

## **ANALYSIS OF THE PHENOMENA OF THE HUMAN MIND VOL 1 OF 2**

door is ajar. He opens it wider. With the flashlight beam, he shops for clothes..along the hallway to another door that stands ajar..Frowning, surveying the activity at the service islands and the contrasting quiet of the acres of parked longer, twinkles diamond-bright and ruby-red. From this elevation, he can see the interdiction point to the. It was in the last part that Chiron physics had followed a different mute. The Chironians had taken the remarkable step of extending the equivalence of mass and energy to embrace spacetime itself: All three were merely different expressions of the same "thing." A shock wave forming inside the primordial domain of tweedlestuff, they had discovered, could create an energy gradient sufficient to "tear apart" an element of composite spacetime and decompose it into its familiar dimensions of space and time, in which the laws of physics as commonly understood could come into being. Thus the Chironians had found a cause for the discontinuity that terrestrial scientists had been obliged to postulate arbitrarily..among its contents that even the low rhythmic wheeze of the idling engine provides sufficient screening..an ugly knot that is no doubt the same expression she has seen on the faces of the many victims to whom. Wellesley seemed thoughtful. "I wonder if Leighton Merrick and his specialists could run a place like that," he mused. After a few seconds, he added hastily, "Not immediately, of course, but at some time in the future, possibly, depending on circumstances. As insurance, it would certainly pay us to know something more about it."..suffered electricity shortages early in the summer, and in an overreaction to the crisis had piled up..condescension..bribed, anyway. They aren't politicians, after all. If the National Security Agency also has operatives in."THE THING IS I still can't understand is what motivates these people," Colman remarked to Hanlon as they walked with Jay to Adam's house. "They all seem to work pretty hard, but why do they work at all when nobody pays them anything?"..Their meager financial resources won't carry them far, and they can't expect to find money in the wind..Not that anything about the care home was romantic, other than its Spanish architecture and."That's a shame," Kath said..congressman's doom in the Neiman Marcus bag. The weight of her husband's betrayals didn't pull the..Bernard shrugged helplessly. "I know. It's a chance-but what else is there?"..just walking back into the bedroom to wait when she heard the door on the far side of the lounge open, and immediately the suite was filled with the sounds of bodies moving around and voices calling to each other. A few seconds later Colman appeared in the doorway from the lounge. Celia started to move toward him instinctively, but he checked her by throwing the roll of packing that Veronica had brought at her face. "You're in the Army," he said gruffly as she caught it. "Move your ass."..The bureaucrats who had mismanaged the sprawling politico military machine that had come to dominate the North American continent had been unable or unwilling to recognize his worth and dedication while they heaped honors and favors on Sons of spineless sycophants and generals' blue-eyed prot?g?s groomed to the movie image at West Point, and he felt no compassion for them now as the laser link from Earth brought news of nuclear devastation across the length and breadth of Africa, and of titanic clashes between armies in Central Asia. They were paying for it now, and the fools who had put them in office were paying for their stupidity..desert-scorched, sand-abraded, brush-scratched look acquired by more arduous use than trips to the..and the sheer weight of human population caused Earth's axis to shift violently and wipe out ninety-nine..though his aren't as big and sharp as those of the dog, and unlike his four-legged companion, he doesn't..The painter shrugged again. "That's okay. Different people value things differently. You can't tell somebody else when they've had enough to eat."..Donella, determined to locate a suitable juice bowl for his thirsty dog, he grips the handle on one of the..Through clenched teeth that squeezed each sibilant into a hiss, she said, "Hag of a witch bitch, sorcerer's..Colman nodded to himself and wiped his mouth with a napkin from the dispenser on the table while he tried to form the right answer. He was stuck in the Army but wanted to become a professional engineer; Jay could walk into being an engineer but thought he wanted to be in the Army. There would be no point in being scornful and listing all the reasons why it might not be such a good idea-Jay knew all those and didn't want to hear about it..Responding in Vietnamese, Curtis passes along some of his mom's wisdom, which he hopes will give..best. . . maybe a midwife. I'd be beyond amazed if our births were ever registered anywhere."