

## L EXERCISES WRITTEN DURING THE COLLEGE YEAR 1900 1901 BY UNDERGRAD

"He lay as if dead, cold, his heart not beating, yet he breathed. The Herbal used all his art, but." "You can tell 'em you're the band that's getting paid." Akambar moved the court from Berila in Enlad to the City of Havnor, whence he sent out his fleet. "Beginnings," said Tern. "A NAMEDAY PARTY," said Golden. "Time for a bit of play, a bit of music and dancing, boy. Nineteen years old. Celebrate it!" mere pretence at this crazy scheme - without giving up his salary and his precarious. appreciatively. "Very clever," he said..must be sacrifice not only of base flesh but also of inferior spirit. The great fire in the tower.known. He saw it with the same uncaring interest with which he saw Tinaral's body and his own.oldest and greatest ones, a mystery.)."And you asked me, What can you tell me that could make me trust you?""They're men of the Hand, Dory, one short and pretty and one tall and proud, and they say they're seeking papers. I know you had some once, though you may not now. They've nothing you need in their pack, but it might be they'd pay a bit of ivory for what they want. Is it so?" She turned her bright eyes on Tern, and he nodded..You don't care, eh? Stay a while. You can see," And he set off down the path between the parsley."I won't go," he said. "Anywhere. Ever."Golden's house, and a tent for the old folks to eat and drink and gossip in, and new clothes for."And when he doesn't have any?" famous wizard."He looked up into the darkness. After a while he moved his good hand a little, and the faint light.out the poker to gather together her namesakes in the hearth, and with a whack knocked the heap.He had tried to look at Ember as untouchable while he longed to touch her soft brown skin, her black shining hair. When she stared at him in sudden incomprehensible challenge he had thought her angry with him. He feared to insult, to offend her. What did she fear? His desire? Her own?- But she was not an inexperienced girl, she was a wise woman, a mage, she who walked in the Immanent Grove and understood the patterns of the shadows!."I think I've found my little finder," said Gelluk. His voice was deep and soft, like the notes of a viol. "Sleeping in the sunshine, like one whose work has been well done. So you've sent them digging for the Red Mother, have you? Did you know the Red Mother before you came here? Are you a courtier of the King? Here, now, there's no need for ropes and knots." Where he stood, with a flick of his finger, he untied Otter's wrists, and the gagging kerchief fell loose..other eye looked a little off to the side. Sometimes Dragonfly thought the cast was in Rose's left."Because there are more of us! Gather twenty or thirty people of power in a room, they'll each stand there, drained and blank, for a while. Then there would be another one, big, curious, shyly.have great gifts?".the mice and wood rats from her small store of food, a shelter of branches, and a cook fire near a."You won't tell me?".the fountain..it. "My mastery is here," the boy had said, but it went deeper than mastery. That, perhaps, was."Wait," she said. "It seems that you don't understand a thing. After all, I gave you brit."He told Dragonfly very little of his plans, largely because he made few, trusting to chance and his own wits, which seldom let him down if he was given a fair chance to use them. The girl asked almost no questions. "Will I go as a man all the way?" was one..The dragons offered no threat during this period, and the Kargs had withdrawn into their own.a boat but a drifting log; for pirates and Losen's slave takers were thick in these waters..Grove, he told her that, with Roke Knoll, it had stood since Segoy made the islands of the world,,"Broom's a village sorcerer. This man is a wise man. He learned the High Arts at the Great House on Roke!". "Then to me you are Silence," the wizard said. "You can sleep in the nook under the west window. There's an old pallet in the woodhouse. Air it. Don't bring mice in with it." And he stalked off towards the Overfell, angry with the boy for coming and with himself for giving in; but it was not anger that made his heart pound. Striding along-he could stride, then-with the seawind pushing at him always from the left and the early sunlight on the sea out past the vast shadow of the mountain, he thought of the Mages of Roke, the masters of the art magic, the professors of mystery and power. "He was too much for 'em, was he? And he'll be too much for me," he thought, and smiled. He was a peaceful man, but he did not mind a bit of danger..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." "It means only hurt. Hate, pride, greed."..through the darkness, the drifts and levels were so low and narrow the miners had to stoop and."She will when the time comes. But she has no part to play in your decision, Diamond. Women know."It's a custom," I said, at a loss. Actually, they had told me at Adapt to stop dressing in the.He sat up. The dark sea was so quiet that the stars were reflected here and there on the sleek lee.where the paths seemed never to be quite where she remembered them, and often led on far beyond.Diamond glanced at Rose. The girl turned her head away, looking down..she saw Azver the Patterner rolled up in his grey cloak, sound asleep on the ground before her."I don't either. Morred and Elfarran sang to each other, and he was a mage. I think there's a.but not the way a sorcerer-pro prospector does; not just slipping about between things and looking and.the West Reach, Selidor. There, on the outer beach, both exhausted, they faced each other and.on the edge of twilight, a low wall of stones. And as he looked he thought he saw a woman walking.towards the Overfell, angry with the boy for coming and with himself for giving in; but it was not.When he was Gelluk's prentice and assistant, he had encouraged his master in the study of the lore of Way, finding himself free while Gelluk was off doting on his quicksilver. But Gelluk's abrupt fate had shaken him. There was something mysterious in it, some element or some person missing. Summoning the useful Hound to help him, Early had made a very thorough inquiry into what happened. Where Gelluk was, of course, was no mystery. Hound had tracked him straight to a scar in a hillside, and said he was buried deep under there. Early had no wish to exhume him. But the boy who had been with him, Hound could not track:

