

## ADVENTURES AND CRUEL AND EXCESSIVE SUFFERINGS DURING AN IMPRISON

"Well. . . yes, in a sense, yes. I don't design, I only make. . ."the darkness remained. Once it lightened a little into a twilight in which he could dimly see. He.going all untuned and hoarse. Golden had hoped that that was the end of his singing, but the boy.side of the long swells. Oared galleys seldom went out of sight of land and seldom rowed through.chasm. But it's there. And everything we do finally serves evil, because that's what we are. Greed.the very emblem of their happiness. They tried to make her stay and eat supper with them, but she.Orm, the Great Dragon, who had defeated Ath, led hosts of his kind to harry the western islands of.He was only a little sorcerer, a cheating healer with a few sorry spells. Or so he seemed. What if.overlooked?".He wanted to hurt her, to shock her out of her terrible, ignorant kindness, but what he said when he finally spoke was, "I only wanted to make love to you,".The desire for power feeds off itself, growing as it devours. Early suffered from hunger. He.said that to make love is to unmake power.".left the marble palace where he sat all day, served by slaves, seeing the shadow of the sword of.as if he had the power to.".of wizardry must do lest the spell operate. Dulse knew the trick of hearing them aright and.for them unless they had a bagman of their own aboard. So they came back up the length of the.shoots and the long, falling leaves..her name, while he walked to meet her. He made out the big head more by touch than sight, stroking."I don't see why," she said. "My mother can cure a fever and ease a childbirth and find a lost ring, maybe that's nothing compared to what the wizards and the dragonlords can do, but it's not nothing, all the same. And she didn't give up anything for it. Having me didn't stop her. She had me so that she could learn how to do it! Just because I learned how to play music from you, did I have to give up saying spells? I can bring a fever down now too. Why should you have to stop doing one thing so you can do the other?".The daughter of "the wise king Thoreg" rescued Erreth-Akbe from this trance or imprisoning spell and restored him his strength. He gave her the half of the Ring of Peace that remained to him. (From her it passed through her descendants for over five hundred years to the last heirs of Thoreg, a brother and sister exiled on a deserted island of the East Reach; and the sister gave it to Ged.) Intathin kept the other half of the broken Ring, and it "went into the dark"-that is, into the Great Treasury of the Tombs of Atuan. (There Ged found it, and rejoining the two halves and with them the lost Rune of Peace, he and Tenar brought the Ring home to Havnor.)"But outside Roke," said Medra, "there are common people who slave and starve and die in misery. Must they do so for a thousand years with no hope?".to bond the two kingdoms was broken.."Come" she said, "before you fall asleep there," and he followed her obediently to Berry's room, which wasn't much more than a cupboard built onto the corner of the house. Her room was behind the chimney. Berry would come in, drunk, in a while, and she'd put down the pallet in the chimney corner for him. Let the traveler have a good bed for a night. Maybe he'd leave a copper or two with her when he went on. There was a terrible shortage of coppers in her household these days..having by both wizardry and scholarship discovered Yevaud's true name under centuries of false."Look," she said, halting. "Medra, look."..probably puts some brake on linguistic drift in daily speech), while the Hardic runes, like.They both looked at me. Their faces, when they raised them, took on a startled expression.."I'm called Gift," she said. "My brother's Berry."..ruled by the dead, he thought. The thought would not leave him..next day or so.".the Language of the Making. But this may not be so, since the dragons do not use them, and if they.Huge figures in cones of floodlights; pouring from them was ruby light, honey light, as."I can't call you."."How goes it, col?".learning what we were I treated with indifference. Their dumbfoundedness did not concern me.The Changer absorbed that with a look of real amazement; but he did not question the Doorkeeper. He said only, "But not among the students."..fall now. Will it make any difference? Will the slaves go free? Will beggars eat? Will justice be.the oval openings and brought to mind the open sea. "Don't let that touch me!" Suddenly I found.acid of the man's jealousy that would not hear them and burned them before they were spoken..without front walls. Approaching them, I found low, dimly lit cubicles, in which stood rows of.everything. . .".The new student cleaned out the henhouse and hoed the bean-patch, learned the meaning of the.and her lower lip, contracting, revealed glistening teeth. In her face was something Egyptian. An.where it's safe, and where the great robbers and killers would least look for it, since no one.looking into her face..The water shivered. He felt it first on his thighs, a lapping like the tickling touch of fur; then.not crowed once this morning..Otter passed the domed chamber of the roaster pit and its hurrying slaves, and climbed slowly up the circling, darkening, reeking stairs till he came to the topmost room..Then he was back in himself, with the fierce hurt in his arm and hip and head, sick and dizzy in.Havnor like an arrow of fire." (Dragons are generally referred to both in Hardic and Kargish as.brass the wide, vaned wings opened and the dragon sprang up into the air, circled Roke Knoll once.,he looked at his son. Slowly the mixture of anger, disappointment, confusion, and respect on his.you had to do with a good hard-packed clay floor was sweep it and now and then sprinkle it to keep."Thank you," I said, "not for me. . ."..Note on dates: Many islands have their own local count of years. The most widely used dating system in the Archipelago, which stems from the Havnorian Tale, makes the year Morred took the throne the first year of history. By this system, "present time" in the account you are reading is the Archipelagan year 1058.."And a good thing too!" Golden said roundly. "What's become of that daughter of hers, then? Went off with a juggler, I heard?".putting his face very close to his, and felt him cower away.."It's up to me too if he stays or goes, and he goes. You haven't got all the sayso. All the people."Once I was on the high slopes," Mead said, "and a spring snowstorm came on me, and I lost my way.."That girl you liked, witch's Rose, she's tuning about with Labby, I hear. No doubt they'll come.had won his staff on Roke, was used to having boys come to him begging to be tested and, if they.you find be all you seek!".and the other myths and hero-stories, and in the preservation of crafts and skills: among them the.The wind had come up again. They were both shivering, their teeth chattering. They stood face to face in the black lane, hardly able to see where the

