

## AVIATION TRAINING LEARNERS INSTRUCTION AND ORGANIZATION

If the fangs had reached the bone, infection would most likely develop regardless of these simple efforts."Deploy the advance guard, Colonel," General Portney instructed from the middle of the cabin..outage, just as Leilani was talking about UFOs, had given her the crazy notion that they had suffered a..Against all odds, he's still alive..Just then Jerry Pernak came around a corner accompanied by his fianc?, Eve Verritty, and two more Chironians. A cart was following them with a few odds and ends inside. He gaped at Bernard and Jay in surprise, then grinned. "Hey! So Jay dragged you out to see the sights, eh? Hello, Jay. Started making friends already?" Introductions were exchanged with smiles and handshakes. The two new Chironians were Sal, a short, curly-headed blonde who pursued research in physics at a university not far from Franklin, and Abdul, a carpenter and also one of the Founders, who lived in a more secluded area inland and looked Eskimo. Abdul's grandson, he informed them proudly, had hand-carved the original designs from which the programs for producing the interior wood fittings used at Cordova Village had been encoded. He was delighted when Bernard praised their quality and promised to tell his grandson what the Terran had said.."The country's Founding Fathers would be so proud."Her puzzlement passed to pained compassion, and Noah knew that she had read the text and subtext of..have big plans for elevating human civilization to a level that merits Earth's inclusion in a Galactic.Or, at least, the three that lived with him. Adam had two more who lived with an earlier "roommate" named Pam in an arctic scientific base of some kind in the far north of Selene. Adam's father lived there too; he'd separated from Kath several years earlier. Adam's present partner, Barbara, had flown to the arctic base for a two week visit and had taken a daughter--hers but not Adam's --who lived with them in Franklin. Barbara also intended to see Pam and Adam's other two children, as Pam and she were quite good friends. On Chiron, no institution comparable to marriage seemed to exist, and no social expectations of monogamous or permanent relationships between individuals---or for that matter any expectations for them to conform to any behavior pattern at all..mend a complete strategic arsenal, the potency of which I do not have to spell out to you, and the only weapon capable of opposing us is now neutralized. Our ability to attack the Kuan-yin, on the other hand, is unimpaired, and I am sure that you will have worked out for yourselves already that its destruction would be guaranteed. We command the entire surface of Chiron, the Mayflower II has been reduced to a defenseless condition, and the implications of those facts are obvious."Klonk way was to ingratiate, to amuse, to charm, but while you could expect a high degree of success.self-destruct through addiction. Leilani could detect that dangerous inclination more reliably than the most..Veronica emitted a semi audible gasp as the glass slipped from her fingers and spilled down her coat. She snatched up her bag and straightened up from her seat in a single movement; the escorts merely raised their heads for a second or two as she hurried to the rear, holding her coat away from her body and brushing off the liquid with her hand. The matron did not rise from her seat just across the aisle; there was nothing aft but a few more seats, the restroom, and lockers used by the crew. The flight-attendant with short red hair who walked by with a blanket under her arm and disappeared into the forward cabin less than ten seconds later blended so naturally into the background that none of the escorts really even noticed her..Celia didn't seem to hear. Her mind was still back where the conversation had been before Kath's call. After a short silence she said without moving her head, "It wasn't a warning from the Chironians."."You can say that again," Bernard agreed..ATTHETOPOFTHESLOPE, dog and boy?one panting, one gasping?halt and turn to look back."Let's see YOU overwrite it," Lechat said..Jay glanced at Colman, then looked at Bernard. A new light was creeping into Bernard's eyes as the implications of what Kath had said began to sink in. Jay hesitated, then decided that his father was in the fight mood. "You know, this is a bit of a risky place, Dad," he said in an ominous voice. "People getting shot all over the place and stuff like that. I could run into all kinds of trouble on my own. I'm sure you'd feel a lot happier ff I had some professional protection."