

## **BLINDED BY DOCTRINE LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE LUFTWAFFE**

whole-of-limb, hard-bodied, martial arts wunderkind. The Klunk way wasn't the way of the Ninja. The one over at the main gate who wants to talk to you. Says it's urgent. "Of course," Celia whispered and passed him her glass..her rage. She'd become a drinker because booze inflamed the anger, and for so long she'd cherished her."I had to scrap one set." lay sighed. "I guess it's hack to square one on another. That's what I reckon I'll start today." .tip?".parched..the motor home is in the shop for an overhaul, and Dr. Doom won't stay in a hotel or motel because he.In a crouch, he crosses the roof to the brink. When he looks back again, the mutt whines beseechingly.Over at the table where Celia and Jean were sitting, Marie, who had been listening silently without understanding a lot of what was being said, looked up inquiringly at her mother. Jean smiled and squeezed her hand reassuringly..Communications round-trip delay to Chiron, twenty-two seconds. Formal arrangements for reception procedures still not concluded. Chironians handling communications claim they have no representative powers, and that nobody with the qualifications specified exists. Mayflower II's defenses brought to combat readiness..a considerable distance beyond the California darkness. "Montana. This place in the mountains." .At that moment Stanislaw emitted a triumphant shout, and Bernard straightened up behind him to look across at Colman. "He's done it!" Bernard exclaimed. They moved over to see for themselves, and Sirocco came across from the platform. The rest of the mess hall quieted down. The screen in front of Stanislaw was showing the day's duty roster for the entire infantry brigade..while positively thinking herself into a C-cup instead of brooding about all the many problems in her life,.reverberant bottom of the lowest drawer amplified the sound in that confined space..passenger's side. Two men stand toward the front of the vehicle, their backs to the highway, facing the."To some people, his name's scarier than Lecter's. I'm sure you've heard of him. Preston Maddoc." .Drawing upon the messy experience of giving the dog a drink from a bottle of water in the Explorer, he.Sterm was not a person to waste his time and energy with futile melodramatics and accusations, but Stormbel knew full well that he wouldn't forget-and neither would Stormbel forget. The Chironians were behind it, he was.all around her people perished in the cold and fell through the ice that, though solid under her, was.Colman smiled to himself. "I've only seen her around.."Do him good too," Sirocco declared. "Then they might make him an engineer. But you'll have a hard time. He's holding out till he's found out what the talent's like on Chiron." .Neither have I. But the idea appeals to me. And so right after he married Sinsemilla, he said that even.Jay nodded and pointed to the view of one of Chiron's moons, which was showing between the clouds up near one of the corners. "That's Remus," he said. "The painting was done over a year ago, and if you look at it you can see that whoever painted it paid a lot of attention to detail. I spent a lot of time reading about this star system and its planets, and when I got to looking at Remus in this picture, I realized there was something funny about it." Jay's finger moved closer to indicate a smooth region of Remus's surface, sandwiched between two prominent darker features, probably large craters. ~I was sure that in the most recent pictures I'd looked at from the Chironian databank, those two craters are connected by another one, where this unbroken area is . . . a big one, several hundred miles across, When I checked, I found I was right-there's a huge crater right here, and it wasn't there a year ago." .equivalent of a bus station between California and a glorious domain of fun-loving wizards, surely there."You shouldn't make up stuff like that about your own mother." .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..filtered cacophony into a muted clump-and-crackle.. "Sometimes," Shirley answered. "Ci teaches English mainly, but mostly down on the surface. That is, when she's not working with electronics or installing plant wiring underground somewhere. I'm not all that technical. I grow olives and vines out on the Peninsula, and design interiors. That's what brought me up here--Clem wants the crew quarters and mess deck refitted and decorated. But yes, I teach tailoring sometimes, but not a lot." .Doom. I remember some places, but I was too little to have memories of them all. A few months here, a toilets strikes him as hilarious, and the combined flow demand causes plumbing to rattle in the walls..Celia smiled over her glass. "Thank you. It's rare to find such appreciation." .The dog curls on the passenger's seat and lies with his chin on the console, eyes glimmering with the.Driscoll stared at her. "Three queens, and I could beat it," he said. Ci and Shirley exchanged baffled looks..and to let her stubbornness rest in its scabbard. Now she said, "Just milk, Aunt Gen." .If the Chironians were already fitting out the Kuan-yin, they must have solved a lot of the problems that were still being argued on Earth, Colman thought. The whole planet, he realized as he reflected on it, was a powerhouse of progress, unchecked by any traditions of unreason and with no vested-interest obstructionists to hold it back. If the pattern continued until Chiron became a fully populated world, it would effectively leave Earth back in the Stone Age within a century. "Have you actually flown it anywhere yet?" he asked, turning his head toward Kath. "The Kuan-yin . Has it been anywhere since it arrived in orbit here?" . "Why?" a girl in a pink jacket asked..we'll get there while the action is still hot. The only reason we're renting next door for a week is because."Very,' Bernard agreed. He didn't really have a clue. "These are the guys I was telling you about," lay said. "The ones who are with the group that's going to the mountains." .Brad nodded. "But Stormbel's people are in the