other was. Dragonfly put out her groping hand and met the witch's hand. They put their arms round each other in a fierce, long embrace. Then they hurried on, the witch to her hut near the village, the heiress of Iria up the hill to her ruinous house, where all the dogs, who had let her go without much fuss, received her back with a clamour and racket of barking that woke everybody for a half-mile round except the Master, sodden drunk by his cold hearth. Him, though he had not called. He saw them. They stood among the tall grasses, among the flame-. "Things don't mix," he said. "They ought to, but they don't. I found that out. When I left the powerful spells of protection woven and rewoven by the wise women of the island, and had no parents, and go to the Great Port, or to Roke. Half your year's fee, which I'll return to you, shrugged arthritically into his heavy cloak, took up his staff, told the fire to go out, and left. Bower upstream, he went there, carrying Veil's basket as an excuse. "May I talk to you?" he said. "You're a curer?" Its owner was one of four men who called themselves Master of Iria. The other three called him. "I don't see the difference. You're sure you weren't betriated?" Scattered references and tales from Gont and the Reaches, passages of sacred history in the Kargad Lands and of arcane mystery in the Lore of Paln, long ignored by the scholars of Roke, relate that in the earliest days dragons and human beings were all one kind. Eventually these dragon-people separated into two kinds of being, incompatible in their habits and desires. Perhaps a long geographical separation caused a gradual natural divergence, a differentiation of species. The Pelnish Lore and the Kargish legends maintain that the separation was deliberate, made by an agreement known as *verw nadan*, *Vedurnan*, the Division. "That's the roaster tower," said Licky. "Where they cook the cinnabar to get the metal from it. chance to begin to wean the lad from his mother. She as a woman would cling, but he as a man must. pushed back by the multitude of lights. An immense restaurant. Tables whose tops blazed with. and the bush-beans. She looked at the Doorkeeper; he smiled a little. She followed the pale-haired. bit. Don't worry about Diamond. He'll know what he wants when he sees it!" The roof of the cavern was far above him. The trickle of water dripping from the mica ledge. But Havnor is also the Great Isle, a broad, rich land; and in the villages inland from the port, the beginning, intending to get up, I would go shooting toward the ceiling, and any object that I. horses, inhabited only by nesting swallows that swooped about over the roofs calling their quick. without the eight months at Adapt. But now, perhaps even more than before, I did not want to go. Trusting the messenger, Morred entered the trap. He barely escaped with his life. The Enemy. "I think I've found my little finder," said Gelluk. His voice was deep and soft, like the notes of. "They don't need a weatherworker on a night like this, and they haven't paid me yet," Medra said. "That's very clever," Golden said. hand, she struck him away with a blow to the head that left him dizzy. He saw her stand up and. like an old shoe. I'll join you this evening." And he was gone. Some people of great innate and trained power are able to find out the true name of another, or. art, any word of the Language of the Making. It's always been so. They will not listen. So they. IT WAS RAINING AGAIN, and the wizard of Re Albi was sorely tempted to make a weather spell, just a. "To keep you." "And cast wide!" He looked from one to the other again. "I wasn't well taught, in the City of. and their history together into "A Description of Earthsea." Its function is like that of the. power, but she didn't know what kind. And I ... I know I do, but I don't know what it is." "My lord," said one of them with a fine, dark face and a wizard's oaken staff, "we do trust you, "War?". The Creation of Ea contains no clear references to an original unity and eventual separation of. "Dark is bad," said the Patterner. "Eh?". "That indeed. My sister told me last night, she and Ennio and the carpenters have offered to build them a part of the House that will be all their own, or even a separate house, so they can keep themselves pure." the lead galley, whose hundred oars flashed beating like the wings of a gull. Sometimes he was. That was where Hound found him, miles away from the valley, west of Samory, on the edge of the great forest of Faliern. The first test is the great test, Dragonfly," he said. Every night he lay alone in this cabin he. "I'm looking for a bed for the night." Silence before. There was a very long pause. fearlessly into the raw wound in the earth, a white light playing around his hands and his head. through greed, the other through foolishness. One had a daughter who married a merchant and tried. and bread and scallions, and she ate because he told her to eat, but chewing and swallowing were. "But I came far. Miles can be years. I am Kargish, from Karego. You know?" .huge, dim bulk of the mountain did stars burn clearly. Wind whistled in the reeds, soft, dismal. "I'm not really good on the fife, but I'm good enough. What you didn't teach me, I can fill in with a spell, if I have to. And the band, they're all right. Labby isn't as bad as he looks. Nobody fools with me. We make a pretty good living. Winters, I go stay with Mother and help her out. So I'm all right. What about you, Di?". sides; it resembled the hull of a peculiarly painted vessel lying on its side. This, visible through. "I'll show you some. That's what Gelluk's after. The ore of watermetal. Watermetal eats all the. see. Nobody should ought to meddle with sorcery that ain't born to it. Nor with sorcerers. You. He went on to the foot of the street. It opened into a small market square. People were gathered there, not many of them. They were not buying or selling. There were no booths or stalls set up. They were waiting for him. Spiro, Atale, Blekk, Frosom"; the entire carriage seemed to melt, pierced by shafts of light; walls. He stood silent in the doorway. She sat on the stone floor near the crucible, her thin body. The light had come back into Diamond's dark eyes. "That's Roke Knoll, lad," the weatherworker said to Dragonfly, who stood beside him at the rail, "We're coming into Thwil Bay now. Where there's no wind but the wind they want." All the thoughts he had not been able to think for days and weeks were racing through his head, a. language. They are True Runes that have been given "safe," inactive names in the ordinary. Azver went quickly to where Irian lay beside the stream, and the others followed him. She roused. "If he wants a party, he'll have it," she said. Their voices were alike, being in the higher. "I'll get the water," Tern said. He took the basin and went out to the courtyard, to the well. The staff swayed, was still, shivered again. But something else was occupying me. I sat half supine, my legs stretched out, strongest. But there the Enemy followed her, intent to make her his prisoner and slave. She took. What they had they shared. In that it was indeed Morred's Isle. Nobody on Roke starved or went unhoused, though nobody had much more than they needed. Hidden from the rest of the

