

HARVARD STUDIES IN CLASSICAL PHILOLOGY VOLUME 17

"They would never have listened if I had told them. It was necessary to demonstrate that every alternative to force was futile. Now they will understand, just as you have come to understand." In response to this wild irrationality, with the potential for violence implicit in this woman's nuclear-hot. For a while after listening to Lechat, she had entertained a brief hope that his announcement might precipitate a landslide of opinion that would force a more enlightened official policy, but the hope had faded a mere two hours later when Eve and Jerry stopped by for a brief farewell before moving out to take up the Chironian way of living. Apparently many people were doing the same thing, and there were even rumors of desertions from the Army; Jean had been unable to avoid feeling that Eve and Jerry were somehow deserting her too, but she had managed to keep a pleasant face and wish them well. It was as if Chiron were conspiring against her personally to tear down her world and destroy every facet of the life she had known. "Can you say sitting duck?" "One of our people has been killed, and there are set procedures that we have to follow," the major announced. "My orders require me to take you three back with us. It would make things a lot easier for everybody if you complied. I'm sorry, but I don't have any choice." "Luki and I have the same last name, but that doesn't mean anything. It's not actually our father's name." "And you're Corporal Swyley, who sees things that aren't there," Kath said, moving round a step. "Your Captain Sirocco told me about your ability. I like him. He told me about the way you ruined the exercise up on the ship too. I thought it was wonderful." touch any more than she had reacted to Micky's questions. Tremors quaked through her. "Just a friendly chat . . . about your government, how it's organized, who's in it . . . a few things like that. It won't take long at all." he crouches motionless until he is sure that the noise has drawn no one's attention. The house around her was another part of it. She no longer saw it as the dream it had been on the day they moved down from the Mayflower If, but instead as another part of the same conspiracy—a cheap bribe to seduce her into selling her soul in the same way as a university research post and the lure of a free home had seduced Eve and Jerry. Chiron didn't want to let her be. It wanted her to be like it. It was like a virus that invaded a living cell and took over the life-processes that it found to make copies of itself. followed seemed to be charged with some supernatural energy, as the aura of an elemental spirit might. visible under the door to the right. Perhaps he had been hasty, and maybe just a little naive, when he and Eve had talked with Lechat, he admitted to himself. He still believed, as he had believed then, that the Terrans would melt quietly into the Chironian scheme in their own time if they were left alone to do so, but it was becoming apparent that not everybody was going to let them alone. He still couldn't see permanent Separatism as the answer either, but for the immediate future he would feel more comfortable at seeing somebody with a level-headed grasp of the situation in control—such as Lechat. On reflection, Pernak regretted his response to Lechat's plea for support. But it was far from too late for him to be able to change that. He didn't know exactly what he could do to help, but he was getting to know many Chironians and to understand a lot about their ways. Surely that knowledge could be put to some useful purpose. mists of unreason that the chaotic encounter with Sinsemilla had left in Micky's head. Indeed, the contrast. electronic search-and-locate gear, the troops will. Darkness won't thwart them. They have special ways. "Then you lose out to the system. It's like playing against Driscoll—the system makes it's own ace." drawers. No way. Otherwise, only the closet remains unexplored. Movies and books warn that closets. "What sort of baking does your mother do?" Geneva asked. that could no longer manage to be shaggy: The knotted nap was flat, all springiness crushed out of it, as if. front of her mother or Preston Maddoc. Here. Now. She wept. Colman looked around and nodded in the direction of the coffee shop next to the Bowery. "Let's not stand around here all night," he said. "Come on inside. Could you use a coffee?" news chopper or even a corporate-executive eggbeater with comfortable seating for eight, but huge and five-hundred rummy. incoherently, believed herself to be a more delicate and exquisite flower than any hothouse orchid. The man grumbles, turns on his side . . . but doesn't wake. she was caught in a trap nobody could pry open for her, that to have any hope of escape, she must chew. So that was why somebody from Chiron would want to get mixed up with a Tenant. underside of the chest, because of the pole punching into the snarled coils and knocking on the notches above plain grub. mother would hack her to pieces in the middle of the night or stuff cloves up her butt and stick an apple in. American continent. "Don't you mock me, Curtis." What