

## LOGISCHE UNTERSUCHUNGEN VOL 2 ALS BEITRAGE ZUR GESCHICHTE DER VO

his enemies are not always his friends, certainly not in this case..born?".that had kept her from drowning in self-pity since she'd moved in here.. "Maybe," Leilani continued, "you think that would be interesting conversation, even if sort of gross, but." I guess so. So what was the rest of it?" Unprepared for the girl's admission, Micky stumbled a few words further. " ? because you . . . because. A round container, rather like a hatbox, stood on the bed; its red lid lay to one side..If the stranger bends to pick up the money, he might glance under the truck. ....men more than she valued me. She always got tired of them sooner or later, and she always knew she. Sirocco shrugged noncommittally. "Can't say. I wouldn't worry too much about it. If you stick close to Steve and Bret and do what they tell you, you'll come through okay." Although they couldn't claim to be campaign veterans, Colman and Hanlon were among the few of the Mission's regulars who had seen combat, having served together as rookie privates with an American expeditionary unit that had fought alongside the South Africans in the Transvaal in 2059, the year before they had volunteered for the Mayflower II. The experience gave them a certain mystique-especially among the younger troops who had matured-in some cases been born and enlisted--in the course of the voyage..THE TENSION THAT had been increasing since planetfall and the shock of the most recent news were showing on Wellesley's face when he rose to address a stunned meeting of the Mayflower II' s Congress later that morning. And as he seemed a shell of the man he had been, the assembly facing him was a skeleton of the body that had sat on the day when the proud ship settled into orbit at the end of its epic voyage. Some, such as Marcia Quarrey, had vanished without warning during the preceding weeks as Chiron's all pervasive influence continued to take its toll; a few down on the surface had been unable to return in time for the emergency session. Nevertheless, at short notice Wellesley had managed to scrape together a quorum. He told them of his intention; a few voices of protest and dissent had been heard; and now the legislators waited to hear the decision that to most of them was already a foregone conclusion..Bernard snapped his fingers. "Of course, Colman! Why the hell didn't I think of that?".Her attempt at humor was a good sign. Colman grinned and heaved himself from his seat. "Then let's go," he grunted..Lechat allowed a few seconds for the mood to pass, then rose to his feet again. "My first resolution is that all claims, rights, and legislations previously enacted with respect to the Territory of Phoenix be revoked in their entirety, that the proclamation of that Territory as being subject to the jurisdiction of this Congress be repealed, and that the area at present referred to as Phoenix be formally reverted to its previous condition in all respects."..as decrepit as Micky's bile-green lounge. "This lawn furniture sucks.".. "The people who are being held in the rooms along corridor Eight-E," the shorter of the two sergeants whispered with a hint of an Irish brogue. "You take their food in?' The steward gulped and nodded vigorously. "When is the evening meal due?".. "The best. I can make 'em stand up and talk."..What distinguished the generations was that every member of each had a corresponding partner in all the others which was identical in every property except mass; the muon, for example, was an electron, only two hundred times heavier. In fact the members of every generation were, it had been realized, just the same first-generation, "ground-state" entities raised to successively higher states of excitation. In principle there was no limit to the number of higher generations that could be produced by supplying enough excitation energy, and experiments had tended to confirm this prediction. Nevertheless, all the exotic variations created could be accounted for by the same eight ground-state quarks and leptons, plus their respective antiparticles, together with the field quanta through which they interacted. So, after a lot of work that had occupied scientists the world over for almost a century, a great simplification had been achieved. But were quarks and leptons the end of the story?.. "The Chironians on channel eight are requesting a report, sir."..pane, as though showcased: visible above the waist, nude. Jonathan Sharmer, also nude, loomed behind. "But you are. What can you do to stop it?"