

HENRY JAMES AUTOBIOGRAPHY

"I should go," she said. "I can walk in the Grove, but not live there. It isn't my - my place. And truths, immutable simplicities.. "Is she hurt?" the woman said. "Oh, the traitorous vermin!" She was stroking down the mare's right cloud, or a reef among the breakers; and the Roke wind blew, which kept any ship from Thwil Bay. It was absolutely silent.. When he added that little questioning "eh?" or "neh?" to the end of what had seemed a statement it always took her by surprise. She said nothing.. Diamond had been given his true name at the springs of the Amia in the hills above Glade. The wizard Hemlock, who had known his great-uncle the Mage, came up from South Port to name him. And Hemlock was invited to his nameday party the year after, a big party, beer and food for all, and new clothes, a shirt or skirt or shift for every child, which was an old custom in the West of Havnor, and dancing on the village green in the warm autumn evening. Diamond had many friends, all the boys his age in town and all the girls too. The young people danced, and some of them had a bit too much beer, but nobody misbehaved very badly, and it was a merry and memorable night. The next morning Golden told his son again that he must think about being a man.. for a wizard, Heleth was silent as a stone about some things. Ogion, who respected silence, had given a student his staff and made him wizard. This kind of teaching and succession occurred. "Yes. To send away one woman, it takes nine mages." He very seldom smiled, and when he did it was quick and fierce. "We are to meet to uphold the Rule of Roke. And so to choose an Archmage." He swallowed them. He gasped, as if coming up from drowning.. THE SCHOOL ON ROKE. differentiation ("division of labor") than in the Archipelago.. "I'll bring food," he said, and strode on, quickening his pace so that he vanished soon, though not so abruptly as the Namer, in the light and shadow under the trees. Irian watched till he was certainly gone and then made her way through high grass and weeds to the little house.. ranges, the murrain's very bad. Maybe the cold weather'll put an end to it." payment for the safe delivery of a son to Golden's head forester. Tangle herself wore armfuls of. "There's the King," Licky said, in a tone that might have been reverence or hatred.. white high-held explosion of unbelievable wings; between them, columns, made not of any. the gardens and the fields beyond them; beyond the fields were the high trees, and the swell of Kembermouth, a walled, prosperous port city. They left the carter to his master's business and. She did not know what he meant, but did not ask, preoccupied: "You say he makes me his reason for you to meet together." round, strong arms, her hard, red hands. The cattleman Alder expected him to stay out in these. without you, I remember... I don't want to go, but I have to go. I don't want to admit that. as one could imagine. I stood in the heavy fetor of their bodies. The lioness kept snorting; "If somebody could talk to her people there, they'd get word to her. Her brother, Littleash, used to conic to the city every year or two." here, Irian, you do us and yourself harm. Everything not in its own place does harm. A note sung.. drank from it eagerly yet warily, as if long unaccustomed to hot soup.. "Yes," Irioth said. "I understand. You are a kind woman." She was talking about him, about his not. After a while she heard the latch rattle. The door opened. An ordinary-looking middle-aged man stood there. "What can I do for you?" he said. He did not smile, but his voice was pleasant.. the earth, reminding the wizards and mages that their power was not theirs, but lent to them.. old, but that was nonsense. He was in his prime. The oldest trees, past bearing, ought to come out. servant now. Yet she herself was untaught, and so enslaved. If wizardry is ill taught by the best.. survived the dark years. Wanting praise, not history, the warlords burnt the books in which the hawk's face, she thought. She held still, listening.. expression. "Emer," he said, and closed his eyes again.. "A school," Ember said. "Where the wise might come to learn from one another, to study the. Speech, which he must not speak. But she only shrugged, with a frowning smile.. against his thigh, dreaming. The cat's dreams came into his mind, in the low fields where he spoke. and then a vehicle shot along, as if cast from a single block of black metal; these vehicles had no.. So he calls it the King. If you find him his King, he'll treat you well. He's often here. Come. were old and uncanny. But in the Isles all books were old and all uncanny, what there was of them.. let a fair wind loose or to capture a contrary one. Maybe it was only for show, but every. get here?" Irian looked down at the ground. After a long time she said, clearing her throat, not looking up.. School, and Halkel discouraged wizards from teaching women anything at all. He specifically. seeping over a wide ledge of rock layered with sheets of mica, and under that ledge was a cavern.. larger than she was, enormously larger. She could reach out one finger and destroy him. He stood. prison shut. The spells were gone, but the people in the tower did not know it, working on under. she slid down in his arms. He tried to keep her head at least from the mud of the track. Her limbs. Irian stepped forward before the Doorkeeper could answer.. full of shame and rage and vengefulness.. frightened. He stood still and looked at the people who came to meet him.. then lit up, as if by a momentary dawn. Farther on, long, low silhouettes sailed past, much like. that would make me trust you?" and he had no answer for her.. "Send him on out to the dairy," said one of Alder's cowboys. "Gift's taking whatever comes." There. "We couldn't hide the wrestle we'd had with him, though we said as little about it as we could. And many there said good riddance, for he'd always been half mad, and now was mad entirely.. pursued him from the east to the west of Enlad in a trail of ruin. On the Plains of Enlad, meeting. But if he lets you in, then from inside you see that the door is entirely different - it's made." And cast wide!" He looked from one to the other again. "I wasn't well taught, in the City of. He still stood there, and she said, "Look at the peaches! They're all ripe. We'll have to eat them. up most of his mind, and most of what we have. So, do you see, put up your money where he won't. boy. He had a sweet singing voice, a true ear, and a love of music, so that his mother, Tuly.. Crow ranted, but at the mere thought that the Book of Names might still exist he was ready to set. "Very good, very good, Medra," said the wizard. "You may call me Father." timid daughter of the younger brother of the Lord of Wayfirth, and took infinite pleasure in. naked white arms and shake her. . . cars, from high up, someone was watching me. I went closer to the edge of the light and saw the. His father had named him

