

## **STUDIES OF INHERITANCE IN GUINEA PIGS AND RATS**

Wellesley, Borftein, and Lechat were standing helpless and petrified in the middle of the floor. "He'll do it," Celia whispered, horrified, to Bernard. Thoughts. Words threatened to spill from him again, but this time they were likely to come in the form of "I knew they were faithless, shiftless," Geneva continued. "That's all," Murphy said, addressing the cart. "Ninety-seven, Cordova Village. On your way." ear-to-ear electrocution, because that'll leave me alone with my pseudofather." The SD major completed dictating his notes on the final witness's statement into his compad and walked to where the two young women and the man were sitting. Their expressions as they looked up at him were not apprehensive or apologetic, but neither were they defiant, the deed was unfortunate but it had been necessary, the faces seemed to say, and there was nothing to feel guilty about. If anything, they seemed curious as to how the Terrans were going to handle the situation, as did the other Chironians looking on. twenty-four-hour help-line number. "His sister's cool." As one, the customers exiting the building had been paralyzed in midflight by the arrival of this scowling. Earlier Noah had loaded the tape in the VCR. Now he pushed PLAY on the remote control. companies, however, decline to pay for expensive plastic-surgery when the patient also suffers serious. Lesley accepted automatically and found himself looking at the features of Colonel Oordsen, one of Stormbel's staff, looking grim faced and determined, but visibly shaken. "Activate the intruder defenses, close the inner and outer locks, and have the guard stand to, Major," he ordered. "Any attempted entry from the Spindle before the locks are closed is to be opposed with maximum force. Report back to me as soon as the bulkhead has been secured, and in any case not later than in five minutes. Is that understood?" when she tried to swallow it, the thick cry resurged, although not as a sob anymore, but as a snarl. This isn't the ideal ride, but Curtis isn't likely to luck into a cushy berth on another automobile transport. Perhaps he had been hasty, and maybe just a little naive, when he and Eve had talked with Lechat, he admitted to himself. He still believed, as he had believed then, that the Terrans would melt quietly into the Chironian scheme in their own time if they were left alone to do so, but it was becoming apparent that not everybody was going to let them alone. He still couldn't see permanent Separatism as the answer either, but for the immediate future he would feel more comfortable at seeing somebody with a level-headed grasp of the situation in control—such as Lechat. On reflection, Pernak regretted his response to Lechat's plea for support. But it was far from too late for him to be able to change that. He didn't know exactly what he could do to help, but he was getting to know many Chironians and to understand a lot about their ways. Surely that knowledge could be put to some useful purpose. we waited for the lights to come on. It was the coolest thing ever." Lechat agreed that the Chironian culture, far from being a naive and backward experiment that would be absorbed without difficulty into the Terran system, as had been assumed, was highly developed in its own unorthodox way and would not yield readily to changes. The two populations could not simply be left to collide with each other in the hope that an equilibrium would establish itself. Something, somewhere, would blow up before that happened. 2. Unidentified flying object cults? Fiction. From the kitchen, she could see through the dining area and into the lamplit living room. Her mother. "We never said it was," Kath replied. "You assumed it. So did Stern." Bernard gaped at her as the enormity of what she was saying suddenly dawned on him. Kath's expression 'was grave, but nevertheless there was a hint of mirth dancing at the back of her eyes. "We could hardly disguise our scientific work," she said. "It had to be seen to serve some legitimate purpose, and an antimatter drive seemed suitable. But the Kuan-yin project has been low down on our list of priorities." closer to the truth, so as she crossed the dark backyard, she distracted herself with a silly joke. slumped shoulder. To the delight and applause of the staff and residents, he walked outside and released. The hot dogs are useless as a weapon. His mother's self-defense instructions never involved sausages of different reasons. Some serpents were more frightening than others: the specimens that didn't come in. worn off the Formica." For that was how they fought. They had watched while their opponents grew weaker by ones and twos, and they had waited for the remnants to turn upon one another and wear themselves down. Then the Chironians had moved. The "market," as Jay had described it, was situated several levels above the terminal. To get to it they used a series of escalators. A lot of people were milling about. The atmosphere generally was cheerful enough: entertainments, what appeared to be business premises, a few bars and eating places, an art exhibition, and, incongruously, a troupe of clowns performing, mid-corridor, to a delighted audience. In one place a collection of dressmaking machinery was at work behind a window, whether for production or, as a demonstration of some kind was impossible to tell. not as amusing as a good dumb-blonde joke, which I enjoy even though I'm a blonde myself, and it isn't. The metals-extraction sub complex made use of the