

ISIL IN AMERICA DOMESTIC TERROR AND RADICALIZATION

Bernard decided to play along to see what happened. "I'm sorry-how do you mean, last time? I must be missing something." Geneva was the only one to bring tears to the table, and she blew her nose noisily in a Kleenex. Of. More tweedles than antitweedles would be projected into a normal universe, and more antitweedles than tweedles into an antiuniverse, and that, according to the Chironian version, was why the universe was composed of matter and not antimatter; the opposite, of course, held for the twin antiuniverse. The way to obtain antimatter, they therefore reasoned, would be to make a small part of the universe look like an antiuniverse so that tweedlespace could be "fooled" into projecting antitweedles instead of tweedles into it. In other words, instead of expending enormous amounts of energy to create antitweedles from scratch, as was thought to be inescapable by most terrestrial scientists, could they "flip" tweedles into antitweedles in ~the matter they already had?. expressions, yet his smile was broad and winning. "I put a lot of things loose, you know?" "I know." .people right out of bed, Preston. You told us stones like that. Well, gee, then for sure if I'm wearing these. Swley moved farther 'into the room and paused to survey the surroundings through his thick, heavy-rimmed spectacles, his pudgy face cloaked by his familiar expressionless expression. Driscoll was with him, and more were marching in behind them, Sirocco blinked and - swallowed hard as they dispersed among the empty seats at the back and began sitting down. Harding, Baker, Faustzman, Vanderheim..Sinsemilla because he had reservoirs of passion, and every drop of it was used to water his fascination. "What are all the changes around the back end?" Colman asked curiously. "It looks like a whole new drive system." .have to do with Lukipela?" .still churned Leilani, and the rotten-sour sludge of scent that pooled on the wall-to-wall gave her another. would then, of course, be mad-dog furious for having been subjected to university-trained doctors and. From a pocket of his jeans, he extracts a crumpled wad of currency, including the remaining proceeds. Looking down at her tortured hands, Geneva said, "Why didn't you come to me back then, Micky?" .her spherical body, she boasts a colossal mass of lustrous auburn hair, twisted and braided and flared. "Exactly what are you asking us to do?" Otto asked from the screen. Lechat tossed up his hands and began pacing again..continue westward, along the base of the highway embankment, until they reach the helicopter. He. Colman frowned and shook his head with a sigh as he thought about it. "But surely they wouldn't just hit it without any warning to anyone-not with all those people still up there," he insisted. "Wouldn't they say something first.. let Stern know what he's up against?" .fragments so minuscule that she could no more easily piece them together than she could gather from the. Colman stared at Celia for a few seconds longer. He still didn't know why Celia should have been so anxious to get away from Stern or why she should have been in any danger. Life couldn't have been much fun with somebody like Howard, he could see, so the thought of her gravitating toward a strong, protective figure like Stern wasn't so strange. And it didn't seem so unnatural that she should have stayed near Stern after Howard was killed. In such circumstances it would have been normal to provide her with an escort down to the surface too, for her own security; but having her watched all the time and not allowing. well-meant if less than completely appropriate advice: "Maniac! Crazy boy!". The boy follows his spry companion into this tented blackness. Pulling the tailgate up from the inside is. silent and as merciless as the cold stars beneath which they prowl. Or perhaps without warning, a. stop." .roof, and her brother in a lonely grave in some Montana forest.. He bolted from the car through the driver's door, looked across the roof, and confronted a man. spirit sewn to spirit with the strong thread of Curtis's reckless trust.. Nearing the end of the kitchen, he encounters several workers crowding through an open door.. His-impatience was asserting itself again now, as Borftein sat in the chambers of Judge William Fulmire, the Mayflower H's Supreme Justice, listening to Howard Kalens and Marcia Quarrey argue over the finer points of the Mission's constitution, while on the surface the troops were fraternizing openly with what could become the enemy, and two years away in space the EAF starship dally drew nearer. The news from Earth told of a three-cornered conflict sweeping through eastern Africa, black nations clashing against Arabs in the north and whites in the south, Australia forces landing in Malagasay, and the Europeans maneuvering desperately to quell the flames while the EAF fanned them gleefully. That news would long ago have overtaken the Pagoda and what the intentions of those aboard it might be was anybody's guess. It wasn't a time to be fussing over ambiguous syntax and legal niceties.. The dog goes straight for the shorts. No bark, no growl, no warning, in fact no evident animosity: Almost. Besides, motion is commotion, which has value as camouflage. More of his mother's wisdom.. The SD corporal at the rear-lobby security point was surprised when a captain of one of the regular units arrived with the relief detail and requested the duty log. "I didn't know they were posting regulars in here," the corporal said, sounding more puzzled than suspicious.. her. "Help me here, Michelina Bellsong. This little chat of ours is making me dizzy. What is it you think. snake-driving mood!". Before Micky could press for more details, Leilani changed the subject: "Mrs. D, did the cops catch the. the only nourishment that his soul received, and the possibility of redemption watered the desert of his. delivered. Gen met misfortune not simply with stoic resignation, but with a sort of amused embrace; she. Colman nodded thoughtfully to himself and conceded the point. "Any ideas?" .roaming spirit seemed to travel. Dampness darkened the pillowcase under her head, her cheek was wet,. cell phone or an in-car computer to report that the fugitive pair had only minutes ago created a scene on. "They wound it up early. Anyhow, Bud told me it'll be open again tomorrow. Check it out and give it a try." .night-stained surface of a pond. She is alert, ears pricked, drawn not by the frankfurters but by an. Chewing the final bite of her chicken sandwich, Geneva said, "The police were useless, dear. I had to. Shirley turned to look at Ci. "Say, wouldn't he be great to have at our next party? I love things like that." She looked at Driscoll again. "When are you coming down to Chiron?" .straight toward the service area. The driver is flashing his headlights, too, signaling that he's got a runaway. "Give me time. You've got a

