

DONT DIE MY LOVE

walked down to find an inn near the docks. Dragonfly looked about at the sights of the city in a learned wizardry, fed the chickens, milked the cow. He suggested, once, that Dulse keep goats. He. Curious manners, I thought. But, then, if that's what's done. . . . them, and they did not notice. She walked on, going towards the Thwilburn where it ran out of the light?" But he could not. He crawled in the dark till the sound of water was loud and the rocks internal quarrels, but the disintegration of the society of the Archipelago worsened as the years. "So when the Windkey returned, we were nine again. But divided. For the Summoner said we must meet. The slave, short and thin, hairless, with running sores on his hands and arms, uncapped a stone. The dragons offered no threat during this period, and the Kargs had withdrawn into their own internal quarrels, but the disintegration of the society of the Archipelago worsened as the years went on. Moral and intellectual continuity lay only in the knowledge and teaching of The Creation and the other myths and hero-stories, and in the preservation of crafts and skills: among them the art magic used for right ends. "He does. But, admitting it unlikely, admitting it impossible - if we did defeat him - if he went back into death and left us here alive - what would we do? What comes next?" The Summoner looked up at Irian. Slowly he raised his arms and the white staff in the invocation. So little Diamond grew up in the finest house in Glade, a fat, bright-eyed baby, a ruddy, cheerful boy. He had a sweet singing voice, a true ear, and a love of music, so that his mother, Tuly, called him Songsparrow and Skylark, among other loving names, for she never really did like "Diamond." He trilled and caroled about the house; he knew any tune as soon as he heard it, and invented tunes when he heard none. His mother had the wisewoman Tangle teach him The Creation of Ea and The Deed of the Young King, and at Sunreturn when he was eleven years old he sang the Winter Carol for the Lord of the Western Land, who was visiting his domain in the hills above Glade. The Lord and his Lady praised the boy's singing and gave him a tiny gold box with a diamond set in the lid, which seemed a kind and pretty gift to Diamond and his mother. But Golden was a bit impatient with the singing and the trinkets. "There are more important things for you to do, son," he said. "And greater prizes to be earned." he had enough of the pure metal, the next stage was to refine it yet further into the Body of the. It seemed that from Roke Knoll the whole extent of the Grove could be seen, yet if you walked in. looked at me, and reddened terribly. "I have a neighbor," said the black-braided woman, "who might have some paper, if you're after." "Probably not," the wizard said, and then, appearing to notice Diamond, put down his pen and said, "They won't buy our milk and cheese," Berry whined. When you construct or reconstruct a world that never existed, a wholly fictional history, the. It was Havnor, his land, where his people were, whether alive or dead he did not know; where Anieb lay in her grave, up there on the mountain. He had never been back, never come this close. It had been how long? Sixteen years, seventeen years. Nobody would know him, nobody would remember the boy Otter, except Otter's mother and father and sister, if they were still alive. And surely there were people of the Hand in the Great Port. Though he had not known of them as a boy, he should know them now. Its owner was one of four men who called themselves Master of Iria. The other three called him Master of Old Iria. He spent his youth and what remained of his inheritance in law courts and the anterooms of the Lords of Way in Shelieth, trying to prove his right to the whole domain as it had been a hundred years ago. He came back unsuccessful and embittered and spent his age drinking the hard red wine from his last vineyard and walking his boundaries with a troop of ill-treated, underfed dogs to keep interlopers off his land. defend theirs with spells. Morred could not even begin to fight his Enemy until he saw his Enemy's. have great gifts?" Dragonfly rolled her head round on her neck, stretching till the vertebrae cracked, stretching out. overweening confidence in the young of their kind. They expect modesty to come later, if at all. Only a few steps ahead of them now was the place where underfoot, underground, two or three feet down, dark water crept and seeped through soft earth over the ledge of mica. Under that opened the hollow cavern and the lode of cinnabar. contemptuous of sorcerers, with their sleights and illusions and gibble-gabble, but afraid of. "Patterner," said the Doorkeeper, not at all surprised. had equipped him with every kind of magic that could be needed in Iria of Westpool on Way. To. The young man, called Ivory, did not actually have his staff and cloak yet; he explained that he was to be made wizard when he went back to Roke. The Masters had sent him out in the world to gain experience, for all the classes in the School cannot give a man the experience he needs to be a wizard. Birch looked a little dubious at this, and Ivory reassured him that his training on Roke had equipped him with every kind of magic that could be needed in Iria of Westpool on Way. To prove it, he made it seem that a herd of deer ran through the dining hall, followed by a flight of swans, who marvellously soared through the south wall and out through the north wall; and lastly a fountain in a silver basin sprang up in the centre of the table, and when the Master and his family cautiously imitated their wizard and filled their cups from it and tasted it, it was a sweet golden wine. "Wine of the Andrades," said the young man with a modest, complacent smile. By then the wife and daughters were entirely won over. And Birch thought the young man was worth his fee, although his own silent preference was for the dry red Fanian of his own vineyards, which got you drunk if you drank enough, while this yellow stuff was just honeywater. "But the Summoner fought him both in body and spirit, and called to me, and I came. Together we. vomiting and shuddering, and San was staring and trying to say, "Avert! Avert!" And no harm was. Gelluk stopped and said nothing for some time, thinking, his face excited. Otter glimpsed the. "I have no master." He reached out towards Yaved, towards the ache, the suffering. As he came closer to it he felt a great strength flow into him from the west, as if Silence had taken him by the hand after all. Through that link he could send his own strength, the Mountain's strength, to help. I didn't tell him I wasn't coming back, he thought, his last words in Hardic, his last grief, for he was in the bones of the mountain now. He knew the arteries of fire, and the beat of the great heart. He knew what to do. It was in no tongue of man that he said, "Be quiet,

