

PIONEERS OF SPACEFLIGHT

Rose was very dark-skinned, with a cloud of crinkled hair, a thin mouth, an intent, serious face. Her feet and legs and hands were bare and dirty, her skirt and jacket disreputable. Her dirty toes and fingers were delicate and elegant, and a necklace of amethysts gleamed under the torn, buttonless jacket. Her mother, Tangle, made a good living by curing and healing, bone-knitting and birth-easing, and selling spells of finding, love-potions, and sleeping-drafts. She could afford to dress herself and her daughter in new clothes, buy shoes, and keep clean, but it didn't occur to her to do so. Nor was housekeeping one of her interests. She and Rose lived mostly on boiled chicken and fried eggs, as she was often paid in poultry. The yard of their two-room house was a wilderness of cats and hens. She liked cats, toads, and jewels. The amethyst necklace had been payment for the safe delivery of a son to Golden's head forester. Tangle herself wore armfuls of bracelets and bangles that flashed and crashed when she flicked out an impatient spell. At times she wore a kitten on her shoulder. She was not an attentive mother. Rose had demanded, at seven years old, "Why did you have me if you didn't want me?" "Oh, yes, since he's cured half the herds and got paid six coppers for it, time for him to go, first taught Ged, and shows that it takes more than one mage to stop an earthquake. "Darkrose and nothing," he said..did not try to catch up with them. The buildings parted, and I caught sight of a huge sign --.New York, New York 10019.She stood with the little oil lamp in her hand, and the light of it shone red between her fingers."We could find no trace of him. No doubt he changed himself to a bird or a fish when he left Roke.,very much greater, the wholeness of knowledge. And that made him a mage..cheek in a butterfly kiss, dark lashes. He looked up startled and did not know what had touched.I smiled but said nothing. She came up to me, took me by the arm, and was again.Red Mother is born the Allking. From the spittle of a dying slave is made the silver Seed of.he finally spoke was, "I only wanted to make love to you,".wizards' spells were made, was the word tures. He had said it meant semen. Otter's own gift of."Ah," San said, coming to the door, and hemmed a bit. "No need, Master Otak. This here is Master Sunbright, come up to deal with the murrain. He's cured beasts for me before, the hoof rot and all. Being as how you have all one man can do with Alder's beeves, you see..."Diamond thought his father meant the business -- the loggers, the sawyers, the sawmill, the chestnut groves, the pickers, the carters, the carts -- all that work and talk and planning, complicated, adult matters. He never felt that it had much to do with him, so how was he to have as much to do with it as his father expected? Maybe he'd find out when he grew up.."Irian, here's what you must do to enter the Great House..."power if I cannot use it? So he began to call the living to him, those at Roke whom he feared,.He stood tongue-tied. After a while she looked up at him. "No," she said in a soft, quiet voice,.nursery, until driven back into the west by Ged. But the marauding dragons of the Lay and the."The Old Powers?" Ogion murmured.."How clever you are," he said. "Have you found better ore than that patch you found first? Worth.Then they were all gone, and he stood alone on the hill, shaken and wondering. "I have seen the.looking at me like that? What's the matter with you? Nais!".worth?". "Where My Love Is Going.".none so extreme as to be wholly unintelligible to the others..The five tales in this book explore or extend the world established by the first four Earthsea.Chanter urged them on. They'll be along soon.."Scattered references and tales from Gont and the Reaches, passages of sacred history in the Kargad Lands and of arcane mystery in the Lore of Paln, long ignored by the scholars of Roke, relate that in the earliest days dragons and human beings were all one kind. Eventually these dragon-people separated into two kinds of being, incompatible in their habits and desires. Perhaps a long geographical separation caused a gradual natural divergence, a differentiation of species. The Pelnish Lore and the Kargish legends maintain that the separation was deliberate, made by an agreement known as *verw nadan*, *Vedurnan*, the Division..Not long since, he had sent for Hound on some business, and when it was done the old man had said."I'm not really good on the fife, but I'm good enough. What you didn't teach me, I can fill in."Why would you come to the Marsh?" she asked. She had a right to ask, having taken him in, yet she felt a discomfort in pressing the question..prearranged location?.Language of the Making, dated back to a time before the separation. The best evidence in the poem.wizard, and so, thinking to earn her porridge, she did her best to repair the Otter's House,.someone was coming along the path from the Great House..Above the clouds the sun was descending the western stair of the sky's bright house..not so abruptly as the Namer, in the light and shadow under the trees. Irian watched till he was."What's Alder paying you for all this?" she demanded while the water was heating. She was still indignant, speaking more bluntly even than usual..as the dragons do..horses, inhabited only by nesting swallows that swooped about over the roofs calling their quick.was high time to go back and find out what was going on now..to the right of the hearth, and took up her mending. "Get warm through, and then I'll show you.this infernal station, to be under the naked sky, in the open air, to see the stars, feel the wind..book, and while doing so, happily discovered a very old one in the Archives in Havnor..Ogion, obedient, bringing himself back to himself in the stuffy, tapestried room in Gont Port, did."Sit down," she said. He sat down, but he sat fretting..ethical use and teaching of magic, was established by men and women on Roke Island about a hundred.on the banks of the Amia, when everybody else was sleeping. She would not think of him at night..of those arts. His talk of the Allking and the Red Mother was mere words. And not the right words.."No doubt that's what Alder gave you," she said. "The flint!".know; I would have taken them for the beams of floodlights had they not been traced by a.lands like Havnor or worse, sunk in warfare, raids, and piracy, the fields full of weeds, the.He could eat only in the cell, where they took his gag off. Bread and onions were what they gave.a pen, a cage. How could any of them keep their balance in a place like that?."Oh, it's a curse, a curse, this wizardry!" they said..there was no wound. Gagged and bound, without his voice and hands to work magic, he could do.know how to teach her. There are no teachers left on the mountain. King Losen's wizards destroy.Tinaral's vision, mystic silvery runes on high branching columns. It was

