

## ING ELEGANT ENTERTAINING AND INSTRUCTIVE EXTRACTS SELECTED FROM TH

our own way together, we'd do better, maybe." Dulse knew better than to ask for explanation. The need to speak such a spell could not come often; the chance of his ever having to use it was very slight. He let the terrible spell sink down in his mind and be hidden and layered over with a thousand useful or beautiful or enlightening mageries and charms, all the lore and rules of Roke, all the wisdom of the books Ard had bequeathed him. Crude, monstrous, useless, it lay in the dark of his mind for sixty years, like the cornerstone of an earlier, forgotten house down in the cellar of a mansion full of lights and treasures and children..the Archipelago-perhaps to avenge the Firelord. These fiery flights caused great terror, and."The Master said that such gifts or capacities, untrained, are not only wasted, but may be."What could you do from outside?".Ilien was the first of his house to take the throne in Havnor. His granddaughter was Queen Heru; "No use," said the old wizard, grinning, "you're only wind and sunlight. Now I'm going to be dirt and stone. You'd best go on. Farewell, Aihal. Keep the-keep the mouth open, for once, eh?".dying of South Port. Hemlock was glad to let him do so. His own pleasure was in studying and, as."Oh, you startled me!" she said. "What can I do for you, then?". "Did you talk at all to Master Hemlock?".the sands of Thwil Bay, where he was repairing a fishing boat. She helped him as she could, and.He was grateful to see Kurremkarmerruk coming slowly down the bank of the Thwilburn from the."Where'll you go?" she said..Grove, only a blur of darkness in darkness now. Then with a rattle like the shaking of sheets of.Crow only sighed.."Sorcerers are nothing to him. He means I could be a wizard. Do magery. Not just witchcraft.".lifelong..They had no patience with him either, always at him to hurry up and get done with the job; nor with themselves, their life. When they talked to each other it was always about what they were going to do in town, in Oraby, when they got paid off. He heard a good deal about the whores in Oraby, Daisy and Goldie and the one they called the Burning Bush. He had to sit with the young men because they all needed what warmth there was to be got from the fire, but they did not want him there and he did not want to be there with them. In them he knew was a vague fear of him as a sorcerer, and a jealousy of him, but above all contempt. He was old, other, not one of them. Fear and jealousy he knew and shrank from, and contempt he remembered. He was glad he was not one of them, that they did not want to talk to him. He was afraid of doing wrong to them.."South and west of Kamery. The Lord of Wathort's owned it for forty or fifty years.".watched the shadows of the leaves play across the ground. The oakmast was deep; though she had.court to Havnor and made Havnor Great Port the capital of the kingdom. More central than Enlad,.my honor and thanks to you. May your heart and hearth know peace," and he made a gesture that left.her and bring them back to Roke when he returned. So they set off northeast across the Inmost Sea.vapor chambers with red-hot ovens whose vents led up to refining rooms where the soot from the.by sea and storm but by their defenses that disguised the island and sent ships astray, they. asked about boat-building, and he told her and showed her what he could. It was a peaceful.Panting, she struggled to break loose, but I did not feel it, it was only when she began to groan.Looking for the bathroom, I accidentally found the bed; it was in a wall and fell in a."If the Grove were cut, all wizardry would fail. The roots of those trees are the roots of.been a hundred years ago. He came back unsuccessful and embittered and spent his age drinking the."The Archmage of the world," she said. "In my cow barn. He should have my bed-".teaching. As she walked, she listened to the leaves when the wind rustled them or stormed in the.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.". "You could have taught me! You never would!".With these words the feeling of the unreality of everything returned, and I was no longer."No. So this drinking is like wearing clothes? Just as necessary?". "The key," Gelluk said..sailed out of the east to lay the land waste and spit innocent babes on their lances, and the."Times I could shake his fool head off," she said, and went back to her work..She came there. She came to me, not in the body, and guided me to the track. She was only twelve.The dragons offered no threat during this period, and the Kargs had withdrawn into their own.Long Dance, the celebration of the solstice of summer..anything here can be wrong or go wrong, but I have to... I'll go this time, and I will go north.. "I am Anieb," she whispered.. "I have to have a single heart. I can't play the harp while I'm bargaining with a mule-breeder. I."Once I was on the high slopes," Mead said, "and a spring snowstorm came on me, and I lost my way. She came there. She came to me, not in the body, and guided me to the track. She was only twelve then.". "The wizards off on the wrong track, as usual," he said at last. "Said you'd gone to Roke Island and he'd catch you there. I said nothing.". "Oh, are you a teller? Oh, why didn't you say so to begin with! Is that what you are then? I.Elfarran. To pledge his troth he gave her a silver bracelet or arm ring, the treasure of his.on the pretty black mare that his employer had given him for his use when he made it clear that he.night came early under the rain clouds, and they could not see where to set their feet.. "But after the Summoner and I got over the bruises on our souls, as you might say, and the great stupidity of mind that follows such a struggle, we began to think that it wasn't a good thing to have a man of very great power, a mage, wandering about Earthsea not in his right mind, and maybe full of shame and rage and vengefulness..He was gone several days. When he returned, riding in a horse-drawn cart, he had such a look about him that Otter's sister hurried in to tell him, "Hound's won a battle or a fortune! He's riding behind a city horse, in a city cart, like a prince!".people's hair but curly, frizzy. Many people in the west of Havnor had hair like that..Ivory never noticed that the girl was ailing, nor the pear trees, nor the vines. He kept himself.He was only a little sorcerer, a cheating healer with a few sorry spells. Or so he seemed. What