Banner of War. He had come west, leaving all he knew behind him, and had learned his true name from the trees of the Immanent Grove, and become the Patterner of Roke, All this year the patterns of the shadows and the branches and the roots, all the silent language of his forest, had spoken of destruction, of transgression, of all things changed. Now it was upon them, he knew. It had come with her..that of finishing the last bite of a perfectly ripe pear.. "There is a wall," the Herbal said..with women. As I walked by I put my hand, without thinking, into the jet of an illuminated.the boat with better wares than most householders of the Isles were used to seeing, and Tern.She began to laugh; she was convulsed with laughter. Then suddenly she broke off..steady magewind that bore them straight for Roke. Sometimes Early in his white silk robe, holding.In all his flood of talk the only word Gelluk had spoken in the Old Tongue, the language of which.We entered a small bright room. Instead of a ceiling it had long rows of tiny flames, like."Yes, sir. I decided that I don't want to be a wizard.."meeting, she asked him and he told her more, though reluctantly, always partially; he shielded his.He slept till late in the morning and woke as if from illness, weak and placid. She was unable to be afraid of him. She found that he had no memory at all of what had happened in the village, of the other sorcerer, even of the six coppers she had found scattered on the bedcover, which he must have held clenched in his hand all along..Archmage Sparrowhawk had gone among the Hoary Men and come back with that ring -."I know. No, that's something else. I thought that you all. . ."..to the boy that the old man took alarm. Otter had to beg and wheedle him for any further teaching.Hound told his master that they had the hexer in a safe place, and Losen said, "Who was he working."To say?".He looked at her and said nothing.."Keep her quiet," said the young woman, and left him holding the mare's reins in this deserted place. She returned after some time lugging a heavy bucket, and set to sponging off the mare's leg. "Get the saddle off her," she said, and her tone held the unspoken, impatient, "you fool!" Ivory obeyed, half-annoyed by this crude giantess and half-intrigued. She did not put him in mind of a flowering tree at all, but she was in fact beautiful, in a large, fierce way. The mare submitted to her absolutely. When she said, "Move your foot!" the mare moved her foot. The woman wiped her down all over, put the saddle blanket back on her, and made sure she was standing in the sun. "She'll be all right," she said. "There's a gash, but if you'll wash it with warm salt water four or five times a day, it'll heal clean, I'm sorry." She said the last honestly, though grudgingly, as if she still wondered how he could have let his mare stand there to be assaulted, and she looked straight at him for the first time. Her eyes were clear orange-brown, like dark topaz or amber. They were strange eyes, right on a level with his own..They worked and taught in the Great House. They saw it go up stone on stone, every stone steeped.from the concave ceiling seemed practically a glow. I did not know what to do with my hands, so.The hillside in front of him trembled, writhed, and opened. A gash in it deepened, widened. Water sprang up out of it and ran across the wizard's feet..But beyond the rich and the lordly were those called the Men of Power: the wizards. Their power,.not seen him for over a year, having been busy; he was always busy in Gont Port, doing the."You're singing," she said and lightly tugged at me. We walked among the tables and I."Witchery," they said, "sacrilege, defilement"..cool of it rising between his toes. He still like to go barefoot, but no longer enjoyed mud; it.out of horn, with a tree carved on it, and the frame is made out of a tooth, one tooth of a dragon.stuff in the middle was sharply seasoned. I was going to like borses, I decided..stairs and inside. The stewardess led me between the rows of seats to the very front. I hadn't.but had not understood that he loved her beyond anyone and anything. When he was with her, even."So where is it?" Hound said..the edge of the platforms by an unprotected abyss. I drew close to this empty space, as if.mine, shadowy yet distinct: the slave in the high vault of the tower, that woman with empty.man, near eighty now; and he was frightened. He smiled with joy to see Ogion, but he was.how to do it. And she had no share in their wisdom, no part in their decisions. She drew away from.Berry went and fetched his sister, after he had heard Sunbright's tale at the tavern, and San's version of it, and several other versions already current. In the best of them, Otak had towered up ten feet tall and struck Sunbright into a lump of coal with lightning, before foaming at the mouth, turning blue, and collapsing in a heap..creature about. Otter's uncomprehending awe was endearing, as was his uncomprehended strength..The Book of the Dark, written late in the time it tells of, is a compilation of self-contradictory."Why are we wasting time here?" he demanded, as Tern let the bucket down into the well. "Are you.He was gone several days. When he returned, riding in a horse-drawn cart, he had such a look about.At first he had thought Diamond had a knack such as many children had and then lost, a stray spark of magery. When he was a little boy, Golden himself had been able to make his own shadow shine and sparkle. His family had praised him for the trick and made him show it off to visitors; and then when he was seven or eight he had lost the hang of it and never could do it again..why? Why did it blow against them?."Off you go, then," she said, "and leave us to settle this matter of the Rule." Her frown was as fierce as ever, but her voice was seldom as harsh as this when she spoke to him.."How can you cure when you're sick?" she said.."Dirt's easier to keep clean," he said, knowing the struggle already lost. It was true that all.calling themselves Irian. But though the farmers and shepherds went on from season to season and.banners were those of captured towns and isles, and the king was the warlord Losen. Losen never."She walked with the dead, sometimes," Ayo said very low. "In the forest, down towards Faliern..The old Namer came forward and said to the woman on the hill, "Who are you?".to him, "Did you ever hear of Roke Island?".every child's education are taught and learned aloud, passed on down the years from living voice.Still it rankled him that Diamond had let him down flat, without a word of thanks or apology. So.then, because this boy, this soft-headed, spoiled, moony boy had endeared himself to Hemlock by.The young man slept on a pallet under the little west window of Dulse's house for three years. He learned wizardry, fed the chickens, milked the cow. He suggested, once, that Dulse keep goats. He had not said anything for a week or so, a cold, wet week of autumn. He said, "You might keep some goats.".She never went into the Grove without him, and it was many days before he left her alone within it. But one hot afternoon when they came to a glade among a stand of oaks, he said, "I will come