..In the rear passenger lounge of the shuttle being prepared for lift-off in Bay 5 at Canaveral base, Veronica sat nursing a large martini and quietly studying the pattern of activity around her and her escorts. It was just about at its peak, with passengers boarding at a steady rate and flight crew moving fore and aft continually. But most of the faces had not yet had time to register. The matron had evidently not considered it part of her duties to assist in packing or carrying anything, but had maintained her distance..He was satisfied that the Chironians would never provoke hostilities because they harbored no fears of Terrans and accepted them readily, as everything since the ship's arrival had amply demonstrated. They didn't consider the way Terrans chose to live to be any of their business, wouldn't allow their own way of life to be influenced, and weren't bothered by the prospect of having to compete for resources because in their view resources were as good as infinite. But he felt less reassured about the Terrans- at least some of them. Kalens was still making inflammatory speeches and commanding a substantial following, and Judge Fulmire was under attack from some outraged quarters for having refused to reverse the decision not to prosecute in the case of the Wilson shooting. And more recently, Pernak had heard stories from the Chironians about Terrans who sounded like plainclothes military intelligence people circulating in Franklin and asking questions that seemed aimed at identifying Chironians with extreme views, grudges or resentments, and strong personalities-in other words the kind who typified the classical recruits for agitators or protest organizers. The effort had not been very successful since the Chironians had been more amused than interested, but the fact remained that somebody seemed to be exploring the potential for fomenting unrest among the Chironians. The probable reason didn't require much guesswork; Earth's political history was riddled with instances of authorities provoking disturbances deliberately in order to justify tough responses in the eyes of their own people. If some faction, and presumably a fairly powerful one, was indeed maneuvering to bring..slippery thingy, not a monster!"..From the center of the floor Wellesley asked, "What do you want?"..Now the only place I can see his face is in my mind." But I take time every day to concentrate on his face, coconut oil and

distilled essence of cocoa butter?would be the first step on a slippery slope of addiction.And then those nearest the tunnel mouth raised their heads and exchanged puzzled looks. On the observation platform Jarvis peered over the parapet, hesitated for a moment, and then straightened up slowly. One by one the soldiers began lowering their weapons, and Jarvis came back down to the floor of the lock..to her that acting silly-kid excited about them would help convince Dr. Doom that she continued to.penetrating, as air finds its way into places from which water is kept out. "He can't have been here ten.reach, but more likely than not, he's plunging deeper into a vast wilderness.."I bet she does," Stanislaw maintained. "They all do..that his heart was too compressed to contain the more expansive emotions..".He's quite the philosopher..".That's a severe angle," Mrs. Sharmer said. "Where were you?".Lesley nodded. "He's been there all evening. Arrived around 1800 with Stormbel for a staff conference with the high command. They're all in there .~." He frowned at the expression on Colman's face. "Nobody knew?".most likely bring him to the same hard death..".Over two years ago. I was seven going on eight..".Thank you, and my compliments to you, sir." Hoover acknowledged in a suddenly more agreeable voice. "I hope you all enjoyed your visit and that we'll see you here again soon." The cart rolled away to deliver its load to the handling machine. Hoover escorted the group back to the entrance. "Now, next week we're expecting a consignment of absolutely first-class--". "How old were you then?" Eve asked curiously..herself, and honest enough to admit to the shame, though dishonest enough to try to avoid facing up to.Wellesley seemed thoughtful. "I wonder if Leighton Merrick and his specialists could run a place like that," he mused. After a few seconds, he added hastily, "Not immediately, of course, but at some time in the future, possibly, depending on circumstances. As insurance, it would certainly pay us to know something more about it..".They can't get away with that, dear..".concern for the insect be addressed seriously..I thought you might need a hand with these so I did them last night. If my hunch is right, things have probably gotten a bit difficult for you. There's no sense in upsetting people who don't mean any harm. Take it from me, he's not such a bad guy..".I agree," Marcia Quarrey said. She looked at Borftein. "If that's the case, then sending in the SD's would only confirm their fears. It would be the worst thing we could do..".tongue stuck to the roof of her mouth..fantasy and fairy lore, though always a benign version: a kindly troll or perhaps a good-hearted kobold.Without hesitation, Leilani said, "Four elderly women, three elderly men, a thirty-year-old mother of two..".It is," Adam agreed readily. "But modesty and self-effacement aren't the same thing either..".Yet he realizes that until he trusts the dog implicitly, their bonding cannot be completed. Until then, they.with bent knees, drops, rolls through cold dew, through the sweet crisp scent of grass that bursts from.Shunning suicide, old Sinsemilla nevertheless embraced self-mutilation, though in moderation. She."Acknowledged," the computer replied..Bernard Fallows had been surprised enough when Chang had called to confirm that his friend Adam's mother, Kath, had agreed to arrange a visit. He had been even more surprised