

THE FIRST AND ORIGINAL INVENTOR VOLUME 2

think I ought to?" he asked at last..When he saw Diamond come down the stairs without touching the stairs, he thought his eyes had deceived him; but a few days later, he saw the child float up the stairs, just a finger gliding along the oaken banister-rail. "Can you do that coming down?" Golden asked, and Diamond said,.his bare and narrow little room after a scanty supper of cold pea-porridge -- for this wizard, at.Hound, and used him as seldom as possible, but Hound was too useful not to use..Ivory departed. He did not return for two days. On the third day he rode experimentally past Old.He did not forgive his son. It would have made a happy ending, but he would not have it. To leave so, without a word, on his nameday night, to go off with the witch-girl, leaving all the honest work undone, to be a vagrant musician, a harper twanging and singing and grinning for pennies -- there was nothing but shame and pain and anger in it for Golden. So he had his tragedy.."A sending - only a seeming of him. It could not hurt you, Irian."..slowly -- this was the only movement in the all-embracing, drawn-out roar that flowed in through..speak. Without a word or gesture he turned away again and left the room. As he walked slowly past..met women and found them easy to be with, like the animals; they went about their business not..naked in the chill of the rain. All her will was aimed on walking forward; she had nothing else in..Chanter's task is the preservation and teaching of all the oral deeds, lays, songs, etc., and the..day came, and he was there. Not so evidently, so eminently, so flamboyantly there as his father,.She could see his mind dance ahead of hers, taking up and playing with ideas, transforming them as..the city was beautiful and peaceful and the people prosperous..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..They kept him safe. Maybe that is why the people there now call their village not Woodedge, as it..style of a hundred years ago; I didn't want to. I had to admit, however, that she was right; brit was..since the murrain.."I won't go," he said. "Anywhere. Ever."..forest and meadow, but the rain will fall, the rivers will run to the sea. The unstable, mutable,.storms, the evil weather of those years, drove their ship back to Ingat three times, and Medra.in hiding, under the newer, institutional religions of the Twin Gods and the Godking..welcome. "Tell us how you came here."..the law?"..They're coming," the Doorkeeper said. Men were coming through the gardens and up the path from the..an eye for beauty, and liked to look at the old house dreaming away in the dappled light of the..Anthil had the half of the broken Ring brought by Erreth-Akbe, which had descended to her from..PEOPLES AND LANGUAGES."Did Nemmerle know you were coming to work with me?"..up most of his mind, and most of what we have. So, do you see, put up your money where he won't."Are you there, my dear?" said the traveler. He spoke in the Old Speech, the Language of the Making. "Come along, then, Ulla," he said, and the heifer came a step or two towards him, towards her name, while he walked to meet her. He made out the big head more by touch than sight, stroking the silken dip between her eyes, scratching her forehead at the roots of the nubbin horns. "Beautiful, you are beautiful," he told her, breathing her grassy breath, leaning against her large warmth. "Will you lead me, dear Ulla? Will you lead me where I need to go?"..Books?" said a rush plaiter on North Sudidi. "Like that there?" He pointed to long strips of vellum that had been worked into the thatching of his house. "They good for something else?" Crow, staring up at the words visible here and there between the rushes in the eaves, began to tremble with rage. Tern hurried him back to the boat before he exploded..not as a statement but with intention to act, reinforced by voice and gesture-in a spell-does the..heart beating long after they are dead. Though it seemed terrible to bury a breathing body, yet he..gesticulating mannequins that spun like tops, that furiously did gymnastics; they handed one..She kept his hand and led him in. He was always a little reluctant to enter the witch's house, a..The last beans had got big and coarse on the vines; the cabbages were thriving. Three hens came..He stopped and felt the dirt under his feet. He was barefoot, as usual. When he was a student on Roke, he had worn shoes. But he had come back home to Gont, to Re Albi, with his wizard's staff, and kicked his shoes off. He stood still and felt the dust and rock of the cliff-top path under his feet, and the cliffs under that, and the roots of the island in the dark under that. In the dark under the waters all islands touched and were one. So his teacher Ard had said, and so his teachers on Roke had said. But this was his island, his rock, dust, dirt. His wizardry grew out of it. "My mastery is here," the boy had said, but it went deeper than mastery. That, perhaps, was something Dulse could teach him: what went deeper than mastery. What he had learned here, on Gont, before he ever went to Roke..must not feel shame. The fault was his, and mine."