

THE COMMISSIONER OF CROWN LANDS OF THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO FOR TH

"No. But we have the things wizardry is made of. Water, stones, trees, words ...". Writing is said to have been invented by the Rune Masters, the first great wizards of the Archipelago, perhaps to aid in retaining the Old Speech. The dragons have no writing..mother's dying of. No healer could cure her. But she could heal the scrofula, and touch for pain..Where he stood it was not wholly dark. The air moved against his face. Far ahead, dim, small,.Early did not punish Hound for his failure, but he remembered it. He was not used to failures and.She looked round, and he looked up. Both knew that Gelluk had sensed something, had wakened. Otter.Mostly the pupil was supposed to be with the Master, or studying the lists of names in the room.Dulse paused. "He was my master. Would have been my friend, perhaps, if I'd stayed on Roke. Have.groundwork..about the floor, about Silence. Had he been out walking on the path above the Overfell? No, that.Next day he had Licky send him the boy. He looked forward to seeing him, to being kind to him, teaching him, petting him a bit as he had done yesterday. He sat down with him in the sun. Gelluk was fond of children and animals. He liked all beautiful things. It was pleasant to have a young creature about. Otter's uncomprehending awe was endearing, as was his uncomprehended strength. Slaves were wearisome with their weakness and trickery and their ugly, sick bodies. Of course Otter was his slave, but the boy need not know it. They could be teacher and prentice. But prentices were faithless, Gelluk thought, reminded of his prentice Early, too clever by half, whom he must remember to control more strictly. Father and son, that's what he and Otter could be. He would have the boy call him Father. He recalled that he had intended to find out his true name. There were various ways of doing it, but the simplest, since the boy was already under his control, was to ask him. "What is your name?" he said, watching Otter intently..She did not speak. I went up to her, bent over the chair, took hold of her by her cold arms., "A group of young men," said the Herbal, breathless, as he came to them. "Thorion's army. Coming." "Tell me what you'll be doing-".of a fountain. The girl, wearing a bright dress that was quite ordinary, which encouraged me, held. "Well, son!" They touched cheeks. "So Master Hemlock gave you a vacation?".This conversation was idiotic and I felt terrible, but I had to find out..afoot. But now and then Diamond had an hour or two free. He always went down to the docks and sat.quick woman, with a round face and clear eyes, and a mass of dark hair, not straight like most.she had come of her own will; he didn't know how she had spoken the word of the Old Tongue to him."There's not much worth much in my life," she said, gazing down at the pavement. "All I know how to do is run the farm, and try to stand up and speak truth. But if I thought it was all tricks and lies even on Roke, I'd hate those men for fooling me, fooling us all. It can't be lies. Not all of it. The Archmage did go into the labyrinth among the Hoary Men and come back with the Ring of Peace. He did go into death with the young king, and defeat the spider mage, and come back. We know that on the word of the king himself. Even here, the harpers came to sing that song, and a teller came to tell it." "She bled again just now, and I couldn't stop it," Dory said. Tears ran out of her eyes and down.centuries before they were ever written. The Creation of Ea, the oldest and most sacred poem, is.showed 'em again, I'd have taught them their lesson!".the process of wresting power from the kings and making Awabath not only the religious but the.interest in this woman, Doorkeeper, it should be pursued outside these walls - outside the door.deserted. I must have taken a wrong turn. One part of my "platform" held flattened buildings.then," Hound amended, patient..Patterner. "Until -" He made a quick gesture of reversal with his open hands, down going up and up.He treasured her rustic sayings of that kind. Sometimes she frightened him, and he resented it. His dreams of her were never of her yielding to him, but of himself yielding to a fierce, destroying sweetness, sinking into an annihilating embrace, dreams in which she was something beyond comprehension and he was nothing at all. He woke from those dreams shaken and shamed. In daylight, when he saw her big, dirty hands, when she talked like a yokel, a simpleton, he regained his superiority. He only wished there were someone to repeat her sayings to, one of his old friends in the Great Port who would find them amusing. ""I have the cheese money,"" he repeated to himself, riding back to Westpool, and laughed. "I do indeed," he said aloud. The black mare nicked her ear..powerful spells of protection woven and rewoven by the wise women of the island, and had no.man who wore a red tunic under his grey wizard's cloak said, "Do you bring this woman into the.astray. Up on the slope of the Knoll they could see a little group of people: a circle of young." "Wherever you like." .after the men were gone did some neighbors creep out to comfort Otter's people as best they could..From the breast of his robe he took a pouch of fine leather decorated with silver threads. With a."Here he is," said Azver, and the Doorkeeper was there, his smooth, yellowish-brown face tranquil.To the sisters and all these villagers, Mount Onn was the world, and the shores of Havnor were the."A shirt." .out of the yard, heading for home. She had had enough of medicine. "Bucky!" Rose shouted. A grubby.a forester reported an infestation in the chestnut groves, and when he found a mule-dealer had."Would you like some fresh curds? It makes a good breakfast." She was eyeing him, but not for long, and not meeting his eyes. Like an animal, like a cat, she was, sizing him up but not challenging. There was a cat, a big grey, sitting on his four paws on the hearth gazing at the coals. Irioth accepted the bowl and spoon she handed him and sat down on the settle. The cat jumped up beside him and purred..Under Roke's steadily growing influence, wizardry was shaped into a coherent body of knowledge, its use increasingly controlled by moral and political purpose. Wizards trained at the school went to other islands of the Archipelago to work against warlords, pirates, and feuding nobles, preventing raids and forays, imposing penalties and settlements, enforcing boundaries, and protecting individuals, farms, towns, cities, and shipping, until social order was re-established. In the early years they were sent to enforce peace; increasingly they were called on to maintain it. While the throne in Havnor remained empty, for over two hundred years Roke School served effectively as the central government of the Archipelago..thought could not hold it. His knowledge could not use it. His tongue could not say it..the larder, ate an apple quickly because he was

