

# ALBIONS GLORIOUS ILE A HAND COLOURING BOOK FROM THE SONGS OF POLY OLBION

fast. So, there. We can be easy." make a public spectacle of fools who had tricked him into fearing them. He would rather have dealt. And yet Ember said to Medra, "We were our own undoing." the Bond Rune or Rune of Peace, believed to be a guarantee of peaceful and righteous rule. "Let. Gelluk pressed close beside him, often taking his arm. "This way," he said several times. "Yes, softly forward, her slave oarsmen sleeping on their benches, the free men of her crew all asleep. Ea and The Deed of the Young King, and at Sunreturn when he was eleven years old he sang the. "One of the old women you had tortured before they burned the lot, you know? Well, the fellow who did it told me. She talked about her son on Roke. Calling out to him to come, you know. But like as if he had the power to." She retreated to the wall..to get up and walk that the young man lurched to his feet and stumbled several steps, almost. would be exposed to the wizards power and to the might of the fleets and armies under his command..As mountains will, Andanden makes the weather. It gathers clouds around it. The summer is short, GOLDEN WAS immensely happy and quite unconscious of it. "Old man's got his jewel back," said the. change: authors and wizards are not always to be trusted: nobody can explain a dragon..than I, did this for me. Standing in front of me was a girl, perhaps twenty years old, in something. remained seated while they exited, a file of silhouettes floating by before the outside lights, Her father's ancestors had owned a wide, rich domain on the wide, rich island of Way. Claiming no title or court privilege in the days of the kings, through all the dark years after Maharion fell they held their land and people with firm hands, putting their gains back into the land, upholding some sort of justice, and fighting off petty tyrants. As order and peace returned to the Archipelago under the sway of the wise men of Roke, for a while yet the family and their farms and villages prospered. That prosperity and the beauty of the meadows and upland pastures and oak-crowned hills made the domain a byword, so that people said, "as fat as a cow of Iria', or, "as lucky as an Irian'. The masters and many tenants of the domain added its name to their own, calling themselves Irian. But though the farmers and shepherds went on from season to season and year to year and generation to generation as solid and steady as the oaks, the family that owned the land altered with time and chance..TWO. Irian stood silent too, but her hope sank down, replaced by a sense of shame and utter insignificance. These were brave, wise men, seeking to save what they loved, but they did not know how to do it. And she had no share in their wisdom, no part in their decisions. She drew away from them, and they did not notice. She walked on, going towards the Thwilburn where it ran out of the wood over a little fall of boulders. The water was bright in the morning sunlight and made a happy noise. She wanted to cry but she had never been good at crying. She stood and watched the water, and her shame turned slowly into anger.. "Away? In anger? To tell the Lords of Wathort or Havnor that witches on Roke are brewing a storm?" came on. She stopped only when she was a couple of arm's lengths from him and a little below him. dumbstruck, and they prattled on; suddenly it seemed to me that from the darkness above the. her timbers creaked a little, a slaves chain rattled, rattled again..on a pierside or a waterstair and thought about Darkrose. As soon as he was out of the house and. "I heard -" she said, and could not say what she had heard..always took her by surprise. She said nothing..or through him. He didn't know what he was doing, or what she was doing, and he was almost certain. slightly, a shiver, a tremble..quietly to him and let him go. Irioth drew a deep breath..worse. You got it wrong. You're only a witch. You did it wrong. It's his name. He can have it.. "But you yourself said that brit. . . I'm sitting now. You see, I'm sitting. Calm yourself..After a long time, Azver said, "I have no idea." "We went farthest east," Azver said. "But do you know what the leader of an army is, in my. Windkey, master of the spells controlling weather. "You mean they'll oblige a wizard? But you aren't a wizard." about them made him pause at the window on the stairs landing and watch them. A thing between them. butterfly in midair. He flicked a butterfly back at her, and the two flitted and flickered a. effectively as the central government of the Archipelago..All spells use at least a word of the Old Speech, though the village witch or sorcerer may not clearly know its meaning. Great spells are made wholly in the Old Speech, and are understood as they are spoken..Another pause. Golden glanced over at his wife, who stood by the window listening in silence. Then he looked at his son. Slowly the mixture of anger, disappointment, confusion, and respect on his face gave way to something simpler, a look of complicity, very nearly a wink. "I see," he said. "And what did you decide you want?" The next thing she thought was a beggar, a lost man, in dirty clothes, hugging himself with. "She is," said Rush. "Like her mother and her mother's mother. Let us in, Dory, or me at least, to." "I have to have a single heart. I can't play the harp while I'm bargaining with a mule-breeder. I. experience, for all the classes in the School cannot give a man the experience he needs to be a. Irian looked from one to the other..You look at what happens and try to see why it happens, you listen to what the people there tell. him in for a cup of water and a handful of shelled nuts. She and Ayo chatted with him about his. too, that he was dealing with someone quite ordinary. When that became impossible, he would. took a donkey cart and drove over to Easthill, where they heard Diamond sing the Lay of the Lost. When (in the year 440, by Hardic count) Erreth-Akbe came to make peace between the Archipelago and. The traveler stood at the crossway and whistled back at the reeds..When she was thirteen the old vineyarder and the housekeeper, who were all that was left of the household, told the Master that it was time his daughter had her naming day. They asked should they send for the sorcerer over at Westpool, or would their own village witch do. The Master of Iria fell into a screaming rage. "A village witch? A hex-hag to give Irian's daughter her true name? Or a creeping traitorous sorcerous servant of those upstart landgrabbers who stole Westpool from my grandfather? If that polecat sets foot on my land I'll have the dogs tear out his liver, go tell him that, if you like!" And so on. Old Daisy went back to her kitchen and old Coney went back to his vines, and thirteen-year-old Dragonfly ran out of the house and down the hill to the village, hurling her father's curses at the dogs, who, crazy with excitement at his shouting, barked and

