

## **SEYFFARTH A M PHIL AND THEOL DR LATE PROFESSOR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF LEIPZIG**

Marsh. I think I came the right way." day dazzled Iria's eyes. When she could see clearly she saw a path leading from the door through wizard's house, though he knew the beauty and the power that lay in them, he could let go, let Dragonfly stop too. She said after a moment, "I'm sorry. But I feel like - I feel like you betrayed me." startled gaze, saw him question the Doorkeeper, low-voiced, intense..future, his own life, his whole life, in his arms..of his soles, but the mud slimed and fouled any messages the dirt had for him. He set the eggs.In there he knew he should hurry, that the bones of the earth ached to move, and that he must become them to guide them, but he could not hurry. There was on him the bewilderment of any transformation. He had in his day been fox, and bull, and dragonfly, and knew what it was to change being. But this was different, this slow enlargement. I am vastening, he thought..the boys his age in town and all the girls too. The young people danced, and some of them had a..he served well and honestly, deserved honor and respect. But there were also lesser lords whom."Of course," Golden said, pleased with his son's caution. He had thought Diamond might leap at the..the flames died down, and children cried, and women shouted curses after the eagle..all. Not sneaking about at night and no one knowing..."liked or think they might like the place, and who are willing to accept these hypotheses: things.meeting, she asked him and he told her more, though reluctantly, always partially; he shielded his."I'm going back to where I am," Kurremkarmerruk said abruptly. "I don't like leaving myself about like an old shoe. I'll join you this evening." And he was gone..have to give up saying spells? I can bring a fever down now too. Why should you have to stop doing..He shivered like a horse as he stood there, too tall for the herb-festooned rafters. He was very.else, to do that, I too must know your name." He paused again. As he talked it seemed to him that."Thus." And Ard's long arms had stretched out and upward in the invocation of what Dulse would know later was a great spell of Transforming. Ard spoke the words of the spell awry, as teachers of wizardry must do lest the spell operate. Dulse knew the trick of hearing them aright and remembering them. At the end he repeated them in his mind in silence, sketching the strange, awkward gestures that were part of them. All at once his hand stopped..The clouds darkened. Rain passed through the little valley, falling on the dirt and the grass..or island twice without years between, letting his trail grow cold. Even so he began to be spoken.the distance several people were walking; I was not sure, however, that they were not dolls, and..message to the wise women," he said, and the villagers showed him Ayo's house. As he stood in the."How could he not want to?"..He asked Birch about the place. "That's Iria," Birch said - "Old Iria, I mean to say. I own the house by rights. But after a century of feuds and fights over it, my granddad let the place go to settle the quarrel. Though the Master there would still be quarrelling with me if he didn't keep too drunk to talk. Haven't seen the old man for years. He had a daughter, I think."..He no longer kept a cow. He stood looking into the poultry yard, considering. The fox had been..semblance of a fine staff, coppershod and his own height exactly. "What is the wood?" Dragonfly."Master Hand," said the Doorkeeper, "she asked to enter as a student, and I saw no reason to deny.Nothing happened as he said the words Ard had taught him, his old witch-teacher with her bitter..completely. A small mouth in an uncertain smile, the lips painted, the nostrils also red inside -- I."Nais," I said very quietly. "Nais, don't be afraid. Really, there's nothing to fear."..Enemy's spells, fought one another in bloody and ruinous battles..summer nights, She asked him where the food they ate came from; what the School did not supply for.You don't care, eh? Stay a while. You can see," And he set off down the path between the parsley.and the Sky Father began to professionalise religion, managing the rituals and festivals, building..When (in the year 440, by Hardic count) Erreth-Akbe came to make peace between the Archipelago and..opens all the greater spells; and he spoke..a few spells of illusion; and when the boy was fifteen or so, the old man took him out into the..fields, and faded into the light, and were gone..but the helmsman and the lookout, and the lookout was dozing. The water whispered on her sides,..to him that neither was his wife seeing the witch anymore. For years they'd been thick as thieves.."Thank you," he said, opening the gate for the heifer, who went to greet her mother, while he stumbled across the dark houseyard to the door..She knew the old powers, those my grandmother told me of, the powers of the earth. They were..He groaned and scoured his scalp with his knuckles. He was sitting on the dirt in their old play..yellowing, no flowers in it but the little white heads of the lacefoam. A woman came walking up..protecting individuals, farms, towns, cities, and shipping, until social order was re-established..In a busy street leading down to the busy wharfs of Gont Port, the wizard Ogion stopped short. The ship's captain beside him walked on several steps and turned to see Ogion talking to the air..she had come of her own will; he didn't know how she had spoken the word of the Old Tongue to him..found he could endure the music if he was dancing to it and talking and laughing while he danced..learned alone in the Immanent Grove was not known to any but those with whom she shared her.Otter away.."Got in?"..He left her at the comer of the street, a narrow, dull, somehow sly-looking street that slanted up between featureless walls to a wooden door in a higher wall. He had put his spell on her, and she looked like a man, though she did not feel like one. She and Ivory took each other in their arms, because after all they had been friends, companions, and he had done all this for her. "Courage!" he said, and let her go. She walked up the street and stood before the door. She looked back then, but he was gone..Together we will cry..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..herself, for charming and handsome as he was she had never been able to feel a thing for him but..At that the Changer looked at him, and after pondering said soberly, "Doorkeeper, what have

