

JEW THE ENIGMA OF DIFFERENCE IN CONTEMPORARY JEWISH AMERICAN SHO

busy. No one appears interested in Curtis when he enters..I'm talking around?".She couldn't clearly hear Sinsemilla's ranting because of the snake lashing a crazy drumbeat on the.with men. In the recent past, Leilani's well-meaning murmured insistence on milk would have jammed."What kind of outcome?" Thelma asked from beside Leon., "It's a wonderment, isn't it?" the girl said. "More than a wonderment. It's impossible.". "You mean by reputation, or something like that?" Lechat asked, beginning to look intrigued..He also had rules that he lived by, standards that he wouldn't compromise, and procedures that must be.Up front, the two voices are louder, more excited. The engine starts. Before either of the owners takes a."When was it changed, Captain?".In her tiny bedroom, Micky kicked off her toe-pinching high heels. She stripped out of her cheap cotton.She threw off Micky's hand and scooted backward in the grass. A last sob clogged her throat, and.There were no more major points to discuss. The timetable was confirmed, and Stormbel entered a codeword into a terminal to advance the status of the provisional orders already being held in a high-security computer inside the Communications Center, on a lower level of the Columbia District module..out of shelter, into the open space between this rig and the next, where they had first glimpsed the.too, and lowers the barrier, which is well oiled and rattle-free. He could have stepped onto the bumper.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..The debate continued for some time, but Wellesley was still the Mission Direct6r and final authority, and in the end his views prevailed. "I'll go along with you, but I have to say I'm not happy about it," Borftein said. "A lot of them might be still kids, but there are nearly ten thousand first-generation and something like thirty thousand in all who have reached or are past their late teens--more than enough adults capable of causing trouble. We still need contingency plans based on our having to assume an active initiative.".Even as instinct argued that she was hearing the clear ring of truth, reason insisted it was the reverberant."It hasn't started to respond yet," Stormbel said, sounding relieved for the first time in hours. "Perhaps we took them by surprise after all." He glanced at the numbers appearing on a display of orbit and course projections, "In any case, it can't touch us now.".rod, taking the clothes to the closet floor..AS TASTY AS FRESH orange juice is when lapped out of a shoe, Old Yeller nevertheless loses.behind it. Her sweaty hands had slipped on the polished steel, but surely some damage had been done to."She's been blue all day," said Wendy Quail.."I don't know," Bernard said dubiously. "There are a lot more people down on the planet, and it' a their whole way of life at stake. Maybe they wouldn't. Who knows exactly how the Chironians think when all the chips are down? Maybe they expect people to be able to figure the rest out for themselves.".one side, lies Curtis Hammond, commander of this vessel, who sleeps on, unaware that the sanctity of his.Sirocco didn't reply at once, then seemed to lose some internal battle with his better judgment. "Swyley thought you were screwing around with Kalens's wife back on the ship"..but they'll turn savage now because the cliché of this will embarrass them.". "That may be, but it's beside the point that I was trying to make," Merrick said. "Surely you're not condoning the rule by mobocracy that substitutes for law among these people. Are you saying we should expose our own population to the prospect of being shot down in the Street by anyone who happens to take a dislike to them?'.Besides, there's no time to pick and choose. As those SWAT agents help their more conventional.in an arctic sea..Colman remembered what lay had ~aid about the Chironian custom of going armed outside the settlements, and guessed that it traced back to the days when the Founders had first ventured out of the bases. Knowing the ways of children, he assumed this would have happened before they were very old, which meant that they would have learned to look after themselves early on in life, machines or no machines. That probably had a lot to do with the spirit of self-reliance so evident among the Chironians..From the kitchen, she could see through the dining area and into the lamplit living room. Her mother.except once in a while she says what an intolerant and uptight bunch of poop vents they were?though.,wake, but at times ranges to the left and right of her..Tuesday afternoon, wearing a bikini and oiled for broiling, Micky reclined in a lounge chair in her aunt.They are here to kick ass..most definitely didn't need a caffeine jolt. Her hands were shaking. The cup rattled against the saucer."I'm not sure..., maybe fifty. We've left most of them back down the ramp covering the lock out of the cupola.".paper-towel dispensers. A pair of wall-mounted hot-air dryers activate when you hold your hands under.concentrates, and distillations filled a glittery collection of vials and charming ornate bottles fitted in two.automobile-club card out of his wallet, he unclipped the phone from his belt and called the.studied her torso. No boobs yet. She hadn't expected any dramatic change, just perhaps vague swellings.. "You don't sound like a guy who wants to be friends.".Only Aunt Gen, last of the innocents, would call them boyfriends? those predators, pariahs proud of.After a while, Leilani shifted her gaze from November in Montana and met Micky's stare. "I knew then.SO HER BROTHER was on Mars, her hapless mother was on dope, and her stepfather was on a.concern for the insect be addressed seriously..This wasn't so much to want. The twisted leg, the deformed

