

## RICI QUINTI ANGLORUM REGIS E CODICIBUS MSS VETUSTIS DESCRIPSIT PRIMUS

be trivial. He disliked the old man for that, and because he was unshakable. He never praised. Irioth's head drooped as if in utter weariness. All tension and passion had gone out of his body..She looked at the door of the bedroom. It opened and he stood there, thin and tired, his dark eyes full of sleep and bewilderment and pain..I looked at her. She was quite serious. Well, yes, how was she to know? I shrugged..between featureless walls to a wooden door in a higher wall. He had put his spell on her, and she.the words this night in his room in the barracks, he discerned another possible meaning in them..The school was founded in about 650, as described above. The Nine Masters or master-teachers of.as one could imagine. I stood in the heavy fetor of their bodies. The lioness kept snorting;. You look at what happens and try to see why it happens, you listen to what the people there tell."What it does is make him behave, make him have to. You know. . . maybe some.He came back in the evening, lamer than ever, for of course San had walked him clear out into the Long Fields where most of his beeves were. Nobody had horses but Alder, and they were for his cowboys. She gave her guest a basin of hot water and a clean towel for his poor feet, and then thought to ask him if he might want a bath, which he did. They heated the water and filled the old tub, and she went into her room while he had his bath on the hearth. When she came out it was all cleared away and wiped up, the towels hung before the fire. She'd never known a man to look after things like that, and who would have expected it of a rich man? Wouldn't he have servants, where he came from? But he was no more trouble than the cat. He washed his own clothes, even his bedsheet, had it done and hung out one sunny day before she knew what he was doing. "You needn't do that, sir, I'll do your things with mine," she said.."But you have some knowledge.".There they fished for whales, as they still do. That was a trade he wanted no part of. Their ships.work and talk.."She walked with the dead, sometimes," Ayo said very low. "In the forest, down towards Faliern. She knew the old powers, those my grandmother told me of, the powers of the earth. They were strong there, she said.".The Summoner, who had been standing with his back to them, facing the fireless hearth, turned.Marsh. I think I came the right way.".Ogion shook his head. He let his sending sit down in the grass near Heleth, though it did not bend the stems of the grass where it stepped or sat. "I've done nothing but set the city in a panic," he said. "And send the ships out of the bay. What is it you feel? How do you feel it?".light?" But he could not. He crawled in the dark till the sound of water was loud and the rocks.them, a flare of red flame in the dusk air, a gleam of red-gold scales, of vast wings - then that.Leashed like a dog, he walked along, sullen and shivering with sickness and rage. He stared around.right time (usually early adolescence) and in the right place (a spring, pool, or running stream)..If the young sorcerer was seeking experience, he did not get much at Westpool. Whenever Birch had guests from Kembermouth or from neighboring domains, the herd of deer, the swans, and the fountain of golden wine made their appearance. He also worked up some very pretty fireworks for warm spring evenings. But if the managers of the orchards and vineyards came to the Master to ask if his wizard might put a spell of increase on the pears this year or maybe charm the black rot off the Fanian vines on the south hill, Birch said, "A wizard of Roke doesn't lower himself to such stuff. Go tell the village sorcerer to earn his keep!" And when the youngest daughter came down with a wasting cough, Birch's wife dared not trouble the wise young man about it, but sent humbly to Rose of Old Iria, asking her to come in by the back door and maybe make a poultice or sing a chant to bring the girl back to health..also long for the unalterable..OTTER WAS THE SON of a boatwright who worked in the shipyards of Havnor Great Port. His mother.not a wonderful thing," he went on, drawing Otter away and back down the spiral stair, "how from."But why-?".act of doing things well.."But she was only a girl like the others, too," Mead said, and hid her face. "A good girl," she whispered..descending from high above, the base of one of those enormous columns that had astonished me.The early kings and queens of Enlad, among whose names are Lar Ashal, Dohun, Enashen, Timan, and Tagtar, gradually increased their sway till they proclaimed themselves rulers of Earthsea. Their reign extended no farther south than Ilien and did not include Felkway in the east, Paln and Semel in the west, or Osskil in the north, but they did send explorers out all over the Inmost Sea and into the Reaches. The most ancient maps of Earthsea, now in the archives of the palace in Havnor, were drawn in Berila about twelve hundred years ago..with rage. Tern hurried him back to the boat before he exploded..He had made a little heap of bits of eggshell on the ground by his knee. He arranged the white."He drinks because he drinks," she said. "With some, that's all it is. I'll be in the dairy, now..back home and a lot of things had changed. Sex. Money. Transit. Violence. There's no more.too..asked no more. But he wanted to see the girl as beautiful as a flowering tree. He rode past Old.They keep complex accounts and records in weavings of different colors and weights of yarn, and."Close!" Otter cried, dropping to his knees, his hands on the earth, on the raw lips of the.always did. "Take me there," he said, trying to control himself, but so violently compelling Otter."Why? Everyone, I tell you!".A flicker of complacency showed in Otters tired, battered young face. "No," he said. "I don't."But I can come," she said.."Nais," I said very quietly. "Nais, don't be afraid. Really, there's nothing to fear.".The ship's weatherworker came aboard just before they sailed, no Roke wizard but a weatherbeaten.Changer's great spell he would never use it but to save a life, his own or another's..apart. They are safe from sea-pirates in Gont Port. But their safety is their danger; the long bay.should come, he could not land on Roke,".trees, not many people. The ashy soil grows a rich, bright grass, and the people there keep.better. He knew that magic itself resists untruth. Conjuring, sleight of hand, and false commerce.The Windkey stood silent, but the group of men muttered, angry, and some of them moved forward.."Ivory," said the Doorkeeper. "A lad from Havnor Great Port, whom I let in three years ago, and let out again last year, as you may recall.".greens, fruit, smoked mutton - and went with him every afternoon into the grove of high trees,."He was here!" she cried. "That foul heart, that Thorion!" She strode to meet the Patterner as he.The true name of a person is a word in the True Speech. An

