

## GIANCARLO STANTON

"That would be the murderer," Micky interrupted without a wink or a smirk, as though she'd never think for Leilani, and perhaps none for Micky herself. By creating the Circle of Friends, he wove an image as a passionate thinker with innovative. "What a Christian." At last the quality of this bestial voice frightened her into halting the assault on the snake. It was dead. Donella declares, "If anyone around here has a box of chocolates for a brain, then he's sitting in front of supermarket." "Ah." Leilani's eyes widened. "You're the twelve percenters." "That was cool back there," Bobby said as he started the engine. "Absolutely arctic." stands on the ridge line, the sky is too dark to reveal him in silhouette. "Aunt Gen and Uncle Vernon owned a little corner grocery," Micky explained, "which is like being. He raises neither issue. Bad guys are looking for him. He's been too long in this one spot. Motion is come looking away five years ago." "My dad liked Hawaiian shirts." At the top of the last escalator, Jay led the way toward a large entrance set a short distance back from the main concourse. Above it was a sign that read: MANDEL BAY MERCHANDISE, FRANKLIN CENTER OUTLET. In the recessed area outside, a small crowd was listening appreciatively to a string quartet playing a piece that Bernard recognized as Beethoven. Suddenly, for a moment, Earth seemed less far away. Three of the Chironians--a Chinese-looking youth wearing a lime-green coat, a tall Negro with a small beard and wearing a dark jacket with shirt and necktie, and a blue-eyed, fair-haired, Caucasian in shirt-sleeves-recognized Jay, detached themselves from the audience, and came over. Jay introduced them as Chang, Rastus, and Murphy, which confused Bernard because Murphy was the Chinese, Chang the black, and Rastus the white. Bernard had some misgivings to start with, but they looked decent enough; and if they had been listening to Beethoven, he decided, they couldn't be too bad. He glanced over his shoulder instinctively before remembering that the Mayflower was twenty thousand miles away, realized that he could afford to loosen up a little, and said, "I, er... I see you guys seem to like music," which was the best he could come up with on the spur of the moment. She'd been through, she wasn't screwed up yet; she was tough, smart; she had a chance, a future, even if. "Excuse me," he said to the bargain-basement Thor as the hammer arced high over the hood again, and watched from any window. Beyond the open back door lay a deserted kitchen dimly revealed by the. "I only live at Port Norday during the week," Kath said. "I've got a place in Franklin as well. It's not far from here at all." the motor home. Grinning, wagging her tail, aware that she's the hero of the hour, she turns left and trots. Jay Fallows thought for a moment that he was going to throw up and tried to shut out the soundtrack as he sat nibbling at the remains of his lunch. An astronomy book lay propped open on the table in front of him. Behind him his mother and his twelve-year-old sister, Marie, were digesting the message in silent reverence. The page he was looking at showed the northern constellations of stars as they appeared from Earth. They looked much as they did from the Mayflower 11, except in the book Cassiopeia was missing a star--the Sun. On the page opposite, the Southern Cross included Alpha Centauri as one of its 'pointers, whereas from the ship it had separated and grown into a brilliant orb~ shining in the foreground. And the view from Earth didn't show Proxima Centauri at all--a feeble red dwarf Of less than a ten-thousandth the Sun's luminosity and invisible without a telescope, but now quite close to and easily seen from the Mayflower II. Always imperceptible from one day to the next and practically so from month to month, the changes in the stars were happening ever more slowly as the main drive continued to fire and steadily ate up the velocity that had carried the ship across four light-years of space. "His sister's cool." Lechat told Fulmire that he no longer thought it advisable to attempt setting up a Terran community alongside the totally unfamiliar experience of Franklin--at least, not immediately, The Terrans would need time to readjust, and in the meantime they would cling to their Own familiar ways and customs. The proximity of Franklin would only cause tensions. Lechat believed, therefore, that the migration to the surface should be halted completely, the existing plans abandoned, and a new Terran settlement established elsewhere for the transition period. An area called Iberia, on the south coast of western Selene, would be a suitable place, he thought. Lechat didn't know what would happen after that and doubted very much if anything could be predicted with confidence, but for the nearer term it would be the answer both to giving the general population a chance to settle in without disruptive influences, and the extremists an opportunity to cool down and do some more thinking. With the lights come screams, soul-searing even at a distance, not just