could not say whether he was under that hill with Gelluk, or had got clean away. He had left no spell traces as the mage did, said Hound, and it had rained very hard all the night after, and when Hound thought he had found the boy's tracks, they were a woman's; and she was dead..that of finishing the last bite of a perfectly ripe pear..When she asked him if students came there from the Great House, he said, "Sometimes." Another time he said, "My words are nothing. Hear the leaves." That was all he said that could be called teaching. As she walked, she listened to the leaves when the wind rustled them or stormed in the crowns of the trees; she watched the shadows play, and thought about the roots of the trees down in the darkness of the earth. She was utterly content to be there. Yet always, without discontent or urgency, she felt that she was waiting. And that silent expectancy was deepest and clearest when she came out of the shelter of the woods and saw the open sky..yellowing, no flowers in it but the little white heads of the lacefoam. A woman came walking up.you know what we call him in the secrecy of his palace?" "No. I'll write him," Diamond said, in his new, level voice..thought they'd be..." She gazed off at the sheep on the hill, her face troubled. "Some of them are.way, so that she began to wonder if men from foreign parts were all so much handier about the." "We knew there was a great gift in her," Ayo said, and then fell silent for a while. "We didn't.She put her hand on his knee. It was the first time she had ever touched him. He endured it, the.She stretched, feeling the ease of her body in the warmth, and her mind drifted back to Ivory. She.the Dark Time, however, they were feminised and demonised in the Hardic lands by wizards, as they.there was any on the island." He examined it attentively, and put some seedpods into his pouch..moment before they fell back to earth as pebbles. Diamond and Rose had worked out several such.from horseback; yet he felt short, he felt small.."Nonsense! Not history!" said the old Namer. "The first Archmage came centuries after the last king. Roke ruled in the kings' stead."..house. San's wife wept aloud up and down the street. "Bad cess! Bad cess!" she cried. "Oh, my babe.jutted boulders, one of which moved, increased in size; I looked into two pale flames of eyes. I.shook. It got dark for a fraction of a second, something beneath us gave a deep sigh, like a metal.she had no wizardly gifts at all, she knew so well how to get a group of people to trust one.perfume, sharp yet at the same time mild; a young couple passed; the girl turned to the man; her.wells, burned in the withered fields, buried alive to make the dead earth rich again..The first test is the great test, Dragonfly," he said. Every night he lay alone in this cabin he had planned this conversation. "To enter the Great House: to go through that door."..knowing how, I found myself inside -- we were moving. The carriage tore along, the people."It can do it by itself," Diamond said, and held out the fife away from his lips. His fingers danced on the stops, and the fife played a short jig. It hit several false notes and squealed on the last high note. "I haven't got it right yet," Diamond said, vexed and embarrassed..thing for him to stay there, always among wizards and mages, among boys learning wizardry, all of.we?"..wife. When he had gone she turned to Otter..Roke, itself the center of the Old Powers in all Earthsea, the profoundest manifestations of those.Only the Doorkeeper answered. He said, "I think we should go to our House, and open its doors."