

## REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS AT THE FOURTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING WASHI

control a storm, as a ship's weatherworker must do. But he thought he'd rather drown in a gale. right, had at last understood the technique. But he must not hurry, he must be patient, must make it woven?". a bouquet of pale pink flowers; nestling her face in them, she smiled at the boy with her eyes. At. "Your name is beautiful, Emer," he said. "I will speak it when you tell me to." I opened it. There was more light behind it. The hedges ended in a wide clearing, from the grass. "Bregg. Hal Bregg. And yours?" he wouldn't smile so if Rose's cough was anything serious?. In these four great islands to the northeast of the main Archipelago, the predominant skin color. The deeds and lays that tell of raids by dragons and counterforays by wizards portray the dragons. to him, a game to play with Darkrose. Even the names of the True Speech that he had learned in the. New York, New York 10019. "No, it's impossible," I insisted. "What about people with dangerous jobs? After all, they. doubt in the back room; he paid them no attention. "Hound," he thought. He spoke the summoning. great folk don't look for women to work together. Or to have thoughts about such things as rule or. perceiving the school as a threat to the uncontrolled individual power of the mages, came with a. mere pretence at this crazy scheme - without giving up his salary and his precarious. freedom than most village women and less need to fear abuse. Many pledge "witch-troth" with. "Hoary?" said the Patterner. Medra knew only a hint of this story from Ember. One night Veil, who was three years older than Ember and to whom the memory was much clearer, told it to him fully. Ember sat with them, listening in silence. centre of the world. And the leaves of the tree are carved so thin that the light shines through. "There are no such people," she said. It seemed to me that I had not heard her right. there maybe a room above the tavern?" to Pody if you like. And then back to Orrimy. I've had about enough. withstand the Enemy and force him off the island. "The sweet waters of the earth drove back the. Sometimes there were great rooms. Sometimes there were pools of motionless water. It was hard to. sea. On that sacred and powerful soil, he and Orm met. Ceasing their battle, they spoke as equals. vertical cliffs, pale, bluish, bastion upon bastion, crystal battlements, chasms -- and this shining. "Why didn't you come to me first?" Dulse had demanded. "And then Roke, to put a polish on it?" She led me toward a dark gold wall, to a mark on it, a little like a treble clef, lit up. At our. sped on. I discovered a remarkable thing: there was no sensation of braking or acceleration, as if. "Well, this boy did learn at last to tame his anger and control his power. And a very great power it was. Whatever art he studied came easy to him, too easy, so that he despised illusion, and weatherworking, and even healing, because they held no fear, no challenge to him. He saw no virtue in himself for his mastery of them. So, after the Archmage Nemmerle had given him his name, the boy set his will on the great and dangerous art of summoning. And he studied with the Master of that art for a long time. to himself, as a man of craft and learning should. He spent his days riding about the countryside. through a curtain of warm, moving air. Down in their tiny cabin Dragonfly sat waiting for him, solemn as ever but her eyes blazing with excitement. "We'll go ashore in the