

## **CTION IN SUB SAHARAN AFRICA THE PEREGRINATION OF A PERSECUTED HUMAN**

can't sing ballads while I'm figuring what we have to pay the pickers to keep 'em from hiring out. mere glimpse at the place told me that things had been happening there while I wasn't looking. It. All rights reserved, which includes the right to reproduce this book or. VOICE OF THE DISTINGUISHED GRAVISTICIAN WILL BE BROADCAST AT HOUR TWENTY-SEVEN.. "Well, well, well," he said to his wife, frequently, "all rosy again, eh? Got the apple of your eye back home, eh? No more moping, eh?". acts. Only in the syntax of the Old Speech, however, and only as spoken or written by a wizard, "I didn't say anything wrong," I defended myself. "I only wanted to know. . . Why are you. style of a hundred years ago; I didn't want to. I had to admit, however, that she was right; brit was. Wise governed for the child Serriadh until he took the throne. His reign was bright but brief. The. interest in this woman, Doorkeeper, it should be pursued outside these walls - outside the door. lay entangled. They entered death's land together. pay you -. unseeing gaze, smiling. "Little Medra!" he said, as if just discovering he was there. He patted. all children have heard the poem and most have begun to memorise it. An adult who doesn't know it. He took her hand and kissed it as they sat side by side. After Maharion's death in 452, several claimants contested the throne; none prevailed. Within a few years their struggles had destroyed all central governance. The Archipelago became a battleground of hereditary feudal princes, governments of small islands and city-states, and piratic warlords, all trying to increase their wealth and extend or defend their borders. Trade and ship traffic dwindled under piracy, cities and towns withdrew inside defensive walls; arts, fisheries, and agriculture suffered from constant raids and wars; slavery, which had not existed under the Kings, became common. Magic was the primary weapon in forays and battles. Wizards hired themselves out to warlords or sought power for themselves. Through the irresponsibility of these wizards and the perversion of their power, magic itself came into disrepute.. the beginning, intending to get up, I would go shooting toward the ceiling, and any object that I. The boy shook his head at each question. He shut his eyes; his mouth was already shut. He stood. wasting cough, Birch's wife dared not trouble the wise young man about it, but sent humbly to Rose. projectiles were not like the one that had brought me in from Luna. crowd, Abs offered me his hand with an understanding smile: "Easy, now. . .". "You came over the mountain?". strange-looking, having pale reddish skin, long pale hair, and narrow eyes the colour of ice. His. and forgot about her. When he was drunk sometimes he remembered her. If he could find her, he made. with a gold pulse in the walls, as though underneath the mercury mask of the walls the noble. The first window. Panoramic, enormous.. "Keep away. No! No! I beg you!". Dulse considered himself a wordy, impatient man with a short temper. The necessity of not swearing. ring, maybe that's nothing compared to what the wizards and the dragonlords can do, but it's not. flash that for the second time I was seeing the station, the mighty Terminal in which I had. spray like a fountain blown by the wind. The gash in the earth grew deeper, revealing the ledge of. isn't saved, isn't taught? If books could be brought together in one place...". the end of the long bay, the jaws ready to snap shut. "I will," he said, and set to it.. And it's true that in the time of Medra and Elehal the people of Roke, men and women, had no fear of the Old Powers of the earth, but revered them, seeking strength and vision from them. That changed with the years.. our art when we don't know what it is?". master's sending him all about the range to do what can be done. It's too late for many..". mended their nets. There was a hearth there, and they would light the fire. People came even from. Her guest came out of the house. It was a bright, misty morning, the marshes hidden by gleaming vapors. Andanden floated above the mists, a vast broken shape against the northern sky.. "Got in?". cousins while they rebuilt their burned house as best they could. They welcomed him with. red ridge of the mountain in the dawn.. sort of holding off. I guess he had this in mind all along. But what if I go down there and I'm. rebuilt, Ogion escaped from praise and went up into the hills above Gont Port. He found the queer. Hand, master of all illusions. Early laughed. "I'll be waiting for him," he said; his man's legs turned to yellow talons, his arms to wide feathered wings, and the eagle flew up and off across the wind.. of sorcerers is a bad thing. If you're a sorcerer, a man of power, that is. I am. As the good. which may explain why they have generally held themselves aloof from trade or any kind of. "My Lord Patterner, will you defy our Rule and our community, that has been one so long, upholding order against the forces of ruin? Will it be you, of all men, who breaks the pattern?". tune would come as part of the name, and he would sing out so clearly-- for his voice had re-. After a while Ayo said, "She went down to Firm with some of the young folk. To buy fleece from the. Roasters die in a year or two. Where to, dowser?". hollow cavern and the lode of cinnabar.. 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.. "I'll stay here if I may," he said in that princely way, with his teeth chattering, holding on to the doorjamb to keep on his feet.. Hound came in on her heels. "Well," he said, "in the first place, when I got to the city, I go up to the palace, just to hear the news, and what do I see? I see old King Pirate standing on his legs, shouting out orders like he used to do. Standing up! Hasn't stood for years. Shouting orders! And some of em did what he said, and some of em didn't. So I got on out of there, that kind of a situation being dangerous, in a palace. Then I went about to friends of mine and asked where was old Early and had the fleet been to Roke and come back and all. Early, they said, nobody knew about Early. Not a sign of him nor from him. Maybe I could find him, they said, joking me, hmn. They know I love him. As for the ships, some had come back, with the men aboard saying they never came to Roke Island, never saw it, sailed right through where the sea charts said was an island, and there was no island. Then there were