essential element of the talent of the. Nothing happened as he said the words Ard had taught him, his old witch-teacher with her bitter. going to make me learn all his kind of stuff, after I got my name. But all this year he's kept. Huge figures in cones of floodlights; pouring from them was ruby light, honey light, as. He must prove to her and himself that his dreams were meaningless. long ridges and the weightless dome of Mount Onn. "So?" said the Namer, more drily. He traveled far in the Archipelago, even out into the East Reach. He never went to the same town. I paced the room. She followed me with her eyes, as if I were. . . as if she stood in a cage. message to the wise women," he said, and the villagers showed him Ayo's house. As he stood in the. This is only a seeming of me, a presentment, a sending," the old man said to her. "I don't live. House as a student. Master Doorkeeper?" sleek creature was the mortal mind; and where the stream passes the hill west of Samory, the otter. Two long curves appeared on the Doorkeeper's cheeks, enclosing the slow upturn of his smile. The. was stiff, rejecting him. Then she turned and, fierce, hasty, awkward, seized him in her arms. It. must be sacrifice not only of base flesh but also of inferior spirit. The great fire in the tower. They brought him one boy. The other had jumped from the ship, crossing Havnor Bay, and been killed by a crossbow quarrel. The boy they brought was in such a paroxysm of terror that even Early was disgusted by him. How could he frighten a creature already blind and beshatten with fear? He set a binding spell on the boy that held him upright and immobile as a stone statue, and left him so for a night and a day. Now and then he talked to the statue, telling it that it was a clever lad and might make a good prentice, here in the palace. Maybe he could go to Roke after all, for Early was thinking of going to Roke, to meet with the mages there. until. of a spell, speaking in the tongue that all the wizards and mages of Roke had learned, the. "I may be able to help the beasts." or the Wandlord, had paid court to Elfarran. Unforgiving and determined to possess her, in the few. "Even if I knew it... When I'm with him I can't speak." The history of the Four Lands is mostly legendary, concerning local struggles and accommodations. "Ah," said the Patterner. laughed and chattered. him with her snout. Changer's face remained stern, but he blinked, and after a little thought said, "I'm sure - yes -. ONE WINTER AFTERNOON on the shore of the Onneva River where it fingers out into the north bight. by Halkel (finding, mending, dowsing, animal healing, etc.) and some high arts (human healing, House. When they came there, it was late afternoon. He went down to the stream and drank from it. "To learn," the boy whispered. Crow was delighted to get a water-stained bestiary from the time of Akambar in return for five silver buttons, a pearl-hiked knife, and a square of Lorbanery silk. He sat in Hopeful and crooned over the antique descriptions of harikki and otak and icebear. But Tern went ashore on every isle, showing his wares in the kitchens of the housewives and the sleepy taverns where the old men sat. Sometimes he idly made a fist and then turned his hand over opening the palm, but nobody here returned the sign. "Get back, you black-hearted bitch!" she yelled. "Home, you crawling traitor!" And the dogs fell. like a journey to the bottom, as if I had been thrown down a sterile conduit, and this colossal. Azver frowned. "The Doorkeeper admitted you because you asked," he said. "I brought you to the. courtier of the King? Here, now, there's no need for ropes and knots." Where he stood, with a. She left him standing at the waymeet, on the level ground, and walked up the hill path for a little way, a few strides. She turned and looked back down at him. "What keeps you from the hill?" she said. restore the law that Thorion returned. ". "What should I do?" he said aloud after a while. Spiro, Atale, Blekk, Frosom"; the entire carriage seemed to melt, pierced by shafts of light; walls. He said nothing. She could see the warmth coming into him, untying him. that of finishing the last bite of a perfectly ripe pear. murmured. "So young. The tiny Prince, the baby Lord, Lord Tures. Seed of the world! Soul-jewel!" The witch shook her iron-grey head once. "I can't tell you." Her 'can't' did not mean 'won't'. The name and office of archmage were invented by Halkel, and the Archmage of Roke was a tenth Master, never counted among the Nine. A vital ethical and intellectual force, the archmage also exerted considerable political power. On the whole this power was used benevolently. Maintaining Roke as a strong centralising, normalising, pacific element in Archipelagan society, the archmages sent out sorcerers and wizards trained to understand the ethical practice of magic and to protect communities from drought, plague, invaders, dragons, and the unscrupulous use of their art. an illuminated walkway. I took it. Above me the whitish spans of structures sailed by; somewhere. The Kargs are deeply resistant to writing of any kind, considering it to be sorcerous and wicked. The power of the Archmage of Roke was in many respects that of a king. Ambition, arrogance, and. All this went rushing through his mind like a flood breaking through a dam, while he stood at the. anything lost, a dropped nail, a mislaid tool, as soon as he understood the word for it. And as a. She turned away and began to walk on up the hill. Her eyelids fluttered. worked and talked and sang the songs, The Winter Carol and The Deed of the Young King. And they. not be lonely. "It was a hundred and twenty-seven years ago. I was thirty then. The expedition. . . I was. lived all their lives in the Grove, served to link human arts and acts to the older sacredness of. "Dragons have been seen flying above the Inmost Sea. Roke has no Archmage, and the islands no true-. wizards were as crude and false as Losen's title and rule. When he was one with the true element, then. The thought of the ship and the chained men in her swallowed his mind as the black sea had. "I will," said Ivory, with a wink at Dragonfly. She, well disguised in dirt and a farmhand's old. his own wits, which seldom let him down if he was given a fair chance to use them. The girl asked. Terrenon Stone in Osskil), the Old Powers were inherently sacral and pre-ethical. During and after. had been a burden to him in his youth, and for thirty years the imbecility of apprentices. The great scholar-mage Ath compiled a lore-book that brought together much scattered knowledge, particularly of the words of the Language of the Making. His Book of Names became the foundation of naming as a systematic part of the art magic. Ath left his book with a fellow mage on Pody when he went into the west, sent by the king to defeat or drive back a brood of dragons who had been stampeding cattle, setting fires, and destroying farms all through the western isles. Somewhere west of Ensmer, Ath confronted the great dragon Orm. Accounts of this meeting vary; but though after it the dragons ceased their hostilities for a while, it is certain that Orm survived

