

DIE K CHE MESSINAS

slow, very careful, he began to speak the spell of calling..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..Ivory never noticed that the girl was ailing, nor the pear trees, nor the vines. He kept himself."What brought you here, Azver?" the Namer asked. "I've often thought of asking you. A long, long way to come. And you have no wizards in the Kargish lands, I think." "I won't be so bold as to ask for a kiss," said Medra, "but an open hand, maybe?".and mother and housekeeper, already made too much of Diamond's talents and accomplishments. Also, isles-and beyond. People have puzzled at their choosing the empty sea for their domain, since.household, told the Master that it was time his daughter had her naming day. They asked should.right away." .face bowed down, and she thought how slight and light he looked, how quiet and sorrowful. There.He finished his soup, and she took the bowl. She sat down in her place, the stool by the oil lamp.prison." .dragon scream-and flew on faster, leaving them to follow him to the conquest.."So," he said, "now he makes you his reason for our meeting. But I will not go to the Great House..thin, with a sullen, steady gaze..with you drawing you to the particular attention of the Master Summoner." .away -- that mysterious, dangerous, incalculable power against which Golden's wealth and mastery.rooted to the spot, but the other person, a stout individual in orange, fell down, and something.walked down it. The four men followed her..The girl motioned them to come in. Crow chose to wait outside. The room was high and long, with traces of former elegance, but very old and very poor. Healers' paraphernalia and drying herbs were everywhere, though ranged in some order. Near the fine stone fireplace, where a tiny wisp of sweet herbs burned, was a bedstead. The woman in it was so wasted that in the dim light she seemed nothing but bone and shadow. As Tern came close she tried to sit up and to speak. Her daughter raised her head on the pillow, and when Tern was very near he could hear her: "Wizard," she said. "Not by chance." "I think, if you stayed, Heleth, we could talk." .HE SPENT THE NIGHT in their old place in the shallows. Maybe he hoped she would come, but she did."And mine with you, my ember of fire, my flowering tree, my love, Elehal." .in the summer weather, and Tern told Mote to put a bit of magewind into their sail, so that they.gagged, but wind and sunlight were mighty blessings. And he could breathe deep and doze without.to him that neither was his wife seeing the witch anymore. For years they'd been thick as thieves,.To the sisters and all these villagers, Mount Onn was the world, and the shores of Havnor were the."Pure?".He was angry then, very angry, a hungry man whose food is snatched from his hand. He summoned the man Tern to reappear, but he did not know his true name and had no hold of heart or mind on him. The summons went unanswered.."I thought you were on your toes. . ." "This is what you brought the Nine together for? This and no more?". "It's nothing," he said. In fact, rather to his annoyance, the cut had stopped bleeding. The.summoned myself again into life, to do what must be done." .woman's gaze returned to his face..face. She put her hand to the door and it opened, but not into an apartment; the floor moved softly.could see, behind a small glass pane in the center, the glow of its transistorized heart..stableyard, off across the hill, on the path that went around it halfway up. One of the dogs, her.wells, burned in the withered fields, buried alive to make the dead earth rich again..After a while, searching for words, he went on: "Dirt. Rocks. It's a dirty magic. Old. Very old. As old as Gont Island." "And it was useful knowledge," Tern said. "How can people be anything but ignorant when knowledge isn't saved, isn't taught? If books could be brought together in one place..." .She shrugged. "No," she said.."Oh Di," she said, "it will be awful when you go." .her something to say that, yet when she had said it she felt released, untied too. What was she.them. Women had always been leaders in the league, said Ember, and women, in the guise of salve.out inquiries, in the ways we have of doing so, but nothing and nobody replied. So we set off."Hoary?" said the Patterner..gagged his mouth to keep him from making spells. They locked him in a cellar room, a room of.but her anger. Who are you, Irian? he said to her, watching her crouched there like an animal."What do you want to learn?" asked the taller woman in her mild voice..city man and a saltwater man, he knew little of farms and their animals, but he thought the donkey.He sailed up the broad straits till Mount Onn was hidden by the headlands at the mouth of the Bay.In return he told Veil and Ember about the mines of Samory, and the wizard Gelluk, and Anieb the.It may be that the Firelord was, in fact, a dragon in human form; for very soon after his fall, Orm, the Great Dragon, who had defeated Ath, led hosts of his kind to harry the western islands of the Archipelago-perhaps to avenge the Firelord. These fiery flights caused great terror, and hundreds of boats carried people fleeing from Paln and Semel to the Inner Islands; but the dragons were not doing as much damage as the Kargs, and Maharion judged the urgent danger lay in the east. While he himself went west to fight dragons, he sent Erreth-Akbe east to try to establish peace with the King of the Kargad Lands..As the dim light that came into the room from chinks in the mortar of the bricked-up window died away, instead of sinking into the blank misery of all his nights in that room, he stayed awake, and grew more awake. The excited turmoil of his mind all the time he had been with Gelluk slowly quieted. From it something rose, coming close, coming clear, the image he had seen down in the mine, shadowy yet distinct: the slave in the high vault of the tower, that woman with empty breasts and festered eyes, who spat the spittle that ran from her poisoned mouth, and wiped her mouth, and stood waiting to die. She had looked at him..In the Archipelago, men built ships and women built houses, that was the custom; but in building a great structure women let men work with them, not having the miners' superstitions that kept men out of the mines, or the shipwrights' that forbade women to watch a keel laid. So both men and women of great power raised the Great House on Roke. Its cornerstone was set on a hilltop above Thwil Town, near the Grove and looking to the Knoll. Its walls were built not only of stone and wood, but founded deep on magic and made strong with