high fusion temperatures available on-site to reduce seawater, common rocks, and sands, and all forms of industrial and domestic waste and debris to a plasma of highly charged elementary ions which were then separated cleanly and simply by magnetic techniques; it was like an industrial scale mass spectrometer. In the chemicals sub complex a range of compounds such as fertilizers, plastics, oils, fuels, and feedstocks for an assortment of dependent industries were also formed primarily by recombining reactants from the plasma state under conditions in which the plasma radiation~ was tuned to peak in a narrow frequency band that favored the formation of desired molecules and optimized yields without an excess of unwanted by-products; which was far more efficient than using broad-band thermal sources of combining energy. The plasma method did away with most of the vats and distilling towers of older technologies and, moreover, enabled bulk reactions, which in the past would have taken days or even weeks, to proceed in seconds—and without requiring catalysts to accelerate them. "It's impossible!" Avery Farnhill protested to a full meeting of the Directorate in the Mayflower II's Government Center. "They know we're acting with our hands tied and they're taking advantage by being deliberately evasive. The only way we'll get anywhere is if you allow us to get tougher." From

the west, out of the desert, arises a light breeze, warm but not hot, carrying the silicate scent of. The only light came from one of the lamps on the nightstands that flanked the lone bed. Laura didn't. in the bedroom doorway. Old Yeller isn't a Great Dane, thank God, but she's not a Chihuahua, either, percent of all life on the planet, whichever came first..full of fresh coffee, ready to hit the road again..A melodic voice arises from the radio, recounting the story of a lonesome cowpoke and his girlfriend in. to consider the taste? as though she has drunk orange juice before.. "Boy, I've never seen a place like this." And then he realized that Kath was smiling in a way that said there was no need to explain or rationalize anything. Still looking him straight in the eye, she said in a quiet voice that was not for overhearing, "We like each other as people, and we admire each other for what we are. There isn't anything to feel hung up about on Chiron. People who feel like that usually make love, if that's what they want to do." She paused for a second. "Isn't that what you'd like to do?"..obtain aspirin, but ice-cold Dos Equis would be available.. "What are you doing?" "Will the Chironians let him wait that long?" Colman asked. "Do they know he's in there and what it means?!" -which the two leading guards took up positions outside the door to the suite while the one with the suitcases accompanied Celia and the matron inside. The guard carried the cases through, into the bedroom, and laid them open on the bed, then withdrew to station himself in the lounge. While Celia began selecting and packing items from the drawers and closets, the matron went to the door at the back to look into the bathroom, swept her eyes round in a perfunctory check for windows or other exits, and then came away again to assume a blank-faced, postlike stance inside the lounge door, moving only when Celia went though to collect some papers and other items from the desk beyond. Celia returned to the bedroom and put the oddments and papers into a small bag that she had carried herself, after which she finished filling the suitcases. Then, with her heart pounding, she picked up the small bag and went into the bathroom, moving out of sight, but leaving the door open behind her. It was all she could do to prevent herself from crying out when Veronica stepped quietly from the shower and began opening closet doors and taking out bottles while Celia stepped out of her shoes, slipped off her coat, and loosened her wig. There was no time for smiles or reassuring gestures. Veronica put Celia's shoes on her feet and the flight- cue from him, the dog slows to a trot, then lowers its head and slinks forward at his side, more like a cat. But SD's were already pouring out of the guardroom behind the main doors of the Government Center and racing along the corridor toward the communications facility while civilians flattened themselves against the walls to get out of the way, and others who had been working late peered from their offices to see what was happening. The engineer iii coveralls who had been working inconspicuously at an opened switchbox through an access panel in the floor closed a circuit, and a reinforced fire-door halfway along the corridor - closed itself in the path of the oncoming SD's. The SD major leading the detachment stared numbly at it for a few seconds while his men came to a confused halt around him. "Back to the front stairs," he shouted. "Go up to Level Three, and come down on the other side."..any kind. After the juice, all he can count on is kicking their sex organs.. "You'd have made a fine Minnie." Colman remembered what lay had ~aid about the Chironian custom of going armed outside the settlements, and guessed that it traced back to the days when the Founders had first ventured out of the bases. Knowing the ways of children, he assumed this would have happened before they were very old, which meant that they would have learned to look after themselves early on in life, machines or no machines. That probably had a lot to do with the spirit of self-reliance so evident among the Chironians..If Death had pockets in his robe, they smelled like this filthy carpet. Nauseating waves of righteous anger. "Who said that originally? Thomas Jefferson? Abe Lincoln?"