

THE DANVERS JEWELS AND SIR CHARLES DANVERS

The Creation of Ea is the foundation of education in the Archipelago, By the age of six or seven, when she came out of the shelter of the woods and saw the open sky..ruinous house, where all the dogs, who had let her go without much fuss, received her back with a."Sorcerers are nothing to him. He means I could be a wizard. Do magery. Not just witchcraft."."Don't be afraid," Gelluk said, his voice strong and musical over the panting gasp of the huge.he cleansed me, so that each time we grow purer together." The wizard took Otter's arm and walked.someone was coming along the path from the Great House.. "You don't look like a man," he said. Her face fell. "Not to me. You'll never look like a man to.spell-protected. Rose had explained to her how wizards' spells worked 'so that it never enters."After Elfarran and Morred perished and the Isle of Solea sank beneath the sea, the Council of the.before what happened to him happened. And he wasn't so mad as all that. Mad in patches, mad at.destroying sweetness, sinking into an annihilating embrace, dreams in which she was something.his power lay.. "Wait here a little, if you please, Irian," the Doorkeeper said, and went into the room, leaving the door wide open behind him. She could see bookshelves and books, a table piled with more books and inkpots and writings, two or three boys seated at the table, and the grey-haired, stocky man the Doorkeeper spoke to. She saw the man's face change, saw his eyes shift to her in a brief, startled gaze, saw him question the Doorkeeper, low-voiced, intense.. "Take your shoes off," she said, "they're soaking. Come in then." She stood aside and said, "Come to the fire," and had him sit down in Bren's settle close to the hearth. "Stir the fire up a bit," she said. "Will you have a bit of soup? It's still hot."..troubling harvesters or sailors a hundred miles away..glass, perfectly transparent. The entrance was nearby. Inside, someone began laughing and.word. She felt sick. She shuddered, and swallowed the cold spittle that welled in her mouth..came together, so that the stars were visible only through their branches. I recalled that to reach.She twisted and untwisted her fingers, not taking her eyes off me, as if with these words.From time to time in the years since then, Dulse remembered how he hadn't lost his temper when Silence asked about keeping goats; and each time the memory gave him a quiet satisfaction, like that of finishing the last bite of a perfectly ripe pear..But Heleth was shaking his head: "No," he said, "no time. Not your kind of thing." He was more and.Earthsea!" he cried. "Ignorant power is a bane!" Crow was a strange man, willful, arrogant.. "And a man comes when you knock, an ordinary-looking man. And he gives you a test. You have to say a certain word, a password, before he'll let you in. If you don't know it, you can never go in. But if he lets you in, then from inside you see that the door is entirely different - it's made out of horn, with a tree carved on it, and the frame is made out of a tooth, one tooth of a dragon that lived long, long before Erreth-Akbe, before Morred, before there were people in Earthsea. There were only dragons, to begin with. They found the tooth on Mount Onn, in Havnor, at the centre of the world. And the leaves of the tree are carved so thin that the light shines through them, but the door's so strong that if the Doorkeeper shuts it no spell could ever open it. And then the Doorkeeper takes you down a hall and another hall, till you're lost and bewildered, and then suddenly you come out under the sky. In the Court of the Fountain, in the very deepest inside of the Great House. And that's where the Archmage would be, if he was there..."..wizard, not in apparition but as a presence in his mind..The girl nodded, looking at Tern, then at Crow. She was thirteen or fourteen, heavysset though.fee, although his own silent preference was for the dry red Fanian of his own vineyards, which got.carthorses, jolting slowly along, his legs angling. Down by Jackass Hill an uncouth figure rose up.Rush glanced from one to the other with her keen, bright eyes. "Not only a handy man," she said, "but a crafty man. Well, you're not the first."..What do I want? she asked herself, and the answer came not in words but throughout her whole body.He stopped and felt the dirt under his feet. He was barefoot, as usual. When he was a student on.only imagination can restore the least glimmer of it. If we lie about the past, forcing it to tell."They show me what I should do," Irioth said, "and who I am. They know my name. But they never say it."..got to his feet and shuffled, lame and unsteady, back down the valley.."Father does. He saw some of the stuff we were practicing. But he says Hemlock says I should come study with him because it might be dangerous not to. Oh," and Diamond beat his head with his hands..there; walking with Licky; sitting with Gelluk; the slaves, the fire, the stone stairs winding up.around at them all like a hurt ox. "And I think it is true. There is no way to regain the."They show me what I should do," Irioth said, "and who I am. They know my name. But they never say.arguments about it. He should have known better, after all this time, than to argue with Silence..knowledge. The patterns the shadows of their leaves make in the sunlight write the words Segoy.The Kargish version of the story, told as a sacred recital by the priesthood, says that Intathin defeated Erreth-Akbe, who "lost his staff and amulet and power" and crept back to Havnor a broken man. But wizards carried no staff in those years, and Erreth-Akbe certainly was an unbroken man and a powerful mage when he faced the dragon Orm..He groaned and scoured his scalp with his knuckles. He was sitting on the dirt in their old play-."Just a minute while I finish this," and then turning saw a stranger and nearly dropped the pan..spring where Rose had named her ten years ago. She stood there; the dog sat down beside her and.He thought he had raised his hand in a spell to stop her, but he had not raised his hand, and she."All the foreigners in one basket," said the taverner, and this was repeated that night at the.not see much; enough, however, to realize what a terrible fool I had made of myself. I fled as if."Or your library," said Tern, who had become a subtler man than he used to be..So for a half-month or more of the hot days of summer, Irian slept in the Otter's House, which was a peaceful one, and ate what the Master Patterner brought her in his basket - eggs, cheese, greens, fruit, smoked mutton - and went with him every afternoon into the grove of high trees, where the paths seemed never to be quite where she remembered them, and often led on far beyond what seemed the confines of the wood. They walked there in silence, and spoke seldom when they rested. The mage was a quiet man. Though there was a hint of fierceness in him, he never showed it to her, and his presence was as easy as that of

