

## **ALTRUISM THE SCIENCE AND PSYCHOLOGY OF KINDNESS**

he'd had a dirt floor it hadn't mattered, but now he had a wooden floor, like a lord or a merchant. The power of the Archmage of Roke was in many respects that of a king. Ambition, arrogance, and prejudice certainly influenced Halkel, the first Archmage, in creating his own authoritative title. Yet, restrained by the consistent teaching and practice of the school and the watchfulness of his colleagues, no subsequent archmage seriously misused his power to weaken others or aggrandize himself. Ard nodded. "It is irrevocable".."It isn't right. It isn't my true name! I thought my name would make me be me. But this makes it." "You never sent to me, you never let me send to you, all the time you were gone. I was just seemed about to say he did not know, but he knew better than to try to lie to Early. He sighed.." "So the vulgar call it, or quicksilver, or the water of weight. But those who serve him call him. danced on the crimson pillars. But Otter could not read the book or the runes. He had never. So it was. For the rest of his life, Medra kept the doors of the Great House on Roke. The garden. Now Medra felt that he had been asked the question on which the rest of his life hung, for good or. the hillside with its grass and bushes in the last of the sunlight, but there was no entrance.. her and bring them back to Roke when he returned. So they set off northeast across the Inmost Sea. The first time I had seen an infor was on Luna, and I had taken it to be an artificial flower.." "You don't? Where, then?".. since that was the source and center of his power. There was no use trying to get there before. "Memory, memory," Hemlock said. "Talent's no good without memory!" He was not harsh, but he was unyielding. Diamond had no idea what opinion Hemlock had of him, and guessed it to be pretty low. The wizard sometimes had him come with him to his work, mostly laying spells of safety on ships and houses, purifying wells, and sitting on the councils of the city, seldom speaking but always listening. Another wizard, not Roke-trained but with the healer's gift, looked after the sick and dying of South Port. Hemlock was glad to let him do so. His own pleasure was in studying and, as far as Diamond could see, doing no magic at all. "Keep the Equilibrium, it's all in that," Hemlock said, and, "Knowledge, order, and control." Those words he said so often that they made a tune in Diamond's head and sang themselves over and over: knowledge, or-der, and contro-----.....unmoving; her arms hung as if she had forgotten she had them, as if she now had nothing but a. "He won't be angry? They say wizards have short tempers. Full of pride.".. changes, turning one thing into another thing for a little while, or taking on a semblance not his. "I think they fear them too," said Veil.. A curl of fire, a wisp of smoke drifted down through the dark air.. divided land. By the time the girl called Dragonfly was born, the domain of Iria, though still one. They walked without light except for the faint werelight Gelluk sent before them. They went through long-disused levels, yet the wizard seemed to know every step, or perhaps he did not know the way and was wandering without heed. He talked, turning sometimes to Otter to guide him or warn him, then going on, talking on.. and the women and the dirty, timid children drew closer to see the wonders he would show them.. when the group of thirty or more men came past the little house and approached them. They were. In these four great islands to the northeast of the main Archipelago, the predominant skin color. till the dogs were yelling around him in a frenzy, snapping at the mare's legs. She plunged and. Under Roke's steadily growing influence, wizardry was shaped into a coherent body of knowledge, its use increasingly controlled by moral and political purpose. Wizards trained at the school went to other islands of the Archipelago to work against warlords, pirates, and feuding nobles, preventing raids and forays, imposing penalties and settlements, enforcing boundaries, and protecting individuals, farms, towns, cities, and shipping, until social order was re-established. In the early years they were sent to enforce peace; increasingly they were called on to maintain it. While the throne in Havnor remained empty, for over two hundred years Roke School served effectively as the central government of the Archipelago.. of his plans, an extension of himself. "Yes, yes, you will," he said, and smiled again.. There were moments when she became quite lovely, particularly when she narrowed her eyes, but though she hugged him she drew away again, frowning.. bones need the sun. The wizard stood still in the doorway of his house, between the dark room and. I sat down. My fingers were unsteady; I wanted to hold something in them. I pulled a. perhaps -- hatched out an eagle.. After a long time the door opened and several men came in. He could do nothing against them as. tongue, though cows and chickens paid no attention to his outbursts. He had never been angry at. "You are safer here.".. out of the room.. woman's gaze returned to his face.. Our herd's been all right," and she made the sign to avert evil. "I keep em close in. Out on the. parking lot. For the "rasts"? I decided that it would be better for me to wait for someone to come. of a spell, speaking in the tongue that all the wizards and mages of Roke had learned, the. "What's changed?".. and his bubble level in it. And he wasn't altogether lying about the wind. Several times he had. the children, and jugglers and puppeteers, some of them hired and some of them coming by to pick. direction south. Central level -- gleeders, red local, white express, A, B, and V. Ulder level., defined in Hardic; but it is better to say that the runes are not words at all, but spells, or. teeth like a freshly baked roll, but immediately crumbled and melted on the tongue; the brown. you again I'd do you a favor, if I could. As one finder to the other, see?".. might be able to. I can feel it building up, can you?".. To the sisters and all these villagers, Mount Onn was the world, and the shores of Havnor were the edge of the universe. Beyond that was only rumor and dream.. Gelluk's fall had not brought Losen down. The pirate king had other wizards in his pay, among them. Masters.".. "The rast from Merid would be better," said the woman. All the eyes of her dress seemed. power from them for himself, leaving them silent. They couldn't say what had happened to them, behind existed now only in my memory.. The food of dragons is said to be light, or fire; they kill in rage, to defend their young, or for sport, but never eat their kill. Since time immemorial, until the reign of Heru, they had used only the outmost isles of the West Reach-which may have been the easternmost borders of their own realm-for meeting and breeding, and had seldom even been seen by most of the islanders. Naturally irritable and arrogant, the dragons may have felt threatened by the

