

THE ARTISAN HEART

the idea of getting up from the driver's seat. She shrinks away from them, and terror twists her face into. "Yeah, right. You're part alien." .are." .He blinks, thinking furiously, striving to comprehend what she has suggested, but he can't avoid the poisonous that he feels compelled to lash out, to hammer the dreaming boy and diminish this intolerable. screwed-up woman who had come to Geneva a week ago with two suitcases full of clothes, an '81. much of the meager landscaping drooped wearily under the scorching sun and the rest appeared to be. "She isn't here, We've checked with transportation, and she was booked onto a shuttle up to the ship earlier this. "Someone gave it to Aunt Geneva for nothing." .Colman nodded. "Gone to the storeroom with Hanlon and Lechat. Everything was quiet upstairs when we left". tightened so much that a swallow of lemony vodka seemed to thicken as she drank it. Crisp in her mouth, Jabbing, jabbing, Leilani poked the villain once more, crushed it against the baseboard, bearing on it with. even long after sundown, is extremely debilitating. They have hardly begun to run, and already he feels. bricks on this road, and here, now, in the lingering sour scent of warm beer, in this small kitchen where. way?" .In the late afternoon, they had boarded the auto transport in the immense parking lot of a busy truck. The SD sergeant half rose from his seat. "Sir, I didn't- I thought-" .Perhaps the girl was genuinely astonished by the concept of Preston Maddoc as a child molester. Or. The dog peers at something in the oily Muck gloom under the big truck. Instead of growling again, he. "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." .leadership temporarily to his brave companion. At that moment the communications supervisor called out, "We have an incoming transmission from the Battle Module." At once the whole of the Communications Center fell silent, and the figures of Sterm and Stormbel, flanked by officers of their high command, appeared on one of the large mural displays high above the floor. Sterm was looking cool and composed, but there was a mocking, triumphant gleam in his eyes; Stormbel was standing with his feet astride and his arms folded across his chest, his head upright, and his face devoid of expression, while the other officers stared ahead woodenly. After a few seconds, Wellesley, Lechat, and Borftein moved to the center of the floor and stood looking up at the screen. Her eyes rested momentarily on his chevrons. "Are you Sergeant Colman--the one who's interested in engineering?" . "Got a name??" . "You want people to be afraid of you?" . Colman looked at his watch. "About half an hour if it's on schedule." . "Yeah," Noah acknowledged without enthusiasm. "I've been thinking about that ..." Sirocco continued to gaze across the room at Driscoll, who was recounting his experiences to Maddock and a group of others. "He's pretty good, isn't he," Sirocco said, still half to himself. even goes clean and straight some days, though that's when the depression sets in." . Although the flesh might simmer, the mind had a thermostat of its own. The chill that shivered through. "Till they killed him." . serpentine carcass resting on a grave cloth of orange shag. have big plans for elevating human civilization to a level that merits Earth's inclusion in a Galactic. at rank upon rank of pumps, in a great dazzle and rumble and fummy reek here in the middle of an. Sincerely, he said, "Damn, you would have been a funny Minnie." "You're probably just like my dad." . They do the same thing all the time, from when they quit school to when they retire," Ci reminded her mother. Or, for all Curtis knows, this shirt-clutching stranger might be psychotic rather than psychic. Loony, Lechat shook his head. "It wasn't necessary. In a few more days Ramisson would have been elected, almost certainly. Then everything would have worked itself out smoothly and tidily. This action complicates everything again. Wellesley is probably declaring an emergency right now, in which case the election will automatically be suspended. It puts everything back weeks, maybe months." . resisted, though strictly for her own fortification. Lechat waited for the noise to die away and managed to bring his feelings under control sufficiently to muster a semblance of dignity appropriate to the moment But simplicity and brevity were appropriate too. "I am honored and privileged by this appointment, and I will dedicate myself for the duration of my term to serving the best interests of our people to the best of my ability," he announced, "in accordance with that promise, my first official act is to restore the full powers of Congress as previously ~suspended, and my second is to declare the state of emergency ended as of this moment," Another round of applause, this time briefer than before, greeted the statement. "Next, I have two proposals to put to the vote of the assembly," Lechat said. "But before I do so, I feel that the Supreme Military Commander of the Mission might wish to speak." He sat down, looked along the dais toward Borftein, and motioned with his hand an invitation for the general to take it from there. Chewing the final bite of her chicken sandwich, Geneva said, "The police were useless, dear. I had to. Leilani listened intently. The perfect tickless silence of a clock-stopped universe still filled the house. Kath suggested a place in town called The Two Moons, which was where she and her friends usually went for entertainment and company, and was just the right distance for a refreshing walk on an evening like this. On the way they passed the house that Colman and his companions had stopped by earlier in the day, which prompted him to mention the painter's robot. "It looked as if it was learning the trade," Colman said. either adventure or a share of the juice. Whatever the answers might turn out to be, he couldn't fathom what they might have to do with making model steam locomotives and his father's solemn pronouncement that it really wouldn't be a good idea for him to continue his friendship with Steve Colman. But there had been no point in making a fuss over it, so he had lied about his intentions without feeling guilty because the people who told him not to be dishonest hadn't given him any choice. Well, they had technically, but that didn't count because there were things they didn't understand either . . . or had forgotten, maybe. But Steve would understand. A whiff of the city has come to this high desert. The warm air is bitter with the stink of exhaust fumes. "Oh, Christ Warily, Colman brought a hand up to his brow. "Okay. Look, as soon as I can-" Footsteps approaching at the double interrupted and made him look around. It was Sergeant Armley, from the Orderly Room. Another zoom shot revealed that the man delivered by the Jaguar was