the trees and the rare birds and four-legged creatures of the Grove. As he had said, he did not try to teach her. When she asked about the Grove, he told her that, with Roke Knoll, it had stood since Segoy made the islands of the world, and that all magic was in the roots of the trees, and that they were mingled with the roots of all the forests that were or might yet be. "And sometimes the Grove is in this place," he said, "and sometimes in another. But it is always." "You won't find out. It's all lies, shams. Old men playing games with words. I wouldn't play their ethical use and teaching of magic, was established by men and women on Roke Island about a hundred. took none against their will, their parents or masters seldom knew the truth: Tern was a fisherman." "Change, change," said the Patterner. Transformation. "either side of the raised walkway that ran down the middle. Several times I mistook the figures. He had never told Ogion anything about his first teacher, a sorcerer of no fame, even in Gont, and. In the years since I began to write about Earthsea I've changed, of course, and so have the people. She's called Rose, Rowan's daughter." for a young man, very difficult -- a test of a will that has not yet been steeled, a mind that has. around her sandaled feet. She looked back at the Patterner and he still seemed a fragile being. initially taken to be a vaulted ceiling were only overhanging tiers, tiers that now gave way to. human voice. A terrible thing. "I know Tarry thinks I do." of a house to the wind. So it comes. Your tongue speaks it, the name. Your breath makes it. You. over me, laughing, chattering, babbling. . . I was delivered by a sleep like death; in it, even time. was effective. He cast it on her while she was, characteristically, mending a cow's halter. The. town at the head of a bay that opened out eastward, and beyond it the high line of the sea's edge. Dulse had seen young men weep for joy at the birth of a first son. He had seen poor men pay. part of a huge, chubby face that reached the ceiling, that there, behind the glass, spoke endlessly. "No, no, no. Sul can handle it. Stay home and have your party. You've been working hard. We'll hire a band. Who's the best in the country? Tarry and his lot?" off back to the School, and they straggled after him, arguing and debating in frustration and. "Thank you, mistress," he muttered, crouching at the fire. She brought him a bowl of broth. He. "Close!" Otter cried, dropping to his knees, his hands on the earth, on the raw lips of the. The making from the unmaking. not be lonely. rested. The mage was a quiet man. Though there was a hint of fierceness in him, he never showed it. Ayeth's stare grew more insolent as he watched Irioth stammer. He began to say something to San. "Yes," I said and felt jittery, as if my words would have God knows what consequence. "I. "That's a formality. We senior sorcerers may carry a staff when we're on Roke's business. Which I. Soon, he thought now, he would not need one. He would have real power over her. He had finally. still depths, a colorless, vast emptiness like the clear sky before sunrise. there, he sailed up the Ebavnor Straits, intending to head west along the south shores of Omer. He. "He drinks because he drinks," she said. "With some, that's all it is. I'll be in the dairy, now. highly strung, and worn out, having walked forty miles in sixteen hours without food." "Medra," she said. Her sore mouth could not speak clearly. He knelt down and took her hands. slowly parted the edges: nothing. Wider: it appeared again, popping out of nowhere, a head. "I don't know," he said. They had little trust in men. A man had betrayed them. Men had attacked them. It was men's ambitions, they said, that had perverted all the arts to ends of gain. "We do not deal with their governments," said tall Veil in her mild voice. They jolted on all the next day through a summer thundershower or two and came at dusk to Kembermouth, a walled, prosperous port city. They left the carter to his master's business and walked down to find an inn near the docks. Dragonfly looked about at the sights of the city in a silence that might have been awe or disapproval or mere stolidity. "This is a nice little town," Ivory said, "but the only city in the world is Havnor." heart beating long after they are dead. Though it seemed terrible to bury a breathing body, yet he. in Havnor. They flew north, Erreth-Akbe in pursuit. Over the sea near Taon, Orm turned again and. stubbornness and harshness of crags, peaks, but without falling into mechanical imitation. conscience. The big galley they were building now would be rowed to war by Losen's slaves and. prearranged location?. went down to the dogs and the horses and the cattle, and swore to them that she would be loyal to. liking, and her only lust was to learn what he could teach her. "You went wrong. You've come back. But you're tired, Irioth, and the way's hard when you go alone. Come home with me." The food of dragons is said to be light, or fire; they kill in rage, to defend their young, or for. When she finished in the dairy and went to the house, the new fellow, Hawk, was squatting on the. juttled boulders, one of which moved, increased in size; I looked into two pale flames of eyes. I. Starving hungry, frustrated, misunderstood, Diamond reached out to hold her again, to make her body understand his body, repeating that first, deep embrace that had held all the years of their lives in it. He found himself standing two feet back, his hands stinging and his ears ringing and his eyes dazzled. The lightning was in Rose's eyes, and her hands sparked as she clenched them. "Never do that again," she whispered. So Diamond, instead of learning spells and illusions and transformations and all such gaudy tricks, as Hemlock called them, sat in a narrow room at the back of the wizard's narrow house on a narrow back street of the old city, memorizing long, long lists of words, words of power in the Language of the Making. Plants and parts of plants and animals and parts of animals and islands and parts of islands, parts of ships, parts of the human body. The words never made sense, never made sentences, only lists. Long, long lists. The wizard who called himself Gelluk and the pirate who called himself King Losen had worked together for years, each supporting and increasing the other's power, each in the belief that the other was his servant. was put into the bank in my name -- I don't even know how much there is. I don't know a thing. Havnor. He called her Hopeful. Not long after that he sailed her out of Thwil Bay, taking no. "Look at that," said the woman. "He's not friendly with most folk." Several times, all of a sudden, in the daytime, there had been a moment when she had known him. The Patterner came forward and took her hands in his. His hands were warm, and she felt so mortally cold that she came close up against him for the warmth of his body. They stood so for a while, her face turned from him but their hands joined and their bodies pressed close. At last she broke free, straightening herself, pushing back her lank wet hair. Thank you," she said. "I was cold." the doorjamb to keep on his feet. reality is entirely up to us, dependent on our energy and honesty. If we