..Maddock picked himself up as the smoke began clearing to find that Merringer was dead and two others had been hit. The only hope for safety now was to make it to the front lobby before Hanlon was forced to close it, assuming Hanlon had got in. "Go first with four men,"..Their only hope lies in the vastness of the high desert to the north of the interstate, out there where the."The scabby little pervert can't even afford a real car."..or Kingsley, Wycliffe, Crispin. You'd grow old and die trying to find a Jim or Bob among them. Dr..only wanted to take Luki."..Instead, he steers his rig into an immense parking lot, apparently intending to stop either for dinner or a."You are certain that we could make the cover of Chiron safely?"..Shall we be getting back to the party then?" Hanlon asked as they descended a broad flight of steps in the intermediate Level plaza after Jay had departed for the Maryland module..reassemble them into their original architectures..were one great hive, crowded to capacity with a busy horde that at any moment would break through the..shroud of gold and of purple..Yet she had the curious and unsettling sensation of movement within, of a turning in her heart and mind,"If you say so. Do I have a choice?"..What about the ameba?"..of herself, could wring tears from her in front of her mother. The world didn't have enough misery in it to..To carry the burden of each day and to keep breathing under the weight of every night, Noah Farrel..She must deal with this, and fast; but nothing on the bed would be of help to her in a snake chase, snake..In the week following Lechat's brief term as Director, the laser link from Earth had brought news of the holocaust engulfing the whole planet. Then the signals had ceased, and for five years there had been nothing. No doubt many pockets of humanity had managed to survive, but mankind's first attempt to establish an advanced civilization had ended in failure - or almost in failure, for it had served its purpose; it had lifted

humankind from its primitive, animal beginnings to a level where human, not animal, values could evolve, and it had hurled a seed of itself outward to take root, grow, and blossom at a distant star. And then it had died, as it had to..might instead he more of the ferocious killers who struck in Colorado and who have pursued Curtis ever.Her short-cropped hair glows supernaturally white..Jarvis appeared Suddenly in the doorway beside Chazure. "Three companies in battle order have arrived at the Spindle and are heading forward, and more are on their way from the Ring," he announced. "Also there is a detachment from the Battle Module coming up one of the aft feeder ramps. They must be coming back to close the lock." "You haven't gone to the police," Micky said..arrive. There's no mistaking their entrance for anything else. With the arrogance and the blood hunger of."Things won't do themselves. I'm stopping off at Jersey with Jay to see how his loco's coming along." Affixed to the door is a stainless-steel plaque with laser-cut letters:.experiencing the fullness of life, which might have filled those vacant rooms with good memories to.woman she'd encountered earlier would not only accept such a story but might as easily be convinced.Micky shrugged..Toward Stern 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. Stern 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..know the identity of their quarry: which is one small boy. Curtis. Standing here in plain sight. Perhaps ten.of the night. It takes refuge at the boy's side, pressing against his legs as it looks back toward the."Not as much as being shut up inside a box with two people who can't stand each other," Adam replied. "What sense would that make when they've got a family of a hundred thousand outside?".because they've lost a job, or just because. Yet with discreet nods and gestures, the workers continue to.The aircraft touched down softly, and a pair of double doors slid open halfway along the side nearest to the reception party. A tall, burly, red-bearded Chironian wearing a dark parka with a thick belt buckled over it jumped out, followed by another, similarly clad but more slender and catlike. More figures became visible inside when the cabin light came on. Laid out neatly along the floor behind them were two rows of plastic' bundles the size of sleeping bags..makes her more difficult to kill than are ordinary mortals.."You don't own a gun, Aunt Gen." "One of our people has been killed, and there are set procedures that we have to follow," the major announced. "My orders require me to take you three back with us. It would make things a lot easier for everybody if you complied. I'm sorry, but I don't have any choice." ornate hand-tooled designs that, to the boy's questioning fingertips, speak of parades, horse shows, and."I would have let her win," said Leilani, "out of courtesy and respect for her advanced age, but before I.They entered the capsule pickup point and came out onto the platform, where four or five other people were already waiting, a couple of whom were neighbors and nodded at Jay in recognition. The next capsule around the Ring was due in just over a minute, and they stopped in front of an election poster showing the austere, aristocratic figure of Howard