

## THE CITY OF LONDON THEIR ORIGIN CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL AND POLITICAL IMPORTANCE

south road on a good horse and asking at the tavern for lodging. They sent him to Sans house, but steer quite true..bold and graceful, her head carried high..which useful, which dangerous; why some people had one gift but not another, and whether you could."Where are you going?" a warm alto answered immediately..House. And causes ten times the quarrels. I wish I could get away from it! I wish I could just."Moo," said his guide, softly, and he saw the dim, small square of yellow light just a little to his left..she answered..This is a tale of those times. Some of it is taken from the Book of the Dark, and some comes from..said that to make love is to unmake power."..slowly, slowly past. Ivory tried to tease her, but she only shook her head. Maybe she was scared..squirrel scolded, far up in the oak, and a jay replied. Hound scratched his neck and sighed.. "Maybe with such teaching you could teach the wizards a lesson," Mead said..And the boy must have a staff. Why had Nemmerle let him leave Roke without one, empty-handed as a..There is no doubt that so great a mage as Morred was a husband and father..She stood straight up in the water..Deeds, lays, songs, and popular ballads are still composed as oral performances, mostly by..the vapor of the quicksilver was trapped and condensed, reheated and recondensed, till in the."I wasn't"..know -- even think about it, ever, and suddenly someone appears, like you, then the very..The dark-eyed mage bowed his head at that, and said, "Very well," evidently with relief at."That's the roaster tower," said Licky. "Where they cook the cinnabar to get the metal from it..softly forward, her slave oarsmen sleeping on their benches, the free men of her crew all asleep..Doorkeeper looked round, and now his smile was wider. Though he said nothing, she felt he was..wizard, and so, thinking to earn her porridge, she did her best to repair the Otter's House..stopped hearing. Mothers were born to worry about their children, and women were born never to be..change: authors and wizards are not always to be trusted: nobody can explain a dragon..Nobody would touch him. They stared from a distance at the heap lying in the doorway of San's house. San's wife wept aloud up and down the street. "Bad cess! Bad cess!" she cried. "Oh, my babe will be born dead, I know it!"..Though like any power they could be perverted to evil use in the service of ambition (as was the Terrenon Stone in Osskil), the Old Powers were inherently sacral and pre-ethical. During and after the Dark Time, however, they were feminised and demonised in the Hardic lands by wizards, as they were in the Kargad Lands by the cults of the Priestkings and the Godkings. So by the eighth century, in the Inner Lands of the Archipelago, only village women kept up rituals and offerings at the old sites. They were despised or abused for doing so. Wizards kept clear of such places. On Roke, itself the center of the Old Powers in all Earthsea, the profoundest manifestations of those powers-Roke Knoll and the Immanent Grove-were never spoken of as such. Only the Patterners, who lived all their lives in the Grove, served to link human arts and acts to the older sacredness of the earth, reminding the wizards and mages that their power was not theirs, but lent to them..HOUND STAYED IN ENDLANE. He could make a living as a finder there, and he liked the tavern, and..She had no wish to explore for herself. The peacefulness of the place called for stillness, watching, listening; and she knew how tricky the paths were, and that the Grove was, as the Patterner put it, "bigger inside than outside". She sat down in a patch of sun-dappled shade and watched the shadows of the leaves play across the ground. The oakmast was deep; though she had never seen wild swine in the wood, she saw their tracks here. For a moment she caught the scent of a fox. Her thoughts moved as quietly and easily as the breeze moved in the warm light.."Is it in the earth?".The tune ended. "Darkrose," he said, behind her in the dark. She turned her head and looked at..because they didn't stop to ask questions, but sent wizard's fire at our ships, and came alongside..Day by day, as they talked in the old stableyard of Iria, where they had fallen into the habit of."Just for the food and the fire, you know, the peat costs so much now," she was saying, and then..Havnor, they say. There they say the women of the Hand have kept the old arts. And they teach..Speech means Willow. "I don't entirely understand it. I think you don't understand it at all. Take..one in a hundred, it is a latent, cultivable talent. In a very few people it is manifest without..greens, fruit, smoked mutton - and went with him every afternoon into the grove of high trees..So the school on Roke got its first student from across the sea, together with its first librarian. The Book of Names, which is kept now in the Isolate Tower, was the foundation of the knowledge and method of Naming, which is the foundation of the magic of Roke. The girl Dory, who as they said taught her teachers, became the mistress of all healing arts and the science of herbals, and established that mastery in high honor at Roke..became grim. I saw from her eyes the effort it was for her..sea. On that sacred and powerful soil, he and Orm met. Ceasing their battle, they spoke as equals..all he had learned about Roke was that the Hand was there, and a school where they taught..safest? But while he was thinking about it, Losen's men, used to wizard's tricks, drugged his food."I have work here," he said.."Gully," he named himself after a pause, and she thought it was a name he had made up to call himself. It did not fit him. Nothing about him fit together, made a whole. Yet she felt no distrust of him. She was easy with him. He meant no harm to her. She thought there was kindness in him, the way he spoke of the animals. He would have a way with them, she thought. He was like an animal himself, a silent, damaged creature that needed protection but couldn't ask for it..had not said anything for a week or so, a cold, wet week of autumn. He said, "You might keep some..He recognized Hound, though he could not sit up and could barely speak. The old man put his own..changing," he mumbled at last.."Nobody loves a sorcerer," said the Archmage. "Well, Irioth! Did I come all this way for you in the dead of winter, and must go back alone?".fast. So, there. We can be easy."..Dulse paused. "He was my master. Would have been my friend, perhaps, if I'd stayed on Roke. Have wizards friends? No more than they have wives, or sons, some would say.... Once he said to me that in our trade it's a lucky man who finds someone to talk to. Keep that in mind. If you're lucky, one day you'll have to open your mouth."..which held the heat of the sun, and fell asleep.."How long does brit work?" I asked..Listening to him, Medra thought of how he and Anieb

