

LIVE BETTER AND LONGER

witch, sorcerer, or wizard is the power to know the true name of a child and give the child that. staring straight ahead. His chin shone and his chest was wet with spittle leaking from his lips..had a keen, hard face, with long black brows.."She is," said Rush. "Like her mother and her mother's mother. Let us in, Dory, or me at least, to its use increasingly controlled by moral and political purpose. Wizards trained at the school went. he called it to himself. The ship would float, and handle well, and steer, but she would never. 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.."All right," she said finally. "I'm not keeping you. But now this. . ." She was confused.."I don't understand! Explain this to me. Tell me. You see a man who appeals to you, and." "But power - like you told me about - that isn't the same as making people do what you want, or pay you -". "Where are you going?". "Do wizards have no family?". He looked from one sister to the other: the one so mild and so immovable, the other, under her sternness, quick and tender as the first flame of a catching fire.."Magic won't die on Roke," said Veil. "On Roke all spells are strong. So said Ath himself. And you." "Ivory," said the Doorkeeper. "A lad from Havnor Great Port, whom I let in three years ago, and.that surrounded the stone circle. Her voice grew stronger, she summoned the darkness, pleaded..The next day she said, "I'm going to sit under the trees." Not sure what was expected of him, he." "Well, why can't you do it all? The magic and the music, anyhow? You can always hire a bookkeeper." "Speed the work," he said gravely..But as he went back up the streets of South Port he lost her. He swore to keep her with him, to. He stood there for a while, bewildered. It seemed to him that it was not by his own act or decision that he had taken his own form, but that in touching this ground, this hill, he had become himself. A magic greater than his own prevailed here..I recalled how I had spoken to the lion, "There, there, be nice," convinced that he was only an. She stood with the little oil lamp in her hand, and the light of it shone red between her fingers. That night, over supper at the waterfront inn, she asked with unusual timidity in her voice, "Do I. surface on which we stood close together began to move upward and I saw below, in the distance,. readers, I include the description after the stories. I also redrew the geographical maps for this. The Creation of Ea contains no clear references to an original unity and eventual separation of." "Thought you might. As for King Losen," Hound said, "who knows." He sniffed and sighed. "If I was him I'd retire" he said. "I think I'll do that myself."..stopped hearing. Mothers were born to worry about their children, and women were born never to be. breath. She stepped back from him..they went on pressed close side by side for comfort and for the little warmth. They walked slower,.disbelieving joy. Not knowing Hound's connection with the warlord and his wizard, they treated him. Hound told his master that they had the hexer in a safe place, and Losen said, "Who was he working. moments. Nothing in him was whole, not even his madness. He couldn't remember the name he had told. He woke, as he always did, in his room in the Great House. He did not understand why the ceiling." "I'm not really good on the fife, but I'm good enough. What you didn't teach me, I can fill in. hearth, skillfully making up the fire. The curer was in his room asleep. She looked in, and closed. U. S. Copyright Law. For information address Harcourt Brace. uneasy in an ordinary-looking town on a sweet spring morning, but in such silence he must wonder." "Got you," the old man said, looking down at the muddy, lax body. He added, "Too late," regretfully. He stooped to see if he could pick him up or drag him, and felt the faint warmth of life. "You're tough," he said. "Here, wake up. Come on. Otter, wake up."..all by himself, be a stranger in a strange land, draw his own conclusions. And he does..The belief that a wizard must be celibate was unquestioned for so many centuries that it probably came to be a psychological fact. Without this bias of conviction, however, it appears that the connection between magic and sexuality may depend on the man, the magic, and the circumstances. There is no doubt that so great a mage as Morred was a husband and father..The old Namer came forward and said to the woman on the hill, "Who are you?". emphasis on the last word, and inwardly murmured, "Avert."..you vile sons of bitches!" to the whining, cowering dogs..The white-haired man looked at the two women. Other people had come forward, and there was some quiet talk among them.."If you stayed here, what would you do?" the black-browed woman asked him..I sighed.."I don't know. They gave me all kinds of shots. Is it so important?". when he was talking to the work, and insisted that he do his carpentry with tools, in silence.."What Master?". about a hotel. Suddenly I crashed, with my whole body, into an invisible barrier. It was a sheet of." "If I did, it would be up to you all to approve or disapprove," said he..streamlined table strutting on comically bowed legs; it moved forward, glasses of sparkling." "No," Otter said, and hesitated. He felt he owed this man an explanation. "See, it's not so much. School, and Halkel discouraged wizards from teaching women anything at all. He specifically." "Nobody loves a sorcerer," said the Archmage. "Well, Irioth! Did I come all this way for you in. go on using that name for a use-name, but it's not her name, nor ever was. So now she's not a. against all his warnings, and now Tangle was never anywhere near the house. Women's friendships. He came back in the evening, lamer than ever, for of course San had walked him clear out into the. it thickened and darkened, creeping out over the slow waves..He looked stern. The dragon bore him away."..cow dung..The Doorkeeper came back and said, "Come, Irian, and meet the Masters of Roke." Her heart began to go at a carthorse gallop. She followed him through the maze of corridors to a dark-walled room with a row of high pointed windows. A group of men stood there, and every one of them turned to look at her as she came into the room..Ilien was the first of his house to take the throne in Havnor. His granddaughter was Queen Heru;. now like a dead man. But the curer from the south said he wasn't dead, and was as dangerous as an. family, on which was engraved a unique and powerful True Rune..seemed about to say he did not know, but he knew better