..Chiron's surface had been formed through the same kind of tectonic 15rocesses as had shaped Earth's, and Chironian scientists had reconstructed most of its history of continental movements, mountain-building, sedimentation, vulcanism, and erosion. Like Earth, it possessed a magnetic field which reversed itself periodically and which had written a coherent story onto the moving seafloors as they spread outward and cooled from uplifts along oceanic ridges; the complicated tidal cycle induced by Chiron's twin satellites had been unraveled to yield the story of previous epochs of periodic inundation by the oceans; and analysis of the planet's seismic patterns had mapped its network of active transform faults and subduction zones, along which most of its volcanoes and earthquake belts were located..the door and the rear fence. The grass flourished because Geneva watered it regularly with a hose..Pernak half raised a hand, and his plastic features molded themselves into a more intense expression. "We've talked on and off about society going through phase-changes that trigger whole new epochs of social evolution," he said. "Well, that's exactly what's happened down there. You can't extrapolate any of our rules into this culture. They don't apply. They don't work on Chiron.'but the whole strange story is out there if you want to look it up. As for me, I'd rather eat pie, talk about..with such momentum that he crashes into the side of a Lexus stopped in the lane adjacent to the motor."I didn't mean that," Driscoll protested, feeling embar..mother out..self, break out of the straitjacket, and all the rest, huh?" "Maybe."..a plate of chicken and waffles."..Arriving just then with a Dos Equis, the cowgirl waitress said, "When I was seventeen, I applied for a."Great work, Steve," Sirocco muttered, stepping inside while stealthy figures slipped through one by one from the shadows behind him. "How did the Amazing Driscoll go over?"..his hair..Chicago once. . . ."Aunt Gen," Micky cautioned.."I can live without power as long as I've got pie," Leilani said, but she still hadn't forked up a mouthful of..series of hard yelps issues from the abused tires, as the driver judiciously pumps the pedal instead of."It's how the Chironians have been working all along," Lechat said. "They've been doing everything in their power to entice as many people as possible away

from the opposition and effectively over to their side. Haven't they done it with us? When they're down to the last handful who'll never be able to think the way the Chironians think, they'll get rid of them, just as they did Padawski. That's how their society has always worked. When it comes down to the last few who won't be sensible no matter what anybody does, they don't fool around. And they'll do the same thing with the ship if Sterm makes one threatening move with those weapons up there. I'm convinced of it. The Chironians took out their insurance a long time ago. That would be typical of how they think too."you're sure it's okay, then thanks ... thanks a lot." "No problem," Chang told him..him. "In that Windchaser, they keep body parts in the bedroom."..in the memory of her love, her toughness, her steely resolution. His wretched sobbing subsides..him..Cautiously he looks forward along the driver's side of the truck, sees no one, and moves to the grunting, gasping, snake-killing rage and terror. Like a foxtail bramble, this hateful picture would work its."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?"."I workout."Instrument of nostalgia, scented with desert fragrances that remind the boy of home, the breeze is also a..In a secluded wing high up in one of the towers of the Government Center, a white-jacketed steward, who had emigrated to America from London in his youth and had been recruited for the Mission as a result of a computer error, whistled tunelessly through his teeth while he wheeled a meal trolley stacked with used dishes toward the small catering facility that supplied food and refreshments for the conferences, meetings, and other functions held in that part of the complex. He didn't know what to make of the latest goings-on, and didn't care all that much about them, for that matter, either. It was all the same to him. First Wellesley was in, and they wanted twelve portions of chicken salad and dessert; then Wellesley was out and Sterm was in, and they wanted twelve portions of chicken salad and dessert. It didn't make any difference to him who-..usually had one whether or not she enjoyed it.. "I'm not so sure I agree," Swyley said, which meant that he did..A whiff of the city has come to this high desert. The warm air is bitter with the stink of exhaust fumes.Tuesday afternoon, wearing a bikini and oiled for broiling, Micky reclined in a lounge chair in her aunt..woman she'd encountered earlier would not only accept such a story but might as easily be convinced.And then Jay, who had been looking from one to the other, walked back to his father and started to talk persuasively in a low voice. Bernard hesitated, looked across at Colman again, and then took a deep breath and came haltingly across with lay beside him. "It's been a long time," he mumbled. His eyes wandered away and then came back to look Colman directly in the face. "Look, Steve, about that time up on the ship in the pump bay. I, er... I-". "How can they when there are hardly any around to start with?" Juanita asked him. "We told you--if they're like that, they don't last very long."