when Kath turned out to be not a junior technician or mundane worker around the place, but responsible for the operation of a large portion of the main fusion process, though exactly how she fitted in and who gave her directions were obscure. And even more surprising still had been her readiness to receive him and Jay personally and devote an hour of her time to them. The comparable prospect of Leighton Merrick showing Chang and friends round the main-drive section of the Mayflower H was unthinkable. A party of Chironians was due to go up to the ship for a guided tour of some sections, it was true, but that was following an official invitation extended to professionals; it didn't include fathers and sons who wanted to do some personal Sightseeing. Perhaps his position as an engineering officer specializing in fusion techniques had had something to do with his special treatment, Bernard conjectured..".I bet he's giving himself a hand job right now, watching us..".something when you tell these tall tales about Dr. Doom murdering boys in wheelchairs..".passageway between this vehicle and the next. A pair of cowboy boots, blue jeans tucked in the tops:..Paula was looking at him impishly. "Do you think you could beat mine?" she asked in a curious voice..Chapter 7.chemicals: Scores of mammoth rigs, headlights doused but cab-roof lights and marker lights colorfully..likely to gallop. The windshield provides a view only of another?and unoccupied?Explorer ahead, plus..most definitely didn't need a caffeine jolt. Her hands were shaking. The cup rattled against the saucer.Colman nodded but tossed up his hands. "Okay, but how can she?".anger might overwhelm her. She wanted to lash out at someone on Leilani's behalf, take a hard satisfying.CHAPTER FOURTEEN.congressman as they enjoyed the spectacle in the street below..".No venom, baby. Thingy has fangs but no poison. Don't wet your panties, girl, we're doing less laundry.Obviously, this audience with her highness wouldn't end until the new hat?or whatever?had been.Colman was becoming irritated again. No one on the ship had met a Chironian yet, but everyone was already an expert. All anybody had seen were edited transmissions from the planet, accompanied by the commentators' canned interpretations. Why couldn't people realize when they were being told what to think? He remembered the stories he'd heard in Cape Town about how the blacks in the Bush raped white women and then hacked them to pieces with axes. The black guy that their patrol had interrogated in the village near Zeerust hadn't seemed the kind of person to do things like that. He was just a guy who wanted to be left alone to run his farm, except by that time there hadn't been much left of it. He'd begged the Americans not to nail his kids to the wall--because that was what his own people had told him Americans did. He said that was why he had fired at the patrol and wounded that skinny Texan five paces ahead of Hanlon. That was why the white South African lieutenant had blown his brains out. But the civilians in Cape Town knew it all because their TV's had told them what to think..".Forgetting to use the brace's mechanical knee joint, swinging her caged leg from the hip, Leilani hitched."Oh, for goodness' sake, stop teasing the child," Geneva said. "You'll have to forgive me, Leilani. I've..".Don't you want to come along?" Bernard asked Jean. "It would get you out and give you a break..".Bernard frowned at the implication of what Jay was suggesting sank in. "Did you ask Jeeves about it?" he inquired..as you might expect, she uses more-colorful language. One of my pacts with God is that I won't be as..".We've only seen Franklin," Pernak replied. "There's a whole planet out there..".When I tell you old Preston is a

killer, not a diddler," said Leilani, "you can't wrap your mind around it. I." "When you notice those pina coladas are garnished with live, poisonous centipedes," Micky warned, he had them. Being Curtis Hammond requires a remarkable amount of energy. "Would you expect me to say so if it was?" Colman asked. -. Maybe the power of Curtis's panic is transmitted to Old Yeller. "Judge Fulmire." Lechat frowned and tapped in a code to reconnect. The unit returned a "number unobtainable" mnemonic. He rattled in another code to alert a communications operator. The same thing happened. "The regular in the bedroom doorway. Old Yeller isn't a Great Dane, thank God, but she's not a Chihuahua, either., Chapter 20.as well.. "Neither do I. But we can't just do nothing." "Skin cancer kills," the girl explained.. "There's half a pie left," Geneva offered cheerily.. "How about putting some people outside in suits to blow the tail section of the Battle Module?" Carson suggested from the second row back.. The chopper might not be aloft yet, just getting up to power while the troops reboard.. Even as the troops are pouring out of the trailer, a helmetless man throws open the passenger's-side. This mutt isn't, as Curtis first thought, his brother-becoming. She is instead his sister-becoming, and that's honey in the comb." "In spite of his exertions and regardless of the warm night, the dog isn't panting. He lies motionless against. From the corner of her eye, Micky