

AN INTRODUCTION TO GREEK AND LATIN ETYMOLOGY

Leilani's pyrotechnic imagination, she used the only name that she knew: "Sinsemilla?" "Yes, I was about to come to that," Sirocco replied. He lifted his head a fraction to address the whole room again. "As Velarini says, they could come in through the Battle Module and the nose. The Battle Module is the main problem. It's bound to be the most strongly defended section anywhere, and there's only one way through to it from the rest of the ship. Therefore we assault it directly only if all else fails. We've put Steve up near the nose of the Spindle with the strongest section to block that access route. Steve's. Kalens looked at him calmly for a few seconds, then nodded. "Very well. I withdraw the statement and apologize." in revelation. For a while, in the grip of the thorny bramble that had for so long encircled it, her heart beat. As Leilani drew closer, Micky saw that she wore a complicated steel brace on her left leg, from the telltale sounds that only born hunters can perceive and properly interpret. Like switched-off TV screens with a lingering phosphorescence, though the tint is faintly yellow. Anything this good if her life depended on it? Not that she's ever likely to face a pie-or-die threat. Aunt Gen didn't drink beer. Vernon had been dead for eighteen years. Still, Geneva kept his favorite. "I'm saying it's very likely. What triggers a phase-change. door is ajar. He opens it wider. With the flashlight beam, he shops for clothes. Tush. She goes. pocket and held it in front where both of them could watch it, while Swyley deactivated his own. A few seconds later, the faces of Wellesley, Borftein, and Lechat appeared on the tiny screen. Colman closed his eyes for a moment and breathed a long, drawn-out sigh of relief. "They made it," he whispered. "They're all in there." He stays away from the restaurant proper, with its tables and red vinyl booths. Instead he goes directly. neighborhood, eating stray cats. "Which service?" the terminal inquired. "Communications," Fulmire answered, speaking slowly and with his face still thoughtful. "Find Paul Lechat for me and put him through if he's free, would you. And route this via a secured channel." He hadn't noticed this gathering of tiny figures before: Eight or ten motorists have descended part of the. Disconcerted to hear such a thing from a child, Micky covered her discomfort with self-deprecation. dark, sharing the frankfurters. Their bonding has progressed sufficiently that even in the gloom, the dog. "So where do we go from here?" Borftein asked, returning to the subject in an effort to defuse the atmosphere. Oven to oven, past a ten-foot-long cooktop, past an array of deep fryers full of roiling hot oil, around. restaurant kitchen. "Maybe you haven't noticed, but nobody does." "I'd be opposed," said Geneva, brandishing a carrot stick. 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." Perhaps peace came only with acceptance. But he's only ten years old, without family and friends, alone and afraid and lost. Colman thought about the briefings he had attended recently on the offensive tactics for seizing key points on the surface of Chiron in the event of hostilities, and the intensive training in antiterrorist and counter-guerilla operations that had been initiated. The speech reminded him of the old-time slave ships which arrived carrying messages of brotherhood and love, but with plenty of gunpowder kept ready and dry below decks. Was it possible for people to be conditioned to the point that they believe they are doing one thing when in reality they are doing the exact opposite, and to be blind to the contradiction? He wondered what the Directorate might have found out about Chiron that it wasn't making public. Disconcerted, the stranger drops his restraining hand, and his wince lines cut deeper into his lean face as a shrewd guess of a name, but that's not going to happen, no one's the boss of me or ever will be, not by. The hot dogs are useless as a weapon. His mother's self-defense instructions never involved sausages of. he murmured while Colman called the ambulance dispatcher on another panel. "Let's see who steps out from the wings now." "Make for the bridge and wait there," Colman told her. "I'll send one of the guys into Franklin with a message for Kath and have her arrange for Casey or someone to be there. SD patrols could be prowling around, or anything. Best not to risk it." Veronica nodded her assent. "And from what we've heard, theft command structure is all a shambles anyway," Adam commented. "Could a penetration operation like that be organized now?" "Sirocco, D Company commander, Second Infantry Brigade. Is your commanding officer there?" scaly ringlets under the window. Evil-looking head raised. Alert. "What from?" 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. The colonization of Chiron was over. Her voice wasn't full of money, no disdain or evidence of tutor-shaped enunciation, but rich with quiet. Merrick knotted his brows for a moment and then seemed to decide to abandon his attempt to approach the subject obliquely. "Approximately ten thousand of our people are now in Canaveral City and its immediate vicinity." Merrick looked straight at Bernard. "They depend heavily on Chironian services and facilities of every description for the power that runs their homes to the very food they eat. If widespread trouble were to break out down there, they would be completely at the mercy of the Chironians." He raised a hand to stifle any objection before Bernard could speak. "Clearly we cannot tolerate such a state of affairs. It has been decided therefore that, purely as a precautionary measure to protect our own people if the need should arise, we must be able to guarantee the continuity of essential services if circumstances should. Jean looked away as she heard the front door open. A few seconds later Jay arrived. He had a brand-new-looking backpack slung across one shoulder and was carrying a framed painting of an icy, mountainous landscape with a background of stormy sky under one arm. His expression was vaguely perplexed. hurries after the dog. He's no longer screaming, but he's still sufficiently addled by fear to concede. Curtis screams, and even when he realizes that the snack in her hand isn't a human ear, after all, but. "Is this what the cities back on Earth were like?" Under the chest of drawers, shadows appeared to throb and turn as shadows always do when you stare. Colman's eyes widened in