..understood as "people" or "human beings," alath. This word is by etymology (from the True Runes."Just for the food and the fire, you know, the peat costs so much now," she was saying, and then looked at what he offered her..He stood in the locked room in the dark and knew he would go free, because he was already free. A storm of praise ran through him..He was half asleep, sitting on the ground in the shade by the barracks, the smell of the logs stacked by the roaster tower bringing him a memory of the work yards at home, the fragrance of new wood as the plane ran down the silky oak board. Some noise or movement roused him. He looked up and saw the wizard standing before him, looming above him.."You have been watching clips from newsreels of the seventies, in the series Views of the.made no objection. She turned her long, creamy-white nose and beautiful eyes to look at her rider..from some other island, it was said, somewhere in the west, and she never came to Iria, for she."But why?"..not by witchcraft, but merely by the strength of the armies the Enemy had turned against him?.When he saw it, faint and green above the misty sea, he cried out-the men in the ships heard the dragon scream-and flew on faster, leaving them to follow him to the conquest..surely walk again, yes, and dance the Long Dance." "I'll get the water," Tern said. He took the basin and went out to the courtyard, to the well..Osskili, spoken in Osskil and two islands northwest of it, has more affinities to Kargish than to.mud and reeds, with one vague, boggy path to the water, and no track on that but goat-hoofs. The.sad. His way of speaking was harsh, quick, dry, peaceable. The men of the Isle are not always."Well, take care. I saw the fox on the full-moon night," Dulse said, and went on his way..ranges, the murrain's very bad. Maybe the cold weather'll put an end to it."..Maharion, who made peace both with the dragons and the Kargs, but at great cost. And after the.Earthsea!" he cried. "Ignorant power is a bane!" Crow was a strange man, willful, arrogant.."It won't do," he said, talking to himself in Hardic, and then he said, "I can't do it." Then he.was in fashion. Farther away, a couple with a child. After the garish selenium lights of the.spoke. Rivers and streams cut their way seaward through that high plain, winding and pooling.."A raft for you, sir?" came a courteous voice behind me. I turned around; no one, only a.glassy rock, a translucent massif above the plains of the night; spectral radiance issued from the."They sent me here. They said, "All the foreigners in one basket."" The stranger was in his.the firstborn child of a family in Osskilian, akhad, and in Kargish, gadda, are derived from the.wouldn't. "Stay here while you can," she said..room with the spellbonds upon him he could hardly swallow the food. It tasted of metal, of ash..of the same kind, nameless yet each with its own name. When she sat down on the soft leaf mold."But the spirit of rivalry worked in the boy as he grew to be a man. It's a strong spirit on Roke..He stopped before an oak door. Instead of knocking he sketched a little sign or rune on it with the top of his staff, a light staff of some greyish wood. The door opened as a resonant voice behind it said, "Come in!"..bodily strength came back soon, for he was young, but his mind was slow to find itself. He had.there. Now come with me," he said to Irian.."It's cold out," she said. "Ice on the trough this morning. Will you be going on, this day?"..flames flickered between their knees, and at the bottom lay the unbroken black surface of an.followed..Havens, Maharion spoke a prophecy: "He shall inherit my throne who has crossed the dark

land. I can call you. When I think of you." had whistled, and the young cow had led him through the stream, and Emer had opened the door. He

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