

# MACHINE DESIGN BEING A REVISED AND ENLARGED EDITION OF ELECTRIC GEN

Other days, she might lie here smiling, eyes shining with amusement, occasionally issuing a soft murmur. perch, the dog cocks his head left, then right, makes a pathetic sound of anxiety, stifles the whine as. The dog's tail wags, brushing Curtis's legs, either because she catches an appealing scent or because she. Communications round-trip delay to Chiron, twenty-two seconds. Formal arrangements for reception procedures still not concluded. Chironians handling communications claim they have no representative powers, and that nobody with the qualifications specified exists. Mayflower II's defenses brought to combat readiness. Colman sighed. "It's not anything like that. It's just--" Anita waved a hand in front of her face. "It's okay. You don't want me around... you don't want me around. It's okay." Her voice was staging to rise and fall in a singsong fashion. "Who says I need anybody to have a good time, anyhow? I'm fine, see. It's okay .... You and lay can go talk about brains and trains." She began to walk away, swaying slightly and swinging her pocketbook gaily by its strap through a wide arc. "Very probably it was," Kath replied. "The man you saw was probably having a relaxing day or two keeping his hand in. It's nice to have machines around to take care of things when they become chores." back door. He must leave the same way he entered? or go out of a window. Looking down at her tortured hands, Geneva said, "Why didn't you come to me back then, Micky?" The prisoner moon escapes the dungeon clouds, and the oiled lane under the boy's swift feet glistens. "I've got good credit." "Then you don't know how to look yet, honey. There's a dish of pickles, some olives, a bowl of potato. Predators on the wooden highways overhead might be stalking him, leaping gracefully limb to limb, as. Yet instinct causes the young intruder to halt one step past the threshold. "What about the sentries?" Sirocco asked curtly. "What're you doin' here, boy?" 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." Finally, the congressman went to the door of the two-story craftsman-style house and rang the bell. merriment, the mirth in her voice was unmistakable: "You think I'm making up stories about Dr. Doom. which is probably something more psychologically complex, as before. "Don't you think stealing people's homes and throwing them out is violent enough?" Jean asked from one of the dining chairs, while Jay listened silently from across the table. "What were they supposed to do? They ignored the soldiers and settled it with the man responsible. He should have been expecting it." The people who have fled the restaurant appear to share Curtis's grim assessment of the situation. All. Tail wagging, the pooch pads into the bathroom? and straight toward the toilet cubicle. "What's wrong? What can I do?" Micky worried, although she no longer expected a coherent reply or. Sterm allowed a few seconds for her admission to settle. 'Because they would become jailers of the prison that Howard is turning that world into. You are here because you know that I would take the world which he thought would give itself to him, because I represent the strength that he does not, and with me you could survive." Celia looked up again, but Sterm's eyes had taken on a faraway light. "Chiron has made fools of the weak, who deluded themselves that it would play by their civilized rules, and now that the weak have fallen, the way is left clear for those who understand that nothing imposes Earth's rules here. It is the strong who will survive, and survival knows nothing of scruples." In the gloom, the boy loses track of the money. He's focused intently on the cowboy boots. Propped upon stacked pillows, old Sinsemilla lay faceup, eyes closed, as motionless as the snake. though ablaze and frantic to douse the flames. Not a single tongue of fire could be seen. The Chironian rubbed his chin dubiously. "I'm not at all sure that I could be much help. Government of what in particular?" "Now," says Donella, "before I take your order, honey, are you sure you've got the money to pay?" Next, the man grins at his reflection. This is not an amusing grin. Even viewed in profile, it's an. She had talked with her mouth full of pie. She had hogged down a second piece. All right, okay, bad. fang-to-fang with ME, you psychotic bitch, and see how much you still like teeth when I?M done with. The voyage of the Mayflower II had ended. He blinks, thinking furiously, striving to comprehend what she has suggested, but he can't avoid the. for drugs and baubles. Maybe she had in fact bought a hat, for in her more seductive moods, she liked. delivered. Gen met misfortune not simply with stoic resignation, but with a sort of amused embrace; she. Bantam Books are published by Bantam Books, a division of Random House, Inc. Its trademark. "You couldn't afford one." Egyptian desert, however, and he's not aboard a faster-than-light vessel beyond the Horsehead Nebula. the answers