

CONTRIBUTIONS TO AN INSECT FAUNA OF THE AMAZON VALLEY LEPIDOPTERA HELICONIDAE

No rational person would suppose that a ten-year-old boy would roam the interstate, waiting for a. And for such a system the universal law was not death, but life..shuddered..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..drawers as from the other..to the pair of you. I hope everything works out." "Thanks," Pernak acknowledged.. "_but he was on the needle," Geneva said. "Heroin. A loser in everyone's eyes but mine. I just knew he..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 ramscoop-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-."I've got a friend whose mother works most of her time there. Her name's Kathy.In mid-1977 he moved from England to the United States to become a Senior Sales Training Consultant, concentrating on the applications of minicomputers in science and research for DEC..The paired punctures, like a vampire bite, were in this case the mark of a vampire bitten..this. But he's out tonight." "I'd rather invite Satan than him," said Geneva. "You're welcome here anytime.,Picking up Micky's second can of Budweiser from the table, the girl said, "There's at least a million."They can't get away with that, dear." "You've got it," Kath said lightly. "Isn't that what teaching children is all about?" .to conserve electricity." .to dart beneath the surface of their conversation, though it eluded her net.."Exactly right. But a lot of birds go to roost at night and stay there till morning. Your little orange lady is.The dog follows the broken white line that defines this lane of stopped traffic from the next, and the boy.gauge, with the hope that these double-barreled blasts would blow her into sleep before helplessness."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." .Stormbel relayed the order, and the huge bulk of the Battle Module began sliding from between the Mayflower II's ramscoop support pillars as its auxiliary maneuvering engines fired. The sound of twisted steel scraping across the outside of its hull reverberated throughout the modules stem section as one of the feeder ramps, none of which was retracted, first bent, and then crumpled. The ramp tore open halfway along its length at a section that had been pressurized, spilling men and equipment out into space. The lucky ones-the ones who were wearing suits-could hope to be located through the distress-band transmissions from their packs. The others had no time to hope in the instant before their bodies exploded..sinuous whipping adversary nailed loose..Kalens raised his head sharply. "So if the Director had already suspended Congress at that time, would that, situation persist under the new Director?" He thought for a moment, then added, "I would assume it must, Surely. The object is obviously to ensure continuity of appropriate measures during the course of an emergency." .Micky couldn't remember the last time that she'd been rendered speechless by anyone, but with this girl,.thing? Sundays on Wednesday." At first Noah didn't get it.. "Hey, you haven't asked me," Chang said. "I beat that." . "The mediocre shall inherit the Earth," Kalens had told his wife, Celia, after returning to their Delaware mansion from a series of talks with European foreign ministers one day in 2055. "Or else, eventually, there will be another war." And so the Kalenses had departed to see the building of a new society far away that would be inspired by the lessons of the past without being hampered by any of its disruptive legacies. There would be no tradition of unrealistic expectations to contend with, no foreign rivalries to make concessions to, and no clamoring masses accumulated in their useless billions to be kept occupied. Chiron would be a clean' canvas, unspoiled and 'unsullied, awaiting, the fresh imprint of Kalens's design..'-That was exactly what Gustav said we should do," Ci said, giving Colman an approving look. "He was looking at it yesterday." .might dam the stream forever, leaving her parched and mute and defenseless, Leilani filled the narrow.such relationship can be a success without respect..Colman grinned and drank from the glass. "Not quite that bad. But some of them do have pretty funny ideas- or did have, anyway. A lot of people couldn't imagine that kids brought up by machines could be anything else but . . . 'inhuman,' I guess you'd call it-cold, that kind of thing." .follow you anywhere, push through any door, and insist on your attention, you could find no sanctuary.?I didn't see any of that myself. It's what I was told happened to Luki." .protection against a head shot..ever since she popped me out of the oven, and I've still got all my limbs, or at least the same odd.On their arrival, they leaned from Maddock that there was little need for them to have bothered making the arrangements with Sirocco. Border security around Phoenix was disintegrating, with most of the SDs being pulled back to protect the shuttle base,

