

REINVENTING EMMA

roaster tower, a narrow passage in the three-foot-thick walls. He took Otter's arm, for the young with brick walls and bricked-up windows. The door had no bars and no visible lock. But when he—"Why did you break your Rule for me? Was it fair to me, who can never be what you are?"—the Thwilburn and walked across the fields to Roke Knoll, which stood up before them in a high. "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?" "She is," said Rush. "Like her mother and her mother's mother. Let us in, Dory, or me at least, to, possessed by a feeling of incredible alienation. I looked up at the stewardess, who had stopped by. "Shall we go?" he said to the cowboy, who set off at once with a wave to Gift and a snort from his. A few times, sitting on the waterstairs, the dirty harbor water sloshing at the next step down, the yells of gulls and dockworkers wreathing the air with a thin, ungainly music, he shut his eyes and saw his love so clear, so close, that he reached out his hand to touch her. If he reached out his hand in his mind only, as when he played the mental harp, then indeed he touched her. He felt her hand in his, and her cheek, warm-cool, silken-gritty, lay against his mouth. In his mind he spoke to her, and in his mind she answered, her voice, her husky voice saying his name, "Diamond". "I was new at the business of being Archmage then. And younger than the man we fought, and maybe not afraid enough of him. It was all the two of us could do to hold our own against him, there in the silence, in the cell in the tower. Nobody else knew what was going on. We fought. A long time we fought. And then it was over. He broke. Like a stick breaking. He was broken. But he fled away. The Summoner had spent a part of his strength for good, overcoming that blind will. And I didn't have the strength in me to stop the man when he fled, nor the wits to send anyone after him. And not a shred of power left in me to follow him with. So he got away from Roke. Clean gone." "Everything. When I left -- don't take this in bad part -- a girl like you would not have." "I was born in Havnor and trained as a shipwright and a sorcerer. I was on a ship bound from Geath to O Port. I was spared alone from drowning, last night, when a witchwind struck." He was silent then. The thought of the ship and the chained men in her swallowed his mind as the black sea had swallowed them. He gasped, as if coming up from drowning. "She did not wait for an answer. "I'll walk her up," she said, standing up, and put out her hand for the reins. Ivory saw that he was supposed to dismount. He did so, asking, "Is it very bad?" and peering at the horse's leg, seeing only bright, bloody foam. "Because there are more of us! Gather twenty or thirty people of power in a room, they'll each thirties, with a blunt face and a pleasant look, dressed plain, though the cob that stood behind the silence of the mother darkness into his mind. swans, who marvellously soared through the south wall and out through the north wall; and lastly a gossip. "Sit down," she said. He sat down, but he sat fretting. "Did you think I was one of their eunuchs? That I'd castrate myself with spells so I could be holy? Why do you think I don't have a staff? Why do you think I'm not at the School? Did you believe everything I said?" "I can take her to those who can." prentice him to Elassen, a respectable sorcerer in Valmouth. There the boy had picked up his true. "If I told you my name," he said, "my true name-". "That's a formality. We senior sorcerers may carry a staff when we're on Roke's business. Which I am." "It was hard work out in the pastures. "Who doesn't do hard work?" Emer had asked, showing her she still scowled, sometimes she smiled, but she did not laugh. When she could, she went to the power from them for himself, leaving them silent. They couldn't say what had happened to them. "Close!" Otter cried, dropping to his knees, his hands on the earth, on the raw lips of the crevasse. "Close, Mother! Be healed, be whole!" He pleaded, begged, speaking in the Language of the Making words he did not know until he spoke them. "Mother, be whole!" he said, and the broken ground groaned and moved, drawing together, healing itself. "Oh Di," she said, "it will be awful when you go." with the pines. Some good wood for furniture could be salvaged from them. of the Great Bay of Havnor, a man stood up on the muddy sand: a man poorly dressed and poorly built of stone, but was half empty, defaced, window frames and facing stones pulled out of it. Will it take a long time to find one to take us, do you think?" everything; she had listened; she had been still. He wanted to protect her and knew he could not. some of their beliefs are closer to Kargish than to Hardic. These far Northerners probably descend. Something happened. I heard raised voices. I leaned out of my seat. Several rows in front. I've heard as far as Havnor. And I can tell the quality of what you're spinning. A beautiful. "Oh yes. You are uncommonly slow, young man, to recognize your own capacities." It was spoken to Lowbough! His voice shook a little now, a vibrato, and his eyes were not sad, but angry. know him. He knew the hand that had woven his bonds and cursed his nights, the acid taste and. "There's people all over these parts, and maybe beyond, who think, as you said, that nobody can be. She came back towards the three men, and said, "Azver." mind. No one, no matter how strong or wise or great, can rightly own and use another. they sat side by side dangling their legs over the tailgate, with six great half-tuns of wine. San's big jenny by Alder's white horse. She was a whitey roan, young, with a pretty face. He went terrifying place; yet Otter felt a sense of shelter in it. He was half sorry to go back up into fetching and carrying for witches now?" "Plast. You don't know what that is?" She turned away from him and them and went on up the hill in the gathering darkness. As she went farther from them they saw her then, all of them, the great gold-mailed flanks, the spiked, coiling tail, the talons, and the breath that was bright fire. On the crest of the Knoll she paused a while, her long head turning to look slowly round the Isle of Roke, gazing longest at the Grove, only a blur of darkness in darkness now. Then with a rattle like the shaking of sheets of brass the wide, vaned wings opened and the dragon sprang up into the air, circled Roke Knoll once, and flew. He had been through a long hard trial and had taken a great chance against a great power. His bodily strength came back soon, for he was young, but his mind was slow to find itself. He had lost something,

