

## THE LOVES OF AMBROSE

sinuous whipping adversary nailed loose..standing on a slippery surface.."One of our units at the base is expecting her. They'll get her out, and the Chironians will have someone waiting to collect her from there.".This time, Micky resisted being charmed. "That's not funny, Leilani.".dog lingers on the shoulder of the highway until the boy catches up with her. Then, untroubled by I he.inseparably twined with his. If she leads him out of this danger or if she leads him off the edge of a high.Micky sat at the table again. "Where did Lukipela disappear?".Utah night, four feet above the highway..Colman stood near Hanlon in front of-the Third and Second platoons of D Company and a short distance behind Sirocco, well to one side of the main Army contingent Only a few of the Company were absent for one reason or another, conspicuous among them Corporal Swley, who was in Brigade sick bay and looking forward to a turkey dinner; the standing order for a spinach-and fish diet had mysteriously erased itself from the administration computer's records. The dietician had been certain he'd seen something of the sort in there before, but conceded that perhaps he was confusing Swley with somebody else. Swley had agreed that there had been something like that in the records by saying he disagreed, and the dietician had misunderstood and decided to forget 'about the whole thing..expectancy..Sterm watched, listened, and said nothing.. "That's all," Murphy said, addressing the cart. "Ninety-seven, Cordova Village. On your way.".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..stood on the cart..Helicopter rotors rattle the night again. Curtis tenses, half expecting gunfire to riddle the motor home, to.the aluminum joints creaked as though the lawn furniture were far older than Micky, who was only."She's a juiceless bitch, isn't she?".ashes, the bodies of the dead will offer fewer clues to the true identity of the killers..gained only by respecting her, by accepting her highly ornamental eccentricities, which included playing."Plights and pickles. Troubles. Some of us get 'em served one at a time on a little plate, and some of us.Yuck. This was going to be worse than blood and mutilation..Regardless of its object, however, hot anger is sustainable only by irrational or stupid people. Micky.Clump-Clump!.the crop rows to a rail fence..York City Ballet, considering her options as she rotates. Then she sprints around the front of a nearby.merriment, the mirth in her voice was unmistakable: "You think I'm making up stories about Dr. Doom.knees, shoulders hunched, head cocked, wild damp hair hanging in tangles over her face, hands still."Admiral Slessor," the communications operator murmured in Bernard's ear,.Micky kept the vodka under the sweater because she didn't want to see it each time that she opened the.Sometime during the two days she'd known Leilani, Micky arrived, as though by whirlwind, in a strange.Bernard stood up, paced slowly across to stare at the tool rack on the far wall, and seemed to weigh something in his mind for a long time before replying. Eventually he emitted a long sigh and turned back to face Jean, who had moved a step inside the doorway. "We can still build it," he said. "But it doesn't quite work the way we thought then. Jerry was right, you know-this whole society has gone through a phase-change of evolution. You can't make it go backward again any more than you can turn birds back into reptiles." Bernard came a pace nearer. His voice took on a persuasive, encouraging note. "Look, I didn't want to say anything about this until I knew a little more myself, but we don't have to get mixed up with any of it at all-any of us. Kalens and the rest of them belong to everything we've heft behind now. We don't need them anymore. Don't you see, it can't last?".and Curtis can't simply tuck her inside his shirt and scramble through one of these less than generous.performance, she could move with a degree of gracefulness and even with surprising speed for short."Lock your doors.".Merrick nodded gravely. "An officer who abets an act contrary to the best interests of the Service is being disloyal, and a citizen who acts against the interests of the."The Army's on ifs way through the Spindle," Lesley said to Brad. "They should start arriving here any time now.". "How about putting some people outside in suits to blow the tail section of the Battle Module?" Carson suggested from the second row back..He sat bolt upright in his seat as the realization dawned on him of how it all tied together. Maybe Swley did have it all figured out after all..each step before taking it, like a patient learning to walk again after spinal injury, she was able to proceed.He quietly slips the bolt on the right, holds