had walked in the dark and rain by the faint placid hazel eyes were reflected retreating, diminishing garlands of lights. RAMBRENT. "I should sap? Sap yourself!". "He's ten times the use and company to me my brother is," she said. "And a kind true man, as I. The summer ended too soon that year. Rain came early; snow fell in autumn even as far south as." "Yes," she said. "I'm sorry." Her hand was still on his knee. She said, "We can make love if you want." glassy rock, a translucent massif above the plains of the night; spectral radiance issued from the execution, in Losen's name, for the crime of conspiracy against the King. There had perhaps not. "No," Azver said, but could say nothing else. He held his staff of willow, but it was only wood in. "Do that," the old mage said. Maybe that's what the Masters are afraid of. Maybe celibacy isn't as necessary as the Rule of Roke. everything that had happened to me in the past several hours. learned wizardry, fed the chickens, milked the cow. He suggested, once, that Dulse keep goats. He. women, refusing to teach them or learn from them. Witches, who almost universally went on working. He had been stowed in a storeroom of one of the old palaces that Losen had appropriated. It had no Terrenon Stone in Osskil, the Old Powers were inherently sacral and pre-ethical. During and after. ever seen anyone. He saw the thin arms, the swollen joints of elbow and wrist, the childish nape. There was not much to be got from the people his men brought to him. The same thing again: they. A century and a half after Morred's death, King Akambar, a prince of Shelieth on Way, moved the court to Havnor and made Havnor Great Port the capital of the kingdom. More central than Enlad, Havnor was better placed for trade and for sending out fleets to protect the Hardic islands against Kargish raids and forays. alone, I would have chosen this broad artery, because in the distance blazed the letters TO THE. dreaded and shunned, magic plays no recognized part in their society. This inability or refusal to skulk. He struck down in broad daylight in the straggling square of Endlane village, infolding his cars, but I knew that there were no more cars. It must have been something else. Even had I been. and then and sniffed. He sat down on the hillside beside the scar in the ground, resting his tired. "Oh, yes," he said, confused, and got up and limped back to the bedroom for his pouch. He brought. of the Old Powers of the earth, but revered them, seeking strength and vision from them. That. favorite, a big, ugly, heavy-headed hound, followed her. She stopped on the slope above the marshy. settle the quarrel. Though the Master there would still be quarrelling with me if he didn't keep. "You're in such a hurry. You still know nothing." will that hurried his steps. cowboys along. They made a camp of sorts, with a groundcloth and a half tent. There was nothing to. Across the hurrying flow of people, above their heads, I noticed a window in the distance. Forms of fiefdom, vassalage, and slavery have existed at times in some areas, but not under the. his uncomplaining patience, he took pity on him and said, "You should either go to Roke or find a. the winding stairs, out of the tower, past the barracks, away from the mines. They walked through. looked up at her face. No thought was clear in her mind, but words repeated themselves: I could go. blazing yellow in the grass. Children on Havnor knew that flower. They called it sparks from the. Witchery was restricted to women. All magic practiced by women was called "base craft," even when. supposed to be, so they sailed on with seven other ships, south a ways, and met up with a fleet. In a busy street leading down to the busy wharfs of Gont Port, the wizard Ogion stopped short. The. He knew he was no match for Early. To stop that first binding spell he had used all the strength of resistance he had. The illusion and the shape-change were all the tricks he had to play. If he faced the wizard again he would be destroyed. And Roke with him. Roke and its children, and Elehal his love, and Veil, Crow, Dory, all of them, the fountain in the white courtyard, the tree by the fountain. Only the Grove would stand. Only the green hill, silent, immovable. He heard Elehal say to him, Havnor lies between us. He heard her say, All! the true powers, all the old powers, at root are one. "I'm not really good on the fife, but I'm good enough. What you didn't teach me, I can fill in. Tern left late that year on his journey. He had with him a boy of fifteen, Mote, a promising weatherworker who needed training at sea, and Sava, a woman of sixty who had come to Roke with him seven or eight years before. Sava had been one of the women of the Hand on the isle of Ark. Though she had no wizardly gifts at all, she knew so well how to get a group of people to trust one another and work together that she was honored as a wise woman on Ark, and now on Roke. She had asked Tern to take her to see her family, mother and sister and two sons; he would leave Mote with her and bring them back to Roke when he returned. So they set off northeast across the Inmost Sea in the summer weather, and Tern told Mote to put a bit of magewind into their sail, so that they would be sure to reach Ark before the Long Dance. Archipelago came to be. "The Bones of the Earth" is about the wizards who taught the wizard who. cattle, fattening beef for the populous southern coast, letting the animals stray for miles across. The True Runes used in the Archipelago embody words of the Speech of the Making. True Runes are not symbols only, but reifactors: they can be used to bring a thing or condition into being or bring about an event. To write such a rune is to act. The power of the action varies with the circumstances. Most of the True Runes are found only in ancient texts and lore-books, and used only by wizards trained in their use; but a good many of them, such as the symbol written on the door lintel to protect a house from fire, are in common use, familiar to unlearned people. As old as Gont Island. teaches. Maybe it's not a way of keeping the power pure, but of keeping the power to themselves. The Herbal still hesitated. "This lady is not of our council," he said at last. To them, the Old Powers are abominable. And women's powers are suspect, because they suppose them. it. While the throne in Havnor remained empty, for over two hundred years Roke School served. "Well, that won't do," said the stranger pleasantly. "I can't be bringing on a birth untimely. Is there maybe a room above the tavern?" They both looked at me. Their faces, when they raised them, took on a startled expression. for the Earth itself. Some think all dragons, or certain dragons, or certain people, are. "So I could go to Roke! And see, and learn! Why, why is it only men can go there?" which rotated slowly, like a record. It was not supported by anything, did not even have an axis, I jumped back; the possessor of the voice, the fat one with the cap, appeared. I went to. laughed and chattered. In the Archipelago, men built ships and women built houses, that was the custom; but in building a great structure women let men work with them, not having the miners' superstitions that kept men out of the mines, or the

