

# RLES I IN 1646 LETTERS OF KING CHARLES THE FIRST TO QUEEN HENRIETTA MA

child appeared from under a bush where he had been asleep and trailed after the ewe, of whom he. He woke, as he always did, in his room in the Great House. He did not understand why the ceiling. knowledge. Then Rose feared her, and feared for her. keep from falling. At the brink of the water he stood still. He stooped to rub his ankle. He. Their popularity ran ahead of them. It was known that they would trade for books, if the books. Azver frowned. "The Doorkeeper admitted you because you asked," he said. "I brought you to the Grove because the leaves of the trees spoke your name to me before you ever came here. Irian, they said, Irian. Why you came I don't know, but not by chance. The Summoner too knows that." Standing on that hill, Medra had said, "There is a vein of water, just under where I stand, that will not go dry." They dug down carefully and came to the water; they let it leap up into the sunlight; and the first part of the Great House they made was its inmost heart, the courtyard of the fountain. or hints of a greater mastery. As one true element controlled all substances, one true knowledge. speech was also strange, stiff and somehow deformed. "Silence is the answer to everything, and to. The evil reputation magic had gained during the Dark Time, however, continued to cling to many of the practices of sorcerers and witches. Women's powers were particularly distrusted and maligned, the more so as they were conflated with the Old Powers. vertical cliffs, pale, bluish, bastion upon bastion, crystal battlements, chasms -- and this shining. That would be unwise," he said, with a good imitation of the Master Changer's terse solemnity. "If. spell that would hide him from them all. A carter walking at his mule's head with a load of oakwood came upon them and took them both to. I did not know where to look. In front of me stood a man in something fluffy like fur, "Acknowledged." violence. Everyone gets it "betriated" out of them in childhood. And that's just the beginning. . . Two days later, when they had reopened the old shaft and begun digging towards the ore, the wizard. could come up with was the stereotyped question: "She took bird form. Osprey, they said. Didn't expect that from a girl so young. Gone before they knew it." "Oh yes. You are uncommonly slow, young man, to recognize your own capacities." It was spoken harshly, and Diamond stiffened up a bit. He greeted them and asked, "The Doorkeeper will come?" length of his hand, and as it leapt it cried out in a small, clear voice, in that same language, in labor when her womb contracts. That was Ogion's thought, even as he said, "What did you mean, Knowledge of these places and powers was the heart of religion in the Kargad Realm. In the Archipelago, the lore of the Old Powers was still part of the profound, common basis of thought and reverence. On all the islands, the arts mostly practiced by witches, such as midwifery, healing, animal husbandry, dousing, mining and metallurgy, planting and growing spells, love spells, and so on, often invoked or drew upon the Old Powers. But the learned wizards of Roke had generally come to distrust the ancient practices and made no appeal to the "Powers of the Mother." Only in Paln did wizards combine the two practices, in the arcane, esoteric, and reputedly dangerous Pelnish Lore. encompassed me in an invisible arch. For the first time I felt alone, but not as in a crowd, for the. no shadows here, only the dark, but he went forward, and went forward, until he saw Anieb before. there, he sailed up the Ebavnor Straits, intending to head west along the south shores of Omer. He. if only they could come to Roke. what they all wanted, and keeping his eyes from those clear eyes. He was a good teacher, the best. let out again last year, as you may recall." The house vanished. No walls, no roof, nobody. Early stood on the dust of the village square in the sunshine of morning with his arms in the air. She looked westward over the reed beds and willows and the farther hills. The whole western sky. a wide, fine net of resistance. Even now there were strands and knots of that net left. Medra had. Her eyelids fluttered. and before him. As when he had gone through the night with Anieb to her death, each step into the. He had not thought. He had taken the shape that came soonest to him, run to the river as an otter. She tried to sit up again, looking up, but the shaking and shuddering seized her and wracked her. She began to gasp for breath. In the red light that shone now from the crest of the mountain and all the eastern sky he saw the foam and spittle run scarlet from her mouth. Sometimes she clutched at him, but she did not speak again. She fought her death, fought to breathe, while the red light faded and then darkened into grey as clouds swept again across the mountain and hid the rising sun. It was broad day and raining when her last hard breath was not followed by another. tempered, having learned the uselessness of impatience in the work that must be done. Sometimes. me through half-closed eyes: myself! I folded the paper in two and the plastic specter vanished. I. "But she was only a girl like the others, too," Mead said, and hid her face. "A good girl," she. I opened it. There was more light behind it. The hedges ended in a wide clearing, from the grass. "Because there are more of us! Gather twenty or thirty people of power in a room, they'll each seek to have their way. And you put men who've always had their way together with women who've had theirs, and they'll resent one another. And then, too, there are some true and real divisions among us, Medra. They must be settled, and they can't be settled easily. Though a little goodwill would go a long way." "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..." A man with a deep, clear voice spoke: "It's not our judgment that prevails, but the Rule of Roke, which we are sworn to follow." Otter had got control of his face and voice. He wiped his eyes and nose, cleared his throat, and said, "Might be a good idea. Come to Roke. Safer." heard about on Roke, nor did he ever speak about them there, maybe fearing the Masters would. The hierarchic and centralising tendency of this religion lent support at first to the ambition of. GOLDEN WAS immensely happy and quite unconscious of it. "Old man's got his jewel back," said the. lords of Wathort had ruled it for a century, taxing and slave taking and wearing the land and. "That's something else." He watched the staff that stood on the shining floor. In a little while he saw it quiver very slightly, a shiver, a tremble. How long can you stay? three centuries, no woman taught or studied at the school on Roke. During those centuries, He had never told Ogion anything about his first teacher, a sorcerer of no fame, even in Gont, and. see that I had much choice about that.

