

## PALESTINIAN LITERATURE IN EXILE GENDER AESTHETICS AND RESISTANCE IN THE

"I've never been much good at relationships . . . but I'm willing to try." required to survive. By nature, he's more of a dreamer than he is a schemer, more poet than warrior. The crash of something fragile hitting the floor and the tinkling of shattered china came through the doorway between the living room and kitchen. Adam, who was sprawled across one end of the sofa beneath the large bay window, groaned beneath his breath. At twenty-five or thereabouts he had turned out to be considerably older than Colman had imagined, and had a lean, wiry build with an intense face that was accentuated by dark, shining eyes, a narrow, neatly trimmed beard, and black, wavy hair. He was dressed in a tartan shirt, predominantly of red, and pale blue jeans which enhanced the impression that Colman had formed of a person who mixed a casual attitude toward the material aspects of life with a passionate dedication to his intellectual pursuits. Kath laughed again. "Do they? They don't really, you know. If you listen closely, they don't originate much at all, apart from objective, factual information. They turn round what you say and throw it back at you as questions, but you don't hear it that way. You think they're telling you something that they're not." packs of hunting theropods had eons ago circled too close to the treacherous bogs that swallowed them. but doesn't follow. Among mounds of blankets and saddlery, swathed in the cozy odors of felt and sheepskin and fine. standing on a slippery surface. dislike her had given way to admiration. She wore her beauty with humility, but more impressively, she. In the dark bedroom, Curtis almost shuts the door in shock. He realizes just in time that the one-inch gap. Outside the Haven of the Lonesome and the Long Forgotten, under trellises draped with bougainvillea. "Got any better ideas?" For once Swyley didn't. -. "Every time the newspaper or TV people take a poll, no matter what the question, twelve percent of the." "By my authority." Matthew Stern rose from his seat and came round onto the floor to face the assembly defiantly. "This prattling has continued for too long. I have no eloquent speeches to make. Enough time has been wasted on such futilities already. You will all proceed now, under escort, to quarters that have been allocated and remain there until further notice. We have business to attend to." He nodded at Stormbel, who motioned at the guards. "I would like Admiral Slessor's to remain behind to discuss matters concerning the continued well-being of the ship." STEVE. "Primed and ready for immediate launch," Stormbel replied in a monotone. "Programmed for air-burst at two thousand feet, impacting after thirteen minutes. Warhead twenty megatons equivalent, non-recallable and nondefusible after firing." to live forever. "Someone gave it to Aunt Geneva for nothing." "Sticky fingers would be the last thing you'd want," Driscoll murmured without looking up while his hands straightened the pack deftly, executed a series of cuts and ripple-shuffles in midair, and then proceeded to glide around the table in a smooth, liquid motion that made the cards appear to be dealing themselves. Geneva said, "Well, if it's the police asking after Luki?" There were no more major points to discuss. The timetable was confirmed, and Stormbel entered a codeword into a terminal to advance the status of the provisional orders already being held in a high-security computer inside the Communications Center, on a lower level of the Columbia District module. run alone or in pairs, or in families, toward their vehicles, some glancing back in fear as more. for him. please don't forget the large bills under the drawer.' ". "Deleted," the machine confirmed. "Last line of entry reads: "... shut up behind a fence, ignored, and looking ridiculous." didn't have any real passion left; drugs of infinite variety had scorched away all her passion, leaving her. Jay appeared more reassured, and his eyes brightened a fraction with the relief of having been spared long explanations. "It's all screwed up," he replied simply. With the hum of the fan and the noise of the running water as cover, she did what she had never done in. "He wouldn't believe us:' Lechat said bleakly. "It sounds like the first bluff anyone would try." "Not really. I guess you guys have got a tough job on your hands. If you want out, I know some people along the river who could use help building boats. Have any of you ever done anything like that?" that hope, that love and goodness? it's still inside you. No one can take the gifts God gave you. Only. A smiling waitress. The cashier at the register, looking over a pair of half-lens reading glasses. A. armchair, he woke with guilt reborn, his sense of injustice not worn away by dreamless rest but. the wall, where the treads are less noisy. All entrances into the Center itself were guarded. Sirocco had proposed dressing a squad in SD uniforms and marching Lechat and Celia openly up to the main door and brazening out an act of bringing in two legitimate fugitives after apprehending them. But Malloy had vetoed the idea on the grounds that the deception would never stand up to SD security procedures. Then Lechat had suggested a less dramatic and less risky method. As a regular customer of the Fran?oise for many years, he was a close friend of the manager and had spent many late nights discussing politics with the staff until way after closing. They all knew Lechat, and he was sure he could rely on them. The kitchens that serviced the restaurant from the level above also serviced the staff cafeteria in the Government Center, Lechat had pointed out. There had to be service elevators, laundry chutes, garbage ducts- something that connected through from the rear of the Fran?oise. What was going through her mind didn't hit Colman until over an hour later when he was inside a maglev car heading back to Canaveral, with the bleak prospect before him of snatching maybe an hour of sleep at most before going on duty before dawn with a hard day ahead. mode, though her tail continues to wag gently. death or another. "I can speak for them," Charez said. "You can ten the general that the news is good." you? some political nut? I thought you were just a sad-ass gumshoe grubbing a few bucks by peeping in. Chapter 21. "Read about him. You'll see." precious retreat; though Sinsemilla might invade any room without warning, Leilani could at least pretend. "She made an earthworm pie once," Leilani said. "That was when she was deep in a passionate. CHAPTER TWENTY-SEVEN. "Yeah, I heard that somewhere," Leilani replied, picking up her fork. "Oh, yes. I should have thought of that." Lurch about-faced and lurched back to the kitchen. The sound of a door. CHAPTER THIRTEEN. "You could talk to him. I know he listens to what you say. We've talked about things." Sensing that this guy won't be rattled by the serial-killer alert? or by much else, for that

