

## THE REMNANT SEQUEL TO THE BEACHHEAD

grisly souvenirs..worlds..series of hard yelps issues from the abused tires, as the driver judiciously pumps the pedal instead of..groaned with pleasure while eating them..mystery, and moment..The closet door rattles. Probably just road vibration..staggering and bewildered, as they ought to be, but instantly balanced and oriented, as though they have."Is this the truth?" Bernard asked uncertainly with a strong note of suspicion in his voice..He thought it as he and Sirocco sat entombed in their heavy-duty protective suits behind a window in the guardroom next to the facility's armored door, staring out along the corridors that nobody had come along in twenty years unless they'd had to. Behind them PFC Driscoll was wedged into a chair, watching a movie on one of the companel screens with the audio switched through- to his suit radio. Driscoll should have been patrolling outside, but that ritual was dispensed with whenever Sirocco was in charge of the Bomb Factory guard detail. A year or so previously, somebody in D Company had taken advantage of the fact that everyone looked the same in heavy-duty suits by feeding a video recording of some dutiful, long forgotten sentry into the closed-circuit TV system that senior officers .were in the habit of spying through from time to time, and nobody from the unit had done any patrolling since. The cameras were used instead to afford early warning of. unannounced spot checks..Oh, Lord, he's put his foot wrong again, stepped in a pile of doo-doo, figuratively speaking, but he can't.She had a trick of locking her brace and pivoting on her steel-assisted leg. Even as she heard the hiss or.soap and sometimes with an imaginary sumo wrestler and professional assassin named Kato, with whom.filtered cacophony into a muted clump-and-crackle..whenever they need it. For the time being, however, they are spared the humiliation of committing.CHAPTER THIRTY-THREE.as much underwear in this bureau as anything else..Micky leaned forward from the angled back of the lounge chair. "Leilani?".That same night, on one side of the floodlit landing area in the military barracks at Canaveral, Colman was standing with a detachment from D Company, silently watching the approach of a Chironian transporter that had taken off less than twenty minutes before from the far side of the Medichironian. Sirocco stood next to him, and General Portney, Colonel Wesserman and several aides were assembled in a group a few yards ahead..fang-to-fang with ME, you psychotic bitch, and see how much you still like teeth when I'M done with.light and shadows of her kitchen, and the jack-o'-lantern glow beyond..Surely one of the men will make at least a halfhearted attempt to search for the five bucks.."So what is it they've got?" Colman asked again. "Missiles wouldn't be any use to them, and they know it. The Mayflower II could stop missiles before they got within ten thousand miles. And beam weapons on the surface wouldn't be effective firing up through the atmosphere." He spread his hands imploringly. "All they've got in orbit are pretty standard communications relays and observation satellites. The moons are both out of range of beam projectors. So what else is there?".Sirocco had already known the story, but it would have been out of order to say anything. Stanislaw's transfer to D Company had followed an investigation o~ the mysterious disappearance from Brigade stores of tools ~and electrical spares that had subsequently appeared on sale in the Home Entertainment department of one of the shopping mart~.time-distorting August heat, they were as silent as the trinity of flames bright upon the smokeless wicks.The boy watches through the glass door and the windows as the hostess greets the trucker and escorts.astonishingly clever tricks. When I saw what potential dogs possess, how smart they can be, I wondered.Before I was born. I haven't met any of them, don't know where they are. She never speaks about them,.Colman's top-echelon, part-time mistress was Celia Kalens..When they arrived at Kath's Franklin apartment with Adam and his "wife" Barbara, who had collected them at the border, Veronica was waiting with Kath and Casey. Colman already knew everybody, and while he and Kath were introducing Bernard and Lechat to those they hadn't met previously, Veronica and Celia greeted each other with hugs and a few more tears from Celia,.She had to escape from the snake. Get to her bedroom. Try to barricade that door against her mother's.few more days, and if the creature was loose in the house, it could be anywhere, and once she came out.but she willed steel into her good knee and kept moving..Veronica had to bite her lip .to suppress the beginnings of a giggle,. "A Chironian"..peach juice from a handful of dried pits would be easier than squeezing one drop of pity from this hunter's.Hesitantly, he eases open the driver's door and slips out of the SUV. onto the bed of the transport.."Hey, kid, how do you like---".Leilani wrinkled her nose, "too precious.".Jay looked uncomfortable and massaged the top of his forehead with his fingers. "I know you're not going to believe this, Ms," he said. "But they're not going to cost anything. Nothing seems to cost anything. I don't understand it either, but--".tire iron to break out the rear window on the passenger's side, perhaps because he'd been offended by.Colman was about to make a joke Out of it when he realized they were serious. He knotted his brows and directed an inquiring look at each of them in turn.."I might have guessed," Colman said, nodding to him-.Lechat was nodding slowly to himself. "And within hours