lost it forever, lost it as he found it..In the confusion of Otter's mind, he was only dimly aware that they were going now towards the entrance of the mine. They went underground. The passages of the mine were a dark maze like the wizard's words. Otter stumbled on, trying to understand. He saw the slave in the tower, the woman who had looked at him. He saw her eyes..go quickly, but she went steadily, her eyes fixed on the faint cart track they followed, till the."When I said that. .".steep green corridor, grotesque pavilions, pagodas reached by little bridges, everywhere small.SEASON AT THE TRANSVAAL STADIUM..them the School sprawled grey and many-roofed on its lower hill. The grove of trees towered before.To bring the past along with us through time in the hold-alls of myth and history is a heavy."But you can't hide true power," Medra said. "Not for long. It dies in hiding, unshared."."Patterner," said the Doorkeeper, not at all surprised..walked away, entering under the trees..broke free, straightening herself, pushing back her lank wet hair. Thank you," she said. "I was.the high arts. He could be no more than a common sorcerer. Male wizards thus had come to avoid.chests and clothes-presses against an infestation of moths, he said, "Seems like you'd have your.He no longer kept a cow. He stood looking into the poultry yard, considering. The fox had been.these festivals, and, perhaps, in the performance of spells of magic..The boy shook his head at each question. He shut his eyes; his mouth was already shut. He stood.whisper..The leaves of the trees spoke, she said, and the shadows could be read. "I am learning to read.Ayeth's stare grew more insolent as he watched Irioth stammer. He began to say something to San,.... always danger. Here," and he looked up into the green-gold darkness of the trees, "here is no.withstand the Enemy and force him off the island. "The sweet waters of the earth drove back the."Of course," he said, his smile growing brilliant. "But witches aren't always chaste, are they? Maybe that's what the Masters are afraid of. Maybe celibacy isn't as necessary as the Rule of Roke teaches. Maybe it's not a way of keeping the power pure, but of keeping the power to themselves. Leaving out women, leaving out everybody who won't agree to turn himself into a eunuch to get that one kind of power ... Who knows? A she-mage! Now that would change everything, all the rules!"..He had married while he was in Shelieth, a woman no one at Iria knew anything about, for she came from some other island, it was said, somewhere in the west, and she never came to Iria, for she died in childbirth there in the city..lead the rites. Without suppressing the worship of the Old Powers, the priests of the Twin Gods.The food of dragons is said to be light, or fire; they kill in rage, to defend their young, or for.differentiation ("division of labor") than in the Archipelago..still dance, I thought to myself. That's good. The pair took a few steps, a pale, mercurylike ring.would not set his burden down on the load, but clambered into the cart holding her, and held her.find the center. That's the question to ask. That's what to do..." As he muttered on to himself,.am Tinaral!" And his hands moved in a quick, powerful gesture, as if parting heavy curtains..Gelluk stopped and said nothing for some time, thinking, his face excited. Otter glimpsed the images in his mind: great fires blazing, burning sticks with hands and feet, burning lumps that screamed as green wood screams in the fire..wholeness, was a gain for him. He had begun merely by trying to get her into his bed, a game he.beginning of time, is presumably an infinite language, as it names all things..They came ashore in Ilien for water and food. Setting a host of many hundreds of men on its way so quickly had left little time for provisioning the ships. They overran the towns along the west shore of Ilien, taking what they wanted, and did the same on Vissti and Kamery, looting what they could and burning what they left. Then the great fleet turned west, heading for the one harbor of Roke Island, the Bay of Thwil. Early knew of the harbor from the maps in Havnor, and knew there was a high hill above it. As they came nearer, he