morning," he repeated to her, and she nodded, acceptant. loved to play. The game had turned to a kind of contest he had not expected but could not put an. Golden did not praise the boy, not wanting to making him self-conscious or vain about what might. "No," she said, "only me... But there's a great deal of seeking and finding to be done in the. Medra did not answer at once. "Chance," he said at last, "favoring long desire. Not art. Not knowledge. I think I've come to the place I sought, but I don't know. I think you may be the people they told me of, but I don't know. I think the trees I saw from the hill hold some great mystery, but I don't know. I only know that since I set foot on that hill I've been as I was when I was a child and first heard The Deed of Enlad sung. I am lost among wonders." The next day she said, "I'm going to sit under the trees." Not sure what was expected of him, he. is light brown to white, with hair dark to fair, and eyes dark to blue or grey. training. Great House, all the mages, many of the students. Leading them was Thorion the Summoner, tall in. parents, and go to the Great Port, or to Roke. Half your year's fee, which I'll return to you. They cursed and sneered, but believed him. He had no idea if what he said was true. It had seemed true as he said it. Perhaps he wanted to spite them. Perhaps he wanted to get rid of them. "I will take you there," he said, stiffly, laboriously. Berry ducked his head and muttered. His eyes were dull. It seemed to Irioth that the man had been. "Now that is interesting," said the old scholar, sitting up straighter. "I told you I was reading. He walked down the straggling street of Purewells to Sans house, which was about midway, opposite the tavern. San, a hardbitten man in his thirties, was talking to a man on his doorstep, a stranger. When they saw Irioth they looked uneasy. San went into his house and the stranger followed. need be, I'll do it, of course. But you'll find wizards very sparing of the great spells. For good. the plain, the rivers serving as fences. double white belts packed with people, and gaping black crevices along inert hulls -- for there. bully and humiliate them, spite and thwart them, hating the death they saw in them. He had seen. "Who are we," said the Doorkeeper, "that we refuse her without knowing what she is?" in the spring under Iria Hill," she said at last, standing up and speaking truth. All the way down the spinning, reeking stone stairs he talked, and Otter tried to understand. on Roke! colossus, impossible and unbelievable, was reflected in a long, paler copy on the black waters of. I will row. will never return. Ivory clapped his hand to his right leg. A dog's tooth had ripped his breeches at the calf, and a trickle of blood came through. "I'll give you some. . . angehen, is that all right? But you don't know what it is, do you?" they were true wizardry or mere witchery, as they said on Roke. Matters he certainly had never. could come up with was the stereotyped question: still the station but preferred not to ask. She led me to a small cabin inside a wall, not very. the sands of Thwil Bay, where he was repairing a fishing boat. She helped him as she could, and. "Is it a long way from where you live, sir?" she asked. to walk blindly forward through this darkness, in the rustling brash. Had I imagined it thus, ten. mines at Samory, round the mountain. There you'd be out of his way. Work for him you must, if you. strong man in his prime, not likely to retire or die. Among the scholars and other teachers he had. he thought so, since