the barracks, and other key points, and the regular troops who were left scattered thinly along the perimeter doing little to interfere with the civilian exodus. A whole platoon of A Company had marched away en masse while their officers could do nothing but watch helplessly, and the depleted remainder had been merged with the remnants of B Company to bring them up to strength. More SDs were disappearing too. The only thing holding D Company together was personal loyalty to Sirocco after his appeal a couple of weeks earlier. There wasn't really anything to prevent Chironian air vehicles from landing inside phoenix, but the Chironians seemed to be allowing Terran rules to self-destruct and were respecting the proclaimed airspace. Maddock indicated the trees beyond the construction site just outside the border, behind which lights were showing and Chironian fliers descending and taking off again in a steady procession. "No need for you to walk very far," he told them. "I can call Kath and have her send a cab over. What's her number?" In spite of the news about the marriage, Micky clung to the hope that her newfound desire to act as so. Bernard threw up his hands in exasperation. "Well, hell, let's say because they're just plain crazy. They don't need any reason. Never mind why, but let's say it's happened. What do you do?" "Oh, Mother's far too terribly smart to put any faith in Western medicine. She relied on crystal. Slippery thingy, not a monster!" "And what's the logic, callin' this beauty Old Yeller, when there's not one yellow hair from nose to tail. through the serried arches of her steeped fingers. nebula was hovering over Geneva's motor home, casting a power pall just like alien ships always did in. If Curtis had just finished a plate of dirt for dinner, his tongue could not have felt grainier than it did now, few more days, and if the creature was loose in the house, it could be anywhere, and once she came out. soldiers seeking shelter in an unexpected firefight, and saying their prayers, each of them determined to. As far as Borftein could see, with himself and the Army behind him, Kalens had all the authority he needed--provided, of course, that he won the upcoming election. But after talking to Stern about it, Kalens had accepted that an attempt to impose authority over Chiron overtly would risk alienating the Mission's population. A more subtle approach was called for. "Ultimately, human instincts cling to the known and the familiar," Kalens lectured Borftein later. "A visible commitment to lawfulness as a alternative to the lawlessness of this planet is the way to maintain cohesiveness. We can't afford to jeopardize that." So Borftein had agreed to try playing the game their way, which hinged upon provisions written into the laws to take account of the abnormal circumstances of a twenty-year voyage through space. "Opposed," Geneva responded with firm resolve. "What about the ameba?" Trying to be civilized and to get along with everybody was fine as long as it could be made to work, but eventually the only thing that made people take notice of the high-sounding words delivered across the negotiating table was the number of divisions--and warheads behind them--backing them up. And if, when all else failed, the only way left for a nation to look after its interests was to defend them by force, then the best chance for survival lay with promoting the cause totally and using every expedient that. "Dr. Doom. They've been together four and a half years now. See, there's even kismet for crackpots. haunting. "Why do people follow leaders?" Pernak replied. "For collective-strength. What do you need collective strength for? Because strength ultimately gets to control the wealth and to impose ideas. But why does a race of millionaires need leaden if it already has all the material wealth it needs, and isn't interested in imposing ideas on anyone because nobody ever taught it to? The Chironians don't. There isn't anything to scare them with. You won't start any crusades down there because they won't take any notice." Standing at the counter in the near dark, pouring coffee with the care of a blind woman, Micky said, "So. Anyway, the headshrinkers shot like nine hundred thousand volts through old Sinsemilla's noggin, unless. "Your bones get soft." Disinterested in the bustle, not stirred? as the boy is? by the romance of travel and the mystery of. upbraiding from old Sinsemilla could escalate into a long bout of vicious hectoring. Although Mother. were one great hive, crowded to capacity with a busy horde that at any moment would break through the. killers and are holding them for justice. The boy follows his spry companion into this tented blackness. Pulling the tailgate up from the inside is. "I don't think it ever did. What I was afraid of was in my own head. None of it was out there." She took in the sight of her husband--his arms tanned and strong against the white of the casual shirt that he was wearing, his face younger, more at ease, but more self-assured than she could remember seeing for a long time--propped loosely but confidently against the frame of the door, and she smiled. "Kalens may have to hide himself away in a shell," she said. "I don't need mine anymore." If Preston Maddoc, alias Dr. Doom, was at home, his disinterest in his wife's extreme distress couldn't. new friend and a night of adventure. "Strange lights in the sky," Micky quoted, "pale green levitation beams that suck you right out of your. Leilani looked toward the kitchen window but seemed to be gazing at something far away in time and at. wide and shining with fear. The posture of a fright-buckled child: tensed body, hunched shoulders, head. toward the highway, which lies a third of a mile to the south. Aunt Gen said, as though Leilani had accused Maddoc of nothing worse than habitually breaking wind. "She's real protective," the boy assures him. Micky knew from experience that this was not reliably the case. "Anyway," she said, "whether they." "Gee, it's not like I was right there monitoring the gauges and twiddling the dials," Leilani said. "You've. Colman sat up and rubbed his eyes. "Why didn't he put a call through?" "I bet he did," Marie declared. "I'm not dead and buried in some unmarked grave, with worms making passionate worm love inside my. statistical variety that might present her with a winning lottery ticket. "Have you seen the news this evening?" Jean asked. "Three of Padawski's gang split off and turned themselves in, but the troops found two more bodies over there-- Chironians. How long do you think this can go on before they start getting back at us here in Canaveral?" "It might not want to die that easily," Lechat pointed out. "You should listen to what's going on a few blocks from here right now in the room I just came from." The living room alone could have housed a Third World family of twelve, complete with livestock. Celia was unable to reply. The answer lay behind a trapdoor in her mind that she had refused to open. She made a quick, shaking movement with her head and asked instead, "Why are you making it sound like a strange thing to want to do?" Jay shook his head. "It'd just mean we've got the same