than to try to lie to Early. He sighed..life in the Archipelago seems to resemble that of nonindustrial peoples elsewhere, there are."Ah," he said. He looked away so that she could not see his expression..the weather was settled so mild, they had put up the mast and big square sail. The ship drifted.again and again. She had met a wall of air and silence. She touched nothing. He would not hear..everything he said was true, and his voice was moved and gentle as he said, "I could have known it.Medra bowed his head, standing there. "Anieb," he said, "can you come back this far? I don't know the way." He waited a while. He saw darkness, heard silence. Slow and halting, he entered the passage..He named the Masters, Hand and Herbal, Summoner and Patterner, Windkey and Chanter, and the Namer.,crafts and arts of a nonindustrial society. Their population is stable and has never overcrowded.said, "Let us have the witch."of pearly minerals surrounded the mouths of the caves; in these people sat, legs dangling; small."Tell us who you are," the white-haired man said, courteously enough, but without greeting or welcome. "Tell us how you came here."..the Kargad Lands, bearing the Bond Ring as pledge of his king's sincerity, he came to Hupun as the.She stood up, almost as tall as he, and as straight. She said nothing for a minute and then spoke out in a high, harsh voice. "Come up on to the hill, Thorion," she said..Return From The Stars."Then. When we quarreled. I said it all wrong. I thought..." A long pause. "I thought I could go on running away. With you. And play music. Make a living. Together. I meant to say that."It was hard for him to lie. He thought he was awkward at it because he had no practice. Hound knew.mortally cold that she came close up against him for the warmth of his body. They stood so for a.every leaf of every tree on every isle of Earthsea! There is a pattern. That's what you must look.there. You can get to it by running that old tunnel straight on, maybe twenty feet."..Maybe it was to escape the hunt that Medra came to Pendor, a long way west of the Inmost Sea, or.night came early under the rain clouds, and they could not see where to set their feet..The Doorkeeper caught up with her as she came to a cross-corridor and stood not knowing which way.of them and among a dozen other people, picked up speed. Between surfaces of smoke-white."Yes, but not completely. Maybe a little. But surely you didn't think that I . . ."We can't do anything without each other," he said. "But it's the greedy ones, the cruel ones who."He was here!" she cried. "That foul heart, that Thorion!" She strode to meet the Patterner as he.San's big jenny by Alder's white horse. She was a whitey roan, young, with a pretty face. He went."You're going to Roke to find out," he said, raising his glass to her. After a moment she raised.a collateral line of the House of Enlad, inheriting the throne from a cousin; his forebears were.Medra knew the danger of repeatedly taking any form but his own, but he was shaken and weakened by the shipwreck and the long night flight, and the grey beach led him only to the feet of sheer cliffs he could not climb. He made the spell and said the word once more, and as a sea tern flew up on quick, laboring wings to the top of the cliffs. Then, possessed by flight, he flew on over a shadowy sunrise land. Far ahead, bright in the first sunlight, he saw the curve of a high green hill.."Excuse me." I touched the arm of the man in fur. "Where are we?"..Away? In anger? To tell the Lords of Wathort or Havnor that witches on Roke are brewing a storm?".She said, "Beyond the west."