

## **S OF GERVASE OF CANTERBURY THE CHRONICLE OF THE REIGNS OF STEPHEN**

were performing the same scene over and over again, and I would have liked to stop and see what."I'll stay if you want, Elehal." "Father, I don't want a party," Diamond said and stood up, shivering his muscles like a horse. He was bigger than Golden now, and when he moved abruptly it was startling. "I'll go to Easthill," he said, and left the room..with them. "You and the cheese money will get along nicely."..Mostly the pupil was supposed to be with the Master, or studying the lists of names in the room."That's a formality. We senior sorcerers may carry a staff when we're on Roke's business. Which I.He came back in the evening, lamer than ever, for of course San had walked him clear out into the Long Fields where most of his beeves were. Nobody had horses but Alder, and they were for his cowboys. She gave her guest a basin of hot water and a clean towel for his poor feet, and then thought to ask him if he might want a bath, which he did. They heated the water and filled the old tub, and she went into her room while he had his bath on the hearth. When she came out it was all cleared away and wiped up, the towels hung before the fire. She'd never known a man to look after things like that, and who would have expected it of a rich man? Wouldn't he have servants, where he came from? But he was no more trouble than the cat. He washed his own clothes, even his bedsheet, had it done and hung out one sunny day before she knew what he was doing. "You needn't do that, sir, I'll do your things with mine," she said..Berry ducked his head and muttered. His eyes were dull. It seemed to Irioth that the man had been poisoned. When Berry went out again, the woman came closer and said, resolute, in a low voice, "There's no harm in him but the drink, but there's not much left of him but the drink. It's eaten up most of his mind, and most of what we have. So, do you see, put up your money where he won't see it, if you don't mind, sir. He won't come looking for it. But if he saw it, he'd take it. He often doesn't know what he's doing, do you see."..A millennium and a half ago or more, the runes of Hardic were developed so as to permit narrative.deceiving his parents, he couldn't resist this knowledge, and the kindness and praise of his poor.he served well and honestly, deserved honor and respect. But there were also lesser lords whom.Profoundly disturbing moral choices are sanitized, made cute, made safe. The passionately."But you do have a talent."..flashed a sign: HERE HAAAAHA. It disappeared. I went toward it. Again the HERE HAAAAHA lit up.of Atuan, the Terrenon, the Lips of Paor, and many other places, may be coeval with the world.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..She came to the door and muttered some kind of greeting. They daunted her, these Masters of Roke, and also their presence meant that the peaceful time was over, the days of walking in the silent summer forest with the Patterner. That had come to an end last night. She knew it, but she did not want to know it.."I think I've found my little finder," said Gelluk. His voice was deep and soft, like the notes of a viol. "Sleeping in the sunshine, like one whose work has been well done. So you've sent them digging for the Red Mother, have you? Did you know the Red Mother before you came here? Are you a courtier of the King? Here, now, there's no need for ropes and knots." Where he stood, with a flick of his finger, he untied Otter's wrists, and the gagging kerchief fell loose..Otter was slow to recover, to heal. The bonesetter did what he could about his broken arm and his.autumn were a misery to her. But as time went on and she heard him spoken of as Diamond the sweet.A chill ran through her. The water ran cold. Gathering herself together, her limbs still soft and.The True Runes used in the Archipelago embody words of the Speech of the Making. True Runes are.boat-builder of Thwil, who had taught herself her trade and welcomed his skill. Veil put no."What, to send them back into death?" the Namer said, and the Patterner, "Who is to say what is.of Roke say it didn't happen so, let them tell us how it happened otherwise. For a cloud hangs."You take care," the witch said, grim. "Everything's perilous, right enough, and meddling with wizards most of all."..I doubt it," Diamond said..to say to those who come. Being a finder, I'll find out if they belong here."..weatherworker had a bag, a great long sack or a little pouch..was hurt. He had thought well of the boy, and offered to write the Summoner about him, and then at."Oh, yes," he said, confused, and got up and limped back to the bedroom for his pouch. He brought."Was that the Archmage? Truly?"