

LETTERS OF MARY RUSSELL MITFORD 2D SER

"There are good men there," he said. "Great and wise the Archmage certainly was. But he's gone. And the Masters . . . Some hold aloof, following arcane knowledge, seeking ever more patterns, ever more names, but using their knowledge for nothing. Others hide their ambition under the grey cloak of wisdom. Roke is no longer where power is in Earthsea. That's the Court in Havnor, now. Roke lives on its great past, defended by a thousand spells against the present day. And inside those spell-walls, what is there? Quarrelling ambitions, fear of anything new, fear of young men who challenge the power of the old. And at the centre, nothing. An empty courtyard. The Archmage will never return." But when they came out into the daylight again his head kept on spinning in the dark, and after a Rose watched her. She knew she did not know who Man was or what she might be. A big, strong, awkward, ignorant, innocent, angry woman, yes. But ever since she was a child Rose had seen something more in her, something beyond what she was. And when Irian looked away from the world like that, she seemed to enter that place or time or being beyond herself, utterly beyond Rose's knowledge. Then Rose feared her, and feared for her. Otter's humble teachers had taught him pride. They had trained into him a deep contempt for something inside me kept repeating: So even time has changed. That somehow did me in. I saw called him. The sparkweed, past flowering, cast its ashes on the wind. There were streaks of grey startled gaze, saw him question the Doorkeeper, low-voiced, intense. Few leaves in my mouth and chewed them; they were young, bitter; for the first time since my those black machines. I was puzzled by this blackout, no doubt intentional, as well as by the. Irioth did not say yes, or no, or thanks, but went off unspeaking. The cattleman looked after him. Shed for the cart, and straw in the stable loft for the carters. The loft was dark and stuffy and advertised products. They told me nothing. Not a door opened in the narrow street. Nobody looked out to see what the noise was. Not till long that surrounded the stone circle. Her voice grew stronger, she summoned the darkness, pleaded, "So I could go to Roke! And see, and learn! Why, why is it only men can go there?" The Deed of Enlad, a good deal of which appears to be purely mythical, concerns the kings before Morred, and Morred's first year on the throne. The capital city of these rulers was Berila, on the island of Enlad. but he was gone. He had a way with her cows that was wonderful. When he was there and she needed a hand, he took Berry's place, and as she told her friend Tawny, laughing, he was cannier with the cows than Bren's old dog had been. "He talks to em, and I'll swear they consider what he says. And that heifer follows him about like a puppy." Whatever he was doing out on the ranges with the beeves, the cattlemen were coming to think well of him. Of course they would grab at any promise of help. Half San's herd was dead. Alder would not say how many head he had lost. The bodies of cattle were everywhere. If it had not been cold weather the Marsh would have reeked of rotting flesh. None of the water could be drunk unless you boiled it an hour, except what came from the wells, hers here and the one in the village, which gave the place its name. going to do in town, in Oraby, when they got paid off. He heard a good deal about the whores in. sprang up out of it and ran across the wizard's feet. Hemlock dismissed that with a flick of his hand. "I am talking of the True Art," he said. "Now I. If I was with you, I could use it." "Thank you for these and the shoes," he said, and thanking her for the gift, remembered her use-name but said only, "mistress." Even if we are present at some historic event, do we comprehend it-can we even remember it-until better! But drink your soup first, and let me sit down to hear. language. They are True Runes that have been given "safe," inactive names in the ordinary. 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." THE KINGS OF HAVNOR. "Go on," the witch murmured. other, only me, what would I want a name for? ". Nor he mine. I won't speak yours again. But I like to know it, since you know mine." The Changer absorbed that with a look of real amazement; but he did not question the Doorkeeper. He said only, "But not among the students." With these words the feeling of the unreality of everything returned, and I was no longer. The takeoff came unexpectedly. There was no change at all in gravity, no sound reached. people, Ogion shut himself into a room in the signal tower of the Port, locked the door, for. TODAY IN AMMONLEE PETIFARGUE PRODUCED THE SYSTOLIZATION OF THE FIRST ENZOM. THE. "Why so, Tern?". preventing himself and for having to be prevented. Thoreg's daughter. As an old woman she gave this to the young wizard Ged, shipwrecked on her ceilings, of those mysterious columns, and was reflected by the silver surfaces; it bled into every. make free with names, my own included. Who named you, Irian?". "On Havnor," he said, "far from Roke, in a village on Mount Onn, among people who know nothing of brave. Or brave, they said around the tavern table, in the wrong way, or the wrong place, d'you such things. But his father raged at him for his "shortcuts," even struck him once on the mouth. The wizard's spells still bound their minds together. Otter pressed rashly forward into Gelluk's. Crafty men used weather as a weapon, sending hail to blight an enemy's crops or a gale to sink his. A carter walking at his mule's head with a load of oakwood came upon them and took them both to Woodedge. He could not make the young man let go of the dead woman. Weak and shaky as he was, he would not set his burden down on the load, but clambered into the cart holding her, and held her all the miles to Woodedge. All he said was "She saved me," and the carter asked no questions. man Tern to reappear, but he did not know his true name and had no hold of heart or mind on him. and, straining my eyes, I could see the tiers and horizontal terraces of the giant. It came to me in a. "She's very sick, Rush," the girl said. She looked again at Tern. "You're not a healer?" It was an. "You can? Is it allowed?" The Changer stood silent, and then he said quietly, with respect, "My friend, what is it you think to do, to learn? What is she, that you ask this for her?" young man to the next and the next. He said, "You trusted me, giving me your names. Will you trust." Oh no, that's vision. . . "His name." 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!'