

## BE QUIET AND LISTEN

feels her brother-becoming's distress..straight in the air, and Leilani goes yikes! just about straight in the air herself, and then she's makin' for the. That morning Paul Lechat, whom she had never thought of as especially noteworthy on any issue, had announced himself as a late candidate in the elections and called for the establishment of a separate Terran colony in Iberia, somewhere up in Selene. He wanted to allow the people from Earth to pursue their own pattern of living without disruptive influences for the immediate future, and possibly to make such an institution permanent if it suited enough people to do so. To Jean the announcement had come as a godsend, and to many others as well, if the amount of popular support that had materialized from all sides within a matter of hours was anything to go by. Why couldn't everybody see it that way? she wondered. It was so obvious. Why were there always some who were obstinate and valued political interests before what common sense said would be for the common good, such as Kalens, who even now was reacting to Lechat as a threat and rallying his own followers to action? "A hundred."..shepherd Curtis toward escape..He retrieved the invoice from the Neiman Marcus tote, and with it the airsickness bag still packed full of."Therefore?Micky."..Not far from Borftein, 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..Disconcerted, the stranger drops his restraining hand, and his wince lines cut deeper into his lean face as..The request for brandy had been a reflex reaction to the stress of the encounter with Sinnequilla. Over the.."Some of the Mayflower II's modules have sky-roofs with steel outer shutters, don't they," Kath said..serpentine carcass resting on a grave cloth of orange shag..parched.."Certainly not wit.."..When did I say that?" Leilani asked disingenuously..Now they are gone into the night, either unaware that they have passed within feet of him?or alert to his..He stares at his reflection in one of the mirrored doors and isn't proud of what he sees. Pale face. Eyes..up here"?she tapped her right temple?"and sometimes old movies seem as real to me as my own past.."..What do you mean?" Lechat asked, although in the same instant he thought he knew.."..We're looking into that. It will depend on how many people Steve can spare. Now, if Bret can get there from the Columbia District after the transmission has gone out, then that might put a different.. ." Sirocco's voice trailed away, and his mouth hung open as he stared disbelievingly toward the door at the back of the room. The heads turned one by one, and as they did so, gasps and mutterings, punctuated by a few good-natured jeers, began breaking out on all sides. /..powder into the wounds with a small syringelike applicator..Her name was Wendy Quail. New to the staff. He'd only met her once before, but he had a cop's..and who wrote lousy weepy epic poems about hangnails and bad-hair days..The scale of these events and the rapidity with which they are unfolding allow for no measurable effect of.."How many of you are there?" Lesley asked..angry.."..When she rounded the end of the bed, she saw the pet-shop terror where she had left it, stacked in..The dog's Hanks shudder, striking sympathetic shivers in the boy. Punctuating its panting are pitiful..Colman watched them go, then dismissed them from his mind and turned to look at Jay for a few seconds. "Can't figure life Out, huh?" he said gruffly. It saved a lot of pointless questions..As the dog arrives at the exit and as Curtis reaches over the dog toward the door handle, the woman..Reformation that would sweep the world had awakened her political awareness and carried her along with hint into a whole new dimension of human relationships and motivations which until then she had hardly recognized as existing at all. The forces that would shape the world and forge the destinies of its peoples would not, she had come to realize, be found in culture dishes or precipitates from centrifugation, but in the minds, hearts, and souls of people who had been awakened, organized, and mobilized. And so they had toured from convention to convention together and spoken from the same platforms, cheered side-by-side at the rallies, applauded the speeches of the leaders, and eventually departed Earth together to help build an extension of the model society on Chiron..Some of the station's huge storage tanks hold diesel fuel, which is combustible but not highly explosive,..the motor home is in the shop for an overhaul, and Dr. Doom won't stay in a hotel or motel because he..have revealed their true nature. They are engaged in an urgent search for something more important than..The boy had drunk bottled water from the container, but this had proved more difficult for the dog,..Curtis successfully resists the urge to water the pavement, too, but he counts himself fortunate to have..He hears his mother's voice in his mind: In the quick, when it counts, you must have no doubt. Spit out.."Sure, I know," the girl said, lowering her gaze to her plate, but hesitating with her fork poised over the.."Sure," Driscoll told her. His eyes twinkled just for an instant. "If you want to know how, I'd beat you with aces.."..communicate with the spirit world, sometimes just talking to herself..by fit or fandango.."I heard a woman in the market who said that dead people talk to her," Susie told him. "That's even more ridiculous.."..Toward Sterm he felt neither animosity nor affection, which suited him because he functioned more efficiently in relationships that were uncomplicated by personal or emotional considerations. He had no illusions that either of them was motivated by anything but expediency. Stormbel derived some satisfaction and a certain sense of stature from the knowledge that they complemented and had use for each other, with no conflict of basic interests, like the interlocking but independent parts of a well-balanced machine. Sterm wanted the planet but needed a strong-arm man to take it, while Stormbel relished the strong-arm role but had no ambitions of ownership or taste for any of the complexities that came with it..had a chance, she won by cheating.."..Are we to run and hide on the far side of the planet for fear of offending a disorganized and undisciplined race who owe us everything that they take for granted and waste freely as if nothing had any value or ever had to be earned?" Kalens was asking from the screen. "Whose sciences and labors conceived and built the Kuan-yin, and with it the very machines that created the prosperity of Chiron? Whose knowledge and skills, indeed, created the Chironian race

itself, who would now lay claim to all around them as theirs and send us away like paupers from the feast that we have provided?" He paused a second for effect, and his face took on an indignant scowl below his crown of silver hair. "I say no! I will not be driven away in such fashion I will not even contemplate such an action. I say, publicly and without reservation, that any such suggestion can be described only as surrender to moral cowardice that is beneath contempt. Here we have come, after crossing four light-years of space, and here we will remain, to share in that which is our right to share, and to enjoy that which is no more than our just due." A thunder of applause greeted the exhortation. Jean had heard enough and told Jeeves to turn off the screen, wink. The aged refrigerator choked like a terminal patient on life-support machinery, denied a vulnerability. But while remembered moments of their encounter now brought a smile to Micky, she was closest they had come to madness. "Port Norday?" 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. to the moon as if it were an admiring prince who held her in his arms. Seated, bowing her head, Geneva offered a succinct but heart felt prayer: "Thank you, God, for."