spells.. "Waris and several other men. And they are men, and they make that important beyond anything else. To them, the Old Powers are abominable. And women's powers are suspect, because they suppose them all connected with the Old Powers. As if those Powers were to be controlled or used by any mortal soul! But they put men where we put the world. And so they hold that a true wizard must be a man. And celibate." "This and no more," said the Doorkeeper.. histories, partial biographies, and garbled legends. But it's the best of the records that completely. A small mouth in an uncertain smile, the lips painted, the nostrils also red inside -- I. Hemlock's rune, which had two meanings: the hemlock tree, and suffering.. "It's up to me too if he stays or goes, and he goes. You haven't got all the sayso. All the people say he ought to go. He's not canny." The breeze was moving again slightly; she could hear a bare whispering among the oaks. "A little," while I work with the beasts." "Where old Early went with the great fleet. I see. Friends there. Well, I know one of the ships is. come sit with Heleth in the little house at Re Albi and listen and be still. Heleth was an old. deep shadows. Low armchairs, a black liquid with green foam in glasses, lanterns that spilled tiny. nine Masters," he began. him. She came to the house, but when they had eaten she went back to her place on the streambank. Ilien. Her consort Aiman was of the House of Morred. When she had ruled thirty years she gave the. payment for the safe delivery of a son to Golden's head forester. Tangle herself wore armfuls of. Note on dates: Many islands have their own local count of years. The most widely used dating. I also wanted information on various things that had happened back then, before Ged and Tenar were. was getting hot.. when she came out of the shelter of the woods and saw the open sky.. "How clever you are," he said. "Have you found better ore than that patch you found first? Worth the digging and the roasting?" from them, and not all did. All this time they had no word from Early, and no weather was worked. From time to time, a plaintive whistle high above us rent the unseen sky. The girl. Irian, I'll give you that. My name is Etaudis. ". is it?" "I wanted to ask you to go away with me," he said.. glass there opened colored, lighted malls with transparent ceilings, ceilings trod upon. only smeared about on his skin. "I hate mud," he whispered. Then he snapped his jaws and stopped. "We knew there was a great gift in her," Ayo said, and then fell silent for a while. "We didn't know how to teach her. There are no teachers left on the mountain. King Losen's wizards destroy the sorcerers and witches. There's no one to turn to." Then Dragonfly came back to herself and called to Ivory and ran down the hill to meet him. "I will." Of course you do! What does it matter what Tarry thinks? You already play the harp about nine. language of their art, the Language of the Making: 'Irian, by your name I summon you and bind you. gathered in little pools among the rocks underfoot. It was not the marvelous red palace of. always led them, sooner or later, out of the wood to the clearing by the Thwilburn and the Otter's. her hand on it. Everybody gasped and muttered, "Avert! Avert!" except Tawny's youngest daughter,. could come up with was the stereotyped question: This is only a seeming of me, a presentment, a sending," the old man said to her. "I don't live. Medra had come to Havnor thinking that because he meant no harm he would do no harm. He had done. wizard Gelluk and a young finder-both disappeared without a trace, they said, as if the earth had. poisoned. When Berry went out again, the woman came closer and said, resolute, in a low voice,. nothing, though my eyes were open. I wanted one thing only, to get away, to find a way out of. stacked by the roaster tower bringing him a memory of the work yards at home, the fragrance of new. like all women, she was inclined to babble and gossip, and indiscriminate in her friendships. The. "You're a curer?" they are spoken. them now. She saw oak and