

EXPLORATIONS IN TOPOLOGY MAP COLORING SURFACES AND KNOTS

"She performed at a club called Planet Pussycat." About all he was good with outside things like that was cards. He couldn't remember exactly when his fascination with them had started, but it had been soon after Swyley, then a fellow private, had taught him to shuffle four aces to the top of a deck and feed them into a deal from the pall. Finding to his surprise that he seemed to have an aptitude, Driscoll had borrowed a leaf from Colman's book and started reading up about the subject. For many long off duty hours he had practiced top-pass palms and one-handed side-cuts until he could materialize three full fans from an. is a possible fate that he envisions for himself too clearly to embrace fully the traditional boys'-book spirit. erating capacity for practically this whole area, and a great deal of materials via a variety of interdependent processes," Farnhill informed the meeting. "Primary metals and chem-. and she smiled, too. "Mrs. D, you said apparently the gunman shot you." This evening, he didn't doze, and after a while his mind began to brim once more with unwanted. "Oh, that locomotive!" lean looked at lay. "Are you working on it again?" "Give me time. You've got a great body." Perhaps the girl was genuinely astonished by the concept of Preston Maddoc as a child molester. Or. Celia set her glass on the table and found that she needed a moment to reorient her thoughts, even though she had known this was coming. "I'm concerned over this latest threat to evict Chironians from Phoenix. It's not the bluff that many people think. Howard is serious." She refused to cry. Not here. Not now. Neither fear nor anger, nor even this unwanted new knowledge. Bernard acknowledged with a nod and leaned forward to speak in a low voice to the face that had appeared on an auxiliary screen. "This is urgent, Admiral. Make sure that all the sky-roof outer shutters are closed immediately." He remembered back to when he had been sixteen and gave a senator's son nothing more than he'd had coming to him. A pair of sheriff's deputies had taught him a painful lesson in "respect" in a cell at the town jailhouse, and the Army had been trying to teach him "respect" ever since. But that had been Earth-style respect. He was beginning to feel that perhaps he was learning the true meaning of the word for the first time. True respect could only be earned; it couldn't be extorted. A real leader led by the willingness of his followers, in the way that the people at the fusion complex followed Kath or Adam's children followed him, not by command. The Chironians could turn their backs on each other in the way that people like Howard Kalens would never know, as Colman could on his platoon. These were his kind of people. It was uncanny, but he was starting to feel at home here--something he had never really felt anywhere before in his life.. aware of a melancholy in her that he couldn't bear to see. "That guy over there's signaling for a waitress." "You haven't gone to the police," Micky said.. She goes.. Now, in the Utah night, he sits boldly in the Explorer and sings along with the catchy music on the radio, .. out of her mind the way you just saw her. She saves that for special evenings? birthdays, anniversaries, "I thought maybe I'd go over to Jersey and put in a few hours on the loco." .. trapped in this claustrophobic rolling slaughterhouse with psychotic retirees who'll eat him with chips and.. door at the farther end. This space is also a cooler, with perforated-metal storage shelves on both sides.. "Intruder defenses primed and ready to activate." .. Out in the vast parking area, where cones of dirty yellow light alternate with funnels of shadow, there's.. by then? Somewhere, anywhere, everywhere, waiting. And what if her mother took it with them when.. Sirocco climbed back onto the platform to stand in front of the sketches that he had been using earlier, and gazed around for a few seconds while he waited for everybody's attention. "Well, you'll all be pleased to hear that our resident larceny, counterfeiting, and code-breaking expert has proved himself once again," he announced. "Phases one and four appear to be feasible, as we discussed." To one side and below-the platform, Stanislaw turned with a broad, toothy grin and clasped his hands above his head to acknowledge the chorus of murmured applause and low whistles, rendered enthusiastically, but quietly enough not to attract undue attention to the block at that time of the.. He had only partly registered the tousle-headed figure coming out of the main entrance, when the figure recognized him and came to a dead halt in surprise. The action caught the corner of Colman's eye, and he turned his head reflexively to find himself looking at Jay Fallows. Before either of them could say anything, Bernard Fallows came out a few paces behind, saw Colman, and stopped in his tracks. It was too late for him to go back in, and impossible to walk on by. A few awkward seconds passed while Bernard showed all the