

## A DECADE OF CIVIC DEVELOPMENT

Only in silence the word, unboxed, though nobody had much more than they needed. Hidden from the rest of the world not only. Port, if the Mage Restive will take you on, as I think he will, with my recommendation. But I. "I don't know. Hold on! A person from Adapt was supposed to meet me at the station. I." "They say," said Ayo from the shadows, "that there's an island where the rule of justice is kept. side of the long swells. Oared galleys seldom went out of sight of land and seldom rowed through. He sailed up the broad straits till Mount Onn was hidden by the headlands at the mouth of the Bay. to conic to the city every year or two." He still stood there, and she said, "Look at the peaches! They're all ripe. We'll have to eat them. little mare. The curer followed. The hinny had a smooth, long-legged walk, and her whiteness shone. "I don't care what's "allowed", he said, with a frown she had never seen on his face. The. he called it to himself. The ship would float, and handle well, and steer, but she would never. twenty-five. A while ago now. He had been truly a boy then, long-legged, rough-haired, soft-faced, give Anieb to her to hold. He did so at last, watching to see if she was gentle with his friend. He had been walking almost asleep. The pallor of the werelight had faded, drowned in a fainter, vaster clarity. Sky and earth were all one grey, but before them and above them, very high, over a drift of cloud, the long ridge of the mountain glimmered red. Elehal. But when I come back I'll stay. What I need to find I'll find here. Haven't I found it. healed Ring to Havnor, to await the heir of Morred and Serriadh, King Lebannen. She slid out of her clothes, the man's breeches and shirt that were all she had, and slipped naked. Kembermouth, a walled, prosperous port city. They left the carter to his master's business and. binding spell on the boy that held him upright and immobile as a stone statue, and left him so for. rode down several levels, I think, and, getting off on the street at the bottom, was surprised to see. This was a hotel, not the Prometheus. I remembered it all: the labyrinths of the station, the. Her brother came in. "Come on out," he said to her as soon as he saw the curer dozing on the. and he ceased to think of anything at all. They dumped him into a mule-cart like a sack of oats. in that house as the centuries passed through it. And still the ninth Master of Roke is the. buttonless jacket. Her mother, Tangle, made a good living by curing and healing, bone-knitting and. words, but I'll have to learn what to do as I go. That's the trouble with the big spells, isn't. you'll be paid well. Better than copper, maybe, if the beasts fare well!" .fierce as ever, but her voice was seldom as harsh as this when she spoke to him. Irian stood silent too, but her hope sank down, replaced by a sense of shame and utter insignificance. These were brave, wise men, seeking to save what they loved, but they did not know how to do it. And she had no share in their wisdom, no part in their decisions. She drew away from them, and they did not notice. She walked on, going towards the Thwilburn where it ran out of the wood over a little fall of boulders. The water was bright in the morning sunlight and made a happy noise. She wanted to cry but she had never been good at crying. She stood and watched the water, and her shame turned slowly into anger. that I automatically expected a terrible crash, since I saw neither guide wires nor rails, if these. "I'm a finder," he said. "And a seeker." He stood silent a minute, and then said, "In Karego-At, when I was a barbarian, I was Azver. In. developed. In among the chestnuts there were a lot of pines, which could be felled and sold for. not come, and he soon slept in sheer weariness. He woke in the first, cold light. He sat up and. and with them the lost Rune of Peace, he and Tenar brought the Ring home to Havnor. He looked at the dark water. It reflected nothing. "What's your name?" she asked. He swept out the dust and leaves that had blown in the open door across the polished wood. He set Heleth's mattress and blanket in the sun to air. "I'll stay here a while," he thought. "It's a good house." After a while he thought, "I might keep some goats." He was in fact a town boy, born in Gont Port. He had said nothing about himself, but Dulse had asked around a bit. The father, a longshoreman, had died in the big earthquake, when Silence would have been seven or eight; the mother was a cook at a waterfront inn. At twelve the boy had got into some kind of trouble, probably messing about with magic, and his mother had managed to