

## **BOLD WOMEN IN COLORADO HISTORY**

made little spots of mud, little sticky spots. Ivory went, limping only very slightly, to an old mounting-block nearby and sat down on it. He stretched his leg, nursing the torn place, and looked up at the woman. "It would take a long time to tell you what Roke is like," he said. "But it would be my pleasure." "No, nothing. And if a girl visits a man, what then?" next morning Golden told his son again that he must think about being a man. her eyes with her apron. "Was that what broke you," she said, "the drink?" Irian was studying the Namer covertly but equally attentively, trying to see if she could tell if he was what he had called a sending or was there in flesh and blood. Nothing about him appeared insubstantial, but she thought he was not there, and when he stepped into the slanting sunlight and cast no shadow, she knew it. the end of the long bay, the jaws ready to snap shut. "I will," he said, and set to it. insistence and spoke freely at last. a glimmering track behind it a moment in the air above the hearth stone. "Now I'm off to the cow. The Years of the Kings of Havnor were a period of prosperity, discovery, and strength, but in the last century of the period, assaults from the Kargs in the east and the dragons in the west became frequent and fierce. years of peace that followed the marriage this man developed immense power of magery. After five. They let him walk among them, wild as they were and having had nothing from men's hands but. know him. He knew the hand that had woven his bonds and cursed his nights, the acid taste and. "So when the Windkey returned, we were nine again. But divided. For the Summoner said we must meet. back to his vines, and thirteen-year-old Dragonfly ran out of the house and down the hill to the. biologist can explain it to you. After him Otter climbed the winding stairs, broad at first but growing tight and narrow, passing vapor chambers with red-hot ovens whose vents led up to refining rooms where the soot from the burnt ore was scraped down by naked slaves and shoveled into ovens to be burnt again. They came to the topmost room. Gelluk said to the single slave crouching at the rim of the shaft, "Show me the King!". On the first of his voyages of finding, Medra, or Tern as he was called, sailed northward up the Inmost Sea to Orrimy, where he had been some years before. There were people of the Hand there whom he trusted. One of them was a man called Crow, a wealthy recluse, who had no gift of magic but a great passion for what was written, for books of lore and history. It was Crow who had, as he said, stuck Tern's nose into a book till he could read it. "Illiterate wizards are the curse of Earthsea!" he cried. "Ignorant power is a bane!" Crow was a strange man, willful, arrogant, obstinate, and, in defense of his passion, brave. He had defied Losen's power, years before, going to the Port of Havnor in disguise and coming away with four books from an ancient royal library. He had just obtained, and was vastly proud of, an arcane treatise from Way concerning quicksilver. "Got that from under Losen's nose too," he said to Tern. "Come have a look at it! It belonged to a famous wizard." "I've walked on dirt for seventy-five years," Dulse had said. "A few more won't kill me!". "Yes. Because. . . brit. . . doesn't work without that. Don't move!". "I didn't mean to offend you. It's just that, you see, if it is known that no one can -- you." Moles," Diamond said. "Honestly, I feel like hiding underground. I always thought Father was going to make me learn all his kind of stuff, after I got my name. But all this year he's kept sort of holding off. I guess he had this in mind all along. But what if I go down there and I'm not any better at being a wizard than I am at bookkeeping? Why can't I do what I know I can do?". When she was thirteen the old vineyarder and the housekeeper, who were all that was left of the household, told the Master that it was time his daughter had her naming day. They asked should they send for the sorcerer over at Westpool, or would their own village witch do. The Master of Iria fell into a screaming rage. "A village witch? A hex-hag to give Irian's daughter her true name? Or a creeping traitorous sorcerous servant of those upstart landgrabbers who stole Westpool from my grandfather? If that polecat sets foot on my land I'll have the dogs tear out his liver, go tell him that, if you like!" And so on. Old Daisy went back to her kitchen and old Coney went back to his vines, and thirteen-year-old Dragonfly ran out of the house and down the hill to the village, hurling her father's curses at the dogs, who, crazy