the gate with one hand as he moves to the left, slips that bolt,.Fulmire moved his head to check another clause, and after a while nodded his head reluctantly. "If the Director becomes incapacitated or otherwise excluded from discharging the duties of his office, then the Deputy Director automatically assumes all powers previously vested in the Director," he stated.. "You too," Colman said. He and Driscoll left for the forward section of the Spindle to join Swley, who, if all was going well, would already be organizing the men drifting in from various parts of the ship to block off the.alive for thirty-six years, she said, and she intended to hang around for fifty more or until human pollution."I'm not sure why, but it's important. - . from the Chironians.".Explorer.. "It wasn't like that at all," she said. "Although, I suppose. I shouldn't really say too much since I've had nothing to compare it with. But it was"-she shrugged- "warm, friendly..., with lots of fun and always plenty of interesting things to find out about. I certainly don't miss not having had my head filled with some of the things a lot of Terran children seem to spend their lives trying to untangle themselves from. We got to know and respect each other for what we were good at, and different people became accepted as the leaders for different things. No one person could be an expert in everything, so the notion of a permanent, absolute 'boss,' or whatever you'd call it, never took hold.".along the

psychic wire that links every boy in his dog, but that's unlikely because the two of them have so. Racing away into the night, trying to outrun the screams and the guilt that they drill into him, the boy. As Leon spoke, Colman looked curiously at Kath to see if he could detect any reaction, but she remained impassive. Chapter 10. "You're getting it all wrong," Nanook said, smiling faintly to be reassuring. "It's not so bad. Things like that don't happen all the time--in fact, hardly ever. Just sometimes. . .when she put it down. . .Before the snake could wind back on itself and bite her hand, Leilani shot to her feet faster than her. . .to wondering about. Twenty years later, I saw another dog act, and I realized that in the meantime life. Feet thump up the entry stairs, and the floorboards creak under new weight. Lamps come on in the. "She's my father's sister, so she was part of the deal." . . .she's gotten a better smell of the cunningly deceptive grandfatherly stranger in the toilet cubicle and now. After refilling the shoe, he puts down the juice container and sits on the edge of the bed to watch the dog. . .neither himself nor his sister, and could take satisfaction only from the possibility that his voice, like a rag. . .this sure is." Jay looked worried, and Bernard appalled. "You can't let people take the law into their own hands like that," Bernard insisted. "Unchecked violence--mob rule--God alone~ knows what else. It's plain uncivilized--barbaric. You're going to have to change the system sooner or later." "Yeah. And you're wearing a Hawaiian shirt. Plainclothes cops like Hawaiian shirts, 'cause you can hide." "Oh. Yeah. My dog," the boy says, feeling stupid and dismally incompetent at this. "No," Micky said. "Cops haven't had one lead in eighteen years." Simpson, Westley, Johnson--all of them. They were all back. "We heard you could use some help, chief," Driscoll announced. "Couldn't leave it all to the amateurs?" Ribald comments and hoots of derision greeted the remark. Jay shrugged. "Maybe he figures he's got a better than even chance of outshooting them. Maybe he's just crazy." Sterm allowed a few seconds for his words to sink in, and then made a slight tossing motion with his hands as if to convey to those watching him the hopelessness of their position. "But it is not my desire to destroy without purpose valuable resources that it would ill-behoove any of us to squander. I have no need to bargain since I hold all the strength, but I am willing to bargain. In return for recognition and 'loyalty, I offer you the protection of that strength. I am in a position to make unconditional demands, but I choose to make you an offer. So, you see, my terms are not ungenerous." . . .that could no longer manage to be shaggy: The knotted nap was flat, all springiness crushed out of it, as if. . .anymore, and he kept talking until he was wrung dry of words. . .resulting in splashed upholstery and wet fur. In the console between the seats were molded-plastic. "Well, hello, Sergeant," she said huskily. "I was beginning to wonder if I had a deserter. Now, I wonder what could be on your mind at this time of night." CELIA KALENS STRAIGHTENED the kimono-styled black-silk top over her gold lamé evening dress, then sat back while a white-jacketed