

## 30 SMALL COLLAGES

"My son, there is no reason," she said, suddenly passionate, "there is no reason why you should give up everything you love!".Medra".last century of the period, assaults from the Kargs in the east and the dragons in the west became.and sheep went down to drink or to cross over. They had come through the stile from a pasture.those of the kings..Patterner," said the Doorkeeper, not at all surprised.. "She's called Dragonfly, and she does all the work, and I saw her once last year. She's tall, and.Power.".pit us one against the other, for their gain not ours. We sell em our power. Why do we? If we went.Irian drew a deep breath and looked at him eye to eye as they sat there. ""Only in dark the.women, refusing to teach them or learn from them. Witches, who almost universally went on working.hearth, skillfully making up the fire. The curer was in his room asleep. She looked in, and closed.No. There had been a thunderclap, a while ago. This was not thunder. He had had this queer feeling.defeated Erreth-Akbe, who "lost his staff and amulet and power" and crept back to Havnor a broken.paying much attention to him unless he frightened them. He tried not to do that. He had no wish or.THE KARGAD LANDS.Tarry came back with his band in an hour or so, ungrateful for the respite and much the worse for.be trained by the wizards there, and the Queen chose him as a companion for her son..for the Earth itself. Some think all dragons, or certain dragons, or certain people, are.was high time to go back and find out what was going on now..I rolled up my sleeve and showed her..defiling, essentially wicked.. "Which district?".bone-white frame..your head nor theirs, see, because it would take from their power, they say'. But Ivory, poor.as the dragons do..squeeze their way. In places the ceilings had collapsed. Ladders were shaky. The mine was a.kennings or euphemisms for the word dragon are Firstborn, Eldest, Elder Children. (The words for.Hemlock was glad to see a bit of fire in the boy. "They are one another's family," he said..then the Doorkeeper takes you down a hall and another hall, till you're lost and bewildered, and.But as he went back up the streets of South Port he lost her. He swore to keep her with him, to."Do you?" asked the man in the red tunic, smiling a little..Lands and of arcane mystery in the Lore of Paln, long ignored by the scholars of Roke, relate that.Havnor, from the upland farms of Onn and the woodlands of Faliern. A story may be pieced together.Tern..that from there, from behind the glass plate, some giant face was grimacing at me, meditating.When (in the year 440, by Hardic count) Erreth-Akbe came to make peace between the Archipelago and.But few could pass through Medra's Gate..It was their mage Ogion whom the people saw stand alone on the roof of the signal tower on the wharf, when the streets ran up and down in waves, the cobbles bursting out of them, and walls of clay brick puffed into dust, and the Armed Cliffs leaned together, groaning. It was Ogion they saw, his hands held out before him, straining, parting: and the cliffs parted with them, and stood straight, unmoved. The city shuddered and stood still. It was Ogion who stopped the earthquake. They saw it, they said it..By that time there were many people of the Hand who knew what was afoot on Roke. Young people came there sent by them. Men and women came to be taught and to teach. Many of these had a hard time getting there, for the spells that hid the island were stronger than ever, making it seem only a cloud, or a reef among the breakers; and the Roke wind blew, which kept any ship from Thwil Bay unless there was a sorcerer aboard who knew how to turn that wind. Still they came, and as the years went on a larger house was needed for the school than any in Thwil Town..ship in port, and none has come into Thwil Bay since the one that brought you, lady, and sailed.She blushed a little.. "I told him," Golden said, "that I had seen you, with a turn of your hand and a single word.. "What for?" "I'd prefer the 'or.' ". "I'm not really good on the fife, but I'm good enough. What you didn't teach me, I can fill in with a spell, if I have to. And the band, they're all right. Labby isn't as bad as he looks. Nobody fools with me. We make a pretty good living. Winters, I go stay with Mother and help her out. So I'm all right. What about you, Di?".It was true. He knew her name: Irian. It was like a coal of fire, a burning ember in his mind. His.by Halkel (finding, mending, dowsing, animal healing, etc.) and some high arts (human healing..The slave, short and thin, hairless, with running sores on his hands and arms, uncapped a stone.oldest and greatest ones, a mystery..).vomiting and shuddering, and San was staring and trying to say, "Avert! Avert!" And no harm was."In the Grove is no harm," said the Patterner. "Come on. There is an old house, a hut. Old, dirty..only by returning as you went could you be sure of coming out into the fields..The Patterner pushed four pebbles into a little curve on the sand and said, "I wish the Sparrowhawk had not gone. I wish I could read what the shadows write. But all I can hear the leaves say is change, change... Everything will change but them." He looked up into the trees again with that yearning look. The sun was setting; he stood up, bade her goodnight gently, and walked away, entering under the trees..room with the spellbonds upon him he could hardly swallow the food. It tasted of metal, of ash..Diamond-The bones of the earth..next morning Golden told his son again that he must think about being a man.. "Twice..".came together, so that the stars were visible only through their branches. I recalled that to reach.Otter, sitting by the fire shelling walnuts, held still. Mead thanked the messenger and brought him in for a cup of water and a handful of shelled nuts. She and Ayo chatted with him about his wife. When he had gone she turned to Otter..mechanical and violent. I stood and watched, hearing, behind me, the steady sough of hundreds.now. From the very first moment I was invariably behind in everything that went on, and the.Under the huddle of the grey cloak his hands found only a huddle of clothes and dry bones and a broken staff..her something to say that, yet when she had said it she felt released, untied too. What was she.miserable men dispossessed of their living, driven by hunger to raid and rob..".then suddenly you come out under the sky. In the Court of the Fountain, in the very deepest inside.given it to her when they married. It had come down through the generations of the descendants of.and lead the wizard to defeat himself..though the stays held. The sail struck the water, filled, and pulled the galley right over, the."Oh, yes," he said, confused, and got up and limped back to the bedroom for his pouch. He brought.He stood there for a while, bewildered. It seemed to him that it was not by his own act or..mother brought him all the delicacies she could find in the gardens and

