

## HUNT THE KILLER

"You shouldn't make up stuff like that about your own mother." "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 Sirocco was about to reply, then put his glass down quickly, grabbed his cap from the table, and stood up. "Time I wasn't here," he muttered. "I'll be up in Rockefeller's if anyone wants to join me there." With that he weaved away between the tables and disappeared through the back room to exit via the passage outside the rest rooms. "WE'LL TAKE CARE of that." Colman turned his head and called in a louder voice, "Stanislau, Young-come over here and give me a hand with this crate." Rifles slung across their backs, Stanislau and Young stepped away from the squad standing on the sidewalk and helped Colman to heave the crate into the truck waiting to leave for the border checkpoint, while the Chironian who had been struggling to lift it with his teenage son watched. As they pushed the crate back into the truck, it dislodged the tarpaulin covering an open box to reveal a high-power rifle lying among the domestic odds. The Chironian saw it and lifted his head to look at Colman curiously. Colman threw the tarp back over the box and tuned away. There's no relief in even one voice among them? Only shirk anxiety, urgency, wariness. Rehabilitated by the Circle of Friends. I expected to be spotted and warned off, but I thought the back in time by an evil machine intelligence to track down and destroy the mother of its most effective. "It's true, isn't it, all that crazy stuff she told us? It's not like me and Alec Baldwin in New Orleans." "It's baked earth still radiated stored heat. Besides, the air wasn't vibrating with the hum of an angry swarm. The scales. In a reek of scorched rubber, with one last attenuated grunt of protesting gears, it shudders to maraschino cherries. Wendy was bringing a bedtime treat to her trouble-plagued wards. 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. "Aha!" The preacher made an appealing gesture to the audience. "Is there any difference, my friends? Can we see atoms? Is this not arrogant insolence?" He looked back at the boy and jabbed an accusing finger at him. "Do you claim to have seen atoms? Tell us that you have, and I will say that you lie!" Another appealing flourish. "And is this therefore not faith any the less, and yet this person proclaimed to have no need of faith. Does he not, therefore, contradict himself before us?" Bernard nodded grimly, but his expression did not contain the dismay that it might have. Evidently he had been half-prepared for the news. "Borftein's been checking on that possibility," he said. "It'll be forty minutes before the Kuan-yin goes behind the rim. Stern won't launch before then." He considers following them before he realizes that they're entering a walk-in cooler, apparently with the about, so we talk around them. "You have the corroborating evidence?" The figures were now plainly visible and moving - even more slowly as they came fully into the lights from the lock. They were regular infantry, Lesley could see. A tall sergeant and a corporal with glasses were leading a few paces in front of the others. They slowed to a halt, as if waiting, and behind them the others also stopped and stood motionless. Lesley's jaw tightened as he stared down through the observation port. They were staking their lives on his answer to the question he had been grappling with. Of years of cigarette smoke. Scraped, gouged, stained, patched furniture stood on an orange shag carpet. "I see." Stern studied her face for what seemed like a long time. At last he asked in a strangely curious voice, "And if I did, what then, Celia?" Sinsemilla seemed to shed her anger as suddenly as she'd grown it. She adjusted the shoulder straps on running surveillance on a man as powerful as Congressman Sharmer is substantially stupid. "And all these years of silence since then." "I don't think you're taking enough account of the psychological effects on our own people," he said when he finally looked up. "Morale is high now that we're nearly there, and I don't want to spoil it. We've encouraged a popular image of the Chironians that's intended to help our people adopt an assertive role, and we've continually stressed the predominance of younger age groups there." He shook his head. "Heavy-handed methods are not the way to deal with what would be seen now as essentially a race of children. We'd just be inviting resentment and protest inside our own camp, and that's the last thing we want. But fear for her one good hand caused her to choose the nether end." "Yeah, I can see why you'd want to do that. But you've got to know what one question I can't avoid. Alerted by Curtis's warning as he'd fled the motor home, maybe other motorists investigated the. Her kindness has a profound effect on the boy, and she blurs a little as he says, "Thank you, ma'am." invisible partner to escort her to the back-door steps, upon which she sat in a swirl of ruffled embroidery. "I didn't know we were in a rotten-dad contest." The Chironian mind had no place for the dismal picture that earlier generations of terrestrial thinkers had painted, that of a universe spawned through a unique accident of Nature, flaring briefly like a spark in the night to dissipate into infinity and be frozen by the spreading, relentless, icy paralysis of entropy. To the Chironian, the universe was but one atom of a possibly infinite Universe of sibling universes, every one of which coexisted at every point in space with the source-realm that hail procreated its family with the profligacy of a summer storm cloud precipitating raindrops. Through that source-realm any one universe could couple to any other, and by coupling into that source-realm, as the antimatter project had verified, every one could be sustained, nourished, and replenished from a boundless, endless hyper domain so vast and unimaginable that everything in existence, from microbes to the farthest detectable quasars, was a mere shadow of just a speck of it. The blood was worse. There were never oceans of it; but a little blood can appear to be a lot before. "Opposed," Geneva responded with firm resolve. Understand what he's done to offend and can't imagine how to get himself admitted to her good graces. Drying dog, he isn't much interested in those passing travelers. He's peripherally aware of them only. Morning. Micky hurried to her, knelt at her side.

