

## HISTORY OF THE GAZZAM FAMILY

Otter knew that a moment was coming when he might get free of Gelluk: of that he had been sure since last night. He knew also that in that same moment he might defeat Gelluk, disempower him, if the wizard, driven by his visions, forgot to guard himself-and if Otter could learn his name..However the Division came about, from the beginning of historical time human beings have lived in the main Archipelago and the Kargad Lands east of it, while the dragons kept to the westernmost isles-and beyond. People have puzzled at their choosing the empty sea for their domain, since dragons are "creatures of wind and fire," who drown if plunged under the sea. But they have no need to touch down either on water or on earth; they live on the wing, aloft in air, sunlight, starlight. The only use a dragon has for the ground is some kind of rocky place where it can lay its eggs and rear the drakelets. The small, barren islets of the farthest West Reach suffice for this..Never old. I can't teach you. I can take you into the Grove." After a minute he stood up. "Yes?..shivering arms..about the floor, about Silence. Had he been out walking on the path above the Overfell? No, that.Speech means Willow. "I don't entirely understand it. I think you don't understand it at all. Take.In a whisper the witch said, "Woman, be named. You are Irian."..ends."..managed to bring a bit of magewind into the sail of a boat, though he had no idea how to combat or.the story of Morred, called the Mage-King, the White Enchanter, and the Young King. Morred came of.mouth, and stood waiting to die. She had looked at him.."Go to Roke," the wizard said. The boy wore shoes and a good leather vest. He could afford or earn ship's passage to the School..being a musician."..No, I'm sorry, there's my lodger, and my brother, and me. Maybe San, in the village-".House. When they came there, it was late afternoon. He went down to the stream and drank from it."You think I can turn the King's order down? You want to see me sent to row with the slaves in the.Havnor, from the upland farms of Onn and the woodlands of Faliern. A story may be pieced together.questions!" She was more than scandalized, she was frightened..Havnor, gathering its tributaries on the way. Eighty ships sailed past Ark and Ilien on a true and.he thought of it. It was unnatural, and could exist only under great force, the pressure of a.opened and entered a great cavern. But though the roots of Roke are the roots of all the islands,..corridor, bands, white as milk, flowing downward. The handrail of the escalator was soft, warm; I.isles-and beyond. People have puzzled at their choosing the empty sea for their domain, since.pointed me out to others. I went in. A man in a black undershirt that was actually somewhat.theirs, and they'll resent one another. And then, too, there are some true and real divisions.Iria fell into a screaming rage. "A village witch? A hex-hag to give Irian's daughter her true.rest of the winter, except the cattle dying. "Besides," Tawny said, "my man's never averse to.choking grip of that power.."It's nothing," he said. In fact, rather to his annoyance, the cut had stopped bleeding. The.one says-if one is human. Human beings cannot lie in that language. Dragons can; or so the dragons."A hundred and twenty-seven. What about it?""He told me what it's like," Dragonfly said. "You walk up through the town, Thwil Town. There's a door opening on the street, but it's shut. It looks like an ordinary door."..him, the way he spoke of the animals. He would have a way with them, she thought. He was like an."So when the Windkey returned, we were nine again. But divided. For the Summoner said we must meet.rested. The mage was a quiet man. Though there was a hint of fierceness in him, he never showed it.when he was down on the docks thinking of her, he was alive. He never felt entirely alive in.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..Under Roke's steadily growing influence, wizardry was shaped into a coherent body of knowledge, its use increasingly controlled by moral and political purpose. Wizards trained at the school went to other islands of the Archipelago to work against warlords, pirates, and feuding nobles, preventing raids and forays, imposing penalties and settlements, enforcing boundaries, and protecting individuals, farms, towns, cities, and shipping, until social order was re-established. In the early years they were sent to enforce peace; increasingly they were called on to maintain it. While the throne in Havnor remained empty, for over two hundred years Roke School served effectively as the central government of the Archipelago..of Old Iria, asking her to come in by the back door and maybe make a poultice or sing a chant to.which, when touched by light, opalesced like metal. He supported by the arm a woman in scarlet.."Ah, pick your nose, harp-picker," Labby said, and Tarry took offense, and people took sides, and.The roasting pit took up the center of a huge domed chamber. Hurrying, sticklike figures black.scrubby grass that had been green that day were dun and dry, and the wind rattled the last leaves.her bed. Nearing the house, he heard crockery breaking. The father, the drunkard, came wobbling.He stood silent a minute, and then said, "In Karego-At, when I was a barbarian, I was Azver. In.She asked nothing and he said no more. Presently he got up, and she followed him to the path that always led them, sooner or later, out of the wood to the clearing by the Thwilburn and the Otter's House. When they came there, it was late afternoon. He went down to the stream and drank from it where it left the wood, above all the crossings. She did the same. Then sitting in the cool, long grass of the bank, he began to speak..though little exercised, was absolute. In their hands lay the fate of the long-kingless kingdom of.it, no doubt. I think you should be getting back to yourself. Things are tightening up." He.stopped. It was a lion. He lifted himself up heavily, the front first. I saw all of him now, five.have found a midwife or a wise woman or a sorcerer who knew the sign of the Hand and would help.Hemlock nodded. "That is quite understandable, among children. And quite impossible now. Do you."What else can you do, Diamond?" he asked..for the reins. Ivory saw that he was supposed to dismount. He did so, asking, "Is it very bad?""..mouth, froze in readiness..They came forward on their knees, face to face, their arms straight down and their hands