only the earth, only. He knew he was no match for Early. To stop that first binding spell he had used all the strength of resistance he had. The illusion and the shape-change were all the tricks he had to play. If he faced the wizard again he would be destroyed. And Roke with him. Roke and its children, and Elehal his love, and Veil, Crow, Dory, all of them, the fountain in the white courtyard, the tree by the fountain. Only the Grove would stand. Only the green hill, silent, immovable. He heard Elehal say to him, Havnor lies between us. He heard her say, All the true powers, all the old powers, at root are one. Medra knew only a hint of this story from Ember. One night Veil, who was three years older than. by Stanislaw Lem. "No," he said, taking no offense, perhaps not understanding, "Of course it wasn't. I beg your pardon," she said. Otter's breath was coming hard. Hound put his hand on Otter's hand for a moment, said, "Don't worry," and got to his feet. "Rest easy," he said. smiled. "Will you trust me entirely, wholly - knowing that the risk I take for you is greater even than your risk in this venture?" be no true king of Earthsea. Mortally wounded in battle against the rebel lord Gehis of the. where the lorebooks and wordbooks were, or asleep. Hemlock was a stickler for early abed and early. Havnor," he said. "My teachers told me not to use magic to bad ends, but they lived in fear and. thoughtful. "Powers you have, yes, all kinds of little traits and tricks. A clever lad. But not. sternness, quick and tender as the first flame of a catching fire. crowd, a ceiling made of fiery magma, unreal but belching real flames, and no one paid attention; In the time of the kings, mages gathered in the court of Enlad and later in the court of Havnor to. He ran down from the straggle of huts to the quick, noisy stream he had heard singing through his sleep all his nights in Woodedge. He prayed to it. "Take me and save me," he asked it. He made the spell the old Changer had taught him long ago, and said the word of transformation. Then no man knelt by the loud-running water, but an otter slipped into it and was gone. The danger in trying to do good is that the mind comes to confuse the intent of goodness with the. When Diamond put the lists of names to tunes he made up, he learned them much faster; but then the tune would come as part of the name, and he would sing out so clearly-- for his voice had re-established itself as a strong, dark tenor -- that Hemlock winced. Hemlock's was a very silent house. insignificance. These were brave, wise men, seeking to save what they loved, but they did not know. Though he seldom left the city, Early prided himself on his knowledge of all the Archipelago, gleaned from his sailors' reports and the marvelous ancient charts kept in the palace. He studied them nights, brooding on where and how he might extend his empire. A long silence. "To a man?" The young man, called Ivory, did not actually have his staff and cloak yet; he explained that he. but a great passion for what was written, for books of lore and history. It was Crow who had, as. nodded. "But I couldn't do it. I'm a shipbuilder. I can't build a ship to sink. With the men. direct, all escals from the third up. . ." a singsong female voice recited. not a wonderful thing," he went on, drawing Otter away and back down the spiral stair, "how from. he said this. It was not what he had meant to say. around her sandaled feet. She looked back at the Patterner and he still seemed a fragile being. He woke, as he always did, in his room in the Great House. He did not understand why the ceiling. "A woman! For safekeeping! In the Ninety Isles! Was he mad?" But a year or so later he saw Diamond out in the back garden with his playmate Rose. The children. "I said Roke," Hemlock said in a tone that said he was unused to having to repeat himself. And. hidden by the thicket. With my hands I pushed aside the twigs; brambles pulled at my sweater. Otter walked on a mile, brooding; then circled back, leading Licky to a hillock not far from the. A BOAT-SONG FROM WEST HAVNOR. thriving. The spring wind blew strong, seaward, off Roke Knoll, blowing the water of the fountain. professional singers. New works of any general interest are soon written down as broadsheets or. "Maybe things are, for women. But I. I can't be double-hearted." with the pines. Some good wood for furniture could be salvaged from them. old, but that was nonsense. He was in his prime. The oldest trees, past bearing, ought to come out. "I'll ask them their name," Medra said. He smiled. "If they'll tell me, they can come in. And when they think they've learned everything, they can go out again. If they can tell me my name." darkness of the trees a stream ran out, green-banked, with many brown trodden places where cattle. doesn't remember any more about it, while the other man walked away unhurt. And they say every. to a passage. Here the roof was much lower, just above his head. Water seeped down one wall and. Knowing the Enemy's name, he was able to counter his enchantments and drive him from Enlad, pursuing him across the winter sea, "riding the west wind, the rain wind, the heavy cloud." Each had met his match, and in their final confrontation, somewhere in the Sea of Ea, both perished. side, on the sand, a female dancer. She appeared to be naked, but the whiteness of her body was. Maharion died a few years after Erreth-Akbe, having seen no peace established, and much unrest and dissent within his kingdom. It was widely said that since the Ring of Peace was lost there could be no true king of Earthsea. Mortally wounded in battle against the rebel lord Gehis of the Havens, Maharion spoke a prophecy: "He shall inherit my throne who has crossed the dark land living and come to the far shores of the day." sinking deep in velvet mud. The witch touched the girl's hand, saying, "I take your name, child. am Tinaral!" And his hands moved in a quick, powerful gesture, as if parting heavy curtains. dragon hunters, but they withdrew from their encroachments on peopled islands and peaceful. strength in his arms. The dogs were leaping and snapping at his own legs now, and he was about to. Rose was very dark-skinned, with a cloud of crinkled hair, a thin mouth, an intent, serious face. The Song of the Young King, sung annually at Sunreturn, the festival of the winter solstice, tells the story of Morred, called the Mage-King, the White Enchanter, and the Young King. Morred came of a collateral line of the House of Enlad, inheriting the throne from a cousin; his forebears were wizards, advisers to the kings. The Old Powers," Irian said. They kissed each other all over their faces. To Rose's lips Diamond's face was smooth and full as. "You still are," Medra said. "Anieb was one of you. She and you and all of us live in the same. benches, seats, an overturned table, and sand, loose and deep; I felt my feet sink into it and found. was seventy. He still looked forty, though he felt seventy and moved like it, wincing. He got his. After the death of Orm the dragons remained a threat in the West, especially when provoked by dragon hunters, but they withdrew from their encroachments on peopled islands and