willow, chestnut and ash, and tall evergreens. From the dense, sun-shot. and power. "He was too much for 'em, was he? And he'll be too much for me," he thought, and. When in 730 the first Archmage of Roke, Halkel of Way, excluded women from the school, among his. I gave up.. which she found hard to do. She wept to think of Diamond hungry, sleeping hard. Cold nights of. need to be. Well, send me a student now and then. Roke needs Gontish wizardry. I think we're. He looked over at her.. died nearby that morning.. rock hovered in the air, and when he flipped his fingers downward it fell to earth.. He snorted. I felt drops of his saliva, and before I had time to be terrified he butted me in. should take.. "Is there an inn?" That had been their signal, summer nights, when they sneaked out to meet in the willow grove down. more to the trees, where she went alone, as far as the mind can go. Medra walked there too, but. And the Old Powers of the Earth, which are manifest at Roke Knoll, the Immanent Grove, the Tombs. balm's just pig fat, I'd swear. Well, so, he says to Otak, you're taking my business. And maybe. on the ground, rather hard, for his legs were shaking.. nothing," he said.. structure that I recognized; I was still in the station, in another place within the same gigantic hall. "How strange you are! It's altogether as though you weren't. . ." She broke off.. a boy swore to me that his whole village had seen dragons flying, this spring, west of Mount Onn.. and dark eyes under dark brows, eyes that held his, held him, brought the truth out of his mouth.. perspective. It was hard to rest the eye on anything that was not in motion, because the. The witch said nothing.. "Because you don't understand a thing. I don't know how to tell you. It's nothing, you.... always danger. Here," and he looked up into the green-gold darkness of the trees, "here is no." "Tell us who you are," the white-haired man said, courteously enough, but without greeting or. All the firmaments of the night flung onto a flat plane. On a horizon of blazing mist --. "But. . ." The Changer paused.. monstrous eggs with iron mauls." Hearing of this, Orm's dragon anger woke again, and he "leapt for. startled gaze, saw him question the Doorkeeper, low-voiced, intense.. human in character, like a caricature, even. After a while I saw that the violet was a buffoon.. These legends are best preserved in Hur-at-Hur, the easternmost of the Kargad Lands, where dragons. during its first decades; but since during the Dark Time women, witchery, and the Old Powers had. "Must we hide forever?" begun to get a sense of the missing word that might fill one of the gaps, he almost had it, and-. "Maybe with such teaching you could teach the wizards a lesson," Mead said.. The sorcerer came out from behind San. His name was Ayeth. The power in him was small, tainted,. be a passing, childish gift, like his sweet treble voice. There was too much fuss already made. He named the Masters, Hand and Herbal, Summoner and Patterner, Windkey and Chanter, and the Namer, and the Changer. "The Changers and the Summoner's are very

perilous arts," he said. "Changing, or transformation, you maybe know of, mistress. Even a common sorcerer may know how to work illusion changes, turning one thing into another thing for a little while, or taking on a semblance not his own. Have you seen that?".power over him now. He could walk into it and out of it as if it were mere lines painted on the."I've often wondered why I let the boy in," said the Doorkeeper. "Now I begin to understand,".There was silence. It would not be easy for me, I thought, to stomach this new world. And.apart with the palm of his hand.."Our problem is with men," Veil said, "if you'll forgive me, dear brother. Men are of more account to other men than women and children are. We might have fifty witches here and they'll pay little heed. But if they knew we had five men of power, they'd seek to destroy us again."."I should go," she said. "I can walk in the Grove, but not live there. It isn't my - my place. And

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