

## STILL MY DAD

apparently on contact with air. She sat down and, touching the glass with her lips, casually asked: clerks; maybe these were offices for currency exchange, or a post office. I walked on. I was now will be Archmage. Under his rule Roke will be as it was. The king will receive the true crown from Otter felt as if he were being brought back to vivid life from interminable, dreary, dazed half-aimless wanderings the knowledge of the underground would enter him as it used to do, and he would. Silence bowed his rough, thoughtful head. They held each other tight, hard, silent for a long time. To Diamond it was as if he held his Roke were originally: fifty or sixty years earlier. didn't like to presume. Whatever he was, he wasn't a beggar by choice. Ayo and Mead were much alike, and Otter saw in them what Anieb might have been: a short, slight, quick woman, with a round face and clear eyes, and a mass of dark hair, not straight like most people's hair but curly, frizzy. Many people in the west of Havnor had hair like that. Archmage Sparrowhawk had gone among the Hoary Men and come back with that ring -. "Otter," said the flat voice. naming truly, is a great power. To know the true name is to have power, as you know, mistress. And. "How do I get out of here?" I asked, none too brightly. had not come from Roke to trudge about on foot in the mud and dust of country byways. come on one of those traces first in Anieb's village, and had followed them since. But they had. After a while he said, "I could chase an etymology on the brink of doom ... But I think, Azver. "Sit down," said Hemlock. After a moment Diamond took the stiff, high-backed chair facing him. He could not see the woman any more. He was alone in the room, standing free. overweening confidence in the young of their kind. They expect modesty to come later, if at all. The people of Osskil, Rogma, and Borth are lighter-skinned than others in the Archipelago, and often have brown or even blond hair and light eyes; the men are often bearded. Their language and some of their beliefs are closer to Kargish than to Hardic. These far Northerners probably descend from Kargs who, after settling the four great Eastern lands, sailed back to the West about two thousand years ago. weakened, and controlled all who approached him were so habitual to him that he gave them no. drained her cup, reached out a hand to the fluffy covering on her arms, and tore it -- she did not. remembering them. At the end he repeated them in his mind in silence, sketching the strange. "Maybe our hope is there," said the Namer. Roke School was founded by both men and women, and both men and women taught and learned there during its first decades; but since during the Dark Time women, witchery, and the Old Powers had all come to be considered unclean, the belief was already widespread that men must prepare themselves to work "high magic" by scrupulously avoiding "base spells," "Earthlore," and women. A man unwilling to put himself under the iron control of a spell of chastity could never practice the high arts. He could be no more than a common sorcerer. Male wizards thus had come to avoid women, refusing to teach them or learn from them. Witches, who almost universally went on working magic without giving up their sexuality, were described by celibate men as temptresses, unclean, defiling, essentially wicked. He stood in the locked room in the dark and knew he would go free, because he was already free. A storm of praise ran through him. let the mare have her head when somebody came among the dogs shouting curses and beating them back. was low and the air smelt fresh but sour and cattle were bawling outside. He had to lie still and. Labby's band!" cried the pretty girl nearest Diamond. "Come on, they're the best!". Licky walked him out early every morning, and often they wandered about till late afternoon. Licky was silent and patient. "Don't come near me!". "But I came far. Miles can be years. I am Kargish, from Karego. You know?". had not said anything for a week or so, a cold, wet week of autumn. He said, "You might keep some. Most people of the Archipelago have brown or red-brown skin, black straight hair, and dark eyes; the predominant body type is short, slender, small-boned, but fairly muscular and well-fleshed. In the East and South Reaches people tend to be taller, heavier boned, and darker. Many Southerners have very dark brown skin. Most Archipelagan men have little or no facial hair. "Can I know the secret?" he asked after a while. "It always seemed to me they're sort of alike," he said, "magic and music. Spells and tunes. For one thing, you have to get them just exactly right. "Memory, memory," Hemlock said. "Talent's no good without memory!" He was not harsh, but he was. Two long curves appeared on the Doorkeeper's cheeks, enclosing the slow upturn of his smile. The. "Too high and mighty these days to stop and talk," said Tarry, "though I taught him all he knows of harping. But what's that to a rich man?". come sit with Heleth in the little house at Re Albi and listen and be still. Heleth was an old. sternness, quick and tender as the first flame of a catching fire. . TERMINAL PARK. His voice was the voice of the slave in the stone tower. It was she who knew the true name of quicksilver and spoke it through him. into which he had put the few drops of quicksilver. His eye always on Otter's eye, he unsealed the. To find her on Hemlock's side was a blow. could not save one, not one, not the one who saved me," he said. "Nothing I know could have set. sinking deep in velvet mud. The witch touched the girl's hand, saying, "I take your name, child. regular trade with South Port, and buying up the chestnut forests above Reche -- all such plans. Tarry came back with his band in an hour or so, ungrateful for the respite and much the worse for beer. He interrupted the tune and the dancing, telling Labby loudly to clear out. a poor cart that goes only in one direction. ". In Endlane and the villages round the foot of Onn on Havnor, women spinning and weaving sing a riddle song of which the last line has to do, maybe, with the man who was Medra, and Otter, and Tern. until he came to some other island. And a wizard can hide himself from all finding spells. We sent. onto a moving walkway. Quite close to me, a pair of startled eyes flashed by -- a lovely dark girl. in the spring under Iria Hill," she said at last, standing up and speaking truth. transformation. He had in his day been fox, and bull, and dragonfly, and knew what it was to. In the early years they were sent to enforce peace; increasingly they were called on to maintain. Doorkeeper was done. "A woman," he said. The boy's drop-jawed stare irritated Hemlock, though he knew it shouldn't. Wizards are used to overweening confidence in the young of their kind. They expect modesty to come later, if at all. "I said Roke," Hemlock said in a tone that said

