

## AL CAPONE THROWS ME A CURVE

"Come on then, my love," the young woman said, not to him. The mare followed her trustfully. They pushed and shoved in the swarming crowds, I attempted to work my way to some clear space, but than I, did this for me. Standing in front of me was a girl, perhaps twenty years old, in something. Under Roke's steadily growing influence, wizardry was shaped into a coherent body of knowledge, its use increasingly controlled by moral and political purpose. Wizards trained at the school went to other islands of the Archipelago to work against warlords, pirates, and feuding nobles, preventing raids and forays, imposing penalties and settlements, enforcing boundaries, and protecting individuals, farms, towns, cities, and shipping, until social order was re-established. In the early years they were sent to enforce peace; increasingly they were called on to maintain it. While the throne in Havnor remained empty, for over two hundred years Roke School served effectively as the central government of the Archipelago. development of the worship of the Twin Gods Atwah and Wuluah, originally heroes of a desert saga. He pulled up some grass and rubbed at the slimy mud on his feet and legs. It was not dry yet, and only smeared about on his skin. "I hate mud," he whispered. Then he snapped his jaws and stopped trying to clean his legs. "Dirt, dirt," he said, gently patting the ground he sat on. Then, very slow, very careful, he began to speak the spell of calling. the old men and women would read aloud in a hall down by the wharf where the fisherwomen made and. "Something toxic, you understand. Strong. Alcohol. . . or don't they drink it any more?" into a blaze. "That I know. But our lives are short, and the patterns very long. If only Roke was." Often. Seeing only boys and men, day after day, in the Great House and all the precincts of the School. Knowing that the townswomen are spell-bound from so much as setting foot on the fields about Roke Knoll. Once in years, perhaps, some great lady is allowed to come briefly into the outer courts. . . Why is it so? Are all women incapable of understanding? Or is it that the Masters fear them, fear to be corrupted - no, but fear that to admit women might change the rule they cling to - the ... purity of that rule." "Flew away?" divided land. By the time the girl called Dragonfly was born, the domain of Iria, though still one. Diamond cried, and was carried off in a swirl of young men and women, all laughing and chattering. He stopped before an oak door. Instead of knocking he sketched a little sign or rune on it with. The villagers shook their heads. Gift was a brave woman, but there was such a thing as being too brave. Or brave, they said around the tavern table, in the wrong way, or the wrong place, d'you see. Nobody should ought to meddle with sorcery that ain't born to it. Nor with sorcerers. You forget that. They seem the same as other folk. But they ain't like other folk. Seems there's no harm in a curer. Heal the foot rot, clear a caked udder. That's all fine. But cross one and there you are, fire and shadows and curses and falling down in fits. Uncanny. Always was uncanny, that one. Where'd he come from, anyhow? Answer me that. thing in a dangerous element, vulnerable to spells and hexes. As soon as Hound came aboard the new. It was as strangely quiet as the farmlands. Not a voice, not a face. It was difficult to feel uneasy in an ordinary-looking town on a sweet spring morning, but in such silence he must wonder if he was indeed in a plague-stricken place or an island under a curse. He went on. Between a house and an old plum tree was a wash line, the clothes pinned on it flapping in the sunny breeze. A cat came round the corner of a garden, no abandoned starveling but a white-pawed, well-whiskered, prosperous cat. And at last, coming down the steep little street, which here was cobbled, he heard voices. "He's dead," she said, "two years. The marsh fever. You have to watch out for that, here. The. altogether. . . I was just going when you sat down." "What are you saying, Nais? What about pilots? And various rescue workers? And those. to call a truce and withdraw from the occupied Hardic islands if Maharion would seek no reprisal. up ten feet tall and struck Sunbright into a lump of coal with lightning, before foaming at the. round. "The names witches give each other are not our concern here," he said. "If you have some." "Not in your father's house, Di." male, though in fact the gender of all dragons is a matter of conjecture, and in the case of the. the witch "the wisewoman," but a witch was a witch and her daughter was no fit companion for. he got to his feet and went on. He never saw Anieb but he knew she was there. He followed her. images in his mind: great fires blazing, burning sticks with hands and feet, burning lumps that. to the right of the hearth, and took up her mending. "Get warm through, and then I'll show you." "The true art prevails over the false. The pattern will hold," Ember said, frowning. She reached out the poker to gather together her namesakes in the hearth, and with a whack knocked the heap into a blaze. "That I know. But our lives are short, and the patterns very long. If only Roke was now what it once was- if we had more people of the true art gathered here, teaching and learning as well as preserving-" .and banish darkness from the islands forever. The Firelord took dragon form to fight Erreth-Akbe, numerals flowed down narrow screens; other booths had shutters instead of doors, which lifted. "No need," said the man like a falcon. "I will." And he said, "Irioth." .during its first decades; but since during the Dark Time women, witchery, and the Old Powers had. She nodded. Writing is said to have been invented by the Rune Masters, the first great wizards of the Archipelago, perhaps to aid in retaining the Old Speech. The dragons have no writing. underground. I went on, now in a sea of moving lights, of displays without glass fronts, among. Maharion and Erreth-Akbe became "hearts brothers." They spent ten years together fighting the Kargs, whose occasional forays from the East had in recent times become a slave-taking, colonising invasion. Venway, Torheven and the Torikles, Spevy, Perregal, and parts of Gont were under Kargish dominion for a generation or longer. At Shelieth on Way, Erreth-Akbe worked a great magic against the Kargish forces, who had landed in "a thousand ships" on Waymarsh and were swarming across the mainland. Using an invocation of the Old Powers called the Waterlore (perhaps the same that Elfarran had used on Solea against the Enemy), he turned the waters of the Fountains of Shelieth-sacred springs and pools in the gardens of the Lords of Way-into a flood that swept the invaders back to the seacoast, where Maharion's army awaited them. No ship of the fleet returned to Karego-At. The two earliest surviving epic or historical texts are The Deed of Enlad, and The

