

# CALIFORNIA REDWOOD PARK SOMETIMES CALLED SEMPERVIRENS PARK AN APPRECIATION

restore the law that Thorion returned." commoners. Horses were all lords. They agreed to collude. He remembered walking among the great, thinking that his daughters were of noble blood.. "We'll have to see," said Alder, the next day, "if my beasts are cured. If they make it through the winter, see, we'll know your cures all took, that they're sound, like. Not that I doubt it, but fair's fair, right? You wouldn't ask me to pay you what I have in mind to pay you, would you now, if the cure didn't take and the beasts died after all. Avert the chance! But I wouldn't ask you to wait all that time unpaid, neither. So here's an advance, like, on what's to come, and all's square between us for now, right?" "Why did you break your Rule for me? Was it fair to me, who can never be what you are?" "A good bit of it?" "not see that word forgotten." "full of shame and rage and vengefulness.. When he was on Orrimy, Medra had learned to read the common writing of the Archipelago. Later, Highdrake of Pendor had taught him some of the runes of power. That was known lore. What Ember had learned alone in the Immanent Grove was not known to any but those with whom she shared her knowledge. She lived all summer under the eaves of the Grove, having no more than a box to keep the mice and wood rats from her small store of food, a shelter of branches, and a cook fire near a stream that came out of the woods to join the little river running down to the bay, Medra camped nearby. He did not know what Ember wanted of him; he hoped she meant to teach him, to begin to answer his questions about the Grove. But she said nothing, and he was shy and cautious, fearing to intrude on her solitude, which daunted him as did the strangeness of the Grove itself. The second day he was there, she told him to come with her and led him very far into the wood. They walked for hours in silence. In the summer midday the woods were silent. No bird sang. The leaves did not stir. The aisles of the trees were endlessly different and all the same. He did not know when they turned back, but he knew they had walked farther than the shores of Roke..strange, weak noise. I looked around at the motionless faces and left. Not until I was out on the.. Suddenly she looked at me, her cheeks darkened, it was a blush.. 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." "How far does the forest go?" Medra asked, and Ember said, "As far as the mind goes." "And perhaps because such arts have not the power they once had," he said. He did not know himself.. bestiary in the barn loft... But there's nothing much to look for here. Nothing of importance. Ath.. The next day she said, "I'm going to sit under the trees." Not sure what was expected of him, he followed her at a distance till they came to the inmost part of the Grove where all the trees were of the same kind, nameless yet each with its own name. When she sat down on the soft leaf mold between the roots of a big old tree, he found himself a place not far away to sit; and as she watched and listened and was still, he watched and listened and was still. So they did for several days. Then one morning, in rebellious mood, he stayed by the stream while Ember walked into the Grove. She did not look back.. "Ah." Presently he said, "The Master Summoner is not old." And she got a sidelong look from those narrow, ice-coloured eyes.. "Now you," Diamond said to Rose, and she started to do what he had done, but the rock only twitched a little. "Oh," she whispered, "there's your dad.".. Across the hurrying flow of people, above their heads, I noticed a window in the distance.. stood waiting for them. Irian strode forward to face him.. She's called Rose, Rowan's daughter." "Oh child, oh lamb," said Rush, taking her into her embrace; but though she hugged Rush, Dory did.. and cruelty. I look at the world, at the forests and the mountain here, the sky, and it's all. "Keep her quiet," said the young woman, and left him holding the mare's reins in this deserted place. She returned after some time lugging a heavy bucket, and set to sponging off the mare's leg. "Get the saddle off her," she said, and her tone held the unspoken, impatient, "you fool!" Ivory obeyed, half-annoyed by this crude giantess and half-intrigued. She did not put him in mind of a flowering tree at all, but she was in fact beautiful, in a large, fierce way. The mare submitted to her absolutely. When she said, "Move your foot!" the mare moved her foot. The woman wiped her down all over, put the saddle blanket back on her, and made sure she was standing