be easy. There now, there. Hold fast. So, there. We can be easy." students learning how to do tricks of illusion from the sorcerer Hega of O; Master Hand, they. He had no thought of hiding or protecting himself. Luckily for him there were no guards about; there were few guards, and they were not on the alert, since the wizard's spells had kept the prison shut. The spells were gone, but the people in the tower did not know it, working on under the greater spell of hopelessness.. "Worm eaters." midair, whereupon some of the people stepped down onto the approaching branch of another. She looked at him. She could not speak. She stood up and after a moment walked out of the stableyard, off across the hill, on the path that went around it halfway up. One of the dogs, her favorite, a big, ugly, heavy-headed hound, followed her. She stopped on the slope above the marshy spring where Rose had named her ten years ago. She stood there; the dog sat down beside her and looked up at her face. No thought was clear in her mind, but words repeated themselves: I could go to Roke and find out who I am.. 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.. had whistled, and the young cow had led him through the stream, and Emer had opened the door. He was to be made wizard when he went back to Roke. The Masters had sent him out in the world to gain. "I doubt the Doorkeeper would defy it lightly," said one of them Irian had not noticed till he spoke, though he was a big man, white-haired, aw-boned, and crag-faced. Unlike the others, he looked at her as he spoke. "I am Kurremkarmerruk," he said to her. "As the Master Namer here, I make free with names, my own included. Who named you, Irian?" herself, for charming and handsome as he was she had never been able to feel a thing for him but. 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.. round the mountain. He's there now." thoughtful look.. he flinched away from the thought of asking her, asking a witch's opinion on anything, least of. But Heleth was shaking his head: "No," he said, "no time. Not your kind of thing." He was more and more distracted by whatever it was he sensed in the earth or air, and through him Ogion felt that gathering, intolerable tension.. The two earliest surviving epic or historical texts are The Deed of Enlad, and The Song of the Young King or The Deed of Morred.. teach me how to make stones into diamonds? Can you give me a sword that will kill a dragon? What's with three warm eggs. When he was a child he had liked to walk in mud. He remembered enjoying the. He made the sign; she looked at him for a moment. "That's easy," she said softly, and made the sign in return, "but not always safe, among strangers." "Which district?" powers-Roke Knoll and the Immanent Grove-were never spoken of as such. Only the Patterners, who domestic and community worship of the Old Powers, the chthonic or gaeian forces manifest as spirits.. lie about their art. In their heart they know that their lie, spoken, may change the world.. leaves behind when he asks questions. Listen, can you work with the wind at all?" all he had learned about Roke was that the Hand was there, and a school where they taught. "Every spell depends on every other spell," said Highdrake. "Every motion of a single leaf moves." in the Mountain?" and drunker than usual, so that he fell and gashed his forehead on the andiron. Bleeding and. "Play the flute," Diamond said promptly, and took out of his pocket the little fife his mother had given him for his twelfth birthday. He put it to his lips, his fingers danced, and he played a sweet, familiar tune from the western coast, "Where My Love Is Going." in Gont Port, and Dulse had sent Silence down instead, and there he had stayed.. Down in their tiny cabin Dragonfly sat waiting for him, solemn as ever but her eyes blazing with excitement. "We'll go ashore in the morning," he repeated to her, and she nodded, acceptant.. fulfilled. And in Havnor he set his crown on his own head.. Licky did not take him into the roaster tower, but back to the barracks. From a locked room he. One of the gifts of power is to know power. Wizard knows wizard, unless the concealment is very.. deals were profitable. It was as if good fortune stuck to him and he could not shake it off. He. "On Havnor," he said, far from Roke, in a village on Mount Onn, among people who know nothing of. "They said you should give me my name," said Dragonfly. "Father fell to raging. So that's that." So it became dangerous to practice sorcery, except under the protection of a strong warlord; and. Diamond hesitated and said, "No." He looked a question at his father.. unbutton it, did not slip it off, just tore it, and let the shreds fall from her fingers, like trash.. asked around a bit. The father, a longshoreman, had died in the big earthquake, when Silence would. The Old Powers," Irian said.. "And a good thing too!" Golden said roundly. "What's become of that daughter of hers, then? Went.. farther off, swords of light rose up cold and thin into the sky, whether homes or pillars, I did not. Now, as otter, he was thinking only that he would like to stay otter, be otter, in the sweet brown.. it, no doubt. I think you should be getting back to yourself. Things are tightening up." He.. why he tried to weaken her faith in wizardry; perhaps because any weakening of her strength, her. Dulse had seen young men weep for joy at the birth of a first son. He had seen poor men pay. "A col," I answered. I lifted my cup, as if to examine it. This milk had no smell. I did not.. delicate horn spoon tied to the pouch he lifted the few drops of quicksilver from the cup and. "You ought to go, Di," she said. "Just to find out." been his secret.. The spasm passed; Heleth answered, "Inside it. There at Yaved." He pointed to the knotted hills below them. "I'll go in, try to keep things from sliding around, eh? I'll find out when I'm doing it, no doubt. I think you should be getting back to yourself. Things are tightening up." He stopped again, looking as if he were in intense pain, hunched and clenched. He struggled to stand up. Unthinking, Ogion held out his hand to help him.. When he came to himself, sick and weak from the poison and with an aching skull, he was in a room. "Captain," he said, "I'm sorry, I must wait to spell your sails. An earthquake is near. I

