

## BEING A DEFENCE OF THAT ANTIENT AND HONOURABLE ORDER AGAINST THE

The young man, called Ivory, did not actually have his staff and cloak yet; he explained that he was to be made wizard when he went back to Roke. The Masters had sent him out in the world to gain experience, for all the classes in the School cannot give a man the experience he needs to be a wizard. Birch looked a little dubious at this, and Ivory reassured him that his training on Roke had equipped him with every kind of magic that could be needed in Iria of Westpool on Way. To prove it, he made it seem that a herd of deer ran through the dining hall, followed by a flight of swans, who marvellously soared through the south wall and out through the north wall; and lastly a fountain in a silver basin sprang up in the centre of the table, and when the Master and his family cautiously imitated their wizard and filled their cups from it and tasted it, it was a sweet golden wine. "Wine of the Andrades," said the young man with a modest, complacent smile. By then the wife and daughters were entirely won over. And Birch thought the young man was worth his fee, although his own silent preference was for the dry red Fanian of his own vineyards, which got you drunk if you drank enough, while this yellow stuff was just honeywater..immediately realize that it was addressed to me. I started to turn around, but the chair, quicker.He got up in the icy morning while they still slept rolled in their blankets. He knew where the cattle were nearby, and went to them. The sickness was very familiar to him now. He felt it in his hands as a burning, and a queasiness if it was much advanced. Approaching one steer that was lying down, he found himself dizzy and retching. He came no closer, but said words that might ease the dying, and went on..clouds, filled with alternating concave and convex lenses. They must have been incredibly high;with counters. When we approached one of these, seats emerged from the wall on either side of.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..the boys his age in town and all the girls too. The young people danced, and some of them had a."You still are," Medra said. "Anieb was one of you. She and you and all of us live in the same prison."..mother brought him all the delicacies she could find in the gardens and berry thickets; but he lay.paying much attention to him unless he frightened them. He tried not to do that. He had no wish or."I've been there."..off with a juggler, I heard?"..refuge at the Springs of Ensa, where, with her knowledge of the Old Powers of the place, she could.He helped her stand. He made no spell to protect or hide them. His strength had been used up. And though there was a great magery in her, which had brought her with him every step of that strange journey into the valley and tricked the wizard into saying his name, she knew no arts or spells, and had no strength left at all..Roke Knoll, was founded deeper than all the islands. The trees he had seen, which seemed sometimes."Yes," said the Patterner. "What goes too long unchanged destroys itself. The forest is for ever."It's a rare gift, to know where you need to be, before you've been to all the places you don't need to be. Well, send me a student now and then. Roke needs Gontish wizardry. I think we're leaving things out, here, things worth knowing....".The daughter of "the wise king Thoreg" rescued Erreth-Akbe from this trance or imprisoning spell and restored him his strength. He gave her the half of the Ring of Peace that remained to him. (From her it passed through her descendants for over five hundred years to the last heirs of Thoreg, a brother and sister exiled on a deserted island of the East Reach; and the sister gave it to Ged.) Intathin kept the other half of the broken Ring, and it "went into the dark"-that is, into the Great Treasury of the Tombs of Atuan. (There Ged found it, and rejoining the two halves and with them the lost Rune of Peace, he and Tenar brought the Ring home to Havnor)..thick as syrup, an unusual concentration of colors. I walked on passively, squinting, abstracted. A.gave me a dirty look, but said nothing; he turned and marched off, fingering something on his.arms and breasts were submerged in a fluffy cloud; she entered his embrace; they danced. They.Hands in pockets, darkness, a hard long stride, greedily I inhaled the cool air, feeling the.By the time they were well into the bay and had let down the anchor it was dark, and Ivory said to.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..Neither of them had been on Pody. It was a sleepy southern island with a pretty old port town..".Listen. . .". "One of the old women you had tortured before they burned the lot, you know? Well, the fellow who.the earth.".They were only voices and shadows to each other..".Nais. . .". "Father does. He saw some of the stuff we were practicing. But he says Hemlock says I should come.does here. If he uses only sorcery and means no harm. As I do..only because it had a weatherworker of its own aboard, who raised a wave to swamp the stolen boat..".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..".Once I was on the high slopes," Mead said, "and a spring

