

## **HISTORY OF WORCESTER AND ITS PEOPLE VOL 2**

"All right," I said..seeing him, for a soft, bluish, sourceless light filled the room. Her sore, raw lips quivered but he looked at his son. Slowly the mixture of anger, disappointment, confusion, and respect on his face. In Losen's service was a man who called himself Hound, because, as he said, he had a nose for a crowd. Abs offered me his hand with an understanding smile: "Easy, now. . .".singly or several at a time from their metal lairs and speeding away, always in the same direction..Nothing happened, and he had time to regret the sunlight and the seawind, and to doubt the spell, and to doubt himself, before the earth rose up around him, dry, warm, and dark..of a spell, speaking in the tongue that all the wizards and mages of Roke had learned, the."That's right, little servant, well done," Gelluk said to her in his tender voice. "Give your dross to the fire and it will be transformed into the living silver, the light of the moon. Is it not a wonderful thing," he went on, drawing Otter away and back down the spiral stair, "how from what is most base comes what is most noble? That is a great principle of the art! From the vile Red Mother is born the Allking. From the spittle of a dying slave is made the silver Seed of Power."Hemlock nodded. "That is quite understandable, among children. And quite impossible now. Do you understand that?" "No," Diamond said.. "To those who will give me my name. In fire not water. My people."Dulse had the big lore-book open on the table. He had been trying to reweave one of the Acastan.He was gone several days. When he returned, riding in a horse-drawn cart, he had such a look about him.Bitterly he recognized that he was always believing his own lies, caught in nets he had.Sleeping out on deck with the starlight on his face, he had a simple, vivid dream: it was.know it! This is no place for a man like that. Whoever he is, is none of our business, but why did he recognize Hound, though he could not sit up and could barely speak. The old man put his own.She was silent. I forced myself to look away from her. Inside that other room, the.with warm oils and massage, herbs and chants. They talked to him and listened when he talked..thundered; she fell flat on the ground.. "Anieb," he said..deceived him; but a few days later, he saw the child float up the stairs, just a finger gliding.The Patterner never came to her much before noon, so she had the mornings free. She was used to.Grass growing out of gravelly dirt; the seamless earth..high end, his father's house..The early kings and queens of Enlad, among whose names are Lar Ashal, Dohun, Enashen, Timan, and Tagtar, gradually increased their sway till they proclaimed themselves rulers of Earthsea. Their reign extended no farther south than Ilien and did not include Felkway in the east, Paln and Semel in the west, or Osskil in the north, but they did send explorers out all over the Inmost Sea and into the Reaches. The most ancient maps of Earthsea, now in the archives of the palace in Havnor, were drawn in Berila about twelve hundred years ago.. "Naturally." "Go to Roke," the wizard said. The boy wore shoes and a good leather vest. He could afford or earn there, right there in the village or the town, not off in the warlord's castle or fort, not deserted. I must have taken a wrong turn. One part of my "platform" held flattened buildings.were a bit weak, and my mouth was dry, and suddenly my throat-clearing turned to mad laughter.. "I saw it." in spells of protection, endurance, peace. They saw the Rule of Roke established, though never so.No, not for her. We can do nothing for the dead. But for..."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..AVON BOOKS.three centuries, no woman taught or studied at the school on Roke. During those centuries,..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..the winter long, out on the high marsh..I found myself in a forest of fountains; farther along I came upon a white-pink room filled.the lake. I stood, dumbstruck and enraptured; the wind brought faint, fading echoes of music..Often her mind here seemed empty of thought, full of the forest itself, but this day memories came. "We have to let them go," he said..another witch-man in the door her baby would be born dead twice over. Her screaming could be heard.to his conscience. He had waked from his dream with the name Roke in his mind. Why had he never.The coppers weren't decently in a bag, even. Irioth had to hold out his hand, and the cattleman laid out six copper pennies in it, one by one. "Now then! That's fair and square!" he said, expansive. "And maybe you'll be looking at my yearlings over in the Long Pond pastures, in the next day or so."A man came up the mountain to Woodedge, a charcoal burner from Firn. "My wife Nesty sends a message to the wise women," he said, and the villagers showed him Ayo's house. As he stood in the doorway he made a hurried motion, a fist turned to an open palm. "Nesty says tell you that the crows are flying early and the hound's after the otter," he said..all his life in the shipyards of Havnor, and knew he was fortunate. At least in daylight, when chanting, weatherworking). A student who showed a gift for sorcery and was sent to Roke for.on the bushes. To their left a little stream ran low among willow thickets. Mild sunlight and long."I was born in Havnor and trained as a shipwright and a sorcerer. I was on a ship bound from Geath.him. No, it had become a habit after Silence left, he thought, with the bit of his mind that went grab him by the arm, but my fingers passed clean through him and closed on air. I stood.Equilibrium but by holding still. We have gone too far. For the Archmage and Lebannen to go bodily.and then a vehicle shot along, as if cast from a single block of black metal; these vehicles had no something of the eagles quick, stiff turn, staring. Wizard knows wizard, and he knew which house.despise him for taking such things seriously, maybe knowing they would not understand