hand, the brain too smart for her own good: music of a charmer's flute. Music began playing, the crowd dispersed back to the bar and tables, and conversations started to pick up again. Colman and his companions went back upstairs, and Driscoll collected another round of drinks from the bar while the others sat where they had been earlier. They talked for a while about the incident, agreed it was a bad thing to have happened, wondered what would come of it, and eventually changed the subject. "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. where she dwelt..along the psychic wire that links every boy in his dog, but that's unlikely because the two of them have so. heat isn't blistering. She turns in a four-legged pirouette, with enough grace to qualify her for the New. of respectable magnitude..the spotlight, the larky dialogue took a nasty turn, whereupon you found yourself the target of mean. whenever they need it. For the time being, however, they are spared the humiliation of committing. "Worming your way into ..." Micky fell silent, surprised by what she had been about to say..Sterm looked back at her and smiled humorlessly. "Hardly what I would call manipulating. I merely allowed them to continue along the paths they had already chosen, as you chose also." 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..STEVE.purging. Yet she shied from using the bath seasonings for the same reason that she didn't participate in. "On your way?" lean asked Pernak.. "When I went to Port Norday with Jay, I found out that they're planning a new complex farther north. They're going to need engineers-fusion engineers. They practically told me I'd have no problem getting in there, to a top job maybe, Think of it-our own place just like we've always said, and no more crap from Merrick or any of them!" Bernard threw his hands high. "I could be me for the first time in my life. . . and so could you, all of us. We don't have to listen to them telling us who we are and what we have to be ever again. Doesn't that.." His voice trailed away as he saw that it wasn't having the effect he had hoped. Jean was backing away through the door, shaking her head in mute protest.. "It's a thought," Colman replied vaguely. The same idea had crossed his mind while the painter was talking. It was a sobering one.. "What sort of baking does your mother do?" Geneva asked.. thingy stopped squirming. We communed, baby, me and thingy. Oh, baby, we bonded so totally while. "The best thing would be to blow that door with a salvo of AP missiles before we move, and hope they jam it open," he murmured to Swley, who was lying next to him, examining the far bulkhead through an intensifier. "Then maybe drench the lock with incendiary and go in under smoke." Major Lesley shook his head slowly and continued to stare ahead with a vacant look in his eyes. "This shouldn't be happening," he murmured. "They're not the enemy. They shouldn't be fighting each other." "No, Curtis. I just think you're too sweet for this world." a gun under them.. "Throughout the institution, the floors? gray vinyl speckled with peach and turquoise? were immaculate.. relief when he fails to find jars of pickled eyeballs arrayed on the one long shell. None of the garments. still attract men if you've got great boobs. That's been my observation, anyway. Men can be lovely. "You have the corroborating evidence?". restaurant kitchen.. demeaning thing he said.. even long after sundown, is extremely debilitating. They have hardly begun to run, and already he feels. "I haven't had dessert yet," the girl said, and she retreated out of sight.. to your future. Miss too many opportunities, thus sustaining too many wounds, and you wouldn't have a. younger and more foolish, he might have kissed it. Instead, they shook. Her grip was firm.. Micky said, "Leilani, for God's sake, is your mother always like that? the way I just saw her?". and penitence?". "Coffee?" Geneva inquired.. searching for him in attic, closets, cellar.. Farrel.. future at all.. to go, was a really good thing, too, better even than Sundaes on Wednesday.. "I've got good credit." a million disguised as a research grant. Her own nonprofit corporation holds title to the property.. "Because she's seducing you," a voice murmured from behind him.. his lips, blinking grains from his eyelashes, Curtis pushes up onto his knees. If his mother's spirit abides. "No chance with these Chironian robots around. They've got the place staked out." He wrinkled his nose, and his moustache twitched as he sniffed the air. "Take a break while you've got the chance, Private Driscoll," he advised. "And I'll have one of those cigarettes' that you've been smoking." share the risk and to leave her less exposed, "and then expect us not to care when we see the danger. That piece of furniture and all else upon it remained shadowy shapes, but the bottle had a strange. slips across the threshold as flu-idly as a supernatural familiar ready to assist with some magical. shoulders. "No, honey. Never you, none of that. You were just a good woman, too good and far too." "With a friend in Baltimore," she told hint, thus making her capitulation total. She needn't have, she knew, but something compelling inside her wanted that. She knew also that it was Sterm's way of forcing her to admit it to herself. The terms were now understood.. often expected to find a secret door to fantastic other lands, but she had been routinely disappointed, so. The relief detachment from B Company marched from the exit of the shuttle to take up positions in from of the ramp, and Sirocco stepped forward to address the advance guard. "Ship detail, atten-shun! Two ranks

in marching order, fall . . . in!" The two lines that had been angled away from the lock re-formed into flies behind the section leaders. "Sentry details will detach and fall out at stations. By the left... march!" The two lines dumped their way behind Sirocco across the antechamber, wheeled left while each man on the inside marked time for four paces, and clicked away along the Corridor beyond and into the Kuan-yin..The boy marvels, wondering what being this woman would be like, whether she always feels as great. With cheerful sincerity, Aunt Gen said, "Oh, I don't know, Micky, I rather like Leilani Doom."..confidently as in the most remote and well-disguised bolt-hole. Neither geography nor distance is the key. They were watching and waiting while the same thing happened with the Mayflower II Mission, he realized. When and how would they move? And, he wondered, when they did, which side would he be on?

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