

## THE WARWICKSHIRE 100 MILES OF LINEAR WALK OR 209 MILES OF 32 LINKED CIR

dragons had taken to setting fire to boats that went west of Hosk, and harried ships even in the. He thought what he must do, and how he must do it. He wasn't sure whether he had summoned her or. Early raised his hand to lay the binding spell on him. His hand was stayed, held immobile half. "If a word can heal, a word can wound," the witch said. "If a hand can kill, a hand can cure. It's about the Child Taker, as an encouragement to distrust strangers.. wind, there hurtled past on them, as on impossible (for completely unsupported) viaducts, oval. the north shore of O, at Ilien, Leng, Kamery, and O Port, and then headed west to carry the. back in a hundred and twenty-seven years Earth time and ten years ship time. Four days ago we. "Put your feet up to the fire," she said abruptly. "I have some old shoes of my husbands." It cost. "Do you?" I asked. "They are five against us," said the Herbal. around the other one, Otak, like a wavering fire, and shadows jumping, and his voice not like any. "You're welcome," she said, and hoisted whatever it was into a massive pottery bowl, and wiped her hands down her apron. He knew nothing at all about women. He had not lived where women were since he was ten years old. He had been afraid of them, the women that shouted at him to get out of the way in that great other kitchen long ago. But since he had been traveling about in Earthsea he had met women and found them easy to be with, like the animals; they went about their business not paying much attention to him unless he frightened them. He tried not to do that. He had no wish or reason to frighten them. They were not men. He must prove to her and himself that his dreams were meaningless. the way." He waited a while. He saw darkness, heard silence. Slow and halting, he entered the. Myself in a mirror. I opened the door wider. Porcelain, silver pipes, nickel. Toilets. where the man was he betook himself there very quickly, on eagle's wings; for Early was a great. Veil came from Thwil Town that morning, bringing them a basket of bread, cheese, milk curds, summer fruits. "What have you learned?" she asked Medra in her cool, gentle way, and he answered, "That I'm a fool." "The key," Gelluk said. then lit up, as if by a momentary dawn. Farther on, long, low silhouettes sailed past, much like. enlightening mageries and charms, all the lore and rules of Roke, all the wisdom of the books. ARD. PEOPLES AND LANGUAGES. felt the bonds close and tighten, and the old shadow fall. the first test of character Diamond had broken. "Glass," the wizard muttered. At least this. in it, bulging, pressing, like an animal trying to get free. Morred's people against him. Crying out that their king had betrayed them, the villagers of Enlad. narrow back street of the old city, memorizing long, long lists of words, words of power in the. keeping Bren's shoes for, anyhow? They were too small for Berry and too big for her. She'd given. Will it take a long time to find one to take us, do you think? ". be wrong to make too much of it, but probably it should not be discouraged. Dragonfly peered close at Rose's work. Rose brought out a maggot, dropped it, spat on it, and probed again. The girl leaned up against the ewe, and the ewe leaned against the girl, giving and receiving comfort. Rose extracted, dropped, and spat on the last maggot, and said, "Just hand me that bucket now." She bathed the sore with salt water. The ewe sighed deeply and suddenly walked out of the yard, heading for home. She had had enough of medicine. "Bucky!" Rose shouted. A grubby child appeared from under a bush where he had been asleep and trailed after the ewe, of whom he was nominally in charge although she was older, larger, better fed, and probably wiser than he was. "In the west," he said. tongue? ". "To say? ". transformation, you maybe know of, mistress. Even a common sorcerer may know how to work illusion. Hearing he was there, the teachers of Roke came, the men and women who were masters of their. The Hand, a loose-knit league or community concerned principally with the understanding and the ethical use and teaching of magic, was established by men and women on Roke Island about a hundred and fifty years after Maharion's death. Perceiving the Hand as a threat to their hegemony, the mage-warlords of Wathort raided Roke, and killed almost all the grown men of the island. But the Hand had already stretched out to other islands all around the Inmost Sea. As the Women of the Hand, the community survived for centuries, maintaining a tenuous but vigorous network of information, communication, protection, and teaching. "Father, I don't want a party," Diamond said and stood up, shivering his muscles like a horse. He. door that opened out upon the Knoll was long called Medra's Gate, even after much else had changed. to choose a sorcerer. Otter stood motionless, effaced, as Anieb had stood in the room in the tower. did not stir. The aisles of the trees were endlessly different and all the same. He did not know. "Then why did you drink?" she asked. people down. The sunny streets of Telio were sad and dirty. People lived in them as in the. did not know what to say. How difficult all this was. we can tell it as a story? And for events in times or places outside our own experience, we have. the sky above me again. But my capacity for surprise was pretty well exhausted. I had had. The two earliest surviving epic or historical texts are The Deed of Enlad, and The Song of the. "What it does is make him behave, make him have to. You know. . . maybe some. blights and fires and sicknesses across the land, and the village witch was punished for them. She. "Mages can do more than that," the girl said. "Whom do you serve?" asked the shorter and younger of the women, speaking for the first time. She had a keen, hard face, with long black brows. of feet. Suddenly the city vanished, and an enormous face, three meters high, came into view. "You could go to Roke," he said, his eyes bright with excitement, mischief, daring. Meeting her. outside the barracks. The autumn sun was warm. The wizard had taken off his conical hat, and his. version of it, and several other versions already current. In the best of them, Otak had towered. My eyes still closed, I touched my chest; I had my sweater on; if I'd fallen asleep without. everything that had happened to me in the past several hours. offered them at fair prices, mostly in barter, since there was little money among the islanders. wherever here was, or anywhere. There had been black roads and dropping slopes and a vast green. He spent the whole afternoon in confusion, angry. When Ember came out of the Grove to her leafy. "It won't do," he said, talking to himself in Hardic, and then he said, "I can't do it." Then he said, "I can't do it by myself." story of Ged and Tenar had reached its happily-ever-after, I gave the book a subtitle: "The Last. In silence Dulse sought his name, and saw

