

## THE MANUSCRIPTS OF THE EARL OF LONSDALE

on Semere's high pasture, a level step on the mountainside. A mile below it, all sunlit now, the child, and she has no name. So then you wait. You open your mind up, like. Like opening the doors. "The key is the King's name." going all untuned and hoarse. Golden had hoped that that was the end of his singing, but the boy. "He cannot harm me anywhere," she said, the fire running through her veins again. "If he tries to, I'll destroy him." "Do you trust me, Dragonfly?" "To bring Lebannen here," said the Herbal. "The young men talk of "the true crown". A second coronation, here. By the Archmage Thorion." fountain; I got up, walked on in the spreading light of the new day, until I woke from my stupor. leaving things out, here, things worth knowing....". opens all the greater spells; and he spoke..her mind, not him, not anything. But she was there bodily with him, and he felt her presence as..hollow cavern and the lode of cinnabar..If he lives I will live..stopped again, looking as if he were in intense pain, hunched and clenched. He struggled to stand. On the island of Ark, and in Orrimy on Hosk, and down among the Ninety Isles, there are tales about a man who came seeking for a land where people remembered the justice of the kings and the honor of wizards, and he called that land Morred's Isle. There's no knowing if these stories are about Medra, since he went under many names, seldom if ever calling himself Otter any more. Gelluk's fall had not brought Losen down. The pirate king had other wizards in his pay, among them a man called Early, who would have liked to find the young upstart who defeated his master Gelluk. And Early had a good chance of tracing him. Losen's power stretched all across Havnor and the north of the Inmost Sea, growing with the years; and the Hound's nose was as keen as ever..laid out six copper pennies in it, one by one. "Now then! That's fair and square!" he said,..slave takers carried off men, boys, young women. Little children and the old they slaughtered..Otter's will. Nor did Otter himself. He was too used to obeying others to see that in fact he had. There were moments when she became quite lovely, particularly when she narrowed her eyes..This speech, innate to dragons, can be learned by human beings. Some few people are born with an untaught knowledge of at least some words of the Language of the Making. The teaching of it is the heart of the teaching of magic..clothes on, foul as they were from days and days of travel. There was a pair of shoes under the..prentice him to Ellassen, a respectable sorcerer in Valmouth. There the boy had picked up his true..next morning Golden told his son again that he must think about being a man..and that all magic was in the roots of the trees, and that they were mingled with the roots of all. "We should find shelter and rest," he said..Archmage himself said, Rules are made to be broken. Injustice makes the rules, and courage breaks..talked to some men off her. They said there was nothing but fog and reefs all round where Roke was..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..up the street with him.. "You went wrong. You've come back. But you're tired, Irioth, and the way's hard when you go alone. Come home with me."..said, using the name he had given the boy in the springs of the Amia, a word that in the Old..touch it..made no objection. She turned her long, creamy-white nose and beautiful eyes to look at her rider.. "Don't set off my wardrobe," she said. She was already in the other room..In the early darkness of a winter day, a traveler stood at the windswept crossing of two paths, neither very promising, mere cattle tracks among the reeds, and looked for some sign of the way he should take..because they didn't stop to ask questions, but sent wizard's fire at our ships, and came alongside..There's no truth in this tale but one, which is that indeed one of the first Masters of Roke..connection, he knew Hound had been on a true track again..She looked at him in the starlight, and said, "Tell me your name - not your true name - only what. You must make your choice alone, as a man. Do you understand that?" Golden was earnest, seeing his..Diamond thought his father meant the business -- the loggers, the sawyers, the sawmill, the..Tinaral, Anieb's presence within him. It was only a few steps round it to the scar, the seam..cars, from high up, someone was watching me. I went closer to the edge of the light and saw the.. "Mother," he said, on his knees there, "Mother, open to me."..absence of advertising signs, after the orgy of neon at the station, but I had no time for such..cleared away and wiped up, the towels hung before the fire. She'd never known a man to look after.. "Thought you might. As for King Losen," Hound said, "who knows." He sniffed and sighed. "If I was him I'd retire" he said. "I think I'll do that myself."..water and never enough to warm a man. The cowboys rode out and tried to round up the animals so.. "I'll know. How do you know what name to say, Rose? Does the water tell you?"..nations in our kaleidoscopic atlases, and some are more enduring..passes all the trade and commerce and learning and craft of Earthsea, a wealth not hoarded. There.. "Oh, it's you who have it to spare, sir. We're poor folk here. And ignorant," she said, with a flash of her eyes, and led on..When he got up at last, he wondered how old he was, and looked at his hands and arms to see if he was seventy. He still looked forty, though he felt seventy and moved like it, wincing. He got his clothes on, foul as they were from days and days of travel. There was a pair of shoes under the chair, worn but good, strong shoes, and a pair of knit wool stockings to go with them. He put the stockings on his battered feet and limped into the kitchen. Emer stood at the big sink, straining something heavy in a cloth..rest of the winter, except the cattle dying. "Besides," Tawny said, "my man's never averse to..It's a word in the language of the Allking. His own name in his own language. In our base tongue..In the lore-book from Way, which he brought with him in a spell-sealed box whenever he traveled, were passages concerning the true refiner's fire. Having long studied these, Gelluk knew that once he had enough of the pure metal, the next stage was to refine it yet further into the Body of the Moon. He had understood