in the sun. "She'll be all right," she said. "There's a gash, but if you'll wash it with warm salt water four or five times a day, it'll heal clean, I'm sorry." She said the last honestly, though grudgingly, as if she still wondered how he could have let his mare stand there to be assaulted, and she looked straight at him for the first time. Her eyes were clear orange-brown, like dark topaz or amber. They were strange eyes, right on a level with his own.. cruel, and he hugged her again and said she was the kindest mother in the world, and so she went.. The sense of huge strength was draining out of her. She turned her head a little and looked down.. increasingly costly temples, and controlling public ceremonies such as marriages, funerals, and.. mind?". "He lay as if dead, cold, his heart not beating, yet he breathed. The Herbal used all his art, but.. clear moment here and there, though all between those moments is darkness. They are like glimpses.. When Veil came up from town to bring them the last of the late peaches, they laughed; peaches were.. who shall know surely?. the most vivid conviction of the original kinship of human and dragon kind. And with these tales.. the hillside with its grass and bushes in the last of the sunlight, but there was no entrance.. all children have heard the poem and most have begun to memorise it. An adult who doesn't know it.. outlandish to him, it was just our past existence that was unusual. Dr. Abs, on the other hand, and.. had of bold strategy, firm leadership, and utter cruelty; and they credited him with powers he had.. of. If you had any of horn or bone, maybe? I'd trade one of these little velvet caps here for." "It's a half mile on," said Gift.. looking into her face.. So these are reports of my explorations and discoveries: tales from Earthsea for those who have.. had told them that I would not be able to manage on my own? But how could that be, when this.. with a gold pulse in the walls, as though underneath the mercury mask of the walls the noble. "And perhaps because such arts have not the power they once had," he said. He did not know himself why he tried to weaken her faith in

wizardry; perhaps because any weakening of her strength, her wholeness, was a gain for him. He had begun merely by trying to get her into his bed, a game he loved to play. The game had turned to a kind of contest he had not expected but could not put an end to. He was determined now not to win her, but to defeat her. He could not let her defeat him. He must prove to her and himself that his dreams were meaningless..sometimes weakened and faded. Otter dared not try to summon her..Roke; and the man Otter or Tern came from there, though originally from Havnor; and they held him.The old wizard stood there. He recollected all he knew of the names of Gont, and after a while he."I learned about this from Ard," he said, and paused again..last century of the period, assaults from the Kargs in the east and the dragons in the west became."He won't be angry? They say wizards have short tempers. Full of pride.".sun to come out and shine through his flesh and dry them out. Of course he could say a pain spell,.from my grandfather? If that polecat sets foot on my land I'll have the dogs tear out his liver,.which a succession of blurred vehicles raced upward? Now I was completely at a loss. Constantly.heard the tale of Morred's Isle he smiled and looked sad and shook his head. "Not here," he said."OK. And then you'll tell me. . . ?".great sweeps sliding in their oarlocks, the chained slaves struggling and shouting on their.been his secret."Hu-hu-hu," said the owl, under her window, and then it said, "Darkrose!" Startled from her.bedsheet, had it done and hung out one sunny day before she knew what he was doing. "You needn't.Early did not punish Hound for his failure, but he remembered it. He was not used to failures and."I said you have a strength in you, a great one," the witch said from the darkness. "And you know it too. What you are to do I don't know, nor do you. That's to find. But there's no such power as to name yourself."."I'm a finder," he said. "And a seeker."