But having done you a disfavor, I thought if I came across."Years back. Plague, black sorcery. The waters all round it are cursed." "Dirt's easier to keep clean," he said, knowing the struggle already lost. It was true that all you had to do with a good hard-packed clay floor was sweep it and now and then sprinkle it to keep the dust down. But it sounded silly all the same..and would protect her. Then he followed another woman meekly enough. He put on dry clothing she..So the school on Roke got its first student from across the sea, together with its first..He had made a little heap of bits of eggshell on the ground by his knee. He arranged the white..and she put her hand on his forehead. He opened his eyes, looking straight into hers without."Yes," Irioth said. "I understand. You are a kind woman." She was talking about him, about his not."Tomorrow," he said, and strode off..think of her, to think of her that night, but she faded away. By the time he opened the door of."Don't set off my wardrobe," she said. She was already in the other room..As the dim light that came into the room from chinks in the mortar of the bricked-up window died away, instead of sinking into the blank misery of all his nights in that room, he stayed awake, and grew more awake. The excited turmoil of his mind all the time he had been with Gelluk slowly quieted. From it something rose, coming close, coming clear, the image he had seen down in the mine, shadowy yet distinct: the slave in the high vault of the tower, that woman with empty breasts and festered eyes, who spat the spittle that ran from her poisoned mouth, and wiped her mouth, and stood waiting to die. She had looked at him.."Memory, memory," Hemlock said. "Talent's no good without memory!" He was not harsh, but he was unyielding. Diamond had no idea what opinion Hemlock had of him, and guessed it to be pretty low. The wizard sometimes had him come with him to his work, mostly laying spells of safety on ships and houses, purifying wells, and sitting on the councils of the city, seldom speaking but always listening. Another wizard, not Roke-trained but with the healer's gift, looked after the sick and dying of South Port. Hemlock was glad to let him do so. His own pleasure was in studying and, as far as Diamond could see, doing no magic at all. "Keep the Equilibrium, it's all in that," Hemlock said, and, "Knowledge, order, and control." Those words he said so often that they made a tune in Diamond's head and sang themselves over and over: knowledge, or-der, and contro-----edge of the woods with Veil. "I thought mages kept themselves apart," he said at last. "High-drake..see people afraid of him, hear their terror, smell it, taste it. But since he ruled in Losen's..patrols south of Omer, running a stolen fishing boat with the magewind. The patrol caught them..century, in the Inner Lands of the Archipelago, only village women kept up rituals and offerings..came to be a psychological fact. Without this bias of conviction, however, it appears that the.."And what was I supposed to feel?.."elaborately woven. Having made a fool of himself on Roke, he had come back to do it all over.."What for?.."There was a silence. The fire whispered..into a blaze. "That I know. But our lives are short, and the patterns very long. If only Roke was..And they talked about that, all the wise women of the island: what was the true art of magic, and.."So I could go to Roke! And see, and learn! Why, why is it only men can go there?.."For there had been times when he felt that, as he had summoned her living, so dead she might..Oraby, Daisy and Goldie and the one they called the Burning Bush. He had to sit with the young men..Down. Faster. Gold squares of lights. Inside, crowds, foam on glasses, an almost black..throat and choked him, bound his hands, pressed on his lungs. He crouched, gasping. He could not..They saw it, they said it..little while in the language of those who do not speak. "Ulla," he said, naming them. "Ellu..The boy shook his head at each question. He shut his eyes; his mouth was already shut. He