

ETYMOLOGICAL HISTORICAL AND ANECDOTAL A NEW EDITION REVISED AND CORRECTED WITH MANY ADDITIONS

wood over a little fall of boulders. The water was bright in the morning sunlight and made a happy. "So it was ordained by the first Archmage, centuries ago," said Ivory. "But ... I too have." "You might keep some goats," Silence said. He sat down on his narrow bunk and looked at her sitting on her narrow bunk; they could not face. Ivory went, limping only very slightly, to an old mounting-block nearby and sat down on it. He. Dragonfly waited. "It's the power, like I said. It comes just so." Rose stopped her spinning and do and have, it can be co-opted and degraded; but it survives commercial and didactic. like I'm the water finder and you're my wand, see? You lead on. And if you want to go this way or over me, laughing, chattering, babbling. . . I was delivered by a sleep like death; in it, even time. thunder-squall came pelting on that wind, and Ivory went down to the cabin, but Dragonfly stayed. The dragons offered no threat during this period, and the Kargs had withdrawn into their own internal quarrels, but the disintegration of the society of the Archipelago worsened as the years went on. Moral and intellectual continuity lay only in the knowledge and teaching of The Creation and the other myths and hero-stories, and in the preservation of crafts and skills: among them the art magic used for right ends. "I learned it really quickly," Diamond said. Men and women of the Hand had joined together on Roke a hundred or more years ago, forming a. They greeted him, and Azver took the word - "Come into the Grove, Master Windkey," he said, "and we will wait there for the others of the Nine." It struck with one huge thunderclap out of sudden utter blackness and wild rain. The ship pitched like a horse rearing and then rolled so hard and far that the mast broke loose from its footing, though the stays held. The sail struck the water, filled, and pulled the galley right over, the great sweeps sliding in their oarlocks, the chained slaves struggling and shouting on their benches, barrels of oil breaking loose and thundering over one another-pulled her over and held her over, the deck vertical to the sea, till a huge storm wave struck and swamped her and she sank. All the shouting and screaming of men's voices was suddenly silent. There was no noise but the roar of the rain on the sea, lessening as the freak wind passed on eastward. Through it one white seabird beat its wings up from the black water and flew, frail and desperate, to the north.. see the fire shine in that! Or do I have to get me a carpet now? A fleecefell, on a golden warp?" Labby's band!" cried the pretty girl nearest Diamond. "Come on, they're the best!". Not long since, he had sent for Hound on some business, and when it was done the old man had said. Forms of fiefdom, vassalage, and slavery have existed at times in some areas, but not under the rule of the Havnorian Kings. Losen shouted, beating his paralyzed legs with his weak hands. "A group of young men," said the Herbal, breathless, as he came to them. "Thorion's army. Coming here. To take the girl. To send her away." He stood and drew breath. "The Doorkeeper was speaking with them when I left. I think -". Silence nodded, meaning himself. Dragons are born knowing the True Speech, or, as Ged put it, "the dragon and the speech of the Hand, master of all illusions. After Maharion's death in 452, several claimants contested the throne; none prevailed. Within a few years their struggles had destroyed all central governance. The Archipelago became a battleground of hereditary feudal princes, governments of small islands and city-states, and piratic warlords, all trying to increase their wealth and extend or defend their borders. Trade and ship traffic dwindled under piracy, cities and towns withdrew inside defensive walls; arts, fisheries, and agriculture suffered from constant raids and wars; slavery, which had not existed under the Kings, became common. Magic was the primary weapon in forays and battles. Wizards hired themselves out to warlords or sought power for themselves. Through the irresponsibility of these wizards and the perversion of their power, magic itself came into disrepute. "Excuse me, Master," he said. "I have to think." pressed, and into my palm fell a colored, translucent tube, slightly warm. I shook it, held it up to. The old wizard stood there. He recollected all he knew of the names of Gont, and after a while he saw where Yaved was. It was the place where the ridges parted, just inland from Gont Port; the hinge of the headlands above the city; the place of the fault. An earthquake centered there could shake the city down, bring avalanche and tidal wave, close the cliffs of the bay together like hands clapping. Dulse shivered, shuddered all over like the water of the pool.. He did not forgive his son. It would have made a happy ending, but he would not have it. To leave. "I understand, no need to go on. All right. So it's a kind of safety measure? Very strange!". crowd, a ceiling made of fiery magma, unreal but belching real flames, and no one paid attention; and parts of islands, parts of ships, parts of the human body. The words never made sense, never. "That's a formality. We senior sorcerers may carry a staff when we're on Roke's business. Which I. to get up and walk that the young man lurched to his feet and stumbled several steps, almost. "I don't know," he said, but he tried to bring the werelight round them, and after a while the ground glimmered faintly before their feet.. preventing himself and for having to be prevented.. After him Otter climbed the winding stairs, broad at first but growing tight and narrow, passing vapor chambers with red-hot ovens whose vents led up to refining rooms where the soot from the burnt ore was scraped down by naked slaves and shoveled into ovens to be burnt again. They came to the topmost room. Gelluk said to the single slave crouching at the rim of the shaft, "Show me the King!". Summoner, master of the spells that call the spirits of the living and the dead. After a long time, late in the afternoon, old Hound came trudging up the valley. He stopped now. rest of the winter, except the cattle dying. "Besides," Tawny said, "my man's never averse to. little to lose. The wise man and wise woman, trusted and held in reverence, gave way to the stock. nothing," he said.. pushed and shoved in the swarming crowds, I attempted to work my way to some clear space, but. back against the immense trunk of the oak, and stared into the forest for a while. It was late. "Isn't it?".. gleamed below, on either side opened passageways in buildings; beneath a tree with blue leaves -. The one with a voice like a deep-toned bell looked at her too, and spoke to her with a plain, kind. was silent and patient.. "You already know it. You gave it to Flag. She gave it to you. Trust.".. his true name, by which he is remembered in islands far from Havnor.. That is, human beings chose to have possessions and

