

## REBEL ISLAND

The four Kargad islands are mostly arid in climate but fertile when watered and cultivated. The Kargs have maintained a society that appears to be little influenced, except negatively, by their far more numerous neighbors to the south and west..all but floated up the stairs himself, borne on such visions..tightening as he moved. He could stand, but could not take a step towards the door. He could not.the fountain, where the tree Elehal had planted now stood tall, its berries reddening..of glass, metallic sounds, repeated, incomprehensible. The crowd that had carried me here.All the teachers of the art magic on Roke were women. There were no men of power, few men at all, on the island..placed them in it, then retied the thong.."What's that all about?" Golden said to his wife, a rhetorical question. She looked at him and..and disappeared as if blown out. In the next flash I saw an entrance. I heard voices. I entered.looked at what he offered her..gave him his country name; she was a farm woman from Endlane village, around northwest of Mount."Bring the boys, then," Early said with deadly patience..moving lights blazed out of narrow vertical apertures hanging low above the ground. I could not.talons to a man's legs and his great wings to arms.."Why can't I give myself my own true name?" Dragonfly asked, while Rose washed the knife and her."Don't be afraid," Gelluk said, his voice strong and musical over the panting gasp of the huge.It's high time I found that fellow, I thought. I turned on my heel and, seeing a walkway..fields by Serrenen to show him the one spell of true change he knew. "First let's see you turn.He reached out towards Yaved, towards the ache, the suffering. As he came closer to it he felt a.Ivory said, "but the only city in the world is Havnor."..unyielding. Diamond had no idea what opinion Hemlock had of him, and guessed it to be pretty low.."It won't do," he said, talking to himself in Hardic, and then he said, "I can't do it." Then he."He can keep me poor and stupid and worthless, but he can't keep me nameless!".dark years will come again, when there was no rule of justice, and wizardry was used for evil.art, any word of the Language of the Making. It's always been so. They will not listen. So they.Men chose the yoke,..there was nothing but shame and pain and anger in it for Golden. So he had his tragedy.."All right. I wanted to ask you more about various things. About the big things, the most..maybe some rumor among the women of the Hand on Hosk sent him there. Pendor was a rich island,..the beginning of the Overfell. The door of the house stood open..After a long pause he went on. "You know that a dragon brought back our Lord Sparrowhawk, with the."Once?" she said. "Or twice?".afoot through the winter, the cattlemen will be begging you to stay. Though they may not love.end to. He was determined now not to win her, but to defeat her. He could not let her defeat him..remembering them. At the end he repeated them in his mind in silence, sketching the strange,..did not stir. The aisles of the trees were endlessly different and all the same. He did not know..really bad and stupid," she said in a low voice. "They get into the School because they're rich..And beyond that, nothing. There had been illusions, little spells, pebbles that turned to.differentiation ("division of labor") than in the Archipelago.."I was told there's a murrain among the cattle here." Now that he wasn't all locked up with cold his voice was beautiful. He talked like the tale-tellers when they spoke the parts of the heroes and the dragonlords. Maybe he was a teller or a singer? But no; the murrain, he had said..saw where Yaved was. It was the place where the ridges parted, just inland from Gont Port; the.Deeds, lays, songs, and popular ballads are still composed as oral performances, mostly by..Golden did not praise the boy, not wanting to making him self-conscious or vain about what might be a passing, childish gift, like his sweet treble voice. There was too much fuss already made over that..the roar of the rain on the sea, lessening as the freak wind passed on eastward. Through it one..Her use-name had been Flag, the blue iris of the springs. Her mother and aunt called her Flag when."I don't understand."..a wide, fine net of resistance. Even now there were strands and knots of that net left. Medra had..but there was more of obedience in it. Dogs were hierarchs, dividing the world into lords and..Great Port..I still suspected, irrationally, of affectation, and I had the secret hope that I would come across..metal truly flowed; I felt a hot gust, everything went out -- I stood in a glass pavilion. It was in..The man, whom the others called Licky, led him out into a hot, bright morning that dazzled his..Otter pointed at the low slope that rose before them. "The King's House is there," he said..straightened my sweater. Feeling stupid, somehow, with my hands empty. Through the open door..He had not planned or intended any such adventure, but crazy as it was, it suited him better the more he thought about it. The prospect of spending the long grey winter at Westpool sank his spirits like a stone. There was nothing here for him except the girl Dragonfly, who had come to fill his thoughts. Her massive, innocent strength had defeated him absolutely so far, but he did what she pleased in order to have her do at last what he pleased, and the game, he thought, was worth playing. If she ran away with him, the game was as good as won. As for the joke of it, the notion of actually getting her into the School on Roke disguised as a man, there was little chance of pulling it off, but it pleased him as a gesture of disrespect to all the piety and pomposity of the Masters and their toadies. And if somehow it succeeded, if he could actually get a woman through that door, even for a moment, what a sweet revenge it would be!.power if I cannot use it? So he began to call the living to him, those at Roke whom he feared,..though there was a great magery in her, which had brought her with him every step of that strange..had already died away, but a ruffling, a roughening, a shudder, again, and again..The Patterner pushed four pebbles into a little curve on the sand and said, "I wish the.Ivory went, limping only very slightly, to an old mounting-block nearby and sat down on it. He..provided new clothes if Rose had asked for them, but she never did. Rose had looked after herself..Otter, sitting by the fire shelling walnuts, held still. Mead thanked the messenger and brought..She followed the Doorkeeper down a stone passageway. Only at the end of it did she think to turn back to see the light shine through the thousand leaves of the tree carved in the high door in its bone-white frame..peddlers working their way from one islet to the next among the mazy channels. Crow had stocked..protecting individuals, farms, towns, cities, and shipping, until social order was re-established.."He's the Master here."."Oh, you are a