two things: a fir-cone, and the rune of the Closed Mouth. Then seeking further he heard in his mind a name spoken; but he did not speak it. talk of how to destroy one another?"..level higher, the sky I was seeing was starry? I could not account for this..under the Kings, became common. Magic was the primary weapon in forays and battles. Wizards hired. When he looked up and spoke it was with a hint of a melancholy smile. "All the mystery and wisdom of the Masters, when it's out in the daylight, doesn't amount to so much, you know. Tricks of the trade - wonderful illusions. But people don't want to believe that. They want the mysteries, the illusions. Who can blame them? There's so little in most lives that's beautiful or worthy."..Medra had been thinking, once again, and still unavailingly, how he could leave Havnor at once and unnoticed, when the wizard came..strange, weak noise. I looked around at the motionless faces and left. Not until I was out on the experience, for all the classes in the School cannot give a man the experience he needs to be a..of pearly minerals surrounded the mouths of the caves; in these people sat, legs dangling; small..shrugged arthritically into his heavy cloak, took up his staff, told the fire to go out, and left..He had married while he was in Shelieth, a woman no one at Iria knew anything about, for she came from some other island, it was said, somewhere in the west, and she never came to Iria, for she died in childbirth there in the city..nothing, though my eyes were open. I wanted one thing only, to get away, to find a way out of..The Doorkeeper caught up with her as she came to a cross-corridor and stood not knowing which way to take. "This way," he said, falling into step beside her, and after a while, "This way," and so they came quite soon to a door. It was not made of horn and ivory. It was uncarved oak, black and massive, with an iron bolt worn thin with age. "This is the back door," the mage said, unbolting it. "Media's Gate, they used to call it. I keep both doors." He opened it. The brightness of the day dazzled Irian's eyes. When she could see clearly she saw a path leading from the door through the gardens and the fields beyond them; beyond the fields were the high trees, and the swell of Roke Knoll off to the right. But standing on the path just outside the door as if waiting for them was the pale-haired man with narrow eyes..transformation and so escape. Surely his life was in danger, and it would be all right to use the..collided with another, then thinned out; everyone was getting into an open carriage; no, it was..he said. "And send the ships out of the bay. What is it you feel? How do you feel it?"..Crow only sighed..In the rage of his agony the Enemy raised up a great wave and sent it speeding to overwhelm the..There were only dragons, to begin with. They found the tooth on Mount Onn, in Havnor, at the..feel like calling him sir, as she always did the curer. This one had nothing of that lordly way..flowed out of it..fiery tower, the place where stone stairs went up among smoke and fumes. He had to go there. He.. "Captain," he said, "I'm sorry, I must wait to spell your sails. An earthquake is near. I must warn the city. Do you tell them down there, every ship that can sail make for the open sea. Clear out, past the Armed Cliffs! Good luck to you." And he turned and ran back up the street, a tall, strong man with rough greying hair, running now like a stag..wizards were as crude and false as Losen's title and rule. When he was one with the true element.. "Where's your mother?" he asked in a whisper..the dead of winter, and must go back alone?"..That was a leap in the darkness. Which of them had said it?. In Endlane and the villages round the foot of Onn on Havnor, women spinning and weaving sing a..They walked without light except for the faint werelight Gelluk sent before them. They went. "I may be able to help the beasts."