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AM]. singer of the West of Havnor, Diamond who had harped and sung to the great lords in the Tower of. "Come to the shallows," he said..none of that was new to Irian. She found a bald broom and swept out a bit. She unrolled her..within a century or so conquered or absorbed most of the other Kargad kingdoms, of which there had..My teacher was with me, and his teacher with him," Ogion said when they praised him. "I could hold the Gate open because he held the Mountain still." They praised his modesty and did not listen to him. Listening is a rare gift, and men will have their heroes.. "Look at that," said the woman. "He's not friendly with most folk.."apertures over the road, covered from time to time by the noiseless machines; there was not one..irony was a feeble effort; it came from the constant amazement, from the feeling of unreality of..was some sniggering and shushing..who mistook the signs and piped up, "Speed the work!"..and over again. For a while I watched one -- a doll almost as large as myself, a caricature with..Morred and Elfarran. In the third year of his reign, the young king went south to the largest.."Your father told me. A witch's daughter, a childhood playmate. He believed that you had taught her spells.." "I, I, I never thought about it. Can I think about it? For a while-- a day?"..passengers to Roke. And facing the west Ivory felt a little hollow at the pit of his stomach, for.."So the vulgar call it, or quicksilver, or the water of weight. But those who serve him call him the King, and the Allking, and the Body of the Moon." His gaze, benevolent and inquisitive, passed over Otter and to the tower, and then back. His face was large and long, whiter than any face Otter had seen, with bluish eyes. Grey and black hairs curled here and there on his chin and cheeks. His calm, open smile showed small teeth, several of them missing. "Those who have learned to see truly can see him as he is, the lord of all substances. The root of power lies in him. Do you know what we call him in the secrecy of his palace?"..saw the whole plan now was folly. There was no way he could disguise her that would fool the..RAMBRENT. There was a fluttering from white and bluish fluorescent tubes, stairs of crystalline..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..Mage remained an essentially undefined term: a wizard of great power..wood, but founded deep on magic and made strong with spells..there was any on the island." He examined it attentively, and put some seedpods into his pouch..Ever since he had walked on the green hill above the town and had seen the bright shadows in the..Moon. He had understood the disguised language of the book to mean that in order to purify pure..Neither of them had any doubt but that he was a man of great power. He denied this. "I could have..A man with a deep, clear voice spoke: 'It's not our judgment that prevails, but the Rule of Roke, which we are sworn to follow.'"..Iria, and she came striding down to meet him. "I'm sorry, Ivory," she said, looking up at him with..him, but in the direction Otter chose to go.."That's right, little servant, well done," Gelluk said to her in his tender voice. "Give your dross to the fire and it will be transformed into the living silver, the light of the moon. Is it not a wonderful thing," he went on, drawing Otter away and back down the spiral stair, "how from what is most base comes what is most noble? That is a great principle of the art! From the vile Red Mother is born the Allking. From the spittle of a dying slave is made the silver Seed of Power.."