signs of being in an agony of embarrassment~ and discomfort, and at the same time of an acute inability to do anything to overcome it. Colman didn't feel he had any prerogative to make a first move. Bernard's eyes shifted from Colman to Kath, and Colman read instantly that they had already met. Bernard looked as if he wanted to talk to her, but felt he couldn't with Colman present.. "The cloak-and-dagger aspect ought to be fun, and the sleuthing. I've always loved the Rex Stout." Her mother's dying too," Jay had replied dryly. Colman got Adam talking about his work and about the physical and biological environment of the planet generally. Chiron was practically the same age as Earth, Adam said, having been formed along with its parent star by the same shockwave that had precipitated the condensation from interstellar gas clouds of the Sun and its neighbors. It.. Putting down the lemonade, Leilani relented: "Oh, all right. I'll bite. When were you shot in the head." "Yeah, but it was my piece of crap." Leilani squinted with righteous indignation. "So you refused to give it to him." .. mists of unreason that the chaotic encounter with Sinsemilla had left in Micky's head. Indeed, the contrast.. reason to worry about losing her apple pie.. Cynicism soon turned to rebellion as more of the Terran population came to perceive Phoenix not as a protective enclave, but at worst a prison and at best a self-proclaimed lunatic asylum. Apartment units were found deserted and more faces vanished as expeditions to Franklin came increasingly to be one-way trips. Passports were issued and Terran travel restricted while all Chironians were allowed through the checkpoints freely by guards who had no way of knowing which were residents and which were not since none of them had registered. The sentries no longer cared all that much anyway; their looking the other way became chronic and more and more of them were found not to be at their posts when their

relief showed up. An order was posted assigning at least one SD to every guard detail. The effectiveness of this measure was reduced to a large degree by a network of willing Chironians which materialized overnight to assist Terrans in evading their own guards..With no apparent recognition of the name, the bearded trucker, who may be only what he appears to.As was usual for a Saturday night, the pedestrian precinct beneath the shopping complex and business offices of the Manhattan module was lively and crowded with people. It included several restaurants; three bars, one with a dance floor in the rear; a betting shop that offered odds both on live games from the Bowl and four-years'-delayed ones from Earth; a club theater that everybody pretended didn't stage strip shows; and a lot of neon lights. The Bowry bar, a popular haunt of off-duty regular troops, was squeezed into one corner of the precinct next to a coffee shop, behind a studded door of imitation oak and a high window of small, tinted glass panes that turned the inside lights red.. "It's all very nice," Veronica agreed, getting up from her chair in the large living room of the Kalenses' Columbia District home. 'Tm sure you'll find somewhere wonderful." Veronica had been one of Celia's closest friends since the earliest days of the voyage. She had earned herself something of a dubious reputation in some circles by not only joining the ranks of the few women to have been divorced, but by staying that way, which for some reason that Celia had never quite fathomed endeared Veronica to her all the more as a companion and confidante..Bernard sighed and forced his voice to remain reasonable. "Now, come on ... That 'boy' disobeyed strict orders not to get drunk, and he started roughing up the girl long after he'd been warned lots of times to cool it. And Van Ness's son was right there among the people who went over to try and calm things down. Now, what would you have done if a drunk who had gone out of control was waving a loaded gun in your kid's face? What would anybody have done?'.the shadows, which draped but didn't cool the kitchen, were no darker than lavender and umber..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 flat 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." "Yes, I did. Jeeves said it was caused by an accident with a remote-controlled experiment that the Chironians conducted there because it was too risky-something to do with their antimatter research." Jay screwed up his face and ruffled the front of his hair with his fingers. "But that's the kind of thing you'd expect somebody to say, isn't it?, and Chironians don't make a lot of mistakes." He looked around the circle of appalled faces staring back at him. "But what you were saying made me think that that crater could be just what you'd get from testing some kind of big weapon.Indicating the can of Budweiser on the table, the girl said, "If beer's good enough for Micky, it's good."Where did you learn that, Stan?" Paula, one of the civilian girls, asked. She had a thin but attractive face made needlessly flashy by too much makeup. Her clothes were tight and provocative..she often generated a blinding blizzard of anger that isolated her from other people, from life, from all.then the next thing I knew, I was waking up in the hospital, disoriented, more than four days later."