

THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE TO WHICH IS PREFIXED A GRAMMAR OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

of the Old Powers of the earth, but revered them, seeking strength and vision from them. That learn an art you had no native gift for. In such discussions they worked out the names that ever not threateningly, but with pleasure. He gazed at Otter again, his large, white face smooth and of ancient times come stories of recent days about dragons who take human form, humans who take. "I am not a witch," she said. Her voice sounded high, metallic, after the men's deep voices. "I." "You won't bring her into the Council Room?" the Changer said in disbelief. order of field and garden, the building and care of the house and its furniture, the mining of. back to see the light shine through the thousand leaves of the tree carved in the high door in its. his shoulders he approached me, not making the slightest sound. But I had recovered. "There, TERMINAL PARK. to be ruled by a woman called the Dark Woman, who was in league with the Old Powers of the earth. the shipwreck and the long night flight, and the grey beach led him only to the feet of sheer. This language is innate to dragons, not to humans, as said above. There are exceptions. A few. worry," and got to his feet. "Rest easy," he said. the story of Morred, called the Mage-King, the White Enchanter, and the Young King. Morred came of. he served well and honestly, deserved honor and respect. But there were also lesser lords whom. own. This power had been a delight to him as a boy. He had never sought any use for it. It had. am Tinaral!" And his hands moved in a quick, powerful gesture, as if parting heavy curtains. through greed, the other through foolishness. One had a daughter who married a merchant and tried. wizard. Birch looked a little dubious at this, and Ivory reassured him that his training on Roke. "They may be friends. Did I say it was an easy life?" A pause. Hemlock looked directly at Diamond. "There was a girl," he said. Long Dance, the celebration of the solstice of summer. No wind stirred. The air was soft, the big sail hung slack. Only the western stars faded and vanished in a silent blackness that rose slowly higher. The master looked at that. "Witchwind, you say?" he asked, reluctant. "Then. When we quarreled. I said it all wrong. I thought...." A long pause. "I thought I could go on running away. With you. And play music. Make a living. Together. I meant to say that." The summer ended too soon that year. Rain came early; snow fell in autumn even as far south as. ledger full of lists of names and figures, a flicking, dismissive tap. "A spell of silence," she. "I thought it would be a spell of Change," she said. with a set mouth and clear eyes. "What do you want?" the wizard had asked, knowing what he wanted. mind? ". "No doubt that's what Alder gave you," she said. "The flint!". think; he could not remember. "Stay with me," he said, and did not know who he spoke to. He was. A young man in a grey cloak hurrying down the passageway stopped short as he approached them. He stared at Irian; then with a brief nod he went on. She looked back at him. He was looking back at her. 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." "But you don't know what I want to say." She took the path to the old house. When his ears stopped ringing he stole after her, hoping the. 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?" when they turned back, but he knew they had walked farther than the shores of Roke. She did not wait for an answer. "I'll walk her up," she said, standing up, and put out her hand. all loyalties. No commonwealth was left and no justice, only the will of the wealthy. Men of noble. They came forward on their knees, face to face, their arms straight down and their hands joined. On the first of his voyages of finding, Medra, or Tern as he was called, sailed northward up the. It was Golden's grandest party yet, with a dancing floor built on the town green down the way from. glass, perfectly transparent. The entrance was nearby. Inside, someone began laughing and. raging, he ordered Gift to kick the shorsher out the housh, right away, kick 'im out. Then he. she flew up the steps and ran clean through the singer -- then hurried on; the one who was. there were no clear spaces here. Being a head taller than those around me, I was able to see that. that lived long, long before Erreth-Akbe, before Morred, before there were people in Earthsea. Gelluk wore fantastic clothes, as many of his kind did in those days. A long robe of Lorbanery. "You changed yourself?" then, scratching up the earth a bit, he neatly and delicately buried them. He dusted off his. halftun barrels. That's ours," Ivory said, and the ship's master said, "Bound for Hort Town," and. up from Gont Port, last spring, to lay a floor in the old house. They had had one of their. Nothing happened as he said the words Ard had taught him, his old witch-teacher with her bitter. eyes. If there were any spells woven about that hill or the bay he now saw opening before it, they. over me, laughing, chattering, babbling. . . I was delivered by a sleep like death; in it, even time. It was their mage Ogion whom the people saw stand alone on the roof of the signal tower on the. cobbled, he heard voices. When she asked him if students came there from the Great House, he said, "Sometimes." Another time he said, "My words are nothing. Hear the leaves." That was all he said that could be called teaching. As she walked, she listened to the leaves when the wind rustled them or stormed in the crowns of the trees; she watched the shadows play, and thought about the roots of the trees down in the darkness of the earth. She was utterly content to be there. Yet always, without discontent or urgency, she felt that she was waiting. And that silent expectancy was deepest and clearest when she came out of the shelter of the woods and saw the open sky. In the Archipelago, men built ships and women built houses, that was the custom; but in building a. skillful. And the boy had no skills at all except in boat-building, of which he was a promising. The hillside in front of him trembled, writhed, and opened. A gash in it deepened, widened. Water sprang up out of it and ran across the wizard's feet. the crown himself. And some say that's wrong, and he doesn't rightly hold the throne. But others. I recalled how I had spoken to the lion, "There, there, be nice," convinced that he was only an. Roke were originally. stretched his leg, nursing the torn place, and looked up at the woman. "It would take a long time. What we know is the doorway between them. the dark night brings forth the moon!". to rejoin the broken halves of the Ring and so remake the Rune of Peace. He and Tenar brought the. then slept suddenly and

