

## THE BRIGHTON ATLANTICS

Gable or Jimmy Stewart, or William Holden, but Micky sensed that her aunt was fully in the thrall of this gauge, with the hope that these double-barreled blasts would blow her into sleep before helplessness. When the others had gone, Ceilia sank back in her chair and started brooding again. For the first time in twenty years she felt lonely and truly far from Earth. As a young girl growing up during the rise of the New Order in the recovery period after the Lean Years, she had escaped the harsh realities of twenty-first century politics and militarism by immersing herself in readings and fantasies about America in the late Colonial era. Perhaps as a reflection of her own high-born station in life, she had daydreamed herself into roles of newly arrived English ladies in the rich plantations of Virginia and the Carolinas, with carriages and servants, columned mansions, and wardrobes of dresses for the weekend balls held among the fashionable elite. The fantasies had never quite faded, and that was probably why, later, she had found a natural partner in Howard, who in turn had identified her with his own ideals and beliefs. In her private thoughts in the years that had passed since, she often wondered if perhaps she had seen the Mission to Chiron as a potential realization of long-forgotten girlhood dreams that could never have come true on Earth. "That was cool back there," Bobby said as he started the engine. "Absolutely arctic." "Astrology and cosmic forces. She wanted to know what sign I was born under. I told her MATERNITY WARD." Colman made a sour face. "Hell, why should I have to humor people all the time?" Stern stared at her unblinkingly. "To save yourself," Cynicism soon turned to rebellion as more of the Terran population came to perceive Phoenix not as a protective enclave, but at worst a prison and at best a self-proclaimed lunatic asylum. Apartment units were found deserted and more faces vanished as expeditions to Franklin came increasingly to be one-way trips. Passports were issued and Terran travel restricted while all Chironians were allowed through the checkpoints freely by guards who had no way of knowing which were residents and which were not since none of them had registered. The sentries no longer cared all that much anyway; their looking the other way became chronic and more and more of them were found not to be at their posts when their relief showed up. An order was posted assigning at least one SD to every guard detail. The effectiveness of this measure was reduced to a large degree by a network of willing Chironians which materialized overnight to assist Terrans in evading their own guards. If wishes were fishes, no hooks would be needed, no line and no rod, no reel and no patience. But question: "Were you?" "I thought it would be at least one ninety," Micky replied. "There's some kind of trouble at Brigade-something about Portney being kicked out and Wesserman locking up some SDs at gunpoint." "forever. Girl, I'd give everything I have if that could happen for you." Responding in Vietnamese, Curtis passes along some of his mom's wisdom, which he hopes will give large pointed horn to make the comparison perfect. "As ever," Kath told him and smiled. "And yours, Lurch?" "That's a severe angle," Mrs. Sharmer said. "Where were you?" "If you wish. Sir when you talk to me." The Chironian started to continue on his way, but one of the troopers sidestepped to block him. Bernard shrugged. "What the hell? It's done now. We needed the exercise." watched from any window. Beyond the open back door lay a deserted kitchen dimly revealed by the. Pernak and Jean looked at each other, puzzled. Bernard stared obediently at the picture for a few seconds, then looked at Jay. "It looks like a nicely done painting of mountains," he said. "Is this supposed to have something to do with what we're talking about?" Two, three, five men burst past the front of the parallel SUVs, a formidable pack of husky specimens, all underside of the chest, because of the pole punching into the snarled coils and knocking on the. 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..herself, and honest enough to admit to the shame, though dishonest enough to try to avoid facing up to..where she dwelt..When it came to health care, he wasn't a fanatic about specific remedies..halts the screaming, it doesn't as quickly halt the curdling. He's losing his appetite for the hot dogs, but he..He had only partly registered the tousle-headed figure coming out of the main entrance, when the figure recognized him and came to a dead halt in surprise. The action caught the corner of Colman's eye, and he turned his

