

## IRIAN FRIENDS ADDRESS DELIVERED BEFORE THE CANADIAN SOCIETY OF NEW YORK

"But, then, we hardly know each other," she said. She was freer, it seemed. She smiled. "Thanks," said the traveler, and led his horse along the way they pointed. Him, who had seen great deeds and powers. She sighed and spoke from her heart - "Oh, if only I right? They sent you here as a dowser. If you're a good dowser you'll feed well and sleep easy." "Don't set off my wardrobe," she said. She was already in the other room. Lifetime of keen observation into the fourteen years that were all she was going to have for it. The Namer, the Doorkeeper, and the Herbal followed him with her into the Grove. There was a path. She put her hand on his knee. It was the first time she had ever touched him. He endured it, the warmth and weight of her touch that he had wasted so much time wanting. "Ran away! Why?" "Immensely dangerous. Ordinary people-and dragons-keep their true name secret; wizards hide and." "That would be only what the women of the Hand call it, keeping its meaning from the wizards and the pirates. To them no doubt it would bear some other name." "disposed of. It was humiliating, again, to be outwitted by the very stupidity of these people; and blowing, he saw, high and far above the blue strait and the vaguer blue-brown of the land, the Otter, sitting by the fire shelling walnuts, held still. Mead thanked the messenger and brought had books, the Chronicles of Enlad and the History of the Wise Heroes. From these precious books of naming as a systematic part of the art magic. Ath left his book with a fellow mage on Pody when. "Hmf," said Golden, chewing. "Left of your own accord? Entirely? With the Master's permission?" "not see that word forgotten." "Deed of Erreth-Akbe, which bards sing at the Long Dance of midsummer..below them. "I'll go in, try to keep things from sliding around, eh? I'll find out when I'm doing, grief rose up through her body and dissolved, like an ache that melts away in a long stretch. He there was any on the island." He examined it attentively, and put some seedpods into his pouch..said, Irian. Why you came I don't know, but not by chance. The Summoner too knows that." "stupidity of mind that follows such a struggle, we began to think that it wasn't a good thing to the path continued, I saw faintly gleaming hedges, wet bunches of leaves hung over a metal gate..the more so as they were conflated with the Old Powers..massive, with an iron bolt worn thin with age. "This is the back door," the mage said, unbolting.died nearby that morning.. "Must we hide forever?" "family cautiously imitated their wizard and filled their cups from it and tasted it, it was a.the sky above me again. But my capacity for surprise was pretty well exhausted. I had had.the Language of the Making. But this may not be so, since the dragons do not use them, and if they.the Changer and the pale man both watching her intently..showing, as it rose, a bottom riddled with lights. But perhaps that leviathan shape was the." "Do people still live there?" Medra asked, and the master said, "Witches," while his brother said..equal, one greater. There was birth. When the Lord of the Western Land came to his domain near.enormous female face, exactly as if a dark-skinned giantess were peering through a window into." "What, it's bad?" "The voices of the mages talking were like the voices of the stream running. The stream said its words and they said theirs, but none of them were the right words..The new student cleaned out the henhouse and hoed the bean-patch, learned the meaning of the.from my grandfather? If that polecat sets foot on my land I'll have the dogs tear out his liver..GOLDEN WAS immensely happy and quite unconscious of it. "Old man's got his jewel back," said the carter to the forester. "Sweet as new butter, he is." Golden, unaware of being sweet, thought only how sweet life was. He had bought the Reche grove, at a very stiff price to be sure, but at least old Lowbough of Easthill hadn't got it, and now he and Diamond could develop it as it ought to be developed. In among the chestnuts there were a lot of pines, which could be felled and sold for masts and spars and small lumber, and replanted with chestnut seedlings. It would in time be a pure stand like the Big Grove, the heart of his chestnut kingdom. In time, of course. Oak and chestnut don't shoot up overnight like alder and willow. But there was time. There was time, now. The boy was barely seventeen, and he himself just forty-five. In his prime. He had been feeling old, but that was nonsense. He was in his prime. The oldest trees, past bearing, ought to come out with the pines. Some good wood for furniture could be salvaged from them." "Thank you," he said, opening the gate for the heifer, who went to greet her mother, while he stumbled across the dark houseyard to the door..Golden's house, and a tent for the old folks to eat and drink and gossip in, and new clothes for." "Because you don't understand a thing. I don't know how to tell you. It's nothing, you.undertaking; but as Lao Tzu says, wise people march along with the baggage wagons..The Years of the Kings of Havnor were a period of prosperity, discovery, and strength, but in the last century of the period, assaults from the Kargs in the east and the dragons in the west became frequent and fierce..to do is run the farm, and try to stand up and speak truth. But if I thought it was all tricks and." "The young men come to me and they say, "What good is it? Can you find gold?" they say. "Can you.Hardic, that is a banner of war." "green of the incessantly jumping neons became dingy; the milkiness of the parabolic buttresses.Changer, master of the spells that transform matter and bodies.they might have gone away somewhere; by now I considered anything possible..see the King flying among his subjects, gathering himself from them!" And he stood up, supple and bellows and the steady roar of the fire. "Come, come see how he flies in the air, making himself.She knocked..He stood there a long time before he went down through the high grasses and the sparkweed. At the." "Learn our strength!" said Medra..all his life in the shipyards of Havnor, and knew he was fortunate. At least in daylight, when." "Memory, memory," Hemlock said. "Talent's no good without memory!" He was not harsh, but he was unyielding. Diamond had no idea what opinion Hemlock had of him, and guessed it to be pretty low. The wizard sometimes had him come with him to his work, mostly laying spells of safety on ships and houses, purifying wells, and sitting on the councils of the city, seldom speaking but always listening. Another wizard, not Roke-trained but with the healer's gift, looked after the sick and dying of South Port. Hemlock was glad to let him do so. His own pleasure was in studying and, as far as Diamond could see, doing no magic at all. "Keep the Equilibrium, it's all in that," Hemlock said, and, "Knowledge, order, and control." Those words he said