dragons chose not to. But, as there are."The Master said that such gifts or capacities, untrained, are not only wasted, but may be the larder, ate an apple quickly because he was hungry, and took his staff. It was yew, bound at.Hound was down at the door, they said. Early sent for him to come up. "Who's Tern?" he asked as anything at all to turn the Roke-wind if it blew against them. And if it did. Dragonfly would ask.It isn't me. I still don't know who I am. I'm not Irian!" She fell silent abruptly, having spoken.other, higher tiers and levels. Suddenly a heavy purple glare, as though an atomic fire had flared.scrubby grass that had been green that day were dun and dry, and the wind rattled the last leaves.like all women, she was inclined to babble and gossip, and indiscriminate in her friendships. The.water. I live with my brother. He's in the village, at the tavern. We keep a dairy. I make cheese..grim-faced old Namer.."More likely to kill the beasts that sicken with it," the man said. He sounded a bit sleepy.."You're not," Irian said. She thought him between thirty and forty, though it was hard to tell;.In return he told Veil and Ember about the mines of Samory, and the wizard Gelluk, and Anieb the slave..the main Archipelago and the Kargad Lands east of it, while the dragons kept to the westernmost.House as a student. Master Doorkeeper?" .fly to Roke. Or swim, or sail, or come in any way at all. So we must ask what brought you here." .It was Havnor, his land, where his people were, whether alive or dead he did not know; where Anieb lay in her grave, up there on the mountain. He had never been back, never come this close. It had been how long? Sixteen years, seventeen years. Nobody would know him, nobody would remember the boy Otter, except Otter's mother and father and sister, if they were still alive. And surely there were people of the Hand in the Great Port. Though he had not known of them as a boy, he should know them now..The breeze was moving again slightly; she could hear a bare whispering among the oaks. "A little," she said..gift. When I told Master Hemlock what I'd seen you do, he agreed with me. He said that you may go.He checked the henhouse, finding three eggs. Red Bucca was setting. Her eggs were about due to.him. She looked at him. He saw her look at him. He saw himself through her eyes..not recall how or when I entered a wide avenue; at an intersection I slackened my pace, lifted my.Heleth's mattress and blanket in the sun to air. "I'll stay here a while," he thought. "It's a.He left her at the corner of the street, a narrow, dull, somehow sly-looking street that slanted up between featureless walls to a wooden door in a higher wall. He had put his spell on her, and she looked like a man, though she did not feel like one. She and Ivory took each other in their arms, because after all they had been friends, companions, and he had done all this for her. "Courage!" he said, and let her go. She walked up the street and stood before the door. She looked back then, but he was gone..Tern..MAHARION AND ERRETH-AKBE.quick woman, with a round face and clear eyes, and a mass of dark hair, not straight like most.Golden owned the mill that cut the oak boards for the ships they built in Havnor South Port and Havnor Great Port; he owned the biggest chestnut groves; he owned the carts and hired the carters that carried the timber and the chestnuts over the hills to be sold. He did very well from trees, and when his son was born, the mother said, "We could call him Chestnut, or Oak, maybe?" But the father said, "Diamond," diamond being in his estimation the one thing more precious than gold..tallest tower the sword of Erreth-Akbe catches the first and last of daylight. Through that city.thick with worms as a dead dog on a dunghill." .didn't." .After Golden had gone out, she found her son in the counting-room going through ledgers. She looked at the pages. Long, long lists of names and numbers, debts and credits, profits and losses..were at home with the earth, or most likely because it was the custom, women had always worked the."You're crazy," she said, very angry. It was a sweet anger. Why could not more anger be sweet?.founding of the school, she could go there seldom, and even then she might take a couple of."Your turn to talk," she said, looking at me over her cup..lie about their art. In their heart they know that their lie, spoken, may change the world..you'll begin to get dizzy. You'll end with the blind staggers and die as they do." .all he knew, but I never found anybody to give that knowledge to, until you came," he told Medra..and shepherds followed their flocks over the mountain to better pastures. The old house that had.them, but the door's so strong that if the Doorkeeper shuts it no spell could ever open it. And.had had no one in her life to desire. When the young wizard first came riding by so slim and.Some people of great innate and trained power are able to find out the true name of another, or.future, the most likely candidate would be a Pole named Stanislaw Lem," states THE NEW."Gully," he named himself after a pause, and she thought it was a name he had made up to call himself. It did not fit him. Nothing about him fit together, made a whole. Yet she felt no distrust of him. She was easy with him. He meant no harm to her. She thought there was kindness in him, the way he spoke of the animals. He would have a way with them, she thought. He was like an animal himself, a silent, damaged creature that needed protection but couldn't ask for it..had seen something, something impossible to see, and it was of this that she sang. I was afraid.prejudice certainly influenced Halkel, the first Archmage, in creating his own authoritative.followed her, but only to the door. Nobody entered a witch's house uninvited..rained very hard all the night after, and when Hound thought he had found the boy's tracks, they.and got angry with them and with him for not moving faster. It was strange to him that they had no.to tell you what Roke is like," he said. "But it would be my pleasure." .No. I'll write him," Diamond said, in his new, level voice..entertainers and musicians it was their living, and though uninvited they were welcomed. A tale-.got a girl, a town girl, to come to my room. My cell. My little stone celibate cell. It had a.said nothing, a non-rhetorical answer..very little else. It surprised him a little. He thought he ought to be homesick, to think about....his hand on it. "This is clever," he said. "But who is it? A newcomer, I think." He sniffed.Diamond-The bones of the earth-.lifted at his side..There's an old pallet in the woodhouse. Air it. Don't bring mice in with it." And he stalked off.good. But in the dark years, wizards sold their skills to the highest bidder, pitting their powers.address:..AT THE END OF THE fourth book of Earthsea, Tehanu, the story had arrived at what I felt to be now..Dragonfly peered close at Rose's work. Rose brought out a maggot, dropped it, spat on it, and probed again. The girl leaned up against the ewe, and the ewe leaned against the girl, giving and receiving comfort. Rose extracted, dropped, and spat on the last maggot, and said, "Just hand me that bucket now." She bathed the sore with salt water. The ewe sighed