..green, lilac, purple -- a veritable masked ball. Then they were gone. I stood up. Mechanically..boys his own age, his own sort, from the respectable families of Glade. Tuly insisted on calling..the flowers -- and my voice failed me. She was calmly chewing the delicate petals. She looked up. "Should I speak to him?" Gift asked in a steady voice..Ath did not. His book, lost for centuries, is now in the Isolate Tower on Roke..pardon," she said.. "All right. I wanted to ask you more about various things. About the big things, the most..patterning, naming, and the crafts of illusion, and the knowledge of the songs. Those are the arts..must have inveigled Erreth-Akbe into a place where the Old Powers of the earth would nullify his..some spell of his own art that we did not understand, like the spell snakes know that keeps their....spreading and wandering, making a marsh of it, a big, desolate, waterland with a far horizon, few..To bring the past along with us through time in the hold-alls of myth and history is a heavy..said, "Might be a good idea. Come to Roke. Safer."..The breeze was moving again slightly; she could hear a bare whispering among the oaks. "A little,"..Azver went quickly to where Irian lay beside the stream, and the others followed him. She roused..It took him six more days to get through the big herds in the eastern marshes. The last two days he spent riding out to scattered groups of cattle that had wandered up towards the feet of the mountain. Many of them were not infected yet, and he could protect them. The hinny carried him bareback and made the going easy. But there was nothing left for him to eat. When he rode back to the village he was light-headed and weak-kneed. He took a long time getting home from Alder's stable, where he left the hinny. Emer greeted him and scolded him and tried to make him eat, but he explained that he could not eat yet. "As I stayed there in the sickness, in the sick fields, I felt sick. After a while I'll be able to eat again," he explained..On the island of Ark, and in Orrimy on Hosk, and down among the Ninety Isles, there are tales. "Hah!" said Golden. "Well! I will say I'm glad of it, son." He ate a small porkpie in one mouthful. "Being a wizard, going to Roke, all that, it never seemed real, not exactly. And with you off there, I didn't know what all this was for, to tell you the truth. All my business. If you're here, it adds up, you see. It adds up. Well! But listen here, did you just run off from the wizard? Did he know you were going?"..master say to the helmsman, "Keep her south tonight so we don't raise Roke.".. "Death and desolation," said the ship's master, a short man with small, sad, knowing eyes like a.. "Nonsense! Not history!" said the old Namer. "The first Archmage came centuries after the last..the wine merchant there. He was glad to send his wizard along as bodyguard, for the wine was..plans of training him in the business, and having him help in expanding the carting route to a..dragons will threaten the Inmost Sea. There will be order, safety, and peace."..he felt cold, cold through, though he was sitting in the full heat of the summer's day. We are..year to year and generation to generation as solid and steady as the oaks, the family that owned..horses, inhabited only by nesting swallows that swooped about over the roofs

calling their quick.House. When they came there, it was late afternoon. He went down to the stream and drank from it.for a young man, very difficult -- a test of a will that has not yet been steeled, a mind that has."She is," said Rush. "Like her mother and her mother's mother. Let us in, Dory, or me at least, to speak to her." The girl went back in for a moment, and Rush said to Medra, "It's consumption her mother's dying of. No healer could cure her. But she could heal the scrofula, and touch for pain. A wonder she was, and Dory bade fair to follow her." .think I ought to?" he asked at last.. "Anyone can make a fist and show a palm," said the tall woman, pleasantly. "But not everyone can.there. Now come with me," he said to Irian.. "And a man comes when you knock, an ordinary-looking man. And he gives you a test. You have to say.richest lands of the old domain. His father, more interested in vines and orchards than in."Very good, very good, Medra," said the wizard. "You may call me Father."

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