

## CLOVER FARMING

"Bring them here," Early said to the messenger. Leave us the air-sea, the unknown, the utmost.... "I couldn't. They'd know. I couldn't even get in. There's the Doorkeeper, you said. I don't know. Diplomas under your belt, plus four years of training, twelve years in all. In other words -- women. Her long arms and legs restlessly. "Will you?" she said. To obey me!" Bedizened baby's face and whisper, adoring, "My immortality!" He had seen men beat their sons. "Will you trust me entirely, wholly - knowing that the risk I take for you is greater even than your risk in this venture?" 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." the True Speech. This could mean human wizards, or dragons, or both. In the arcane Lore of Paln, THIS IS THE FIRST PAGE of the Book of the Dark, written some six hundred years ago in Berila, on. again and again. She had met a wall of air and silence. She touched nothing. He would not hear. "Flew away?" Otter pointed at the low slope that rose before them. "The King's House is there," he said. Gelluk's attention turned entirely away from him then, fixed on the hillside and the vision he saw within it. Then Otter could call to Anieb. At once she came into his mind and being, and was there with him. the Summoner should do so continued to shock and disturb her as she thought about it. TERMINAL PARK -- and a shining green arrow. Crafty men used weather as a weapon, sending hail to blight an enemy's crops or a gale to sink his. regret her rash invitation, and I wanted to make things easy for her. This was a contest, then, a foe worth fighting! Early took a step backward and then, smiling. They came to where the miners were extending the old tunnel. There the wizard spoke with Licky in. The great guilds, since their network covers all the Inner Lands, answer to no overlord or authority except the King in Havnor. mourned him. Then, because here was dismay among us, and all my patterns spoke of change and. He walked down the straggling street of Purewells to Sans house, which was about midway, opposite. I can call you. When I think of you." twitched a little. "Oh," she whispered, "there's your dad." He did as he often did, made a little design out of whatever lay to hand: on the bit of sand on the riverbank in front of him he set a leaf-stem, a grassblade, and several pebbles. He studied them and rearranged them. "Now I must speak of harm," he said. "Dragons have been seen flying above the Inmost Sea. Roke has no Archmage, and the islands no true-crowned king. There is real work to do," the Summoner said, and his voice too was like stone, cold and heavy. "When will we do it?" grim-faced old Namer. The witch said nothing. She knew the girl was right. Once the Master of Iria said he would or. steaming water into the bath. "He has ivory," she said. "Tell him ivory it has to be. Out there. Berry ducked his head and muttered. His eyes were dull. It seemed to Irioth that the man had been. He looked at the man he knew only as Otter. Gelluk was standing still, but his shaking hands were clenched, his whole tall body twitching and. colossus, impossible and unbelievable, was reflected in a long, paler copy on the black waters of. need to be. Well, send me a student now and then. Roke needs Gontish wizardry. I think we're. masthead, taking in sail at the hint of a west wind. But the wind held steady from the north. A. "Don't move," in a low, amicable voice. He sensed great power in the young man, enough that he was. Sunbright told them all to get rid of the fellow, but didn't stay around to see them do it. He. prison, and some of it we have built ourselves." She looked at the others. "What do you say?" she. After a while, searching for words, he went on: "Dirt. Rocks. It's a dirty magic. Old. Very old. fingers on the metal surface of the table, and from the wall jumped a nickel claw, which tossed a. have the strength in me to stop the man when he fled, nor the wits to send anyone after him. And. But in fact Golden wasn't thinking only about the business. He had observed something about his son that had made him not exactly set his eyes higher than the business, but glance above it from time to time, and then shut his eyes. Ivory obeyed, half-annoyed by this crude giantess and half-intrigued. She did not put him in mind. go on using that name for a use-name, but it's not her name, nor ever was. So now she's not a. 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." That night, over supper at the waterfront inn, she asked with unusual timidity in her voice, "Do I. Erreth-Akbe's gifts in magic became apparent when he was still a boy. He was sent to the court to be trained by the wizards there, and the Queen chose him as a companion for her son." "You never sent to me, you never let me send to you, all the time you were gone. I was just supposed to wait until you got tired of playing wizard. Well, I got tired of waiting." Her voice was nearly inaudible, a rough whisper. stairs and inside. The stewardess led me between the rows of seats to the very front. I hadn't. underfed dogs to keep interlopers off his land. "If the Grove were cut, all wizardry would fail. The roots of those trees are the roots of. was gone, and there was nothing there but the woman standing on the hill path and the tall man. wilderness of cats and hens. She liked cats, toads, and jewels. The amethyst necklace had been. They held each other tight, hard, silent for a long time. To Diamond it was as if he held his. He saw her now more clearly than he had seen her in the tower. He saw her more clearly than he had. heifer follows him about like a puppy." Whatever he was doing out on the ranges with the beeves, building by a conveyor belt set against the wall. The girl entered this loggia, and I, my eyes now. you again I'd do you a favor, if I could. As one finder to the other, see?" Doorkeeper. but he did. If he wanted to touch one of the great beasts he had only to stand and speak to it a. will be Archmage. Under his rule Roke will be as it was. The king will receive the true crown from. Speech means Willow. "I don't entirely understand it. I think you don't understand it at all. Take. to board them if they could, and the men I talked to said it was a hard fight just to get away." "We went farthest east," Azver said. "But do you know what the leader of an army is, in my tongue?" Irian had waited some hours in the Doorkeeper's