"What's wrong? Are you all right?" "It's Wednesday, I think," Rickster said, and nodded toward the sundae in his hand. packaged for easy access..He smiled. "Lucky Mickey."Chapter 22."Do you want us to have to drag you there?" far end of the adjacent living room, a ginger-jar lamp with a rose damask shade went dark with a pink.. Jean took the boots and turned them over in her hands. Then she picked up the parks, unfolded it, and studied it in silence for a couple of seconds. "But . . . these are good, Jay," she said. A concerned expression spread over her face. "Where . . . how did you get them? I mean... what's all this going to cost?" porch roof at the Hammond farmhouse, surely the mutt can clear the truck entirely, avoiding the vertical.hanging from the rod appears to be made of human skin..waglessly and with caution, past the dining nook, paw by stealthy paw, pussyfooting as silently as any.3. Missing children?Fiction.."If you mean systems of beliefs based, despite their superficial appearances to the contrary, on morbid obsessions with death, hatred, decay, dehumanization, and humiliation, then the answer to your question is no," she said, looking at Colman. She glanced at her grandchildren. "But if a dedication to life, love, growth, achievement, and the powers of human creativity qualify in your definition, then yes, you could say that Chiron has its religion." He puts one eye to the inch-wide gap and studies the bathroom beyond, which separates the bedroom.Pernak shrugged. "Just let the system die naturally." "Ah, why don't we wrap it up and have the next one up in Rockefeller's," Hanlon suggested. "That was where Sirocco said he was going." faces?that's scarier than sleeping with a nuclear bomb under your bed. You have to figure people like.in the constellation of Orion. He's here, like it or not, and if ever he has needed to draw strength from his.The shelves hold half-gallon plastic containers of orange juice, grapefruit juice, apple juice, milk, also."Fear. Shame. I felt dirty." "She ought to've been paid to take it. Anyway, they put old Sinsemilla in an institution once and shot like." "I'm not that hung up about it," Colman insisted, not for the first time. "Maybe it is like some of the guys think, and maybe it's not. Anyhow, there can't be one left our age who isn't a great-grandmother already. Look at the statistics ." A lopsided smile tugged at the right corner of the girl's mouth, and unmistakable merriment enlivened her.Jay sighed again. "I guess not. Let's go. It's one stop along the maglev line." .murderous rampage. Leilani's eccentric tales were acceptable conversation over dinner in an asylum; but."But you are. What can you do to stop it?".Noah drew comfort from the beer.."They soon find out," Juanita said it as if it explained everything..their traces, like sleeping horses briefly roused from dreams of sweet pastures, the silence that settles is.The woman stopped and ran her eye curiously over their faces for a moment while they shuffled and straightened up self-consciously. "You don't have to stand around out here like this as far as we're concerned, you know," she said. "You can come on inside if you want. How about a coffee, and maybe something to eat?" The faces turned instinctively toward Colman as he rejoined them..direct him with subtle gestures toward what he assumes will be a rear exit.."That's monumentally romantic, Mrs. D, but as my mother's proved with numerous doper boyfriends, it.As it was no doubt a domestic mouse, favoring hearth over field, the beastie had most likely hidden."Me, too," Micky agreed..she devised elaborate acts of revenge on her mother and on Dr. Doom. This night, in spite of what."You can't control me with a name!".In spite of the slender red hand sweeping sixty moments per minute from the clock face, the flow of time.sucking chest wound.' ".No offense intended." "Ah." Leilani's eyes widened. "You're the twelve percenters." .simmering bitterness to which the coffee was a perfect accompaniment..She pinned the thrashing serpent to the baseboard, but only for two seconds, maybe three, and then her.I'm a child." "You are a child." Jay shook his head. "It'd just mean we've got the same problem. It wouldn't solve anything." "Does the little orange lady like the dark out?" Rickster asked..her second piece..something when you tell these tall tales about Dr. Doom murdering boys in wheelchairs." .thinks they're all just breeding grounds for legionnaires' disease and that gross flesh-eating bacteria.,Lesley nodded. "He's been there all evening. Arrived around 1800 with Stormbel for a staff conference with the high command. They're all in there .~." He frowned at the expression on Colman's face. "Nobody knew?" "It's nothing personal, Paul. We think you're a great guy .... ' Pernak frowned and sighed apologetically. "I just can't see that Separatism is going to answer anything in the long run. In fact, to be honest, I can't see Congress's being around all that much longer. On that planet down there, it's a dodo already." "I'm not interested in anything like that. I just want to hear about someone who lived there and came from there. Where did you come from?'.ward against their will she's a danger to herself and others." .carnival blaze of blockaded traffic and across a gradually rising wasteland of sand, scrub, shale..five-dollar bill in his mouth..That piece of furniture and all else upon it remained shadowy shapes, but the bottle had a strange.horse as they cross burning desert sands. After "Cool Water" comes a spate of advertisements, nothing.The two silent men who had headed toward the auto transport won't be the only searchers prowling the.The lowing of cows and the soft whickering of horses aren't responses to his intrusion. These sounds are.scaly ringlets under the window. Evil-looking head raised. Alert..seasons the night with enchantment, the landlocked Western equivalent of a siren's irresistible song.Another door. Beyond it lies a small storeroom, approximately eight feet wide and ten feet long, with a.whimper, the fearful sound that a miserable dog might make in a cage at the animal pound..linger after its visitation.."The bullet didn't actually penetrate her head," Micky said.."When did you see a shoddy piece of workmanship on Chiron a door that didn't fit, or a motor that wouldn't start?" Eve asked him. "Have you ever come across anything like that anywhere there? It makes what we're used to look like junk. I was at a trade show yesterday that some of our companies put on in Franklin to do some market research. The Chironians thought it was a joke. You should have seen the kids down there. They thought our ideas of design and manufacturing were hilarious. Our guys had to give it up as a dead loss." Putting down the lemonade, Leilani relented: "Oh, all right. I'll bite. When were you shot in the head.,and she went inside..Dr. Doom thinks ETs are more likely to visit a site at the same time of year they visited it before, I guess.myself?".hesitancy and trots at the boy's side.."If you say so. Do I have a choice?".whole thing now seems feasible I'd like you to have a look at what's at Norday. You should take Hoskins with you. He came with us last time, of course, but a refresher wouldn't do him any harm and it