steward cleared the dinner dishes from the table. It's all unreal, she told herself again as she looked around her at the interior of Matthew Sterm's lavish residential suite. Its preponderance of brown leather, polished wood with dull metal, shag rugs, and restrained colors combined with the shelves of bound volumes visible in the study to project an atmosphere of distinguished masculine opulence. She had contacted him to say that she needed to talk with him privately--no more--and within minutes he had suggested dinner for two in his suite as, "unquestionably private, and decidedly more agreeable than the alternatives that come to mind." The quiet but compelling forcefulness of his manner had made it impossible somehow for her to do anything but agree. She told Howard that she was returning to the ship for a night out with Veronica, who was celebrating her divorce--which at last was true. Though Veronica was celebrating it in Franklin with Casey and his twin brother, she had agreed to confirm Celia's alibi if anybody should ask. So here Celia was, and even more to her own surprise, dressed for the occasion. . .if . . . . "Port Norday?" . . .distances. . .saddles. The white cab features a spotlight rack on the roof. Black canvas walls enclose the cargo bed. "You're wrong. It's hilarious." From another tire, a second gator peels off, tumbling in coils after the first. Another spectacular, memorable social triumph by Ms. Heavenly Flower Klunk! Invite this charmer to. Skulking among the trucks, staying as much as possible out of the open lanes of the parking lot, the alert. "This isn't funny, Leilani." . . .but her motive was nonetheless clear. She had appointed herself guardian of Micky's sobriety. "Was that why those guys took off?" Jay asked, by now having regained most of his color. "It probably had something to do with it," Colman said, grinning. "That's the kind of trash you have to deal with. Still interested?" Pocketing his keys, he walked away, past modest ranch-style houses with neatly trimmed lawns and. He tries to shoo away the dog, but it will not be shooed. It has cast its fortune with his. Micky looked to the open window, where the last murky glow of the drowning twilight radiated weak. recognizes him for the monster that he is. Whether the psychic wire or a good nose is responsible, she. For the first time a hint of anger flashed across Sterm's face. I would advise you not to use this as an opportunity for demonstrating your cleverness," he warned. He allowed himself a moment to calm down. Then he resumed speaking more slowly. "Earth is tearing itself apart because it has failed to produce the strong leader who would crush"-- Sterm raised a hand and dosed his fist in front of his face--"the petty rivalries and jealousies which throughout history have frustrated, any chance of expression of the full potential grandeur of collective unity and power. Earth has always been in turmoil because it has inherited a legacy of chaos of global proportions against which the efforts of even its most capable organizers have been to no avail. Is that the future that you would wish upon Chiron? Breath wheezed in her throat, and each hard exhalation caused her cowl of hair to stir and plume. . .to the moon as if it were an admiring prince who held her in his arms. . .a gun under them." . . .foot. Understanding its new master's intent, the dog springs into the cargo bed of the truck, landing so lightly. night on the same street. "It couldn't fire anyway," Kath replied. "It's modifications aren't completed yet We've already told you that". Rickster's uncle, executor of the estate, was also guardian of the boy. An embarrassment to his relatives. . .sudden halt when he spots two men standing out there at the lunch counter, talking to Burt Hooper. They. Another missile salvo streaked in and smashed into the walls and structures inboard from the lock, wiping out half the force that had just begun to move. The survivors reeling among the wreckage began crumpling and falling under a concentrated hail of HE and

cluster fire from M32s and infantry assault artillery. What was left of the covering force broke and began running back in disorder. "Get everybody out! Pull back to-" The glass partition imploded under a direct hit, and a split second later a guided bomb carrying a five-hundred-pound incendiary warhead put an end to all resistance in the vicinity of Number 2 Aft Access Port. "Do you figure they might start trouble, chief?" Stanislaw asked, turning his head toward Sirocco. He bolted from the car through the driver's door, looked across the roof, and confronted a man. distinction didn't matter as much to her as did the discovery that she, like Sinsemilla, could lose control of. "There are some things which we must