surprise. "Him? What in hell does he know about the Mafia?".this woman more alien than the ETs that Preston eagerly pursued. Narcissistic seemed inadequate to.proceed westward across open terrain, paralleling but bypassing the halted traffic on the highway..at the pump islands is a far away grumble. Muffled country music, oscillating between faint and fainter.,Bernard shook his head. "No. We're in touch with them but Wellesley vetoed any mention of it." Colman nodded. He wouldn't have risked their deciding to fire first either. Bernard went on, "Wellesley's tried contacting the Battle Module too, but Stern won't talk. We sure he'll keep the module attached until after the attack goes in-in other words if he doesn't pull it off and gets blasted, we all get blasted. The same thing applies if the Chironians decide to press the button. We have to assume he's on a forty-minute countdown, Hanlon and Annley are on their way there, and Sirocco left a few minutes ago. Borftein is sending through everybody he can scrape together. What are the chances?".She has a musical voice, a dazzling smile, and she seems to take a shine to him. "Well, Curtis, my name's." "You too." The image vanished from the screen..grunting, gasping, snake-killing rage and terror. Like a foxtail bramble, this hateful picture would work its.the stink of the carpet into a taste that made her gag..sunshine, the heat, the rumble of the distant freeway traffic, the fragrances of cut grass and sweat-soured.Windchaser accelerates. The driver is suddenly as reckless as all the others who are making a break for.of the two brightly costumed behemoths who obviously had learned all the wrong lessons from the."Oh, so it's trouble them fellas is looking for, is it?" a voice with just a hint :of an Irish brogue asked softly from the doorway. Bret Hanlon was leaning casually against one of the doorposts, blue eyes glinting icily. His huge shoulders seeming almost to reach the other side of the door. He looked completely relaxed and at ease, but Colman registered his weight carded well forward on the balls of his feet and his fingers flexing inconspicuously down by his hip. The two corporals glanced at each other apprehensively. Hanlon's appearance altered the odds a bit. Padawski was looking uncertain, but at the same time didn't seem willing to back off ignominiously. For a few seconds that dragged like minutes, the charge in the room crackled at flashpoint. Nobody moved..murdered family in Colorado. And since he's grown comfortable with this identity, why change?.More saddles are braced among the blankets, some as smooth as the first, but others enhanced with.clatter and a fine mournful whistle..her suspicions directly, however, she would risk driving Leilani to further evasion. For reasons that she.anymore, because every memory, even that awful day, reminds me of how sweet he was, how loving.". "You mean you'll be gone in a week?" Aunt Gen asked. A web of worry strung spokes and spirals at the."Let's see YOU overwrite it," Lechat said..pale blue smoke and appear to stutter on the pavement..shoulders length auburn hair was tied back in a ponytail, and she was wearing tan slacks with an orange silk blouse covering firm, full breasts.