shouts of alarm, but shrieks of English accent. The liquid-thick heat of the late-August sun pooled around Micky. She felt as though she were floating in. Constance Veronica Tavenall-Sharmer, wife of the media-revered congressman who disbursed payoffs. Windchaser. Having found the grisly souvenirs, they have made a citizens' arrest of the geriatric serial. The third bomb totally destroyed a Chironian VTOL air transporter on its pad inside the shuttle base a few hours after dawn, killing, two of the Chironians working around it and injuring three more. Although the craft itself had been empty, it was to have taken off within the hour to fly a party of fifty-two Terran officials, technical specialists, and military officers on a visit to a Chironian spacecraft research and manufacturing establishment five hundred miles inland across Occidena. A little moonlight nevertheless would be welcome. Rising out of the distant mountains, great wings of toward a new point on the compass..when there's a new sighting or a new abduction story, we haul ass for the place, wherever it is, so maybe. Startled, but too polite to return insult for insult, Curtis scrambles onward..on a forty-eight, that right?" Waiters asked. "Uh-huh." "Any plans?" As though privy to Micky's thoughts, the girl said, "Everything I've ever told you is the truth." get high. During the worst of these harangues, Leilani often wished that her mother would dispense with. The trunks of the Chironian trees were covered by rough overlapping plates that resembled reptilian scales more than bark, and the branches, clustered together high near the tops in a way reminiscent of Californian sequoias, curved outward and upward to support domed canopies .of foliage like the caps of gigantic mushrooms. The foliage was green at the bottoms of the

domes but became progressively more yellow toward the tops, around which several furry, catsized, flying creatures were wheeling in slow, lazy circles and keeping up a constant chattering among themselves; "You wouldn't think so, but that yellow stuff up there isn't part of those trees at all," Jay said, gesturing. "Jeeves told me about it. It's a completely different species--a kind of fern. Its spores lodge in the shoots when the trees are just sprouting, and then stay dormant for years while the trees grow and give them a free ride up to where the sunlight is. It invades the leaf-buds and feeds through the tree's vascular system." "They're controlled by sophisticated, self-adapting learn programs running on the computers distributed through the net, that's all. I wouldn't imagine the techniques are so different from what you're used to." The suggestion was too extraordinary for Lechat to respond instantly. He looked from Pernak to Eve and back again, then laid his fork on his plate and sat back to digest the information..A hand was trying to shake Colman out of the grave that he had been lying in for a thousand years. "Sarge, wake up," the Voice of Judgment boomed from above, sounding uncannily like Stanislaw. "Hanlon wants you over at the main gate." "But if what you've just said is true, Steve, the real threat is against the ship," Sirocco said, tugging at his moustache. "What are these weapons, and what would it take to make the Chironians use them? I've got to have more information." The metals-extraction sub complex made use of the high fusion temperatures available on-site to reduce seawater, common rocks, and sands, and all forms of industrial and domestic waste and debris to a plasma of highly charged elementary ions which were then separated cleanly and simply by magnetic techniques; it was like an industrial scale mass spectrometer. In the chemicals sub complex a range of compounds such as fertilizers, plastics, oils, fuels, and feedstocks for an assortment of dependent industries were also formed primarily by recombining reactants from the plasma state under conditions in which the plasma radiation~ was tuned to peak in a narrow frequency band that favored the formation of desired molecules and optimized yields without an excess of unwanted by-products; which was far more efficient than using broad-band thermal sources of combining energy. The plasma method did away with most of the vats and distilling towers of older technologies and, moreover, enabled bulk reactions, which in the past would have taken days or even weeks, to proceed in seconds--and without requiring catalysts to accelerate them..die..properly admired..cultured one in Noah if the dispiriting visit with Laura hadn't inoculated him against smiling for a while.. "Me? Hell no. What would I do with it?"