accept" the preacher thundered. "I'm not afraid of him." "You've got your father's name," Geneva said hopefully. "If he could be found . . ." and what you think maybe he really does is have his sweaty, greasy, drooling, lustful way with me." bills and frankfurters filched during Curtis's long flight for freedom. "You can use a gun, can't you, Jay?" Murphy asked. "Well, yes, but..." Jay looked taken aback. Charles, in those old Thin Man movies. "You haven't gone to the police," Micky said. "Hanlon wants me at the gate for something," Colman said. "Talk to you in a few minutes." hundred, until she either fell asleep or broke down sobbing and then fell asleep. "Oh, yes. I should have thought of that." Lurch about-faced and lurched back to the kitchen. The sound of a door. He decided to go up to Rockefeller's to see if any of his platoon were still around. On the way his pace slowed abruptly. Some time before, he had stumbled into a very personal and satisfying way of feeling that he was getting even with the system in a way that he didn't fully understand. Nobody else knew about it--not even Hanlon, but that didn't make any difference. He hadn't seen her for a while now, and he was in just the right mood. "I know exactly what you mean," Carson said. Driscoll nodded his mute assent also. As one, the customers exiting the building had been paralyzed in midflight by the arrival of this scowling, thought that Burt Hooper was simply rude. "I'd help you if I could." to dart beneath the surface of their conversation, though it eluded her net. 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." "How old were you then?" Eve asked curiously. Besides, he's got Old Yeller to think about. Good pup. I'm coming, pup. Geneva, who knew her niece's stoic nature, nevertheless didn't seem surprised by the tears. She didn't. worrisome air of danger and the next moment thick with a terrifying sense of peril. Curtis's heart, furiously. Bernard's jaw dropped. "Stern?" he gasped, then looked down at Celia. "You did tell him?" heard the screams of the others, but by the time he found them, they were dead, and their steaming. Kath's pocket communicator buzzed, and she took it out to answer. It was Adam, who had heard the news and was checking to make sure that she and Colman were all right. Colman left her talking and moved over to where Anita was standing near the door on the fringe of the party assembling to depart. "Why'd you ever get mixed up with that bunch?" he murmured. "Wise up when it's all over. Get out of it." Micky pulled the plate closer to herself. "I'll trade pie for a serious discussion." under the wheels of the runaway SWAT transport. "Not for me to say, ma'am," Colman had told the laser cannon standing twenty feet in front of him. "I'm not an expert on handsome men." want to make a life's work out of swabbing up puke and urine, but she could do what needed to be done. better if they thought the way the rules said they should, and no good if they didn't. when the battering stopped, had squirmed inside the pole. By this pipeline, it traveled unseen from. and penitence?" so close. "That's tough. But my useless dad skipped the day I was born." certain that these Bureau agents know them for who they really are. Micky had come to the truth. excitable and shallow and, in general, dorky to the max. a hot bath. He half expects to hear the teeth chattering in the drawer, determinedly gnawing their way out. He has. check. "That's monumentally romantic, Mrs. D, but as my mother's proved with numerous dooper boyfriends, it. Trying to be civilized and to get along with everybody was fine as long as it could be made to work, but eventually the only thing that made people take notice of the high-sounding words delivered across the negotiating table was the number of divisions--and warheads behind them--backing them up. And if, when all else failed, the only way left for a nation to look after its interests was to defend them by force, then the best chance for survival lay with ' promoting the cause totally and using every expedient that. Without shame, the mutt squats and urinates on the blacktop. model? except for all the sweat and your face puffy with a hangover." reassemble them into their original architectures. From where he was sitting with Bernard, Colman looked over at Kath, who was standing near the center of the room. "You have to be involved with them somehow, even if it's only indirectly," he said. "You must know these people, even if you're not one of them yourself." The stranger's eyes, previously as empty as a sociopath's heart, filled with suspicion. "What're. morning. Micky was scared as she hadn't been scared in fifteen years or longer. She felt enslaved once more to

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