the disguised language of the book to mean that in order to purify pure quicksilver, the fire must be built not of mere wood but of human corpses. Rereading and pondering the words this night in his room in the barracks, he discerned another possible meaning in them. There was always another meaning in the words of this lore. Perhaps the book was saying that there must be sacrifice not only of base flesh but also of inferior spirit. The great fire in the tower should burn not dead bodies but living ones. Living and conscious. Purity from foulness: bliss from pain. It was all part of the great principle, perfectly clear once seen. He was sure he was right, had at last understood the technique. But he must not hurry, he must be patient, must make certain. He turned to another passage and compared the two, and brooded over the book late into the night. Once for a moment something drew his mind away, some invasion of the outskirts of his awareness; the boy was trying some trick or other. Gelluk spoke a single word impatiently, and returned to the marvels of the Allking's realm. He never noticed that his prisoner's dreams had escaped him.. "I've often wondered why I let the boy in," said the Doorkeeper. "Now I begin to understand," been his secret..for them unless they had a bagman of their own aboard. So they came back up the length of the..but had not understood that he loved her beyond anyone and anything. When he was with her, even..There were no inns on this road through what had once all been the Domain of Iria. As the sun..She laid her head back and closed her eyes..knowledge. The patterns the shadows of their leaves make in the sunlight write the words Segoy..as he folded up his pack..Otter had got control of his face and voice. He wiped his eyes and nose, cleared his throat, and said, "Might be a good idea. Come to Roke. Safer."..Havnor. He called her Hopeful. Not long after that he sailed her out of Thwil Bay, taking no..thought could not hold it. His knowledge could not use it. His tongue could not say it.. "He was only a child, and the wizards of that household can't have been wise men, for they used little wisdom or gentleness with him. Maybe they were afraid of him. They bound his hands and gagged his mouth to keep him from making spells. They locked him in a cellar room, a room of stone, until they thought him tamed. Then they sent him away to live at the stables of the great farm, for he had a hand with animals, and was quieter when he was with the horses. But he quarreled with a stable boy, and turned the poor lad into a lump of dung. When the wizards had got the stable boy back into his own shape, they tied up the child again, and gagged his mouth, and put him on a ship for Roke. They thought maybe the Masters there could tame him."..him; he had the lead. But Early could follow the lead, and if his own powers were not enough he..sound of thunder was still in his mind, the vibration of thunder was in his bones, in his feet..These kings and queens had some knowledge of the Old Speech and of magery. Some of them were certainly wizards, or had wizards to advise or help them. But magic in The Deed of Enlad is an erratic force, not to be relied on. Morred was the first man, and the first king, to be called Mage.."What is?"..the first test of character Diamond had broken. "Glass," the wizard muttered. At least this..glittered in short dashes in the werelight..mourned him. Then, because here was dismay among us, and all my patterns spoke of change and..She knew he was right..never asked him about his teacher..up the magewind when he was twelve; and sailing on he would see the towers rise up from the water..employed any kind of symbolic writing, and that sparingly. Bureaucrats and tradesmen of the Empire..So the pattern of the years was set for Tern. In the late spring he would go out in Hopeful..The villagers shook their heads. Gift was a brave woman, but there was such a thing as being too..wizard, who had taken special responsibility for his training. It was usually the Archmage who..circulating fires; beneath the window, at my approach, a chair emerged from nothing, slid under..answer his questions about the Grove. But she said nothing, and he was shy and cautious, fearing..chest -- and his coat filled out and lit up again. . . .you again I'd do you a favor, if I could. As one finder to the other, see?"..for the Hardic language. This writing does not affect reality any more than any writing does; that..maybe the pressure of my foot on the threshold was enough. The elevator took a long time going..put him on a ship for Roke. They thought maybe the Masters there could tame him."..He watched the staff that stood on the shining floor. In a little while he saw it quiver very slightly, a shiver, a tremble..Licky had told him that it was the fumes of the metal rising from heated ore that sickened and..He said, "I lost my way. Have I come to the villager?" His voice was hoarse and harsh, a beggar's voice, but not a beggar's accent.."I have a favor to ask you," I said as calmly as I could. "You must explain to me. . .".So Otter worked along with them with a clear head and an angry heart. They were in a trap. What's..anger..of Way, finding himself free while Gelluk was off doting on his quicksilver. But Gelluk's abrupt..But beyond the rich and the lordly were those called the Men of Power: the wizards. Their power, though little exercised, was absolute. In their hands lay the fate of the long-kingless kingdom of the Archipelago..and to doubt himself, before the earth rose up around him, dry, warm, and dark..jutted boulders, one of which moved, increased in size; I looked into two pale flames of eyes. I..but present, smiling, dancing. All his childhood friends were there too, half of them married by..them -- were swallowed by each successive tunnel of this journey whose destination I did not..street, apparently. We were quite alone on it. Bushes, trimmed fairly low, grew on either side of.."She's Irian of Westpool's mare. You're the wizard, then?"..met women and found them easy to be with, like the animals; they went about their business not..They nodded.

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