hungry, and took his staff. It was yew, bound at Erreth-Akbe's sword and set it atop the highest tower of his palace. Hound sniffed, sighed, and followed, trudging along unwillingly, while behind him in the village. "Why don't you sit down?" control them wholly. Is that what Thorion does?" mouth, froze in readiness. observing this scene. him. The thing that was hopping up and down on the grass between their bare toes was a rock. When there were no inns on this road through what had once all been the Domain of Iria. As the sun had held him. "Tell Thorion we will meet him on Roke Knoll," he said. "When he comes, we will be. She considered herself, sitting in the deep silence of the Grove. No bird sang; the breeze was down; the leaves hung still. Am I ensorcelled? Am I a sterile thing, not whole, not a woman? she asked herself, looking at her strong bare arms, the slight, soft swell of her breasts in the shadow under the throat of her shirt. Of them all it was the Herbal, the healer, who was the first to move. He went up the path and the boat with better wares than most householders of the Isles were used to seeing, and Tern about Roke Knoll. Once in years, perhaps, some great lady is allowed to come briefly into the foraging in the pastures of dry, frosty grass. They could not keep the cattle bunched for long. result had not been the melting eagerness it had produced in girls he had used it on in Havnor and years went on a larger house was needed for the school than any in Thwil Town. This speech, innate to dragons, can be learned by human beings. Some few people are born with an untaught knowledge of at least some words of the Language of the Making. The teaching of it is the heart of the teaching of magic. against the house wall, and Azver on the doorstep. She lived with Medra in his small house not far from the Net House, though she spent many days. "If I did, it would be up to you all to approve or disapprove," said he. Roasters die in a year or two. Where to, dowser?" How long had he been standing here? Why was he standing here? He had been thinking about mud. knows it has real power, power of life and death, over the person. Often a true name is never. This speech, innate to dragons, can be learned by human beings. Some few people are born with an. while I work with the beasts. "long hard work. But they were in place now, and there wasn't a wizard in all Havnor who could undo. cool, as if a mountain stream ran through them. sun to come out and shine through his flesh and dry them out. Of course he could say a pain spell, of the Great House. And that's where the Archmage would be, if he was there..." there. Now come with me," he said to Irian. What he found on Roke was both less and more than the hope and rumor he had sought so long. Roke Island was, they told him, the heart of Earthsea. The first land Segoy raised from the waters in the beginning of time was bright Ea of the northern sea, and the second was Roke. That green hill, Roke Knoll, was founded deeper than all the islands. The trees he had seen, which seemed sometimes to be in one place on the isle and sometimes in another, were the oldest trees in the world, and the source and center of magic. "Is she misnamed?" the Doorkeeper asked the Namer. "I hope so," said Tuly. "But power - like you told me about - that isn't the same as making people do what you want, or pay you -". Gelluk caught his breath. Presently he said, very softly, "Can you read the runes?" "I think I've found my little finder," said Gelluk. His voice was deep and soft, like the notes of. after all, her fault. made sentences, only lists. Long, long lists. during its first decades; but since during the Dark Time women, witchery, and the Old Powers had. 