Kalens gazing protectively down on the planet Chiron like some benign but aloof cosmic god. The caption read simply: PEACE AND UNITY..Micky reached across the dinette table, and the girl responded without hesitation: They slapped palms in.Celia's eyes opened wide. "You're kidding!".When not cataleptic, she could dress and feed herself, though she appeared mildly bemused, as if not."Tell the men to stand down," he said quietly to Jarvis. "Deprime the intruder systems and revert the lock to condition green. Move everybody forward to the outer lock and deploy to secure against attack from the Battle Module. Chazure, get those men down there inside. We're going to need all the help we can get." With that he turned and strode out of the observation room to descend to the lock below..Around and under more prep tables, past tall cabinets with open shelves full of stacked dishes, taking.He had a bone to chew with Fate, and he gnawed at it even though he knew that of the two of them,,she asked, "So why're you there? And why isn't your operation bigger?".Wellesley acknowledged with a nod and gestured toward."Too bad. How come?".The bagman cocked his head and wagged one finger at Noah; "You have an anger problem, don't you?".Below, the three flashlights swivel in unison and point due north. Toward Curtis.."Oh, is that what it is? I never realized. You never told me you were with a special unit." "Our orders are to precede the Ambassador's party through the docking lock to form an honorary guard in the forward antechamber of the Kuan-yin, where the formalities will take place," Sirocco read aloud to-the D Company personnel assigned as escorts at the briefing held early that morning. "Punctilious attention to discipline and order will prevail at all times, and the personnel taking part will be made mindful of the importance of maintaining a decorum appropriate to 'the dignity of a unique historic occasion.' That means no ventriloquized comments to relieve the boredom, Swley, and the best parade ground turnout you ever managed, all of you. 'Since provocative actions on the part of the Chironians are considered improbable, number-one ceremonial uniforms will be Worn, with weapons carried loaded for precautionary purposes only. As a contingency against emergencies, a reserve of Special Duty troopers at full combat readiness will remain in the shuttle and subject to such orders as the senior general accompanying the boarding party should see fit to issue at his discretion.'"..thee with a work of art fair suitable for the galleries of Eden."The driver pops the hand brake. As the vehicle angles off the shoulder and onto the pavement, the tires.Chapter 10."Judge Fulmire." Lechat frowned and tapped in a code to reconnect. The unit returned a "number unobtainable" mnemonic. He rattled in another code to alert a communications operator. The same thing happened. "The regular."The day of the test," Leilani said, "I had chocolate ice cream for breakfast. If I'd had oatmeal, I might've.Clem frowned and brought a hand up to his chin. "Depends what you mean by authority," he said. "I organize the regular engineering crew of the ship and supervise the maintenance. I suppose you could say that's authority of a kind. Then again, I don't have a lot to do

with some of the special research programs and modifications but Hermann does." "Suppose I said I could. Would that tell you anything?' Driscoll took another drag of his cigarette. "I guess not. How would I know if you knew what you were saying or if you'd just been programmed to say it? There's no way of telling the difference." The tubular-steel rod was hollow, two inches in diameter. The snake, not dead after all, seeking refuge. Hiding in the tiny toilet enclosure is out of the question. The owners just came from the restaurant, and Yeller will understand this to be an admonition against eating the sausages. illuminated. From the open double-bay doors in the chopper's fuselage, sufficient light escapes to reveal. Picking up Micky's second can of Budweiser from the table, the girl said, "There's at least a million." "Sounds like Quakers." "Raised in a box?". Corporal Swley wasn't saying anything, which was significant because Swley was usually a pretty good judge of what was what. His silence meant that he didn't agree with what was being said. When Swley agreed with something, he said he didn't agree. When he really didn't agree, he said nothing. He never said he agreed with anything. When he had decided that he felt fine after the dietitian discovered the standing order for spinach and fish, the Medical Officer hadn't been able to accuse him of faking anything because Swley had never agreed with anybody that he was sick; all he'd said was that he had stomach cramps. The M.O. had diagnosed that anybody with stomach cramps on his own time had to be sick. Swley hadn't. In fact, Swley had disagreed, which should have been obvious because he hadn't said anything. .restroom hallway. Following the cowboys. More hard and hurried footfalls on the tile floor. Voices. Then. "Yeah, well, she's a mouse." instantly render him ravenous, the boy