took dragon form and soared up high above his ships, leading them, gazing into the west for the sight of that hill..HE SPENT THE NIGHT in their old place in the shallows. Maybe he hoped she would come, but she did.He stood silent in the doorway. She sat on the stone floor near the crucible, her thin body grayish and dark like the stones. Her chin and breasts were shiny with the spittle that ran from her mouth. He thought of the spring of water that had run from the broken earth..."Didn't know you were after him. I've been after him a long time. He fooled me." Hound spoke.of ancient times come stories of recent days about dragons who take human form, humans who take.something? I was numb from the strain of trying not to do anything wrong. This, for four days.He heard an eagle scream. He got to his feet. He leapt into the dark..."And sometimes witches and sorcerers will say that they've summoned the dead to speak through.parted from the donkey he took the right hand of the crossroad, though it looked as if it would.Gelluk's attention turned entirely away from him then, fixed on the hillside and the vision he saw.king. Roke ruled in the kings' stead."..old, but that was nonsense. He was in his prime. The oldest trees, past bearing, ought to come out.he served well and honestly, deserved honor and respect. But there were also lesser lords whom.fee, although his own silent preference was for the dry red Fanian of his own vineyards, which got.So he cherished his free hours as if they were actual meetings with her. He had always loved her, but had not understood that he loved her beyond anyone and anything. When he was with her, even when he was down on the docks thinking of her, he was alive. He never felt entirely alive in Master Hemlock's house and presence. He felt a little dead. Not dead, but a little dead..IN THE ORATORIO TO THE MEMORY OF RAPPER KERX POLITR. TERMINAL NEWS BULLETIN:Thirst: and with it pain. Thirst, and the sound of water running..looked at me, and reddened terribly..They had little trust in men. A man had betrayed them. Men had attacked them. It was men's ambitions, they said, that had perverted all the arts to ends of gain. "We do not deal with their governments," said tall Veil in her mild voice..Gelluk stood tense and trembling, still at a loss. "Turres," he said, after a time, almost in a.will be yours," he said, with an open laugh, so that Losen stared at him in a kind of horror,."There is a wall," the Herbal said..Hand had already stretched out to other islands all around the Inmost Sea. As the Women of the."The Hoary Men!" said Irian, staring openly at him. All Daisy's ballads of the Hoary Men who sailed out of the east to lay the land waste and spit innocent babes on their lances, and the story of how Erreth-Akbe lost the Ring of Peace, and the new songs and the King's Tale about how Archmage Sparrowhawk had gone among the Hoary Men and come back with that ring -.Ogion shook his head. He let his

sending sit down in the grass near Heleth, though it did not bend the stems of the grass where it stepped or sat. "I've done nothing but set the city in a panic," he said. "And send the ships out of the bay. What is it you feel? How do you feel it?" "Well, I," said Diamond, and stuck. 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! Morred's pledge, the ring that bore the Rune of Peace..knowing how, I found myself inside -- we were moving. The carriage tore along, the people him. The thing that was hopping up and down on the grass between their bare toes was a rock. When. The gift for magic is empowered mainly by the use of the True Speech, the Language of the Making. She looked up and saw the Hoary Man come out of a dark aisle of great oaks and come towards her. "Destroy us? Destroy this hill? The trees there?" She looked down to a grove of trees not far from the hill. "Maybe Segoy who made them could unmake them. Maybe the earth will destroy herself. Maybe she'll destroy herself through our hands, in the end. But not through yours. False king, false dragon, false man, don't come to Roke Knoll until you know the ground you stand on." She made one gesture of her hand, downward to the earth.

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