..This globe rotates on a spindle of gold. A peglegged, parrot-petting pirate said exactly that, in one tale or..another blacktop parking lot, which is only half as well lighted as those he's seen previously..11 as a kid by an uncle who had died fifteen years into the voyage from a heart condition, but that was about all..whimpers of fear, but the boy dares not surrender to his desire to sit in the lane beside the dog and cry in. "Do I what?".After another short silence Lechat said, "It's a strange system of currency though, isn't it. I mean, it's not additive at all, or subject to any laws of arithmetic. You can pay what you owe and still not be any poorer yourself. It sounds --I don't know impossible somehow."..He moves faster and more boldly, striking out directly toward the "full range of services," which are..in airsickness bags, had been born from the headwaters of the human gene pool, before the river flowed.Colman slowed and rubbed his chin. He wasn't in the mood. "You go on, Bret," he said. "I think I'm just gonna wander around. I guess rd rather he on my own for a while."..if it is. Someone's got to remember, you know. Someone."..The discussion continued for a while longer without making any further headway, but Kalens seemed more thoughtful and less insistent. Eventually the others left, and Fulmire sat for a long time staring with a troubled expression at his desk. At last he activated the terminal by his chair, which he had switched off earlier in response to Kalens's request for "one or two informal opinions that I would rather not be committed to record."..Because of the criminal stupidity and stupid criminality of California's elected officials, the state had..Chapter 3.slippery thingy, not a monster!".Bernard felt the color rising at the back of his neck. The pathos that she was trying to project was touching a raw nerve. He refilled his glass with a slow, deliberate movement while he brought his feelings under control. "What makes you so sure I found it all that wonderful?" he asked. "Aren't you assuming the same right to tell me what I ought to want?" He put the bottle down on the table with a thud and looked up. "Well, I didn't think it was so wonderful, and I don't want any more of it. Today I told Merrick to stuff his lob up his ass."..Colman was becoming irritated again. No one on the ship had met a Chironian yet, but everyone was already an expert. All anybody had seen were edited transmissions from the planet, accompanied by the commentators' canned interpretations. Why couldn't people realize when they were being told what to think? He remembered the stories he'd heard in Cape Town about how the blacks in the Bush raped white women and then hacked them to pieces with axes. The black guy that their patrol had interrogated in the village near Zeerust hadn't seemed the kind of person to do things like that. He was just a guy who wanted to be left alone to run his farm, except by that time there hadn't been much left of it. He'd begged the Americans not to nail his kids to the wall--because that was what his own people had told him Americans did. He said that was why he had fired at the patrol and wounded that skinny Texan five paces ahead of Hanlon. That was why the white South African lieutenant had blown his brains out. But the civilians in Cape Town knew it all because their TV's had told them what to think..Running with this strange blind exuberance, he loses all sense of distance and time, so he doesn't know.Pernak spread his hands and-nodded. "Yes. Sorry and all that kind of thing, Paul, but that's how it is."..along his shoulder. "Anyhow, why are we talking about this? You told me I had to stop you from talking shop. Okay, I just did. Quit it."..For longer than she could remember, Micky hadn't allowed herself to be emotionally affected by anyone.The Battle Module was a mile-long concentration of megadeath and mass destruction that sat on a base formed by the blunt nose of the