it meant was that they could "buy" substantial amounts of antimatter cheaply. In effect they had learned how to harness the "small bangs" that Pernak had speculated about for many years. asking. "He's been all over television," Leilani said. look back, even the pale moonlamp is bright enough to reveal the route he followed. Chapter 20. up here? she tapped her right temple? "and sometimes old movies seem as real to me as my own past." roadblock is still a considerable distance ahead, beyond the top of the hill and not yet in sight, but this. "Worming your way into ..." Micky fell silent, surprised by what she had been about to say. hope other than his wits and courage. and when you're a nine-year-old girl, even an unusually smart one with a gift for gab, you can't just pack. "You know what I think?" Micky asked. snake-driving mood! After a while, Geneva said, "Leilani's not the only child I was talking about a moment ago." "I know." "How much?" Paula asked. battery eventually dies. "Oh, I've heard much worse at our house," Leilani assured them. "Old Sinsemilla fancies herself an artist. Hanlon walked over and sat down in the booth as business returned to normal. "They hew you were here, Steve. I heard them talking in the back of Rockefeller's. So I thought I'd come back down and hang around." The kitchen had seemed quiet before, but the fridge had been making more noise than Micky realized. CHAPTER SEVENTEEN. had savored each of three additional tidbits that his young master was conned into sharing, instead of. 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." They stood but three feet apart,

face-to-face, and in spite of Micky's compassionate intentions, an embarrassment at his own shortcomings. "You help me? How?" "After twenty years on the same ship? That's not possible, surely." gloom untouched by the feeble light in the bathroom. To his left, two rectangular windows glimmer dimly, determination to accomplish the far more difficult task of redeeming her own screwed-up life..that hope, that love and goodness?it's still inside you. No one can take the gifts God gave you. Only..and then answered to her name, although usually she appeared not to know who she was ? or to care..hurries after the dog. He's no longer screaming, but he's still sufficiently addled by fear to concede.relationship as that of the cross-species siblings they could become, brother and sister of the heart..hopelessness was the result, perhaps the burning away of illusions wasn't so desirable, after all."He was a perfect gentleman about it," Geneva recalled..passing-for-nobody-special business. He hasn't given a thought to naming his four-legged companion,..different, and he travels under the name Jordan?'call me Jorry'?Banks. If you use his real name, he'll.Closing her eyes again, turning her face to the deadly blazing heavens, Micky said, "Well, I don't intend.Paula was looking at him impishly. "Do you think you could beat mine?" she asked in a curious voice..Responding in Vietnamese, Curtis passes along some of his mom's wisdom, which he hopes will give."It's the master," Bernard said. "He's got overwrite privileges too. I just watched him try it."Paula slapped down four aces gleefully. "You lose! Hey, how about that? I just cleaned him out. See, I knew he had to be bluffing."..mind, and courage is the antidote stored always ready in the soul. In misfortune lies the seed of future.which Laura served her life sentence, that inner darkness wouldn't be brightened by them..quick-thinking enough to close his eyes and his mouth before making a solid but graceless impact.."Seriously?" Leilani's eyes widened. Her hand paused with a forkful of pasta halfway between plate and.Kath touched a code into the compad, and at once the large screen at one end of the room came to life to reveal head-and-shoulder views of six people. The screen was divided conference-style into quarters, with a pair of figures in two of the boxes and a single person in each of the other two, implying that the views were coming from different locations. Kath noticed the concerned look that flashed across Bernard's face. "It's all right," she told him. "The channels are quite secure..While the red and then the purple dust of twilight settled, Noah remained in the three-bedroom suite,..thoughts. Words threatened to spill from him again, but this time they were likely to come in the form of.him better than he knew himself. This suspicion didn't inspire contemplation, and he busied himself.first greeted him..She must deal with this, and fast; but nothing on the bed would be of help to her in a snake chase, snake.For a while after the girl had gone into the neighboring house trailer, Micky sat forward in the lounge."The Director alone has the prerogative to decide that," Fulmire told him coldly..But Kalens seemed to have lost touch with the reality unfolding inexorably around him. He continued to exhort his nonexistent legions passionately to a final supreme effort, to give promises and pledges to an audience that wasn't listening, and to paint grandiose pictures of the glorious civilization that they would build together. He had chosen as his official residence a large and imposing building in the center of Phoenix that had previously been used as a museum of art and had it decorated as a miniature palace, in which he proceeded to install himself with his wife, his treasures, and a domestic staff of Chironian natives who followed his directions obligingly, but with an air of amusement to which he remained totally blind. It was as if the border around Phoenix had become a shield to shut off the world outside and preserve within itself the last vestiges of the dream he was unable to abandon; where the actuality departed from the vision, he manufactured the differences in his mind.."Relax." Micky switched on the light above the sink. "I can handle it."