bayed and rushed after her..She's called Rose, Rowan's daughter."..had of bold strategy, firm leadership, and utter cruelty; and they credited him with powers he had..every child's education are taught and learned aloud, passed on down the years from living voice.coals. Irioth accepted the bowl and spoon she handed him and sat down on the settle. The cat..Golden did not like the child. She was both outspoken and defensive, both rash and timid. She was a girl, and a year younger than Diamond, and a witch's daughter. He wished his son would play with boys his own age, his own sort, from the respectable families of Glade. Tuly insisted on calling the witch "the wisewoman," but a witch was a witch and her daughter was no fit companion for Diamond. It tickled him a little, though, to see his boy teaching tricks to the witch-child..Labby's band!" cried the pretty girl nearest Diamond. "Come on, they're the best!".The Summoner had spent a part of his strength for good, overcoming that blind will. And I didn't..doing what they could to keep the few roads out from becoming choked and murderous with panicky."I do want you to stay. But don't stay! You're a finder, you have to go find. It's only that agreeing on the Way-or the Rule, Waris wants us to call it-is twice the work of building the House. And causes ten times the quarrels. I wish I could get away from it! I wish I could just walk with you, like this... And I wish you wouldn't go north."..sculpture in breathing metal. At her ears she had something shining, so large that it covered them..any put away, maybe."..and arteries. No harm comes to me. My blood runs silver. I see things unknown to other men. I..bright stars of the Forge, low over the sea. They were a little blurred, and as he watched them..all, a love story can happen at any time, anywhere. "On the High Marsh" is a story from the brief..isles-and beyond. People have puzzled at their choosing the empty sea for their domain, since..energy and hope. He told himself not to trust this man, but he longed to trust him, to learn from."How do you know that?".There was not much to be got from the people his men brought to him. The same thing again: they..of her hair she seemed only to endure his touch, and he stopped. When he tried to embrace her she..eagerly imparted, had nothing to do with his power or with any true power. Mining and refining..we will wait there for the others of the Nine."."I would," she said..Otter was slow to recover, to heal. The bonesetter did what he could about his broken arm and his."No," he said. "I don't know the way."..was a high hill above it. As they came nearer, he took dragon form and soared up high above his."Women can live chaste as well as men can," Dragonfly said bluntly. She knew she was blunt and..what the wizard was telling him. Yet he was certain, now, that Gelluk's ideas, the teaching he so."And what is a real?".mother's dying of. No healer could cure her. But she could heal the scrofula, and touch for pain..away off like that."..But Anieb had been bald, like all the slaves in the roaster tower..Kargs have maintained a society that appears to be little influenced, except negatively, by their."Dirt's easier to keep clean," he said, knowing the struggle already lost. It was true that all..All we know of ancient times in Earthsea is to be found in poems and songs, passed down orally for..over wizardly powers and widespread misuse of them, magic came into general disrepute..sorcery was not much greater than his pupil's, but he had clear in his mind the idea of something."I forget-I always forget," he said, downcast again. "I forget the walls of the prison. I'm not..the Mountain..thread it is." Crow watched his companion with amusement and some disdain; he himself could."And were you. . . . betrizated?". "When the balance is wrong, holding still is not good. It must get more wrong," said the Patterner. "Until -" He made a quick gesture of reversal with his open hands, down going up and up down..there scarcely knew of him. In this isolation he began to practice certain arts that are not well..Crow cocked his head..to himself, as a man of craft and learning should. He spent his days riding about the countryside..From the breast of his robe he took a pouch of fine leather decorated with silver threads. With a delicate horn spoon tied to the pouch he lifted the few drops of quicksilver from the cup and placed them in it, then retied the thong..When (in the year 440, by Hardic count) Erreth-Akbe came to make peace between the Archipelago and the Kargad Lands, bearing the Bond Ring as pledge of his king's sincerity, he came to Hupun as the capital of the Kargad Empire and treated with King Thoreg as its ruler..Gelluk had never met a man he feared. A few wizards had crossed his path strong enough to make him..nudists. . . ."..was the enemy he wanted!.Look, Medra. Look!.brass the wide, vaned wings opened and the dragon sprang up into the air, circled Roke Knoll once..With him were a violist, a tabor-player, and Rose, who played fife. Their first tune was a stumpy, fast and brilliant, too fast for some of the dancers. Diamond and his partner stayed in, and people cheered and clapped them when they finished the dance, sweating and panting. "Beer!" Diamond cried, and was carried off in a swirl of young men and women, all laughing and chattering..when they got close to where the island should be, they came into a fog as thick as wet cloth, and..Before their marriage, a mage or wizard, whose name is never given except as the Enemy of Morred..looked at him kindly..book, and while doing so, happily discovered a very old one in the Archives in Havnor..I put out my cigarette.."A sending with eyes, a seeming with seeing! May he be -" She stopped, at a loss suddenly for the."But he scared em, somehow, did he?".pleasure or ease. But they learned from each other, and came through shame and fear into passion..HISTORY OF THE KARGAD LANDS..Thwil. Dragonfly had gradually become silent and sullen. She ceased asking her endless questions..She could see his mind dance ahead of hers, taking up and playing with ideas, transforming them as he had transformed brick into butterfly. She could not dance with him, she could not play with him, but she watched him in wonder..the tavern. San, a hardbitten man in his thirties, was talking to a man on his doorstep, a..gave me a dirty look, but said nothing; he turned and marched off, fingering something on his..before the staggers begin. And those not struck yet, he says he can keep it off em. So the..some spell of his own art that we did not understand, like the spell snakes know that keeps their..ship's passage to the School..she was not an inexperienced girl, she was a wise woman, a mage, she who walked in the Immanent..known. He saw it with the same uncaring interest with which he saw Tinaral's body and his own..cutouts of birds. What the hell is it with these birds? I wondered, perplexed. Does it mean..Later he knew he should never have let the boy leave the house. He had underestimated Diamond's..Veil, with her gentle voice and smile, was implacable. She told Medra that though she had consented to his remaining on Roke, it was to keep watch on him. "You broke through our

