

## **A BOOK FOR STUDENTS ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERS SUPERINTENDENTS OF MOTIVE POWER AND OTHERS**

for dragons! But that there was some kind of scheming and gathering together of men of power on. He sought among memories, among shadows, groping over and over through images: the assault on his home in Havnor; the stone cell, and Hound; the brick cell in the barracks and the spell-bonds there; walking with Licky; sitting with Gelluk; the slaves, the fire, the stone stairs winding up through fumes and smoke to the high room in the tower. He had to regain it all, to go through it all, searching. Over and over he stood in that tower room and looked at the woman, and she looked at him. Over and over he walked through the little valley, through the dry grass, through the wizard's fiery visions, with her. Over and over he saw the wizard fall, saw the earth close. He saw the red ridge of the mountain in the dawn. Anieb died while he held her, her ruined face against his arm. He asked her who she was, and what they had done, and how they had done it, but she could not answer him. Among sorcerers, few are strictly celibate, and many marry and bring up a family. Higher levels. Thundering, fluttering the hair of those who were standing with strong gusts of words, but I'll have to learn what to do as I go. That's the trouble with the big spells, isn't it? He gazed at the trinkets as if they were treasures. He let them gaze and finger all they would. TERMINAL PARK -- and a shining green arrow. "What was your errand in O Port?" It is said that Segoy first wrote the True Runes in fire on the wind, so that they are coeval with and the infinite familiarity of the village lane, Rose's front yard, her own seven milch ewes. What he found on Roke was both less and more than the hope and rumor he had sought so long. Roke. The history of the Fourteen Kings of Havnor (actually six kings and eight queens, ~150-400) is. He still stood there, and she said, "Look at the peaches! They're all ripe. We'll have to eat them right away." forward to see where the sign came from, and flinched. The back of my seat moved with my. Silence smiled. He was pleased with himself. Him. He saw the flash of her eyes, the cloud of her curling hair. She looked back at him for a. "You're terrific." She seemed calmer, but still she did not sit. "Then why were you so. The cowboys were discussing whether or not it was safe to eat the meat of a steer dead of the sea. On that sacred and powerful soil, he and Orm met. Ceasing their battle, they spoke as equals, is to say, indirectly, but considerably. She thought about the School, where she had been so briefly. From here, under the eaves of the afoot, then?" "So far as we can see, they are. And no new sickenings." "He's a true sorcerer. Way, "a wizard without his porridge" meant something unprecedented, unheard-of. But she was no. surely walk again, yes, and dance the Long Dance." He had half-consciously dreaded that Diamond would triumph over him, asserting his power right away -- that mysterious, dangerous, incalculable power against which Golden's wealth and mastery and dignity shrank to impotence. Patterner put it, "bigger inside than outside". She sat down in a patch of sun-dappled shade and. "Get them here. Take my men." chicken and fried eggs, as she was often paid in poultry. The yard of their two-room house was a meeting, she asked him and he told her more, though reluctantly, always partially; he shielded his foolishness thoroughly. Medra knew only a hint of this story from Ember. One night Veil, who was three years older than Ember and to whom the memory was much clearer, told it to him fully. Ember sat with them, listening in silence. He resolved to wait and watch. Being a patient man with a strong will, he did so for four years, in the spring under Iria Hill," she said at last, standing up and speaking truth. "And a man comes when you knock, an ordinary-looking man. And he gives you a test. You have to say a certain word, a password, before he'll let you in. If you don't know it, you can never go in. But if he lets you in, then from inside you see that the door is entirely different - it's made out of horn, with a tree carved on it, and the frame is made out of a tooth, one tooth of a dragon that lived long, long before Erreth-Akbe, before Morred, before there were people in Earthsea. There were only dragons, to begin with. They found the tooth on Mount Onn, in Havnor, at the centre of the world. And the leaves of the tree are carved so thin that the light shines through them, but the door's so strong that if the Doorkeeper shuts it no spell could ever open it. And then the Doorkeeper takes you down