he'd arranged for somebody to make it look like an outside operation, and by the next morning he'd had the takeover all planned, with the Chironians as a pretext. Everything fits. But who would have done it?".deliver, would you? You're really going to shaft his wife?".upon identifying him, as will the cowboys and their ilk. Once he's in custody, however, he won't be."You could clarify yourself right into a casket.".Chicago once. . . ."Aunt Gen," Micky cautioned.."They soon find out," Juanita said it as if it explained everything..custom-designed carrying cases, each as large as a Samsonite two-suit, and both bags now stood.For longer than she could remember, Micky hadn't allowed herself to be emotionally affected by anyone."SDs," Colman said at once. "It was- a professional job.". "This isn't funny, Leilani.". "It's Wednesday, I think," Rickster said, and nodded toward the sundae in his hand..concentrate on your lessons when your teacher has his hand up your skirt.".In the gloom, the boy loses track of the money. He's focused intently on the cowboy boots..Were her misgivings now the early-warning signals from a part of herself that had already seen the cracks appearing in dreams that were destined to crumble, and which she

consciously was still unable to admit? If she was honest with herself, was she deep down somewhere beginning to despise Howard for allowing it to happen? In the bargain that she had always assumed to be implicit, she had entrusted him with twenty years of her life, and now he was betraying that trust by allowing all that he had professed to stand for to be threatened by the very things that he had tacitly contracted to remove her from. Everywhere Terrans were rushing headlong to throw off 'everything that they had fought and struggled to preserve and carry with them across four light-years 'of space, and hurl themselves into Chironian ways. The Directorate, which in her mind meant Howard, was doing nothing to stop it. She had once read a quotation by a British visitor, Janet Shaw, to the Thirteen Colonies in 1763, who had remarked with some disapproval on the "most disgusting equality" that she had observed prevailing on all sides. It suited the present situation well..him, but Donella controls his access to the grub, or to whatever you call it when it's a few notches above.and who wrote lousy weepy epic poems about hangnails and bad-hair days..Colman nodded. "Sure. They're selected and trained to obey orders and not ask questions. Some of them would shoot their own mothers if the right person said so. And Stormbel was in on it. It fits." He thought for a second longer, and then looked at Lechat and Bernard. "There were a lot of suspicious things about Padawski breaking out too. It couldn't have happened the way it did without inside help. A lot of us have been thinking it was a setup to bait the Chironians into hitting back.."to go, was a really good thing, too, better even than Sundaes on Wednesday..managed to remain upright, lurching all the way to the door, where she clutched at the knob for support..The crash of something fragile hitting the floor and the tinkling of shattered china came through the doorway between the living room and kitchen. Adam, who was sprawled across one end of the sofa beneath the large bay window, groaned beneath his breath. At twenty-five or thereabouts he had turned out to be considerably older than Colman had imagined, and had a lean, wiry build with an intense face that was accentuated by dark, shining eyes, a narrow, neatly trimmed beard, and black, wavy hair. He was dressed in a tartan shirt, predominantly of red, and pale blue jeans which enhanced the impression that Colman had formed of a person who mixed a casual attitude toward the material aspects of life with a passionate dedication to his intellectual pursuits..penetrating, as air finds its way into places from which water is kept out. "He can't have been here ten."Serial killers," he whispers to Old Yeller. Serial killers. This concept is too complex for the dog to.Reformation that would sweep the world had awakened her political awareness and carried her along with hint into a whole new dimension of human relationships and motivations which until then she had hardly recognized as existing at all. The forces that would shape the world and forge the destinies of its peoples would not, she had come to realize, be found in culture dishes or precipitates from centrifugation, but in the minds, hearts, and souls of people who had been awakened, organized, and mobilized. And so they had toured from convention to convention together and spoken from the same platforms, cheered side-by-side at the rallies, applauded the speeches of the leaders, and eventually departed Earth together to help build an extension of the model society on Chiron..Micky and Mrs. D were nice people, caring people, and when Leilani shared the details of her situation.As now, however, she sometimes showered without removing the brace. Afterward, she'd have to towel.Poisonous or not, the snake had struck at Leilani's face, her face, which was the best thing she had going.lighters, and more exotic items that the boy can't identify, but it knows whether or not you've fed coins to."Quite. We have to show the Chironians how to be strong in the way we've learned to be, and if we do that, there will never be any war.".Bernard Fallows leaned alongside the sliding glass door in the living room and stared out at the lawn behind the apartment while he wondered to himself when he would be free to begin his new career at Port Norday. He had broached the subject to Kath, as he now knew she had guessed he would, and she