Congressman Jonathan Sharmar.. "LCP's standing by and ready to fire," another voice reported..sat there.."It's what he does. Like the postman delivers the mail. Like a baker makes bread." Leilani shrugged.."Of course they are. It's all a mess up there." Curtis Hammond, the original, might have allowed her to have juice in the past. The current Curtis. "You've already worked most of that out."..aware of a melancholy in her that he couldn't bear to see. "That guy over there's signaling for a waitress."..no sign of the two silent men who wouldn't stoop to pick up five dollars..Bernard, now a little calmer with the change of subject, picked up his glass again, took a sip, and shook his head. "Aren't you overreacting just a little bit, Jerry? Exactly what kind of trouble are you talking about? What have we seen?" He looked from side to side as if to invite support, "One idiot who should never have been allowed out of a cage got what he asked for. Fm sorry if that sounds like a callous way of putting it, but it's what I think. And that's all we've seen."..With no hesitation, determined to make his mother proud, to be daring and courageous, the boy sprints..Even after stepping off the splintered fence staves onto the grass, the girl moved awkwardly. "We're."Bluffing, hell." Driscoll laid down five more aces, and the room erupted into laughter and applause.."Peace," said Geneva. She raised her head and at last made eye contact. "Peace, and God knows you."That's a shame," Kath said..In becoming brothers, they will change each other. The dog might become as easily humiliated and as..She seldom spoke, and never recognized Noah. If she possessed any memory whatsoever of the days..He certainly doesn't have enough money to bribe an FBI agent, and by far the most of them can't be."Present . . . arms!" Sirocco barked, and twenty-two palms slapped against twenty-two breech casings at the same instant.."What about me?" Ci asked, hooking at Driscoll. She leaned to one side to let her mother see the hand she was holding..Spears also adorns one wall. With her deep cleavage, bared belly, and aggressive sparkling smile, she's.."You mean by reputation, or something like that?" Lechat asked, beginning to look intrigued..of port on a long holiday..when she put it down.."It behooves us, therefore, to be mindful of these things as we address ourselves, with faith in our mission and confidence that comes with the knowledge that our cause is His will, to the task ahead of..."..Not out of morbid interest but with some degree of alarm, she'd researched self-mutilation soon after her..He thought of the face of Celia Kalens, who had vanished presumably to safety, and then come all the way back to the heart of the Government Center; she'd risked everything for the truth to be known. Then he gazed out again at the sergeant, the corporal, and the figures standing behind them in a silent plea for reason. They were risking everything too, so that what Celia and the others had done would not have been in vain. Whatever Lesley stood to lose, it couldn't be more than those people had already put on the line..BY THE TIME that Leilani rose from the kitchen table to leave Geneva's trailer, she was ashamed of..STILL NO OVERTURE came from the Chironian leaders. The Chironian who seemed to direct a lot of what went on at Canaveral, the main shuttle base outside Franklin, stated that he didn't report uniquely to any individual or organization that approved his actions or gave him directions. So who told him how the place was to be run? It depended. He originated requests for things like equipment and new constructions because he knew what the base needed. How did he know? Because the people in charge of capacity planning and traffic control told him, and besides, it was his job to know. On the other hand, the companies that built the shuttles and other hardware worked out the technical specifications because that was their business, and the customers took care between them of the priorities of the missions to be flown from the base. He stayed out of that and did his best to support the schedules they said they needed. So ultimately, who was in charge? Who told whom to do what, and who did it? It depended. Nothing made any sense..Lechat nodded reluctantly. "Well, it sounds pretty final, I guess." "Eight minutes," Stormbel replied. "But its reaction dish is still aimed away from us. We are now ready to detach."..The two men reach the back of the trailer, where they pause, evidently surveying the parking lot..that sooner or later will draw his pursuers..State could be considered subversive, wouldn't you agree?" "Well, that's true, but--"Disconcerted, the stranger drops his restraining hand, and his wince lines cut deeper into his lean face as..Above this group, on the interstate, a larger crowd?forty or fifty strong?has formed along the."You sure? The sky goes away in the dark, and everything gets so big. I don't want her scared."..The chest of drawers stood against the wall, on four stubby legs. More than live feet high. Four feet..The first that Colman and his companions had heard was a shot from downstairs, followed by startled shouts and some crashing sounds, and then another shot. By the time they ran into the cellar bar, just seconds later, Wilson was already dead from a shot between the eyes and Ramelly was on the floor with blood gushing from his leg. Padawski and the others were standing uncertainly by the bar, covered by a .38 automatic that one of the young Chironian women was holding. Several other weapons had appeared around the room. A few tense seconds had gone by before Padawski conceded that he had no option but to capitulate, and the SDs had arrived with commendable speed shortly thereafter..Jay sat at an empty booth while Colman collected two coffees from the counter, then inserted' his Army pay-card into a slot. In a lot of ways Jay reminded Colman of himself when he was a lot younger. Colman had acquired his name from a professional couple who adopted him when he was eleven to provide company for their own son, Don, who was two years older. They hadn't wanted to disrupt their careers by having another child of their own. Colman's stepfather was a thermodynamics engineer involved with heat exchangers in magnetohydrodynamics systems, which accounted for Colman's early interest in technology. Although the Colmans had done their best to treat both boys equally, Steve resented Don's basic schooling and was jealous when Don went to college to study engineering, even though he himself had then been too young W do the 'same. The rebelliousness that" had contributed W Steve's being placed in the home for wayward adolescents from which he had been adopted reappeared, resulting in his giving the couple some hard times, which upon reflection he felt bad about. For some reason that Steve didn't understand, he felt that if he could help Jay realize his potential and use the opportunities he had, it would make up for all that. Why, he didn't know, because nothing he did now could make any difference to the Colmans, who were probably old and gray somewhere, but he felt he owed it to them. People's minds worked like that. Minds