Song of the."Yes -". "Indeed, for the sailors feared him too, and kept him bound that way all the voyage. When the Doorkeeper of the Great House of Roke saw him, he loosed his hands and freed his tongue. And the first thing the boy did in the Great House, they say, he turned the Long Table of the dining hall upside down, and soured the beer, and a student who tried to stop him got turned into a pig for a bit... But the boy had met his match in the Masters..till the dogs were yelling around him in a frenzy, snapping at the mare's legs. She plunged and.give Ivory a purse for his journey. It was the first real money he had had in his pocket for.House, but inside the wood it was all shadows..wizards, for the rest of their lives.. "He does," she said. "He heals the cattle." And he was easy, he was still, he held fast, rock in rock and earth in earth in the fiery dark of.when he was seven or eight he had lost the hang of it and never could do it again.. "Should I speak to him?" Gift asked in a steady voice..He sat down on his narrow bunk and looked at her sitting on her narrow bunk; they could not face each other directly, as there was no room for their knees. At O Port she had bought herself a decent shirt and breeches, at his suggestion, so as to look a more probable candidate for the School. Her face was windburned and scrubbed clean. Her hair was braided and the braid clubbed, like Ivory's. She had got her hands clean, too, and they lay flat on her thighs, long strong hands, like a man's..The five tales in this book explore or extend the world established by the first four Earthsea.loved to play. The game had turned to a kind of contest he had not expected but could not put an.the weakness of the old darkness came into Erreth-Akbe's limbs,.without a spell or two. A village hut with a palace floor. Well, it'll be a sight, come winter, to.was seventy. He still looked forty, though he felt seventy and moved like it, wincing. He got his."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."The witch sighed, like the ewe, uneasy and constrained..writing. From that time on, The Creation of Ea, The Winter Carol, the Deeds, the Lays, and the.No, not for her. We can do nothing for the dead. But for..."mystery, but I don't know. I only know that since I set foot on that hill I've been as I was when."Get back, you black-hearted bitch!" she yelled. "Home, you crawling traitor!" And the dogs fell.By the beginning of autumn, Losen was hanging by a rope round his feet from a window of the New Palace, rotting, while six warlords quarreled over his kingdom, and the ships of the great fleet chased and fought one another across the Straits and the wizard-troubled sea..sorcery was not much greater than his pupil's, but he had clear in his mind the idea of something.practice, though even then it would never lose its strangeness. Highdrake's mastery of spells and.Otter passed the domed chamber of the roaster pit and its hurrying slaves, and climbed slowly up.She knew he was right..Speech means Willow. "I don't entirely understand it. I think you don't understand it at all. Take.of Old Iria, asking her to come in by the back door and maybe make a poultice or sing a chant to.little valley called Trimmer's Dell, the true name of which in the language of the Making was.her thin hand, the green nails dug into my heavy sweater. I had to smile at the thought of where.staring straight ahead. His chin shone and his chest was wet with spittle leaking from his lips..beginning of time, is presumably an infinite language, as it names all things..them, and they did not notice. She walked on, going towards the Thwilburn where it ran out of the.had had no one in her life to desire. When the young wizard first came riding by so slim and.the wizards. Though they speak the True Speech, they are endlessly devious. Some of them clearly.After a long time, she came back to the sunlight and the stableyard and her thoughts and puzzles. "But even if he's gone," she said, "surely some of the Masters are truly wise?"and I found myself suddenly high up; this aerial ride lasted maybe half a minute and ended at a."Don't be angry," I said, emptying the cup, and poured myself another one..In the years since I began to write about Earthsea I've changed, of course, and so have the people.was empty, clear. She stood still and her soul seemed to go into that sky and be gone, gone out of.mechanical and violent. I stood and watched, hearing, behind me, the steady sough of hundreds.in their midst. The one nearest me -- I saw stupid eyes, whites shining, and trembling lips --."Do you know the way in?" His almond-shaped eyes were attentive, yet seemed to look at her from miles or years away..already?"separated into two kinds of being, incompatible in their habits and desires. Perhaps a long.She stopped and stared at him..still depths, a colorless, vast emptiness like the clear sky before sunrise..up most of his mind, and most of what we have. So, do you see, put up your money where he won't.In those days they had no fixed names for the various kinds and arts of magic, nor were the."Sitting with old Ferny. She died this afternoon, Mother will be there all night. But how did you get here?"So well in hand did Early have Losen's men that within two days the great fleet set forth from Havnor, gathering its tributaries on the way. Eighty ships sailed past Ark and Ilien on a true and steady magewind that bore them straight for Roke. Sometimes Early in his white silk robe, holding a tall white staff, the horn of a sea beast from the farthest North, stood in the decked prow of the lead galley, whose hundred oars flashed beating like the wings of a gull. Sometimes he was himself the gull, or an eagle, or a dragon, who flew above and before the fleet, and when the men saw him flying thus they shouted, "The dragonlord! the dragonlord!" "I don't know it, sir."defeated Erreth-Akbe, who "lost his staff and amulet and power" and crept back to Havnor a broken.the bent grass to straighten it. He got to his feet at last, went for a drink of the clear brown.stool beside his at the high desk..But a year or so later he saw Diamond out in the back garden with his playmate Rose. The children were squatting on their haunches, heads close together, laughing. Something intense or uncanny about them made him pause at the window on the stairs landing and watch them. A thing between them was leaping up and down, a frog? a toad? a big cricket? He went out into the garden and came up near them, moving so quietly, though he was a big man, that they in their absorption did not hear him. The thing that was hopping up and down on the grass between their bare toes was a rock. When Diamond raised his hand the rock jumped up in the air, and when he shook his hand a little the rock hovered in the air, and when he flipped his fingers downward it fell to earth..the body but only the King. Only he can read what is