he was unused to having to repeat himself. And then, because this boy, this soft-headed, spoiled, moony boy had endeared himself to Hemlock by his uncomplaining patience, he took pity on him and said, "You should either go to Roke or find a wizard to teach you what you need. Of course you need what I can teach you. You need the names. The art begins and ends in naming. But that's not your gift. You have a poor memory for words. You must train it diligently. However, it's clear that you do have capacities, and that they need cultivation and discipline, which another man can give you better than I can." So does modesty breed modesty, sometimes, even in unlikely places. "If you were to go to Roke, I'd send a letter with you drawing you to the particular attention of the Master Summoner." "In six minutes. Would you care for something to eat? There is no need to hurry. You can will be frank with you. I advise you to write your parents -- I shall write them too -- informing. He asked her to stay, he did not tell her to. All she could do was nod..A shock-haired, bright-eyed woman with a candle bound to her forehead set down her pick to show." "Where's he hiding?" Her use-name had been Flag, the blue iris of the springs. Her mother and aunt called her Flag when they spoke of her..went to the door to see what she loved best to see, the sky before sunrise. Looking down from it..was a behavior pattern characteristic of a stalwart such as myself, assigned an appropriate serial..Diamond met his gaze for a moment, looked down, and said nothing..and lodging, for a wizard of Roke should not take advantage of people's willingness to give him." "I'll tell him that the changes in a man's life may be beyond all the arts we know, and all our..her eyes only. She spat into the fire, wiped her sore mouth with her hand, and stood motionless..He could eat only in the cell, where they took his gag off. Bread and onions were what they gave..shadowy sunrise land. Far ahead, bright in the first sunlight, he saw the curve of a high green..between them moved long, silent bodies, and people emerged from these through rows of..was only a cal. I was with a six, you see, but it got awfully bottom. The orka was no good and..the message that Elfarran had escaped with the baby to an islet in the Jaws of Enlad..they went on pressed close side by side for comfort and for the little warmth. They walked slower..there; could she have been dancing? I maintained a tactful silence..him that he couldn't despise Hound..Dulse had seen young men weep for joy at the birth of a first son. He had seen poor men pay witches a year's earnings for the promise of a healthy boy, and a rich man touch his gold-bedizened baby's face and whisper, adoring, "My immortality!" He had seen men beat their sons, bully and humiliate them, spite and thwart them, hating the death they saw in them. He had seen the answering hatred in the son's eyes, the threat, the pitiless contempt. And seeing it, Dulse knew why he had never sought reconciliation with his father..magic without giving up their sexuality, were described by celibate men as temptresses, unclean..fall now. Will it make any difference? Will the slaves go free? Will beggars eat? Will justice be." - do not wish Thorion to be Archmage. Also the Master Herbal, though he digs and says little."..to dress herself and her daughter in new clothes, buy shoes, and keep clean, but it didn't occur..from Hur-at-Hur. A Sky Father was added as head of the pantheon, and a priestly caste developed to..again reached out her hand, to place her palm flat against a metal plate on a door, and entered..hesitated, and in that instant Anieb shouted in Otter's voice, "Tinaral, fall!"..for he could not make the werelight shine in that room. The day came unspeakably welcome, even..It may be that the Firelord was, in fact, a dragon in human form; for very soon after his fall..about him. She hadn't seen a king when she first saw him, as with the other one..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..glimmer that showed them only the next step they could take, and of how they had looked up to the..getting there, for the spells that hid the island were stronger than ever, making it seem only a..far and wide..Our herd's been all right," and she made the sign to avert evil. "I keep em close in. Out on the..came here first-I could not save the one who saved me."..Silence shook his head..I followed her..did not try to catch up with them. The buildings parted, and I caught sight of a huge sign --..fast and brilliant, too fast for some of the dancers. Diamond and his partner stayed in, and

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