could be very strange..the wall, where the treads are less noisy.."No, the law is there, implicitly, and it applies to everyone, but you have to learn how to read it," Bernard frowned. That hadn't come out the way he had intended. It invited the obvious retort that two people would never read the same thing the same way. The difference was that the Chironians could make it work. "All I'm saying is that I don't think the problem's as bad as some people are trying to make out," he explained, feeling at the same time that the explanation was a lame one..then feels unseen masses of road-life paraphernalia beginning slowly to slide toward him, he jams the.bite, so quickly reducing her to these spasms, these half-mad headlong frenzies, out of control..black sky and the black land meet, where the sharper facets of quartz-rich rocks reflect the glitter of.dip..boy might be at quickly putting miles between himself and them. Although distance won't foil his enemies,.In fact, he has no idea where he's going. He's not familiar with this land. Civilization might lie within.If he ever dreamed, he could convince himself that he's in a dream now, that this landscape seems."WE'LL TAKE CARE of that." Colman turned his head and called in a louder voice, "Stanislau, Young-come over here and give me a hand with this crate." Rifles slung across theft backs, Stanislau and Young stepped away from the squad standing on the sidewalk and helped Colman to heave the crate into the truck waiting to leave for the border checkpoint, while the Chironian who had been struggling to lift it with his teenage son watched. As they pushed the crate back into the truck, it dislodged the tarpaulin covering an open box to reveal a high-power rifle lying among the domestic oddments. The Chironian saw it and lifted his head to look at Colman curiously. Colman threw the tarp back over the box and tuned away.. "That was cool back there," Bobby said as he started the engine. "Absolutely arctic.".they knew what the situation was. Me scared and Mama willing not to see. The smile . . . not a wicked.She wasn't an alcoholic, after all. She didn't drink or feel the need to drink every day. Stress and.suddenly found themselves even closer than ten minutes to paradise..On the bedspread between the box and Sinsemilla, the artwork out of Eden coiled. Emerald-green.. "Probably not much of anything," Leilani said, without a pause. "Except in having fun and getting through.With his knees drawn up to his chest, the guy's trying to make himself as small as possible, to avoid."I wish I felt as confident as you sound. It seems risky." "Not when you've got the best outfit that the Army ever.plain grub..woods. Lament moonlight spangles an arc of urine..Remaining at the stricken woman's side, Micky looked across the fence and saw Geneva at the back.considerable thought during the lonely hours of the night.. "Let's hope they don't waste any time," Brad replied. "Sterm's setting up a missile strike in there right at this moment-a big one.".pseudofather?".Chastened by her near-disastrous misreading of the grandfatherly man's character, Old Yeller proceeds.door is ajar. He opens it wider. With the flashlight beam, he shops for clothes..When Curtis follows the dog, he peers across the kitchen and the lounge, toward the cockpit. The

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