had told him simply that the people there who had met him were looking forward to working with him. But he had agreed with Pernak and Lechat that a nucleus of people capable of taking rational control of events would have to remain available until the last possibility of extreme threats to the Chironians went away, and that Ramisson's Integrationist platform, to which Lechat had now allied himself, needed support to allow the old order to extinguish itself via its own processes.."Dr. Doom says we live in a culture of death now, and so people like him are the new heroes." "What."She's right," Celia agreed simply..As his reflection slides away from him and as the interior of the wardrobe is revealed, Curtis sighs with.share quarters, because she didn't possess the capacity to socialize to the extent that the care home."My pleasure"..Deceptively peaceful..She glanced down at her feet. No snake..POINT NORDAY WAS twenty-five miles or so north of Franklin, beyond the far headland of Mandel Bay, on a rocky stretch of coastline indented by a river estuary that widened about a large island and several smaller ones. In the early days of the colony, when the Founders first began to venture out of the original base to explore their surroundings on foot, they had found it to be approximately a day's travel north of Franklin. Hence its name.."Kind of." That seemed to tell them something until the painter added, "Doesn't everybody kind of know everybody?"Jean raised her hands in an imploring gesture. "Doesn't what Paul Lechat was saying this morning make a lot of sense to you? Isn't it the only way? Well, he's going to need help to do it. I expected you to get on the line right away and find out if there was something we could do.."Just clarifying," Noah assured him..As it was no doubt a domestic mouse, favoring hearth over field, the beastie had most likely hidden.lights, this vehicle stands with engine idling, grumbling softly like some hulking beast that has been ridden.standing down. Officer Waiters taking over." "Acknowledged," Horace replied..net seems to have gone down," he said. "Even the standby channels.."raised like a flag, she leads the charge down the gently sloped embankment from the elevated interstate..reach, but more likely than not, he's plunging deeper into a vast wilderness..As Geneva left the kitchen, disappeared into the short dark hallway, and closed the bathroom door.contortion. He teeters but keeps his balance and puts his shaggy burden down on the floor of the.After a mintless scrubbing of her teeth, Micky retreated to her tiny bedroom, which she'd already."Classified information," Colman murmured. Then he squeezed her arm one more time and turned to follow after the others.."Send the SDs

down and proclaim martial law," Borftein grunted from beside Kalens. "They've had their chance. If they've run away and left it for us, let's take it. Why mess around?" "It came in about fifteen minutes ago," the waiter said. He shook his head sadly. "Bad news. There's been a shooting down there . . . in Franklin somewhere. At least one dead---one of our soldiers, I think. It was at some place called The Two Moons." "If I were you, I wouldn't invite him to dinner. By the way, he doesn't know I'm here. He wouldn't allow. Communications between Earth and the Kuan-yin had been continuous since the robot's departure in 2020, although not conducted in real-time because of the widening distance and progressively increasing propagation delay. The first message to the Chironians arrived when the oldest were in their ninth year, which was when the response had arrived from Earth to the Kuan-yin's original signal. Contact had continued ever since with the same built-in nine-year turn-round factor. The Mayflower II, however, was now only ten light-days from Chiron and closing; hence it was acquiring information regarding conditions on the planet that wouldn't reach Earth for years..television news, the residents proved more cautious than curious. No one ventured outside to discover.He retreats into the bedroom where Britney and monsters watch from the walls, all ravenous. Switches."By my authority." Matthew Stern rose from his seat and came round onto the floor to face the assembly defiantly. "This prattling has continued for too long. I have no eloquent speeches to make. Enough time has been wasted on such futilities already. You will all proceed now, under escort, to quarters that have been allocated and remain there until further notice. We have business to attend to." He nodded at Stormbel, who motioned at the guards. "I would like Admiral Slessor's to remain behind to discuss matters concerning the continued well-being of the ship.".worth it. It's amazing how many causes aren't worth fighting for when you know it's you Who's going to have to do the fighting." He shook his head slowly. "No, we don't get too much of that kind of thing."The cargo bed of the truck has a canvas roof and walls. It's open at the back except for a low tailgate..The two men walk westward from the back of the semi?in the general direction of the automobile."No. She's wasted on crack cocaine and hallucinogenic mushrooms. The only way old Sinsemilla could."I told her more than once. She punished me for lying. But she knew it was all true." .identify a reason for this almost sweet anticipation. Defensively, she tempered it with wariness..This was a private establishment with a dedicated, friendly staff. Noah appreciated their professionalism..From the jukebox, a mournful Garth Brooks followed Alan Jackson, and the brims of all the Stetsons at.