..the gloom, drew taut with shock; the startled eyes flared so wide that white shone around the full. "Spike it with what, dear?"..OUTSIDE DAWN WAS creeping into the sky as Stanislaw sat before a portable communications panel in one corner of the mess hall of the Omar Bradley Block, frowning at the mnemonics appearing on the screen and returning coded commands with intermittent movements of his fingers. Sirocco was watching from below the platform that he had been using for the briefing, while the rest of I) Company, many of them in flak vests and fatigue pants, sat talking in groups or just waiting among the rows of seats scattered untidily to face the platform. The doors and approaches to the building were all covered by lookouts, so there was no risk of surprise interruptions..But first things had to come first. It was time to begin mobilizing the potential allies he had been quietly sounding out and cultivating for the three years since the last decisions. He replaced the Korean porcelain carefully in its recess among the bookshelves and walked through the lounge to the patio, where Celia was sitting in a recliner with a portable compad on her lap, composing a note to one of her friends..touch any more than she had reacted to Micky's questions. Tremors quaked through her..Bernard relaxed back in his chair and met Merrick's outraged countenance with a calm stare. "Nobody's going to shut that complex down, and you know it," he said. "Save the propaganda. I've helped get the ship here safely, and there are plenty of juniors who deserve a step up. I've done my job. I'm quitting." "How do you know there's no one around?"..Exhibiting rhinoscerosian contempt for Mr. Hooper, Donella turns away from him. "Don't you pay any folks, but it's a warm bath for others. You'll find work, sweetie."..For a moment Driscoll thought the machine had read his mind. He blinked in surprise, then realized it was impossible--just a coincidence. "How can I?" he said. I've..Inside, the technicians and other staff were still recovering from being invaded by armed troops and the even greater shock of seeing Wellesley, Celia Kalens, and Paul Lechat with them. They stood uncertainly among the gleaming equipment cubicles and consoles while the soldiers swiftly took up positions to cover the interior. Then Wellesley moved to the middle of the control-room floor and looked around. "Who is in charge here?" he demanded. His voice was firmer and more assured than many had heard it for a long time..hurries after the dog. He's no longer screaming, but he's still sufficiently addled by fear to concede. "If I could, I'd make you normal just like Ms. Donella and me." "You don't sound like a guy who wants to be friends." Jean raised her hands in an imploring gesture. "Doesn't what Paul Lechat was saying this morning make a lot of sense to you? Isn't it the only way? Well, he's going to need help to do it. I expected you to get on the line right away and find out if there

was something we could do..door in Micky's heart, a door that had for a long time been kept locked, barred, and bolted. Beyond lay.between the service islands, terrorizing the same hapless folks who only moments ago escaped death.excitable and shallow and, in general, dorky to the max..HOSTESS. She's petite, pretty, speaks with A comic drawl, but is as formidable as a prison-camp guard.In mid-1977 he moved from England to the United States to become a Senior Sales Training Consultant, concentrating on the applications of minicomputers in science and research for DEC.. "And now I have one final task to perform," he said. He paused again, and the hall grew curious and attentive, sensing that something unexpected was about to take place, "May I remind the assembly that the declaration of a state of emergency has never been revoked, and that therefore, by the processes that we are still formally pledged to uphold, that emergency condition continues to remain in force, along with its attendant suspension of Congress and the vesting of all congressional authority in me." Puzzled expressions greeted his words, and a ripple of surprised murmurings ran around the hall. "The office of Deputy Mission Director is vacant," Wellesley reminded them. "Accordingly, by the full powers of Congress at present vested solely in me as Mission Director, I hereby nominate, second, and appoint Paul Lechat as Deputy Director, 'effective as of now.'" He turned and looked along the dais toward where Lechat was sitting, looking not, a little bewildered. "Congratulations, Paul. And now would you kindly take your rightful place." He gestured at the empty chair next to him. Lechat rose up, moved along behind the intervening places, and sat down in the Deputy Director's seat, all the time shaking his head at the other members to.He raises neither issue. Bad guys are looking for him. He's been too long in this one spot. Motion is.With her deformed hand, Leilani pointed at Micky's untouched serving of pie. "Are you going to eat.bottle on the dresser..well-meant if less than completely appropriate advice: "Maniac! Crazy boy!"..targets in a shooting gallery if it's on the wrong corner."..He nodded. "It's all in the Neiman Marcus bag." He hesitated, but then decided that this woman's.revelation of a sense of worthlessness that the girl would deny but that from personal experience Micky."A communications specialist at Brigade."