

## SCHOOL OF AWAKE A GIRLS GUIDE TO THE UNIVERSE

she said..After some time, Rose nodded once..with themselves, their life. When they talked to each other it was always about what they were. Whether performed or read silently, all such poems and songs are consciously valued for their. from the wayside and asked the carter for a lift. "I don't know you," the carter said, lifting his. "You're there in the water, together, you and the child. You take away the child-name. People may. I recalled how I had spoken to the lion, "There, there, be nice," convinced that he was only an. earthy taste of the onion was good, and he ate it all..Port, if the Mage Restive will take you on, as I think he will, with my recommendation. But I. at Dulse's request that the wizard had to laugh..with a row of high pointed windows. A group of men stood there, and every one of them turned to. "And we're out of buttons," Tern said. He was cheerful; as soon as he had thought of Pody he knew. "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." .eagerly imparted, had nothing to do with his power or with any true power. Mining and refining. HOUND STAYED IN ENDLANE. He could make a living as a finder there, and he liked the tavern, and Otter's mother's hospitality.. "I was born in Havnor and trained as a shipwright and a sorcerer. I was on a ship bound from Geath to O Port. I was spared alone from drowning, last night, when a witchwind struck." He was silent then. The thought of the ship and the chained men in her swallowed his mind as the black sea had swallowed them. He gasped, as if coming up from drowning..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..name but said only, "mistress." .thinking of going to Roke, to meet with the mages there..When she did so, Alder's wife Tawny and several other people agreed with her that a squabble between sorcerers over work was nothing new and nothing to take on about. But San and his wife and the tavern crew wouldn't let it rest, it being the only thing of interest to talk about for the rest of the winter, except the cattle dying. "Besides," Tawny said, "my man's never averse to paying copper where he thought he might have to pay ivory." "Are the cattle he touched keeping afoot, then?" "So far as we can see, they are. And no new sickenings." "He's a true sorcerer, Tawny," Gift said, very earnest. "I know it." "That's the trouble, love," said Tawny. "And you know it! This is no place for a man like that. Whoever he is, is none of our business, but why did he come here, is what you have to ask." "To cure the beasts," Gift said.. "If I was with you, I could use it." .Hound had taken him, had stood and seen his people beaten senseless, had not stopped the beating..Irian stood silent too, but her hope sank down, replaced by a sense of shame and utter. Hemlock was 10th to practice any of the lesser arts of magic. He did not put out a finding spell, as any sorcerer might have done. Nor did he call to Diamond in any way. He was angry; perhaps he was hurt. He had thought well of the boy, and offered to write the Summoner about him, and then at the first test of character Diamond had broken. "Glass," the wizard muttered. At least this weakness proved he was not dangerous. Some talents were best not left to run wild, but there was no harm in this fellow, no malice. No ambition. "No spine," said Hemlock to the silence of the house. "Let him crawl home to his mother." .father, a sorcerer-pro prospector, over his choice of a teacher; his father had shouted that a student. The Song of the Young King, sung annually at Sunreturn, the festival of the winter solstice, tells the story of Morred, called the Mage-King, the White Enchanter, and the Young King. Morred came of a collateral line of the House of Enlad, inheriting the throne from a cousin; his forebears were wizards, advisers to the kings..sites of concentrated power and sacredness. All were locally feared or venerated; some were known. as beautiful as a flowering tree," said the youngest daughter, Rose, who was busy crowding a. That is not what the otter was thinking as it swam fast down the Yennava. It was not thinking. "Thought you might. As for King Losen," Hound said, "who knows." He sniffed and sighed. "If I was. he fought against but could not shake off. He thought of the Summoner's eyes, and then it was that. and met the witch's hand. They put their arms round each other in a fierce, long embrace. Then. "But I'm not giving you anything." She was surprised..cool. Nearby stood a vacant table. I sat awkwardly, my back to the people, looking out into the. "My son, there is no reason," she said, suddenly passionate, "there is no reason why you should give up everything you love!" .fulfilled. And in Havnor he set his crown on his own head.. "Oh, pretty man," said one of them with a smile, "don't even show us what you have in your pack there, for I haven't a penny of copper or ivory, nor seen one for a month." .to a passage. Here the roof was much lower, just above his head. Water seeped down one wall and. After another long time she said, "Maybe I can learn it here, sir." .Listening to him, Medra thought of how he and Anieb had walked in the dark and rain by the faint glimmer that showed them only the next step they could take, and of how they had looked up to the red ridge of the mountain in the dawn..story of Ged and Tenar had reached its happily-ever-after, I gave the book a subtitle: "The Last. and she put her hand on his forehead. He opened his eyes, looking straight into hers without." "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..Oblivious to all this, Gelluk talked on, following the endless spell of his own enchanting voice..He groaned and scoured his scalp with his knuckles. He was sitting on the dirt in their old play-. hers and smiled at him, a smile so tender and radiant that he said spontaneously, "And may what. "My mastery is here, on Gont," he said, still speaking hardly above a whisper. "My master is. Slavery was common to many of these states, and a stricter social caste system and gender. could not rouse him. "He is dead," he said. "The breath will not leave him, but he is dead." So we. along the oaken banister-rail. "Can you do that coming down?" Golden asked, and Diamond said,. He could eat only in the cell, where they took his gag off. Bread and onions were what they gave him, with a slop of rancid oil on the bread. Hungry as he was every night, when he sat in that room with the spellbonds upon him he could hardly swallow the food. It tasted of metal, of ash. The nights were long and terrible, for the spells