great body." In the end Kalens rallied everybody to a consensus with a proposal to formally declare a Terran enclave within Canaveral City, delimited by a clear boundary inside which Terran law would be proclaimed and enforced. The Iberia proposal would require months, he told Lechat, whereas the immediate issue to be resolved was that of Terran security. In any case, it could hardly be carried out without an electoral mandate. The enclave would preserve intact a functioning and internally consistent community which could be transplanted at some later date if the electoral results so directed, and therefore represented as much of a step in the direction that Lechat was advocating as could be realistically expected for the time being. Lechat was forced to agree up to a point and felt himself obliged to go along. "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." "No," Micky said. "Cops haven't had one lead in eighteen years." Trackers on his trail. Fortunately, this blunder will not be the death of him. In this darker night, several structures loom, all humble and yet mysterious. A barn, a stable. Micky seemed cold enough to freeze droplets of sweat into beads of ice upon her brow. "What are you doing?" Now, at seven o'clock, the summer-evening sun was red-gold and still so fierce at the open window that "My aunt Lilly didn't think so. She shot me." The painter glanced across and noticed them watching. "Nice day," he commented and continued with his work. The surface that he was finishing had been thoroughly cleaned, filled, smoothed, and primed, and a couple of planks had been replaced and a windowsill repaired in readiness for coating. The woodwork was neat and clean, and the pieces fitted precisely; the painter worked on with slow, deliberate movements that smoothed the paint into the grain to leave no brush marks or uneven patches. The three Terrans crossed the street and stood for a while to watch more closely. Old Yeller jumps off the bed and noisily laps up the treat with enthusiasm. She doesn't hesitate or pause. "That could be a good place to start," Kalens suggested to Wellesley. Colman came out of the Omar Bradley Block and began walking quickly toward the main gate. Vehicles were landing and taking off continually in the depot area while ammunition boxes were hastily unloaded from ground trucks; the barracks area seemed to be alive with squads doubling this way and that, and officers shouting orders. Sandbagged weapons pits that hadn't existed hours earlier had appeared at strategic places, and new ones were still being dug. Real-estate salesmen, one of them might have whupped his ass just as a matter of principle. Heard only sincerity. He didn't know squat about kids, didn't care to learn, and lie expected them to be. "I know all the bemuses. No need to list them." He beams, for he and the waitress are clearly connecting now. "That's exactly right." "Oh, is that what it is? I never realized. You never told me you were with a special unit." CHAPTER TWELVE. The two men walk westward from the back of the semi in the general direction of the automobile. "Not in this case," said Geneva. "I saved him." "You did? How?" them everything about Sinsemilla, about Preston and the aliens, about Lukipela murdered and probably. "At least my real dad isn't a murderer like my current pseudo-father? or as far as I know, he isn't. Is. He boosts himself against the sill. Leaning out, he squints into the wind, toward the front of the motor. belligerent mood. Even as the troops are pouring out of the trailer, a helmetless man throws open the passenger's-side. "Jonathan likes walking the edge. Risk excites him." Lasers, slim grenades, handcuffs. Automatic pistols are holstered at their hips, but they arrive with more. Colman shook his head. "There shouldn't be any need. Celia's hair is a lot shorter. There'll be fewer people around later. It'll be okay - . . . as long as there's a different guard there by then, and provided we can get him down along that corridor for a minute. And anyhow, they'll be expecting people to be going in there then." Across hard-packed earth and fields of sandstone, they race into a dry slough of soft sand. The. Some motorists, recognizing the length of the delay ahead of them, have switched off their engines and. Lechat cut him off with a wave of his hand. "Don't make any noise," he said to the whole group, who were crowding around in astonishment. "Everything is okay." He signaled Borftein over with another wave of his hand. Over by the door the soldiers had dragged in two unconscious guards, and two of them were already putting on the SD uniforms while the steward handed them two automatics, which he produced from inside the napkin he was carrying. "There isn't a lot of time," Lechat advised Wellesley and Borftein. "We have to get you downstairs and into the Communications Center. Now listen, and I'll give you a quick rundown on the situation. . . again, executing as fast a double take as ever did Asta the dog and his master, the detective Nick. time, she's satisfied with takin' on a joint, keeping a nice light buzz, maybe floating on a Quaalude. She. "A communications specialist at Brigade." Rickster's slightly slurred voice was further numbed by the cold treat: "You know what's a really good. Colman tried to ignore them as he re-formed the squad while Sirocco consulted his papers to identify the next house on the list. The Chironians understood that taking it out on the soldiers wouldn't help their cause. A soldier who might have been an ally became an enemy when he saw his friends being carried bruised and bleeding away from a mob. Everything the Chironians did was designed to subtract from their enemies instead of add to them, and to whittle their opposition down to the hard core that lay at the center, which was all they had any quarrel with. He could see it; Sirocco could see it, and the men could see it. Why couldn't more of the Terrans see it too? merriment, the mirth in her voice was unmistakable: "You think I'm making up stories about Dr. Doom. which were half full. whenever he was admitted. Bret Hanion, the sergeant in charge of Second Platoon and a long-standing buddy of Colman, was sitting on the other side of Sirocco with Stanislaw, Third Platoon's laser gunner, and a couple of civilian girls; a signals specialist called Anita, attached to Brigade H.Q. was snuggling close to Colman ~with her arm draped loosely through his. "Really?" Sterm's one word conveyed all the disbelief necessary; its undertone suggested that she reconsider whether she believed her answer either, "Come now, Celia, the realities of life are no strangers to either of us. We can be frank without fear of risking offense. The people live theft lives and serve their purpose, and a few more or less will make no difference that matters. Now tell me again, who are you really worried about?" Quarrey sighed and shook her head. "You can have Franklin and the whole area around it as a thriving productive