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. sloping sky-blue arrow upward; without any particular sensation, my body passed through two. Maybe it was to escape the hunt that Medra came to Pendor, a long way west of the Inmost Sea, or maybe some rumor among the women of the Hand on Hosk sent him there. Pendor was a rich island, then, before the dragon Yevaud despoiled it. Wherever Medra had gone until then, he had found the lands like Havnor or worse, sunk in warfare, raids, and piracy, the fields full of weeds, the towns full of thieves. Maybe he thought, at first, that on Pendor he had found Morred's Isle, for the city was beautiful and peaceful and the people prosperous. out." She wanted to be sure that he stayed indoors out of harm's way, and that nobody came. certainly gone and then made her way through high grass and weeds to the little house. garden door, plain oak with an iron bolt. But there is no front door. descending from high above, the base of one of those enormous columns that had astonished me. "To see you!" them now. She saw oak and willow, chestnut and ash, and tall evergreens. From the dense, sun-shot. would bring back slaves as cargo. It galled him to think of the good ship in that vicious usage. We cherish the old stories for their changelessness. Arthur dreams eternally in Avalon. Bilbo can. "I could teach you how to do that for yourself," the wizard said, smiling, watching Otter rub and. "My mother was born in Endlane, round by Faliern Forest," Otter said. "Do you know that town? Kings. No dragon had been seen over the Inmost Sea for many centuries when Kalessin, called the. grew immensely wealthy. treeless valley, past grass-grown dumps and tailings. He could eat only in the cell, where they took his gag off. Bread and onions were what they gave. "Moo," said his guide, softly, and he saw the dim, small square of yellow light just a little to. But beyond the rich and the lordly were those called the Men of Power: the wizards. Their power, though little exercised, was absolute. In their hands lay the fate of the long-kingless kingdom of the Archipelago. "The password he will ask you for is your true name." up most of his mind, and most of what we have. So, do you see, put up your money where he won't. bodily strength came back soon, for he was young, but his mind was slow to find itself. He had. Again, these obscurities. Who was she talking about? Who didn't she have? Parents?. Otter looked from one to the other. Clearly they had told him their own greatest secret and their hope... He asked Birch about the place. "That's Iria," Birch said - "Old Iria, I mean to say. I own the house by rights. But after a century of feuds and fights over it, my granddad let the place go to settle the quarrel. Though the Master there would still be quarrelling with me if he didn't keep too drunk to talk. Haven't seen the old man for years. He had a daughter, I think." dying, and went on. In all his flood of talk the only word Gelluk had spoken in the Old Tongue, the language of which. "Too high and mighty these days to stop and talk," said Tarry, "though I taught him all he knows. stay here." "I'll get the water," Tern said. He took the basin and went out to the courtyard, to the well. When he saw it, faint and green above the misty sea, he cried out - the men in

the ships heard the nothing," he said..liquid. She leaned still closer. I could smell her breath. If she was drunk, it was not on alcohol.."Irian," he said, and now her name came easily, sweet and cool as spring water in his dry mouth. "Irian, here's what you must do to enter the Great House..."the ore or pretending to seek it. Otter himself could not have answered the question. In these blights and fires and sicknesses across the land, and the village witch was punished for them. She.of flowers, which I inhaled eagerly. Cherry blossom? No, not cherry blossom..There was the silence. Then a fish leapt from the black, shaking water, a white-grey fish the length of his hand, and as it leapt it cried out in a small, clear voice, in that same language, "Yaved!".summer fruits. "What have you learned?" she asked Medra in her cool, gentle way, and he answered,..silent. I could be very bored by this woman, Ivory thought, if once I'd had her underneath me..The Osskili use the Hardic runes to write their language, since they trade mostly with Hardic-speaking lands..was a behavior pattern characteristic of a stalwart such as myself, assigned an appropriate serial."All under here's worked out long since" Licky said. And Otter had begun to be aware of the.to Endlane, where the mother lived. Early rummaged in their cloudy, witless minds, had the.and parts of islands, parts of ships, parts of the human body. The words never made sense, never

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