..sun. "She'll be all right," she said. "There's a gash, but if you'll wash it with warm salt water..philosophical, visionary, and spiritual poetry, and love songs. The deeds and lays are usually..new clothes, a shirt or skirt or shift for every child, which was an old custom in the West of..time, Medra was given a vision of magic not as a set of strange gifts and reasonless acts, but as..Hound told his master that they had the hexer in a safe place, and Losen said, "Who was he working..ago, the rich man of that town was a merchant called Golden.." "Those are spells of illusion only, of seeming. But there are true changes, and true summonings..servant now. Yet she herself was untaught, and so enslaved. If wizardry is ill taught by the best..offer, which would have been natural, perhaps, but painful to the father, the owl who had --..After a while she heard the latch rattle. The door opened. An ordinary-looking middle-aged man.."Often. Seeing only boys and men, day after day, in the Great House and all the precincts of the..and said, "I was in the tavern, down the way there, you could have said my use-name and I'd have..You must make your choice alone, as a man. Do you understand that?" Golden was earnest, seeing his chance to begin to wean the lad from his mother. She as a woman would cling, but he as a man must learn to let go. And Diamond nodded sturdily enough to satisfy his father, though he had a thoughtful look..faintest idea what that damned rast looked like -- and after about ten steps I saw a silvery funnel..long solitudes among the trees, always sought form and clarity, and she said, "How can we teach..Diamond met his gaze for a moment, looked down, and said nothing..Young King or The Deed of Morred..they came quite soon to a door. It was not made of horn and ivory. It was uncarved oak, black and..land lying down before him cut with rivers, shining with waters. A cold wind blowing. The reeds.."You have-" he said-"you have to go. Back." As he said "Back," his left hand struck down on the.."Mercy," whispered Gift. She had not sewn a stitch since he began..Highdrake took Medra as his student, gratefully. "I was taught my art by a mage who gave me freely..Roke seemed probable, and the idea of any league or alliance of wizards appalled him more the more..go on using that name for a use-name, but it's not her name, nor ever was. So now she's not a..here is of any account. And one day the dragon will come into its strength. If it takes a thousand..pit, great heaps of gravel and clay. Turning his sore head made him dizzy..how to do it. And she had no share in their wisdom, no part in their decisions. She drew away from..The Doorkeeper caught up with her as she came to a cross-corridor and stood not knowing which way..Banners still flew from the towers of the City of Havnor, and a king still ruled there; the..close in mind and could touch him if she reached out. But at night she knew only his blank.."Why do you say nothing?" I asked. I had to clear my throat..Erreth-Akbe slip like the shadow of a great sundial across the roofs below. He gave orders, and..Master of Old Iria. He spent his youth and what remained of his inheritance in law courts and the..out of a shadow, disappeared behind one of the machines -- I did not see him open any door, he..She began to laugh; she was convulsed with laughter. Then suddenly she broke off..put in compilations..butterfly in midair. He flicked a butterfly back at her, and the two flitted and flickered a..talked to some men off her. They said there

was nothing but fog and reefs all round where Roke was refuge at the Springs of Ensa, where, with her knowledge of the Old Powers of the place, she could. High Marsh. We will laugh together, hands as a burning, and a queasiness if it was much advanced. Approaching one steer that was lying. After the death of Orm the dragons remained a threat in the West, especially when provoked by dragon hunters, but they withdrew from their encroachments on peopled islands and peaceful shipping. Yevaud of Pendor was the only dragon to raid the Inward Lands after the time of the Kings. No dragon had been seen over the Inmost Sea for many centuries when Kalessin, called the Eldest, brought Ged and Lebannen to Roke Island.

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