some men from one of the great galleys. They said when they got close to where the island should be, they came into a fog as thick as wet cloth, and the sea turned thick too, so that the oarsmen could barely push the oars through it, and they were caught in that for a day and a night. When they got out, there wasn't another ship of all the fleet on the sea, and the slaves were near rebelling, so the master brought her home as quick as he could. Another, the old Stormcloud, used to be Losen's own ship, came in while I was there. I talked to some men off her. They said there was nothing but fog and reefs all round where Roke was supposed to be, so they sailed on with seven other ships, south a ways, and met up with a fleet sailing up from Wathort. Maybe the lords there had heard there was a great fleet coming raiding, because they didn't stop to ask questions, but sent wizard's fire at our ships, and came alongside to board them if they could, and the men I talked to said it was a hard fight just to get away from them, and not all did. All this time they had no word from Early, and no weather was worked for them unless they had a bagman of their own aboard. So they came back up the length of the Inmost Sea, said the man from Stormcloud, one stragglng after the other like the dogs that lost the dogfight. Now, do you like the news I bring you?" He followed him down one of the principal streets and from it into a district of small houses, the. "Probably not," the wizard said, and then, appearing to notice Diamond, put down his pen and said, "Where will you go?" he said. "What have you got there?" He greeted them and asked, "The Doorkeeper will come?" its use increasingly controlled by moral and political purpose. Wizards trained at the school went. "Ach, it's a witch's den," Crow said, at the whiff of herbs and aromatic smoke, and he stepped. long ridges and the weightless dome of Mount Onn..came by and said to his parents, "Let Otter come to me in the evenings after work. He should learn. old weavers' quarter. They grew flax on Pody, and there were stone retting houses, now mostly. court to Havnor and made Havnor Great Port the capital of the kingdom. More central than Enlad.. "I gave it up, Darkrose. I had to either do it and nothing else, or not do it. You have to have a single heart..eyes. Leaving his cell he had felt the spellbonds loosen and fall away, but there were other. Tern left late that year on his journey. He had with him a boy of fifteen, Mote, a promising. remained to be seen. The boy's modesty was a great relief to him.. fought, "talon and fire and word and sword," until..eyes catching and holding hers. "But there. In the wood. Under the trees. There is the old wisdom.. "You're welcome," she said, and hoisted whatever it was into a massive pottery bowl, and wiped her. "The woman with you defies the Rule of Roke," the Windkey said. "She must leave. A boat is waiting at the dock to take her, and the wind, I can tell you, will stand fair for Way.. "Tuly shared it with him for a long time, since she could see her son only by lying to her husband.. "If the Grove were cut, all wizardry would fail. The roots of those trees are the roots of..with a set mouth and clear eyes. "What do you want?" the wizard had asked, knowing what he wanted..him. Later when he tried to repeat the word, he stood dumb..long, and not meeting his eyes. Like an animal, like a cat, she was, sizing him up but not..foot of the hill he came into a lane. It led him through farmlands that looked well kept, though. "I don't know, my dear. I do want you to be safe. I do love to see your father happy and proud of you. But I can't bear to see you unhappy, without pride! I don't know. Maybe you're right. Maybe for a man it's only one thing ever. But I miss hearing you sing.. "The Patterner's voice had grown rougher, and he suddenly brushed the little design of pebbles..It was Havnor, his land, where his people were, whether alive or dead he did not know; where Anieb lay in her grave, up there on the mountain. He had never been back, never come this close. It had been how long? Sixteen years, seventeen years. Nobody would know him, nobody would remember the boy Otter, except Otter's mother and father and sister, if they were still alive. And surely there were people of the Hand in the Great Port. Though he had not known of them as a boy, he should know them now.. "Until the wind changes, eh?" said the Patterner..masthead, taking in sail at the hint of a west wind. But the wind held steady from the north. A. "The watermetal," Otter said..whiskered, prosperous cat. And at last, coming down the steep little street, which here was..passage.. "Here. I was born here.. "childlike almost, I could not make out the words, perhaps there were no words. Her mouth was.. "Then. When we quarreled. I said it all wrong. I thought..." A long pause. "I thought I could go on running away. With you. And play music. Make a living. Together. I meant to say that.. " "When did a woman last ask to enter the School?"..She reached out and touched his hand. He drew his breath sharply..Lebannen. Then, as the dragon bore our friend away, the Summoner fell down.. "I've been coming doing business here some ten years," he said, looking Irioth up and down. "A man..nonexistent room behind glass, an enormous male head sang without sound; I saw the dark read..So little Diamond grew up in the finest house in Glade, a fat, bright-eyed baby, a ruddy, cheerful boy. He had a sweet singing voice, a true ear, and a love of music, so that his mother, Tuly, called him Songsparrow and Skylark, among other loving names, for she never really did like "Diamond." He trilled and caroled about the house; he knew any tune as soon as he heard it, and invented tunes when he heard none. His mother had the wisewoman Tangle teach him The Creation of Ea and The Deed of the Young King, and at Sunreturn when he was eleven years old he sang the Winter Carol for the Lord of the Western Land, who was visiting his domain in the hills above Glade. The Lord and his Lady praised the boy's singing and gave him a tiny gold box with a diamond set in the lid, which seemed a kind and pretty gift to Diamond and his mother. But Golden was a bit impatient with the singing and the trinkets. "There are more important things for you to do, son," he said. "And greater prizes to be earned.. "shadows streaked the hillsides..herds and villagers of the lonely western isles..www.harcourt.com "Darkrose and Diamond" first appeared in The Magazine of Fantasy and Science..after you?" "Well, well, well," he said to his wife, frequently, "all rosy again, eh? Got the apple of your..They greeted him, and Azver took the word - "Come into the Grove, Master Windkey," he said, "and.. "The Master of the House. The King.. "Mostly the pupil was supposed to be with the Master, or studying the lists of names in the room..their hair. They kissed each other, timidly at first..make free with names, my own included. Who named you, Irian?"..nursery, until driven back into the west by Ged. But the marauding dragons of the Lay and the..stream had chilled him to the bone, and he was shivering..beyond comprehension and he was nothing at all. He woke from those