pressed on him, weighed on him, waked him over and over terrified, gasping for breath, and never able to think coherently. It was utterly dark, for he could not make the werelight shine in that room. The day came unspeakably welcome, even though it meant he would have his hands tied behind him and his mouth gagged and a leash buckled round his neck..his true name, by which he is remembered in islands far from Havnor..Early laughed. "I'll be waiting for him," he said; his man's legs turned to yellow talons, his arms to wide feathered wings, and the eagle flew up and off across the wind..were reclining, all facing the same way. I went down to the water's edge and saw, on the other..It circled, searching and searching, and flew back as it had come..Golden did not praise the boy, not wanting to making him self-conscious or vain about what might..Highdrake of Pendor had taught him some of the runes of power. That was known lore. What Ember had..to him, a game to play with Darkrose. Even the names of the True Speech that he had learned in the..witchery. His employment was to sniff Losen's food and drink and garments and women, anything that..the last high note. "I haven't got it right yet," Diamond said, vexed and embarrassed..into the Reaches. The most ancient maps of Earthsea, now in the archives of the palace in Havnor,..the wizard, driven by his visions, forgot to guard himself..and if Otter could learn his name..Roke were originally..."Magic won't die on Roke," said Veil. "On Roke all spells are strong. So said Ath himself. And you have walked under the trees... Our job must be to keep that strength. Hide it, yes. Hoard it, as a young dragon hoards up its fire. And share it. But only here. Pass it on, one to the next, here, where it's safe, and where the great robbers and killers would least look for it, since no one here is of any account. And one day the dragon will come into its strength. If it takes a thousand years..."..She pitied and honoured him. She wanted to warn him of the peril he was in. But no words came to..He looked up. The hillside above the stream was that same hill where he had come that day with Tinaral, Anieb's presence within him. It was only a few steps round it to the scar, the seam, still clear enough under the green grasses of summer..him I'd retire" he said. "I think I'll do that myself.."."Here he is," said Azver, and the Doorkeeper was there, his smooth, yellowish-brown face tranquil as ever.."It is not glass, to break," Azver said. "It is breath, it is fire.."..was fond of children and animals. He liked all beautiful things. It was pleasant to have a young..head, and saw the glow of the city on the clouds. I was surprised, for I had thought that I was..A chill ran through her. The water ran cold. Gathering herself together, her limbs still soft and.."No," she said, "only me... But there's a great deal of seeking and finding to be done in the.."She bled again just now, and I couldn't stop it," Dory said. Tears ran out of her eyes and down..knowing how, I found myself inside -- we were moving. The carriage tore along, the people..to intrude on her solitude, which daunted him as did the strangeness of the Grove itself. The..He sat up, sat still..He stood silent a minute, and then said, "In Karego-At, when I was a barbarian, I was Azver. In.."Oh, yes," he said, confused, and got up and limped back to the bedroom for his pouch. He brought..perceiving the school as a threat to the uncontrolled individual power of the mages, came with a.."Come on then, my love," the young woman said, not to him. The mare followed her trustfully. They..circulating fires; beneath the window, at my approach, a chair emerged from nothing, slid under.."How's that?" she said. "You are. You have to be. Everybody is. What do you say? Shall.."That's something else.."..to board them if they could, and the men I talked to said it was a hard fight just to get away..you off there, I didn't know what all this was for, to tell you the truth. All my business. If..before the staggers begin. And those not struck yet, he says he can keep it off em. So the..Her use-name had been Flag, the blue iris of the springs. Her mother and aunt called her Flag when they spoke of her..the sea turned thick too, so that the oarsmen could barely push the oars through it, and they were..he said this. It was not what he had meant to say..come on one of those traces first in Anieb's village, and had followed them since. But they had..content. There was no reason why he should listen to the litany of anxieties by which Tuly hauled..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..spirits like a stone. There was nothing here for him except the girl Dragonfly, who had come to.."So we must follow her?" the Herbal asked..which rotated slowly, like a record. It was not supported by anything, did not even have an axis..control them wholly. Is that what Thorion does?"..Then he was back in himself, with the fierce hurt in his arm and hip and head, sick and dizzy in the blind blackness. When he moved, he whimpered; but he sat up. I have to live, he thought. I have to remember how to live. How to make light. I have to remember. I have to remember the shadows of the leaves..Requests for permission to make copies of any part of the work should be mailed to the following..rained very hard all the night after, and when Hound thought he had found the boy's tracks, they..was high time to go back and find out what was going on now..Ayo and Mead were much alike, and Otter saw in them what Anieb might have been: a short, slight..that art for a long time..could do..years old, "Why did you have me if you didn't want me?"..novels. Each is a story in its own right, but they will profit by being read after, not before..,in Havnor. They flew north, Erreth-Akbe in pursuit. Over the sea near Taon, Orm turned again and.."You went wrong. You've come back. But you're tired, Irioth, and the way's hard when you go alone.."How clever you are," he said. "Have you found better ore than that patch you found first? Worth the digging and the roasting?".."Where old Early went with the great fleet. I see. Friends there. Well, I know one of the ships is back, because I saw one of her men, down the way, in the tavern. I'll go ask about. Find out if they got to Roke and what happened there. What I can tell you is that it seems old Early is late coming home. Hmn, hmn," he went, pleased with his joke. "Late coming home," he repeated, and got up. He looked at Otter, who was not much to look at. "Rest easy," he said, and went off..to her; and she came..ten days starving in the cold to cure his beasts! San's got nothing but copper, but Alder can pay..were completely dry and clean. Next we ascended a wide escalator. I did not know if this was.."Waris and several other men. And they are men, and they make that important beyond anything else..they are spoken..Morred and Elfarran married, and the poem describes their reign as a brief golden age, the..beneath him. "Let me just open this up," Tern was saying as he spread his pack out on the cobbles..projectiles were not like the one that had brought me in from Luna..When he had done what he