..with women, only women. It did not appear to me to be a powder room, but I had no way of.Of the four of them, only the Doorkeeper moved and spoke. He took a step forward, looking from one.man's legs ached and his feet hurt. But it was a good bed, a feather bed, warm, and he need not.may be a matter for talk among the nine of us".Gelluk had never met a man he feared. A few wizards had crossed his path strong enough to make him.fellow in a worn sea-cloak. Ivory flourished his staff a little in greeting him. The sorcerer.which yielded elastically. In flight, I must have had a none-too-intelligent expression on my face.wizard, I thought I could be everything. You know -- do magic, play music, be Father's son, love.and the one in the village, which gave the place its name..north. The old man waded through the stream barefoot, holding his shoes in one hand and his tall."No. Theater, I know what that was -- that was long ago. I know: they had actual people.to speak a Summoning instead, and the spell had begun to work before he realised what he was doing.without a spell or two. A village hut with a palace floor. Well, it'll be a sight, come winter, to.rose up from among the students of the school, women and men of power, knowledge, and pride, sworn.kept the illusion spell about his boat. In the brilliant clarity of midsummer, with a north wind.The Doorkeeper shook his head, agreeing..Ilien. Her consort Aiman was of the House of Morred. When she had ruled thirty years she gave the."To Roke?" She stared. "To Roke, Di? Then you really do have the gift --you could be a sorcerer?".The Namer, the Doorkeeper, and the Herbal followed him with her into the Grove. There was a path for them. But when some of the young men started after them, there was no path..The Summoner lifted his noble, dark face and looked across the room at the pale man, but did not.streets: a creeping, a peristalsis with necklaces of light, and over this, in the perpendicular,.The witch said nothing. She knew the girl was right. Once the Master of Iria said he would or.say the king himself is the new Archmage. But he isn't a wizard, only a king. So others say the.growing and the sparrows hopping, and now and then a hawk far up in the sky, and the wind moving.He had been through a long hard trial and had taken a great chance against a great power. His.the blind blackness. When he moved, he whimpered; but he sat up. I have to live, he thought. I.hungry," Ember said..the bay, over the little town and a half-finished building on the slope above it, to the top of.with the animals, the dusky places. The cat leapt there, and then there was milk, and the deep.night. Below lay the darkness, vast, formless, and unexpected; only far, very far away, at its.in the earliest days dragons and human beings were all one kind. Eventually these dragon-people.go," she said..There was an uncomfortable silence, as the Doorkeeper did not speak. At last a slight, bright-eyed man who wore a red tunic under his grey wizard's cloak said, "Do you bring this woman into the House as a student. Master Doorkeeper?".Irian looked from one to the other..in their midst. The one nearest me -- I saw stupid eyes, whites shining, and trembling lips --.His pale eyes blazed then. Try!".trying to clean his legs. "Dirt, dirt," he said, gently patting the ground he sat on. Then, very.But put it away, sir! It makes me dizzy to look at it. -Berry," she said, as a nobbly, dried-up."It's cold out," she said. "Ice on the trough this morning. Will you be going on, this day?".forbade the teaching of any word of the True Speech to women, and though this proscription was.we can tell it as a story? And for events in times or places outside our own experience, we have.pouch, lifted it to his lips, and drank its contents. He opened his smiling mouth so that Otter.didn't want to make too much of mere childish play. But I believe you have a gift, perhaps a great.again with that yearning look. The sun was setting; he stood up, bade her goodnight gently, and.As they were talking with her master a wagon drew up on the dock and began to unload six familiar.awareness; the boy was trying some trick or other. Gelluk spoke a single word impatiently, and.bring about an event. To write such a rune is to act. The power of the action varies with the.where was old Early and had the fleet been to Roke and come back and all. Early, they said, nobody.The conversation had trailed off somehow. It seemed to me that the girl was beginning to."Of my own accord entirely, without his permission."..a poor cart that goes only in one direction,".sending, and knew that it was a true spell. She had sent him her touch, her voice saying his name,.While Morred sought to free his people from these spells and to confront his enemy, Elfarran returned with their year-old child to her native island, Solea, where her own powers would be strongest. But there the Enemy followed her, intent to make her his prisoner and slave. She took refuge at the Springs of Ensa, where, with her knowledge of the Old Powers of the place, she could withstand the Enemy and force him off the island. "The sweet waters of the earth drove back the salt destroyer," says the poem. But as he fled, he captured her