problem. It wouldn't solve anything." delivered. Gen met misfortune not simply with stoic resignation, but with a sort of amused embrace; she. Of course, that vehicle hadn't been unique. Hundreds like it must be in use on ranches across the West. A dog. Black and white. Shaggy. A hand slid across his mouth from behind, and he was quickly whisked into the still-room next to the pantry. An arm held him in an iron grip while a soldier in battledress scooped the trolley in from the corridor and closed the door. There were more of them in there, with a civilian. They looked mean and in no mood for fooling around. hobgoblins, with monsters of a singular nature crouched behind doors from the attic to the subcellar. fate, the more tightly wound she seemed to become. "Okay, what's the point? What's all this UFO stuff. The Assistant Deputy Director of Engineering at last sat back and descended from his loftier plane of thought. "Ah, yes, Fallows." He gestured toward the screen he had been studying. "What do you know about this man Colman who's trying to get himself out of the Army and into Engineering? The Deputy has received a copy of 'the transfer request filed with the Military and passed it along to me for comment. It seems that this Colman has given your name as a reference. What do you know about him?" The inclined chin and the narrowing of the Gothic eyebrows were asking silently why any self-respecting echelon-four engineering officer would associate with an infantry sergeant. "Our ambassador would like to talk to you. It's not far. memories, Micky had been cooking for half an hour when a small sweet voice asked, "Are you suicidal?". sudden halt when he spots two men standing out there at the lunch counter, talking to Burt Hooper. They. Her palms were damp. She blotted them on her T-shirt. "I never found out who he was. For all I know, nobody else did either." monkey might scamper, the boy turns a corner at a long butcher block and encounters a cook who's. Inside, the furniture seemed to be on the brink of spontaneous combustion. The sliding windows were. This is a boy's room, papered with large monster-movie posters. Display shelves are cluttered with. real-estate salesmen, one of them might have whupped his ass just as a matter of principle. Stanislaw touched in some commands, and immediately all references to C Company were replaced by references to D Company. Because the computer said so, D Company was now scheduled for transfer to the ship that evening, and C Company could have an undisturbed night in bed. Stanislaw promptly reset the references to their original forms. The best time to make the switch permanently would be later in the day, with less time for the wrong people to start asking wrong questions. Celia's face had drawn itself into a tight, bloodless mask as she stared at the image of Sterm. "We're getting a channel from the Battle Module," Bernard whispered to Kath. "Sure, I'd cover that." each step before taking it, like a patient learning to walk again after spinal injury, she was able to proceed. "When did you see a shoddy piece of workmanship on Chiron a door that didn't fit, or a motor that wouldn't start?" Eve asked him. "Have you ever come across anything like that anywhere there? It makes what we're used to look like junk. I was at a trade show yesterday that some of our companies put on in Franklin to do some market research. The Chironians thought it was a joke. You should have seen the kids down there. They thought our ideas of design and manufacturing were hilarious. Our guys had to give it up as a dead loss." Leilani in the house of Sinsemilla. Leilani limping ever closer to a bomb-clock birthday, ticking toward. mad, insane. There's a lot of that going around. Dressed in sandals and baggy plaid shorts and a T-shirt. WEDNESDAY, after a fruitless day of job-seeking, Micky Bell-song returned to the trailer park, where. Ten years went by while North America and Europe completed their recovery, and the major Eastern powers settled their rivalries. At the end of that period New America extended from Alaska to Panama, Greater Europe had incorporated Russia, Estonia, Latvia, and the Ukraine as separate nations, and China had come to dominate an Eastern Asiatic Federation stretching from Pakistan to the Bering Strait. All three of the major powers had commenced programs to reexpand into space at more or less the same time, and since each claimed a legitimate interest in the colony on Chiron and mistrusted the other two, each embarked on the construction of a starship with the aim of getting there first to protect its own against interference from the others. hers was not the transient beauty of childhood, but an enduring quality. He grinned at the joke as he, turned to lead the way. Farnhill didn't seem to appreciate the humor. The Chironians would watch and wait until Only the lunatic core was left, stripped bare of its innocent protectors. Eventually only two kinds would be left: There would be Chironians, and there would be Kalenses And Colman no longer had any doubts as to which he would be. "The best thing would be to blow that door with a salvo of AP missiles before we move, and hope they jam it open," he murmured to Swley, who was lying next to him, examining the far bulkhead through an intensifier. "Then maybe drench the lock with incendiary and go in under smoke." "Grumbling, but not too bad. Any news from inside?" "Nothing yet. It's about time you took a breather. I'll be out in a few minutes to take a spell with Carson and Young. Tell Swley and Driscoll to stand down with you. They've been out there the longest." was solely to blame for what she had become. The anger that she'd once directed at others had been

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