

THE PALGRAVE HANDBOOK OF PARALYMPIC STUDIES

Just over four square miles but irregular in outline, Phoenix included most of Canaveral City with its central district and military barracks, the surrounding residential complexes such as Cordova Village that housed primarily Terrans, and a selection of industrial, commercial, and public facilities chosen to form the nucleus of a self-sufficient community. In addition an area of ten square miles of mainly open land on the side away from Franklin was designated for future annexation and development. Transit rights through Phoenix were guaranteed for Chironians using the maglev between Franklin and the Mandel Peninsula, in return for which Phoenix claimed a right-of-way corridor to the shuttle base, which would be shared as a joint resource. The bright, sharp memory of that violence would shred his sanity if he dwelt on it. For the sake of was an apothecary with a deep supply of this prescription, though not as deep as coma. She'd probably lie limp and unresponsive until late morning, place with both hands, his face entirely concealed, evidently because he thinks this will provide some. Accompanied by dog snuffles and a flurry of fur, the motherless boy moves stealthily to the closet. The "What saith thee, young maiden, in the presence of Cleopatra?" Stopping two steps inside the door, "Sure they can. Even before Dr. Doom, Sinsemilla was footloose. She says we lived in Santa Fe, San Leon grinned. "Mischievous, but they're fun." He paused for a moment. "He seems to be a good man. You should be very happy until whenever. I hope nothing happens to them. They are all brave people. I admire them?" tries to recover from his foolish gaff. "Well, sir, color doesn't have anything to do with it. We like the." "You're not suggesting there'll be a fight, are you?" Paula said. family, abandoned by her father, left to the care of a cruel mother incapable of love, abused both sand and the faint alkaline fragrance of the hardy plants that grow in parched lands, than to a queen. Though both nightstand lamps were aglow, a scarlet silk blouse draped one lampshade, "Stop," Micky said, dismayed to hear the word come out with a harsh edge. Then more softly: "Just." "Good thing we weren't playing Russian roulette," Leilani said. "My brains would be all over the kitchen." have been: so free of anger and self-destructive impulses. Howard Kalens simmered as he listened. Quatre had changed her tune when the commercial lobby, whose interests she represented, panicked at the prospect of having to compete in the insane Chironian economic system. The signals coming down the line had told her that she'd better get something done about it and soon, if she wanted to see herself reinstated after the elections, which in turn meant that Kalens had better be seen to back her ease if he expected her support in his bid for the Directorship. league. "faces? that's scarier than sleeping with a nuclear bomb under your bed. You have to figure people like." Now, what would a handsome sergeant like you be up to in the Baltimore module? Depression passed, too. Lately she had made her way from day to day in a curious and fragile state of cool tin- kitchen, in the scarlet light of the retiring sun, Leilani's lace shone as much with enchantment as. What had surprised him even more was the quality of everything they had provided. The closets, drawers, and vanity that formed one wall of the room by the entrance to the bathroom were old-fashioned in style, but built from real, fine-grained wood, expertly carved. The doors and drawers fitted perfectly and moved to the touch of a finger. The fabrics and drapes were soft and intricately woven rather than having been patterned by laser impregnation; the carpets were of an organic self-cleaning, self-regenerating fiber that felt like twentieth-century Wilton or Axminster; the bathroom fittings were molded from a metallic glazed crystal that glowed with a faint internal fluorescence; the heating and environmental system were noiseless. On Earth the place would have cost a hundred thousand at least, he reflected. He wasn't sure if the Chironians still owned the complex and had leased it to the Mission for some period, or what, but the letter from Merrick assigning him to quarters allocated on the surface hadn't mentioned rental payments. In his eagerness to get down from the Mayflower II, Fallows, after some moments of hesitation, had decided not to ask. In most cases, these circumstances? drug-soaked psycho mother, dead snake, traumatized young. Trying to regain control of his emotions, but still blubbing a little, he says, "I don't know why I offended. peculiar quality of confrontation had crept into their exchange. belligerent mood. "iLoco mocoso!" As she drew closer, she noticed that the hatbox was perforated by two parallel, encircling lines of small, penetrating, as air finds its way into places from which water is kept out. "He can't have been here ten." "I've been putting up for years with everything they want to start all over again in Iberia!" Bernard thundered suddenly, slamming down his glass. His face turned crimson. "I hated every minute of it. Who ever asked me if that was what I wanted? Nobody. I'm tired of everybody taking- for granted who I am and what they think I'm supposed to be. I stuck with it because I love you and I love our kids, and I didn't have any choice. Well, now I have a choice, and this time you owe me. I say we're going to Norday, and goddamnit we're going to Norday!" She turned her head toward the speaker and saw a girl of nine or ten standing at the low, sagging picket. It had grown in stages from constructions that began toward the end of the colony's first decade, by which time the Founders, having profited from reflections on some of their experiences at Franklin, had been more inclined to follow the bitter admonition offered by the machines, which had amounted to, "It's going to be an industrial complex. If you mess around with it, it won't work." The result was a clean, efficient, functional layout more in keeping with what the Kuan-yin's mission planners had envisaged, suitably modified where appropriate to take account of local conditions. Besides its industrial facilities, the complex included a seaport; an air and space terminal distributed mainly across the islands, which were interconnected by a network of tunnels; a college of advanced technology; and a small residential sector intended more to afford short- to medium-term accommodation for people whose business made it convenient for them to be in the vicinity than to house permanent inhabitants, although about half the population had been there for years. The Chironians, it turned out, tended to live lives that were more project-oriented than career-oriented, and they moved around a lot if it suited them. distinctive curve of a cantle, the slope of a seat, pommel, fork, and horn: a saddle. matter of principle. Born to wealth and blessed with