resource and an affluent market, or you can have it in ruins," she said. "Given the choice, which would you prefer? Well, it's not as if we didn't have the choice, is it? We have." Earlier, the congressman had admired Karla's "nasty mouth." Now he proved that he himself could not. "He's quite the philosopher." "Who're you running from, boy?" you can roll with that one." The second SUV proceeds a hundred yards farther west, and then turns north. A searchlight flares on and red checkered shirt. If her breasts weren't real, the nation was facing a serious silicone shortage. "I was going to. I don't have to make it right now." Pernak looked at Bernard and braced his hands on the arms of his chair as if preparing to rise. "Well, I have to go over to Princeton this afternoon, and Jersey's on the shortest way around. Jay and I could share a cab." new species of human beings crossed with crocodiles, and twelve percent would have no opinion." Driscoll thought about it, and in the end was forced to shake his head helplessly. "Not a lot that you'd be interested in, I guess," he confessed. Bernard was nodding but with evident reservations. "True," he agreed. "But it's up in the ship, not down here. And it must be strongly protected. It's a vicious circle- you'd have to get in there to turn the Army around, but they're going to be outside and stopping your getting in until you've done it. How can you break out of it?" earth has cracked open to release a terrible presence that is spreading its dominion over all the world. A 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. beneath the chest of drawers to Leilani's exposed back, where now it slowly extruded on the floor. At the foot of the steps, he's paralyzed by dread. Perhaps the killers are already here. Upstairs. Waiting. Freshening her own coffee, Geneva said, "I don't find Big Bird very scary, dear, just unnerving." anything this good if her life depended on it? not that she's ever likely to face a pie-or-die threat." could be disguised as a sweet romance novel with just a switch of the dust jackets. Leilani pretended puzzlement. "Stop what?" The sky outside was sunny and blue with a few scattered clouds, and a pleasantly warm breeze carried the scents of rural freshness from the hills rising to the south. Fallows still wasn't fully accustomed to the notion that it was all real and not just a simulation projected from the roof of the Grand Canyon module, or that the low roars intermittently coming in through the opened window of the living room downstairs were from shuttles ferrying up and down to what was now another realm. He allowed his mind to distract itself with the final chores of moving while it completed its process of readjustment. "The countdown can be halted at any time," Stern informed them. "Everyone knows they won't. The whole thing is obviously a device to remove them under a semblance of legality. It's a thinly disguised deportation order."

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