..through the sharp-edged reeds and tangling roots, and found their way back to the lane. And there.become himself. A magic greater than his own prevailed here..authority except the King in Havnor..careful hand. Her eyes, amber brown like the water of the Thwilburn in shadow, had looked at."A nose, now, is a useful thing, a salable thing," Hound went on. "Not that I'm looking for.I looked at her. She was quite serious. Well, yes, how was she to know? I shrugged..Archipelago, the lore of the Old Powers was still part of the profound, common basis of thought.After a long pause he went on. "You know that a dragon brought back our Lord Sparrowhawk, with the young king, from the shores of death. Then the dragon carried Sparrowhawk away to his home, for his power was gone, he was not a mage. So presently the Masters of Roke met to choose a new Archmage, here, in the Grove, as always. But not as always..Patterner put it, "bigger inside than outside'. She sat down in a patch of sun-dappled shade and.He helped her stand. He made no spell to protect or hide them. His strength had been used up. And.darkness over a glittering roof. Under the roof is the House of the King. The roof stands high.counsel the king and take counsel together, using their arts to pursue goals they agreed were.undertaking; but as Lao Tzu says, wise people march along with the baggage wagons..Shaken by the intensity of that will, Tern straightened up and drew a deep breath. He looked round at the girl, Dory. She did not return his gaze, watching her mother with stolid, sullen grief. Only after the woman sank into sleep did Dory move, going to help Rush, who as a friend and neighbor had made herself useful and was gathering up blood-soaked cloths scattered by the bed..continuously by hundreds of feet on the floor above; the all-embracing roar now swelled, now.The hillside in front of him trembled, writhed, and opened. A gash in it deepened, widened. Water sprang up out of it and ran across the wizard's feet..Tell me what it is, this bet. . . or whatever."..through long-disused levels, yet the wizard seemed

to know every step, or perhaps he did not know. finally beginning to understand who was the master, who the slave..Songs, all of which began as sung or spoken texts, were written down and preserved as texts. They.under my breath and took the cup. She poured herself a drink from the second bottle. This liquid.said, turning suddenly. The big, white-haired man, Kurremkarmerruk the Namer, was standing just.He met there a mage, an old man called Highdrake, whose true name has been lost. When Highdrake heard the tale of Morred's Isle he smiled and looked sad and shook his head. "Not here," he said. "Not this. The Lords of Pendor are good men. They remember the kings. They don't seek war or plunder. But they send their sons west dragon hunting. In sport. As if the dragons of the West Reach were ducks or geese for the killing! No good will come of that.".As he walked he thought; he thought hard; he recalled. He recalled all he could of matters his teacher had spoken of once only and long ago. Strange matters, so strange he had never known if they were true wizardry or mere witchery, as they said on Roke. Matters he certainly had never heard about on Roke, nor did he ever speak about them there, maybe fearing the Masters would despise him for taking such things seriously, maybe knowing they would not understand them, because they were Gontish matters, truths of Gont. They were not written even in Ard's lore-books, that had come down from the Great Mage Ennas of Perregal. They were all word of mouth. They were home truths..hellhounds and probably a drunk old man. But it was worth the chance, he thought; he was bored out.trembling, like a hound that wants to chase but cannot find the scent. He was at a loss. There was.doubt in the back room; he paid them no attention. "Hound," he thought. He spoke the summoning..and cruelty. I look at the world, at the forests and the mountain here, the sky, and it's all.the cattlemen were coming to think well of him. Of course they would grab at any promise of help..her mother, whom nobody knew or honoured or was true to, except herself..communities from drought, plague, invaders, dragons, and the unscrupulous use of their art..Otter crouched as always in the uneasy oppression of the spellbond. He drank thirstily. The sharp.eyebrow, sometimes it seemed to be in her right, but always one eye looked straight and the other.Very slowly they made him understand that one of the women was Anieb's mother, and that he should.become them to guide them, but he could not hurry. There was on him the bewilderment of any.again. A great, desolate anger swelled up in him. There was no good, no good in anything.. "Your Rose is a wise flower," said the mage, unsmiling.. "Spoken like a man," said Veil with her gentle, wounded smile.. "Why not? I can tell you. There were twenty-three of us altogether, on two ships. The.but eventful six years that Ged was Archmage of Earthsea. And the last story, "Dragonfly," which."She's Irian of Westpool's mare. You're the wizard, then?".After a long time the door opened and several men came in. He could do nothing against them as.was gone, and there was nothing there but the woman standing on the hill path and the tall man.enemy, he had one such group investigated. They turned out to be a lot of old women, midwives,.the boys his age in town and all the girls too. The young people danced, and some of them had a."You're a curer?".people cheered and clapped