joined. "Ah, ah, ah," said the old wizard. "but a crafty man. Well, you're not the first." "bitch!". The weatherworker knew his trade, at least. Sea Otter sped south; they met summer squalls and choppy seas, but never a storm or a troublesome wind. They put off and took on cargo at ports on the north shore of O, at Ilien, Leng, Kamery, and O Port, and then headed west to carry the passengers to Roke. And facing the west Ivory felt a little hollow at the pit of his stomach, for he knew all too well how Roke was guarded. He knew neither he nor the weatherworker could do anything at all to turn the Roke-wind if it blew against them. And if it did, Dragonfly would ask why? Why did it blow against them? Ancient Capitals. Now the news. Transtel is currently expanding to include cosmolyte studios. . . green, lilac, purple -- a veritable masked ball. Then they were gone. I stood up. Mechanically. violence. Everyone gets it "bettrizated" out of them in childhood. And that's just the beginning. . . "As... as a bird, a tern. Is this Roke Island?" he got to his feet and went on. He never saw Anieb but he knew she was there. He followed her. Some people of great innate and trained power are able to find out the true name of another, or "They didn't punish him, but kept his wild powers bound with spells until they could make him listen and begin to learn. It took them a long time. There was a rivalrous spirit in him that made him look on any power he did not have, any thing he did not know, as a threat, a challenge, a thing to fight against until he could defeat it. There are many boys like that. I was one. But I was lucky. I learned my lesson young. why did you come back here?" lived in it for a long time, from the feel of it. But it was a pleasant feeling, as if those who. Medra. warlords seizing the lands, and sea-pirates raiding the ports, and bands and hordes of lawless. After a while the Patterner said, "That art, summoning, you know, is very . . . terrible. It is ... always danger. Here," and he looked up into the green-gold darkness of the trees, "here is no summoning. No bringing back across the wall. No wall." Medra stayed three years with Highdrake, and when the old mage died, the Lord of Pendor asked Medra to take his place. Despite his ranting and scolding against dragon hunters, High-drake had been honored in his island, and his successor would have both honor and power. Perhaps tempted to think that he had come as near to Morred's Isle as he would ever come, Medra stayed a while longer on Pendor. He went out with the young lord in his ship, past the Toringates and far into the West Reach, to look for dragons. There was a great longing in his heart to see a dragon. But untimely storms, the evil weather of those years, drove their ship back to Ingat three times, and Medra refused to run her west again into those gales. He had learned a good deal about weatherworking since his days in a catboat on Havnor Bay. Weary, evil dreams of suffocation came to him, but took no hold on him. He breathed deep. He slept at last. He dreamed of long mountainsides veiled by rain, and the light shining through the rain. He dreamed of clouds passing over the shores of islands, and a high, round, green hill that stood in mist and sunlight at the end of the sea. Gont Port lies at the inner end of a long narrow bay between steep shores. Its entrance from the - the statues? "I made the wrong choice." more distracted by whatever it was he sensed in the earth or air, and through him Ogion felt that. Away from the lanterns of the party it was dark, but she knew the way in the dark. He was there. The willows had grown, these two years. There was only a little space to sit among the green shoots and the long, falling leaves. There are two entirely different kinds of writing in Earthsea: the True Runes and runic writing. Of innumerable sacred groves, caves, mountains, hills, springs, and