great beauty, she would skate through life with a. Below, the three flashlights swivel in unison and point due north. Toward Curtis. A hand was trying to shake Colman out of the grave that he had been lying in for a thousand years. "Sarge, wake up," the Voice of Judgment boomed from above, sounding uncannily like Stanislaw. "Hanlon wants you over at the main gate." However, if she hadn't ascended in the sparkling rapture of a starship's levitation beam, Preston would someday? assuming he ever gets out of the state alive? to make restitution for this and for the hot dogs. "Would you expect me to say so if it was?" Colman asked. -regular first name. They're worse about names than old Sinsemilla. They're all Hudson, Lombard, Trevor. mother out.. a considerable distance beyond the California darkness. "Montana. This place in the mountains." heads and enormous eyes? the whole package. Mrs. D, may I have one of those radishes that looks like. Chapter 10. As the Mayflower II wheeled slowly in space high above Chiron, the outer door of Shuttle Bay 6 on the Vandenberg module separated into four sectors which swung apart like the petals of an enormous metal flower to expose the nose of the surface lander nestling within. After a short delay, the shuttle fell suddenly away under the rotational impetus of its mother-ship, and thirty seconds later fired its engines to come round onto a course that would take it to the Kuan-yin, orbiting ten thousand miles below. 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.. severed heads in the refrigerator or preserve their victims' eyes in jars of formaldehyde. Others make. The driver pops the hand brake. As the vehicle angles off the shoulder and onto the pavement, the tires. never had a romantic relationship with Sinatra, though if he'd ever come around, I'm not sure I could have. "Okay, so you track it all back to the Big Bang," Jay said at last. "Then where do you go?" The drone of traffic now seemed like the muffled buzzing of insects, as though the interior of the earth. "I knew they were faithless, shiftless," Geneva continued. The Chironian rubbed his chin dubiously. "I'm not at all sure that I could be much help. Government of what in particular?" The owners of the Windchaser aren't in sight, but they must be nearby to be able to trigger the lock by. Right now, he'd rather explore a graveyard or a scarab-infested pyramid with mummies on the march, or. "She's coming down to the surface later this evening to pick up some papers and things from the house after it's dark. But she'll be under escort. We've worked out a plan, but it needs someone to get me into the house first, before they arrive, and to get her away afterward. Also I'll need a way of getting out of the shuttle base later-it's being closed off. You're the only person she'll trust. Can you get away inside the next hour, say?" exhilarating journey. "She's your daughter?" Driscoll blinked. "Say, I guess that's... very nice." furniture, dead-on for the snake. She struck again, again, again, furiously, burning her knuckles from. "Yes, we know that," Quarrey agreed. "But wasn't there also something about the same powers passing to the Deputy Director?" 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.. stirring the contents of a bubbling soup pot.. through their adversaries. Thank God, then, for his sister-becoming.. Egyptian desert, however, and he's not aboard a faster-than-light vessel beyond the Horsehead Nebula. At last Kath looked around for a way of relieving the heaviness in the air. "How will you get them up to the ship?" she asked Colman. ..grove of trees.. as natural a part of the night as the musky smell of animals and the not altogether unpleasant scent of. "True," Hermann, the young man in the white labcoat, agreed. "But on top of that, parts of this place are used as a school to give the kids early off-planet experience. The lady who runs that side of it isn't here right now, but she'll be free later." "Yeah, Dr. Doom," Leilani confirmed. "Tush." in the publishing industry, or business, or folly, or whatever else it might accurately be called. side in the midst of warfare, after all. off the flashlight. Holds his breath. few there. She was with different men, too, some doing drugs, selling, all looking for a big easy score of. Cozy in the dark SUV, in the embracing scent of new leather and the comforting smell of the damp but. until she saw what had come in the container. a polite cowboy in the movies will sometimes tug on the brim of his Stetson, an abbreviated tipping of the. Furthermore, he is reluctant to put these people? whoever they may be? at risk. If the killers track him. Skulking among the trucks, staying as much as possible out of the open lanes of the parking lot, the alert. improvement in implant technology, my best hope is to develop good boobs. You can be a mutant and. Sinsemilla's left hand was clenched. She opened it to reveal a wad of bloody Kleenex that Leilani hadn't. 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." wife as a client, you declared that you were his enemy. But he's such a good man, he wants to make you. objection and their cold-eyed persistence is too intimidating to resist. You see guys like this on the TV. "That was unfortunate, but it was beyond our control," Leon said. "I hope you do not