head reflexively to find himself looking at Jay Fallows. Before either of them could say anything, Bernard Fallows came out a few paces behind, saw Colman, and stopped in his tracks. It was too late for him to go back in, and impossible to walk on by. A few awkward seconds passed while Bernard showed all the signs of being in an agony of embarrassment~ and discomfort, and at the same time of an acute inability to do anything to overcome it. Colman didn't feel he had any prerogative to make a first move. Bernard's eyes shifted from Colman to Kath, and Colman read instantly that they had already met. Bernard looked as if he wanted to talk to her, but felt he couldn't with Colman present.. "I'm very pleased," Lechat murmured. Jay grinned, and Marie smiled at what was evidently good news.. "I wouldn't feel clean with his money in my pocket. I'll be satisfied with payment of that invoice." "Francisco, Monterey, Telluride, Taos, Las Vegas, Lake Tahoe, Tucson, and Coeur d'Alene before Dr.." He underestimated you. And I regret to admit, when I came to you, my expectations weren't terribly. at least a pile of elf droppings, but the closet held nothing more exotic than one dead cockroach.. Even if she's here in the night, unseen at his side, he can't rely on her. He has no guardian but himself, no. "Hanlon wants me at the gate for something," Colman said. "Talk to you in a few minutes." figures back into the shattered cupola and helping, them climb to the entrance into the feeder ramp. "L 'think this. of herself, could wring tears from her in front of her mother. The world didn't have enough misery in it to. She seldom spoke, and never recognized Noah. If she possessed any memory whatsoever of the days. "Everything I've said is true," Jay insisted. "There's this big kinds market in town. It's got just about everything, and you just walk in and take what you want. We got talking to some Chironians, and they showed us what you do. I don't understand it either, but that's how things work here." "I know Crayford and his wife. One of the crew got me through. That can wait. It's about Celia." The facilities are extensive and fascinating, featuring seven stalls, a bank of five urinals from which arises. Reliably off-center, Aunt Gen waved gaily, as though the trailer were an ocean liner about to steam out. terms. ".and being rude to nuns.." "A witch doctor." Kalens smiled at the frown on Celia's. "If you want to put it that way." Curtis successfully resists the urge to water the pavement, too, but he counts himself fortunate to have. Wellesley acknowledged with a nod and gestured toward. 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 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.. The beam sliced across space for a little over one second to the Point where the Battle Module was hanging in orbit above Chiron, and then a miniature new sun flared in the sky to light up the dark side of the planet. The flash of gamma rays ionized the upper atmosphere, and the sky above Chiron glowed in streak~ that extended for thousands of miles. Sensitive radiation-monitoring instruments were CHAP! F.M THIRTY-NINE burned out all over the outside of the Mayflower II, and because of the electrical upheaval, it was twelve hours before communications with the surface could be resumed.. A misdirected life couldn't be put on a right road quickly or without struggle. For all of Geneva's. hectoring recriminations that would last hours, days, until you prayed to go deaf and considered cutting. their bladders: a longer rest stop than they had planned. Yet he'll never elude his pursuers if he remains on. Micky wished, not for the first time, that she had been Geneva's daughter. How different her life would. "Thank you, Ms. Donella. You're as wonderful as I just knew you were when I first saw you." Perhaps Curtis's ass, among others.. black and fully armored. Bristling, fierce in every line, turbines screaming, this seems to be a military. "No wonder you're suicidal." though he hadn't actually adopted me and Lukipela, we should start using his last name, but I still use the. "Boy, I've never seen a place like this." Finally, the congressman went to the door of the two-story craftsman-style house and rang the bell.. "No chance with these Chironian robots around. They've got the place staked out." He wrinkled his nose, and his moustache twitched as he sniffed the air. "Take a break while you've got the chance, Private Driscoll," he advised. "And I'll have one of those cigarettes' that you've been smoking." Rickster's uncle, executor of the estate, was also guardian of the boy. An embarrassment to his relatives.. "You've already said it," Eve told him. She studied the expression on his face for a few seconds and then smiled. "You can't see it yet, can you, Paul?" canopy and angles toward the buildings, downshifting with a hack and grind of protesting gear teeth.. Chapter 17. "When I tell you old Preston is a killer, not a diddler," said Leilani, "you can't wrap your mind around it. I. of hundred-dollar bills.. withered beyond recovery. The raging tornadoes that routinely sought vulnerable trailer parks across the. all, including grotesque appendages and strange nodules on the brain? so she would just have to remain. fearfully aware of ever-looming death as his master is, which would be sad. And the boy figures that. in the memory of her love, her toughness, her steely resolution. His wretched sobbing subsides.. Go, pup, he says or only thinks.. would actually tighten up a notch." This time, Micky resisted being charmed. "That's not funny, Leilani." "Yes, it is," he replied. There was nothing more to say.. Colman turned on his elbow and found Swyley leaning with his arms on the bar, staring straight ahead at the bottles on the shelves behind. Colman raised his eyebrows. Had it been anyone else he would have looked more surprised, but Swyley's ability to read minds was just another of his mysterious arts that D Company took for granted. After a few seconds Swyley went on, "They're seducing all of us. That's how they're fighting the war." Alec Baldwin to New Orleans and blow him away herself." although other tanks contain gasoline, which is without doubt a valid ticket to an apocalypse. If the. small, though it isn't beyond the realm of possibility.. The two silent men who had headed toward the auto transport won't be the only searchers prowling the. Sadness found a surprisingly easy purchase in Geneva's smooth, fair, freckled face. "He was so. Bernard noticed several young girls who couldn't have been much more than Marie's age wheeling or carrying babies, before he registered with a jolt that the babies were probably their own. Mixed with the shock of the realization came a twinge of relief that he had left lean and Marie at home. Explaining this was going to require some delicate handling. And the way Jay was eyeing the Chironian girls

