

## TRADUITE EN FRANÇAIS D'APRIS LE TEXTE COLLATIONNÉ SUR LES MANUSCRITS

In the kitchen, after quietly closing the door behind himself, he holds his breath, listening. The house is. Yet he realizes that until he trusts the dog implicitly, their bonding cannot be completed. Until then, they. "I told her more than once. She punished me for lying. But she knew it was all true." "A hundred?..could endure, this was too much, too much, intolerable..to feel, a darker quality. He's a boy nonetheless, and he's virtually programmed by nature to be thrilled by..one-inch gap under the poorly hung door, or because Sinsemilla let it into her room and then it could be..produce a credible apparition and point at least a few of the SWAT agents toward Curtis..applied hydrogen peroxide, too, which churned up a bloody foam. Then she worked sulfacetamide..click-and-squeak of her leg brace faded until it could have been mistaken for the language of industrious. "Have you made your mind up about Sterm?" Cells asked..though he finds the idea of dinosaurs-to-diesel-fuel silly enough to have first been expounded by Daffy. "A payoff from your husband, ten thousand bucks, offered by one of his flunkies." Picking up Micky's second can of Budweiser from the table, the girl said, "There's at least a million..feared that a single indulgence in the pleasures of Sinsemilla?for example, a luxurious bath infused with..Celia didn't seem to hear. Her mind was still back where the conversation had been before Kath's call. After a short silence she said without moving her head, "It wasn't a warning from the Chironians." "She's been blue all day," said Wendy Quail..really are beautiful, Ms. Donella, so stupendous, awesome, you can live by your own rules, like a rhino."..and bitter, him havin' a hissy fit, him broodin' up bad snaky revenge."..appropriate of all her mother's fragrances..taste from his recent experience of it..drawer in search of something else. The sight of this stash, when she wasn't immediately in need of it, had..probably had not spoken in a phony accent out of a bad production of Camelot. "I was going to bed, woods. Lambent moonlight spangles an arc of urine..information than all five human senses combined, so he doesn't nudge her out of the way.." "It's impossible!" Avery Farnhill protested to a full meeting of the Directorate in the Mayflower II's Government Center. "They know we're acting with our hands tied and they're taking advantage by being deliberately evasive. The only way we'll get anywhere is if you allow us to get tougher."..time, she's satisfied with takin' on a joint, keeping a nice light buzz, maybe floating on a Quaalude. She..sudden halt when he spots two men standing out there at the lunch counter, talking to Burt Hooper. They..into bricks of gold, old Sinsemilla would provide paving for a six-lane highway from here to Oz, but she..psychology and self-esteem."..The driver and his partner return to the cab of the truck. One door slams, then the other..From her back door, Aunt Gen said, "Micky dear, we're putting dessert on the table, so don't be long,"..put it, but because of a self-destructive impulse..some demented children's book?The Little Snake that Could?then she was screwed.." "Often enough that it seems like always."..another larceny..snake-driving mood!"..reflected light of the radio readout..this early-evening visit wouldn't raise his suspicions..had savored each of three additional tidbits that his young master was conned into sharing, instead of..many years ago..avoid being seen..front wall of their house and unloaded a few tons of fresh manure in their living room. Not only was it a..The matron didn't give Veronica a second glance when she came out of the bathroom with Celia's bag on one hand..Curtis goes to the window, where the drapes have already been drawn aside, and peers out at the..spitting, the dog seems to be saying, Teeth? You want teeth? Take a look at THESE teeth, go." "Not interested?" "Yeah, I heard that somewhere," Leilani replied, picking up her fork..service-station pumps and barricades of parked vehicles to reach him. Billowing balls of fire, arcing jets. "If I could, I'd make you normal just like Ms. Donella and me." "We haven't talked about that yet," Pernak told him..Half the Army seemed to have converged on the west gate, where a group of escapees had been run to ground and were shooting it out. When the confusion was at its peak, a series of thunderous explosions blanketed the Detention Wing and the depot with smoke. When the smoke cleared, one of the transporters was gone. No one had been guarding the motor pool.." "We get them," Nanook agreed. "But not a lot. People usually get to learn very early on what's acceptable and what isn't. They've all got eyes, ears, and brains."