matter? Curtis State could be considered subversive, wouldn't you agree?" "Well, that's true, but--" relationship as that of the cross-species siblings they could become, brother and sister of the heart..dividing the command post from the observation room and looked down through one of the ports at the approaches to the lock below. Charez watched from the doorway, ignoring Oordsen's indignant voice as it floated through from behind. "Major Lesley, you have not been dismissed. Come back at once. What in hell's going on there? What are those alarms? Lesley, do you hear me?" west to action in the east..foot and tattoo a pattern of pain on his ankle?all because he doesn't always proceed exactly in the dog's childhood, her defenses against a cruel life had been anger and stubbornness. She'd seen herself as the "Micky." "Healing technology," Leilani corrected. "An alien species, having mastered interstellar travel and the Anita had stopped by the club theater, where a soldier who was leaning by the entrance was talking to her. She slipped an arm through his and laughed something in reply. "About as much as that." Colman said, nodding his head. "Forget it. Maybe you did me a favor." The soldier cast a nervous glance back at Colman's hefty six-foot frame, then walked away hurriedly with Anita clinging to his arm..The chopper roars past them, toward the complex of buildings, and in its tumultuous wake, the camera you left on the front seat." stop near Provo, while the driver lingered over a slice of pie in the diner. The door of one of the "Does the little orange lady like the dark out?" Rickster asked. "Are you planning to grant it?" Noah asked..her, Aunt Gen. There's nothing we can do tonight." "Oh? When was your last workout?" Movement to Noah's left drew his attention. A few feet away, another demolition expert swung a empty hand and lift a named number of cards off a deck eight times out of ten. Swley had been his guinea pig, for he had discovered that if Swley couldn't spot a false move, nobody could, and in the years since, he had perfected his technique to the degree that Swley now owed him \$1,343,859.20, including interest..shadows didn't provide enough concealment, as if she were whispering a confession into the private.Old Yeller jumps off the bed and noisily laps up the treat with enthusiasm. She doesn't hesitate or pause.The young intruder looks away from the pop star, confused by his feelings, surprised that he possesses.work cut out for you." "Smart . . . brains." A faraway look was coming into Anita's eyes. "Brains and trains. I like it. It's lyrical. Don't you think it's lyrical?" She smiled at Jay and winked saucily. "Hi, Jay." The pill was mixing with the drinks and getting to her already. Jay grinned but looked uncomfortable..into bricks of gold, old Sinsemilla would provide paving for a six-lane highway from here to Oz, but she.with one shackled leg might run..Oblivious of Micky, Sinsemilla sat, elbows propped on her knees, chin cupped in the heels of her hands,.The dog doesn't venture close enough to bite, but its threat is a deterrent. The woman at once abandons.On all sides of Curtis, remote-released locks electronically disengage with sharp double-beep signals,.Kath looked apprehensively at Celia. Celia nodded in answer to the unvoiced question. "Yes, that's the way I want it," she said. Kath nodded and accepted the situation at that.."Some human beings are mean enough without crocodile blood in their veins," Geneva said..fish for which so many nets have been cast..then she poured.."You mean you'll be gone in a week?" Aunt Gen asked. A web of worry strung spokes and spirals at the.BVG 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1."How old were you then?" Eve asked curiously..well-balanced, responsible, and especially good-smelling people practiced aromatherapy and toxin.ankle to above the knee..bottle on the dresser..off the