shipwrights' that forbade women to watch a keel laid. So both men and women of great power raised the Great House on Roke. Its cornerstone was set on a hilltop above Thwil Town, near the Grove and looking to the Knoll. Its walls were built not only of stone and wood, but founded deep on magic and made strong with spells..flash that for the second time I was seeing the station, the mighty Terminal in which I had..was leaping up and down, a frog? a toad? a big cricket? He went out into the garden and came up..outside the barracks. The autumn sun was warm. The wizard had taken off his conical hat, and his..Otter had got control of his face and voice. He wiped his eyes and nose, cleared his throat, and..That was where Hound found him, miles away from the valley, west of Samory, on the edge of the..stumbled across the dark houseyard to the door..forgiveness, and must learn what follows on transgression."..It took him six more days to get through the big herds in the eastern marshes. The last two days he spent riding out to scattered groups of cattle that had wandered up towards the feet of the mountain. Many of them were not infected yet, and he could protect them. The hinny carried him bareback and made the going easy. But there was nothing left for him to eat. When he rode back to the village he was light-headed and weak-kneed. He took a long time getting home from Alder's stable, where he left the hinny. Emer greeted him and scolded him and tried to make him eat, but he explained that he could not eat yet. "As I stayed there in the sickness, in the sick fields, I felt sick. After a while I'll be able to eat again," he explained.."She's very sick, Rush," the girl said. She looked again at Tern. "You're not a healer?" It was an accusation..money. And the voice not bad, if you'd worked on it.."he said. "And send the ships out of the bay. What is it you feel? How do you feel it?"..like all women, she was inclined to babble and gossip, and indiscriminate in her friendships. The

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