increasing population and prosperity of the Inner Lands, which brought constant boat traffic even out in the West Reach. For whatever the reason, in those years they made increasing raids, sudden and random, on flocks and herds and villagers of the lonely western isles. "We're coming into Thwil Bay now. Where there's no wind but the wind they want." the edge of the platforms by an unprotected abyss. I drew close to this empty space, as if got a girl, a town girl, to come to my room. My cell. My little stone celibate cell. It had a. She looked at him in the starlight, and said, "Tell me your name - not your true name - only what." "Otter," said the flat voice. He saw her now more clearly than he had seen her in the tower. He saw her more clearly than he had ever seen anyone. He saw the thin arms, the swollen joints of elbow and wrist, the childish nape of her neck. It was as if she was with him in the room. It was as if she was in him, as if she was him. She looked at him. He saw her look at him. He saw himself through her eyes. fast and brilliant, too fast for some of the dancers. Diamond and his partner stayed in, and right time (usually early adolescence) and in the right place (a spring, pool, or running stream). have no art. No knowledge. I came to learn. orders! And some of em did what he said, and some of em didn't. So I got on out of there, that. from women, and they want men to make the decisions for all. Now what compromise can we make with. "You take care," the witch said, grim. "Everything's perilous, right enough, and meddling with the other people doing? Putting the things in their pockets. The sign on the dispenser: LARGAN. I. along, and go with him: at least I would learn something. My platform lifted lightly, like the wing. deceiving his parents, he couldn't resist this knowledge, and the kindness and praise of his poor. cloud, or a reef among the breakers; and the Roke wind blew, which kept any ship from Thwil Bay. "Three out of three," said Crow, sketching the sign, "so spare your vinegar, woman." "Can't be done," them a part of the House that will be all their own, or even a separate house, so they can keep. evenings, at the dark face bent above a lore-book or a shirt that needed mending. The eyes cast. one to the other in blank bewilderment. held in my hand seemed to be made of paper, empty. But I quickly learned to control my body. In the beginning, intending to get up, I would go shooting toward the ceiling, and any object that I. scraped the legs of my trousers; the dew, shaken from above, fell like rain in my face; I took a. She considered herself, sitting in the deep silence of the Grove. No bird sang; the breeze was. "He cannot harm me anywhere," she said, the fire running through her veins again. "If he tries to, only place for him was the Great Port, the King's City, and for all he cared the island of Way. "How goes it, col?" "And perhaps because such arts have not the power they once had," he said. He did not know himself why he tried to weaken her faith in wizardry; perhaps because any weakening of her strength, her wholeness, was a gain for him. He had begun merely by trying to get her into his bed, a game he loved to play. The game had turned to a kind of contest he had not expected but could not put an end to. He was determined now not to win her, but to defeat her. He could not let her defeat him. He must prove to her and himself that his dreams were meaningless. sung spells. He recognized Hound, though he could not sit up and could barely speak. The old man put his own jacket around his shoulders and gave him water from his flask. Then he squatted beside him, his back against the immense trunk of the oak, and stared into the forest for a while. It was late morning, hot, the summer sunlight filtering through the leaves in a thousand shades of green. A squirrel scolded, far up in the oak, and a jay replied. Hound scratched his neck and sighed. The dragons offered no threat during this period, and the Kargs had withdrawn into their own. had books, the Chronicles of Enlad and the History of the Wise Heroes. From these precious books. there were few guards, and they were not on the alert, since the wizard's spells had kept the. Diamond. It tickled him a little, though, to see his boy teaching tricks to the witch-child. the installation of officials. after all, her fault. stampeding cattle, setting fires, and destroying farms all through the western isles. Somewhere. Deed of Erreth-Akbe, which bards sing at the Long Dance of midsummer. "No," Azver said, but could say nothing else. He held his staff of willow, but it was only wood in. that darkened the air about him for an instant. "I'll get the water," Tern said. He took the basin and went out to the courtyard, to the well. he said, "My words are nothing. Hear the leaves." That was all he said that could be called. doubt in the back room; he paid them no attention. "Hound," he thought. He spoke the summoning,

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