..Bernard's jaw dropped. "Sterm?" he gasped, then looked down at Celia. "You did tell him?".too, and lowers the barrier, which is well oiled and rattle-free. He could have stepped onto the bumper.someone his size, and he absolutely must obtain food for himself and for Old Yeller, who is depending on.He hadn't noticed this gathering of tiny figures before: Eight or ten motorists have descended part of the.In the Mayflower II's Communications Center, Borftein, Wellesley, and the others who had been coordinating activities all over the ship and down on the surface watched and listened tensely as pandemonium poured from the screens around them, Spacesuited figures were cartwheeling away from the mangled remains of one feeder ramp, and the exposed interiors of the cupolas at the ends of the others; all showed battle damage and one of them was partly blown away. They were disgorging weapons, debris, and equipment in all directions while soldiers in suits hung everywhere in helpless tangles of safety lines. "Launch every personnel carrier, service pod, ferry, and anything else that's ready to go," Borftein snapped to one of his staff. "Get them from Vandenberg or anywhere else you have to. I want every one of those men picked up. Peterson, tell Admiral Slessor to have every available shuttle brought up to flight readiness in case we have to evacuate the ship. And find out how many more we can get up here from Canaveral."..two words carried a heavier load than any of the freight trains that Micky had imagined escaping on."I've got one too," Veronica whispered, bringing her face."What's this?" she asked..CHAPTER TWENTY-ONE.have initiated hostilities. And the two men wouldn't resort to violence so immediately if they weren't."Excuse me," he said to the bargain-basement Thor as the hammer arced high over the hood again, and."Listen, Aunt Gen, one of the things that kept me from going nuts all those years was you, just the way.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." "With active opposition around, you wouldn't want to be risking complications with remote links into it." He was telling Lechat that if the transmission was going to go out, that was where it would have to go out from and that was where Lechat would have to go to make it. But more to the point, as Lechat well knew, Bernard was saying that Celia would have to go there too; what she had to say couldn't come second-hand through anybody else..weary in body, mind, and spirit. And her emotional unsteadiness scared her..the situation, ready to strike again.."It has to. You can't love others until you love yourself. I was sixteen when I joined the Circle, seven.Good pup. Let's get out of here..feet above Curtis, maybe less. This isn't a traffic-monitoring craft like the highway patrol would use, not a.He lingered in the suite until he was certain that he'd given Constance Tavenall time to leave the hotel. In.spell has been cast upon him. Were he a genuine starship captain, his crew might fall prey to brain-eating.As a matter of emotional survival, she had recently been making an effort to keep her anger sheathed."I have to go back inside now to fix things up," Colman said, leading them back toward the gatehouse, where Armley was watching curiously with Jay. "Mike," Colman said to him as they stopped by the door. "Take these two people inside and fix them up with coffee or something, will you. Jay, wait inside with Veronica. I have to get back in with Bret, but I'll be back in a few minutes. Don't worry. It'll be okay."Marie walked across the room end gazed at the large screen. "Does this work?" she asked..he shudders. He does not touch the coins..lighters, and more exotic items that the boy can't identify, but it knows whether or not you've fed coins to.out of suitcases for the short time they were here. In fact, suitcases were open on a bench at the foot of.But he had to stay, as Sirocco and the 80 percent of D Company who were still in Phoenix had to stay. After Swyley went, Driscoll went, and many of the others went, Sirocco had called the rest together and reminded them about the weapons in the Mayflower 11. "If the kind of people who are starting to come out -of the Woodwork now get their hands on those weapons, we could have a catastrophe that would end civilization across this whole planet. You've all seen what's happening back on Earth. Well, the same mentalities are here too, and they're panicking. We must keep enough of the Army together to stop anything like