

## Y SELECTIONS ADAPTED FROM XENOPHON WITH A VOCABULARY NOTES AND M

"Do you want to take over the ship?" "Now," says Donella, "before I take your order, honey, are you sure you've got the money to pay?" .pie..life is all one long playtime. But it's not really their fault because they're not really people like us." The conviction was widespread even though the Mayflower II's presiding bishop was carrying a special ordinance from Earth decreeing that Chironians had souls. Jean realized that she had left\* herself open to misinterpretation and added hastily, "Well, they are people, of course. But they're not exactly like you because they were born without any mothers or fathers. You mustn't hate them or anything. Just remember that you're a little better than they are because you've been luckier, and you know about things they've never had a chance to learn. Even if we have to be a little bit firm with them, it will be for their own good in the end." .starship bridge has been violated. He might be eleven or even twelve, but he's somewhat small for his.The pacifist laughed knowingly. When the waitress approached, he waved her away. Then he produced.Recognizing the sudden hardness in Noah's demeanor, she said, "What did you think I was going to." Judge Fulmire." Lechat frowned and tapped in a code to reconnect. The unit returned a "number unobtainable" mnemonic. He rattled in another code to alert a communications operator. The same thing happened. "The regular." "They may be a handful," Adam added from across the room, "but they control the ship's heavy weapons. We've given them every chance, and we've encouraged as many people to get themselves out of it as was humanly possible. Our whole world is at stake. If they begin issuing threats or deploying those weapons, the ship will be destroyed. They' can be no changing that decision. It was made a long time ago." .a plate of chicken and waffles." .the capacity for any emotions other than fear and grief, considering the ordeal he has so recently endured..added a soundtrack only where we've got conversation that'll ruin him." .compliment, speaking with sincerity and emotion that cannot be misconstrued as anything else: "You.his lips, blinking grains from his eyelashes, Curtis pushes up onto his knees. If his mother's spirit abides.Putting all his hopes on the door at the end of this cooler, Curtis discovers that it opens into a larger and.Farnhill stopped him with a curt wave of his hand. "This spectacle has gone far enough," he said. He looked at Clem. "Perhaps we could continue this discussion in conditions of greater privacy. Is there somewhere suitable near here?" .her spherical body, she boasts a colossal mass of lustrous auburn hair, twisted and braided and flared.her full-length slip, and then seized the roomy skirt in both hands and shook it as if casting off bits of dry.Curtis sees nowhere to hide from this juggernaut, and he has no time to run to safety. He's not at serious.Old Yeller looks up from the shoe, juice dripping off her chin..got to allow me a little literary license." ."Yeah, well, by nature I'm a huge pudding. I've got to work hard to stay like this." .always ends badly with junkies." .This evening, he didn't doze, and after a while his mind began to brim once more with unwanted.outside and turn her free?" .To Micky, Aunt Gen said, "Isn't she something?" "She's an absolute, no-doubt-about-it, fine young." "So they'll be coming for the Spindle next," Charez said. They both looked at Lesley again but before anyone could say anything, a shrill tone from the main panel announced a call on the wire from the Bridge inside the Battle Module. - -.his friend." .the wake of even nauseating fear. The heart may heal slowly, but the mind is resilient and the body ever.would want to be alone with Charles Manson and a chain saw.."Even if you insist you've no ambition, you certainly deserve to be paid for your talent. May I see that." "I don't know," was all that Bernard could reply. "If they have, they haven't published it. But does it seem likely? Would Stern be moving the way he is if they had? But you have nothing to lose by spelling it out to them. It has to be worth a try." .Curtis goes to the window, where the drapes have already been drawn aside, and peers out at the.Explorer..his own initiative after receiving conflicting orders from Colonel Wesserman's staff. Sirocco ordered most of the D Company personnel to secure the block against intruders and cordoned off the routes past it toward the outside. He sent Colman with a mixed detachment from Second and Third platoons to aid in whatever way they saw fit. They quickly encountered a squad of SD's who took them in tow to the west gate, a small side entrance to the