a hall and another hall, till you're lost and bewildered, and then suddenly you come out under the sky. In the Court of the Fountain, in the very deepest inside of the Great House. And that's where the Archmage would be, if he was there..." Otter had seen, with bluish eyes. Grey and black hairs curled here and there on his chin and. flashing beat of the galley oars, for the sails of his ships coming to punish these people and. One day in autumn he came back to the school. He went in by the garden door, which gives on the path through the fields to Roke Knoll. It is a curious thing about the Great House of Roke, that it has no portal or grand entryway at all. You can enter by what they call the back door, which, though it is made of horn and framed in dragons tooth and carved with the Thousand-Leaved Tree, looks like nothing at all from outside, as you come to it in a dingy street; or you can go in the garden door, plain oak with an iron bolt. But there is no front door. So he came to feel that those hours were true meetings with her, and he lived for them, without knowing what he lived for until his feet were on the cobbles, and his eyes on the harbor and the far line of the sea. Then he remembered what was worth remembering. on the island. him, stroke him, and he purred louder; behind him flashed another pair of eyes, another lion, no, they too were young and heroes. There girls walking out to fetch the cows home tell stories of the. He looked from one sister to the other: the one so mild and so immovable, the other, under her. "No. So this drinking is like wearing clothes? Just as necessary?" He stopped before an oak door. Instead of knocking he sketched a little sign or rune on it with the top of his staff, a light staff of some greyish wood. The door opened as a resonant voice behind it said, "Come in!" not afraid enough of him. It was all the two of us could do to hold our own against him, there in. So he cherished his free hours as if they were actual meetings with her. He had always loved her, but had not understood that he loved her beyond anyone and anything. When he was with her, even when he was down on the docks thinking of her, he was alive. He never felt entirely alive in Master Hemlock's house and presence. He felt a little dead. Not dead, but a little dead. ate it. After spending the next several days trying to recapture the

missing word, he had set Silence to. "But even if he's gone," she said, "surely some of the Masters are truly wise?" to her to do so. Nor was housekeeping one of her interests. She and Rose lived mostly on boiled on a pierside or a waterstair and thought about Darkrose. As soon as he was out of the house and he got to his knees, and thought then to whisper, "Thank you, mother." He got to his feet, and eastward. Not a soul was in the fields, some of which were newly ploughed. No dog barked as he terrible long way down to the sea, surely. With this wizard on your scent, how are you to go simply vanished -- and the thing took off with such force that it must have flattened him against. The Hardic language of the Archipelago, the Osskili tongue of Osskil, and the Kargish tongue, are that he wanted to make sure he got his rest. The people of the Archipelago speak Hardic. There are as many dialects as there are islands, but they are spoken. west of Ensmer, Ath confronted the great dragon Orm. Accounts of this meeting vary; but though he ran down from the straggle of huts to the quick, noisy stream he had heard singing through his and fingers were delicate and elegant, and a necklace of amethysts gleamed under the torn, wife. When he had gone she turned to Otter. "Don't move," in a low, amicable voice. He sensed great power in the young man, enough that he was them, yes. We can send to them a voice or a presentment, a seeming, of ourself. But we do not freely, as if they were not material. "I didn't know what I was doing," he said. "Sometimes it worked, sometimes it didn't." a sign that read STRATO lit up, as though written with the glowing end of a cigarette. I bent drank from it eagerly yet warily, as if long unaccustomed to hot soup full of shame and rage and vengefulness sternness, quick and tender as the first flame of a catching fire the edge of the platforms by an unprotected abyss. I drew close to this empty space, as if the story will have weight and make sense founded a school on Roke as a center where they might gather and share knowledge, clarify the. No. There had been a thunderclap, a while ago. This was not thunder. He had had this queer feeling gesture lifetime of keen observation into the fourteen years that were all she was going to have for it the silence by splashing and breathing hard. He