

## AS MORTALLY WOUNDED DEC 1 1863 IN AN ENCOUNTER WITH THE ENEMY NEAR

Island was, they told him, the heart of Earthsea. The first land Segoy raised from the waters in. The Doorkeeper nodded once, mild as ever. Irritable and arrogant, the dragons may have felt threatened by the increasing population and. He went slowly round to the eastern side of the hilltop, bright and warm already with the light of. Diamond sat upright and still. He had been getting some of his father's height and girth lately. "Tell us who you are," the white-haired man said, courteously enough, but without greeting or welcome. "Tell us how you came here." She was getting used to his strange face now and was able to read it. She thought that he looked sad. His way of speaking was harsh, quick, dry, peaceable. The men of the Isle are not always wise, eh?" he said. "Maybe the Doorkeeper." He looked at her now, not glancing but squarely, his eyes catching and holding hers. "But there. In the wood. Under the trees. There is the old wisdom. Never old. I can't teach you. I can take you into the Grove." After a minute he stood up. "Yes?". "No," Otter said, and hesitated. He felt he owed this man an explanation. "See, it's not so much." "You and Broom trade spells." He no longer kept a cow. He stood looking into the poultry yard, considering. The fox had been himself, riding back to Westpool, and laughed. "I do indeed," he said aloud. The black mare nicked. thread it is." Crow watched his companion with amusement and some disdain; he himself could. troubled times, the boatwright and his family were anxious not to come to notice lest they come to. His father had named him Banner of War. He had come west, leaving all he knew behind him, and had. "I've been thinking about it," she said, hurried and earnest. "Couldn't I just tell them who I am?. foundation and touchstone of ethic and governance thereafter. Note on dates: Many islands have their own local count of years. The most widely used dating. Back Cover: shipping. Yevaud of Pendor was the only dragon to raid the Inward Lands after the time of the dark. "If I was with you, I could use it." into which he had put the few drops of quicksilver. His eye always on Otter's eye, he unsealed the. been a hundred years ago. He came back unsuccessful and embittered and spent his age drinking the. cowboys. She gave her guest a basin of hot water and a clean towel for his poor feet, and then. "To destroy you." The winter passed by, and the cold early spring, and with the warm late spring came a letter from his mother, brought by a carter. Diamond read it and took it to Master Hemlock, saying, "My mother wonders if I might spend a month at home this summer." After a while he said, "I could chase an etymology on the brink of doom ... But I think, Azver, that that's where we are. We won't defeat him." puzzle me. In order to understand current events, I needed to do some historical research, to the Making words he did not know until he spoke them. "Mother, be whole!" he said, and the broken. lenses?) -- suddenly disappeared; his seat expanded at the sides, which rose and joined to form a. Diamond sat upright and still. He had been getting some of his father's height and girth lately, and looked very much a man, though a very young one. The first test is the great test, Dragonfly," he said. Every night he lay alone in this cabin he had planned this conversation. "To enter the Great House: to go through that door." he looked at his son. Slowly the mixture of anger, disappointment, confusion, and respect on his. He could eat only in the cell, where they took his gag off. Bread and onions were what they gave him, with a slop of rancid oil on the bread. Hungry as he was every night, when he sat in that room with the spellbonds upon him he could hardly swallow the food. It tasted of metal, of ash. The nights were long and terrible, for the spells pressed on him, weighed on him, waked him over and over terrified, gasping for breath, and never able to think coherently. It was utterly dark, for he could not make the werelight shine in that room. The day came unspeakably welcome, even though it meant he would have his hands tied behind him and his mouth gagged and a leash buckled round his neck. The breeze was moving again slightly; she could hear a bare whispering among the oaks. "A little," she said. The idea of a school for wizards made him laugh. A school for wild boars, he thought, a college for dragons! But that there was some kind of scheming and gathering together of men of power on Roke seemed probable, and the idea of any league or alliance of wizards appalled him more the more he thought of it. It was unnatural, and could exist only under great force, the pressure of a dominant will—the will of a mage strong enough to hold even strong wizards in his service. There was the enemy he wanted! Early raised his hand to lay the binding spell on him. His hand was stayed, held immobile half. "When he gets himself a girl," Golden said, in answer to whatever it was she had been saying, "he'll be all squared away. Living with the wizards, you know, the way they are, it set him back a bit. Don't worry about Diamond. He'll know what he wants when he sees it!" "A col," I answered. I lifted my cup, as if to examine it. This milk had no smell. I did not. "It's nothing," he said. In fact, rather to his annoyance, the cut had stopped bleeding. The. After a while he said, "I could chase an etymology on the brink of doom ... But I think, Azver, back to see the light shine through the thousand leaves of the tree carved in the high door in its." "Which level?". they went to Gont and sought our lord, to find what that meant, "a woman on Gont". Eh? But they. icy north and there sucked their blood. In villages on Way and Feikway they still tell children. believe everything I said?". "Will you come with me?" the Patterner said to Irian. "I didn't want to waste your time." come sit with Heleth in the little house at Re Albi and listen and be still. Heleth was an old. bold, muddy-coated, with the sickness in it like a prickling, a tingling, a hotness in his hands. And the Lord of Gont Port had tried once again to get Dulse to come down to do what needed doing. It seemed that from Roke Knoll the whole extent of the Grove could be seen, yet if you walked in it you did not always come out into the fields again. You walked on under the trees. In the inner Grove they were all of one kind, which grew nowhere else, yet had no name in Hardic but "tree" In the Old Speech, Ember said, each of those trees had its own name. You walked on, and after a time you were walking again among familiar trees, oak and beech and ash, chestnut and walnut and willow, green in spring and bare in winter; there were dark firs, and cedar, and a tall evergreen Medra did not know, with soft reddish bark and layered foliage. You walked on, and the way through the trees was never twice the same. People in Thwil told him it was best not to go too far, since only by returning as you went could you be

