

## TEE ON ACCOUNTS ON THE RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF ROX

Enlad:him. No, it had become a habit after Silence left, he thought, with the bit of his mind that went. My teacher had no staff, Dulse thought, and at the same moment thought, He wants his staff from me. Gontish oak, from the hands of a Gontish wizard. Well, if he earns it I'll make him one. If he can keep his mouth closed. And I'll leave him my lore-books. If he can clean out a henhouse, and understand the Glosses of Danemer, and keep his mouth closed..hawk's face, she thought. She held still, listening..songs seem to have been moved not so much by greed as by anger, a sense of having been cheated.,She said nothing, but breathed very warm in his ear, and he moaned. His hands clenched hers. He drew back a little. She drew back. They sat back on their ankles..crafts and arts of a nonindustrial society. Their population is stable and has never overcrowded.For a while I let myself be carried along by the white walkway, until it occurred to me."The lords of war despise scholars and schoolmasters," said Medra..Havnor Great Port, Roke has remained without an archmage. It appears that this office, not.The Years of the Kings of Havnor were a period of prosperity, discovery, and strength, but in the.mere toy, such as music or tale-telling, but a practical business, which his business could never.set off up the rough path round the hillside to an old stone and brick stableyard, empty of.masts and spars and small lumber, and replanted with chestnut seedlings. It would in time be a.variations. The Raft People of the far South West Reach retain the great annual celebrations, but.wonders if I might spend a month at home this summer."..born. A good deal about Earthsea, about wizards, about Roke Island, about dragons, had begun to.throne the first year of history. By this system, "present time" in the account you are reading is."And cast wide!" He looked from one to the other again. "I wasn't well taught, in the City of.King Maharion sought peace and never found it. While Erreth-Akbe was in Karego-At (which may have been a period of years), the depredations of the dragons increased. The Inward Isles were troubled by refugees fleeing the western lands and by interruptions to shipping and trade, since the dragons had taken to setting fire to boats that went west of Hosk, and harried ships even in the Inmost Sea. All the wizards and armed men Maharion could command went out to fight the dragons, and he went with them himself four times; but swords and arrows were little use against armored, fire-spouting, flying enemies. Palm was "a plain of charcoal," and villages and towns in the west of Havnor had been burnt to the ground. The king's wizards had spell-caught and killed several dragons over the Pelnish Sea, which probably increased the dragons' ire. Just as Erreth-Akbe returned, the Great Dragon Orm flew to the City of Havnor and threatened the towers of the king's palace with fire..It may be that the Firelord was, in fact, a dragon in human form; for very soon after his fall,.had taken to be a gardener, and the youngest-looking of them, a tall man with a stern, beautiful.book, and while doing so, happily discovered a very old one in the Archives in Havnor.. "That's a formality. We senior sorcerers may carry a staff when we're on Roke's business. Which I am."."Tonight," Dragonfly said. "At our spring, under Iria Hill. What he doesn't know won't hurt him." Her voice was half-coaxing, half-savage..with them when I left. I think -".honour her inheritance and be true to Iria. She drank the wine, but she hated the curses and.He found a carter who would carry them down to Endlane, Otter's mother and sister were living with cousins while they rebuilt their burned house as best they could. They welcomed him with disbelieving joy. Not knowing Hound's connection with the warlord and his wizard, they treated him as one of themselves, the good man who had found poor Otter half dead in the forest and brought him home. A wise man, said Otter's mother Rose, surely a wise man. Nothing was too good for such a man..out of horn, with a tree carved on it, and the frame is made out of a tooth, one tooth of a dragon.chicken and fried eggs, as she was often paid in poultry. The yard of their two-room house was a."I don't know, my dear. I do want you to be safe. I do love to see your father happy and proud of you. But I can't bear to see you unhappy, without pride! I don't know. Maybe you're right. Maybe for a man it's only one thing ever. But I miss hearing you sing."."Get out!" she shouted. "Get away, you traitor, you foul lecher, or I'll cut the liver out of you!" She sprang up the bank, pulling herself up by the tough bunchgrass, and scrambled to her feet. No one was there. She stood afire, shaking with rage. She leapt back down the bank, found her clothes, and pulled them on, still swearing - "You coward wizard! You traitorous son of a bitch!"..centuries by kings. Towns and cities are, however, frequently almost entirely self-governed by.future, his own life, his whole life, in his arms..So they talked, that long winter, and others talked with them. Slowly their talk turned from vision to intention, from longing to planning. Veil was always cautious, warning of dangers. White-haired Dune was so eager that Ember said he wanted to start teaching sorcery to every child in Thwil. Once Ember had come to believe that Roke's freedom lay in offering others freedom, she set her whole mind on how the women of the Hand might grow strong again. But her mind, formed by her long solitudes among the trees, always sought form and clarity, and she said, "How can we teach our art when we don't know what it is?"..none of that was new to Irian. She found a bald broom and swept out a bit. She unrolled her.only to make love you brought me here, Ivory," she said, "we can do that. If you still want to."..She retreated to the wall..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..He stared..whale's..When I closed the gate behind me, it was all I could do to keep from running. My knees.known. He saw it with the same uncaring interest with which he saw Tinaral's body and his own.The leaves of the trees spoke, she said, and the shadows could be read. "I am learning to read them," she said..Where the two paths met and joined to wind up to the heights of the Knoll, Thorion stopped and."Destroy us? Destroy this hill? The trees there?" She looked down to a grove of trees not far from."A hundred and twenty-seven. What about it?"..He was grateful to see Kurremkarmerruk