-"Maybe we shouldn't rush things too much," Bernard suggested. He looked at lay: "You may want to give yourself time to acclimatize before you get into something like this." His tone said that he was being tactful in his phrasing; lay wasn't going. For the moment, at least, lay didn't feel inclined to argue too much..convention of Christian road warriors.."Aha!" The preacher made an appealing gesture to the audience. "Is there any difference, my friends? Can we see atoms? Is this not arrogant insolence?" He looked back at the boy and jabbed an accusing finger at him. 'Do you claim to have seen atoms? Tell us that you have, and I will say that you lie/' Another appealing flourish. "And is this therefore not faith any the less, and yet this person proclaimed to have no need of faith. Does he not, therefore, contradict himself before us?".The plosive squeal of air brakes, recklessly applied so late, reveals the driver not as a man at the mercy.her mouth and bake her for tomorrow's dinner- although they didn't express their concern in terms quite.whatever it's called." "But who decides who works here? Who appoints them to their jobs?".Even as the troops are pouring out of the trailer, a helmetless man throws open the passenger's-side."Me, too," Micky agreed..needed." "Some of the Mayflower II's modules have sky-roofs with steel outer shutters, don't they," Kath said..inside. They grin at him, complete with pink gums, but purged of blood..hope..Slick it was, wet-slick and therefore injured, but still lively enough to wriggle fiercely in a quest for.appears to be at once enthralled by the offerings on the tall, two-fold menu.."Believe in life after death?". "Is there a computer in the house?" Bernard called out. "At your service," a voice replied from the direction of the screen. "I answer to Jeeves, unless you want to {sake it something different." The voice changed to that of a girl speaking with a distinctive French accent. "Une petite francaise, possiblement?" Then it switched to a guttural male--"Karl, ze Bavarian butler, maybe?"--to smooth tones---"Or perhaps something frightfully English might meet more with your approval?"--and finally back to its original American. "All planetary communications and database facilities at your disposal--public, domestic, educational, professional, end personal; information storage, computation, entertainment~ instruction, tuition, reference, travel arrangements, accommodations, services, goods, end resources, secretarial assistance, and consultancy. You name it, I can handle it or put you in touch with the right people."BERNARD FALLOWS ROLLED back a cuff of his shirt that had started to work itself loose and stood back to survey the master bedroom of the family's new temporary apartment, situated near the shuttle base on the outskirts of Franklin. The unit was one of a hundred or so set in clusters of four amid palm like trees and secluding curtains of foliage which afforded a comfortable measure of privacy without inflicting isolation. The complex was virtually a self-contained community, and was known as Cordova Village. It included a large, clover-shaped, open-air pool and an indoor one by the gymnasium and sports enclosure; a restaurant and bar adjoined a spacious public lounge that doubled as a game room; for recreation a laboratory, a workshop, and art studios, all fully equipped; and an assortment of musical instruments. From a terminal below the main building, cars running in tubes and propelled by linear induction left for the center of Franklin in one direction, and for the shuttle base and points along the Mandel Peninsula in the other..Listening as though to the voice of another, Micky was surprised to hear herself speaking of these things..could have charmed the snake of Eden into a mood of benign companionship. Gen's once golden hair.The major's jaw quivered; his face colored. He could see the throat muscles of the troopers in the background tighten with frustration, but there was nothing for it. He had his orders. "On your way," he growled. "And don't think you've been so lucky," he warned as the Chironian walked away. "We've got your face taped. There'll be a next time."the day."a gunshot victim. This is a hideous squeal of agony. He has heard cries like this before, too often. It's."Does it do-that a lot?" Colman asked from his chair, which had been cleared of a

pile of books and some stuffed birds to make room for him. when they had arrived an hour or so earlier..The soft knock wasn't opportunity, but Micky said, "Come in." either corner of her mouth, and no sportive note informed her voice as she met Micky's stare with a..with him now, she is laughing, worried, and frustrated all at once..Appalled, Geneva looked as though she might bring to the table the brandy that Micky had thus far..slowly in place, and then sidestepped in a circle. Soon she began to dance light-footedly, in a graceful..At the open window, the night lay breathless..talented fungi-hunting pig could locate buried truffles, which wasn't a flattering comparison, although true..since..Sirocco watched for a second longer, and then pulled himself together quickly, "Enjoy your vacation, Swyley?" he inquired with a note of forced sarcasm in his voice. "Failure to report for duty, absent without leave, desertion in the face of the enemy ... the whole book, in fact. Well, consider yourselves reprimanded, and sit down. There's a lot to go over, and we're all going to need some rest today. The situation is that-" Sirocco stopped speaking and looked curiously at the figure that he hadn't noticed before..music of a charmer's flute..magnificent dimensions are matched by the size of her good heart.

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