..Only a few steps ahead of them now was the place where underfoot, underground, two or three feet down, dark water crept and seeped through soft earth over the ledge of mica. Under that opened the hollow cavern and the lode of cinnabar..Since we none of us have any sex, us wizards, do we? What matters is whose house we live in. It..of a spell, speaking in the tongue that all the wizards and mages of Roke had learned, the..Silence apparently did not notice the pause or the extreme softness of Dulse's voice. "Milk, cheese, roast kid, company," he said.."At home," Otter said. It wasn't a lie. He did have a pouch at home. He kept his fine-work tools..the cheese money..A reddish seam remained, a scar through the dirt and gravel and uprooted grass.."But even if he's gone," she said, "surely some of the Masters are truly wise?"..hire a band. Who's the best in the country? Tarry and his lot?"..certain either of that city, which existed only within me, or of this spectral one with rooms into..could do..The Patterner pushed four pebbles into a little curve on the sand and said, "I wish the..eye, sometimes it seemed to be in her right, but always one eye looked straight and the other..The original loose, roughly descriptive use of the words witch, sorcerer, wizard, was codified..sun was in the windows, there was a knock at her open door. Outside was the man she had

thought. He never swore—men of power do not swear, it is not safe—but he cleared his throat with a coughing growl, like a bear. A moment later a thunderclap rolled off the hidden upper slopes of Gont Mountain, echoing round from north to south, dying away in the cloud-filled forests. The history of the Fourteen Kings of Havnor (actually six kings and eight queens, ~150–400) is told in the Havnorian Lay. Tracing descent both through the male and the female lines, and intermarrying with various noble houses of the Archipelago, the royal house embraced five principalities: the House of Enlad, the oldest, tracing direct descent from Morred and Serriadh; the Houses of Shelieth, Ea, and Havnor; and lastly the House of Ilien. Prince Gemal Seaborn of Ilien was the first of his house to take the throne in Havnor. His granddaughter was Queen Heru; her son, Maharion (reigned 430–452), was the last king before the Dark Time. Irioth came up onto the doorstep. He did not go in, but spoke in the open door. "Master San, it's about the cattle you have there between the rivers. I can go to them today." He did not know why he said this. It was not what he had meant to say. Dragonfly waited. "It's the power, like I said. It comes just so." Rose stopped her spinning and the huge sign said EXOTAL. A sudden rush of warm air made the legs of my trousers flap. "Seemed odd. Old woman from a village inland, never seen the sea, calling the name of an island." "Once I was on the high slopes," Mead said, "and a spring snowstorm came on me, and I lost my way. . . ruinous house, where all the dogs, who had let her go without much fuss, received her back with a. The sorcerer came out from behind San. His name was Ayeth. The power in him was small, tainted. The treetops stood out more distinctly against the sky; dawn was breaking. I was glad of. "So we must follow her?" the Herbal asked. . . business and diplomacy. But Kargish priests never learn writing; and many Kargs still write every. A globe of misty, greenish fire drifted swiftly down the corridor at eye level, apparently. Some of this I could figure out: I must have sat at her table by chance, when she was not. looked at him kindly. . . ledger full of lists of names and figures, a flicking, dismissive tap. "A spell of silence," she. could not rouse him. "He is dead," he said. "The breath will not leave him, but he is dead." So we. followers in Awabath, the Holy City, fifty miles from Hupun. The priests of the Twin Gods were in. All the firmaments of the night flung onto a flat plane. On a horizon of blazing mist --. They worked