with excitement at his shouting, barked and bayed and rushed after her. "I've been thinking," he said. "There are eight of you. Nine's a better number. Count me as a. for a young man, very difficult -- a test of a will that has not yet been steeled, a mind that has. Dulse had sent students on to the School, three or four of them, nice lads with a gift for this or. He traveled far in the Archipelago, even out into the East Reach. He never went to the same town. Havnor Great Port; he owned the biggest chestnut groves; he owned the carts and hired the carters. "Thank you, mistress," he muttered, crouching at the fire. She brought him a bowl of broth. He. of the crafty men. Women sat together by the fire in the lonely farmhouses; people gathered round. ate it. was lucky. I learned my lesson young. grab him by the arm, but my fingers passed clean through him and closed on air. I stood. order against the forces of ruin? Will it be you, of all men, who breaks the pattern?". about that excessive strength that had remained in us, and indeed we had to be on our guard -- in. They were both on the hill now. She towered above him impossibly, fire breaking forth between. were moonshine. Obsessed with tricking the girl, he had fallen into the trap he laid for her. a young man, thin, not as tall as she had thought. It was a fine face, but there was something. He did as he often did, made a little design out of whatever lay to hand: on the bit of sand on the riverbank in front of him he set a leaf-stem, a grassblade, and several pebbles. He studied them and rearranged them. "Now I must speak of harm," he said. "Breathe, breathe, breathe," Gelluk said, laughing, and Otter tried not to hold his breath as they. "Not this. The Lords of Pendor are good men. They remember the kings. They don't seek war or. to him that neither was his wife seeing the witch anymore. For years they'd been thick as thieves. pleased her, tonight. She drifted and floated, her hands slipping over silken underwater rocks and. hands; they put this into their pockets and walked on. For some reason I did exactly as the man in. He was still shaken, appalled, by the ease with which Gelluk had forced him to say his name, which gave the wizard immediate and ultimate power over him. Now he had no hope of resisting Gelluk in any way. That night he had been in utter despair. But then

Anieb had come into his mind: come of her own will, by her own means. He could not summon her, could not even think of her, and would not have dared to do so, since Gelluk knew his name. But she came, even when he was with the wizard, not in apparition but as a presence in his mind..over the antique descriptions of harikki and otak and icebear. But Tern went ashore on every isle,.journey into the valley and tricked the wizard into saying his name, she knew no arts or spells,.Doorkeeper of the Great House of Roke saw him, he loosed his hands and freed his tongue. And the.Medra knew only a hint of this story from Ember. One night Veil, who was three years older than Ember and to whom the memory was much clearer, told it to him fully. Ember sat with them, listening in silence..broke free, straightening herself, pushing back her lank wet hair. Thank you," she said. "I was.I started toward her. She raised her hands.."But what is there to tell?" she said reluctantly. "Is it really true that in your day, back.Shaken by the intensity of that will, Tern straightened up and drew a deep breath. He looked round at the girl, Dory. She did not return his gaze, watching her mother with stolid, sullen grief. Only after the woman sank into sleep did Dory move, going to help Rush, who as a friend and neighbor had made herself useful and was gathering up blood-soaked cloths scattered by the bed..little while in the language of those who do not speak. "Ulla," he said, naming them. "Ellu..grandmother's house in End-lane, talking with his mother and sister, just before the door was.So Diamond, instead of learning spells and illusions and transformations and all such gaudy.In the young dowsler he recognized a power, untaught and inept, which he could use. He needed much more quicksilver than he had, therefore he needed a finder. Finding was a base skill. Gelluk had never practiced it, but he could see that the young fellow had the gift. He would do well to learn the boy's true name so that he could be sure of controlling him. He sighed at the thought of the time he must waste teaching the boy what he was good for. And after that the ore must still be dug out of the earth and the metal refined. As always, Gelluk's mind leapt across obstacles and delays to the wonderful mysteries at the end of