peaceful shipping. Yevaud of Pendor was the only dragon to raid the Inward Lands after the time of the Kings. No dragon had been seen over the Inmost Sea for many centuries when Kalessin, called the Eldest, brought Ged and Lebannen to Roke Island..overlooked?"I can call you. When I think of you."..that cavern was not on Roke..all loyalties. No commonwealth was left and no justice, only the will of the wealthy. Men of noble.spirits of the dead; many, many of them. He was terrified of them and cowered, trying to make a.of pearly minerals surrounded the mouths of the caves; in these people sat, legs dangling; small.will be Archmage. Under his rule Roke will be as it was. The king will receive the true crown from.ignorance! To roof his house with it!".Sunbright told them all to get rid of the fellow, but didn't stay around to see them do it. He."Irian of Way, my lords," said the Doorkeeper. They were all silent. He motioned her to come farther into the room. "The Master Changer you have met," he said. He named all the others, but she could not take in the names of the masteries, except that the Master Herbal was the one she had taken to be a gardener, and the youngest-looking of them, a tall man with a stern, beautiful face that seemed carved out of dark stone, was the Master Summoner. It was he who spoke, when the Doorkeeper was done. "A woman," he said..in the morning light. Gift thought it was like seeing a prince ride oft, like something out of a.he come here, is what you have to ask." "To cure the beasts," Gift said..even know if they were occupied or not, since they had no windows. Six streets led from the.But Havnor is also the Great Isle, a broad, rich land; and in the villages inland from the port,.people cheered and clapped them when they finished the dance, sweating and panting. "Beer!".He thinks I have this huge great talent. For magic.".The Creation of Ea is the foundation of education in the Archipelago, By the age of six or seven, all children have heard the poem and most have begun to memorise it. An adult who doesn't know it by heart, so as to be able to speak or sing it with others and teach it to children, is considered grossly ignorant. It is taught in winter and spring, and spoken and sung entire every year at the Long Dance, the celebration of the solstice of summer..".Tern," he said; and so he was called..Suddenly she looked at me, her cheeks darkened, it was a blush..".Healers," their guide said. "Is she ill again, Dory?".beautifully styled, semitransparent, with .long, delicate arms. Without asking a thing, it passed.Otter had been struggling with tears; he hid his face. "Yes," he said, "thanks.".She began to laugh; she was convulsed with laughter. Then suddenly she broke off,.There was no warmth and no light..the riverbank in front of him he set a leaf-stem, a grassblade, and several pebbles. He studied.grass, his heart had been easy. He was expectant, full of a sense of great strangeness, but not.An escalator began in the space between the buildings, suddenly entered a tunnel, silver.round his neck..agreement known as verw nadan, Vedurnan, the Division..from even farther. Irian stood up slowly. She did not speak, but looked down the path, and then

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