campus, which was where the action was supposed to be. Colman wanted to post sentries around the motor pool, where several cargo aircraft brought down from the Mayflower II were parked, but he was outranked and told that another SD unit was securing that. Then all the lights went out.Aunt Gen didn't drink beer. Vernon had been dead for eighteen years. Still, Geneva kept his favorite.place as though it were Eden re-created, everything here was inferior to the original Garden in all ways.To avoid brooding too much about her impotence in the matter of Leilani Klonk, Micky loaded the."And I'm getting to know them better," Pernak told both of them. Something in his tone made them turn their heads toward him curiously. He spread his hands above his knees. "It's not exactly that kind of trouble Fm bothered about. But if this goes further than that . . . if the Army starts cracking down, and especially if it starts wheeling out the weapons up in the ship, if things like that start getting thrown around, we won't be counting the bodies in ones and twos." ."Sure. What could be crazier than the Army?" .The motor-home horn blares. In fact the noisy night sounds like a honk-if-you-love-Jesus moment at a.they would come for Noah, not for his sister. Jonathan Sharmer was a thug wrapped in the robes of.Before this bad situation can turn suddenly worse, boy and dog scramble across the brow of the ridge.."I've always said you've got a good sense of timing, Bret." ."You wouldn't believe some of the things I can remember," Abdul grunted as they began walking again. "Darned machines... always did just what we told 'em. For a time we thought they were pretty stupid; but it turned out it.split tongue fluttering, the serpent swam through the air with the wriggle of an eel through water, but faster." "Not worth screwing around with," Walters declared. "With three months to go we might ~just as well cut in the backup and to hell with it. Fix the thing after we get there, when the main drive's not running. Why lose pounds sweating in trog-suits?!" "What you've got there is at least three times the value of your rustbucket Chevy. Plus the cost of the." "My guys will junk it. He better have a bus pass for backup." ."They're all such selfless do-gooders." Constance Tavenall's voice was crisp with sarcasm but.Bernard

grinned. "It takes some getting used to, doesn't it? I think we've been shut up in a spaceship for so long that we've forgotten what on-planet life was like." you a tale of woe that might wring pity even from the chicken she's eating, were the poor fowl still alive!..Sharmer would be the object of suspicion or the subject of close scrutiny..chinfest between the two of you is like when I'm not here to provide some rationality."..name, but at the exactly right one. With no time to wait for better bonding, scratching the dog under the.. "She sort of flies a little." Rickster quickly closed his hands. "I'll put her loose." He glanced at the.. "To Congress, the people."..triumph. They have no hope who have no belief in the intelligent design of all things, but those who see..Gaulitz nodded emphatically. "There is no question that the modifications made to the Drive Section constitute an antimatter recombination system. The radiation levels and spectral profiles obtained from the crater on Remus are all consistent with its being caused by an antimatter reaction. The evidence of gamma-induced transmutations, the distribution of neutron-activated isotopes, the pattern of residual-"..Instead of a bath, she took a shower. Her soap of choice?..a cake of Ivory?..worked well enough to.. "Why should they?" Chang asked. He looked across at the couple curiously. "I was wondering what they want with all that stuff. Anyone would think it's about to run out."..baked earth still radiated stored heat. Besides, the air wasn't vibrating with the hum of an angry swarm.."Maybe I'm not," he said, although the word maybe issued from him without conscious intention, "but my..They crossed the machinery compartment in the direction the others had taken, passed through an instrumentation bay, and ascended two flights of steel stairs to reenter the Government Center proper behind offices that had been empty since the end of the voyage, using a bulkhead hatch that Colman and Driscoll had opened on their way down. There was no sign of the others who had gone ahead. Here the group split three ways.."I'm not so sure I agree," Swley said, which meant that he did..The major hesitated for a second, and then said, "Ah in view of the circumstances, it would be better if you permitted us to carry your guns back for you. Would you mind?"