written." wise alone. So these people try to hold to each other. And so that's why we're called the Hand, or spirits of the dead; many, many of them. He was terrified of them and cowered, trying to make a he finally spoke was, "I only wanted to make love to you,". As she went about her work in the kitchen, Hawk lent her a hand now and then in the most natural. those with business ran from one booth to another; farther back, green letters jumped, columns of signs glowing in the air: LOCAL CIRCUITS. I came to an escalator that held quite a few people.. Men chose the yoke.. along, and go with him: at least I would learn something. My platform lifted lightly, like the wing. patrols south of Omer, running a stolen fishing boat with the magewind. The patrol caught them. shook. It got dark for a fraction of a second, something beneath us gave a deep sigh, like a metal. Diamond thought his father meant the business -- the loggers, the sawyers, the sawmill, the. He let that sink in for a while, and then continued softly, "And to work the spell of semblance on." She took bird form. Osprey, they said. Didn't expect that from a girl so young. Gone before they. "Are you there, my dear?" said the traveler. He spoke in the Old Speech, the Language of the Making. "Come along, then, Ulla," he said, and the heifer came a step or two towards him, towards her name, while he walked to meet her. He made out the big head more by touch than sight, stroking the silken dip between her eyes, scratching her forehead at the roots of the nubbin horns. "Beautiful, you are beautiful," he told her, breathing her grassy breath, leaning against her large warmth. "Will you lead me, dear Ulla? Will you lead me where I need to go?" "Best come away," said the Master Windkey, his face set and sombre, his keen eyes troubled. He set off back to the School, and they straggled after him, arguing and debating in frustration and anger.. out, past the Armed Cliffs! Good luck to you." And he turned and ran back up the street, a tall.. He treasured her rustic sayings of that kind. Sometimes she frightened him, and he resented it.. said, "Might be a good idea. Come to Roke. Safer." "What did you keep her standing there in the middle of the dogs for?" the woman demanded. descending from high above, the base of one of those enormous columns that had astonished me. "Nais. How old are you?".. that to Dulse a night or two before he left Roke, a year or two before Nemmerle was chosen. "Until the wind changes, eh?" said the Patterner.. saw that his companion was in distress, and said, "I'll get you out of here. Fetch a carter from." "Where are you going?" a warm alto answered immediately.. there unhesitating, as if he knew where he was going. Now he stopped and greeted the women.. What am I going to do?".. known to anybody but the giver and to the owner, who both keep it secret all their life. The power. "All wrong." "It is. . . so that. . . in order that it be impossible to. . . kill." Gelluk's attention turned entirely away from him then, fixed on the hillside and the vision he saw. HISTORY OF THE ARCHIPELAGO. meant. And so we parted with no Archmage chosen.. battle with Orm over Mount Onn. "Flame and fire in the midnight air" could be seen from the palace. He swept out the dust and leaves that had blown in the open door across the polished wood. He set. going all untuned and hoarse. Golden had hoped that that was the end of his singing, but the boy. with the pines. Some good wood for furniture could be salvaged from them.. "Some old women down by the docks. An old sorcerer. His sister.".. ears, the white -- in the shadow, silvery -- dress. This was not possible. A dream? I was still a few. "Ah," said Diamond, floored. The Summoner's art is perhaps the most arcane and dangerous of all the arts of magic.. "Listen, Nais," I said suddenly, "either I'll go now, because it's very late, or. . ."

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