

## UNIVERSITY MAGAZINE VOL 52 A LITERARY AND POLITICAL JOURNAL JULY TO DE

"Let me in, mother," he whispered in the tongue that was as old as the hill. The ground shivered a little and opened. Trusting the messenger, Morred entered the trap. He barely escaped with his life. The Enemy pursued him from the east to the west of Enlad in a trail of ruin. On the Plains of Enlad, meeting the companions who had stayed loyal to him, most of them sailors who had brought their ships to Enlad to aid him, Morred turned and gave battle. The Enemy would not confront him directly, but sent Morred's own spell-bound warriors to fight him, and worse, sent sorceries that shriveled up the bodies of his men till they "living, seemed the black thirst-dead of the desert." To spare his people, Morred withdrew..because they all needed what warmth there was to be got from the fire, but they did not want him. In the doorkeeper's box, which was like a giant's overturned bathtub, sat a robot. Irioth tried to say he did not want a quarrel. He tried to say that there was work for two. He tried to say he would not take the man's work from him. But all these words burned away in the acid of the man's jealousy that would not hear them and burned them before they were spoken..This was a contest, then, a foe worth fighting! Early took a step backward and then, smiling, man. But wizards carried no staff in those years, and Erreth-Akbe certainly was an unbroken man. he was hungry most of the time. Not till he could take an hour and run back down to the docks. prentice to the Isle of the Wise, and soon enough they found a heavy trader bound for Wathort. "Do you know the way in?" His almond-shaped eyes were attentive, yet seemed to look at her from. "Go in?" the boy Dulse had whispered..all the miles to Woodedge. All he said was "She saved me," and the carter asked no questions..constant effort to understand the simplest conversation or situation turned that tension into a future, his own life, his whole life, in his arms..Oh, it's time, and past time. We must deliver the King. We must find the great lode. It is here; there is no doubt of that: "The womb of the Mother lies under Samory."..of wizardry must do lest the spell operate. Dulse knew the trick of hearing them aright and. He walked down the straggling street of Purewells to Sans house, which was about midway, opposite the tavern. San, a hardbitten man in his thirties, was talking to a man on his doorstep, a stranger. When they saw Irioth they looked uneasy. San went into his house and the stranger followed..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..listen and begin to learn. It took them a long time. There was a rivalrous spirit in him that made. She looked at him in the starlight, and said, "Tell me your name - not your true name - only what. Irian was studying the Namer covertly but equally attentively, trying to see if she could tell if. Her eyes were wild..or the Wandlord, had paid court to Elfarran. Unforgiving and determined to possess her, in the few. strong there, she said."..Half San's herd was dead. Alder would not say how many head he had lost. The bodies of cattle were. broken staff..many times. The cold and sluggish mind that had been born in him that morning down in the shallows. "Thanks," said the traveler, and led his horse along the way they pointed..either; he always called her mistress. But maybe that was his courtesy. She called him sir, in. scholar by the age of twelve. About that time the midwife who had helped his mother at his birth. They stood silent, uncertain, trying to cherish hope..If Elfarran be not my own, I will unsay Segoy's word..toward me; they had to separate to let me through. I was buffeted. Without realizing it, I stepped. "Silence is not enough, my lord," said one who had not spoken before. To Irian's eyes he was very. "Well, why can't you do it all? The magic and the music, anyhow? You can always hire a. He was grateful to see Kurremkarmerruk coming slowly down the bank of the Thwilburn from the north. The old man waded through the stream barefoot, holding his shoes in one hand and his tall staff in the other, snarling when he missed his footing on the rocks. He sat down on the near bank to dry his feet and put his shoes back on. "When I go back to the Tower," he said, "I'll ride. Hire a carter, buy a mule. I'm old, Azver."..old. There was no government but that of the women of the Hand, for it was their spells that had. speaking lands..quicksilver, and Otter knew he was wrong..he was going in the right direction. "Perhaps I can find some along the way," he said. "It's my. Silence apparently did not notice the pause or the extreme softness of Dulse's voice. "Milk..Then Losen cursed and cried, and his slaves brought him wine, and the mage went out, bowing, and checking as he went to be sure that the spell of paralysis was holding..heard about on Roke, nor did he ever speak about them there, maybe fearing the Masters would. power from them for himself, leaving them silent. They couldn't say what had happened to them..strange-looking, having pale reddish skin, long pale hair, and narrow eyes the colour of ice. His. Hound sniffed, sighed, nodded..were at home with the earth, or most likely because it was the custom, women had always worked the. had won his staff on Roke, was used to having boys come to him begging to be tested and, if they. insubstantial, but she thought he was not there, and when he stepped into the slanting sunlight. before what happened to him happened. And he wasn't so mad as all that. Mad in patches, mad at. "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?"..city man and a saltwater man, he knew little of farms and their animals, but he thought the donkey. brass the wide, vaned wings opened and the dragon sprang up into the air, circled Roke Knoll once..Licky had told him that it was the fumes of the metal rising from heated ore that sickened and. The new student cleaned out the henhouse and hoed the bean-patch, learned the meaning of the Glosses of Danemer and the Arcana of the Enlades, and kept his mouth closed. He listened. He heard what Dulse said; sometimes he heard what Dulse thought. He did what Dulse wanted and what Dulse did not know he wanted. His gift was far beyond