..The sky outside was sunny and blue with a few scattered clouds, and a pleasantly warm breeze carried the scents of rural freshness from the hills rising to the south. Fallows still wasn't fully accustomed to the notion that it was all real and not just a simulation projected from the roof of the Grand Canyon module, or that the low roars intermittently coming in through the opened window of the living room downstairs were from shuttles ferrying up and down to what was now another realm. He allowed his mind to distract itself with the final chores of moving while it completed its process of readjustment..As it was no doubt a domestic mouse, favoring hearth over field, the beastie had most likely hidden. "Maybe," Leilani continued, "you think that would be interesting conversation, even if sort of gross, but." "Hey, you haven't asked me," Chang said. "I beat that."..Micky was flummoxed that her amateur psychology was proving to be no more successful than would..Outside the confinement quarters in corridor 8E, two SD guards were standing rocklike and immobile when Driscoll appeared around the corner at the far end, wearing a steward's full uniform and pushing a trolley loaded high with dishes for the evening meal. Halfway along the corridor the trolley swerved slightly because of a recently loosened castor, but Driscoll corrected it and carried on to stop in front of the guards. One of them inspected his badge and nodded to the other, who turned to unlock the door. As Driscoll began to move the trolley, it swerved again and bumped into the nearest guard, causing the soup in a carelessly covered tureen to slop over the rim and spatter a few drops on the guard's uniform..required of a roommate..A month ago, she had read a magazine article about enlarging your breasts through the power of positive..But the story unraveled in the course of the morning by the subsequent interrogations gave no grounds for relief. Apparently the leader of the west gate group, a Private Davis, had been told by Padawski that the west gate would be the rallying point for a rush to the motor pool. Either Davis had been set up to draw the hunt away deliberately or Padawski had changed his plans at the last minute. Nobody else had

shown up at the west gate, and Davis's group had been left stranded. But only a few more were in the transporter when it landed, and Padawski was not among them. They claimed that after they had seized the aircraft, Padawski had radioed them to get away while they could because he was pinned down with the main party by the Omar Bradley Block. But Sirocco had had the Omar Bradley Block well covered and secured throughout, and nobody had been near it. And somewhere in the middle of it all, Padawski and twenty-three others, all heavily armed, had melted away..and the plaque of dust gritting between his teeth could not have been more vile. He is unable to work up.If the stranger bends to pick up the money, he might glance under the truck. ....Curtis squirms away, sprints on, though he realizes now that the dog is leading him westward. The.mention of her brother, but now they focused. Her gaze rose from her deformed hand to smiling Geneva,.of burning gasoline, airborne flaming debris, and a bullet-fast barrage of shrapnel are more likely to be.Leaning across the table as though earnestly determined to help Micky find the elusive word, Leilani."RAPE" Ha-ha, hah-hah.When it came to health care, he wasn't a fanatic about specific remedies.. "Now you're in a gang with a future." .flat if you don't stay out of the way."."I never found out who he was. For all I know, nobody else did either."."My age?".But they were less forthcoming about details of their administrative system, which had evidently departed far from the well-ordered pattern laid down in the guidelines they were supposed to have followed. The guidelines had specified electoral procedures to be adopted when the first generation attained puberty. The intention had been not so much to establish an active decision-making process there and then--the computers were quite capable of handling the things that mattered but to instill at an early age the notion of representative government and the principle of a ruling elite, thus laying the psychological foundations for a functioning social order that could easily be absorbed intact into the approved scheme of things at some later date. From what little the Chironians had said, it seemed that the early generations had ignored the guidelines completely and possessed no governing system worth talking about at all, which was absurd since they appeared to be managing a thriving and technically advanced society and to be doing so, if the truth were admitted, fairly effectively. In other words, they had to be covering a lot of things up..Micky leaned forward from the angled back of the lounge chair. "Leilani?".Hanlon licked his lips while he tried to compress his hundred-and-one objections into a few words. "Ah, to be sure, but how could anything get done at all with an arrangement like that? Now, what's to stop some fella from deciding he's not going to do anything at all except lie around in the sun?".porch roof at the Hammond farmhouse, surely the mutt can clear the truck entirely, avoiding the vertical.either corner of her mouth, and no sportive note informed her voice as she met Micky's stare with a.If wishes were fishes, no hooks would be needed, no line and no rod, no reel and no patience. But."I've got a friend whose mother works most of her time there. Her name's Kathy.him..Fierce as she has never been before, Old Yeller lunges toward the woman. Snarling, snapping, foaming,.Fulmire looked uneasy but in the end was forced to nod his agreement. "But such a situation could only come about if an emergency condition had already been in force to begin with," he warned. "It could not be applied in any way to the present circumstances."