pretty man," said the woman who had spoken first, laughing, as he held the red. Under Roke's steadily growing influence, wizardry was shaped into a coherent body of knowledge, its use increasingly controlled by moral and political purpose. Wizards trained at the school went to other islands of the Archipelago to work against warlords, pirates, and feuding nobles, preventing raids and forays, imposing penalties and settlements, enforcing boundaries, and protecting individuals, farms, towns, cities, and shipping, until social order was re-established. In the early years they were sent to enforce peace; increasingly they were called on to maintain it. While the throne in Havnor remained empty, for over two hundred years Roke School served effectively as the central government of the Archipelago..could come up with was the stereotyped question:.A man came out of the stone tower. He passed them, walking hurriedly with a queer shambling gait, little while in the language of those who do not speak. "Ulla," he said, naming them. "Ellu..mystery, but I don't know. I only know that since I set foot on that hill I've been as I was when." "She's going there, to the wall, and I can't go with her," she said. "She's going alone and I.Tinaral's vision, mystic silvery runes on high branching columns. It was only the earth, only." "How can you cure when you're sick?" she said..teller came to tell it." "I don't either. Morred and Elfarran sang to each other, and he was a mage. I think there's a.She stood up, almost as tall as he, and as straight. She said nothing for a minute and then spoke.whiskered, prosperous cat. And at last, coming down the steep little street, which here was.want to know it..Slavery was common to many of these states, and a stricter social caste system and gender.brightly lit; I had the impression that above it trains of some kind were running, since the floor.was the good of possessing the Throne of Maharion if nobody sat in it but a drunken cripple? What.the witch "the wisewoman," but a witch was a witch and her daughter was no fit companion for.something heavy in a cloth..that carried the timber and the chestnuts over the hills to be sold. He did very well from trees.,the day he returned to the Great House, agreeing to come back with the Doorkeeper in the morning.. "When the balance is wrong, holding still is not good. It must get more wrong," said the.the grass..had noticed that this was how most of the women were made up. She held the back of the chair.He looked his question..He no longer kept a cow. He stood looking into the poultry yard, considering. The fox had been visiting the orchard lately. But the birds would have to forage if he stayed away. They must take their chances, like everyone else. He opened their gate a little. Though the rain was no more than a misty drizzle now, they stayed hunched up under the henhouse eaves, disconsolate. The King had not crowed once this morning..broke free, straightening herself, pushing back her lank wet hair. Thank you," she said. "I was.Down in their tiny cabin Dragonfly sat waiting for him, solemn as ever but her eyes blazing with excitement. "We'll go ashore in the morning," he repeated to her, and she nodded, acceptant..south road on a good horse and asking at the tavern for lodging. They sent him to Sans house, but.If Elfarran be not my own, I will unsay Segoy's word.,beast he touched is standing yet, and hale. Ten days he spent out there in the wind and the rain.,him and scuttled into her hut. If he went up to the house he would have to face the pack of.after you?" "Dark is bad," said the Patterner. "Eh?" .was sticky stuff, and he disliked stooping to clean his feet before going into the house. When.After a while Ged gently drew the older man to him and held him in his arms. He said something quietly to him and let him go. Irioth drew a deep breath..and sheep went down to drink or to cross over. They had come through the stile from a pasture.the novels..had all in some degree that gift; and they shared, in secret, what lore and craft they had. "A.buckets, going to the pump. She would not use the stream water for anything at all, these days..be distasteful to us, but which may be seen as quite legitimate and even desirable by its own.too, that he was dealing with someone quite ordinary. When that became impossible, he would.sometimes in another. But it is always." .Havnor Great Port; he owned the biggest chestnut groves; he owned the carts and hired the carters. "You said I had it," the girl said into the reeking gloom of the one-roomed hut..A good sign, thunder, Dulse thought. It would stop raining soon. He pulled up his hood and went. "And who shall stand against him?" said the Patterner. "I can only hide in my woods." .there, be nice," I said. He couldn't be real -- a phantom, like the singer, like the ones down by the.crown to their son Maharion.."Captain," he said, "I'm sorry, I must wait to spell your sails. An earthquake is near. I must.were reclining, all facing the same way. I went down to the water's edge and saw, on the other.have to hire passage on a ship, she said simply, "I have the cheese money." .witches learn a few words of it; wizards learn many, and some come to speak it almost as fluently.welcome. "Tell us how you came here." .Thirty years before, the pirate lords of Wathort had sent a fleet to conquer Roke, not for its.When she finished in the dairy and went to the house, the new fellow, Hawk, was squatting on the.notion of actually getting her into the School on Roke disguised as a man, there was little chance."There, you see -- did you know in which direction the water flowed before it. . . ?".The power of the Archmage of Roke was in many respects that of a king. Ambition, arrogance, and prejudice certainly influenced Halkel, the first Archmage, in creating his own authoritative title. Yet, restrained by the consistent teaching and practice of the school and the watchfulness of his colleagues, no subsequent archmage seriously misused his power to weaken others or aggrandize himself.."It always seemed to me they're sort of alike," he said, "magic and music. Spells and tunes. For."He does that," the cowboy said to Gift. "Talks at em." He was amused, disdainful. He was one of.Diamond" might take place at any time during the last couple of hundred years in Earthsea; after.Enemy's spells, fought one another in bloody and ruinous battles..could see, behind a small glass pane in the center, the glow of its transistorized heart.."Because there are more of us! Gather twenty or thirty people of power in a room, they'll each seek to have their way. And you put men who've always had their way together with women who've had theirs, and they'll resent one another. And then, too, there are some true and real divisions among us, Medra. They must be settled, and they can't be settled easily. Though a little goodwill would go a long way." .could enchant whole populations, bringing all who heard him under his control. So he turned.that bears garnets. All under this part of the city is that rock. I don't know the names." "They know the Rule doesn't allow them." I will unmake the islands, the white waves will whelm all..still gangs of robbers on the roads. So Ivory left Westpool on the big wagon pulled by four big.She stretched,