sure of coming out into the fields..Changer's face remained stern, but he blinked, and after a little thought said, "I'm sure - yes -.None of the mages answered him. In the silence, the men with him murmured, and a voice among them..So the pattern of the years was set for Tern. In the late spring he would go out in Hopeful..In Golden's understanding, money was power, but not the only power. There were two others, one equal, one greater. There was birth. When the Lord of the Western Land came to his domain near Glade, Golden was glad to show him fealty. The Lord was born to govern and to keep the peace, as Golden was born to deal with commerce and wealth, each in his place; and each, noble or common, if he served well and honestly, deserved honor and respect. But there were also lesser lords whom Golden could buy and sell, lend to or let beg, men born noble who deserved neither fealty nor honor. Power of birth and power of money were contingent, and must be earned lest they be lost..She'd have thought being King in Havnor wasn't good enough for him..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..was silent, and Otter watched him with staring intensity, still trying to understand..Telio, in the twilight, beside the wall of stones..The great scholar-mage Ath compiled a lore-book that brought together much scattered knowledge.,there. A real is artificial, but one can't tell the difference. Unless, I suppose, one got in there..She stared at me. She did not speak. Her lips moved, opened, closed. What was that in her..He was half asleep, sitting on the ground in the shade by the barracks, the smell of the logs."I'll ask them their name," Medra said. He smiled. "If they'll tell me, they can come in. And when."Father, I don't want a party," Diamond said and stood up, shivering his muscles like a horse. He..were elevated trains. When the blurred hurricanes of motion were interrupted for a moment, from.gave him his country name; she was a farm woman from Endlane village, around northwest of Mount..need a room for the night, I have one. Or San might, if you're going to the village."..been the centre of the domain was half in ruins on its hill among the oaks..the mice and wood rats from her small store of food, a shelter of branches, and a cook fire near a..window looking out on a back-street. No spells - you can't make spells with all their magic going..I made myself comfortable in the chair. The girl, her hand on her hip -- her abdomen."So it was ordained by the first Archmage, centuries ago," said Ivory. "But ... I too have wondered."..guests from Kembermouth or from neighboring domains, the herd of deer, the swans, and the fountain..dreams of earth stopping his mouth and nostrils, the only dreams he ever had, nights in the cell..with her sister Veil. Ember and Veil had been little children on a farm near Thwil when the..streets: a creeping, a peristalsis with necklaces of light, and over this, in the perpendicular,.."Dark is bad," said the Patterner. "Eh?"..sleep all his nights in Woodedge. He prayed to it. "Take me and save me," he asked it. He made the..stems, and the scattered glow in their hair -- a luminescent powder? A narrow passage led me to a.."Yes, sir. I decided that I don't want to be a wizard."..worse. You got it wrong. You're only a witch. You did it wrong. It's his name. He can have it..were moonshine. Obsessed with tricking the girl, he had fallen into the trap he laid for her..It was hard to be aware of her through the wizard's talk and the constant, half-conscious..Tern left late that year on his journey. He had with him a boy of fifteen, Mote, a promising weatherworker who needed training at sea, and Sava, a woman of sixty who had come to Roke with him seven or eight years before. Sava had been one of the women of the Hand on the isle of Ark. Though she had no wizardly gifts at all, she knew so well how to get a group of people to trust one another and work together that she was honored as a wise woman on Ark, and now on Roke. She had asked Tern to take her to see her family, mother and sister and two sons; he would leave Mote with her and bring them back to Roke when he returned. So they set off northeast across the Inmost Sea in the summer weather, and Tern told Mote to put a bit of magewind into their sail, so that they would be sure to reach Ark before the Long Dance..faced the wizard again he would be destroyed. And Roke with him. Roke and its children, and Elehal..day dazzled Irian's eyes. When she could see clearly she saw a path leading from the door through..after her. Then she plodded gently on. He pressed against her flank and clung to her, for the..He stepped down from the doorstep onto the dirt so that he could feel the ground with the nerves of his soles, but the mud slimed and fouled any messages the dirt had for him. He set the eggs down on the doorstep, sat down beside them, cleaned his feet with rainwater from the pot by the step, wiped them dry with the rag that hung on the handle of the pot, picked up the eggs, stood up slowly, and went into his house..She said nothing. Labby, glancing at her, set his woodhorn to his lips. The drummer struck a..It is said that Segoy first wrote the True Runes in fire on the wind, so that they are coeval with the Language of the Making. But this may not be so, since the dragons do not use them, and if they recognise them, do not admit it..the predominant body type is short, slender, small-boned, but fairly muscular and well-fleshed. In.."They may be friends. Did I say it was an easy life?" A pause. Hemlock looked directly at Diamond..to bond the two kingdoms was broken..the Archipelago-perhaps to avenge the Firelord. These fiery flights caused great terror, and..Hire a carter, buy a mule. I'm old, Azver."..Berry went and fetched his sister, after he had heard Sunbright's tale at the tavern, and San's..him, with a slop of rancid oil on the bread. Hungry as he was every night, when he sat in that.."Rast?" I repeated helplessly..but was defeated at last, at the cost of the forests and cities of Ilien, which he set afire as he

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