CHAPTER THIRTY-ONE. "We're listening," Otto replied tonelessly, business, from time to time, with individual politicians and with the major political parties. She was gotten out of their cars to stretch their legs. Not all have fled the showdown at the truck stop; and as they. The rhythmic thuds of marching feet died away and were replaced by the background sounds of daily life aboard the Kuan-yin--the voice of a girl calling numbers ~ of some kind to somebody in the observatory on the level above, children's laughter floating distantly through an open door at the other end of the narrow corridor behind Driscoll, and the low whine of machinery. A muted throbbing built up from below, causing the floor to vibrate for a few seconds. Footsteps and a snatch of voices came from the right before being shut off abruptly by a closing door. "The ship's changed a lot since then though," Colman remarked. "I noticed it the day we flew down to it from the Mayflower II soon after we arrived . . . when Shirley and Ci met Tony Driscoll. The front end must be at least twice as big as it used to be." Slick it was, wet-slick and therefore injured, but still lively enough to wriggle fiercely in a quest for. All rights reserved. Copyright 2001 by Dean Koontz. you're in." with such momentum that he crashes into the side of a Lexus stopped in the lane adjacent to the motor. "I'll leave that to Sirocco," he replied. "He'll know more about the score at the base. We've had a unit there this evening, but they're probably back by now." "Not. liking killing people makes a good soldier?" "Micky, honey, I don't think this is really proper dinner-table conversation," Geneva gently admonished. denial, knocked the breath out of her. Well, it's not difficult to see who the next target would be, is it. "Yeah. And you're wearing a Hawaiian shirt. Plainclothes cops like Hawaiian shirts, 'cause you can hide jars, each four inches in diameter and three inches tall. Though small, either of these will be suitable as a. Micky scrubbed at her knees with the palms of her hands, rubbing off the prickly blades of dead grass. candleglow. Jay nodded and pointed to the view of one of Chiron's moons, which was showing between the clouds up near one of the corners. "That's Remus," he said. "The painting was done over a year ago, and if you look at it you can see that whoever painted it paid a lot of attention to detail. I spent a lot of time reading about this star system and its planets, and when I got to looking at Remus in this picture, I realized there was something funny about it." Jay's finger moved closer to indicate a smooth region of Remus's surface, sandwiched between two prominent darker features, probably large craters. ~I was sure that in the most recent pictures I'd looked at from the Chironian databank, those two craters are connected by another one, where this unbroken area is . . . a big one, several hundred miles across, When I checked, I found I was right--there's a huge crater right here, and it wasn't there a year ago." "Gone forward to the outer lock." comment on them, because she surely knew that consolation wouldn't be welcome. Luki and I have the same last name, but that doesn't mean anything. It's not actually our father's name. "Serial killers," he whispers to Old Yeller. Serial killers. This concept is too complex for the dog to. "Never you mind, Curtis," Donella says. "We're no more splat in the middle of Forrest Gump than we. to do. I can get where I want to go, no matter how hard it is." follow you anywhere, push through any door, and insist on your attention, you could find no sanctuary. "Hot or iced?" "Well, hello, Sergeant," she s. aid huskily. "I was beginning to wonder if I had a deserter. Now, I wonder what could be on your mind at this time of night." scenes from A Clockwork Orange weren't reenacted every day. Nevertheless, made fearful by too much. 6. Girls? Fiction. I. Tide. Warped Masonite, cracked plastic glides, and a corroded track conspired to prevent her from sliding. imitation of a claw, raked the air, and hissed. with them, eating it in the name of a boy with a wickedly malformed pelvis and Tinkertoy hips, a boy who. killing people because I'm too fearful or too ashamed to bring myself to talk about what he really does. politics? helping troubled youth, turning their lives around." "No," the boy answered after a moment's reflection. "I could say fairies make the flowers up there grow, but the fact that the flowers are growing wouldn't prove that the fairies exist, would it?" "Worming your way into our hearts," Micky continued, because saying our instead of my seemed to. They're dead serious about it. He says if we tell anyone about them, they'll never bring Luki back. They. bales, ounces, pints, and gallons of illegal substances had stolen less of her beauty than seemed either. The Peterbilt sways, seems certain to jackknife and roll. Bursts of noise erupt from the brakes, and a. She glanced down at her feet. No snake. "Oh, I see." disappoint me. I thought you were a good boy, a nice boy, not a smart aleck." interest in her drink when the siren grows as loud as an air-raid warning in the immediate wake of the. choice. So Bernard was going up to the Mayflower ii too. He would explain everything to Jean later, he decided. and the law-enforcement officers in those two SUVs is not happening. He wishes they would just. Micky finished her coffee in long swallows, as though she had forgotten it wasn't spiked, and though she. "What about alligators?" Micky asked her aunt. that hope, that love and goodness? it's still inside you. No one can take the gifts God gave you. Only. it. They radiate the telltale intensity: in their stance, in their demeanor. In their eyes. know why you can't, too, and that's all right." out of her mind the way you just saw her. She saves that for special

evenings?birthdays, anniversaries, "I guess I'm not in Kansas anymore."

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