berry thickets; but he lay. The ship's weatherworker came aboard just before they sailed, no Roke wizard but a weatherbeaten, grim-faced old Namer. when they got close to where the island should be, they came into a fog as thick as wet cloth, and I must be going now, I told them voicelessly, with my lips only. I began to back off in the wealth, which was little, but to break the power of its magery, which was reputed to be great. One Young King or The Deed of Morred. down. became more and more aloof, pursuing his studies in his tower cell apart from others, teaching few. But as he went back up the streets of South Port he lost her. He swore to keep her with him, to think of her, to think of her that night, but she faded away. By the time he opened the door of Master Hemlock's house he was reciting lists of names, or wondering what would be for dinner, for he was hungry most of the time. Not till he could take an hour and run back down to the docks could he think of her. make her laugh; he was the only one who could. When he was away, she was quiet-voiced and even-. The art begins and ends in naming. But that's not your gift. You have a poor memory for words. You. Wise governed for the child Serriadh until he took the throne. His reign was bright but brief. The. "Some old women down by the docks. An old sorcerer. His sister." hill. Songs and stories indicate that dragons existed before any other living creature. The Old Hardic. before the staggers begin. And those not struck yet, he says he can keep it off em. So the. "What are you saying, Nais? What about pilots? And various rescue workers? And those. the story will have weight and make sense. willpower, or the strength of the spell the girl had laid on him. Their conversation was in the. She had no wish to explore for herself. The peacefulness of the place called for stillness. "It always seemed to me they're sort of alike," he said, "magic and music. Spells and tunes. For one thing, you have to get them just exactly right." It was Golden's grandest party yet, with a dancing floor built on the town green down the way from Golden's house, and a tent for the old folks to eat and drink and gossip in, and new clothes for the children, and jugglers and puppeteers, some of them hired and some of them coming by to pick up whatever they could in the way of coppers and free beer. Any festivity drew itinerant entertainers and musicians it was their living, and though uninvited they were welcomed. A tale-singer with a droning voice and a droning bagpipe was singing The Deed of the Dragonlord to a group of people under the big oak on the hilltop. When Tarry's band of harp, fife, viol, and drum took time off for a breather and a swig, a new group hopped up onto the dance floor. "Hey, there's Labby's band!" cried the pretty girl nearest Diamond. "Come on, they're the best!" "Well," Rose said, and dumped out the salt water on the bare dirt of the small front yard of her house, which, like most witches' houses, stood somewhat apart from the village. "Well," she said, straightening up and looking about vaguely as if for an answer, or a ewe, or a towel. "You have to know something about the power, see," she said at last, and looked at Dragonfly with one eye. Her other eye looked a little off to the side. Sometimes Dragonfly thought the cast was in Rose's left eye, sometimes it seemed to be in her right, but always one eye looked straight and the other watched something just out of sight, around the corner, elsewhere. system of gigantic hotel lobbies -- teller windows, nickel pipes along the walls, recesses with. She came back into herself, into the still air under the trees. The Hoary Man sat near her, his signs glowing in the air: LOCAL CIRCUITS. I came to an escalator that held quite a few people. on other islands, the school's reputation and influence grew rapidly. The mage Teriel of Havnor, better. He knew that magic itself resists untruth. Conjuring, sleight of hand, and false commerce. Weatherworkers used to carry a leather sack in which they said they kept the winds, untying it to wood, but founded deep on magic and made strong with spells. had the gift for it, taught. He was a little curious about this boy whose cheerful good manners. His dreams of her were never of her yielding to him, but of himself yielding to a fierce,

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