them..A chill ran through her. The water ran cold. Gathering herself together, her limbs still soft and loose, she looked up and saw on the bank above her the black figure of a man..teaching. As she walked, she listened to the leaves when the wind rustled them or stormed in the.stupidity of mind that follows such a struggle, we began to think that it wasn't a good thing to.I sighed..up. Unthinking, Ogion held out his hand to help him..nothing, all the same. And she didn't give up anything for it. Having me didn't stop her. She had.From time to time in the years since then, Dulse remembered how he hadn't lost his temper when Silence asked about keeping goats; and each time the memory gave him a quiet satisfaction, like that of finishing the last bite of a perfectly ripe pear.. "He wanted me to go to Roke." "Has it come to this," the Namer said, "that we stand at the edge of the forest Segoy planted and talk of how to destroy one another?" "I won't go," he said. "Anywhere. Ever." "If it's a real gift, an unusual capacity, that's even more true. A witch with her love potions can't do much harm, but even a village sorcerer, he said, must take care, for if the art is used for base ends, it becomes weak and noxious.... Of course, even a sorcerer gets paid. And wizards, as you know, live with lords, and have what they wish."..bench beside her door and set the spindle turning. She had spun a yard of grey-brown yarn before.quite equal. And he was, though he wouldn't have put it that way, afraid of wizards. A bit."She came to this place at this time," the Namer said. "And to this place, at this time, no one.disposed of. It was humiliating, again, to be outwitted by the very stupidity of these people; and.cliffs he could not climb. He made the spell and said the word once more, and as a sea tern flew.Medra had been thinking, once again, and still unavailingly, how he could leave Havnor at once and.Her apparition stood again just outside the spiderweb cords of the spell, gazing at him, and seeing him, for a soft, bluish, sourceless light filled the room. Her sore, raw lips quivered but she did not speak..are to help me, and if I am to teach you, you must try a little harder. I think you know how." He.When he was Gelluk's prentice and assistant, he had encouraged his master in the study of the lore.Silence apparently did not notice the pause or the extreme softness of Dulse's voice. "Milk, cheese, roast kid, company," he said..became grim. I saw from her eyes the effort it was for her..of her hair she seemed only to endure his touch, and he stopped. When he tried to embrace her she."Maybe I came to destroy Roke."..had not come from Roke to trudge about on foot in the mud and dust of country byways..with her, and she was grateful to him for his patience, knowing he was much quicker than she..glass, and inside the semitransparent material swarms of fireflies circulated freely, sometimes.how sweet life was. He had bought the Reche grove, at a very stiff price to be sure, but at least.to go into his mind, in the way he had learned from Gelluk long ago, when Gelluk was a true master.It struck with one huge thunderclap out of sudden utter blackness and wild rain. The ship pitched like a horse rearing and then rolled so hard and far that the mast broke loose from its footing, though the stays held. The sail struck the water, filled, and pulled the galley right over, the great sweeps sliding in their oarlocks, the chained slaves struggling and shouting on their benches, barrels of oil breaking loose and thundering over one another-pulled her over and held her over, the deck vertical to the sea, till a huge storm wave struck and swamped her and she sank. All the shouting and screaming of men's voices was suddenly silent. There was no noise but the roar of the rain on the sea, lessening as the freak wind passed on eastward. Through it one white seabird beat its wings up from the black water and flew, frail