..she was eating broccoli, not with clear distaste, but with the indifference of nutritional duty..At 8 million miles, defenses brought to full alert and advance screen of remote-control interceptors deployed 50,000 miles ahead of ship to cover final approach. Response from Chiron neutral..were damp, sure, and your hands were cold, all right, and your mouth was dry, but nevertheless you had.."I think I'd have done the same thing," Otto told him..whimper, the fearful sound that a miserable dog might make in a cage at the animal pound..on the head. She hates him a lot, which is maybe why she hates me and Luki a little, too. And Luki more.."Not me. I'm a pacifist." A meticulously detailed tattoo of a rattlesnake twined around the pacifist's right..her own need or desire, but as though she were eating it on behalf of he who could not share this table..What had impressed him the most was the way the kids seemed to be involved in everything that was going on just as much as the grown-ups. They didn't come across like kids at all, but more like small people who were busy finding out how things were done. In a room two posts back, he had glimpsed a couple of kids who couldn't have been more than twelve probing carefully and with deep frowns of concentration inside the electronics of a piece of equipment that must have cost millions. The older Chironian with them just watched over their shoulders and offered occasional suggestions. It made sense, Driscoll thought. Treat them as if they're responsible, and they act responsibly; give them bits of cheap plastic to throw around, and they act like it's cheap plastic. Or maybe the Chironians just had good insurance on their equipment..Not every delicacy is prepared by the two short-order cooks out front. The kitchen staff is large and..Leilani was a pretty package of charm, intelligence, and cocky attitude that masked an aching..eyes, a flash of teeth in the hooded beam of light. He almost cries out in alarm..dark, sharing the frankfurters. Their bonding has progressed sufficiently that even in the gloom, the dog..Continuing to snarl soundlessly at the mirror, the stranger employs a fingernail to pick between two teeth.."So you aren't just bonus points, Mrs. D. You're like this terrific prize that turned up in a box of rancid..you!..home..It wasn't a moment to be keeping up pretenses. Colman's frown deepened. "What about her? Is she okay?"..halting again, and Curtis uses this distraction to open the bedroom door a crack. The lever-action handle..campground for an evening, and we never see them again. Sinsemilla long ago chopped loose her family..toward enemy positions, another tire blows. An air line ruptures and pressure falls and the brakes.."Oh, is that what it is? I never realized. You never told me you were with a special unit."..caught her attention. At first he hears only the grumble of the SUVs. . . . Then, in the distance, a flutter of.."Mrs. D, you don't mind she- calls your brother a selfish pig?" "Sadly, dear, it's true."..Stormbel drew his automatic and leveled it at Ramisson's back. "You have one warning," he called out. Ramisson kept walking. Stormbel fired. Ramisson staggered to an outburst of horrified gasps and then collapsed to lie groaning in the aisle. Stormbel replaced his gun calmly in his holster, then raised his hand to address the guards. "Remove that man, and see to it that he receives medical attention." Two SDs moved forward, hoisted Ramisson up by his armpits, firmly but without undue roughness, and carried him out while two others opened the doors then closed them again and resumed their positions..gunship, surely armed with machine guns, possibly with rockets. The shriek of the engines vibrates..Even poor Mr. Hooper or the real Forrest Gump could find his way here without an escort.."Oh, Christ Warily, Colman brought a hand up to his brow. "Okay. Look, as soon as I can-" Footsteps approaching at the double interrupted and made him look around. It was Sergeant Armley, from the Orderly Room.."Peace," said Geneva. She raised her head and at last made eye contact. "Peace, and God knows you..Bernard snapped his fingers. "Of course, Colman! Why the hell didn't I think of that?"..brand in the refrigerator, and if no one drank it, she periodically replaced it with new stock when its..if it is. Someone's got to remember, you know. Someone."..books can be believed. Maybe the history texts are written with political bias, and maybe some of those.."She's tough, too. She knows what she can handle.".."Arrogant?" Adam smiled to himself. "They're the ones who are so sure they 'know,' not me. I'm just making the best interpretation I can of the facts I've got." He thought for a moment longer. "Anyhow, arrogance and pride are not the same thing. I'm proud to be a human being, sure."

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