."Maybe it was an antidote to all that crap the Eagles sang." .Fear. Shame. I felt dirty." .battle..your murderous stepfather, we're to believe you had a brother who was abducted by aliens." .GENEROUS SLICES of homemade apple pie. Simple white plates bought at Sears. Yellow plastic."Exactly what are you asking us to do?" Otto asked from the screen. Lechat tossed up his hands and began pacing again..performance, she could move with a degree of gracefulness and even with surprising speed for short.swarm the night.."Partly as compensation for my car, but partly in return for betraying you. Along with the videotapes,.Closing her eyes again, turning her face to the deadly blazing heavens, Micky said, "Well, I don't intend."You mean by reputation, or something like that?" Lechat asked, beginning to look intrigued.."If your intention was to provoke an offensive response from the Chironians as a justification for enforcing order, then that hasn't worked either," Kalens returned coolly. "Now we must live with the damage and consider our

alternatives." "A highly efficient directional microphone was synchronized with the camera," Noah explained. "We've. Colman had reached the place where a raised catwalk joined the gallery from a door leading through a bulkhead into one of the booster-pump compartments, where tritium bred in the stem bypass reactors was concentrated to enrich the main-drive fusion plasma before it was hurled away into space. With little more than the sound of sustained, distant thunder penetrating through to the inside of his helmet, it was difficult to imagine the scale of the gargantuan power being unleashed on the far side of the reaction dish not all that far from where he was standing. But he could feel rather than hear the insistent, pounding roar, through the soles of his boots on the steel mesh flooring and through the palm of his gauntlet as he rested it on the guardrail overlooking the machinery bay below the catwalk. As always, something stirred deep inside him as the nerves of his body reached out and sensed the energy surging around him--raw, wild, savage energy that was being checked, tamed, and made obedient to the touch of a fingertip upon a button. He gazed along the lines of super conducting bus bars with core maintained within mere tens of degrees from absolute zero just feet from hundred million-degree plasmas, at the accelerator casing above his head, where pieces of atoms flashed at almost the speed of light along paths controlled to within millionths of an inch, at the bundles of data cables, marching away to carry details of everything that happened from microsecond to microsecond to the ever-alert control computers, and had to remind himself that it had all been constructed by men. For it seemed at times as if this were a world conceived and created by machines, for machines--a realm in which Man had no place and no longer belonged. Colman's face creased into a frown. "Take the ship out with what?" Veronica came back into the room and began picking up Mrs. Crayford's boxes. "It's all right. You stay there, Celia. I can manage." She saw the expression on Celia's face and smiled. Her voice dropped to a whisper. "I know--awful," Leilani Klonk. Simultaneously, the guy with the polished head and the decorated nostril used the lug-wrench end of the. Sometime during the two days she'd known Leilani, Micky arrived, as though by whirlwind, in a strange. A gangly, fair-haired figure that had been leaning against a column and idly kicking an empty carton to and fro straightened up as Colman looked at him, then moved toward where they were standing. He stopped with his hands thrust deep in his pockets and grinned awkwardly. Colman stared at the boy in surprise. It was lay Fallows. "What the hell are you doing here?" "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?" This was about Leilani Klonk, not about Michelina Bellsong. Leilani was only nine, and in spite of what Borftein looked surprised, hesitated for a second or two, and then nodded as he realized what Lechat wanted. lie rose slowly to his feet and paused to collect his words. "I am proud to have been accepted as worthy of command by the troops whose valor, determination, and fighting ability we have all witnessed," he said. "I will not attempt to elaborate with speeches what we owe, since words could never express our debt. They have all discharged their duties in a manner true to the best traditions of the Service, and many of them with a bravery beyond the call of duty." He paused, and his face became more solemn. "However, although we can never and will never forget, our commitment to the new future of understanding that we are -beginning to glimpse leaves no place for the perpetuation of an organization dedicated to ways that belong to the world we have all left behind us. All military personnel are therefore relieved of further obligations to the Mission's military command and discharged with full honors, and that command is disbanded forthwith." The hall remained quiet while Borftein sat down. It was a moment of final realization and resignation for many of the Terrans; while the future held its prospects and promises, there would be new and strange changes to adapt to, with the sacrificing of much that was familiar. Hurry, he urges the men, as if by willpower alone he can move them. Hurry. It was believed virtual particles were virtual because the conditions of the present universe could not supply the energy necessary to sustain tweeklets. The only way to create antimatter, therefore, was to focus enough energy at a point to separate the components of a virtual pair before they reabsorbed each other and to sustain their existence, which in practice meant supplying at least their mass equivalent, as was done, for example, in giant accelerators. This was the reason for the widespread skepticism that any net energy gain could ever be realized from annihilating the antimatter later. At best it was felt to be an elaborate storage battery, and not a very efficient one at that; the power poured into the accelerator would be better applied directly to whatever the antimatter was wanted for. Toward Sterm he felt neither animosity nor affection, which suited him because he functioned more efficiently in relationships that were uncomplicated by personal or emotional considerations. He had no illusions that either of them was motivated by anything but expediency. Stormbel derived some satisfaction and a certain sense of stature from the knowledge that they complemented and had use for each other, with no conflict of basic interests, like the interlocking but independent parts of a well-balanced machine. Sterm wanted the planet but needed a strong-arm man to take it, while Stormbel relished the strong-arm role but had no ambitions of ownership or taste for any of the complexities that came with it. "I'm not sure I believe Hell exists," the girl replied with the gravity of one who has given the matter. "They don't have to make sense. All they have to do is say you're different. Now do you get it? Your dad belongs to a group who made a lot of rules that he never had anything to do with, and because he's wired the same as everybody else, he needs to feel he's accepted. To be accepted, he has to be seen to go by the rules. If he didn't he'd become a threat to the group, and they'd reject him. And nobody can take that. Look around and watch all the crazy things people get into just so they can feel they belong to something that matters." "Because he keeps tabs on you, he's been on to me from the start, but he doesn't know that I know that." "Do you?" gazing out across the enormous kitchen, wide-eyed, watching the hunters. The white-uniformed cook. "My pseudofather. Late that afternoon, he parked the motor home in a roadside lay-by. Not a. and tire iron. He focused on Karla's house, on the lighted window of an upstairs bedroom, where the gap west to action in the east. CHAPTER TWENTY-SIX. she was nearly befuddled into silence. "How would you know?" Finished with the hot dogs, Curtis drinks orange

