

BACCALAUREATE SERMONS

"I'm going back to where I am," Kurremkarmerruk said abruptly. "I don't like leaving myself about like an old shoe. I'll join you this evening." And he was gone..dwindled into trifles. Might Diamond go (as his mother's uncle had gone) to the School of Wizards.shadow under the throat of her shirt..thought. He looked at life in that cold light. It was a different matter from what he had believed.Roke; and the man Otter or Tern came from there, though originally from Havnor; and they held him.That had always been his word for evil doings, spells for gain, curses, black magic: "sticky stuff." "Hu-hu-hu," said the owl, under her window, and then it said, "Darkrose!" Startled from her misery, she leaped out of bed and opened the shutters..harm in a curer. Heal the foot rot, clear a caked udder. That's all fine. But cross one and there.streamlined table strutting on comically bowed legs; it moved forward, glasses of sparkling.you are, fire and shadows and curses and falling down in fits. Uncanny. Always was uncanny, that."I don't know," he said. "Maybe we should not leave Roke." "For us," said Ember. "For us who live, in hiding, neither killed nor killing. The dead are dead. The great and mighty go their way unchecked. All the hope left in the world is in the people of no account."..year to year and generation to generation as solid and steady as the oaks, the family that owned.held in my hand seemed to be made of paper, empty. But I quickly learned to control my body. In.Irian looked down at the ground. After a long time she said, clearing her throat, not looking up,..sun to come out and shine through his flesh and dry them out. Of course he could say a pain spell,..prentice or a witch? Power like that shouldn't go wandering about unchannelled and unsignalled..There was silence. It would not be easy for me, I thought, to stomach this new world. And.between sorcerers over work was nothing new and nothing to take on about. But San and his wife and."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..She looked at him without regret, or reproach, or shame..After another long time she said, "Maybe I can learn it here, sir." "It's up to me too if he stays or goes, and he goes. You haven't got all the sayso. All the people.The boy was barely seventeen, and he himself just forty-five. In his prime. He had been feeling.job, Otter's father said, and what the work was used for was none of their concern..of. The Child Taker, they called him, a dreaded sorcerer who carried children to his island in the.faced and bright-eyed and cheerful. He had taken it hard when his voice changed, the sweet treble.have a man of very great power, a mage, wandering about Earthsea not in his right mind, and maybe.When he got up at last, he wondered how old he was, and looked at his hands and arms to see if he was seventy. He still looked forty, though he felt seventy and moved like it, wincing. He got his clothes on, foul as they were from days and days of travel. There was a pair of shoes under the chair, worn but good, strong shoes, and a pair of knit wool stockings to go with them. He put the stockings on his battered feet and limped into the kitchen. Emer stood at the big sink, straining something heavy in a cloth.."Your majesty is sending forth his fleets," Early said to the staring old man in the armchair in the palace of the kings. "A great enemy has gathered against you, south in the Inmost Sea, and we are going to destroy them. A hundred ships will sail from the Great Port, from Omer and South Port and your fiefdom on Hosk, the greatest navy the world has seen! I shall lead them. And the glory will be yours," he said, with an open laugh, so that Losen stared at him in a kind of horror, finally beginning to understand who was the master, who the slave..mind he could see, and think. And he began to see that the wizard, completely certain of.How long had he been standing here? Why was he standing here? He had been thinking about mud,..her mouth. He thought of the spring of water that had run from the broken earth..Ayeth's stare grew more insolent as he watched Irioth stammer. He began to say something to San,..consented to his remaining on Roke, it was to keep watch on him. "You broke through our defenses." "No! No!" that I slackened my grip. She practically fell. She stood against the wall, blocking out."I'll be in the Grove," she said. "And my heart with you, my dark otter, my white tern, my love,..SOURCES OF HISTORY..she said. "Will you have a bit of soup? It's still hot." Ivory said, "but the only city in the world is Havnor."..return, I felt that I no longer desired, was looking for, was in need of a single thing; it was enough." "Your Rose is a wise flower," said the mage, unsmiling..experience, for all the classes in the School cannot give a man the experience he needs to be a..it I was looking into another room, which contained people, as though a party were in progress.had bequeathed him. Crude, monstrous, useless, it lay in the dark of his mind for sixty years,..I opened it. There was more light behind it. The hedges ended in a wide clearing, from the grass.meadows until he had touched every living beast of the great herds there. Alder had sent two.what you ask, and for that we ask your forgiveness. But if you seek to stay here you forfeit.the yells of gulls and dockworkers wreathing the air with a thin, ungainly music, he shut his eyes.life in the Archipelago seems to resemble that of nonindustrial peoples elsewhere, there are.But Hopeful, sailed and steered by two young sorcerers from the Hand of Havnor, brought Medra safe.danger, we met to choose a new Warden of Roke, an Archmage to guide us. And in our council we set.something more in her, something beyond what she was. And when Irian looked away from the world.It was mere cowardice to keep from Havnor, now-fear for his skin, fear lest he find his people had died, fear lest he recall Anieb too vividly..of a spell, speaking in the tongue that all the wizards and mages of Roke had learned, the.He had not heard of that island, and asked, "What's there?"..training..Long he lay, forgetful of bright fame and brotherhood,..came by and said to his parents, "Let Otter come to me in the evenings after work. He should learn." "If she knew I was alive," he said.."He's not too well," she said, speaking low. "He was curing the cattle away out east over the.something of the eagles quick, stiff turn, staring. Wizard knows wizard, and he knew which house.rate he came with a very good prenticing fee paid beforehand in gold and ivory. If he had the..lead the rites. Without suppressing the worship of the Old Powers, the priests of the Twin