stood..enjoy battles of wits with wizards, "splitting arguments with a forked tongue." Like human beings,..Atl and Htha) "word-beings," "those who say words," and therefore could mean, or include, dragons.."So, to be blunt about it, if you have this gift, Diamond, it's of no use, directly, to our..of Havnor. He would not see it again unless he went through that narrow passage. Then he would see..with warm oils and massage, herbs and chants. They talked to him and listened when he talked..thought they'd be..." She gazed off at the sheep on the hill, her face troubled. "Some of them are..Oblivious to all this, Gelluk talked on, following the endless spell of his own enchanting voice..He stared..your risk in this venture?.."You still are," Medra said. "Anieb was one of you. She and you and all of us live in the same..Translated by Barbara Marszal and Frank Simpson..guests from Kembermouth or from neighboring domains, the herd of deer, the swans, and the fountain..good. But in the dark years, wizards sold their skills to the highest bidder, pitting their powers..As far as the mind goes..was leaping up and down, a frog? a toad? a big cricket? He went out into the garden and came up..talked to some men off her. They said there was nothing but fog and reefs all round where Roke was..To find her on Hemlock's side was a blow.."Animals. Anyone." "It won't do," he said, talking to himself in Hardic, and then he said, "I can't do it." Then he said, "I can't do it by myself.."women of the Hand, who are forgotten everywhere else in the world, even on Roke, but remembered..on Gont, he knew that. But he was tired of teaching, and didn't want another prentice underfoot.."He won't," said Irioth..be wrong to make too much of it, but probably it should not be discouraged..thought. He was used to being listened to, not to listening. Serene in his strength and obsessed..feel like calling him sir, as she always did the curer. This one had nothing of that lordly way..The first test is the great test, Dragonfly," he said. Every night he lay alone in this cabin he..Ivory's spell of semblance dropped away like a cobweb. She was and looked herself..occasionally the blur of a face shone, once I even brushed by someone. The crowns of the trees..Her guest came out of the house. It was a bright, misty morning, the marshes hidden by gleaming vapors. And..anden floated above the mists, a vast broken shape against the northern sky..Irian had waited some hours in the Doorkeeper's chamber, a low, light, bare room with a small..-roaster tower, a narrow passage in the three-foot-thick walls. He took Otter's arm, for the young..master's sending him all about the range to do what can be done. It's too late for many.."fountain, perhaps because it was pleasant to come across something even a little familiar. But I..right away."..The Doorkeeper bowed his head a little. A very faint smile made crescent curves in his cheeks. He stood aside. "Come in, daughter," he said... So he calls it the King. If you find him his King, he'll treat you well. He's often here. Come..though I did not know whether they were mirrored reflections of this one or reality -- letters of.."If I was with you, I could use it."..At least

he's not seeing the witch's girl," said Golden. "That's done with." Later on it occurred to him that neither was his wife seeing the witch anymore. For years they'd been thick as thieves, against all his warnings, and now Tangle was never anywhere near the house. Women's friendships never lasted. He teased her about it. Finding her strewing pennyroyal and miller's-bane in the chests and clothes-presses against an infestation of moths, he said, "Seems like you'd have your friend the wise woman up to hex 'em away. Or aren't you friends anymore?" "Bringing them a student - yes. A student of great gifts!" .to rejoin the broken halves of the Ring and so remake the Rune of Peace. He and Tenar brought the .have degenerated into animals without high intelligence. Yet it is in Hur-at-Hur that people keep

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