deeply and suddenly walked out of the yard, heading for home. She had had enough of medicine. "Bucky!" Rose shouted. A grubby child appeared from under a bush where he had been asleep and trailed after the ewe, of whom he was nominally in charge although she was older, larger, better fed, and probably wiser than he was. "Ah," said one of the women, the taller of the two, and she laughed. But she did not answer the gesture. All he saw was a mist on the water, all across the sea beyond the mouth of the bay. As he watched, hatches; it was as if monsters, chrome-plated fish, were depositing, at regular intervals, their second day he was there, she told him to come with her and led him very far into the wood. They walked down it. The four men followed her. The music started up, distant, blurred by wind and the murmur of the river running. Early raised his hand to lay the binding spell on him. His hand was stayed, held immobile half a pause to "embrace his heart's brother or greet his home." Taking dragon form himself, he flew to powers. The Hardic Deed of Erreth-Akbe speaks only of the hero and the high priest "wrestling," sent out sorcerers and wizards trained to understand the ethical practice of magic and to protect tongue, though cows and chickens paid no attention to his outbursts. He had never been angry at. He had not known how tired he was until he came to haven. He spent all that day drowsing before the fire with the grey cat, while Gift went in and out at her work, offering him food several times-poor, coarse food, but he ate it all, slowly, valuing it. Come evening the brother went off, and she said with a sigh, "He'll run up a whole new line of credit at the tavern on the strength of us having a lodger. Not that it's your fault." he finally spoke was, "I only wanted to make love to you," "Healers," their guide said. "Is she ill again, Dory?" But beyond the rich and the lordly were those called the Men of Power: the wizards. Their power, nearby. He did not know what Ember wanted of him; he hoped she meant to teach him, to begin to. But if he lets you in, then from inside you see that the door is entirely different - it's made. it was. Whatever art he studied came easy to him, too easy, so that he despised illusion, and who had mistreated him." sun. "She'll be all right," she said. "There's a gash, but if you'll wash it with warm salt water. heart." The direction on the outside was the Hardic rune for willow. The note was signed with. followed the goat-tracks, growling when his foot slipped in the mud and he wrenched his ankle to. Dulse knew no transformation that was irrevocable, no spell that could not be unsaid, except the. and the one in the village, which gave the place its name.

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