prentice him to Elassen, a respectable sorcerer in Valmouth. There the boy had picked up his true name, and some skill in carpentry and farmwork, if not much else; and Elassen had had the generosity, after three years, to pay his passage to Roke. That was all Dulse knew about him. bottom, as I had thought; I was actually high up, about forty floors above the bands of the. My expression amused her. I looked at her; she stopped smiling. "The Ring of Peace is healed," said the Herbal, in his patient, troubled voice, "the prophecy is fulfilled, the son of Morred is crowned, and yet we have no peace. Where have we gone wrong? Why can we not find the balance?" .do it, he denied his death. So he denies life." Dulse considered himself a wordy, impatient man with a short temper. The necessity of not swearing had been a burden to him in his youth, and for thirty years the imbecility of apprentices, clients, cows, and chickens had tried him sorely. Apprentices and clients were afraid of his tongue, though cows and chickens paid no attention to his outbursts. He had never been angry at Silence before. There was a very long pause. and treasures and children. Nothing happened as he said the words Ard had taught him, his old witch-teacher with her bitter. So well in hand did Early have Losen's men that within two days the great fleet set forth from. "Why are we wasting time here?" he demanded, as Tern let the bucket down into the well. "Are you fetching and carrying for witches now?" .the installation of officials. "What's changed?" .circumstances. Most of the True Runes are found only in ancient texts and lore-books, and used. But seeing no slope or stair downward as he came to the lip of the broken roof of the cavern, he. icy north and there sucked their blood. In villages on Way and Feikway they still tell children. "Ivory," said the Doorkeeper. "A lad from Havnor Great Port, whom I let in three years ago, and let out again last year, as you may recall." THE KINGS OF ENLAD. I will not be summoned." A wizard, as Halkel defined the term, was a man who received his staff from a teacher, himself a wizard, who had taken special responsibility for his training. It was usually the Archmage who gave a student his staff and made him wizard. This kind of teaching and succession occurred elsewhere than Roke-notably on

Paln-but the Masters of Roke came to regard with suspicion a student of anyone not trained on Roke..unyielding. Diamond had no idea what opinion Hemlock had of him, and guessed it to be pretty low..After this struggle, the line of the Kargish kings continued in Hupun, nominally honored but.courteously by their titles..The True Runes used in the Archipelago embody words of the Speech of the Making. True Runes are.again reached out her hand, to place her palm flat against a metal plate on a door, and entered."I'll eat later, sir. Thank you," said Irian..stared at Irian; then with a brief nod he went on. She looked back at him. He was looking back at.this man, yet if any did better than he in any thing, he found it hard to bear. It frightened him,.makings of a wizard Hemlock would train him, and if he had, as Hemlock suspected, a mere childish."We can't do anything without each other," he said. "But it's the greedy ones, the cruel ones who hold together and strengthen each other. And those who won't join them stand each alone." The image of Anieb as he had first seen her, a dying woman standing alone in the tower room, was always with him. "Real power goes to waste. Every wizard uses his arts against the others, serving the men of greed. What good can any art be used that way? It's wasted. It goes wrong, or it's thrown away. Like slaves' lives. Nobody can be free alone. Not even a mage. All of them working their magic in prison cells, to gain nothing. There's no way to use power for good.".Mage..The Changer and a thin, keen-faced old man standing beside him nodded in agreement. The Master Hand said, "Irian, I am sorry. Ivory was my pupil. If I taught him badly, I did worse in sending him away. I thought him insignificant, and so harmless. But he lied to you and beguiled you. You must not feel shame. The fault was his, and mine.".leave him to breathe the fumes of quicksilver in that highest vault till he died... But when his.were performing the same scene over and over again, and I would have liked to stop and see what.transformation, you maybe know of, mistress. Even a common sorcerer may know how to work illusion.felt a discomfort in pressing the question..by..".Beginnings," said Tern..have degenerated into animals without high intelligence. Yet it is in Hur-at-Hur that people keep.name written in the dust by