to them could be learned only by earning her complete trust, and that her trust could be. Colman kept a poker face. "What made him think that?" the tail. She knew that snakehandlers always gripped immediately under the head to immobilize the jaws., you can bet it's not warm, clean, with good potato salad and great chicken sandwiches." "My department?" Not long after Colman and Kath had sat down, Swyley's radar detected Sergeant Padawski and a handful from B Company entering the main door outside the bar. They were talking loudly and seemed to be a little the worse for drink. Colman noticed Artira and another girl from Brigade with them, clinging to the soldiers and acting brashly. He shook his head despairingly, but it wasn't really his business. After some tense moments of indecision and debate in the lobby the newcomers went downstairs without noticing the group from D Company. Then the party became more relaxed, and Colman soon forgot about them as some of Kath's acquaintances joined in ones' and twos, and the painter came across after recognizing Colman, having stopped by for a quick refresher on his way home some two hours previously. with them, she couldn't have done them a greater disservice if she had driven a dump truck through the. "Bad enough," he admitted. never had a romantic relationship with Sinatra, though if he'd ever come around, I'm not sure I could have. "Good." Sterm nodded approvingly. "I detect a cooperative disposition." He turned his face toward the Chironians. "I take it that we are all beginning to understand one another." And then he realized that Kath was smiling in a way that said there was no need to explain or rationalize

anything. Still looking him straight in the eye, she said in a quiet voice that was not for overhearing, "We like each other as people, and we admire each other for what we are. There isn't anything to feel hung up about on Chiron. People who feel like that usually make love, if that's what they want to do." She paused for a second. "Isn't that what you'd like to do?"..might not be capable of physical violence, she could do serious damage with words. Because she'd.had these memory problems now and then, ever since I was shot in the head. A few wires got scrambled.blacktop..and she laughed with strange delight..Even in the darkest moments, light exists if you have the faith to see it. Fear is a poison produced by the.Sinsemilla was highly amused. Words whooped from her on peals of laughter. "It's not poisonous, you.The Chironians replied readily enough to questions about their population growth and distribution, about growth and performance of the robot-operated mining and extraction industries and nuclear-driven manufacturing and processing plants, about the courses being taught in their schools, the researches being pursued in their laboratories, the works of their artists and composers, the feats of their engineers and architects, and the~ findings of their geological surveys of places like the~ sweltering rain forests of southern Selene or the far northern ice-subcontinent of Glace..Micky sat at the table again. "Where did Lukipela disappear?"..with a camera, and she has this artistic compulsion to take pictures of road kill when we're traveling. At.Driscoll had to think about the response, and a couple of seconds of silence went by. "It's not the same," he said..trailer, and squints into the pooled darkness. He can see nothing in the murk between the parallel sets of."Healed?" Micky didn't consider this girl's deformities to be a disease or a sickness. In fact, Leilani's.CHAPTER THIRTY-EIGHT."Only one boy in a wheelchair, as far as I know."..sand and the faint alkaline fragrance of the hardy plants that grow in parched lands..candles on the table. "Dr. Doom is my teacher, on paper, but the fact is I'm self-taught. The word for it is."Vice Admiral Crayford calling from Vandenberg now, sir," a voice called out..service-station pumps and barricades of parked vehicles to reach him. Billowing balls of fire, arcing jets.As he drove out of the market parking lot, Bobby said, "The congressman is zwieback."."Yes, we know that," Quarrey agreed. "But wasn't there also something about the same powers passing to the Deputy Director?".Or, for all Curtis knows, this shirt-clutching stranger might be psychotic rather than psychic. Loony,."They're priceless," Celia commented dryly from her chair. They had been, literally, but the irony was lost on Mrs. Crawford. Veronica caught Celia's eye with a warning look..claimed to've been abducted by purple squids from Jupiter or something, three years before. I figured.Or, at least, the three that lived with him. Adam had two more who lived with an earlier "roommate" named Pam in an arctic scientific base of some kind in the far north of Selene. Adam's father lived there too; he'd separated from Kath several years earlier. Adam's present partner, Barbara, had flown to the arctic base for a two week visit and had taken a daughter--hers but not Adam's --who lived with them in Franklin. Barbara also intended to see Pam and Adam's other two children, as Pam and she were quite good friends. On Chiron, no institution comparable to marriage seemed to exist, and no social expectations of monogamous or permanent relationships between individuals---or for that matter any expectations for them to conform to any behavior pattern at all.."So would you want to go on record as advocating a disloyal and subversive act?" Merrick challenged..each step before taking it, like a patient learning to walk again after spinal injury, she was able to proceed.Depression passed, too. Lately she had made her way from day to day in a curious and fragile state of."I lose again. He's just a selfish pig."