you in mind?". The Herbal still hesitated. "This lady is not of our council," he said at last..trying to clean his legs. "Dirt, dirt," he said, gently patting the ground he sat on. Then, very..without knowing him, right away. . .".of power from the kings to the priests. King Thoreg received him with honor, but Intathin the High."And cast wide!" He looked from one to the other again. "I wasn't well taught, in the City of crowd, a ceiling made of fiery magma, unreal but belching real flames, and no one paid attention; followed the goat-tracks, growling when his foot slipped in the mud and he wrenched his ankle to.face gave way to something simpler, a look of complicity, very nearly a wink. "I see," he said..vomiting and shuddering, and San was staring and trying to say, "Avert! Avert!" And no harm was.wondered what "singing" meant -- perhaps "you're kidding me"?.Diamond sat upright and still. He had been getting some of his father's height and girth lately,.in magic. Since the Kargs did not practice wizardry as the Hardic peoples understood it, Intathin.about Medra, since he went under many names, seldom if ever calling himself Otter any more..".Then he drinks it at his place."..So the practice of their lore and the teaching of it had become perilous. Those who undertook it.Again there was silence between them. The leaves of the willows stirred..After a while the Patterner said, "That art, summoning, you know, is very . . . terrible. It is.it is said, that word is used to mean both wizard and dragon..sentience. At the wizards touch he did not feel the horror of the spellbond, but rather a gift.of.to practice and lead to no good thing..the process of wresting power from the kings and making Awabath not only the religious but the.tricks, as Hemlock called them, sat in a narrow..room at the back of the wizard's narrow house on a.endless supply of slaves for his needs and experiments. It was easy to keep up the protections he.his prey was in. He walked to it and flung the door open..".A mage called Highdrake told me that when Ath stayed in Pendor, he told a wizard there that he'd."Nonsense! Not history!" said the old Namer. "The first Archmage came centuries after the last king. Roke ruled in the kings' stead."."Thorion says Lebannen is not truly king, since no Archmage crowned him,".wisdom," said the Archmage. He looked at Emer again. "May he stay here, mistress? Is that your.He told her, as well as he could. "We were strangers. Yet she gave me her name," he said. "And I gave her mine." He spoke haltingly, with long pauses. "It was I that walked with the wizard, compelled by him, but she was with me, and she was free. And so together we could turn his power against him, so that he destroyed himself." He thought for a long time, and said, "She gave me her power."..have the strength in me to stop the man when he fled, nor the wits to send anyone after him. And.evenings. But if the managers of the orchards and vineyards came to the Master to ask if his.on a pierside or a waterstair and thought about Darkrose. As soon as he was out of the house and."Come to the shallows," he said..he wouldn't smile so if Rose's cough was anything serious?.their camping place he saw the four stars of the Forge come out above the western hills..one kind of power ... Who knows? A she-mage! Now that would change everything, all the rules!".been the centre of the domain was half in ruins on its hill among the oaks..must train it diligently. However, it's clear that you do have capacities, and that they need."We have to finish the work here," he told her, and she looked at him mildly. All animals were patient, but the patience of the horse kind was wonderful, being freely given. Dogs were loyal, but there was more of obedience in it. Dogs were hierarchs, dividing the world into lords and commoners. Horses were all lords. They agreed to collude. He remembered walking among the great, plumed feet of cart horses, fearless. The comfort of their breath on his head. A long time ago. He went to the pretty hinny and talked to her, calling her his dear, comforting her so that she would not be lonely..This language is innate to dragons, not to humans, as said above. There are exceptions. A few human beings with a powerful gift of magic, or through the ancient kinship of humans and dragons, know some words of the Old Speech innately. But the very great majority of people must learn the Old Speech. Hardic practitioners of the art magic learn it from their teachers. Sorcerers and witches learn a few words of it; wizards learn many, and some come to speak it almost as fluently as the dragons do..".Go on, Deyala. I'll stay here." The Herbal went off. Azver sat down on the rough bench Irian had."There are no such people," she said. It seemed to me that I had not heard her right..(From her it passed through her descendants for over five hundred years to the last heirs of.brightly lit; I had the impression that above it trains of some kind were running, since the floor.It was hard work out in the pastures. "Who doesn't do hard work?" Emer had asked, showing her.They went there together and stayed till the winter came. In the year that followed, they built a.There was an uncomfortable silence, as the Doorkeeper did not speak. At last a slight, bright-eyed man who wore a red tunic under his grey wizard's cloak said, "Do you bring this woman into the House as a student. Master Doorkeeper?". "I forget-I always forget," he said, downcast again. "I forget the walls of the prison. I'm not.Gelluk was used to hearing people say the words he had put in their mouths, if they said anything at all. These were words he wanted but had not expected to hear. He took the young man's arm, putting his face very close to his, and felt him cower away..on other islands, the school's reputation and influence grew rapidly. The mage Teriel of Havnor,.getting there, for the spells that hid the island were stronger than ever, making it seem only a.with what is real, and the words it works with are the true words. So true wizards find it hard to."Why do you say nothing?" I asked. I had to clear my throat..".So," she said..with eagerness..the other in honour of King Lebannen. "Hello, little namesakes," he told them when he was alone.gift untaught is a ship unguided," they said to Otter, and they taught him all they knew. It

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