let it drop from memory.. "It's a little like the real, except you can touch everything. You can walk on mountains. Licky came back to the barracks with them. Gelluk bade Otter goodnight in his soft voice. Licky bit... But the boy had met his match in the Masters.. recognise them, do not admit it.. "Keep me?" she repeated. "You didn't seem to worry about losing me all winter. What made you come back now?".. moment, and then turned aside and ran lightly down a long, steep slope into darkness.. she flew up the steps and ran clean through the singer -- then hurried on; the one who was on Semere's high pasture, a level step on the mountainside. A mile below it, all sunlit now, the go quickly, but she went steadily, her eyes fixed on the faint cart track they followed, till the. They held each other tight, hard, silent for a long time. To Diamond it was as if he held his future, his own life, his whole life, in his arms.. Dulse wandered about a bit before he found what he took to be the Dark Pond. It was small, half. She was there, the sick woman who could heal him, the poof woman who held the treasure, the. He spent the whole afternoon in confusion, angry. When Ember came out of the Grove to her leafy. only in dark the light.. Among these people was an old man whom they called, among themselves, the Changer. He showed Otter. thousand years ago.. down into the dark, his scarlet cloak billowing up, the werelight round him like a falling star.. It took him a long time to cross the cavern. He put his bad arm inside his shirt and kept his good. know later was a great spell of Transforming. Ard spoke the words of the spell awry, as teachers. "In the unlikely event that a science-fiction writer is deemed worthy of a Nobel Prize in the near." "You're welcome," she said, and hoisted whatever it was into a massive pottery bowl, and wiped her. my friends," he said, "what now?".. power over him now. He could walk into it and out of it as if it were mere lines painted on the. "We're coming into Thwil Bay now. Where there's no wind but the wind they want."

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