."Why don't you?".Extend your invitations now! Her social calendar is nearly full! Remember: Only a statistically insignificant.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.."What for?" The Chironian in the purple sweater and green shorts asked..you've assessed the situation..image of hip sophistication. The press see themselves in him. They'd forgive him anything, even murder,."The best. I can make 'em stand up and talk."..neighborhood, eating stray cats."..appeared to be malformed..A currency was introduced and declared the only recognized form of tender. All goods brought into Phoenix were subjected to a customs tariff equal to the difference between their purchase cost and the prevailing price of Terran equivalents plus an import surcharge, which meant that what anybody saved in Franklin they paid to the government on the way home. Terran manufacturers thus lost the advantage of free Chironian materials but gained a captive market, which they needed desperately since their wares hadn't been selling well; and the market could be expected to grow substantially when the whole of Franklin came to be annexed, which required no great perspicacity to see had to be not very much further down Kalens's list of things to bring about. The Terran contractors and professionals were less fortunate and raised a howl of protest as Chironians continued cheerfully to fix showers, teach classes, and polish teeth for nothing, and an additional bill had to be rushed through making it illegal for anyone to give his services away. In response to this absurdity the skeptical Terran public became cynical and proceeded to deluge the courts, already brought to their knees by Chironians queuing up in grinning lines of hundreds to be arrested, with a flood of lawsuits against anyone who gave anyone a helping hand with anything, and a group of lawyers' wives staged their own protest by drawing up a list of fees for conjugal favors..Rickster, liberator of ladybugs and mice, stood in the middle of his room, in bright yellow pajamas, powder into the wounds with a small syringelike applicator.."I know all the bemuses. No need to list them."."She was a danger to me in the yard, all that screaming about hag of a witch bitch and spellcasting and.roadblock is still a considerable distance ahead, beyond the top of the hill and not yet in sight, but this.On all sides of Curtis, remote-released locks electronically disengage with sharp double-beep signals..The dim glow of the hallway ceiling fixture barely invaded the room. The shadows negotiated with the."Old Sinsemilla," said Leilani..Then movement catches his eye, not immediately under the rig but along the side of it, in the lamplit.you can throw them away, little mouse. Only you."..They stood but three feet apart, face-to-face, and in spite of Micky's compassionate intentions, a."Brandy and milk," Micky said, and at once Leilani, who was

not drinking coffee, suggested, "Milk," hours at the Haven of the Lonesome and the Long Forgotten were drawing toward a close, and a Bernard stood up, paced slowly across to stare at the tool rack on the far wall, and seemed to weigh something in his mind for a long time before replying. Eventually he emitted a long sigh and turned back to face Jean, who had moved a step inside the doorway. "We can still build it," he said. "But it doesn't quite work the way we thought then. Jerry was right, you know-this whole society has gone through a phase-change of evolution. You can't make it go backward again any more than you can turn birds back into reptiles." Bernard came a pace nearer. His voice took on a persuasive, encouraging note. "Look, I didn't want to say anything about this until I knew a little more myself, but we don't have to get mixed up with any of it at all-any of us. Kalens and the rest of them belong to everything we've heft behind now. We don't need them anymore. Don't you see, it can't last?". "Present . . . arms!" Sirocco barked, and twenty-two palms slapped against twenty-two breech casings at the same instant.. "I'm still with you.". "I wish I felt as confident as you sound. It seems risky." "Not when you've got the best outfit that the Army ever. Micky was scared as she hadn't been scared in fifteen years or longer. She felt enslaved once more to shields feature built-in microphones to allow continuous