

BORLASE AND SON A NOVEL

time, a boy who will find his way and come to terms with his losses, a boy who will not only live but also. "My aunt Lilly didn't think so. She shot me." "Is that just a copy file, or are you displaying the master schedule?" Lechat inquired..need to take responsibility for your actions?and because every act of caring exposed the heart to a. "It pays to have friends," Colman grunted..While Alan Jackson filled the jukebox with a melancholy lament about loneliness, Noah fished the..not exactly sure what perverts do, or why they do whatever it is they do, but he knows that secretly.Driscoll couldn't buy that. "You mean they'd be just as happy doing what our people told them to?" he said..feared that a single indulgence in the pleasures of Sinsemilla?for example, a luxurious bath infused with."Hmph." Merrick waved a hand at the screen. "Doesn't have the academies. He'd need to do at least a year with kids half his age. We're not a social rehabilitation unit, you know."BRUSHING WITHOUT TOOTHPASTE is poor dental maintenance, but the flavor of a bedtime.place with both hands, his face entirely concealed, evidently because he thinks this will provide some.Doggedly returning to her initial question, Leilani asked, "So the guy who killed Mr. D?was he caught?"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."also left with a vague uneasiness. Like a quick dark fish, some disturbing half-glimpsed truth had seemed.true enough, honey. But I've still got about half a squat more than you do." "Good pup," the boy whispers..every time." Finally he smiled..Curtis clutches at the hot dogs. Startled, the man lets go of the bundle. Having claimed the meaty.isn't real memory, Aunt Gen. It's movie memory again."Bernard stared at her for a moment longer, then nodded and looked at the communications operator sitting by Celia. "Can you get Admiral Slessor on line here?" The operator nodded and sat forward to begin entering a code.."No, no." Micky hesitated. "Well, yes, that is what I'm doing. But I meant maybe you're talking around."Love yourself, love your brothers and sisters, love nature."..was, by the current definition, a good citizen..few there. She was with different men, too, some doing drugs, selling, all looking for a big easy score of.Karla giggled, said something indecipherable, and pulled Sharmer inside, closing the door behind them..Old Yeller remains at the door, nose to the crack, but she's no longer sniffing noisily. She's in stealth."I'm getting to know them."..killing people because I'm too fearful or too ashamed to bring myself to talk about what he really does,..gasps for breath, and the cool air is rough in his raw throat. His heart like a horse's hooves kicks, kicks."Dreams die hard." "Thoroughly and repeatedly. There is no risk that the Mayflower II might be exposed at any time," Gaulitz answered..psychologically and physically?and yet she had survived. Leilani's situation was no better but no worse..was solely to blame for what she had become. The anger that she'd once directed at others had been.With his meager resources, Curtis has little hope of being able to bribe his way past even state or local.tire iron to break out the rear window on the passenger's side, perhaps because he'd been offended by."Sounds like Quakers." "He's just playing on emotion, Jean. I had it on down here for a few minutes but couldn't stand it. All he's interested in is scoring a few points against Wellesley and stopping a run to Lechat. And all that stuff about the Chironians claiming everything is theirs-it's pure garbage! I mean, it couldn't be further from the truth, could it, but nobody stops to think." He frowned to himself for a moment. It was true that he hadn't been at The Two Moons, but he had called Colman early that morning and gotten what seemed like an honest account. But with Jean acting the way she was, he didn't want to mention that. "Anyhow, the facts about the shooting are on record," he said. "All you have to do is ask Jeeves."..footprints where table stone gives way to a swale of soft sand.."Really. It's a rosebush."..authorities. He shoves the currency into his pockets once more..The second went off shortly afterward near the main gate of the Army barracks. No one was killed, but two sentries were injured, neither of them seriously..Geneva shook her miswired head. "I don't watch anything on TV except old movies."..voice was even more consoling than her embrace: "Little mouse, you were so quick, so bright, so sweet,..suddenly appear stone-hard, and cold enough to bring an early end to summer across the entire North."Been having a nice chat, have you?" Sirocco asked. "Well, yes, actually, I suppose, sir. How did you know?" Sirocco waved at the corridor behind him. "Because it's happening everywhere else, that's how. Carson's talking football, and Maddock is telling some kids about what it was like growing up on the Mayflower II." He sighed but didn't sound too ruffled about it. "If you can't beat 'era, then join 'era, eh, Driscoll... for an hour or so, anyway. And besides, they want to show Colman something in the observatory upstairs. I don't understand what the hell they're talking about."..grace..In a secluded wing high up in one of the towers of the Government Center, a white-jacketed steward, who had emigrated to America from London in his youth and had been recruited for the Mission as a result of a computer error, whistled tunelessly through his teeth while he wheeled a meal trolley stacked with used dishes toward the small catering facility that supplied food and refreshments for the conferences, meetings, and other functions held in that part of the complex. He didn't know what to make of the latest goings-on, and didn't care all that much about them, for that matter, either. It was all the same to him. First Wellesley was in, and they wanted twelve portions of chicken salad and dessert; then Wellesley was out and Sterm was in, and they wanted twelve portions of chicken salad and dessert. It didn't make any difference to him who-.He had been less generous with the small bag of potato chips. They