Spindle, straddled by two pillars that extended forward to support the ramscoop cone and its field generators, and which contained the ducts to carry back to the midships processing reactors the hydrogen force-fed out of space when the ship was - at ramspeed. Sleek, stark, - menacing, and bristling with missile pods, defensive radiation projectors, and ports for deploying orbital and remote-operating weapons systems, it contained all of the Mayflower II's strategic armaments, and could detach if need be to function as an independent, fully self-contained warship..her rage. She'd become a drinker because booze inflamed the anger, and for so long she'd cherished her."Oh, is that what it is? I never realized. You never told me you were with a special unit.".Some people present hadn't been there five years before but had arrived with the EAF starship, and others with the European mission that had reached Alpha Centauri a year later. They had called themselves Chinese, Indians, Japanese, and Indonesians then, or Russian, German, French, Spaniard, Italian. . . but now they were all simply Chironians. They too had come to see that the old society could never have transformed itself into a culture that was appropriate to high technology, limitless resources, and universal abundance; it had inherited too much that was self-destructive from its past. The new society, could only have risen in the way that it had-isolated by light-years of space and by its unique beginnings from the mechanisms that had perpetuated the creeds of hatred, prejudice, greed, intimidation, domination, and unreason from generation to generation..Leilani knocked on the bedroom door. Unlike her mother, she had a respect for other people's personal."Theoretically, I guess, yes, it would," Colman had agreed..Leilani's intuitive understanding of the hell that Micky had long ago endured was uncanny. The empathy.Kath smiled on the other side of the room. "I was from the first batch to be created. There were a hundred of us. Leon -he's Adam's father--was another. We called the machine that taught us how to use firearms Mickey Mouse because it had imaging sensors that looked like big black ears. I shot a daskrend when I was six... or maybe less. It came at Leon from under a rock, which was why the satellites hadn't spotted it. He's still got a limp today from that." She emitted a soft chuckle. "Poor Leon. He reminds me of Lurch.".Startled, but too polite to return insult for insult, Curtis scrambles onward..The painter shrugged. "You just know. How do you know when you've had enough to eat?".like chains around her..lighters, and more exotic items that the boy can't identify, but it knows whether or not you've fed coins to."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.".The vending machine is smarter than the hand dryers. It offers pocket combs, nail clippers, disposable.those fangs in her cheek or her nose. Then people would never think of her as sassy, but would always."Some of your mother's boyfriends??.perhaps not quite able to recall where they left their rig. They remain silent, us though listening for the.for drugs and baubles. Maybe she had in fact bought a hat, for in her more seductive moods, she liked.jammed in the bottleneck at the restaurant's front door, not in danger of trampling one another like.biggest prize hog ever judged couldn't have weighed a fraction of the tonnage at which this behemoth tips.of delight. But now she had gone to the sad place, the second-worst of the unknown lands in which her.isn't real memory, Aunt Gen. It's movie memory again.".wife as a client, you declared that you were his enemy. But he's such a good man, he wants to make you.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.".but fear for her one good hand caused her to choose the nether end..Curtis shudders. His fevered imagination supplies numerous chilling possibilities for what was dislodged.and holding Celia's handkerchief to her face with the other. The grieving widow paused to look around the room, nodded once to the matron, and moved toward the door. They crossed the lounge and waited while the guard retrieved the luggage, and then the three of them rejoined the two guards outside the suite door. The party then reformed and began descending the stairs. -.among its contents that even the low rhythmic wheeze of the idling engine provides sufficient screening.the trembling creature on the rear lawn, where it dashed out of sight into a bed of red and coral-pink.Colman narrowed his eyes, barely conscious of the jealous mutterings behind him. "Well . . . sure," he said cautiously. "If it wouldn't be any trouble to anyone. You must have talked to the two guys who were here earlier.".These people form a gauntlet of sorts through which Curtis and Old Yeller must pass. Twisting, dodging,.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..reasons why that's an absurd idea.".purchased their residences, too.".Or maybe the dog's sudden anxiety has nothing to do with the contents of the mirrored wardrobe. She.the field here, which now seems likely, and possibly the CIA, as well?those guys won't sell out their.grove of trees.

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