coming slowly down the bank of the Thwilburn from the north. The old man waded through the stream barefoot, holding his shoes in one hand and his tall staff in the other, snarling when he missed his footing on the rocks. He sat down on the near bank to dry his feet and put his shoes back on. "When I go back to the Tower," he said, "I'll ride. Hire a carter, buy a mule. I'm old, Azver." the greater spell of hopelessness. Huge figures in cones of floodlights; pouring from them was ruby light, honey light, as knowing. I preferred not to ask, so I turned away. A young man, wearing something that looked like a woman's dress. Women who work magic may practice periods of celibacy as well as fasting and other disciplines. "Not hiding at all. Went about the city, talking to people. Went to see his mother in Endlane." "To reach out the Hand to Enlad and Ea. I've never gone there. We know nothing about their wizardries. Enlad of the Kings, and bright Ea, eldest of isles! Surely we'll find allies there." "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?" "Never fear," Diamond said, turned on his heel, and strode out. A string of dried sage caught on his unseeing gaze, smiling. "Little Medra!" he said, as if just discovering he was there. He patted her. "No, I don't," I replied, unexpectedly stubborn. She went to the bar and brought back a drink. "I don't either. Morred and Elfarran sang to each other, and he was a mage. I think there's a." "Three out of three," said Crow, sketching the sign, "so spare your vinegar, woman." reeking tower at Samory. And he had seen her, years ago, in the vision of the dying healer. saw a burly, dark-skinned man and two boys come out and weed one of the vegetable plots. It eased. "Learn your place, woman," the mage said with cold passion. prentice or a witch? Power like that shouldn't go wandering about unchannelled and unsignalled. loose, she looked up and saw on the bank above her the black figure of a man. "Send him on out to the dairy," said one of Alder's cowboys. "Gift's taking whatever comes." There. Then Dragonfly came back to herself and called to Ivory and ran down the hill to meet him. "I will." "And what would I do there?" set in the lid, which seemed a kind and pretty gift to Diamond and his mother. But Golden was a wizard. "Speak when I let you," the wizard said. "Where is the man?" said, "Let us have the witch." transformation and so escape. Surely his life was in danger, and it would be all right to use the magic and that all magic was in the roots of the trees, and that they were mingled with the roots of all. MAHARION AND ERRETH-AKBE. cutouts of birds. What the hell is it with these birds? I wondered, perplexed. Does it mean. of Havnor had been burnt to the ground. The king's wizards had spell-caught and killed several. Roasters die in a year or two. Where to, dowser? "My place," she said, slowly, the words dragging, "my place is on the hill. Where things are what they are. Tell the dead man I will meet him there." commerce with any other people. "We can't save them," Ember said. "We couldn't save ourselves." There was a little noise, the soft clip-clop of the black mare's hooves, coming along the lane. family, on which was engraved a unique and powerful True Rune. finally beginning to understand who was the master, who the slave. house, said the mage, pointing to a low, moss-ridden roof half-hidden by the afternoon shadows of everything; she had listened; she had been still. He wanted to protect her and knew he could not. Berry ducked his head and muttered. His eyes were dull. It seemed to Irioth that the man had been. www.harcourt.com "Darkrose and Diamond" first appeared in The Magazine of Fantasy and Science. mourned him. Then, because here was dismay among us, and all my patterns spoke of change and. Grove, he told her that, with Roke Knoll, it had stood since Segoy made the islands of the world, not bend. you. But I can't bear to see you unhappy, without pride! I don't know. Maybe you're right. Maybe. among us, Medra. They must be settled, and they can't be settled easily. Though a little goodwill. "I'm going back to where I am," Kurremkarmerruk said abruptly. "I don't like leaving myself about. sailing up from Wathort. Maybe the lords there had heard there was a great fleet coming raiding. Medra stayed three years with Highdrake, and when the old mage died, the Lord of Pendor asked Medra to take his place. Despite his ranting and scolding against dragon hunters, High-drake had been honored in his island, and his successor would have both honor and power. Perhaps tempted to think that he had come as near to Morred's Isle as he would ever come, Medra stayed a while longer on Pendor. He went out with the young lord in his ship, past the Toringates and far into the West Reach, to look for dragons. There was a great longing in his heart to see a dragon. But untimely storms, the evil weather of those years, drove their ship back to Ingat three times, and Medra refused to run her west again into those gales. He had learned a good deal about weatherworking since his days in a catboat on Havnor Bay. wise, eh?" he said. "Maybe the Doorkeeper." He looked at her now, not glancing but squarely, his. "I said I'd see to his beasts at... at the pasture between the rivers, was it?" he said, getting from even farther. Irian stood up slowly. She did not speak, but looked down the path, and then. of glass, metallic sounds, repeated, incomprehensible. The crowd that had carried me here. been his secret. "Of course not!" I'll destroy him. "Lands and of arcane mystery in the Lore of Paln, long ignored by the scholars of Roke, relate that. "Forgive me for talking about you before your face, young woman," he said, "but I must. Master

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