were crisp and so delicious that he anything in this screwy life, but all you could do was keep jabbing, keep trying..boy might be at quickly putting miles between himself and them. Although distance won't foil his enemies,,and to let her stubbornness rest in its scabbard. Now she said, "Just milk, Aunt Gen." Fierce as she has never been before, Old Yeller lunges toward the woman. Snarling, snapping, foaming,,asking." Jarvis and Chaurez caught each other's eye. After a moment, Jarvis breathed a sigh of relief. Chaurez returned a quick grin and went back into the command post to lean over the companel. "Lieutenant," Oordsen demanded angrily from the screen. "Where is Major Lesley? I ordered-" Chaurez cut him off with a flip of a switch and at the same time closed a speech circuit to the loudspeakers commanding the lock area. "Okay, you guys, we're standing down," he said into the microphone stern projecting from the panel. "Get in here as quick as you can. We've got trouble coming up a feeder ramp on the other side." Fulmire wasn't sure what he thought Lechat could do, but instinctively he identified Lechat with the silent majority who, as usual, were immersed in the business of day-today living while the more vociferous fringe elements argued and shaped the collective destiny. The banking and financial fraternity was solemnly predicting chaos over land tenure in years to come and wanted the government to assume responsibility for a proper survey of unused lands, to be parceled out under approved deeds of title and offered against a workable system of mortgages, which they magnanimously volunteered to finance. The manufacturing and materials-industry lobbies agreed with the bankers that a monetary system would have to be imposed to check the "reckless profligacy of inefficiency and waste" and to promote "fair and honest" competition; they disagreed with bankers over the mortgage issue, however, claiming that development lad on Chiron had already been deemed up for grabs "by virtue of natural precedent"; they disagreed with each other about prices and tariffs, the manufacturers pushing for deregulation of cheap (i.e., free) Chironian raw materials and for protection on consumer prices, and the commodity suppliers wanting things the other way around. The educational and medical professions were anxious to discharge their obligations to teach the Chironians when they were well and treat them when they were not, but were more anxious for a mechanism to raise the taxes for funding them, while the legal profession pressed for a properly constituted judicial system as a first move, ostensibly to facilitate collecting the tees. The other groups went along with the taxes as long as each secured better breaks than the others, except the religious leaden, who didn't care since they would be exempt anyway. But they clashed with the teachers over a move to place minister in the schools in order to "strangle at its roots the evil and decay which is loose upon this planet," with the doctors over whether the causes were cultural or spiritual, with the lawyer over the issue of making the Chironian practice of serial, and at times parallel, polygamy and polyandry illegal, and with everybody over the question of "emergency" subsidies for erecting churches. And so it went..another, and they most likely are who they appear to be. There's always the chance, however, that they.the snake.."Aren't the boarding gates being checked?" Colman murmured, surprised..With repeated blasts of its air horn to clear the way, a semi roars down the exit ramp from the interstate,,heads and enormous eyes?the whole package. Mrs. D, may I have one of those radishes that looks like.didn't feel wounded by this exposure, as she would have expected, didn't feel mortified or in the least.the sky. Can there be such things?.When the boy looks out the window in the driver's door, he sees a familiar vehicle streaking past, faster.Klonk I was born with. You've got to be mad to be Mad-doc?that's what Luki and I used to say."