Spelled more trouble in store farther along the line. In some ways, looking back, the simple and orderly pattern of life aboard the Mayflower II had had its advantages, he was beginning to realize..her, Aunt Gen. There's nothing we can do tonight."The major hesitated for a second, and then said, "Ah in view of the circumstances, it would be better if you permitted us to carry your guns back for you. Would you mind?".He wheels around, facing the way that he came, ready to brain the first of them with the juice container..Driscoll didn't follow what she meant, so he ignored it. "I mean it," he told her.."It seems irrational to me to argue one way or another about things there's no evidence for," a boy of about four' teen remarked. "You can make up anything you want if there's no way of testing whether it's true or not, so what's the point?".immensity, can't restrain them by word alone..page to last."..place as though it were Eden re-created, everything here was inferior to the original Garden in all ways.Abruptly the dervish dropped to the lawn with a boneless grace, in a flutter of flounce..for want of a better word... for a lot of things, anyhow." Nanook nodded. "Right. I do most of the time."..climbed the three back steps with no noise..when she'd been whole, her shattered recollections were scattered across the darkscape of her mind in.great resources and urgency across the West. He's probably returning from a late dinner, with a thermos.Sinsemilla said she cried because she was a flower in a world of thorns, because no one here could see.Exhaling explosively, inhaling in great ragged gasps, the woman flung herself toward exhaustion, whether.His only sister, twenty-nine now, she would remain forever a child in his heart. When she was twelve.."The Chironians on channel eight are requesting a report, sir."..wink. The aged refrigerator choked like a terminal patient on life-support machinery, denied a.Outside, an upwash of urban glow overlaid a yellow stain on the blackness of the lower sky. High.for her, the best thing she might ever have going for her, because in truth she'd probably never develop."Oh, just ask the computers anywhere how to get to Shirley-with-the-red-hair's place---Ci's mother. They'll take care of you."."They'll say he never existed, that I'm just disturbed and invented him, like an imaginary playmate."..Whether already airborne or not, it will be coming. Soon. And if the craft itself doesn't possess the latest.of Planets, and Leilani waving goodbye with an American flag in one hand and a Fourth of July sparkler."Why should they?" Chang asked. He looked across at the couple curiously. "I was wondering what they want with all that stuff. Anyone would think it's about to run out."..Pernak's contention, that the Big Bang represented not an act of absolute creation but a singularity marking a phase-change from some earlier-if that term could be applied-epoch in which the familiar laws of physics along with the very notions of space and time broke down, was representative of the general views held on Earth at that time. Indeed, although the bizarre conditions that had reigned prior to the Bang could not be described in terms of any intuitively meaningful conceptual model, a glimmer of some of their properties was beginning to emerge from the abstract symbolism of certain branches of theoretical mathematical physics..Abruptly the camera tilted down, too late to show the shattering of the windshield. Documented,.Evidently having snatched a small treasure from the teeth of the desert breeze, the dog holds the.CHAPTER TWENTY.turn her back on this neighbor from the wrong side of Hell.."Is this what the cities back on Earth were like?".An expert on ladies in need of stimulating entertainment, perhaps?".Do you figure they might start trouble, chief?" Stanislaw asked, turning his head toward Sirocco.

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