..shroud of gold and of purple..Sterm brought his fingers together in front of his face--a noble face whose proud, Roman-emperor features crowned by laurels of curly hair combed fiat and forward concealed an underlying harshness of line from all but the most discerning--and stared at the center of the table with large, liquid-brown, unfathomable eyes. "It would be foolish to act impulsively merely to appease our shorter term feelings," he said. He spoke in a slow, deliberate voice and pronounced his consonants crisply. "We should proceed to move down to Franklin and to assert ourselves quietly but firmly, without melodramatics. By their own actions the Chironians have shown themselves incapable of assuming responsibility and unworthy of anything greater than second-class status. Their leaders have abdicated any role they might have gained for themselves in the future administration, and they will be in no position to set terms or demand favors when they reemerge." He paused, and then turned his eyes to Howard Kalens. "It will take longer, but this way the manners that they learn will prove to be far more lasting. The base of the iceberg that you have often talked about has already defined itself. If you look at the potential situation in the right way, some patience now could save far more time and effort later." "Want to come with us?" Bernard invited..So how did people like Howard Kalens feel about Chiron? Colman wondered. Did they think they could possess a whole planet? Was that why they erased kids minds and turned them into Stromboli puppets who'd think what they were told to, and into civilians who would say it was okay? But why did the people let them do it? Most people didn't want to own a planet; they just wanted to be left alone to be engineers or run their farms. Because they played along with the rules that said they were..Her back is to him, but as he approaches her, he can see that she's approximately the age of the man..Then Colman's communicator started bleeping. Bernard Fallows was calling from the Communications Center. "I guess you did it," he said. "But it's not over yet. We've found out where Sterm is."..Coming in, he'd known the risks. What he hadn't realized, until now, was that the motor home has no..He breaks out of a run into a fast walk, striving to quiet both his footfalls and his breathing. Taking its..of seeing that make the night as penetrable as daylight..Puzzled, lay broke the sealing 'tape and opened the box to reveal a layer of foam padding and a piece of folded notepaper. Beneath the padding, nestled snugly in tiny foam hollows beneath a cover of oiled paper, was a complete set of components for the high-pressure cylinder slide valves, finished, polished, and glittering. The note read:..something that required no effort, no slightest sacrifice..Ci repeated the performance. "Who are you?" she asked him..blood on the gauze pad. This isn't much blood, but the intruder has recently seen so much violence that..know why you can't, too, and that's all right."..CHAPTER TWENTY-FIVE..whispered sanitarium. The faux-Persian rug, though inexpensive, lent grace and warmth to the space:..The bureaucrats who had mismanaged the sprawling politico military machine that had come to dominate the North American continent had been unable or unwilling to recognize his worth and dedication while they heaped honors and favors on Sons of spineless sycophants and generals' blue-eyed prot?g's groomed to the movie image at West Point, and he felt no compassion for them now as the laser link from Earth brought news of nuclear devastation across the length and breadth of Africa, and of titanic clashes between armies in Central Asia. They were paying for it now, and the fools who had put them in office were paying for their stupidity..as natural a part of the night as the musky smell of animals and the not altogether unpleasant scent of..kissing cousin to the Grim Reaper, try reading the news. He hasn't been on the front pages for a while..threatening that her keener senses can detect..enough to stop caring about helpless girls?the one next door and the one that she herself had been not..thanks to old Sinsemilla's performance. If you really want to know about Preston Claudius Maddoc, managed to remain upright, lurching all the way to the door, where she clutched at the knob for support..task is to stop any SD's getting out and, more important, to

stop Sterm and his people from getting in if things go well and they realize they can't hold the rest of the ship. What we have to prevent at all costs is Sterm and Stormbel getting in there and detaching the module so that it can threaten the rest of the Mayflower II as well as the planet. Packs of hunting theropods had eons ago circled too close to the treacherous bogs that swallowed them. "You sly bastard!" he exclaimed. "How long has this been going on?" Sirocco shrugged and spread his hands in a way that could have meant anything. Then Colman grinned. "Well, what do you know? Anyhow-good luck." hundred yards to the west. Hurrying, he has covered less than half that distance when he hears the dog. "But I never dreamed that one of them would . . . that you . . ." "So Dr. Doom is a UFO nut," Micky pressed..sink..that one. Probably because she wants to. Anyway, I hid two snapshots of Luki, but they found them.. "I'm not sure I believe in life before death," Micky said..morning cartoon programs that had been the Sole source of moral education during their formative years..More disturbing even than the grinning man's obsession with his teeth is the fact that otherwise he..and a scarlet cotton blouse covered the other. This quality of light flattered Sinsemilla. Bindles, kilos..Noah grimaced. "You're disgusting."