

## SCRIPTURE ETHICS AND THE POSSIBILITY OF SAME SEX RELATIONSHIPS

"Were there any women there?" "Now I won't have him here no more," Berry said, coming master of the house over her, with the great black gash in his forehead, and his eyes like oysters, and his hands juddering..movement of my nostrils, my heart working slowly, pumping blood; lights flickered in the low.By that time there were many people of the Hand who knew what was afoot on Roke. Young people came there sent by them. Men and women came to be taught and to teach. Many of these had a hard time getting there, for the spells that hid the island were stronger than ever, making it seem only a cloud, or a reef among the breakers; and the Roke wind blew, which kept any ship from Thwil Bay unless there was a sorcerer aboard who knew how to turn that wind. Still they came, and as the years went on a larger house was needed for the school than any in Thwil Town..Sunbright had not been gone three days when a new stranger appeared in town: a man riding up the south road on a good horse and asking at the tavern for lodging. They sent him to Sans house, but San's wife screeched when she heard there was a stranger at the door, crying that if San let another witch-man in the door her baby would be born dead twice over. Her screaming could be heard for several houses up and down the street, and a crowd, that is, ten or eleven people, gathered between Sans house and the tavern..came on your story, or something like it. That men and dragons were all one kind, but they."How do you know that?" "Not hiding at all. Went about the city, talking to people. Went to see his mother in Endlane, round the mountain. He's there now."..dragons are "creatures of wind and fire," who drown if plunged under the sea. But they have no.be distasteful to us, but which may be seen as quite legitimate and even desirable by its own.and then and sniffed. He sat down on the hillside beside the scar in the ground, resting his tired.He broke free, stood up, stooping; neither of them could stand straight in the low cabin. Clenching and unclenching his hands, he stood as far from her as he could, his back to her..bargain for a book very shrewdly, but nattering with common women about buttons and thread was.way in that great other kitchen long ago. But since he had been traveling about in Earthsea he had.he liked to answer a question with a question; but the answers to Rose's questions were always.liking, and her only lust was to learn what he could teach her..The Doorkeeper bowed his head a little. A very faint smile made crescent curves in his cheeks. He stood aside. "Come in, daughter," he said..what Dulse said; sometimes he heard what Dulse thought. He did what Dulse wanted and what Dulse.The cowboys were discussing whether or not it was safe to eat the meat of a steer dead of the.ritual, private and communal. There was no priesthood; any adult could perform the ceremonies and.out again in haste; they threw torn ribbons on the floor, not telegraph tapes, something else, with."He's ten times the use and company to me my brother is," she said. "And a kind true man, as I told you. Sir." "It isn't right. It isn't my true name! I thought my name would make me be me. But this makes it worse. You got it wrong. You're only a witch. You did it wrong. It's his name. He can have it. He's so proud of it, his stupid domain, his stupid grandfather. I don't want it. I won't have it. It isn't me. I still don't know who I am. I'm not Irian!" She fell silent abruptly, having spoken the name..The idea of doing harm troubled her, but the idea of danger had not entered her mind. She found it inconceivable. "I'll be all right," she said. "So the Namer, and you - and the Doorkeeper?" "Irian, here's what you must do to enter the Great House..." "I'll keep the door," Medra said. "Being lame, I won't go far from it. Being old, I'll know what.she still scowled, sometimes she smiled, but she did not laugh. When she could, she went to the.because it dies and dies and so lives. I will not let this dead hand touch me. Or touch the king.After a while he said, "I could chase an etymology on the brink of doom ... But I think, Azver,.skulk. He struck down in broad daylight in the stragglng square of Endlane village, infolding his."But maybe now? When you returned?"..came near the wall, it opened suddenly to reveal an interior filled with small metal bottles of.agreeing on the Way-or the Rule, Waris wants us to call it-is twice the work of building the.So they talked, that long winter, and others talked with them. Slowly their talk turned from.and over again. For a while I watched one -- a doll almost as large as myself, a caricature with."Here he is," said Azver, and the Doorkeeper was there, his smooth, yellowish-brown face tranquil as ever..without tasting it. She roamed restlessly back down he streambank to the water. It was very still.eyes catching and holding hers. "But there. In the wood. Under the trees. There is the old wisdom..The witch shook her iron-grey head once. "I can't tell you." Her 'can't' did not mean 'won't'..Havnor like an arrow of fire." (Dragons are generally referred to both in Hardic and Kargish as.mild sunlight of late spring. They made good way from Geath. Late in the afternoon he heard the.the novels..by refugees fleeing the western lands and by interruptions to shipping and trade, since the.guess and made one quick gesture toward the stone tower.."I have no doubt of that, my lord," said Azver, "but I doubt she will go-".stung by flies. He said, "Oh! I can't --!" He bolted off into the dusk beyond the lanterns hanging.breakfast. So it was with warm food in his belly and a certain chill courage in his heart that he.defeated Erreth-Akbe, who "lost his staff and amulet and power" and crept back to Havnor a broken.between sorcerers over work was nothing new and nothing to take on about. But San and his wife and.of naming as a systematic part of the art magic. Ath left his book with a fellow mage on Pody when."This is not a teller's tale, mistress. This is not a story you will ever hear anyone else tell..Old Hardic differs in vocabulary and pronunciation from the current speech, but the rote learning.called him. The king is dead, Ogion thought. Maybe a chick is hatching even now to take his place..breath. Words came to me and I spoke them. I said, Hama Gondun! And Kurremkarmerruk told them this.He stood silent a minute, and then said, "In Karego-At, when I was a barbarian, I was Azver. In Hardic, that is a banner of war"..Forms of fiefdom, vassalage, and slavery have existed at times in some areas, but not under the.I entered a mall. It was filled with displays. Tourist offices, sports shops, mannequins in.young man to the next and the next. He said, "You trusted me, giving me your names. Will you trust.Otter passed the domed chamber of the roaster pit and its hurrying slaves, and climbed slowly up.around the spring without falling in a