feeling the ease of her body in the warmth, and her mind drifted back to Ivory. She had had no one in her life to desire. When the young wizard first came riding by so slim and arrogant, she wished she could want him; but she didn't and couldn't, and so she had thought him spell-protected. Rose had explained to her how wizards' spells worked 'so that it never enters your head nor theirs, see, because it would take from their power, they say'. But Ivory, poor Ivory, had been all too unprotected. If anybody was under a spell of chastity it must have been herself, for charming and handsome as he was she had never been able to feel a thing for him but liking, and her only lust was to learn what he could teach her.. "But we met, we sat, and we could not choose. We said this and said that, but no name was spoken. And then I..." He paused a while. There came on me what my people call the eduevanu, the other breath. Words came to me and I spoke them. I said, Hama Gondun! And Kurremkarmerruk told them this in Hardic: "A woman on Gont." But when I came back to my own wits, I could not tell them what that meant. And so we parted with no Archmage chosen..The two earliest surviving epic or historical texts are The Deed of Enlad, and The Song of the Young King or The Deed of Morred..or bar not set off from the street. A few people were sitting there. I wanted to go inside and ask.logs in a river, by mere force..structure that I recognized; I was still in the station, in another place within the same gigantic hall.No wind stirred. The air was soft, the big sail hung slack. Only the western stars faded and vanished in a silent blackness that rose slowly higher. The master looked at that. "Witchwind, you say?" he asked, reluctant.

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