beyond the grove he could see treeless heaths and pastures..impurities fester and run free from their sores. And then when they're burned clean at last they.back to the seacoast, where Maharion's army awaited them. No ship of the fleet returned to Karego-.of ancient times come stories of recent days about dragons who take human form, humans who take.reality is entirely up to us, dependent on our energy and honesty. If we let it drop from memory,.Havnor was better placed for trade and for sending out fleets to protect the Hardic islands.The Summoner, who had been standing with his back to them, facing the fireless hearth, turned round. "The names witches give each other are not our concern here," he said. "If you have some interest in this woman, Doorkeeper, it should be pursued outside these walls - outside the door you vowed to keep. She has no place here nor ever will. She can bring only confusion, dissension, and further weakness among us. I will speak no longer and say nothing else in her presence. The only answer to conscious error is silence."The last beans had got big and coarse on the vines; the cabbages were thriving. Three hens came clucking and pecking around the dusty dooryard, a red, a brown, a white; a grey hen was setting her clutch in the henhouse. There were no chicks, and no sign of the cock, the King, Heleth had called him. The king is dead, Ogion thought. Maybe a chick is hatching even now to take his place. He thought he caught a whiff of fox from the little orchard behind the house..Otter was reluctant to answer. He had to like Hound, but didn't have to trust him. "Shape-.writing. From that time on, The Creation of Ea, The Winter Carol, the Deeds, the Lays, and the.wizard..With age Hound had come to look his name, wrinkled, with a long nose and sad eyes. He sniffed and seemed about to say he did not know, but he knew better than to try to lie to Early. He sighed. "Otter," he said. "Him that killed old Whiteface."The last heirs of the House of Hupun were a boy and girl, Ensar and Anthil. Wishing to end the.as he folded up his pack..all the miles to Woodedge. All he said was "She saved me," and the carter asked no questions.."It's never enough," Mead said. "And what can anyone do alone?""away his clothes, but kept the shoes, she didn't know what for. For this fellow, it would seem..buttonless jacket. Her mother, Tangle, made a good living by curing and healing, bone-knitting and.a few spells of illusion; and when the boy was fifteen or so, the old man took him out into the.about that excessive strength that had remained in us, and indeed we had to be on our guard -- in."We knew there was a great gift in her," Ayo said, and then fell silent for a while. "We didn't know how to teach her. There are no teachers left on the mountain. King Losen's wizards destroy the sorcerers and witches. There's no one to turn to."."She will when the time comes. But she has no part to play in your decision, Diamond. Women know.crewman on a fishing boat of the Ebavnor Straits or a trader of the Inmost Sea..crows are flying early and the hound's after the otter," he said..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. Paln 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..untaught knowledge of at least some words of the Language of the Making. The teaching of it is the.The roasting pit took up the center of a huge domed chamber. Hurrying, sticklike figures black.still dance, I thought to myself. That's good. The pair took a few steps, a pale, mercurylike ring.trees, not many people. The ashy soil grows a rich, bright grass, and the people there keep."But we met, we sat, and we could not choose. We said this and said that, but no name was spoken..They keep complex accounts and records in weavings of different colors and weights of yarn, and.It was hard work out in the pastures. "Who doesn't do hard work?" Emer had asked, showing her.harshly, and Diamond stiffened up a bit.."So, to be blunt about it, if you have this gift, Diamond, it's of no use, directly, to our.wizard's fiery visions, with her. Over and over he saw the wizard fall, saw the earth close. He.You can know anything you like. I need have no secrets from you. Nor you from me," and he laughed.."Why do we quarrel?" he said rather despondently..a fox. Her thoughts moved as quietly and easily as the breeze moved in the warm light..unbutton it, did not slip it off, just tore it, and let the shreds fall from her fingers, like trash..faintest idea what that damned rast looked like -- and after about ten steps I saw a silvery funnel.As he walked he thought; he thought hard; he recalled. He recalled all he could of matters his teacher had spoken of once only and long ago. Strange matters, so strange he had never known if they were true wizardry or mere witchery, as they said on Roke. Matters he certainly had never heard about on Roke, nor did he ever speak about them there, maybe fearing the Masters would despise him for taking such things seriously, maybe knowing they would not understand them, because they were Gontish matters, truths of Gont. They were not written even in Ard's lore-books, that had come down from the Great Mage Ennas of Perregal. They were all word of mouth. They were home truths..that of finishing the last bite of a perfectly ripe pear..He left her at the corner of the street, a narrow, dull, somehow sly-looking street that slanted up.Among these people was an old man whom they called, among themselves, the Changer. He showed Otter.principalities: the House of Enlad, the oldest, tracing direct descent from Morred and Serriadh;"When he gets himself a girl," Golden said, in answer to whatever it was she had been saying, "he'll be all squared away. Living with the wizards, you know, the way they are, it set him back a bit. Don't worry about Diamond. He'll know what he wants when he sees it!"."Come on out," whispered Diamond, a shadow in the starlight.."I'm sorry too," he said, trying to speak carelessly, lightly..mites, told himself to remember to clean out the nest box as soon as the chicks hatched, and went.RAMBRENT. There was a fluttering from white and bluish fluorescent tubes, stairs of crystalline."My Lord Patterner, will you defy our Rule and our community, that has been one so long, upholding.dogs yammered around him. "She broke it."."I doubt the Doorkeeper would defy it

lightly," said one of them Irian had not noticed till he.Sometimes he idly made a fist and then turned his hand over opening the palm, but nobody here.brave. Or brave, they said around the tavern table, in the wrong way, or the wrong place, d'you.motionless. They had let me have my way too easily. Even Oswamm did not oppose my decision."And you?" she asked.

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