them when they finished the dance, sweating and panting. "Beer!". "I am not a witch," she said. Her voice sounded high, metallic, after the men's deep voices. "I have no art. No knowledge. I came to learn.".they gagged him and bound his arms behind him. "Now you won't weave charms nor speak spells.. "Do wizards have no family?".Speech means Willow. "I don't entirely understand it. I think you don't understand it at all. Take."And you feel nothing?".They brought him one boy. The other had jumped from the ship, crossing Havnor Bay, and been killed by a crossbow quarrel. The boy they brought was in such a paroxysm of terror that even Early was disgusted by him. How could he frighten a creature already blind and beshatten with fear? He set a binding spell on the boy that held him upright and immobile as a stone statue, and left him so for a night and a day. Now and then he talked to the statue, telling it that it was a clever lad and might make a good prentice, here in the palace. Maybe he could go to Roke after all, for Early was thinking of going to Roke, to meet with the mages there..The Windkey stood silent, but the group of men muttered, angry, and some of them moved forward..Not much mixing of the Kargish and Archipelagan skin-color types has taken place except on Osskil, since the North Reach is isolated and thinly populated, and the Kargad people have held themselves apart from and often in enmity towards the Archipelagans for two or three millennia.. "Don't set off my wardrobe," she said. She was already in the other room..wizard's fiery visions, with her. Over and over he saw the wizard fall.. saw the earth close. He..There were only dragons, to begin with. They found the tooth on Mount Onn, in Havnor, at the."All wrong.".She broke off. I knew what she wanted to say. I remained silent..Several times, all of a sudden, in the daytime, there had been a moment when she had known him.The boy's drop-jawed stare irritated Hemlock, though he knew it shouldn't. Wizards are used to.and his feet ached with the icy damp of the marsh paths.. "The wizard let you visit home?".Otter's mother's hospitality..Otter, sitting by the fire shelling walnuts, held still. Mead thanked the messenger and brought him in for a cup of water and a handful of shelled nuts. She and Ayo chatted with him about his wife. When he had gone she turned to Otter.. "Some flurries," he said. She got a good look at him now in the light of lamp and fire. He was not.only transparent, as if molded in glass, even the seats were like glass, though soft. Without.chased and fought one another across the Straits and the wizard-troubled sea..The ship's weatherworker came aboard just before they sailed, no Roke wizard but a weatherbeaten fellow in a worn sea-cloak. Ivory flourished his staff a little in greeting him. The sorcerer looked him up and down and said, "One man works weather on this ship. If it's not me, I'm off.".betrayed..still the station but preferred not to ask. She led me to a small cabin inside a wall, not very.lands of the Inmost Sea. What he sought might be there. So he went as a weatherworker on the.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..been a hundred years ago. He came back unsuccessful and embittered and spent his age drinking the. into silence; only she stamped her small left front foot now and then, and sighed.. "Something toxic, you understand. Strong. Alcohol. . . or don't they drink it any more?". chair, worn but good, strong shoes, and a pair of knit wool stockings to go with them. He put the. "He drinks because he drinks," she said. "With some, that's all it is. I'll be in the dairy, now..what Dulse said; sometimes he heard what Dulse thought. He did what Dulse wanted and what Dulse. Summoner, in the Language of the Making, the tongue the dragons speak..Fiction..Medra nodded..you off there, I didn't know what all this was for, to tell you the truth. All my business. If."Come to the fire," she said. Irioth came and sat down on the settle..background of parabolic inclines, that they had no wheels, windows, or doors. Streamlined, like.Imagination like all living things lives now, and it lives with, from, on true change. Like all we.the hermetically sealed interior, the shadows swam evenly across the ceiling -- it might have been.He reached out towards Yaved, towards the ache, the suffering. As he came closer to it he felt a great strength flow into him from the west, as if Silence had taken him by the hand after all. Through that link he could send his own strength, the Mountain's strength, to help. I didn't tell him I wasn't coming back, he thought, his last words in Hardic, his last grief, for he was in the bones of the mountain now. He knew the arteries of fire, and the beat of the great heart. He knew what to do. It was in no tongue of man that he said, "Be quiet, be easy. There now, there. Hold fast. So, there. We can be easy."..land beneath it reaching to the south. I remembered my geography lessons when I was a boy at Roke.,their camping place he saw the four stars of the Forge come out above the western hills.

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