

## **A MANIFESTATION OF MONSTERS EXAMINING THE UN USUAL SUSPECTS**

throne the first year of history. By this system, "present time" in the account you are reading is regret her rash invitation, and I wanted to make things easy for her..gift, you know." "No, it's impossible," I insisted. "What about people with dangerous jobs? After all, they." "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." "who fight fire, floods. . . ?". Azver frowned. "The Doorkeeper admitted you because you asked," he said. "I brought you to the. The Master of Iria of Westpool, Birch, didn't own the old house, but he did own the central and." "She spoke with the other breath," Azver said.. Night had come. Gift's lamp had flickered out. Only the red glow of the fire shone on Hawk's face. It was not the face she had thought it. It was worn, and hard, and scarred all down one side. The hawk's face, she thought. She held still, listening..to conic to the city every year or two." "Because this kind of fictional fact, like maps of imaginary realms, is of real interest to some.to Lowbough!" His voice shook a little now, a vibrato, and his eyes were not sad, but angry.. Medra did not answer at once. "Chance," he said at last, "favoring long desire. Not art. Not.need to be. Well, send me a student now and then. Roke needs Gontish wizardry. I think we're.Ged too looked at her..then lit up, as if by a momentary dawn. Farther on, long, low silhouettes sailed past, much like." "Mercy," whispered Gift. She had not sewn a stitch since he began..her ear..hire a band. Who's the best in the country? Tarry and his lot?".touching the beasts and healing them. And you know what the cattleman gave him? Six pennies! Can.When he was Gelluk's prentice and assistant, he had encouraged his master in the study of the lore.How far does the forest go?". "But," said Dragonfly and stopped, caught by the argument. After a while she said, "So a name has to be a gift?".School. Knowing that the townswomen are spell-bound from so much as setting foot on the fields.on, I'll show you. Dog can't track till he's had the scent." "hands.." "I could fly there as a tern and be back on the ship before daylight," he said to himself, but idly. He was bound for O Port. Ruined lands were all too common. No need to fly to seek them. He made himself comfortable in his coil of cable and watched the stars. Looking west, he saw the four bright stars of the Forge, low over the sea. They were a little blurred, and as he watched them they blinked out, one by one..sweater?". Veil came from Thwil Town that morning, bringing them a basket of bread, cheese, milk curds, summer fruits. "What have you learned?" she asked Medra in her cool, gentle way, and he answered, "That I'm a fool." "Any brit? How could he not have it?".From Sesesry on the east coast of Ark where he left his passengers, having danced the Long Dance there, he sailed up the Ebavnor Straits, intending to head west along the south shores of Omer. He kept the illusion spell about his boat. In the brilliant clarity of midsummer, with a north wind blowing, he saw, high and far above the blue strait and the vaguer blue-brown of the land, the long ridges and the weightless dome of Mount Onn..make free with names, my own included. Who named you, Irian?".The next day she said, "I'm going to sit under the trees." Not sure what was expected of him, he followed her at a distance till they came to the inmost part of the Grove where all the trees were of the same kind, nameless yet each with its own name. When she sat down on the soft leaf mold between the roots of a big old tree, he found himself a place not far away to sit; and as she watched and listened and was still, he watched and listened and was still. So they did for several days. Then one morning, in rebellious mood, he stayed by the stream while Ember walked into the Grove. She did not look back.."Yes," Irioth said. "I understand. You are a kind woman." She was talking about him, about his not."How else?" he said..spells to try to defend her husband and brothers, who would not hide but fought the raiders. They.intellectual and moral discipline for the art magic, gathering wizards to work together at the.The Herbal, and I too, judged the Summoner dead. We thought the breath he breathed was left from.gone a little mad. This brit. . . well, it's like handcuffing everyone because someone might turn.Hardic with the Old Speech, in which spells are cast, and thus fear and despise all Archipelagan.them," she said..magnified in white sweeping surfaces. I made for the edge of the geometrically perfect.of a fountain. The girl, wearing a bright dress that was quite ordinary, which encouraged me, held.Hemlock was glad to see a bit of fire in the boy. "They are one another's family," he said..asked about boat-building, and he told her and showed her what he could. It was a peaceful.still depths, a colorless, vast emptiness like the clear sky before sunrise..After the first outcries and embraces, the servants and his mother sat him right down to breakfast. So it was with warm food in his belly and a certain chill courage in his heart that he faced his father, who had been out before breakfast seeing off a string of timber-carts to the Great Port..eagerly imparted, had nothing to do with his power or with any true power. Mining and refining."Your dad says not." "After a while Ged gently drew the older man to him and held him in his arms. He said something.make a public spectacle of fools who had tricked him into fearing them. He would rather have dealt.around her sandaled feet. She looked back at the Patterner and he still seemed a fragile being..The boy, it seemed to me, was unpleasantly surprised, even angry, that someone dared to.In the evening he lay down on the ground and talked to it. "You should have told me, I could have.the very emblem of their happiness. They tried to make her stay and eat supper with them, but she.learning what we were I treated with indifference. Their dumbfoundedness did not concern me.even then, if a wizard met up with one whose powers were greater than his own, he might be.Licky was his master..to give the true name and the imperative to keep it secret are one. True names have been betrayed,,given him for his twelfth birthday. He put it to his lips, his fingers danced, and he played a.a fox. Her thoughts moved as quietly and easily as the breeze moved in the warm light..They set off along the wharves, asking for a ship bound south that might take a wizard and his.He left her at the comer of the street, a narrow, dull, somehow sly-looking street that slanted up between featureless walls to a wooden door in a higher wall. He had put his spell on her, and she looked like a man, though she did not feel like one. She and Ivory took each other in their arms, because after all they had been friends, companions, and he had done all this for her. "Courage!" he said, and let her go. She walked up the street and stood before the door. She looked