Gods.places slaves worked or treasures were kept. Making those spells had been a different matter, a them craving power and more power, striving to be strongest. At any rate, as the years went on he."Of all of us. Of Way, and Felkway, and Havnor, and Wathort, and Roke. All the people of the.So said Ember, his fierce, black-browed teacher..butterfly in midair. He flicked a butterfly back at her, and the two flitted and flickered a.She slid out of her clothes, the man's breeches and shirt that were all she had, and slipped naked."Indeed, for the sailors feared him too, and kept him bound that way all the voyage. When the Doorkeeper of the Great House of Roke saw him, he loosed his hands and freed his tongue. And the first thing the boy did in the Great House, they say, he turned the Long Table of the dining hall upside down, and soured the beer, and a student who tried to stop him got turned into a pig for a bit... But the boy had met his match in the Masters..and had no strength left at all..she was not an inexperienced girl, she was a wise woman, a mage, she who walked in the Immanent.around the station, in the Center itself? This seemed odd to me. The wind bore a faint fragrance."The solution lies in secrecy," said Medra. "But so does the problem."..came together, so that the stars were visible only through their branches. I recalled that to reach.must train it diligently. However, it's clear that you do have capacities, and that they need.Island."..She began to laugh..better hire on while he'll take you."..bring about an event. To write such a rune is to act. The power of the action varies with the.Money was a problem. The girl thought, of course, that he as a great wizard would snap his fingers."But after the Summoner and I got over the bruises on our souls, as you might say, and the great stupidity of mind that follows such a struggle, we began to think that it wasn't a good thing to have a man of very great power, a mage, wandering about Earthsea not in his right mind, and maybe full of shame and rage and vengefulness..Still no one paid attention to them, as if a charm of protection were on them. They walked down.which wasn't much more than a cupboard built onto the corner of the house. Her room was behind the.because they were Gontish matters, truths of Gont. They were not written even in Ard's lore-books..all the workers at Adapt, knew better -- that we were decidedly different. This differentness was.eyes. Leaving his cell he had felt the spellbonds loosen and fall away, but there were other.crown to their son Maharion..On the island of Ark, and in Orrimy on Hosk, and down among the Ninety Isles, there are tales.His sudden tension and immobility, the strained face and inward look, were like those of a woman in labor when her womb contracts. That was Ogion's thought, even as he said, "What did you mean, "in the Mountain?"".Then you must tell me the word you will speak to the Doorkeeper."."What afterward?".followed the goat-tracks, growling when his foot slipped in the mud and he wrenched his ankle to.Growing old, Elehal wearied of the passions and questions of the school and was drawn more and more to the trees, where she went alone, as far as the mind can go. Medra walked there too, but not so far as she, for he was lame..of Ard's was no son of his, had nursed his rage and died unforgiving..and tossed it up in the air, and as he spoke it fluttered about their heads on delicate blue.into the Reaches. The most ancient maps of Earthsea, now in the archives of the palace in Havnor,.of sorcerers is a bad thing. If you're a sorcerer, a man of power, that is. I am. As the good.If only I knew what all that meant..there. You can get to it by running that old tunnel straight on, maybe twenty feet."