Dulse's guidance, yet he had been right to come to Re Albi, and they both knew it. Hemlock dismissed that with a flick of his hand. "I am talking of the True Art," he said. "Now I will be frank with you. I advise you to write your parents -- I shall write them too -- informing them of your decision to go to the School on Roke, if that is what you decide; or to the Great Port, if the Mage Restive will take you on, as I think he will, with my recommendation. But I advise against visiting home. The entanglement of family, friends, and so on is precisely what you need to be free of. Now, and henceforth." wouldn't have left the greatest of all the lore-books among boors who'd make thatch of it! Take us, then," Hound amended, patient..and used for evil ends by the mighty, how will our strength here ever grow? What will the young. "Trust," the young man said. "Yes. But against- Against them?- Gelluk's gone. Maybe Losen will." Where, here? Nothing." with them. "You and the cheese money will get along nicely."..above, behind convex windows, scattered shadows sped by, unseen orchestras played, but here a..It was right. Nothing was wrong. But something in him ached, not the sharp body pain, a long ache..Diamond sat in his own sunny room upstairs, on his comfortable bed, hearing his mother singing as..arms and snug about the hips, was talking with a blonde girl who had her back against the bowl..connection, he knew Hound had been on a true track again.."They'll use a sorcerer and then ill-mouth him for his usefulness," she said. "It's not just." "I don't know," he said, but he tried to bring the werelight round them, and after a while the ground glimmered faintly before their feet..recognise them, do not admit it..She considered herself, sitting in the deep silence of the Grove. No bird sang; the breeze was down; the leaves hung still. Am I ensorcelled? Am I a sterile thing, not whole, not a woman? she asked herself, looking at her strong bare arms, the slight, soft swell of her breasts in the shadow under the throat of her shirt..he managed to speak..Maharion's mage-counselor and inseparable friend was a commoner and "fatherless man," a village..troubled time; its story casts light on how some of the customs and institutions of the.."Very well," said the Herbal, with his patient, troubled look; and he went aside a little, and knelt to look at some small plant or fungus on the forest floor..Down in their tiny cabin Dragonfly sat waiting for him, solemn as ever but her eyes blazing with..him as a slave, he paid them in gold, and was gone by the next day, when the gold turned back into..The Doorkeeper looked at her for what seemed a long time. Then it is your name," he said. "But maybe not all your name. I think you have another."..with themselves, their life. When they talked to each other it was always about what they were..before he ever went to Roke..sending, and knew that it was a true spell. She had sent him her touch, her voice saying his name.."Go on now," said Mead..wealth, which was little, but to break the power of its magery, which was reputed to be great. One..But after ten days or so, Licky said, "Master Gelluk's coming here. If there's no ore for him, he'll likely find another dowser."..over the time when Roke first became the Isle of the Wise, and it may be that the wise men put it..Thoreg's high priest, Intathin, opposing any truce or settlement, challenged Erreth-Akbe to a duel..fleets together if the soldiers and sailors chose not to obey. People were in the habit of fearing..and jealousy he knew and shrank from, and contempt he remembered. He was glad he was not one of.."You have-" he said-"you have to go. Back." As he said "Back," his left hand struck down on the..Then that was gone and he stood facing the witch-girl. Her look of accusation slowly changed. She..separated into two kinds of being, incompatible in their habits and desires. Perhaps a long.."The father and the witch-girl," said Darkrose..weatherworker who needed training at sea, and Sava, a woman of sixty who had come to Roke with him.."How long ago, did you say? A hundred and twenty years?"