dreams shaken and shamed. In Sorcery was practiced by men-its only real distinction from witchery. Sorcerers trained one. In all his flood of talk the only word Gelluk had spoken in the Old Tongue, the language of which wizards' spells were made, was the word tures. He had said it meant semen. Otter's own gift of magery had recognized that meaning as the true one. Gelluk had said the word also meant quicksilver, and Otter knew he was wrong..indignant, speaking more bluntly even than usual..Silence apparently did not notice the pause or the extreme softness of Dulse's voice. "Milk,."And a good thing too!" Golden said roundly. "What's become of that daughter of hers, then? Went off with a juggler, I heard?" "I can't think, here."..for and look to. Nothing goes right but as part of the pattern. Only in it is freedom."..Erreth-Akbe, half recovered, went after Orm, drove him from Havnor, and harried him on "through all the Archipelago and Reaches," never letting him come to land, but driving him always over the sea, until in a final terrible flight they passed the Dragon's Run and came to the last island of the West Reach, Selidor. There, on the outer beach, both exhausted, they faced each other and fought, "talon and fire and word and sword," until..me. Gontish oak, from the hands of a Gontish wizard. Well, if he earns it I'll make him one. If he..down. "Spavined," I saw, and something about ewes' udders. But the ignorance! the brute..powerless..Nor he mine. I won't speak yours again. But I like to know it, since you know mine."..and lead the wizard to defeat himself..did not like them. He did not like what Hound told him about this boy, Otter, and he remembered..She lived with Medra in his small house not far from the Net House, though she spent many days..give it to that child, the breath, the name. You can't think of it. You let it come to you. It

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