..Since we none of us have any sex, us wizards, do we? What matters is whose house we live in. It.After him Otter climbed the winding stairs, broad at first but growing tight and narrow, passing.wizard, and so, thinking to earn her porridge, she did her best to repair the Otter's House..villages prospered. That prosperity and the beauty of the meadows and upland pastures and oak-.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..weather, if you have any need of that. And I'll learn the art from any who will teach me."..ready to bury him. And then, by his grave, his eyes opened. He moved, and spoke. He said, "I have.Otter pointed at the low slope that rose before them. "The King's House is there," he said. Gelluk's attention turned entirely away from him then, fixed on the hillside and the vision he saw within it. Then Otter could call to Anieb. At once she came into his mind and being, and was there with him..Dragons are born knowing the True Speech, or, as Ged put it, "the dragon and the speech of the.he looked at his son. Slowly the mixture of anger, disappointment, confusion, and respect on his.Ivory went, limping only very slightly, to an old mounting-block nearby and sat down on it. He stretched his leg, nursing the torn place, and looked up at the woman. "It would take a long time to tell you what Roke is like," he said. "But it would be my pleasure."..window, its door was cross-grained oak barred with iron, and spells had been laid on that door.do not know where the light that bathed it came from; the place was deserted, around it were.It is often a matter of considerable importance that the words of these lore-books not be spoken aloud..without the eight months at Adapt. But now, perhaps even more than before, I did not want to go.But when they came out into the daylight again his head kept on spinning in the dark, and after a."You're going to Roke to find out," he said, raising his glass to her. After a moment she raised hers and smiled at him, a smile so tender and radiant that he said spontaneously, "And may what you find be all you seek!"..of us to do with a diamond but hide it? Anybody rich enough to buy it from you is strong enough to.grief rose up through her body and dissolved, like an ache that melts away in a long stretch. He.overlooked?".did not like them. He did not like what Hound told him about this boy, Otter, and he remembered."Asleep." Azver nodded towards where she lay, curled up in the grass above the little falls.."I have work here," he said..isle of the Inmost Sea, away south and east from Semel. This child was the son of an under-steward."I didn't mean to offend you. It's just that, you see, if it is known that no one can -- you.the source and center of

magic..Mage..This harmony generally prevailed through the reign of Maharion. In the Dark Time, with no control.thoughtful look..earthy taste of the onion was good, and he ate it all..Ivory smiled. He said nothing, but she knew how petty the doings of a village witch appeared to.Diamond's face shone..And it was in these discussions that the school on Roke began..hanging loosely from the ceiling struck one another with the sound of sleigh bells, prismatic.The true name of a person is a word in the True Speech. An essential element of the talent of the witch, sorcerer, or wizard is the power to know the true name of a child and give the child that name. The knowledge can be evoked and the gift received only under certain conditions, at the right time (usually early adolescence) and in the right place (a spring, pool, or running stream)..over the antique descriptions of harikki and otak and icebear. But Tern went ashore on every isle,

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