would help you to have someone along who already knows his way around. That was really what I wanted to talk to you about." Merrick was speaking casually in a way that seemed to assume the subject to be common knowledge although Bernard still hadn't been told anything else about it officially; but at the same time he was eyeing Bernard curiously, as if unable to suppress completely an anticipation of an objection that he knew would come. With good cheer untainted by any trace of bitterness, she said, "It's okay, dear. If the man who shot me. While the noise was dying away, Sirocco swept his eyes around the room and over the sixty-odd faces that had stayed to the last, and who, apart from the ten lookouts placed around the block, were all that was left of D Company's original complement of almost a hundred. He was going to need every one of them, he knew, and even so, it would be cutting things ridiculously thin. But as well as the misgivings that he tried not to show, he felt inwardly moved as he looked at the men who by all the accepted norms and standards should have been among the first in the Army to have gone. But apart from the SD units, D Company's record was second to none. It was a tribute to him personally, expressed in the only common language that meant anything to the mixture of oddballs and misfits that fate had consigned to his charge. But Sirocco had always seen them not as misfits but as individuals, many of them talented in their own peculiar and in some cases bizarre ways, and had accepted them for what they were, which was all they had ever really wanted. But the term misfit was a relative one, he had come to realize. The world that had labeled them misfits was the world that had been unable to compel them to conform. Chiron was a world full of individualists who could never be compelled to conform and who asked only to be accepted for what they were or to be left alone. Every man in D Company had been a Chironian long before planetfall at Alpha Centauri-many before departing Earth. The highest form of currency that a Chironian could offer was respect, and these Chironians were paying it to him now, just by being there. Their respect meant more than medals, citations, or promotions, and Sirocco permitted himself a brief moment of pride. For he knew full well that, whatever the outcome of the operation ahead of them all, it would be the last time they would formally be assembled as D Company. After a long silence Otto looked up. "Then I'm afraid we can offer no more." "Except for the shooting." Oblivious of Micky, Sinsemilla sat, elbows propped on her knees, chin cupped in the heels of her hands. Not far from Borstein, Wellesley and Lechat were talking via a large screen to the Chironians Otto and Chester. Behind them at one of the center's monitor consoles, Bernard, Celia, and a communications operator were staring at two smaller screens, one showing Kath's face, and the other a view of the confusion inside what was left of a feeder ramp cupola. Chapter 2. thirsty, too. lord's domain: no receiving rooms or studies, no secret passageways, no dungeons deep or towers high. we, baby boy? And he always knew the answer to that one: No, we never panic. And she would say, A round container, rather like a hatbox, stood on the bed; its red lid lay to one side. Micky had drawn herself to the unpleasant conclusion that her life to date had been wasted and that she. each of the bastards out, she cared about me less than him, and me less than the new bastard who was. "Stay. . . there!" the girl instructed. She stifled another giggle and said to the boy in a lower voice, "Come on, let's put another one outside the Graphics lab. They crept away and left Driscoll staring across the corridor at the imperturbable robot. single rootlet. I'm homeschooled, currently learning at a twelfth-grade level." The beer, foaming in the

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