back here, eh?" and walked off with his quick, silent step, lost almost at once in the dappled, shifting depths of the forest.. "What else can you do, Diamond?" he asked..In her bed, in the dark, she lay and thought: He knew the wizard who named me. Or I said my name..had presented me with this situation purely as a theoretical possibility: it occurred to me that this."He lay as if dead, cold, his heart not beating, yet he breathed. The Herbal used all his art, but could not rouse him. "He is dead," he said. "The breath will not leave him, but he is dead." So we mourned him. Then, because here was dismay among us, and all my patterns spoke of change and danger, we met to choose a new Warden of Roke, an Archmage to guide us. And in our council we set the young king in the Summoner's place. To us it seemed right that he should sit among us. Only the Changer spoke against it at first, and then agreed..As for Crow, unable to part with the Book of Names even for a month, he sent for his own books.The voices of the mages talking were like the voices of the stream running. The stream said its.knowledge. She lived all summer under the eaves of the Grove, having no more than a box to keep.From Sesesry on the east coast of Ark where he left his passengers, having danced the Long Dance there, he sailed up the Ebavnor Straits, intending to head west along the south shores of Omer. He kept the illusion spell about his boat. In the brilliant clarity of midsummer, with a north wind blowing, he saw, high and far above the blue strait and the vaguer blue-brown of the land, the long ridges and the weightless dome of Mount Onn..and the dragonlords. Maybe he was a teller or a singer? But no; the murrain, he had said..struggled against it. A man of power had come to heal the cattle, another man of power. But a.of Roke say it didn't happen so, let them tell us how it happened otherwise. For a cloud hangs."Didn't know you were after him. I've been after him a long time. He fooled me." Hound spoke.The summer ended too soon that year. Rain came early; snow fell in autumn even as far south as."I talked to him last night," Golden said. "He said to me that there are certain natural gifts."Oh, sir," she said, and he knew he had done wrong..year to year and generation to generation as solid and steady as the oaks, the family that owned.She was silent for a moment..there was enough, was all..He saw her now more clearly than he had seen her in the tower. He saw her more clearly than he had ever seen anyone. He saw the thin arms, the swollen joints of elbow and wrist, the childish nape of her neck. It was as if she was with him in the room. It was as if she was in him, as if she was him. She looked at him. He saw her look at him. He saw himself through her eyes..thousand years ago..Then for a while he held still, body and mind, beginning to understand for the first time where.execution, in Losen's name, for the crime of conspiracy against the King. There had perhaps not.knew it."

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