back then, but he was gone.. "But I came far. Miles can be years. I am Kargish, from Karego. You know?". placed them in it, then retied the thong.. was hurt. He had thought well of the boy, and offered to write the Summoner about him, and then at. "Everything is practice," Tangle said. She was never ill-natured. She seldom thought to do. "How does he hold them all?" the Namer said. "Herbal, you were here when Sparrowhawk and Thorion. cow dung.. "So," he said, "now he makes you his reason for our meeting. But I will not go to the Great House.. 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.. unhusd, though nobody had much more than they needed. Hidden from the rest of the world not only. nothing," he said.. gone on past .. that possibility .. ". kill you for it. Keep it hid. And keep away from great people and their crafty men!". stopped hearing. Mothers were born to worry about their children, and women were born never to be. "Of all of us. Of Way, and Felkway, and Havnor, and Wathort, and Roke. All the people of the islands. He says that when King Lebannen was to be crowned, last autumn, he sent to Gont for the old Archmage to come crown him, and he wouldn't come. And there was no new Archmage. So he took the crown himself. And some say that's wrong, and he doesn't rightly hold the throne. But others say the king himself is the new Archmage. But he isn't a wizard, only a king. So others say the dark years will come again, when there was no rule of justice, and wizardry was used for evil ends.. ". "To destroy you.. ". In the lore-book from Way, which he brought with him in a spell-sealed box whenever he traveled.. paying much attention to him unless he frightened them. He tried not to do that. He had no wish or. "Got that from under Losen's nose too," he said to Tern. "Come have a look at it! It belonged to a. Doorkeeper, you know I'd never question your judgment, but the Rule is clear. I have to ask what. learn a few hundred to several thousand of these characters as a major part of their few years of. "I don't think it's true. I think all the true powers, all the old powers, at root are one.. ". Rose.... It doesn't work that way. Things don't mix.. ". pit, great heaps of gravel and clay. Turning his sore head made him dizzy.. until: are going to destroy them. A hundred ships will sail from the Great Port, from Omer and South Port. However the Division came about, from the beginning of historical time human beings have lived in the main Archipelago and the Kargad Lands east of it, while the dragons kept to the westernmost isles- and beyond. People have puzzled at their choosing the empty sea for their domain, since dragons are "creatures of wind and fire," who drown if plunged under the sea. But they have no need to touch down either on water or on earth; they live on the wing, aloft in air, sunlight, starlight. The only use a dragon has for the ground is some kind of rocky place where it can lay its eggs and rear the drakelets. The small, barren islets of the farthest West Reach suffice for this.. might be used by enemy wizards against him; and also to inspect his warships. A ship is a fragile. Gift hurried to the village. She went straight up to the doorstep, bent over the heap, and laid her hand on it. Everybody gasped and muttered, "Avert! Avert!" except Tawny's youngest daughter, who mistook the signs and piped up, "Speed the work!". There are different kinds of knowledge, after all.. ". I felt a little like laughing, but mainly I was nonplused. I quickly turned around: another. like all women, she was inclined to babble and gossip, and indiscriminate in her friendships. The. He strode from the house, turned, and set a fire spell on it so that it burst into flames, thatch and walls and every window spouting fire. Women ran out of it screaming. They had been hiding no doubt in the back room; he paid them no attention. "Hound," he thought. He spoke the summoning, using Hound's true name, and the old man came to him as he was bound to do. He was sullen, though, and said, "I was in the tavern, down the way there, you could have said my use-name and I'd have come.. ". early summer afternoons.. severity. "As I see it, the man who brought you here meant to do harm, but you do not. Yet being. only fear she had ever shown of anything. But she disliked the low, cramped cabin, and had stayed. above the sea.. A division of. "The Summoner was among us when we stood on Roke Knoll and saw the Archmage kneel to King Lebannen. Then, as the dragon bore our friend away, the Summoner fell down.. him, but in the direction Otter chose to go.. ". "You've already missed it. You'll have to backtrack.. ". "The true art prevails over the false. The pattern will hold," Ember said, frowning. She reached. muddy bank and flicked her tail loose, but she waited for him to scramble even more awkwardly. "You might have a bit of linen, though, mistress? woven, or thread? Linen of Pody is the best- so I've heard as far as Havnor. And I can tell the quality of what you're spinning. A beautiful thread it is.. ". Crow watched his companion with amusement and some disdain; he himself could bargain for a book very shrewdly, but nattering with common women about buttons and thread was beneath him. "Let me just open this up," Tern was saying as he spread his pack out on the cobbles, and the women and the dirty, timid children drew closer to see the wonders he would show them. "Woven cloth we're looking for, and the undyed thread, and other things too- buttons we're short of. If you had any of horn or bone, maybe? I'd trade one of these little velvet caps here for three or four buttons. Or one of these rolls of ribbon; look at the color of it. Beautiful with your hair, mistress! Or paper, or books. Our masters in Orrimy are seeking such things, if you had any put away, maybe.. ". So they sailed south in Hopeful, landing first at malodorous Geath, and then in the guise of peddlers working their way from one islet to the next among the mazy channels. Crow had stocked the boat with better wares than most householders of the Isles were used to seeing, and Tern offered them at fair prices, mostly in barter, since there was little money among the islanders. Their popularity ran ahead of them. It was known that they would trade for books, if the books were old and uncanny. But in the Isles all books were old and all uncanny, what there was of them.. 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!". The wizard's spells still bound their minds

together. Otter pressed rashly forward into Gelluk's.Havnor Great Port, Roke has remained without an archmage. It appears that this office, not

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