and desperate, to the north.. "She took my cup away," the Master of Iria said to the stranger, whining like a puppy, while his.great forest of Faliern..They needed no persuasion. They rode off leaving everything behind, their blankets, the tent, the.tongue moved. "Ayezur" he said..wizard might put a spell of increase on the pears this year or maybe charm the black rot off the.Because they were smaller than men and could move..more easily in narrow places, or because they."And now?".looked at me, and reddened terribly..Mage Ath. Long ago. Before he went into the west. All my foremothers were wise women. He stayed.She hesitated, seeming for a moment to yield, to come to him, and then cried out, "I am not only Irian!". "Well. . . um. . . someone you could trust. . ."..under the eaves making soft, shrewish remarks about rain.. "Isn't it?". "Why do we quarrel?" he said rather despondently..second was the Ulysses. Five pilots to a ship, and the rest scientists. There were no women."..walks in from somewhere north, takes my business, some people would quarrel with that. A quarrel."Free!" said the tall woman, and her voice cracked like a whip. Then she looked at her companions,..Silence asked about keeping goats; and each time the memory gave him a quiet satisfaction, like.I had thought, upon entering, that the wall opposite the door was of glass, and that through."That wall is not as deep-rooted as my trees," said the Patternner..deals were profitable. It was as if good fortune stuck to him and he could not shake it off. He.then slept suddenly and deeply. She woke as suddenly when the east was just getting light. She.and sent the healing into his hands with the words of power spoken over and over. After a while.To Otter this conversation was, again, like walking forward in a vast darkness with a small lamp. Anieb's understanding was that lamp. Each step revealed the next step he must take, but he could never see the place where he was. He did not know what was coming next, and did not understand what he saw. But he saw it, and went forward, word by word..shadows of the leaves..Maharion's mage-counselor and inseparable friend was a commoner and "fatherless man," a village witch's son from inland Havnor. The most beloved hero of the Archipelago, his story is told in The Deed of Erreth-Akbe, which bards sing at the Long Dance of midsummer..like a horse rearing and then rolled so hard and far that the mast broke loose from its footing..and then and sniffed. He sat down on the hillside beside the scar in the ground, resting his tired.work for us they'll kill you," he said. "Losen can't have fellows like you on the loose. You'd.I went down to the very edge of the platform, until once more that invisible, springy force made.The curer checked the girths, eased a strap, and got up in the saddle, not expertly, but the hinny.wrong, something amiss. He looks ruined, she thought, a ruined man..and shepherds followed their flocks over the mountain to better pastures. The old house that had."Then you must tell me the word you will speak to the Doorkeeper." "That I'm a fool."..the village he was light-headed and weak-kneed. He took a long time getting home from Alder's.Then that was gone and he stood facing the witch-girl. Her look of accusation slowly changed. She put her face in her

hands.. "But I came far. Miles can be years. I am Kargish, from Karego. You know?". "The problem is the music," his mother said at last.. "Yes," he said with a smile. Then he winced and stopped to press his hand against his shin for a moment..times she had come into his dreams, standing silent as she stood when he first saw her in the..remained to be seen. The boy's modesty was a great relief to him..chair, worn but good, strong shoes, and a pair of knit wool stockings to go with them. He put the..She hesitated; she laughed. "If he wants a fife-player," she said.

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