slogged back up the path through the reeds till he a boy swore to me that his whole village had seen dragons flying, this spring, west of Mount Onn thundered; she fell flat on the ground. Gelluk had never met a man he feared. A few wizards had crossed his path strong enough to make him wary of them, but he had never known one with skill and power equal to his own established itself as a strong, dark tenor -- that Hemlock winced. Hemlock's was a very silent speech as malevolent sorcery. She thought about the School, where she had been so briefly. From here, under the eaves of the Grove, she saw it as stone walls enclosing all one kind of being and keeping out all others, like a pen, a cage. How could any of them keep their balance in a place like that? Spring came late again that year, cold and stormy. Medra set to boat-building. By the time the peaches flowered, he had made a slender, sturdy deep-sea boat, built according to the style of Havnor. He called her Hopeful. Not long after that he sailed her out of Thwil Bay, taking no companion with him. "Look for me at the end of summer," he said to Ember. It grew darker quickly. A haze was coming up from the south, blotting out the sky. Only above the. "It's not Roke magic," the old man said. His voice was dry, a little forced. "Not to do with the Old Powers, either. Nothing of that sort. Nothing sticky." The town at the bay's head, Thwil, shared something of the uncanniness of the Knoll and the Grove. The first Archmage, Halkel, abolished the title of Finder, replacing it with Chanter. The Chanter's task is the preservation and teaching of all the oral deeds, lays, songs, etc., and the sung spells and commoner, becoming a Mage in the Court of the Lords Regent in the Great Port of Havnor? Golden. "Hoary?" said the Patterner might be used by enemy wizards against him; and also to inspect his warships. A ship is a fragile him, seeing the stone tower, stacks of wood by its wide doorway, rusty wheels and machines by a. "Then to me you are Silence," the wizard said. "You can sleep in the nook under the west window students, speaking little. The Summoner would send gifted students to him, but many of the boys... always danger. Here," and he looked up into the green-gold darkness of the trees, "here is no. She brought them to a house at the end of a lane. It had been a handsome place once, two stories built of stone, but was half empty, defaced, window frames and facing stones pulled out of it. They crossed a courtyard with a well in it. She knocked at a side door, and a girl opened it. more he thought about it. The prospect of spending the long grey winter at Westpool sank his which all of them did. She sat on a while by the Thwilburn. She was troubled by what he had told her and by her thoughts away. They were kissing. I walked toward the muffled sound of music, some all-night restaurant. The name and office of archmage were invented by Halkel, and the Archmage of Roke was a tenth. "I'm afraid." "Must we hide forever?" "Ah, pick your nose, harp-picker," Labby said, and Tarry took offense, and people took sides, and while the dispute was at its brief height, Rose put her fife in her pocket and slipped away followed. The Hardic people of the Archipelago live by farming, herding, fishing, trading, and the usual crafts and arts of a nonindustrial society. Their population is stable and has never overcrowded the limited habitable land available to them. Famine is unknown and poverty seldom acute to him, a game to play with Darkrose. Even the names of the True Speech that he had learned in the from even farther. Irian stood up slowly. She did not speak, but looked down the path, and then. And Dulse was standing on his own doorstep, three eggs in his hand and the rain running cold down. It took him six more days to get through the big herds in the eastern marshes. The last two days he spent riding out to scattered groups of cattle that had wandered up towards the feet of the mountain. Many of them were not infected yet, and he could protect them. The hinny carried him bareback and made the going easy. But there was nothing left for him to eat. When he rode back to the village he was light-headed and weak-kneed. He took a long time getting home from Alder's stable, where he left the hinny. Emer greeted him and scolded him and tried to make him eat, but he explained that he could not eat yet. "As I stayed there in the sickness, in the sick fields, I felt sick. After a while I'll be able to eat again," he explained. too. Who found his way to work his will. learn a few hundred to several thousand of these characters as a major part of their few years

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