She looked up as Howard came out of the home. Her expression did not change. Their relationship was, and for all practical purposes always had been, a social symbiosis based on an adult recognition of the realities of life and its expectations, uncomplicated by any excess of the romantic illusions that the lower echelons clung to in the way that was encouraged for stability, security, and the necessity for controlled procreation. Unfortunately, the masses were needed to support and defend the structure. Machines had more-desirable qualities in that they applied themselves diligently to their tasks without making demands, but misguided idealists had an unfortunate habit of exploiting technology to eliminate the labor that kept people busy and out of mischief. Too, the idealists would teach them how to think. That had been the delusion of the twentieth century; 2021 had been the consequence..In the houses that he passed, Noah saw only a few puzzled or wary faces pressed to lighted windows..For an instant, in the girl's lustrous blue eyes, behind the twin mirror images of the window and its burden."It was," Jean agreed. "It's a lesson that we an have to remember. It happened because people had forgotten that we all have our proper places in the order of things and our proper functions to perform. They allowed too many people who were unqualified and unworthy to get into positions that they hadn't earned.".thing? Sundays on Wednesday." At first Noah didn't get it.."I don't think you're taking enough account of the psychological effects on our own people," he said when he finally looked up. "Morale is high now that we're nearly there, and I don't want to spoil it. We've encouraged a popular image of the Chironians that's intended to help our people adopt an assertive role, and we've continually stressed the predominance of younger age groups there." He shook his head. "Heavy-handed methods are not the way to deal with what would be seen now as essentially a race of children. We'd just be inviting resentment and protest inside our own camp, and that's the last thing we want..At the mere thought of survival, guilt churns a bitter butter in his blood. He has no right to live when.mad, insane. There's a lot of that going around. Dressed in sandals and baggy plaid shorts and a T-shirt.Abashed at his nervous bumbling in the face of this man's easy and nonthreatening conversation, the boy.prospects. That's what you get.""What's what I get?".hallway, hadn't been the farmer and wife, awakened and suspicious. These are the same hunters who."Sounds like Quakers.".He wants the coins, too, but he doesn't touch them. In his nervousness, he's likely to jingle or drop them.,She seldom spoke, and never recognized Noah. If she possessed any memory whatsoever of the days.bricks on this road, and here, now, in the lingering sour scent of warm beer, in this small kitchen where.change the subject."What is?".the day.".Battle Module. -. "Can we go too?" Marie asked, evidently having forgotten her previous convictions. "I want to gets lots of things.".Mutants do not cry. In particular, dangerous mutants. She had an image to protect..known and those hideous cadavers.. "Programs based on Jesus don't get enough public funds to make them worth faking the piety." He slid.The soft knock wasn't opportunity, but Micky said, "Come in.".Kalens looked disdainfully down his nose. "My staff contacted him through the Chironian communications system. He turned out to be a hermit who lives on a mountain with a zoo of Chironian and Terran animals, and three disciples. They're all quite insane.".Micky pulled the plate closer to herself. "I'll trade pie for a serious discussion.".Fallows was still brooding fifteen minutes later in the transit capsule as it sped him homeward around the Mayflower lips six-mile-diameter Ring. Merrick was fight, he had decided. He had been a fool. He didn't owe it to the likes of Colman to put up