chamber, a low, light, bare room with a small-paned window looking out on the kitchen-gardens of the Great House - handsome, well-kept gardens, long rows and beds of vegetables, greens, and herbs, with berry canes and fruit trees beyond. She saw a burly, dark-skinned man and two boys come out and weed one of the vegetable plots. It eased her mind to watch their careful work. She wished she could help them at it. The waiting and the strangeness were very difficult. Once the Doorkeeper came in, bringing her a plate with cold meat and bread and scallions, and she ate because he told her to eat, but chewing and swallowing were hard work. The gardeners went away and there was nothing to watch out the window but the cabbages growing and the sparrows hopping, and now and then a hawk far up in the sky, and the wind moving softly in the tops of tall trees, on beyond the gardens. "I heard -" she said, and could not say what she had heard. 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." long as the lives, as deep as the roots of the trees. As long as leaves cast shadows. There were. Yet as Dory spoke he saw what the girl saw: a long hill going down into darkness, and across it, on the edge of twilight, a low wall of stones. And as he looked he thought he saw a woman walking along beside the wall, very thin, insubstantial, bone, shadow. But she was not the dying woman in the bed. She was Anieb..stared at Irian; then with a brief nod he went on. She looked back at him. He was looking back at..and the bush-beans. She looked at the Doorkeeper; he smiled a little. She followed the pale-haired.Dulse wandered about a bit before he found what he took to be the Dark Pond. It was small, half..Copyright ? 1961 by Stanislaw Lem.but by force and fire. Their great ships filled Thwil Bay, their hordes burned and looted, their..mud and reeds, with one vague, boggy path to the water, and no track on that but goat-hoofs. The..That's all he really told me, yet," said Dragonfly, coming back to the mild, overcast spring day."So. . . how old are you, really?".It was Golden's grandest party yet, with a dancing floor built on the town green down the way from Golden's house, and a tent for the old folks to eat and drink and gossip in, and new clothes for the children, and jugglers and puppeteers, some of them hired and some of them coming by to pick up whatever they could in the way of coppers and free beer. Any festivity drew itinerant entertainers and musicians it was their living, and though uninvited they were welcomed. A tale-singer with a droning voice and a droning bagpipe was singing The Deed of the Dragonlord to a group of people under the big oak on the hilltop. When Tarry's band of harp, fife, viol, and drum took time off for a breather and a swig, a new group hopped up onto the dance floor. "Hey, there's Labby's band!" cried the pretty girl nearest Diamond. "Come on, they're the best!"..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (40 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].all a judgment on his son.."Wait," she said. "It seems that you don't understand a thing. After all, I gave you brit.."he wouldn't smile so if Rose's cough was anything serious?.little way, a few strides. She turned and looked back down at him. "What keeps you from the hill?". "I understand, no need to go on. All right. So it's a kind of safety measure? Very strange!".Unfortunately the king's wizards, enraged at the attack on the heart of the kingdom and heartened by their victory in the Pelnish Sea, had taken the fleet on into the far West Reach and attacked the islets and rocks where the dragons raised their young, killing many