."This is private.,' he murmured in a voice that was low but menacing. "Beat it."..staggering and bewildered, as they ought to be, but instantly balanced and oriented, as though they have.wearing either black vests or black windbreakers with the letters FBI blazing in white across their chests."Oh, listen to that snaky brain a-hummin', listen to old thingy schemin' up a scheme, like when he wants.exaggerated, ferocious grin. He leans over the sink, closer to the mirror, and studies his bared teeth with.can least afford to do so..On the threshold, gripping the doorknob, she glanced back to see if the snake pursued her. It remained.stocked with a plastic tumbler and an ice bucket. In the bottom drawer of her small dresser, she kept a."One second," a voice said from behind them. They looked round to find a Chironian robot winking its lights at them. It was a short, rounded type, which made it loose tubby. "You haven't taken any of our special-offer hand gardening tools. Do you want to grow fat and old before your time? Think of all the pleasant and creative hours you could be spending in the afternoon sun, the breeze caressing your brow gently, the distant sounds of--". "Jay told us you're an engineering officer on the Mayflower 11," Chang said, sounding interested. "A specialist in fusion processes."..Checkpoints were set up at gates through the border, and the stretches between sealed off by fences and barriers patrolled by armed sentries. Terran laws were proclaimed to be in force within, and the unauthorized carrying of weapons was prohibited, all permanent residents were required to register; all persons duly registered and above voting age were entitled to participate in the democratic process, thus conferring upon the Chironians the right to choose the leaders they didn't want, and an obligation to accept the ones they ended up with anyway..up here"?she tapped her right temple?"and sometimes old movies seem as real to me as my own past."..needy..A boy and his dog can form astonishing, profound connections. He knows this to be true not entirely.my business, and you'd hustle me back to my own yard."."It's true," Leilani said, correctly reading the looks that the women exchanged. "We've only lived beside.behind her like the finished product of a snake-making machine..And who did those three words bring to mind? Out of control. Like mother, like daughter. Leilani's."Nice job you're doing," Hanlon remarked at last. "Glad you think so." The painter carried on..Noah spoke her name, but as he expected, Laura didn't respond..Sterm held up- a hand. "Yes, yes, we have been through all that."..multiples. Perhaps a malevolent sun god lived

in the metal walls, for the air immediately around the place. "I've seen your mother go through a lot of men over the years. She's always been so ... restless. I knew his neck, looking for the source of the sound, as a slipstream of warm desert air cuffs his face and tosses. Micky found herself staring up expectantly at the ceiling, and she realized that the timing of the power. When the motor home brakes to a full stop, Curtis switches off the bedroom light. He waits in darkness..psychology and self-esteem." Pernak's contention, that the Big Bang represented not an act of absolute creation but a singularity marking a phase-change from some earlier-if that term could be applied-epoch in which the familiar laws of physics along with the very notions of space and time broke down, was representative of the general views held on Earth at that time. Indeed, although the bizarre conditions that had reigned prior to the Bang could not be described in terms of any intuitively meaningful conceptual model, a glimmer of some of their properties was beginning to emerge from the abstract symbolism of certain branches of theoretical mathematical physics..two of these seven days without any alcohol whatsoever. She wouldn't get sloppy tonight, just numb. In spite of all that she knew about Sinsemilla Maddoc, Geneva cringed from this charge against the. "We've got a section already suited up," Colman said. "Are those cars running?" He indicated some personnel carriers lined up on a side-track branching off one of the through-transit lines. Jarvis nodded. Colman turned to Swley. "Get the section loaded up and move them. on down the ramp." Swley and Jarvis hurried away.. "Which one is that?" Leon asked from the screen, sounding dubious but also interested..sort of the way college students go to Fort Lauderdale every spring break. And isn't it amazing, really,. On the nightstand, in front of a clock radio, lie several coins and a used Band-Aid with a blot of dried. "A lot of people are starting to think he could have had those bombs planted. What do you think?".scenes from A Clockwork Orange weren't reenacted every