it, and Ath did not. His book, lost for centuries, is now in the Isolate Tower on Roke..photocopy, recording, or any information storage and retrieval system, without permission in.Maybe that's what the Masters are afraid of. Maybe celibacy isn't as necessary as the Rule of Roke."I'll ask them their name," Medra said. He smiled. "If they'll tell me, they can come in. And when they think they've learned everything, they can go out again. If they can tell me my name."..he could. Another, the old Stormcloud, used to be Losen's own ship, came in while I was there. I."Say it, then."."Di," she said, and he looked up. His face was still round and a bit peachy, though the bones were heavier and the eyes were melancholy..With him were a violist, a tabor-player, and Rose, who played fife. Their first tune was a stampy, 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..stacked by the roaster tower bringing him a memory of the work yards at home, the fragrance of new.thought could not hold it. His knowledge could not use it. His tongue could not say it..that perhaps I was already outside the station and that this fantastic panorama of sloping glass,.Though not a sorcerer, Licky was a much more formidable man than Hound. Yet like Hound he was brutal not cruel. He demanded obedience, but nothing else. Otter had seen slaves and their masters all his life in the shipyards of Havnor, and knew he was fortunate. At least in daylight, when Licky was his master..galley he scented something. "Well, well," he said, "who's this?" He walked to the helm and put.west, showing a golden sky behind the high dark curve of a hill..They call this the Otter's House," he said. "Very old. As old as the Great House. Everything is old, here. We are old - the Masters."."I suppose the way it has always been. What can have changed?"..He was in fact a town boy, born in Gont Port. He had said nothing about himself, but Dulse had

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