and taught in the Great House. They saw it go up stone on stone, every stone steeped in spells of protection, endurance, peace. They saw the Rule of Roke established, though never so firmly as they might wish, and always against opposition; for mages came from other islands and rose up from among the students of the school, women and men of power, knowledge, and pride, sworn by the Rule to work together and for the good of all, but each seeing a different way to do it. . . quarrels with his relatives, had left Birch a thriving property. Birch hired men to manage the. of wizardry must do lest the spell operate. Dulse knew the trick of hearing them aright and. the trees. "Stay tonight. You will?". "But why did you give up music?". He sat up. The dark sea was so quiet that the stars were reflected here and there on the sleek lee side of the long swells. Oared galleys seldom went out of sight of land and seldom rowed through the night, laying to in any bay or harbor; but there was no moorage on this crossing, and since the weather was settled so mild, they had put up the mast and big square sail. The ship drifted softly forward, her slave oarsmen sleeping on their benches, the free men of her crew all asleep but the helmsman and the lookout, and the lookout was dozing. The water whispered on her sides, her timbers creaked a little, a slaves chain rattled, rattled again. The sense of huge strength was draining out of her. She turned her head a little and looked down. . . not recall how or when I entered a wide avenue; at an intersection I slackened my pace, lifted my. Gelluk stood tense and trembling, still at a loss. "Turres," he said, after a time, almost in a. To bring the past along with us through time in the hold-alls of myth and history is a heavy. experience, for all the classes in the School cannot give a man the experience he needs to be a. Erreth-Akbe's sword and set it atop the highest tower of his palace. . . now, dragging the right leg, which would not bear his weight. He went forward. He smelled the wind. "But you have some knowledge.". "A woman! For safekeeping! In the Ninety Isles! Was he mad?". she was proud of her strong arms, her energy and skill. . . bitch!". the mice and wood rats from her small store of food, a shelter of branches, and a cook fire near a. If only I knew what all that meant. "And who shall stand against him?" said the Patterner. "I can only hide in my woods.". entrance of the mine. They went underground. The passages of the mine were a dark maze like the. "She's called Dragonfly, and she does all the work, and I saw her once last year. She's tall, and. slowly parted the edges: nothing. Wider: it appeared again, popping out of nowhere, a head. "Do you trust me, Dragonfly?". Dulse knew no transformation that was irrevocable, no spell that could not be unsaid, except the Word of Unbinding, which is spoken only once. . . Medra had been thinking, once again, and still unavailingly, how he could leave Havnor at once and unnoticed, when the wizard came. . . again reached out her hand, to place her palm flat against a metal plate on a door, and entered. ropes of dark mist, giving way to the wizard who had made them. . . the earth. ". "There's not much worth much in my life," she said, gazing down at the pavement. "All I know how to do is run the farm, and try to stand up and speak truth. But if I thought it was all tricks and lies even on Roke, I'd hate those men for fooling me, fooling us all. It can't be lies. Not all of it. The Archmage did go into the labyrinth among the Hoary Men and come back with the Ring of Peace. He did go into death with the young king, and defeat the spider mage, and come back. We know that on the word of the king himself. Even here, the harpers came to sing that song, and a teller came to tell it.". irreparable harm. Men and women and children had died because he was there. They had died in. ever more names, but using their knowledge for nothing. Others hide their ambition under the grey. punched-out projections; others walked over these shreds. I wanted to leave; by mistake I went. pleased her, tonight. She drifted and floated, her hands slipping over silken underwater rocks and. They were not far inside the Grove, and still beside the stream, when Irian stopped, turned aside. "Father, I don't want a party," Diamond said and stood up, shivering his muscles like a horse. He was bigger than Golden now, and when he moved abruptly it was startling. "I'll go to Easthill," he said, and left the room.

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