must.grief rose up through her body and dissolved, like an ache that melts away in a long stretch. He.Hemlock might have known then what he was up against; but having told the boy he would not be his master any longer, he could not in conscience command him. "You have a true gift, Essiri," he said, using the name he had given the boy in the springs of the Amia, a word that in the Old Speech means Willow. "I don't entirely understand it. I think you don't understand it at all. Take care! To misuse a gift, or to refuse to use it, may cause great loss, great harm."and before him. As when he had gone through the night with Anieb to her death, each step into the.Songs, all of which began as sung or spoken texts, were written down and preserved as texts. They.autumn were a misery to her. But as time went on and she heard him spoken of as Diamond the sweet."It is. . . so that. . . in order that it be impossible to. . . kill." "You're welcome," she said, and hoisted whatever it was into a massive pottery bowl, and wiped her.human voice. A terrible thing..made little spots of mud, little sticky spots..spells were a mere rumor among those who had taught him his sorcery, he summoned the woman in the."He doesn't mind," Dragonfly reassured her. "Only he hardly ever really answers."The name and office of archmage were invented by Halkel, and the Archmage of Roke was a tenth Master, never counted among the Nine. A vital ethical and intellectual force, the archmage also exerted considerable political power. On the whole this power was used benevolently. Maintaining Roke as a strong centralising, normalising, pacific element in Archipelagan society, the archmages sent out sorcerers and wizards trained to understand the ethical practice of magic and to protect communities from drought, plague, invaders, dragons, and the unscrupulous use of their art.."No. I have a little -- it's a. . . bonus, you understand. For all that time. When we left, it.make free with names, my own included. Who named you, Irian?".Where my love is going.TARRY'S MALICE had left his nerves raw, and the thought of the party weighed on him till he lost his appetite. He thought hopefully for a while that he was sick and could miss the party. But the day came, and he was there. Not so evidently, so eminently, so flamboyantly there as his father, but present, smiling, dancing. All his childhood friends were there too, half of them married by now to the other half, it seemed, but there was still plenty of flirting going on, and several pretty girls were always near him. He drank a good deal of Gadge Brewer's excellent beer, and found he could endure the music if he was dancing to it and talking and laughing while he danced. So he danced with all the pretty girls in turn, and then again with whichever one turned up again, which all of them did..him that Otter's sister hurried in to tell him, "Hound's won a battle or a fortune! He's riding."Does Labby want a harper?". "Worms," said the helmsman, the master's brother. "Catch fish anywhere near Roke, you'll find em

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