them..went on wandering about with itinerant musicians, ballad-singers and such, learning all their.down. I saw alternating layers of darkness, and the cross sections of ceilings; white with reddish."Of course," Golden said, pleased with his son's caution. He had thought Diamond might leap at the offer, which would have been natural, perhaps, but painful to the father, the owl who had -- perhaps -- hatched out an eagle..The heat of the day was beginning to lessen and the shadows of the Grove lay across the grass..What did you want, Diamond?". "No, no, no. Sul can handle it. Stay home and have your party. You've been working hard. We'll hire a band. Who's the best in the country? Tarry and his lot?".window, its door was cross-grained oak barred with iron, and spells had been laid on that door.all a judgment on his son.."But - but Arren was King Lebannen -". "I said I'd see to his beasts at... at the pasture between the rivers, was it?" he said, getting.nights. He thought of his mother, or of sunny rooms and hot food, or a tune would come into his.was confined, as thousands of human voices and sounds -- meaningless to me, meaningful to.by Stanislaw Lem.The Other Wind (to be published soon). A dragon bridge..Mage Ath. Long ago. Before he went into the west. All my foremothers were wise women. He stayed.the process of wresting power from the kings and making Awabath not only the religious but the.Hardic rune with a light stroke through it, to cancel out the sorcery that lurks in it..bold, muddly-coated, with the sickness in it like a prickling, a tingling, a hotness in his hands,.Medra had been thinking, once again, and still unavailingly, how he could leave Havnor at once and.power; and it seemed to him that Anieb's speaking had taken away that much of Gelluk's power over.that tell the story of those years..the village down there, when I've got my breath. Listen. Don't fret. I haven't hunted you all."Failed? Sent away? Ran away?".who shall know surely?.wood over a little fall of boulders. The water was bright in the morning sunlight and made a happy.Roke seemed probable, and the idea of any league or alliance of wizards appalled him more the more.last century of the period, assaults from the Kargs in the east and the dragons in the west became.weatherworker who needed training at sea, and Sava, a woman of sixty who had come to Roke with him.we will wait there for the others of the Nine.".had known her name as soon as he saw her. But he must use some other name. He must not call her by.could not save one, not one, not the one who saved me," he said. "Nothing I know could have set.She came there. She came to me, not in the body, and guided me to the track. She was only twelve.the source and center of magic..Windkey led them. His thin, keen old face looked strained and weary, but he greeted the four mages.Magic.The hinny will bring me back.". "I dislike goat cheese," Dulse said..on the banks of the Amia, when everybody else was sleeping. She would not think of him at night..passes all the trade and commerce and learning and craft of Earthsea, a wealth not hoarded. There.never had, such as mastery over the wizards who served him..butterfly in midair. He flicked a butterfly back at her, and the two flitted and flickered a.long as they showed them, and him, due respect..Erreth-Akbe's gifts in magic became apparent when he was still a boy. He was sent to the court to."Has it come to this," the Namer said, "that we stand at the edge of the forest Segoy planted and.all but the greatest of them conceal their true names. In the lay Hasa's Voyage, the dragons.fulfilled. And in Havnor he set his crown on his own head.. "I don't know. It's why I wanted to come to Roke. To find out.".GOLDEN WAS immensely happy and quite unconscious of it. "Old man's got his jewel back," said the.down, the mouth closed, the spirit listening..They were only voices and shadows to each other..Witchery was restricted to women. All magic practiced by women was called "base craft," even when it included practices otherwise called "high arts," such as healing, chanting, changing, etc. Witches were to learn only from one another or from sorcerers. They were forbidden to enter Roke School, and Halkel discouraged wizards from teaching women anything at all. He specifically forbade the teaching of any word of the True Speech to women, and though this proscription was widely ignored, it led in the long run to a profound, long-lasting loss of knowledge and power among the women who practiced magic..lions. . .My eyes still closed, I touched my chest; I had my sweater on; if I'd fallen asleep without

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