could to warn the city, and seen all the gate-guards and port-guards.dread and hide..the palace of the kings. "A great enemy has gathered against you, south in the Inmost Sea, and we. There was no warmth and no light..darkness of the trees a stream ran out, green-banked, with many brown trodden places where cattle.a while she would begin to have fond thoughts of the cow barn and the mother from whom she still.she must have noticed it..of evening and saw the sky of evening through the branches and leaves of trees. An arched oak root.he said. "And send the ships out of the bay. What is it you feel? How do you feel it?".saw a burly, dark-skinned man and two boys come out and weed one of the vegetable plots. It eased."Go on, Deyala. I'll stay here." The Herbal went off. Azver sat down on the rough bench Irian had made and put against the front wall of the house. He looked upstream at her, crouching motionless on the bank. Sheep in the field between them and the Great House blatted softly. The morning sun was getting hot..few leaves in my mouth and chewed them; they were young, bitter; for the first time since my.dying, and went on..He stopped and felt the dirt under his feet. He was barefoot, as usual. When he was a student on Roke, he had worn shoes. But he had come back home to Gont, to Re Albi, with his wizard's staff, and kicked his shoes off. He stood still and felt the dust and rock of the cliff-top path under his feet, and the cliffs under that, and the roots of the island in the dark under that. In the dark under the waters all islands touched and were one. So his teacher Ard had said, and so his teachers on Roke had said. But this was his island, his rock, dust, dirt. His wizardry grew out of it. "My mastery is here," the boy had said, but it went deeper than mastery. That, perhaps, was something Dulse could teach him: what went deeper than mastery. What he had learned here, on Gont, before he ever went to Roke.. "Of course I'll bring my band," Tarry said, "fat chance I'd miss it! You'll have every tootler in." "In my judgment, you do," he said..made no objection. She turned her long, creamy-white nose and beautiful eyes to look at her rider..at him, but she did not speak again. She fought her death, fought to breathe, while the red light.or another he came at last to Geath in the Ninety Isles..son that had made him not exactly set his eyes higher than the business, but glance above it from.He came through the halls and stone corridors to the inmost place, the marble-paved courtyard of.Six to seven hundred years ago a sky-god religion began to spread across the islands, a development of the worship of the Twin Gods Atwah and Wuluah, originally heroes of a desert saga from Hur-at-Hur. A Sky Father was added as head of the pantheon, and a priestly caste developed to lead the rites. Without suppressing the worship of the Old Powers, the priests of the Twin Gods and the Sky Father began to professionalise religion, managing the rituals and festivals, building increasingly costly temples, and controlling public ceremonies such as marriages, funerals, and the installation of officials..still depths, a colorless, vast emptiness like the clear sky before sunrise.

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