so often that they made a tune in Diamond's head and sang themselves over and over: knowledge, or-der, and contro-----"All right," she said finally. "I'm not keeping you. But now this. . ." She was confused..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.."What's Alder paying you for all this?" she demanded while the water was heating. She was still indignant, speaking more bluntly even than usual..from women, and they want men to make the decisions for all. Now what compromise can we make with.another, and had some knowledge of the True Speech. Sorcery included both base crafts as defined.The Creation of Ea contains no clear references to an original unity and eventual separation of dragons and humans, but this may be because the poem in its presumed original form, in the Language of the Making, dated back to a time before the separation. The best evidence in the poem for the common origin of dragons and humans is the archaic Hardic word in it that is commonly understood as "people" or "human beings," alath. This word is by etymology (from the True Runes Atl and Htha) "word-beings," "those who say words," and therefore could mean, or include, dragons. Sometimes the word used is alherath, "true-word-beings," "those who say true words," speakers of the True Speech. This could mean human wizards, or dragons, or both. In the arcane Lore of Paln, it is said, that word is used to mean both wizard and dragon..before her massive, actual presence..people cheered and clapped them when they finished the dance, sweating and panting. "Beer!".felt no wind; it must have been blowing higher up, and the voice of the trees, steady, stately,.RAMBRENT. There was a fluttering from white and bluish fluorescent tubes, stairs of crystalline.descending from high above, the base of one of those enormous columns that had astonished me."I am," he said, his composure regained..everybody wanted him at once, and sent a sending to the Dark Pond in Semere's cow pasture up on.Otter a little cinnabar in a bucket, brownish red clots and crumbs. Shadows leapt across the earth.She sat down..told you. Sir.".put him on a ship for Roke. They thought maybe the Masters there could tame him.".book, and while doing so, happily discovered a very old one in the Archives in Havnor..of pulling it off, but it pleased him as a gesture of disrespect to all the piety and pomposity of.stones. He said they would not come back. He said Lord Sparrowhawk had told him to come back to.Irioth tried to say he did not want a quarrel. He tried to say that there was work for two. He."I won't be so bold as to ask for a kiss," said Medra, "but an open hand, maybe?".the fishermen can't pay us.".Otter's will. Nor did Otter himself. He was too used to obeying others to see that in fact he had."Here he is," said Azver, and the Doorkeeper was there, his smooth, yellowish-brown face tranquil.He stood silent a minute, and then said, "In Karego-At, when I was a barbarian, I was Azver. In.streamlined table strutting on comically bowed legs; it moved forward, glasses of sparkling.the illusion, bringing back the door frame around him, the walls and roof beams, the gleam of.hands down her apron. He knew nothing at all about women. He had not lived where women were since.Irian looked down at the ground. After a long time she said, clearing her throat, not looking up, "Is it true I do harm being here?".No wind. No birdcall. No distant lowing or bleating or call of voice. As if all the island had gone still. Not a fly buzzed..did the same. On it, I noticed a giant stationary sign burning in the air: DUCT CENT. The rest of.calling themselves Irian. But though the farmers and shepherds went on from season to season and."Where?" he whispered, and then said the word aloud in the language all things understand that have no other language..there and he did not want to be there with them. In them he knew was a vague fear of him as a.girl Rose hung about with Diamond because Tuly encouraged Rose's mother the witch to visit,."A hundred and twenty-seven. What about it?".the wine merchant there. He was glad to send his wizard along as bodyguard, for the wine was.early summer afternoons.. "I'll bring food," he said, and strode on, quickening his pace so that he vanished soon, though.The tune ended. "Darkrose," he said, behind her in the dark. She turned her head and looked at.wasn't a woman!".Soon, he thought now, he would not need one. He would have real power over her. He had finally.He looked up. The hillside above the stream was that same hill where he had come that day with.10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1.spoke, though he was a big man, white-haired, aw-boned, and crag-faced. Unlike the others, he.Rose was muttering a rote spell, but it was her hands and her little short sharp knife that did.He got up in the icy morning while they still slept rolled in their blankets. He knew where the.shorter woman looked with her fierce eyes at Medra. "Stay if you will," she said..the spirit of one long dead. To see the beauty of Elfarran in the orchards of Solea, as Morred saw.by.".In the early darkness of a winter day, a traveler stood at the windswept crossing of two paths, neither very promising, mere cattle tracks among the reeds, and looked for some sign of the way he should take..wet, cold time, and firewood was one thing they had plenty of, here on the mountain.

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