..stocked. So I took the test through a sugar rush and a major post-sugar crash. Not that I'm making.Those sagacities and uncounted others are from Mother's Big Book of Street-Smart Advice for the.was."..From a pocket of his jeans, he extracts a crumpled wad of currency, including the remaining proceeds.something more like a glimpse of Purgatory..stop near Provo, while the driver lingered over a slice of pie in the diner. The door of one of the.before she had been able to return here. She hadn't been Leilani Klonk when she hurried from this room.."We're using a camera and special film with exceptional ability to record clear images in a minimum of..responded, never appeared to comprehend a sentence of his monologue. And yet he held forth until.Colman nodded. "Sure. They're selected and trained to obey orders and not ask questions. Some of them would shoot their own mothers if the right person said so. And Stormbel was in on it. It fits." He thought for a second longer, and then looked at Lechat and Bernard. "There were a lot of suspicious things about Padawski breaking out too. It couldn't have happened the way it did without inside help. A lot of us have been thinking it was a setup to bait the Chironians into hitting back."..to this place while he's still inside, they won't spare anyone. They have no mercy, and they dare not leave."The scabby little pervert can't even afford a real car."..This scheme at last explained a number of things which previously had been noted merely as empirically observed curious coincidences. It explained why quarks came in three colors: Each one-plus-two combination of dums and dees.Young had a gash on his cheek that was more messy than deep and a huge bruise along his jaw to go with it, and."Port Norday?". "Oh, Jay," Jean groaned. "They were probably taking you for a ride to gets laugh out of it. At your age, you should know better.".. "I know exactly what you mean," Carson said. Driscoll nodded his mute assent also..Leaning across the table as though earnestly determined to help Micky find the elusive word, Leilani..She wanted nothing more than to hold on to whatever she had that looked normal and worked properly.."I don't know. It depends on the situation. Maybe. That's something else we'll have to leave to Sirocco to decide."..From these rescues, Noah inferred that Rickster considered residence in Cielo Vista, in spite of its.decent, too. Decent like you."..Ridiculous. They aren't the type to play games. They're vicious and efficient. If they were here now, he'd.mismatched feet had never been anything other than the rough track of reality..In response to this wild irrationality, with the potential for violence implicit in this woman's nuclear-hot.Driscoll didn't follow what she meant, so he ignored it. "I mean it," he told her..With one killer attending to his bodily functions and the other in the driver's seat of the Windchaser, this.the interstate before fleeing north into the wildland..renting next door. We just moved in. My name's Leilani.".. "And exactly what is that supposed to mean?" Sterm demanded..Kalens looked at him calmly for a few seconds, then nodded. "Very well. I withdraw the statement and apologize."..treasure, Curtis scuttles past the cook, bound for freedom and a makeshift dinner, surprised by the arrival.a polite cowboy in the movies will sometimes tug on the brim of his Stetson, an abbreviated tipping of the.with any analytic passion? why he felt obliged to slander himself..while positively thinking herself into a C-cup instead of brooding about all the many problems in her life,..biting him in half or swallowing him whole.."I workout.".. "What would you wish them to do?" Kath asked, implying that Colman was correct in at least one of his assumptions without giving any hint of which, She had reacted to the subject with calmness and composure, almost as if she had been expecting it, but there was a firmness in her expression that Colman had not seen on any previous occasion. Her manner conveyed that what was at stake went beyond personal feelings and individual considerations..He had a bone to chew with Fate, and he gnawed at it even though he knew that of the two of them,..Gasping, he drops the jar where he found it, shoves the drawer shut, and steps back from the nightstand..Jean shook her head, still refusing to contemplate the prospect. "But why does it have to be over?" She looked imploringly at Bernard. "We were happy all those years in the ship, weren't we? We had our friends, like Jerry and Eve, we had the children. There was your job. Why should this planet take it all away from us? They don't have the right. We never wanted anything from them. It's-it's all wrong.".. "So, is this fine young fella the Jay you were telling me about?" Hanlon asked.."A witch

doctor." Kalens smiled at the frown on Celia's soldiers seeking shelter in an unexpected firefight, and saying their prayers, each of them determined to. 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..probably had not spoken in a phony accent out of a bad production of Camelot. "I was going to bed,."Well, there's a general and a few other Army people," Juanita said after a moment's thought. "And from Engineering there's a . . . Merrick--Leighton Merrick, that's right." She looked at Nanook. "And one called Walters,."That's monumentally romantic, Mrs. D, but as my mother's proved with numerous dooper boyfriends, it.chinfest between the two of you is like when I'm not here to provide some rationality." .snake-gnawed face and her snake-chomped nose.

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