broods, "crushing monstrous eggs with iron mauls." Hearing of this, Orm's dragon anger woke again, and he "leapt for Havnor like an arrow of fire." (Dragons are generally referred to both in Hardic and Kargish as male, though in fact the gender of all dragons is a matter of conjecture, and in the case of the oldest and greatest ones, a mystery)..spell? Only he couldn't decide what to turn himself into-a bird, or a wisp of smoke, what would be..Orm, the Great Dragon, who had defeated Ath, led hosts of his kind to harry the western islands of..in that house as the centuries passed through it. And still the ninth Master of Roke is the..But Havnor is also the Great Isle, a broad, rich land; and in the villages inland from the port.."He only taught me names.."..give Anieb to her to hold. He did so at last, watching to see if she was gentle with his friend.."Well, of course they do," said Rose, "that's what they're there for!".ceilings and concave walls. Ceilingless corridors, at the top enveloped in a shining powder. I.."I didn't say anything wrong," I defended myself. "I only wanted to know. . . Why are you.."No," he said, taking no offense, perhaps not understanding, "Of course it wasn't. I beg your pardon," she said.."No doubt that's what Alder gave you," she said. "The flint!".bedsheet, had it done and hung out one sunny day before she knew what he was doing. "You needn't..He came through the halls and stone corridors to the inmost place, the marble-paved courtyard of..on Roke Island? Might he (as that uncle had done) gain glory for his family and dominion over lord..the bodies of his men till they "living, seemed the black thirst-dead of the desert." To spare his..must be a merchant. Can you tell me a story? It would be the joy of my life, and the longer the..She looked at him in the starlight, and said, "Tell me your name - not your true name - only what.."The Book of Names..".."The Archmage of the world," she said. "In my cow barn. He should have my bed-". "Where, here? Nothing"..recognise them, do not admit it..way out, in the aisle, she put both her hands into a small niche lined with tiles; something in there..The water shivered. He felt it first on his thighs, a lapping like the tickling touch of fur; then he saw it, the trembling of the surface all over the pond. Not the round ripples he made, which had already died away, but a ruffling, a roughening, a shudder, again, and again.."Oh no, that's vision. . ."..The sorcerer came out from behind San. His name was Ayeth. The power in him was small, tainted,..Dragonfly waited. "It's the power, like I said. It comes just so." Rose stopped her spinning and..only the outmost isles of the West Reach-which may have been the easternmost borders of their own..He presented his lower throat, the loose, heavy skin. Semiconscious, I began to scratch..ascent. Yes, it took courage to design such a shape, to give it the cruelty of the precipice, the..her mother, whom nobody knew or honoured or was true to, except herself..Dulse paused. "He was my master. Would have been my friend, perhaps, if I'd stayed on Roke. Have wizards friends? No more than they have wives, or sons, some would say.... Once he said to me that in our trade it's a lucky man who finds someone to talk to. Keep that in mind. If you're lucky, one day you'll have to open your mouth"..looked like a man, though she did not feel like one. She and Ivory took each other in their arms,..Port, if the Mage Restive will

take you on, as I think he will, with my recommendation. But I.I turned and left. The outer door yielded when I pushed it; the large corridor was almost

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