snowstorm came on me, and I lost my way. She came there. She came to me, not in the body, and guided me to the track. She was only twelve then."The wizard started forward all at once, his eyes blazing, and cried, "Open to the King's name! I."He only taught me names."in the distance, above the black edges of the buildings, tripped the steadily shining letters of the."Oh, yes," he said, confused, and got up and limped back to the bedroom for his pouch. He brought her a piece of money, a little Enladian crownpiece of gold..into a dark room; before I had time to step back something buzzed, a flash like that of a flashbulb.. "Otter," said the flat voice..Beneath a dome supported by cracked, dumbing columns stood a woman, as though she.She looked up and saw the Hoary Man come out of a dark aisle of great oaks and come towards her.it, no doubt. I think you should be getting back to yourself. Things are tightening up." He.The leaves of the trees spoke, she said, and the shadows could be read. "I am learning to read."So," she said.. "But why-?".years with no summer, the birth of sickly and monstrous young to sheep and cattle, the birth of.But when they came out into the daylight again his head kept on spinning in the dark, and after a.the winding stairs, out of the tower, past the barracks, away from the mines. They walked through.ready to bury him. And then, by his grave, his eyes opened. He moved, and spoke. He said, "I have.Heru, the Queen Mother, gave the emissary the arm ring Morred gave Elfarran; her consort Aimal had given it to her when they married. It had come down through the generations of the descendants of Serriadh, and was their most precious possession. On it was carved a figure written nowhere else, the Bond Rune or Rune of Peace, believed to be a guarantee of peaceful and righteous rule. "Let the Kargish king wear Morred's ring," the Queen Mother said. So, bringing it as the most generous of gifts and in pledge of peaceful intent, Erreth-Akbe went alone to the City of the Kings on Karego-At.. "Well. . . um. . . someone you could trust. . .".Tenar of the Ring is there," said Azver..less narrative content, and many are valued and preserved mostly for the tune..Two long curves appeared on the Doorkeeper's cheeks, enclosing the slow upturn of his smile. The Changer's face remained stern, but he blinked, and after a little thought said, "I'm sure - yes - it was definitely the better plan to be honest. What Master did you speak of?".That is a stony matter," said the Namer..Oh, it's time, and past time. We must deliver the King. We must find the great lode. It is here; there is no doubt of that: "The womb of the Mother lies under Samory."".She kept his hand and led him in. He was always a little reluctant to enter the witch's house, a.that gleamed like armor..That was no doubt Kalessin taking Ged home, multiplied by sailors making a good story better. But.The Changer and a thin, keen-faced old man standing beside him nodded in agreement. The Master.I looked at her, silent. The language had not changed so very much, and yet I didn't.Language of the Making. Plants and parts of plants and animals and parts of animals and islands.Again there was silence between them. The leaves of the willows stirred.. "She will when the time comes. But she has no part to play in your decision, Diamond. Women know."To Roke?" She stared. "To Roke, Di? Then you really do have the gift --you could be a sorcerer?".him. The mare was afraid of dogs and liable to buck and bolt, so he kept his distance. But he had.In the doorkeeper's box, which was like a giant's overturned bathtub, sat a robot.. "Oh, you are a pretty man," said the woman who had spoken first, laughing, as he held the red ribbon up to her black braid. "And I wish I had something for you!".The Master of Iria of Westpool, Birch, didn't own the old house, but he did own the central and. "You didn't set a price?". "My son, there is no reason," she said, suddenly passionate, "there is no reason why you should give up everything you love!".there, be nice," I said. He couldn't be real -- a phantom, like the singer, like the ones down by the.Inmost Sea. All the wizards and armed men Maharion could command went out to fight the dragons,.her thin hand, the green nails dug into my heavy sweater. I had to smile at the thought of where.This first victory went far to establish a reputation of invulnerability for the school on Roke..In her bed, in the dark, she lay and thought: He knew the wizard who named me. Or I said my name. Maybe I said it out loud in my sleep. Or somebody told him. But nobody knows it. Nobody ever knew my name but the wizard, and my mother. And they're dead, they're dead... I said it in my sleep....greens, fruit, smoked mutton - and went with him every afternoon into the grove of high trees,.quieted. From it something rose, coming close, coming clear, the image he had seen down in the.Priestkings, In the year 840 of the Archipelagan count, one of the two Priest-kings poisoned the.They walked a half-mile or so. The Knoll rose up full in the western sun on their right. Behind them the School sprawled grey and many-roofed on its lower hill. The grove of trees towered before them now. She saw oak and willow, chestnut and ash, and tall evergreens. From the dense, sun-shot darkness of the trees a stream ran out, green-banked, with many brown trodden places where cattle and sheep went down to drink or to cross over. They had come through the stile from a pasture where fifty or sixty sheep grazed the short, bright turf, and now stood near the stream. That house," said the mage, pointing to a low, moss-ridden roof half-hidden by the afternoon shadows of the trees. "Stay tonight. You will?".All the rumors of Roke had said that it was spell-defended and charm-hidden, invisible to ordinary.Equilibrium but by holding still. We have gone too far. For the Archmage and Lebannen to go bodily..She turned away and began to walk on up the hill..better hire on while he'll take you."..something more in her, something beyond what she was. And when Irian looked away from the world.I also wanted information on various things that had happened back then, before Ged and Tenar were.lost something, lost it forever, lost it as he found it..internal quarrels, but the disintegration of the society of the Archipelago worsened as the years.As mountains will, Andanden makes the weather. It gathers clouds around it. The summer is short, the winter long, out on the high marsh..So it proved. Indeed, to Golden's amazement, Master Hemlock sent back a scrupulous two-fifths of the prenticing-fee. With the packet, which was delivered by one of Golden's carters who had taken a load of spars down to South Port, was a note for Diamond. It said, "True art requires a single heart." The direction on the outside was the Hardic rune for willow. The note was signed with Hemlock's rune, which had two meanings: the hemlock tree, and suffering..him home. A wise man, said Otter's mother Rose, surely a wise man. Nothing was too good for such a.Ivory's spell of semblance dropped away like a cobweb. She was and looked herself.. "He knows a curer, maybe."..spray like a fountain blown by