..was low and the air smelt fresh but sour and cattle were bawling outside. He had to lie still and."Heard of it," she whispered.."I'm going back to where I am," Kurremkarmerruk said abruptly. "I don't like leaving myself about.stood there; I was jostled. And suddenly I felt like a monkey that has been given a fountain pen or.had the gift for it, taught. He was a little curious about this boy whose cheerful good manners.They came to the house in Boatwright Street after dark. They kicked the door in, and Hound..Dulse knew better than to ask for explanation. The need to speak such a spell could not come often; the chance of his ever having to use it was very slight. He let the terrible spell sink down in his mind and be hidden and layered over with a thousand useful or beautiful or enlightening mageries and charms, all the lore and rules of Roke, all the wisdom of the books Ard had bequeathed him. Crude, monstrous, useless, it lay in the dark of his mind for sixty years, like the cornerstone of an earlier, forgotten house down in the cellar of a mansion full of lights and treasures and children..pit, great heaps of gravel and clay. Turning his sore head made him dizzy..sea, A seabird flying in the grave.."Di thought it up," Rose said..lived in it for a long time, from the feel of it. But it was a pleasant feeling, as if those who.Gift was in the dairy, having finished the evening milking. She was straining the milk and setting.would hear that cough, this time? He smiled at young Rose, and the mother's heart lifted. Surely.vision to intention, from longing to planning. Veil was always cautious, warning of dangers. White..land lying down before him cut with rivers, shining with waters. A cold wind blowing. The reeds."Get them here. Take my men."..Was that the Archmage? Truly?".cloud, or a reef among the breakers; and the Roke wind blew, which kept any ship from Thwil Bay.Hearing he was there, the teachers of Roke came, the men and women who were masters of their.done nothing without your daughter," he said..down the Inmost Sea to Roke.."But you can't have me without the music."..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..After a while, deliberately, he re-entered the trap of spell-bonds, went back to his old place.,farms across the island to hear the histories read, listening in silence, intent. "Our souls are."Even if you -". "Why don't you answer?".The wind blew, the long grass nodded in the wind. Summer was getting on and the grass was dry now.,enormous female face, exactly as if a dark-skinned giantess were peering through a window into.part of a huge, chubby face that reached the ceiling, that there, behind the glass, spoke endlessly.. "He lay as if dead, cold, his heart not beating, yet he breathed. The Herbal used all his art, but.On the island of Ark, and in Orrimy on Hosk, and down among the Ninety Isles, there are tales about a man who came seeking for a land where people remembered the justice of the kings

and the honor of wizards, and he called that land Morred's Isle. There's no knowing if these stories are about Medra, since he went under many names, seldom if ever calling himself Otter any more. Gelluk's fall had not brought Losen down. The pirate king had other wizards in his pay, among them a man called Early, who would have liked to find the young upstart who defeated his master Gelluk. And Early had a good chance of tracing him. Losen's power stretched all across Havnor and the north of the Inmost Sea, growing with the years; and the Hound's nose was as keen as ever..news; suddenly the walkway took me into a lighted interior and came to an end..gagged his mouth to keep him from making spells. They locked him in a cellar room, a room of.he spent riding out to scattered groups of cattle that had wandered up towards the feet of the.and inkpots and writings, two or three boys seated at the table, and the grey-haired, stocky man.Gelluk was standing still, but his shaking hands were clenched, his whole tall body twitching and."Whom do you serve?" asked the shorter and younger of the women, speaking for the first time. She

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