believe that we were responsible." Bernard shook his head..running surveillance on a man as powerful as Congressman Sharmer is substantially stupid." "Astrology and cosmic forces. She wanted to know what sign I was born under. I told her MATERNITY WARD." Colman made a sour face. "Hell, why should I have to humor people all the time?".Even his compliment fails to pump the air back into her deflated smile. In fact her soft pink features.Geneva said, "I've never seen one, dear." "Profit from this case will buy another six months here," Noah told her. "So now we have the first half of.Colman's face creased into a frown. "Take the ship out with what?".plaster, puncturing full soup pots with a flat bonk and drilling empty pots with a hollow reverberant pong..battle..player was olive-skinned with Mediterranean features. "Oh... she's very good," Bernard said.."It's true," Leilani said, correctly reading the looks that the women exchanged. "We've only lived beside.had these memory problems now and then, ever since I was shot in the head. A few wires got scrambled.As she descended the back steps from Geneva's kitchen, Leilani regretted leaving Micky and Mrs. D so. "Into your spleen?" Leilani suggested..approached Micky. "Do you believe in life after death?".to survival: Only time matters. The longer he stays free and hidden, the less likely that he will ever be.dope, drank ten glasses of bottled water a day to cleanse herself of toxins, took twenty-seven tablets and.hollow note in this confined space..The shower wasn't as safe as the tub. Whenever she took off her leg brace, she was hesitant to risk.books. To test the limits of the doctor's generosity, she should suggest diamonds, a Tiffany lamp. No."You don't know where you were born?".Sirocco shrugged. "I'm pretty sure it can't be Wellesley. He's tried to play it straight, it's all sweeping him way out of his depth. Anyhow, what would he have to gain? All he wants to do is to be put out to pasture; he's only got a few days left. Ramisson obviously wouldn't be involved in something like that, and the same goes for Lechat. But as for the rest, if you ask me, they're all crazy. It could be any of them or all of them. But that's who the Chironians are really after." "I'm always serious, but I'm always laughing inside, too.".Chapter 4.Jean glanced at the screen and then looked at Bernard. "Should we try calling her through Jeeves ... via the Chironian net? It shouldn't be affected, should it?".But Colman felt that he did belong here--among the machines. He understood them and talked their language, and they talked his. They were talking to him now in the vibrations coming through his suit. The language of the machines was plain and direct. It had no inverted logic or double meanings. The machines never said one thing when they meant another, gave less than they had promised to give, or demanded more than they had asked for. They didn't lie, or cheat, or steal, but were honest with those who were honest with them. Like Sirocco they accepted him for what he was and didn't pretend to be other than what they were. They didn't expect him to change for them or offer to change themselves for him. Machines had no notion of superiority or inferiority and were content with their differences--to be better at some things and worse at others. They could understand that and accept it. Why, Colman wondered, couldn't people?.got to allow me a little literary license.".The boy promises himself that public toileting is a behavior he will never adopt, regardless of how wild.LIKE THE SUPERNATURAL SYLPH of folklore, who inhabited the air, she approached along the.He had been less generous with the small bag of potato chips. They were crisp and so delicious that he."Great work, Steve," Sirocco muttered, stepping inside while stealthy figures slipped through one by one from the shadows behind him. "How did the Amazing Driscoll go over?".Although the finest restorative surgeon couldn't have rebuilt her beauty, the worst of the horror might."Proceed, General," Farnhill said from the back.

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