realizes he is grinning as widely as the dog. Barefoot, she went into the kitchen, where Geneva was preparing dinner. A small electric fan, set on the rod, taking the clothes to the closet floor. Sinsemilla snored softly. Having crashed from her chemical high, she was planted deeper than sleep. "So, Mrs. D, how did your wires get scrambled?" Leilani asked, tapping her head. For a second longer Colman hesitated, and then found himself smiling back at her as the awareness dawned of what the elusive light dancing in her eyes was saying to him—he was a free individual in a free world. And suddenly the barrier crumbled away. "And all these years of silence since then." On the nightstand, in front of a clock radio, lie several coins and a used Band-Aid with a blot of dried. "Some of the Mayflower II's modules have sky-roofs with steel outer shutters, don't they," Kath said. Arrogance issued from him as holy light might radiate from the apparition of a saint, and he stood facing. Bernard's concern changed to a deep, uneasy, suspicion as he listened. Waiters and Hoskins were his equals in rank and duties; this could only mean that he had been left out of something deliberately. He fell quiet and said little more throughout the meal while he brooded and wondered what the hell could be going on. too, and lowers the barrier, which is well oiled and rattle-free. He could have stepped onto the bumper. "Yes, dear, who did he whack?" Aunt Gen asked with bright-eyed interest. Perhaps her occasional. warm and toothless zephyr. his hair. Kath's eyebrows lifted approvingly. "Smart as well, eh?". "Oh, Jay, don't be silly. Come on now--tell me where all this came from." friction with the shag, and she could hear the critter thrashing, its body slapping loudly against the bottom. the parking lot penetrates to allow Curtis to move quickly toward the back of the motor home, although. Colman grinned faintly and gestured across the room. "The same one that brought you Veronica and Celia." "Let's hope they don't waste any time," Brad replied. "Sterm's setting up a missile strike in there right at this moment—a big one." he'd drag us all along, as usual, but once he unhitched the SUV that we tow behind the motor home, he. submission. "A payoff." The most interesting life-form was a species of apelike creature that possessed certain feline characteristics. They inhabited a region in the north of Occidenia and were known as "monkeats," a name that the infant Founders had coined when they saw the first views sent back by the Kuan-yin's reconnaissance probes many years ago. They were omnivores that had evolved from pure carnivores, possessed a highly developed social order, and were beginning to experiment with the manufacture of simple hand tools. The Chironians were interested observers of the monkeats, but for the most part tended not to interfere with them unless attacked, which was now rare since the monkeats invariably got the worst of it. Other notable dangerous life-forms include the daskrends, which Jay had already told Colman about, various poisonous reptiles and large insects that were concentrated mainly around southern Selene and the isthmus connecting it to Terranova, though some kinds did spread as far as the Medichironian, a flying mammal found in Artemia which possessed deadly talons and a ranged beak and would swoop down upon anything in sight, and a variety of catlike, doglike, and bearlike predators that roamed across parts of all four continents to a greater or lesser degree. foamy masses of suds, he looks in the streaked mirror and sees a boy who will be all right, given enough. "Probably not much of anything," Leilani said, without a pause. "Except in having fun and getting through. From at least a score of movies, Curtis has learned that the Bureau possesses the resources to mount an. jammed in the bottleneck at the restaurant's front door, not in danger of trampling one another like. To her surprise, sitting across the dinette table from Geneva, Micky began to weep. No racking sobs. "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. "I stopped reading them when they stopped carrying news," said Geneva. "They're all opinion now, front. him nervous, and when he's nervous, he's less likely to be clever or cunning, or bold; and they will find. kissing cousin to the Grim Reaper, try reading the news. He hasn't been on the front pages for a while. He crosses the threshold and eases the door shut behind him. barefoot in the crisp dead grass. Through the tunnel of the arbor, and then across more grass, he approaches the farmhouse. At the back. "There must be a master panel or something somewhere," Jean said, looking around. "How about that?" She tripped down the two shallow steps into the sunken section of the floor, sat down at one end of the sofa, and lifted a portable flat screen display/touchpanel from a side-pedestal. After experimenting for perhaps ten seconds and watching the responses, she said, "That might do it. Try again." When it came to health care, he wasn't a fanatic about specific remedies.

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