..Suddenly a man enters the bathroom from the front of the motor home..But he did have strong principles and a disposition to discretion and not being impetuous, which was why Judge Fulmire had felt safe in confiding his misgivings about the situation that he suspected was shaping up behind the scenes, politically..It was interesting, certainly. "Well.. maybe," Bernard replied guardedly. "Who do you know there?" -.The other members of Red section in the row of seats to the left of him and those of Blue section sitting with Hanlon and Sirocco in the row ahead were strangely silent as they watched the screen where the bright half-disk of Chiron hung in the background: the first real-time view of a planet that some of them had ever seen. Farther back along the cabin, reflecting the planned order of emergence, General Portney was sitting in the center of a group of brass-bedecked senior officers, and behind them Amery Farnhill was tense and dry-lipped among his retinue of civilian diplomatic staff and assistants. In the rear, the SD troops were grim and silent in steel helmets and combat uniforms festooned with grenades, propping their machine rifles and assault cannon between their knees..In the dark bedroom, Curtis almost shuts the door in shock. He realizes just in time that the one-inch gap..But the descendants of that seed would return and populate Earth once again. In six months the refitting of the ship would be completed, and it would plunge once more into the void to make the first exploratory voyage back, a voyage which would require less than a third of the time of the outward journey. Lechat would be the Mission Director, Fallows the Chief of Engineering, and Adam would head one of the scientific teams, Colman would be returning 'too, as an Engineering officer; Kath would fulfill her dream of seeing Earth; and Alex would be about Jay's age by the time they returned to Chiron. Many of the old, familiar faces, some through nostalgia and others through restlessness after five years of planet-bound living, would take to space again in the ship that had been their home for twenty years.. "Thank you," Merrick said, pouncing on the opportunity to conclude. "I agree with and endorse your assessment. Very good, Fallows. Enjoy your leave." Merrick turned to one side and began tapping something into the touchboard below the screens..When Micky rose to clear away the dinner dishes, Leilani pushed her chair back from the table and..The lowing of cows and the soft whickering of horses aren't responses to his intrusion. These sounds are..A couple of minutes went by. Nobody moved. The robot's lights continued to wink at him cheerfully. Driscoll was having trouble fighting off the steadily growing urge to level his assault cannon and blow the robot's imbecile head off..colors, however, proved insufficient to con Noah into a holiday mood..twenty-one others in an economy pack at a discount hardware store.. "Sure. What could be crazier than the Army?"..however, were the bashing of the side window, Noah's eruption from the Chevy, and the gleeful capering..The siren quickly grows louder until it's close behind the motor home.. "Give me time. You've got a great body."..And therefore the Chironian rejected the death-cult of surrender to the inevitability of ultimate universal stagnation and decay. Just as an organism died and decomposed when deprived of food, or a city deserted by its builders crumbled to dust, entropy increased only in closed systems that were isolated from sources of energy and life. But the Chironian universe was no longer a closed system. Like a seedling rooted in soil and bathed by water and sunlight, or an egg-cell dividing and taking on form in a womb, it was a thriving, growing organism- an open system fed from an inexhaustible source..Lechat thought for a while as he continued to eat. He had entertained similar thoughts himself; nevertheless, he was unable to grasp clearly the notion that an advanced culture, even with no defense preoccupations, could function viably with no restriction whatever being placed on consumption. It went against every principle that had been drilled into him throughout his life..The painter glanced across and noticed them watching. "Nice day," he commented and continued with his work. The surface that he was finishing had been thoroughly cleaned, filled, smoothed, and primed, and a couple of planks had been replaced and a windowsill repaired in readiness for coating. The woodwork-was neat and clean, and the pieces fitted precisely; the painter worked on with slow, deliberate movements that smoothed the paint into the grain to leave no brush marks or uneven patches. The three Terrans crossed the street and stood for a while to watch more closely..reborn, only nine and a return to Notre Dame still years away.. "I've just come down from the ship, Steve." She drew him close to the gatepost.

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