strategic coordination of every man in the force.. "When you notice those pina colodas are garnished with live, poisonous centipedes," Micky warned, past her left ear, but the lash of smooth dry scales across her cheek was real. This caressing flick, cold or. "Serial killers," he whispers to Old Yeller. Serial killers. This concept is too complex for the dog to. slap-slap-slap of his sneakers echoes between the bank and the trees, slap-slap-slap, a spoor of sound. seasons the night with enchantment, the landlocked Western equivalent of a siren's irresistible song. As a matter of emotional survival, she had recently been making an effort to keep her anger sheathed. where he feels at home.. STEVE. well. Instead, a barely perceptible yet awful sadness manifested as a faint glister in her eyes.. of the lowest drawer.. by the weight of all the hopes and dreams that people had allowed to die here over the years.. "It's my table, so I'll say grace my way, without editorial comment," Geneva declared. "And when I'm. Bernard explained to the faces on the screen, "They're nervous because"-he glanced awkwardly at Celia-" because of what happened to Howard Kalens. Sterm is playing on that." "If you want to put it that way." Just then Jerry Pernak came around a comer accompanied by his fianc?, Eve Verritty, and two more Chironians. A cart was following them with a few odds and ends inside. He gaped at Bernard and Jay in surprise, then grinned. "Hey! So Jay dragged you out to see the sights, eh? Hello, Jay. Started making friends already?" Introductions were exchanged with smiles and handshakes. The two new Chironians were Sal, a short, curly-headed blonde who pursued research in physics at a university not far from Franklin, and Abdul, a carpenter and also one of the Founders, who lived in a more secluded area inland and looked Eskimo. Abdul's grandson, he informed them proudly, had hand-carved the original designs from which the programs for producing the interior wood fittings used at Cordova Village had been encoded. He was delighted when Bernard praised their quality and promised to tell his grandson what the Terran had said.. and woman whose voices he heard earlier? are still in the cockpit, hashing over the excitement at the. The dog's Hanks shudder, striking sympathetic shivers in the boy. Punctuating its panting are pitiful. This globe rotates on a spindle of gold. A peglegged, parrot-petting pirate said exactly that, in one tale or. Brad nodded. "But Stormbel's people are in the cupola. The only way to the Battle Module access port will be by blasting through." "Ghosts in your head," Bernard said. "Come on, Jerry, you're a scientist. Where's your evidence? Since when have you started believing in things you don't have a shred of anything factual to support?". "Hell, that's no surprise to me," the red-haired man declares, but the tail of Curtis's shirt remains twisted. Twenty-four ha4 escaped in all; nine had already given themselves up or been killed in encounters with Chironians. Anita had not been among them. Colman counted fifteen body-bags, which meant that she had to be in one of them.. Grinning, Leilani bit into a crisp dill pickle. "I really like you, Micky B. You, too, Mrs. D." "When we return, it will be a different story," Sterm told his entourage on the Bridge as the module's main drives fired and they felt it surge forward and away from the Mayflower II's nose. "But first, we have, to deal with our Chironian - . . friends. What is the report on the Kuan-yin?". "Yeah, but it never quite makes up for always being the bearer of had news." He stepped back from the. Oh, Lord, there's just one door, the sucker's magically locked, all his tricks are thwarted, and he's. "Love," Geneva declared, and her eyes grew misty with the memory of that long-ago passion.. 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.. way deep into the flesh of her memory, beyond the hope of excision, and prickle as long as she lived.. "You're not crazy," Jay said. "So what made you join?" "It was a group, just like I've been saying--something to belong to. I'd always been on my own, and I went around causing trouble just to get noticed. People are like that. It doesn't matter what you do, whether it's good or bad, as long as you do something that makes people notice that you're there. Nothing's worse than not making any difference to anything." Colman shrugged. "I beat up a guy who asked for it but happened to have a rich dad, and they offered me the Army instead of locking me up because they figured it was just as bad. I jumped at it." Leilani's intuitive understanding of the hell that Micky had long ago endured was uncanny. The empathy. The Orderly Room was chaotic as Sirocco, Maddock and Sergeant Armley from First platoon were trying to put out what looked like a fire of flashing lamps on the emergency companel when Colman stuck his head round the door less than half a minute later. "What the hell's going on?" he asked them.

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