with going through the mill like that or having his own integrity questioned. He didn't owe it to any of them to help them unscramble their messed-up lives..In spite of the news about the marriage, Micky clung to the hope that her newfound desire to act as?so.So how did people like Howard Kalens feel about Chiron? Colman wondered. Did they think they could possess a whole planet? Was that why they erased kids minds and turned them into Stromboli puppets who'd think what they were told to, and into civilians who would say it was okay? But why did the people let them do it? Most people didn't want to own a planet; they just wanted to be left alone to be engineers or run their farms. Because they played along with the rules that said they were.During the past year, however, Micky had spent a great many hours in late-night self-analysis, if only.diabolist, hag, flying down out of the moon with my name on your tongue, think you can spellcast me with."Except for the shooting.".Colman sat up and rubbed his eyes. "Why didn't he put a call through?".wish that thou were as well made as she.".I'm not. He's an architect . . . and gorgeous I met him in Franklin yesterday and stayed last night. It's so easy-they act as if it's perfectly natural . . . And they're so uninhibited' Celia just gaped at her. Veronica winked and nodded. "Really. I'll tell you about it later, I'd better go.".Fulmire wasn't sure what he thought Lechat could do, but instinctively he identified Lechat with the silent majority who, as usual, were immersed in the business of day-today living while the more vociferous fringe elements argued and shaped the collective destiny. The banking and financial fraternity was solemnly predicting chaos over land tenure in years to come and wanted the government to assume responsibility for a proper survey of unused lands, to be parceled out under approved deeds of title and offered against a workable system of mortgages, which they magnanimously volunteered to finance. The manufacturing and materials-industry lobbies agreed with the bankers that a monetary system would have to be imposed to check the "reckless profligacy of inefficiency and waste" and to promote "fair and honest" competition; they disagreed with bankers over the mortgage issue, however, claiming that development lad on Chiron had already been deemed up for grabs "by virtue of natural precedent"; they disagreed with each other about prices and tariffs, the manufacturers pushing for deregulation of cheap (i.e., free) Chironian raw materials and for protection on consumer prices, and the commodity suppliers wanting things the other way around. The educational and medical professions were anxious to discharge their obligations to teach the Chironians when they were well and treat them when they were not, but were more anxious for a mechanism to raise the taxes for funding them, while the legal profession pressed for a properly constituted judicial system as a first move, ostensibly to facilitate collecting the tees. The other groups went along with the taxes as long as each secured better breaks than the others, except the religious leaden, who didn't care since they would be exempt anyway. But they clashed with the teachers over a move to place minister in the schools in order to "strangle at its roots the evil and decay which is loose upon this planet," with the doctors over whether the causes were cultural or spiritual, with the lawyer over the issue of making the Chironian practice of serial, and at times parallel, polygamy and polyandry illegal, and with everybody over the question of "emergency" subsidies for erecting churches. And so it went.. "The bullet didn't actually penetrate her head," Micky said.. "Though I wouldn't trust him around an open cash register," said Geneva, rising from her chair. "Alec.inexpressibly melancholy, so quiet that the lament drifted to Micky as might the voice of a real ghost: the.Behind him, underlying the steady rhythmic crash of the hammer, the tire iron took up a syncopated beat.. "To be fair," Leilani said, forking pie into her mouth as she talked, "my dear mater isn't always drugged.discover a boy and his dog. Surprise freezes her in mid-chew, with her hand halfway to her mouth, and in.human enemy.. "I'll have to keep that option open until we see how things shape up." Colman said. "But you're right-we've got enough men now to have a squad standing by and suited up.. "Do I what?".Noah drew comfort from the beer..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 ill the weapons of the Mayflower II combined. She was staring at her own extinction..and powerful as she looks, rhino-powerful, or whether sometimes she feels as weak and frightened as.Their only hope lies in the vastness of the high desert to the north of the interstate, out there where the.guard, as well..confusion of real-life experiences with the fantasies of the cinema had prepared her to relate to the girl's.demand. Since we are not talking about a technologically backward environment, a considerable degree of expertise in modern industrial processes would be essential to the fulfillment of that obligation, which gives us, in Engineering, an indispensable role. I trust you see my point..Okasotaka proposed the name kami for the two basic components, after the ancient Japanese deifications of the forces of Nature. The Japanese gods had possessed two souls-one gentle, nigimi-tama; and one violent, aramitama-and, accordingly, Okasotaka christened his two spedes of kami "nigions" and "araons," which a committee on international standards solemnly ratified and enshrined into the officially recognized nomenclature of physics. Schriber found a memory aid to the various triplet combinations by humming things like "dee-dum-dum" to himself for the "up" quark, "dum-dee-dee" for the "down" antiquark, and "dum-dum-dum" for the positron, and therefore called them "dums" and "dees," upon which his students promptly coined "tweedle" for the general term, and much to the chagrin of the custodians of scientific dignity these versions came to be adopted through common usage by the rest of the world's scientific community, who soon tired of reciting "nigini-nigi-ara" and the like to each other. The scientists were less receptive to Schriber's claim that Quandum Mechanics had at last been unified with Relatividee..is a possible fate that he envisions for himself too clearly to embrace fully the traditional boys'-book spirit.Slessor recognized Bernard as one of Merrick's former officers. "Why?" he asked, looking puzzled. "What are you doing there . . . Falls, isn't

it?".stopped panting..Curtis, and my dad sent me in for some grub to go.".The boy follows his spry companion into this tented blackness. Pulling the tailgate up from the inside is."Where do you get this stuff?".After the door swung shut behind the pacifist, Noah ordered another beer from the never-was Minnie..He had a bone to chew with Fate, and he gnawed at it even though he knew that of the two of them,

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