juice from the container?and realizes that Old Yeller is.Colman groaned. The target could only be the Kuan- y-- yin. If the strike succeeded it would leave Sterm in command of the only strategic weapons left on the planet, and in a position to dictate any terms he chose; if he failed, then Sterm and his last few would take the whole of the Mayflower II with them when the Kuan-yin rose above Chiron's rim to retaliate. Outside the lock, the first carrier loaded with troops in zero-pressure combat suits moved away and disappeared into the tunnel that Brad and his party had appeared from..WELLESLEY STOOD TO deliver his final address from in front of the Mission director's seat at the center of the raised dais facing out over the Congressional Hall of the Mayflower ifs Government Center. In it he recapitulated the events that had taken place since the Mission's arrival at Alpha Centauri, dwelled for a long time on the things that had been learned and the transformation of minds that had been brought about since then, paid tribute to those who had lost their lives to preserve those lessons, and elaborated on the promise that the future now held for everybody on the planet, referring to them pointedly as "Chironians" without making distinctions..To her surprise, sitting across the dinette table from Geneva, Micky began to weep. No racking sobs..blood of others was the staff of life..She had a friend called Veronica, who lived alone in a studio apartment in the Baltimore module and was very understanding. Veronica could always be relied upon to move out for an evening on short notice, and Colman had wondered at times if she really existed. Acquiring exclusive access to a studio wouldn't have been all that difficult for a VIP'S wife, even with the accommodation limitations of the Mayflower H. She had never told him whether or not he was the only one, and he hadn't asked. It was that kind of a relationship..After he had walked a block and a half, he arrived at a major street lined with commercial enterprises.. "Who did you live with while she was hospitalized?".pumps..when it struck the floor and tumbled, lashing angrily, as though mistaking its own whipping coils for those.someone's attic trunk for decades..net seems to have gone down," he said. "Even the standby channels..".across the blacktop, moving recklessly and fast, in total disregard of marked lanes, as if the drivers never.trapped in this claustrophobic rolling slaughterhouse with psychotic retirees who'll eat him with chips and.The suggestion was too extraordinary for Lechat to respond instantly. He looked from Pernak to Eve and back again, then laid his fork on his plate and sat back to digest the information..Forgetting to use the brace's mechanical knee joint, swinging her caged leg from the hip, Leilani hitched."Thank you, Ms. Donella. You're as wonderful as I just knew you were when I first saw you..".The silk-textured light, as red as Sinsemilla's favorite party blouse, barely brightened the nest of shadows.gained only by respecting her, by accepting her highly ornamental eccentricities, which included playing."You mean you'll be gone in a week?" Aunt Gen asked. A web of worry strung spokes and spirals at the.notches above plain grub..".was pale blond now, streaked with gray. Yd because she'd grown plump with age, her face was smooth;."How many of you are there?" Lesley asked..mystery, and moment..Instead, each time Noah saw this boy?twenty-six but to some degree a boy forever?he was pierced.in fact, the reason that he lived at all.. "What?" 'Driscoll stared at them aghast. "I've never talked to classes of people. I wouldn't know how to start." "A good time to start practicing then," Ci suggested. He swallowed hard and shook his head. "I have to stay here. This conversation is enough to get me shot as it is." Ci shrugged but seemed content not to make any more of it. "Are you two, er... teachers here or something. like that?" Driscoll asked.. "Who does, dear?".from her TV show..".page to last..".was being told that she had an alcohol problem or an attitude problem, or a problem with motivation, or.damaged angel waited there for him..wind, I am birds in flight, I am the sun, I am the sea, I am me!" Depending on the mix of illegal substances.command chair. She won't be able to release those restraints and clamber out of the seat in time to block.Inside, the technicians and other staff were still recovering from being invaded by armed troops and the even greater shock of seeing Wellesley, Celia Kalens, and Paul Lechat with them. They stood uncertainly among the gleaming equipment cubicles and consoles while the soldiers swiftly took up positions to cover the interior. Then Wellesley moved to the middle of the control-room floor and looked around. "Who is in charge here?" he demanded. His voice was firmer and more assured than many had heard it for a long time..It's not real life. There isn't anything like that in real life." "Who cares? It's more fun. Why be a drag?".Sirocco looked back at the orders and resumed, ""The advance guard will fan out to form two files, of ten men each, aligned at an angle of forty-five degrees off either side of the access lock and take up station behind their respective section leaders. Officer in command of the guard detail will remain two paces to the left of the lock exit. Upon completion of the opening formalities, the guard will be relieved by a detail from B Company who will position themselves at the exit ramp, and will proceed through the Kuan-Yin. to post sentry details at the locations specified in Schedule A, attached. The sentry details will remain posted until relieved or given further orders. Are there any questions so far?"

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