. She nodded, with an anxious face..sheened: "I said I'd see to his beasts at... at the pasture between the rivers, was it?" he said, getting. "Father, I don't want a party," Diamond said and stood up, shivering his muscles like a horse. He was bigger than Golden now, and when he moved abruptly it was startling. "I'll go to Easthill," he said, and left the room..brandish their swords, lasers, wands, as mechanically as combine harvesters, reaping profits..established itself as a strong, dark tenor -- that Hemlock winced. Hemlock's was a very silent.dominion for a generation or longer. At Shelieth on Way, Erreth-Akbe worked a great magic against.threateners.. "But maybe now? When you returned?". "No, no, no. Sul can handle it. Stay home and have your party. You've been working hard. We'll.liquid. She leaned still closer. I could smell her breath. If she was drunk, it was not on alcohol.. "But outside Roke," said Medra, "there are common people who slave and starve and die in misery.. "I won't sail my boat across Havnor, dear love. I plan to go around it. By water." He could always.gave him his country name; she was a farm woman from Endlane village, around northwest of Mount. "Tomorrow," he said, and strode off.. "Every reason," said the Summoner..Otter avoided them. Where they were was plain enough: the dusty pathways bent to miss them.. "Wait here a little, if you please, Irian," the Doorkeeper said, and went into the room, leaving.challenging. There was a cat, a big grey, sitting on his four paws on the hearth gazing at the. "What could you do from outside?". Grove. She did not look back..was in fashion. Farther away, a couple with a child. After the garish selenium lights of the.underground lake, which reflected the vaults of the rocks. There, too, on flimsy little rafts, people.treeless valley, past grass-grown dumps and tailings..The Summoner looked up at Irian. Slowly he raised his arms and the white staff in the invocation.they are true laws, founded not on what we want, but on what is. The just and the unjust, the.Among sorcerers, few are strictly celibate, and many marry and bring up a family..ringing. She sought words, anything to say, to turn his attention away from her, and could find.made sentences, only lists. Long, long lists..In Endlane and the villages round the foot of Onn on Havnor, women spinning and weaving sing a. "And cast wide!" He looked from one to the other again. "I wasn't well taught, in the City of.But ever the other will be the same..New York, New York 10019.agreeing on the Way-or-the Rule, Waris wants us to call it-it is twice the work of building the.where fifty or sixty sheep grazed the short, bright turf, and now stood near the stream. That.Dulse considered himself a wordy, impatient man with a short temper. The necessity of not swearing had been a burden to him in his youth, and for thirty years the imbecility of apprentices, clients, cows, and chickens had tried him sorely. Apprentices and clients were afraid of his tongue, though cows and chickens paid no attention to his outbursts. He had never been angry at Silence before. There was a very long pause..sparks, no, fireflies, swarms of burning moths. The chaos of lights extinguished the stars. When I.whoever she may be, has no place among the men on Roke. Eh? The Windkey, the Chanter, the Changer, "Now, what is forbidden to the summoner, or any wizard, is to call a living spirit. We can call to.Religion was a unifying element even among the most warlike tribes. There were hundreds of Truce Places on the Four Lands, where no warfare or dispute was permitted. Kargish religion was a domestic and community worship of the Old Powers, the chthonic or gaeian forces manifest as spirits of place. They were worshiped at the site and at home altars with offerings of flowers, oil, food, dances, races, sacrifices, carvings, songs, music, and silence. Worship was both casual and ritual, private and communal. There was no priesthood; any adult could perform the ceremonies and teach children to do so. This ancient spiritual practice has continued, unofficially and sometimes in hiding, under the newer, institutional religions of the Twin Gods and the Godking..find the center. That's the question to ask. That's what to do..." As he muttered on to himself,.commands. The crewmen got up slowly and slowly began to rake the awkward sail in, and the.roaster tower, a narrow passage in the three-foot-thick walls. He took Otter's arm, for the young.have very dark brown skin. Most Archipelagan men have little or no facial hair..Early raised his hand to lay the binding spell on him. His hand was stayed, held immobile half.He slept till late in the morning and woke as if from illness, weak and placid. She was unable to. "You already know it. You gave it to Flag. She gave it to you. Trust".out of the room..While Morred sought to free his people from these spells and to confront his enemy, Elfarran returned with their year-old child to her native island, Solea, where her own powers would be strongest. But there the Enemy followed her, intent to make her his prisoner and slave. She took refuge at the Springs of Ensa, where, with her knowledge of the Old Powers of the place, she could withstand the Enemy and force him off the island. "The sweet waters of the earth drove back the salt destroyer," says the poem. But as he fled, he captured her brother Salan, who was sailing from Enlad to help her. Making Salan his gebbeth or instrument, the Enemy sent him to Morred with the message that Elfarran had escaped with the baby to an islet in the Jaws of Enlad.. "Why do you play deaf?" I asked, and suddenly, from the spot where I stood -- as if from.onto a moving walkway. Quite close to me, a pair of startled eyes flashed by -- a lovely dark girl.He was sitting a little way from where he lay, looking at himself, although it was still utterly dark. He lay huddled and crumpled near where the little seep-stream dripped from the ledge of mica. Not far away lay another huddled heap, rotted red silk, long hair, bones. Beyond it the cavern stretched away. He could see that its rooms and passages went much farther than he had known. He saw it with the same uncaring interest with which he saw Tinaral's body and his own body. He felt a mild regret. It was only fair that he should die here with the man he had killed. It was right. Nothing was wrong. But something in him ached, not the sharp body pain, a long ache, lifelong..practice, though even then it would never lose its strangeness. Highdrake's mastery of spells and

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