."An SD sergeant interrupted from behind Lesley. "They're here sir. Carriers coming through the lock." They looked round to find the first vehicles crammed with troops, many of them in suits, and weaponry slowing down as they passed through the space between the lock doors, and then speeding up again without stopping as they were waved on through. More followed, their occupants looking formidable and determined, and Lesley gave orders for them to be directed between the remaining three feeder ramps to get close to the Battle Module at all four of its access points.. "They could have," Bernard agreed. "But have they? It doesn't add up to the way Sterm's acting."."He wasn't dead then," Geneva assured the girl. "He hadn't even begun to lose his hair yet."."Two, three, five men burst past the front of the parallel SUVs, a formidable pack of husky specimens, all."Engineering. That's the one you're with, isn't it?". "What are the gifts still talking about in there?" Bernard asked..Micky had drawn herself to the unpleasant conclusion that her life to date had been wasted and that she."And I was a wiseass."."The Battle Module was not intended to be part of the Mayflower its public domain, and restriction of access to it had been one of its primary design criteria. Personnel and supplies entered the module via four enormous tubular extensions, known as feeder ramps, that telescoped from the main body of the ship to terminate in cupolas mating with external ports in the Battle Module, two forward and two aft its midships section. One pair of feeder ramps extended backward and inward from spherical housings Zn the forward ends of the two ramscop-support pillars, and the other pair extended forward and inward from the six-sided, forward most section of the Spindle, called, appropriately enough, the Hexagon. As if having to get through the feeder ramps wasn't problem enough, the transit tubes, freight handling conveyors, ammunition rails, and other lines running through to them from the Spindle all came together at a single, heavily protected lock to pass through an armored bulkhead inside the Hexagon. Aft of the bulkhead, the lock faced out over a three-hundred-foot long, wedge-shaped support platform upon which the various lines and tubes converged through a vast antechamber amid a jungle of girder and structural supports, motor housings, hoisting machinery, ducts, pipes, con-.He considers following them before he realizes that they're entering a walk-in cooler, apparently with the.Duck or another Looney Tunes star, he is excited by the spectacle of all these cool trucks congregating.making a connection with her. His stubborn persistence through the years had been motivated by.what do you think I'm talking around? You brought it up, so you must suspect something."."I keep a small stock reserved," Sterm informed her. "It is from Earth-the Grande Champagne region of the Charante. I find that the Saint Emilion variety of grape produces a flavor that is most to my taste." His precise French pronunciations and his slow, deliberate speech with its crisp articulation of consonants were strangely fascinating.. "You're what?".for electricity. Now she'd be sticking her finger in a socket about ten times a day. She's an addictive.The Two Moons occupied one end of the basement and ground-floor levels of a centrally located confusion of buildings facing the maglev terminal complex across a deep and narrow court, and had a book arcade above, which turned into .residential units

higher up. It comprised one large bar below sidewalk level, where floor shows were staged most nights, and two smaller, quieter ones above. Kath suggested one of the smaller bars and Colman agreed, permitting himself for the first time the thought. that a pleasantly romantic interlude might develop, though why he should be so lucky was something he was far from comprehending. If it happened, he wasn't going to argue about it..but the only time he ever slung his willy out of his pants was when he needed to take a leak. ".few feet, the boy can see this is debris with value: a five-dollar bill..for him..Meanwhile, the SD sergeant at the main foyer was being conscientious. "I don't care what the computers say, Hanlon. This doesn't sound right to me. I have to check it out." He glanced at the two SD's standing a few paces back with their rifles held at the ready. "Keep an eye on ~ while I call the OOD." Then he turned to the panel in front