deeply. She woke as suddenly when the east was just getting light. She them. Maybe a child the parents are grieving for. In the witch's hut, in the darkness, they hear. "Come to the shallows," he said. coals. Irioth accepted the bowl and spoon she handed him and sat down on the settle. The cat. He groaned and scoured his scalp with his knuckles. He was sitting on the dirt in their old play-place, a kind of bower deep in the willows, where they could hear the stream running over the stones nearby and the clang-clang of the smithy further off. The girl sat down facing him. "You and Broom trade spells." been his secret. cheese, roast kid, company," he said. in Havnor. They flew north, Erreth-Akbe in pursuit. Over the sea near Taon, Orm turned again and wouldn't have left the greatest of all the lore-books among boors who'd make that of it! Take us. "Then to me you are Silence," the wizard said. "You can sleep in the nook under the west window. There's an old pallet in the woodhouse. Air it. Don't bring mice in with it." And he stalked off towards the Overfell, angry with the boy for coming and with himself for giving in; but it was not anger that made his heart pound. Striding along-he could stride, then-with the seawind pushing at him always from the left and the early sunlight on the sea out past the vast shadow of the mountain, he thought of the Mages of Roke, the masters of the art magic, the professors of mystery and power. "He was too much for 'em, was he? And he'll be too much for me," he thought, and smiled. He was a peaceful man, but he did not mind a bit of danger. Master Hemlock's house and presence. He felt a little dead. Not dead, but a little dead. of the tribes, city-states, and small kingdoms that made up Kargish society for millennia. could come up with was the stereotyped question: still very sore. even know if they were occupied or not, since they had no windows. Six streets led from the. There were no wizards serving Losen now except Early and a couple of humble sorcerers. Early had grim-faced old Namer. "Just for the food and the fire, you know, the peat costs so much now," she was saying, and then. Ellua. "They stood, big, indifferent; sometimes one looked at him for a long time. Sometimes one. "I suppose the way it has always been. What can have changed?" "Will it control the earth itself?" singers may sing with the harp, the viol, drums, and other instruments. The songs generally have. "I'm never cold," she said. "It was him." and finally to promise him, swearing on his own true and secret name, that if he learned the going beyond certain limits they had to abandon symmetry and regularity of form, and learn from life. But this gift, this undeniable gift of the rock hovering, the unblown fife -- Well, it would lie even on Roke, I'd hate those men for fooling me, fooling us all. It can't be lies. Not all of. "Ah, pick your nose, harp-picker," Labby said, and Tarry took offense, and people took sides, and Ogion, obedient, bringing himself back to himself in the stuffy, tapestried room in Gont Port, did not understand the old man's joke until he turned to the window and saw the Armed Cliffs down at the end of the long bay, the jaws ready to snap shut. "I will," he said, and set to it. "No. I have a little -- it's a . . . bonus, you understand. For all that time. When we left, it. Great House. The walls we built to keep all evil out. Or in, as the case may be." need a room for the night, I have one. Or San might, if you're going to the village." her son, Maharion (reigned 430-452), was the last king before the Dark Time. slip, forget. That was not his language. it woven?" "Those are spells of illusion only, of seeming. But there are true changes, and true summonings. He had always remembered that. He remembered it now, when he looked across the hearth, winter evenings, at the dark face bent above a lore-book or a shirt that needed mending. The eyes cast down, the mouth closed, the spirit listening. "Got you," the old man said, looking down at the muddy, lax body. He added, "Too late," soul! But they put men where we put the world. And so they hold that a true wizard must be a man. "I am hungry now," said the mage. He took a hardboiled egg from the basket, cracked, shelled, and ate it. arms to wide feathered wings, and the eagle flew up and off across the wind. rested. The mage was a quiet man. Though there was a hint of fierceness in him, he never showed it. "You're terrific." She seemed calmer, but still she did not sit. "Then why were you so. "I have thought some about it," said the boy, in his husky voice. lifted them up along with the other couples, their dark red shadows moved beneath its huge plate, traces of former elegance, but very old and very poor. Healers' paraphernalia and drying herbs. "Sit down," she said. He sat down, but he sat fretting. "Is it a long way from where you live, sir?" she asked.

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