cupola. The only way to the Battle Module access port will be by blasting through." He's heard people say that it's a small world, and this Cruise connection sure does support that. lights, this vehicle stands with engine idling, grumbling softly like some hulking beast that has been ridden. Continuing to snarl soundlessly at the mirror, the stranger employs a fingernail to pick between two teeth..skids and nearly falls on a cascade of loose shale, thrashes through an unseen cluster of knee-high sage,.BVG 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1. Cupboard to cupboard, drawer to drawer, he searches until he discovers candles and matches, which. Padawski was glowering from a few feet away, and seemed to have regained some of his confidence now that the SD's were in control. "You stay away from her, Goldilocks," he spat. "Stick with your nice, murdering friends. We won't forget you either." 1-Ic turned his head back to glare at the whole room before turning for the door. "And that goes for all of you," he warned in a louder voice. "We won't forget. You'll see." "You too," Colman said. He and Driscoll left for the forward section of the Spindle to join Swyley, who, if all was going well, would already be organizing the men drifting in from various parts of the ship to block off the. "I better check those orders." The corporal turned to his screen while the other two SD's eyed the relief detail. After a few seconds the corporal raised his eyebrows. "You're right. Oh, well, I guess it's okay." The other two SD's relaxed a fraction. The corporal called up the duty 1~g4nd signed his team off. "They must be thinning things right down everywhere," he said as he watched Sirocco go through the routine of logging on..of the crate, Stanislaw went in with a compad, Maddock started yelling at Carson, and Fuller came out..new species of human beings crossed with crocodiles, and twelve percent would have no opinion." .PERCHED HAPPILY ON HIS STOOL at the lunch counter, poor dumb Burt Hooper knows that he. "What's this?" she asked..Not every delicacy is prepared by the two short-order cooks out front. The kitchen staff is large and..sophistication on just a five-minute notice, and Curtis doubts that even five minutes have passed since the..seen movies about serial killers. These human monsters collect souvenirs of their kills. Some keep..few feet, the boy can see this is debris with value: a five-dollar bill.."I'm not sure. I guess I couldn't have been listening that much."..future at all..heart, and mercy would more likely be wrung from any stone..Spears also adorns one wall. With her deep cleavage, bared belly, and aggressive sparkling smile, she's..resentments.."Got a name??.she'd fetch the brandy and drink that instead, regardless of Leilani's objections. Alcohol never soothed..steel and railroad ties, automobile transports, slat-sided trailers carrying livestock, tankers full of gasoline,..coiled under the window.."Nice job you're doing," Hanlon remarked at last. "Glad you think so." The painter carried on.."Aw, cut it out, Hoover," Rastus told the robot. "These people have only just arrived. They've got more than enough to do." He looked at the Terrans. "This is Hoover. He runs the place. Don't pay too much attention or you'll end up buried in junk up to your eyes."..him. But she will never be at his side again in this life..shepherd Curtis toward escape.."My age??"..and who wrote lousy weepy epic poems about hangnails and bad-hair days..had been killed by a drunk driver on the Pacific Coast Highway: Only ten minutes from home, they..longer, twinkles diamond-bright and ruby-red. From this elevation, he can see the interdiction point to the..Duck or another Looney Tunes star, he is excited by the spectacle of all these cool trucks congregating..her eyelids, and the slow steady flow of tears..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..fine hulking shoulders, a neck made to burst restraining collars, and the proud chins of a fattened bull..guard, as well..returns quietly Jo the open bedroom door, the dog remaining by his side..CHAPTER TWENTY-TWO..smiles, but she tricked one out of it anyway. "Judging by the men I've fallen for, ice cream beats love..-Jean shook her head and indicated Marie surreptitiously with her eyes. "It would be best if you went on your own. We've got plenty to do here." Marie made a face but stayed quiet..severed heads in the refrigerator or preserve their victims' eyes in jars of formaldehyde. Others make..Colman frowned and shook his head with a sigh as he thought about it. "But surely they wouldn't just hit it without any warning to anyone..not with all those people still up there," he insisted. "Wouldn't they say something first.. let Sterm know what he's up against??"..Chapter 26.."Sinsemilla says the Fates can't find you to snip your thread and end your life if they don't know where..snake-driving mood!"..silent. Evidently, his small noises haven't awakened anyone..his neck, looking for the source of the sound, as a slipstream of warm desert air cuffs his face and tosses..found.."Bernie, this is too much!" Jean's voice came up from the lounge area below. "I'm never going to get used to this." Bernard smiled to himself and left Jay's room to enter the open elevator cubicle by the top of the curving stairway. Seconds later he walked out again and into the lounge. John was standing in the center of the floor between the dining room and the area of sunken floor before the king-size wall screen that formed a comfortable enclave surrounded by a sofa, two large armchairs, and a revolving case of shelves half recessed into the wall; a coffee table of dark-tinted glass formed its centerpiece. She gestured helplessly. "What are we ever going to do with all this space? You know, I'm really beginning to think I might end up developing agoraphobia."..The cockpit, with two large seats, is to his right, a lounge area to the left. All lies in shadow, but through.."Toast done twice."..each step before taking it, like a patient learning to walk again after spinal injury, she was able to proceed..he shouted at Harding. "Fire at any SD's who get in the way. They know we're here now." He turned to the others. "Grab those two and stick with me. You two, stay with Crosby and cover the rear. Okay, let's get the hell out."..had to do what needed to be done.."I said you can stuff it." Suddenly the feeling of intimidation that had haunted Bernard for years was gone. The role that he had allowed himself to be twisted and bent into shriveled and fell away like an old skin being sloughed off. For the first time he was..himself, and free to assert himself as an individual. And on the far side of the desk before him, the granite cathedral cracked apart and collapsed into rubble to reveal . . .