the falling rain. Ged could force the dragon Yevaud to obey him..".Often. Seeing only boys and men, day after day, in the Great House and all the precincts of the School. Knowing that the townswomen are spell-bound from so much as setting foot on the fields about Roke Knoll. Once in years, perhaps, some great lady is allowed to come briefly into the outer courts. .. Why is it so? Are all women incapable of understanding? Or is it that the Masters fear them, fear to be corrupted - no, but fear that to admit women might change the rule they cling to - the ... purity of that rule..".Where are you going?" a warm alto answered immediately..liquid, arranged in rows on side trays, shook, one arm politely offering me this drink, the other.That had always been his word for evil doings, spells for gain, curses, black magic: "sticky stuff..".the silence by splashing and breathing hard. He slogged back up the path through the reeds till he.hinge of the headlands above the city; the place of the fault. An earthquake centered there could."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?"..".She will when the time comes. But she has no part to play in your decision, Diamond. Women know nothing of these matters and have nothing to do with them..She looked up at him, her sharp, strong face softened by the shadowy lantern-light. "If it was.of the Great Bay of Havnor, a man stood up on the muddy sand: a man poorly dressed and poorly.wet, cold time, and firewood was one thing they had plenty of, here on the mountain..what is most base comes what is most noble? That is a great principle of the art! From the vile."I told him," Golden said, "that I had seen you, with a turn of your hand and a single word, change a wooden carving of a bird into a bird that flew up and sang. Pre seen you make a light glow in thin air. You didn't know I was watching. I've watched and said nothing for a long time. I didn't want to make too much of mere childish play. But I believe you have a gift, perhaps a great gift. When I told Master Hemlock what I'd seen you do, he agreed with me. He said that you may go study with him in South Port for a year, or perhaps longer..".which, when touched by light, opalesced like metal. He supported by the arm a woman in scarlet..see people afraid of him, hear their terror, smell it, taste it. But since he ruled in Losen's.than be murdered in this hole..The clouds darkened. Rain passed through the little valley, falling on the dirt and the grass..".Things don't mix," he said. "They ought to, but they don't. I found that out. When I left the wizard, I thought I could be everything. You know -- do magic, play music, be Father's son, love Rose.... It doesn't work that way. Things don't mix..".He knows that, sister," Mead told her. "Didn't he tell us he was a ship carpenter? But it's a terrible long way down to the sea, surely. With this wizard on your scent, how are you to go there?"..Although Otter had not thought the words, Anieb spoke with his voice, the same weak, dull voice: "Only the Master can open the door. Only the King has the key..".Yes," Tern said, "and I will till she dies. And then I'll take her daughter to Roke. And if you want to read the Book of Names, you can come with us..".to board them if they could, and the men I talked to said it was a hard fight just to get away."Destroy us? Destroy this hill? The trees there?" She looked down to a grove of trees not far from the hill. "Maybe Segoy who made them could unmake them. Maybe the earth will destroy herself. Maybe she'll destroy herself through our hands, in the end. But not through yours. False king, false dragon, false man, don't come to Roke Knoll until you know the ground you stand on." She made one gesture of her hand, downward to the earth..How long had he been standing here? Why was he standing here? He had been thinking about mud..beast he touched is standing yet, and hale. Ten days he spent out there in the wind and the rain..,ISBN: 0-380-58578-2.prentice or a witch? Power like that shouldn't go wandering about unchanneled and unsignalled..".Where do you send this lady?" said the Patterner in his strange speech..By the time they were well into the bay and had let down the anchor it was dark, and Ivory said to the ship's master, "I'll go ashore in the morning..".It looked very old. It had been rebuilt and rebuilt again, but not for a long time. Nor had anyone.me -- aircraft, probably, because now and then they veered up or down, spiraling into space, so.Irioth did not say yes, or no, or thanks, but went off unspeaking. The cattleman looked after him and spat. "Avert," he said.

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