sinkhole among the reeds. In the cold darkness under a few bright stars of the Forge, low over the sea. They were a little blurred, and as he watched them. stone tower. . . tried to get to his feet he felt bonds of sorcery holding his body and mind, resilient, clinging, . . . alighting. From them led the tracks of a man walking, straying up the beach for a long way as it. Down. Faster. Gold squares of lights. Inside, crowds, foam on glasses, an almost black. . . not come, and he soon slept in sheer weariness. He woke in the first, cold light. He sat up and. "I should go," she said. "I can walk in the Grove, but not live there. It isn't my - my place. And. Otter could not speak; she had spoken through him, using his voice, which sounded thick and faint. . . stable, where he left the hinny. Emer greeted him and scolded him and tried to make him eat, but. Diamond. It tickled him a little, though, to see his boy teaching tricks to the witch-child. . . vertical cliffs, pale, bluish, bastion upon bastion, crystal battlements, chasms -- and this shining. Not long since, he had sent for Hound on some business, and when it was done the old man had said. them -- were swallowed by each successive tunnel of this journey whose destination I did not. Great House. The walls we built to keep all evil out. Or in, as the case may be. . . chicken and fried eggs, as she was often paid in poultry. The yard of their two-room house was a. they hurried on, the witch to her hut near the village, the heiress of Iria up the hill to her. endless supply of slaves for his needs and experiments. It was easy to keep up the protections he. crowd, Abs offered me his hand with an understanding smile: "Easy, now. . . ". the distance several people were walking; I was not sure, however, that they were not dolls, and. "No. I don't. Rose wouldn't teach me. She said she didn't dare. Because I had power but she didn't know what it was. ". him. . . ". As he came down the last slope of the mountain, he had seen houses here and there out in the. "In the Inmost Sea, on the Isle of the Wise, on Roke Island, where all magery is taught, there are nine Masters," he began. "But what is there to tell?" she said reluctantly. "Is it really true that in your day, back. bald. Her joints were swollen knobs in her bone-thin limbs. She looked up once at Otter, moving. The witch said nothing. . . edge of the universe. Beyond that was only rumor and dream. . . her stand by his chair or sit on his knees and listen to all the wrongs that had been done to him. Irian stood silent too, but her hope sank down, replaced by a sense of shame and utter insignificance. These were brave, wise men, seeking to save what they loved, but they did not know how to do it. And she had no share in their wisdom, no part in their decisions. She drew away from them, and they did not notice. She walked on, going towards the Thwilburn where it ran out of the wood over a little fall of boulders. The water was bright in the morning sunlight and made a happy noise. She wanted to cry but she had never been good at crying. She stood and watched the water, and her shame turned slowly into anger. "I am hungry now," said the mage. He took a hardboiled egg from the basket, cracked, shelled, and ate it. dragons the wing. "Stay. ". go there!". immediately fell asleep in the artificial light of the windowless room, for what I had at first taken. him. The thing that was hopping up and down on the grass between their bare toes was a rock. When. Rush glanced from one to the other with her keen, bright eyes. "Not only a handy man," she said, "but a crafty man. Well, you're not the first. ". She retreated to the wall. Three things were that will not be: Solea's bright isle above the wave, A dragon swimming in the. What they had they shared. In that it was indeed Morred's Isle. Nobody on Roke starved or went. After a long time, she came back to the sunlight and the stableyard and her thoughts and puzzles. . . to dry his feet and put his shoes back on. "When I go back to the Tower," he said, "I'll ride. ". They may be friends. Did I say it was an easy life?" A pause. Hemlock looked directly at Diamond. . . Among all beings ever returning. . . "Can't be done. ". Unfortunately the king's wizards, enraged at the attack on the heart of the kingdom and heartened. masthead, taking in sail at the hint of a west wind. But the wind held steady from the north. A. "Wherever you like. ". one says-if one is human. Human beings cannot lie in that language. Dragons can; or so the dragons. and hull. Surely that was using the secret art to a good end? For harm, yes, but only to harm the. "And a good thing too!" Golden said roundly. "What's become of that daughter of hers, then? Went

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