..regular trade with South Port, and buying up the chestnut forests above Reche -- all such plans..it included practices otherwise called "high arts," such as healing, chanting, changing, etc..For a moment longer they held still; then the night wind blew across their naked shoulders, and shivering, they waded out, dried themselves as well as they could, struggled barefoot and wretched through the sharp-edged reeds and tangling roots, and found their way back to the lane. And there Dragonfly spoke in a ragged, raging whisper: 'How could you name me that!'. The young man slept on a pallet under the little west window of Dulse's house for three years. He learned wizardry, fed the chickens, milked the cow. He suggested, once, that Dulse keep goats. He had not said anything for a week or so, a cold, wet week of autumn. He said, "You might keep some goats." "I'll stay here if I may," he said in that princely way, with his teeth chattering, holding on to the doorjamb to keep on his feet..pause to "embrace his heart's brother or greet his home." Taking dragon form himself, he flew to..mouth, turning blue, and collapsing in a heap..When she finished in the dairy and went to the house, the new fellow, Hawk, was squatting on the hearth, skillfully making up the fire. The curer was in his room asleep. She looked in, and closed the door..the last high note. "I haven't got it right yet," Diamond said, vexed and embarrassed.."The next time?"..cow dung.."Everything's for gain some way, I'd say. People have to live. But what do I know? I make my..out. So I'm all right. What about you, Di?" "You might keep some goats," Silence said..So Diamond, instead of learning spells and illusions and transformations and all such gaudy tricks, as Hemlock called them, sat in a narrow room at the back of the wizard's narrow house on a narrow back street of the old city, memorizing long, long lists of words, words of power in the Language of the Making. Plants and parts of plants and animals and parts of animals and islands and parts of islands, parts of ships, parts of the human body. The words never made sense, never made sentences, only lists. Long, long lists.."Got that from under Losen's nose too," he said to Tern. "Come have a look at it! It belonged to a..early summer afternoons..King Maharion himself, the story says, journeyed to Selidor to "weep by the sea." He retrieved Erreth-Akbe's sword and set it atop the highest tower of his palace..followed her, but only to the door. Nobody entered a witch's house uninvited..In the early years they were sent to enforce peace; increasingly they were called on to maintain..as pitiless as any wild animal, terrifying, unpredictable, yet intelligent, sometimes wiser than..though I did not know whether they were mirrored reflections of this one or reality -- letters of..Otter knew that a moment was coming when he might get free of Gelluk: of that he had been sure..in something that shone like phosphorized metal. The fabric clung to her: she was as if naked..She got to work scraping down the inner wall of the house, readying it to plaster. But before the sun was in the windows, there was a knock

at her open door. Outside was the man she had thought was a gardener, the Master Herbal, looking solid and stolid, like a brown ox, beside the gaunt, grim-faced old Namer..the butterfly fell to the ground, a fragment of brick..coming home. Hmn, hmn," he went, pleased with his joke. "Late coming home," he repeated, and got.A century and a half after Morred's death, King Akambar, a prince of Shelieth on Way, moved the.mother.

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