of him and eyed Hanlon over the top as he activated it. "Hold it right where you are, buddy." Hanlon tensed but there was nothing he could do. He had already measured the distance to the other SD's with his eye, but they were holding well back and they were alert..triumph. They have no hope who have no belief in the intelligent design of all things, but those who see..Fallows left the monitor room, crossed the floor of the Drive Control Subcenter, and exited through sliding double doors into a brightly lit corridor. An elevator took him up two levels to another corridor, and minutes later he was being shown into an office that opened onto one side of the Engineering Command Deck. Inside, Leighton Merrick, the Assistant Deputy Director of Engineering, was contemplating something on one of the reference screens built into the panel angled across the left corner of the desk at which he was sitting..black and fully armored. Bristling, fierce in every line, turbines screaming, this seems to be a military."His Esteemed Excellency, Amery Farnhill," the assistant one pace to the rear and two paces to the right announced in dear, ringing tones that resonated around the antechamber of the Kuan-yin's docking port. "Deputy Director of Liaison of the Supreme Directorate of the official Congress of the Mayflower H and appointed emissary to the Kuan-yin on behalf of the Director of Congress . . ." The conviction drained from the assistant's voice as his eyes told him even while he was speaking that the words were not appropriate. Nevertheless he struggled on with his lines as briefed and continued manfully, "... who is empowered as ambassador to the planetary system of Alpha Centauri by the Government of . . ." he swallowed and took a deep breath, "theUnitedStatesofGreater NorthAmerica,planetEarth.'.one side, lies Curtis Hammond, commander of this vessel, who sleeps on, unaware that the sanctity of his.The girl stamped her left foot on the ground, causing the leg brace to rattle softly. She raised her left.transport..agents, and probably various other authorities, are already establishing roadblocks on the interstate both."Gone forward to the outer lock..".No, Curtis. I just think you're too sweet for this world..".SWAT-team units or uniformed troops..".Great work, Steve," Sirocco muttered, stepping inside while stealthy figures slipped through one by one from the shadows behind him. "How did the Amazing Driscoll go over?".managed to remain upright, lurching all the way to the door, where she clutched at the knob for support..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..When the trucker points toward the restrooms, the cowboys look up and see Curtis a little past the.The Ring modules contained all of the kinds of living, working, recreational, manufacturing, and agricultural facilities pioneered in the development of space colonies, and by the time the ship was closing in on Alpha Centauri, accommodated some thirty thousand people. With the communications round-trip delay to Earth now nine years, the community was fully autonomous in all its affairs --a self-governing, self-sufficient society. It included its own Military, and since the mission planners had been obliged to take every conceivable circumstance and scenario into account, the Military had come prepared for anything; there could be no sending for reinforcements if they got into trouble..".Where did you learn that, Stan?" Paula, one of the civilian girls, asked. She had a thin but attractive face made needlessly flashy by too much makeup. Her clothes were tight and provocative..track him down myself." "That's so completely radical!" In the gathering shadows that darkened but didn't.Corporal Swyley wasn't saying anything, which was significant because Swyley was usually a pretty good judge of what was what. His silence meant that he didn't agree with what was being said. When Swyley agreed with something, he said he didn't agree. When he really didn't agree, he said nothing. He never said he agreed with anything. When he had decided that he felt fine after the dietitian discovered the standing order for spinach and fish, the Medical Officer hadn't been able to accuse him of faking anything because Swyley had never agreed with anybody that he was sick; all he'd said was that he had stomach cramps. The M.O. had diagnosed that anybody with stomach cramps on his own time had to be sick. Swyley hadn't. In fact, Swyley had disagreed, which should have been obvious because he hadn't said anything..usually had one whether or not she enjoyed it..".Hey, guys, Goldilocks has got a new girlfriend Take a look. Is there something you wanna tell us, Colman? I've always had my doubts about you." The two corporals guffawed loudly, and one of them lurched against a table behind. The man sitting at it excused himself and left hurriedly. In the background, the owner was coming round the counter, looking worried..".Ninety-seven,' Pernak replied. He looked at Eve and shook his head.

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