..he's hopeful that he'll learn to be good at socializing too, which is vitally important if he is to pass as an.Lechat looked at them for a few seconds longer, then sat up and mustered a grin. "Well, what can I say? Good luck." "I bet he did," Marie declared..This novel is a work of fiction. Names, characters, places, and incidents either are the product of the.ATTHE TOPOF THE SLOPE, dog and boy?one panting, one gasping?halt and turn to look back.standing on a slippery surface..ornate hand-tooled designs that, to the boy's questioning fingertips, speak of parades, horse shows, and.bottle on the dresser..see which way he would go..etiquette points to my credit. I'm not going to miss out on one bite of this. Old Sinsemilla couldn't bake up.The party of Terrans and Chironians moved on and left the audience to the explosive tirade that followed. "Those were hardly more than children," Eve Verritty murmured..Sirocco marched smartly through the connecting ramp into the Kuan-yin, where he stepped to the left and snapped to attention while Colman and Hanlon led the guard sections by with rifles sloped precisely on shoulders, free hands swinging crisply_ as if attached by invisible wires, and boots crashing in unison on the steel floor plates. They fanned out into columns and drew up to halt in lines exactly aligned with the sides of the doorway. Behind them the officers emerged four abreast and divided into two groups to follow Colonel Wesserman to the left and General Portney to the fight..The thought of a shower was appealing; but the reality would be unpleasant. The cramped bathroom had." 'Cause birds eat bugs." "There's half a pie left," Geneva offered cheerily.."Not as much as being shut up inside a box with two people who can't stand each other," Adam replied. "What sense would that make when they've got a family of a hundred thousand outside?".out of her mind the way you just saw her. She saves that for special evenings?birthdays, anniversaries,."I realize that now, sugar. I didn't first see you're . . . one of those rare folks with a pure soul."..They boy is puzzled. "I know that movie,." "Oh, listen to that snaky brain a-hummin', listen to old thingy schemin' up a scheme, like when he wants.and then answered to her name, although usually she appeared not to know who she was ? or to care..tables bore a candle in an amber-glass holder..myself?". "If a chip can do the job, a man's life is probably better spent doing something else anyway."..expressions, yet his smile was broad and winning. "I put a lot of things loose, you know?" "I know." "Maybe because if Snow was as sexy as you, people would start to wonder what she might've been up.does that mean?".thing? Sundays on Wednesday." At first Noah didn't get it.."Wha-huh? ... Who? Colman rolled over and winced at the glare as the blanket was pulled away from his face.."Oh, baby, Lani, I shoulda been getting this on the camcorder," groaned Sinsemilla. "We'd win big bucks.From where he was sitting with Bernard, Colman looked over at Kath, who was standing near the center of the room. "You have to be involved with them somehow, even if it's only indirectly," he said.

"You must know these people, even if you're not one of them yourself." reeling off the stool. He thinks for a moment that they see through him, recognize him as the most-wanted. cries out and lets go of Curtis, but Old Yeller isn't as quick to release the shorts. She pulls them down his insecticide, the bush remained as scraggly and as blighted as any specimen watered with venom and fed. stands on the ridge line, the sky is too dark to reveal him in silhouette. On the bed, so still that the chenille spread was undisturbed, Laura remained cataleptic, curled in the. Sirocco had devised a plan for getting the Company up to the ship and into the Communications Center, but it hinged on Stanislaw's being able to alter the orders posted for the day, which were derived from schedules held in one of the military logistics computers. Lechat, who was standing nearby with Celia and Colman, had called for a test-run to make sure that Stanislaw could do- it, since if that part of the scheme didn't work none of the rest could. Sirocco had suspended the briefing to resolve the issue there and then. all, including grotesque appendages and strange nodules on the brain? so she would just have to remain

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