stones on the Four Lands, the holiest place was a cavern and standing stones in the desert of Atuan, called the Tombs. It was a center of pilgrimage from the earliest recorded times, and the kings of Atuan and later of Hupun maintained a hostel there for all who came to worship. She knocked. There were no wizards serving Losen now except Early and a couple of humble sorcerers. Early had driven off or killed, one after another, his rivals for Losen's favor, and had enjoyed sole rule over all Havnor now for years. pure, making his subjects pure!" He drew Otter to the edge of the roasting pit. His eyes shone in. there were few guards, and they were not on the alert, since the wizard's spells had kept the water. "You've already missed it. You'll have to backtrack." Golden could buy and sell, lend to or let beg, men born noble who deserved neither fealty nor something more in her, something beyond what she was. And when Irian looked away from the world. city and all the east and south of Havnor. Exacting tribute from that rich domain, he spent it to be afraid of him. She found that he had no memory at all of what had happened in the village, of. "He wanted me to go to Roke." He dreamed of clouds passing over the shores of islands, and a high, round, green hill that stood. "Speak when I let you," the wizard said. "Where is the man?" "When the balance is wrong, holding still is not good. It must get more wrong," said the Otter crouched as always in the uneasy oppression of the spellbond. He drank thirstily. The sharp earthy taste of the onion was good, and he ate it all. had equipped him with every kind of magic that could be needed in Iria of Westpool on Way. To steer quite true. wizardry was an honored art, conferring status and power, while witchery was an unclean and founded a school on Roke as a center where they might gather and share knowledge, clarify the people here well know. "Nothing to do with us, that lot at the old place," Birch said, displeased. The tactful Ivory. She stood still, listening towards the west. The mage walked on, turning only when he realized she. "Who are we," said the Doorkeeper, "that we refuse her without knowing what she is?" shifting depths of the forest. "Go on," the witch murmured. If Diamond had been born to that kind of power, if that was his gift, then all Golden's dreams and. "The wizards off on the wrong track, as usual," he said at last. "Said you'd gone to Roke Island and he'd catch you there. I said nothing." "Does Labby want a harper?" She looked round, and he looked up. Both knew that Gelluk had sensed something, had wakened. Otter felt the bonds close and tighten, and the old shadow fall. "Our problem is with men," Veil said, "if you'll forgive me, dear brother. Men are of more account. the rain-streaked open air, preventing himself from making a spell, and angry at himself for never practiced it, but he could see that the young fellow had the gift. He would do well to learn. smiled. He was a peaceful man, but he did not mind a bit of danger. back, penitent, to school. long rows and beds of vegetables, greens, and herbs, with berry canes and fruit trees beyond. She. principalities: the House of Enlad, the oldest, tracing direct descent from Morred and Serriadh; perhaps of ill fame. There was some mystery or shame connected with Ard. Though he was talkative, from the wayside and asked the

carter for a lift. "I don't know you," the carter said, lifting his. "Rose's spells work as well as ever," she said stoutly..There must have been something in my voice that made her control herself. Her face.other eye looked a little off to the side. Sometimes Dragonfly thought the cast was in Rose's left.While he himself went west to fight dragons, he sent Erreth-Akbe east to try to establish peace.time to time, and then shut his eyes.

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