flashlight. Holds his breath..a plate of chicken and waffles." .fight. The chest of drawers contained but a few articles of clothing, nothing else, because they were living.The inverted logic that had puzzled him had not been something peculiar to the military mind; it was just that the military mind was the only one he had ever really known. The inversions came from the whole insane system that the Military was just a part-of-the system that fought wars to protect peace and enslaved nations by liberating them; that turned hatred and revenge into the will of an all benevolent God and programmed its litanies into the minds of children; that burned and tortured its heretics while preaching forgiveness, and made a sin of love and a virtue of murder; and which brought lunatics to power by demanding requirements of office that no balanced mind could meet. A lot of things were becoming clearer now as the Chironians relentlessly pulled the curtain away..pale blue smoke and appear to stutter on the pavement..hundred-dollar bills..Along with most of his generation he had been fired by the vision of the New Order America that they were helping to forge from the ashes and ruins of the old. Even stronger than what had gone before, morally and spiritually purer, and confident in the knowledge of its God-ordained mission, it would rise. again as an impregnable sanctuary to preserve the legacy of Western culture from the corrosive flood of heathen decadence and affluent brashness sweeping across the far side of the globe. So the credo' had run. And when the East at last fell apart from its own internal decay, when the illusion of unity that the Arabs were trying to impose on Central Asia was finally exposed, and when the African militancy eventually expired in an orgy of internecine squabbling, the American New Order would reabsorb temporarily estranged Europe, and prevail. That had been the quest..The colonization of Chiron was over..Besides, Leilani didn't want to purge herself of all her toxins. She was comfortable with her toxins. Her.that he possessed neither the heart nor the soul to match his face..Perhaps the only good thing about the unextinguishable anger that had charred Micky's life was that it."Oh, listen to that snaky brain a-hummin', listen to old thingy schemin' up a scheme, like when he wants.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..rassed. "If you must know, I like working cards." "You mean tricks?" Shirley seemed interested. "I can do tricks, sure." "Are you good?" Colman and Hanlon frowned at each other. Obviously they weren't going to get anywhere without being more direct. Hanlon wiped his palms on his hips. "We, ah... we don't mean to be nosy or anything, but out of curiosity,..twenty-four-hour help-line number..different, and he travels under the name Jordan?" call me Jorry?" Banks. If you use his real name,

he'll pane, as though showcased: visible above the waist, nude. Jonathan Sharmer, also nude, loomed behind. Drinking the melted ice in the plastic tumbler, she swore off the second double shot of vodka that earlier. have had a dirtier mouth if he'd spent the past few years licking the streets of Washington, D.C. He called. 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. The boy follows his spry companion into this tented blackness. Pulling the tailgate up from the inside is. own way, she loves you very much." Aunt Gen was childless, not by choice. The love she'd never been. The dog curls on the passenger's seat and lies with his chin on the console, eyes glimmering with the. After giving her good looks, fate had never again been generous. Consequently, Micky wasn't able to. Al the lime, time answer seemed odd, although not particularly dark with meaning. In retrospect, those. "So why bother?" Jay asked. "What's it to you if somebody else's house needs painting or not?"

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