defenses once," she said. "All that you say of yourself may be true, and may not. What can you tell me that would make me trust you?" .founding of the school, she could go there seldom, and even then she might take a couple of."The father and the witch-girl," said Darkrose.. "Thanks," said the traveler, and led his horse along the way they pointed..He could no longer see the chambers and passages of the cave as he had seen them with the uncaring, disembodied eye. He could see only what the flicker of werelight showed just around him and before him. As when he had gone through the night with Anieb to her death, each step into the dark..The Hardic people of the Archipelago live by farming, herding, fishing, trading, and the usual."Oh, pretty man," said one of them with a smile, "don't even show us what you have in your pack there, for I haven't a penny of copper or ivory, nor seen one for a month.".Maharion and Erreth-Akbe became "hearts brothers." They spent ten years together fighting the Kargs, whose occasional forays from the East had in recent times become a slave-taking, colonising invasion. Venway, Torheven and the Torikles, Spevy, Perregal, and parts of Gont were under Kargish dominion for a generation or longer. At Shelieth on Way, Erreth-Akbe worked a great magic against the Kargish forces, who had landed in "a thousand ships" on Waymarsh and were swarming across the mainland. Using an invocation of the Old Powers called the Waterlore (perhaps the same that Elfarran had used on Solea against the Enemy), he turned the waters of the Fountains of Shelieth-sacred springs and pools in the gardens of the Lords of Way-into a flood that swept the invaders back to the seacoast, where Maharion's army awaited them. No ship of the fleet returned to Karego-At..nearby. He did not know what Ember wanted of him; he hoped she meant to teach him, to begin to."They say," said Ayo from the shadows, "that there's an island where the rule of justice is kept.Several times, all of a sudden, in the daytime, there had been a moment when she had known him.The weather was fair for once: a following wind, a blue sky lively with little white clouds, the.gagged his mouth to keep him from making spells. They locked him in a cellar room, a room of.wondered what "singing" meant -- perhaps "you're kidding me"?.go quickly, but she went steadily, her eyes fixed on the faint cart track they followed, till the.Doorkeeper looked round, and now his smile was wider. Though he said nothing, she felt he was.The roof of the cavern was far above him. The trickle of water dripping from the mica ledge.now, if the cure didn't take and the beasts died after all. Avert the chance! But I wouldn't ask.Medra took her hand and put his forehead against it. Telling his story he had kept back tears. He.into silence; only she stamped her small left front foot now and then, and sighed..hillside, and said he was buried deep under there. Early had no wish to exhume him. But the boy

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