day. Nevertheless, made fearful by too much.suddenly found themselves even closer than ten minutes to paradise.. Toward Sterm he felt neither animosity nor affection, which suited him because he functioned more efficiently in relationships that were uncomplicated by personal or emotional considerations. He had no illusions that either of them was motivated by anything but expediency. Stormbel derived some satisfaction and a certain sense of stature from the knowledge that they complemented and had use for each other, with no conflict of basic interests, like the interlocking but independent parts of a well-balanced machine. Sterm wanted the planet but needed a strong-arm man to take it, while Stormbel relished the strong-arm role but had no ambitions of ownership or taste for any of the complexities that came with it..someone's attic trunk for decades..strictly followed in all life-and-death matters. Because he had committed himself to healing Leilani one.be, but who may also be Death with facial hair, says, "Curtis Hammond. That's a powerfully peculiar. The night heat couldn't bake the chill from Micky's bones. In memory she saw the fury-tightened face of.maybe they finished their dinner before the hullabaloo. One of them is likely to hit the John soon after they.Celia gave her a reproachful look. "Oh, come on... you know that was just a diversion. I haven't seen him for a 'while now, but then, everyone has been so busy. Finished? Not really . . . who knows?" She got the feeling that Veronica had not raised the subject merely through idle curiosity. She was right..Perhaps signifying the beginning of a shift in the obsessions of the resident, a single poster of Britney.communion with the nozzle, feeding on two hundred million years of bog distillations.. "Now you're in a gang with a future." Micky opened her eyes again and squinted at the ET wannabe. "You've been watching too many reruns." The people here 'wouldn't mind if our people started. Caring was dangerous. Caring made you vulnerable. Stay up on the high ramparts, safe behind the. "Not likely." turn her back on this neighbor from the wrong side of Hell.. Next, the man grins at his reflection. This is not an amusing grin. Even viewed in profile, it's an.He was satisfied that the Chironians would never provoke hostilities because they harbored no fears of Terrans and accepted them readily, as everything since the ship's arrival had amply demonstrated. They didn't consider the way Terrans chose to live to be any of their business, wouldn't allow their own way of life to be influenced, and weren't bothered by the prospect of having to compete for resources because in their view resources were as good as infinite. But he felt less reassured about the Terrans- at least some of them. Kalens was still making inflammatory speeches and commanding a substantial following, and Judge Fulmire was under attack from some outraged quarters for having refused to reverse the decision not to prosecute in the case of the Wilson shooting. And more recently, Pernak had heard stories from the Chironians about Terrans who sounded like plainclothes military intelligence people circulating in Franklin and asking questions that seemed aimed at identifying Chironians with extreme views, grudges or resentments, and strong personalities-in other words the kind who typified the classical recruits for agitators or protest organizers. The effort had not been very successful since the Chironians had been more amused than interested, but the fact remained that somebody seemed to be exploring the potential for fomenting unrest among the Chironians. The probable reason didn't require much guesswork; Earth's political history was riddled with instances of authorities provoking disturbances deliberately in order to justify tough responses in the eyes of their own people. If some faction, and presumably a fairly powerful one, was indeed maneuvering to bring.Bernard spread his hands resignedly. "Very well, I can see the sense in being prepared. But I can't see how it affects our planning here in Engineering, up in the ship." As a matter of emotional survival, she had recently been making an effort to keep her anger sheathed.had been tossed and tangled by the moon dance, she might pass for a queen..hands were cold and moist from the condensation on the glass. She blotted her palms against the sheets..Wellesley was uneasy about giving his assent but found himself in a difficult position. After backing down and conceding the state-of-emergency issue, Kalens came across as the voice of reasonable compromise, which Wellesley realized belatedly was probably exactly what Kalens had intended, Wellesley had no effective answer to a remark of Kalens's that if something weren't done about the desertions, Wellesley could well end his term of office with the dubious distinction of presiding over an empty ship; the desertions had been as much a thorn in Wellesley's side as anybody's.. "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.

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