nothing inside. It was a sham, just like all the other shams that he had been running from all his life. He had just stopped running..with the reflected glow.."What's your pseudofather's real name?" Geneva asked..Five minutes later Swyley and Malloy had gone into conference in a corner with Celia and Lechat, and Colman stood apart with Sirocco and Hanlon, discussing tactical details. "We might have enough now to put a demolition squad outside to take out the Battle Module drive section like Carson suggested," Hanlon said. "Even if Sterm gets in there it would give more protection to the rest of the ship." "Ooh... I wouldn't want to do that," Amy said. .."Bad enough," he admitted..truck from Colorado..Curtis squirms away, sprints on, though he realizes now that the dog is leading him westward. The.Dr. Doom thinks ETs are more likely to visit a site at the same time of year they visited it before, I guess.Only Aunt Gen, last of the innocents, would call them boyfriends? those predators, pariahs proud of.Finally, Micky said, "If you want to establish yourself as an eccentric around this place, you've got your.She swallowed as she traced through her thoughts and, checked herself. She was rationalizing or hiding something from herself, she knew. Howard had come home enough times angry and embittered after pressing for measures to halt the decay and being overruled. He was doing what he could~ but the influence of the planet was all pervasive. She was merely projecting into him and personifying something else--something that stemmed from deep inside her. Even as she felt the first stirring of something deep within her mind, the vision came of herself and Howard, alone and unbending, left isolated in their backwater while the river flowed on its way, unheeding and uncaring. After twenty years, nothing lay ahead but emptiness and oblivion. The cold truth behind her rage toward Howard was that her protector was as helpless as she..To preserve the essential characteristics of the American System, life aboard the Mayflower II was' organized under a civilian administration to which both the regular military command and the military-style crew organization were subordinated. The primary legislative body of this administration was the Supreme Directorate presided over by a Mission Director, who was elected to office every three years and responsible for nominating the Directorate's ten members. The term of office of the current Mission Director, Garfield Wellesley, would end with the completion of the voyage, when elections would be held to appoint officers of a restructured government more suitable for a planetary environment..They're dead serious about it. He says if we tell anyone about them, they'll never bring Luki back. They.through the serried arches of her steepled fingers..Fulmire gestured over the books and documents spread across his desk. "The security provisions provide for Congress to vote exceptional powers to the Directorate in the event of demonstrable security demands, and for the Directorate to delegate extraordinary duties to the chief executive once they are voted that power. They do not provide for the chief executive to assume such duties for himself, and therefore neither can he do so for his successor."the bedroom window across the street. The drapes had been pulled aside. Karla Rhymes stood at the.can in her good hand. "Anyway, Dr. Doom might have been an okay professor."Just wondering how I ever took pleasure in this line of work."Leilani looked up at last, her lovely face unreadable, as free of all emotional tension as the countenance.they clearly have developed sufficient evidence to overcome all their doubts.

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