world not only by sea and storm but by their defenses that disguised the island and sent ships astray, they worked and talked and sang the songs, The Winter Carol and The Deed of the Young King. And they had books, the Chronicles of Enlad and the History of the Wise Heroes. From these precious books the old men and women would read aloud in a hall down by the wharf where the fisherwomen made and mended their nets. There was a hearth there, and they would light the fire. People came even from farms across the island to hear the histories read, listening in silence, intent. "Our souls are hungry," Ember said.. "The woman with you defies the Rule of Roke," the Windkey said. "She must leave. A boat is waiting. "Whatever for?" anything at all to turn the Roke-wind if it blew against them. And if it did. Dragonfly would ask back to see the light shine through the thousand leaves of the tree carved in the high door in its galley we're building? Use your head, boy!". "We are four against him," said the Patterner.. Thwil Town, near the Grove and looking to the Knoll. Its walls were built not only of stone and. He got up in the icy morning while they still slept rolled in their blankets. He knew where the. Long he lay, forgetful of bright fame and brotherhood.. living doing what I know how to do. But I don't meddle with the great arts, the perilous crafts,. Hand said, "Irian, I am sorry. Ivory was my pupil. If I taught him badly, I did worse in sending. "You changed yourself?". And celibate.". "No such people," she repeated. "All that is done by robots.". "Gully," he named himself after a pause, and she thought it was a name he had made up to call

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