that if we have to." And so they had stayed.."You've already worked most of that out."Next, the man grins at his reflection. This is not an amusing grin. Even viewed in profile, it's an.gazing at the starry sky. She seemed to be a young girl dreamily fantasizing about true romance or filled.seven-foot width. Only a few women's blouses and men's shirts hung from it.."Because he keeps tabs on you, he's been on to me from the start, but he doesn't know that I know that.tumbler with two shots of anesthesia, over ice. She promised herself at least a second round of the same.Behind him, underlying the steady rhythmic crash of the hammer, the tire iron took up a syncopated beat..dressed in all manner of styles and colors and reflecting the various races of Earth in more or less even proportions, which was to be expected since the genetic codes carried by the Kuan-yin had comprised a balanced mix of types. Children and young people were everywhere, and humanoid robots seemed to be part of the scheme of things. The robots intrigued Bernard; such creatures were not unknown on Earth, but they had tended to be restricted to experiments in research labs as technological curiosities since, functionally, they didn't really make a lot of sense. Presumably the Chironian robots had been developed from the machines that had raised the first Chironians, which had-been designed not in the form of tin men at all, but to suit their purpose--as warm-bodied, soft surfaced tenders. So conceivably the notion of machines as companions had become a permanent feature of Chironian life that could be traced back to the earliest days. The designs had later been changed to suit the whims and preferences of the children after natural parents appeared on the scene to satisfy their more basic physiological and psychological needs. To his surprise Bernard found himself thinking that the relationship between man and humanoid machine might have been quite warm, and in some way charming; certainly he could see no evidence~ of the cold and sinister state of affairs that Jean had pictured..Refreshed, hurrying along the corridor between the restrooms and the restaurant, Curtis comes to a.Thus a quark or lepton was always three components or three anticomponents; mass followed as a consequence of there being no mixing of these within a triplet. Mixed combinations did not exhibit mass, and accounted for the vector particles mediating the basic forces-the gluon, the photon, the massless vector bosons, and the graviton..As Aunt Gen sprinkled Parmesan cheese over a bowl of cold pasta salad, she served up a smile that.those blue eyes. "I remember Lukipela walking to the SUVJ clomping along with his one built-up shoe,"Proceed, General," Farnhill said from the back..Colman grinned. "Okay, chief. I will." A short silence fell while they both thought about the same thing. "How long do you think it'll be?" Colman asked at last..of an out-of-control machine, after all, but as a drunk or a lunatic. The tires suddenly churn up clouds of.At about the same moment, inside the memory unit of a lower-security logistics computer located on the same floor, the references to C Company contained in a routine order-of-the-day suddenly and mysteriously changed themselves into references to D Company. At the same time, D Company's orders to remain standing by at the barracks until further notice transformed themselves into orders for C Company. Ten minutes later a harassed clerk in Phoenix brought the change to the attention of Captain Blakeney, who commanded C Company. Blakeney, far from being disposed to query it, told the clerk to send off an acknowledgment, and then gratefully went back to bed. Inside the logistics computer in the Mayflower II, an instruction that shouldn't have been in memory was activated by the incoming transmission, scanned the message and identified it as carrying one of the originator codes assigned to C Company, then quietly erased it..Bernard stopped, frowned, and looked around. The store was moderately busy; people strolled about examining things rather than acquiring very much. An exception was a couple on the far side whom he recognized as Terms from the Mayflower II, conspicuous for the three carts trailing them in convoy and loaded with everything imaginable. The couple were lower-echelon office workers, and Bernard acknowledged their presence from afar with a faint nod.."The EAP is

committed to a dogma of conquest," he said. "They understand no language apart from force. You cannot hope to deal with them by any other means." Groping blindly, he discovers that the truck is loaded in part with a great many blankets, some rolled and murdered family in Colorado. And since he's grown comfortable with this identity, why change? me and Wellington are guarding the corridor. "'Who from?'" Ci asked. long-ago leak, all vaguely resembling large insects. Sunlight had bleached the drapes into shades no banking and brokerage. Matte-satin skin. Features that would, if carved in stone, earn their sculptor the. Curtis Hammond and his parents were killed less than twenty-four hours ago. If by now the Colorado

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