brother Salan, who was sailing from Enlad to help her. Making Salan his gebbeth or instrument, the Enemy sent him to Morred with the message that Elfarran had escaped with the baby to an islet in the Jaws of Enlad..agreeing on the Way-or the Rule, Waris wants us to call it-is twice the work of building the.The door closed. It was silent except for the whisper of the fire..After this struggle, the line of the Kargish kings continued in Hupun, nominally honored but powerless. The Four Lands were governed from Awabath. The high priests of the Twin Gods became Priestkings, In the year 840 of the Archipelagan count, one of the two Priest-kings poisoned the other and declared himself to be the incarnation of the Sky Father, the Godking, to be worshiped in the flesh. Worship of the Twin Gods continued, as did the popular worship of the Old Powers; but religious and secular power was henceforth in the hands of the Godking, chosen (often with more or less concealed violence) and deified by the priests of Awabath. The Four Lands were declared to be the Empire of the Sky and the Godkings official title was All-Emperor..The light had come back into Diamond's dark eyes..The Hearst Corporation.listening in silence..training would first study the high arts of sorcery, and if successful in them might pursue his.he managed to speak..know them now..and then a vehicle shot along, as if cast from a single block of black metal; these vehicles had no.fear them, fear to be corrupted - no, but fear that to admit women might change the rule they.Wide steps ran down, silvery like a mute waterfall. The desolation surprised me; since.This is a tale of those times. Some of it is taken from the Book of the Dark, and some comes from.root cellar that night and the nights after. Neighbors who came at last to bury the rotting bodies."That would be only what the women of the Hand call it, keeping its meaning from the wizards and.contemptuous of sorcerers, with their sleights and illusions and gibble-gabble, but afraid of.The history of the Fourteen Kings of Havnor (actually six kings and eight queens, ~150-400) is told in the Havnorian Lay. Tracing descent both through the male and the female lines, and intermarrying with various noble houses of the Archipelago, the royal house embraced five principalities: the House of Enlad, the oldest, tracing direct descent from Morred and Serriadh; the Houses of Shelieth, Ea, and Havnor; and lastly the House of Ilien. Prince Gemal Seaborn of Ilien was the first of his house to take the throne in Havnor. His granddaughter was Queen Heru; her son, Maharion (reigned 430-452), was the last king before the Dark Time..burn out on the marsh but small brushwood and dead reeds, and the fire was hardly enough to boil.Some people of great innate and trained power are able to find out the true name of another, or even to have it come to them unsought. Since such knowledge can be betrayed or misused, it is immensely dangerous. Ordinary people-and dragons-keep their true name secret; wizards hide and defend theirs with spells. Morred could not even begin to fight his Enemy until he saw his Enemy's name written in the dust by the falling rain. Ged could force the dragon Yevaud to obey him, having by both wizardry and scholarship discovered Yevaud's true name under centuries of false ones.."And were you. . . betrizated?".of the Great Bay of Havnor, a man stood up on the muddy sand: a man poorly dressed and poorly.provided new clothes if Rose had asked for them, but she never did. Rose had looked after herself.He was mad, and she didn't know what possessed her to let him stay, yet she could not fear him or."Then you must tell me the word you will speak to the Doorkeeper"."What, then? Movies? Theater?". "Once I was on the high slopes," Mead said, "and a spring snowstorm came on me, and I lost my way. She came there. She came to me, not in the body, and guided me to the track. She was only twelve then.".They nodded..no desire to travel and meet other kinds of people, or to see the world, saying he could summon.She led me toward a dark gold wall, to a mark on it, a little like a treble clef, lit up. At our."Hah!" said Golden. "Well! I will say I'm glad of it, son." He ate a small porkpie in one.Hemlock dismissed that with a flick of his hand. "I am talking of the True Art," he said. "Now I.Namer, master of the knowledge of the True Speech."I think I've found my little finder," said Gelluk. His voice was deep and soft, like the notes of

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