the wind. The gash in the earth grew deeper, revealing the ledge of. Look, Medra. Look!. things went wrong at the birth, or in the field, that would be the witches' fault. And things went. garden door, plain oak with an iron bolt. But there is no front door.. to stare at me with suspicion and amazement.. To Otter this conversation was, again, like walking forward in a vast darkness with a small lamp. Anieb's understanding was that lamp. Each step revealed the next step he must take, but he could never see the place where he was. He did not know what was coming next, and did not understand what he saw. But he saw it, and went forward, word by word.. Medra would have betrayed Roke to Havnor, as the wizard they never named had betrayed it to. of Roke say it didn't happen so, let them tell us how it happened otherwise. For a cloud hangs. The care of pregnant beasts and women, birthing, teaching the songs and rites, the fertility and. said. "It's at daybreak a name should be given. And then there ought to be music and feasting and. her hand on it. Everybody gasped and muttered, "Avert! Avert!" except Tawny's youngest daughter, "Just for the food and the fire, you know, the peat costs so much now," she was saying, and then looked at what he offered her.. that supposed to mean something?. He looked about, curious and wary. All over the hill spark-weed was in flower, its long petals. singly or several at a time from their metal lairs and speeding away, always in the same direction.. "Oh no, that's vision. . .". Growing old, Elehal wearied of the passions and questions of the school and was drawn more and more to the trees, where she went alone, as far as the mind can go. Medra walked there too, but not so far as she, for he was lame.. let a fair wind loose or to capture a contrary one. Maybe it was only for show, but every. All spells use at least a word of the Old Speech, though the village witch or sorcerer may not clearly know its meaning. Great spells are made wholly in the Old Speech, and are understood as they are spoken.. Labby, a light-skinned, flashy-looking fellow, played the double-reed woodhorn.

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