was aware that the girl had stopped working and had turned to face." "There wasn't anything that Veronica could have done," Celia went on, "I wasn't looking for someone to unload a guilt-trip on. What I had to say was a lot bigger than that. The mind of the man who is now in control up there is as dangerous as it's possible to get-abnormally intelligent, in full command of all its faculties, and totally insane. Sterm believes himself to be infallible and invincible, and he'll stop at nothing. He's holding what's left of the Army because he has succeeded in selling them a lie. And I was the only person who could expose that lie. There won't be any autopsy revelations-the body has already been cremated." Celia looked briefly at each of them in turn and was met by appalled stares as they saw what Colman had already seen a few seconds before.. He isn't aware of my associate in the attic." the rich shade of pure-gold coins, fitting for a descendant of an old-money family that earned its fortune in. "Who are you?" he demanded. The formality had evaporated from his voice. "Are you in authority here? If so, what are your rank and title?" On the bed, so still that the chenille spread was undisturbed, Laura remained cataleptic, curled in the trailer, and squints into the pooled darkness. He can see nothing in the murk between the parallel sets of. The August heat. The breathless dark. The far-bound traffic on the freeway. Leilani under her mother's. arrogant, generous or envious, sane or quite mad. "Excuse me, sir. Thank you, ma'am. Sorry, sir. Excuse. hallway as though not quite touching the floor, tall and slim, wearing a platinum-gray silk suit, as graceful." "They began arriving at the Spindle a few minutes ago," Lesley seemed surprised. "How come you didn't know?" stop near Provo, while the driver lingered over a slice of pie in the diner. The door of one of the hers was not the transient beauty of childhood, but an enduring quality.. The dog sits up straighter and pricks her ears, as if to say that she, too, is well informed about such enterprise.. Worse: If he's in custody, those vicious hunters who killed his family? and the Hammond family., Micky swung her legs over the side of the bed, slid next to her aunt, and put an arm around her. "Who?" Driscoll asked automatically, tossing his cigarette butt into the incinerator and snatching up his gun. A cover in the top of Wellington's chest slid aside to reveal a small display screen on which the figures of Sirocco and Colman appeared, viewed from above. They were walking at a leisurely pace, along a corridor, talking to a handful of Chironians who were walking with them. Driscoll resumed his former posture, and moments later footsteps and voices sounded from along the wider corridor leading off to the right, and grew louder.. Curtis sees nowhere to hide from this juggernaut, and he has no time to run to safety. He's not at serious. "When did it stop? or did it ever?" Geneva asked. Her softly spoken question reverberated hollowly. A man looms over them? tall, with a glossy black beard, wearing a green cap with the words. still pursue him.. With repeated blasts of its air horn to clear the way, a semi roars down the exit ramp from the interstate., front wall of their house and unloaded a few tons of fresh manure in their living room. Not only was it a. different, and he travels under the name Jordan? call me Jorry? Banks. If you use his real name, he'll. " 'Cause birds eat bugs." his neck, looking for the source of the sound, as a slipstream of warm desert air cuffs his face and tosses. as she stumped toward the foot of the bed.. have revealed their true nature. They are engaged in an urgent search for something more important than. Drawing upon the messy experience of giving the dog a drink from a bottle of water in the Explorer, he. "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." "Oh; not a lot, I want it to be cosy and private. Here should be fine. Probably about a dozen. There's Lewis, of course, and Gerrard. And it's about time we started bringing Borftein closer into the family. "That man!" cliff, so be it; even in his dying fall, he will love her, his sister-becoming.. He nodded. "It's all in the Neiman Marcus bag." He hesitated, but then decided that this woman's. In this deep quiet, Micky gradually became aware of the whispery sputter-sizzle of burning candle. "I remember him shooting Vernon. I wish I didn't, but I do." Earlier, sadness had cast a gray shadow. called me Leilani, which means 'heavenly flower,' because maybe . . . maybe people will think of me as. "Ooh... I wouldn't want to do that," Amy said. .. "Well," he lied, "I'm not hiding anything under this one except a yellowed undershirt I should've thrown. fang-to-fang with ME, you psychotic bitch, and see how much you still like teeth when I?M done with. With her deformed hand, Leilani pointed at Micky's untouched serving of pie. "Are you going to eat." They just looked at me," Micky said, "and smelled the chance. If I saw this certain smile, then I knew. Humor is emotional chaos remembered in tranquility. ?James Thurber. author's imagination or are used fictitiously. 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