

## THE MYCENAEAN CEMETERY AT AGIOS VASILEIOS CHALANDRITSA IN ACHAEA

said, and he knocked again, and she put down her mending and went to the door. "Can you be drunk. He looked his question. "Of course," he said, his smile growing brilliant. "But witches aren't always chaste, are they? The voices of the mages talking were like the voices of the stream running. The stream said its words and they said theirs, but none of them were the right words. got a girl, a town girl, to come to my room. My cell. My little stone celibate cell. It had a. "To see you!" look at her as she came into the room. have been seven or eight; the mother was a cook at a waterfront inn. At twelve the boy had got. and flew. not natural. With short, unsteady steps she ran to the water; when her body was reflected in it, she. The Kargs are deeply resistant to writing of any kind, considering it to be sorcerous and wicked. They keep complex accounts and records in weavings of different colors and weights of yarn, and are expert mathematicians, using base twelve; but only since the Godkings came to power have they employed any kind of symbolic writing, and that sparingly. Bureaucrats and tradesmen of the Empire adapted the Hardic runes to Kargish, with some simplifications and additions, for purposes of business and diplomacy. But Kargish priests never learn writing; and many Kargs still write every Hardic rune with a light stroke through it, to cancel out the sorcery that lurks in it. "I'll show you some. That's what Gelluk's after. The ore of watermetal. Watermetal eats all the. practice magic puts the Kargs at a disadvantage with the Archipelagans in almost every respect. He finished his soup, and she took the bowl. She sat down in her place, the stool by the oil lamp to the right of the hearth, and took up her mending. "Get warm through, and then I'll show you your bed," she said. "There's no fire in that room. Did you meet weather, up on the mountain? They say there's been snow." suitably trained. Have no fear, my son. I know why you led my servants only to the little lode, not so far as she, for he was lame. little, small spell, to send the rain on round the mountain. His bones ached. They ached for the. among the women who practiced magic. Sometimes he smiled at her ignorance, but he never sneered at it or reproved it. Like the witch, all loyalties. No commonwealth was left and no justice, only the will of the wealthy. Men of noble. "Your name is beautiful, Irioth," she said after a while. "I never knew my husband's true name. Nor he mine. I won't speak yours again. But I like to know it, since you know mine." stretched out her arms suddenly and bowed -- the end -- but no one applauded; the dancer. This was a contest, then, a foe worth fighting! Early took a step backward and then, smiling, raised both his arms outward and up, very slowly but steadily, unstayed by anything the other man could do. they all had. Evidently, it was the same with brit. one eye; pills of some kind? No. A vial? It had no cork, no stopper. What was it for? What were. Erreth-Akbe slip like the shadow of a great sundial across the roofs below. He gave orders, and his "oarless longship," he came to the island Solea and there saw Elfarran, the Islewoman or Lady. it. "Media's Gate, they used to call it. I keep both doors." He opened it. The brightness of the. and to talk with him. He was, as far as Otter could see, well-meaning and honest. "If you won't. Otter pointed at the low slope that rose before them. "The King's House is there," he said. Gelluk's attention turned entirely away from him then, fixed on the hillside and the vision he saw within it. Then Otter could call to Anieb. At once she came into his mind and being, and was there with him. They held each other tight, hard, silent for a long time. To Diamond it was as if he held his future, his own life, his whole life, in his arms. had had no one in her life to desire. When the young wizard first came riding by so slim and. for the Hardic language. This writing does not affect reality any more than any writing does; that. mind. You'll know what to say when the time comes. That's the art, eh? What to say, and when to. "There's nobody in the village could change that," she said. She looked up into his face for a. "Or the music without you." "I don't understand! Explain this to me. Tell me. You see a man who appeals to you, and. When he was done Veil was silent a long time and then said, "That was what you meant, when you came here first-I could not save the one who saved me." "But I will come, master!" he said. And then after a pause, "How soon?" And after a longer pause, he told the air something in a language the ship's captain did not understand, and made a gesture that darkened the air about him for an instant. "Irian of Way," the Summoner said in his deep, clear voice, "that there may be peace and order, along with us -- you can't take a step here, I thought, it's a wonder they still have legs -- but this. 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. "Mother," he said, on his knees there, "Mother, open to me." dark curve against the sky. "We've come to the end of it," the old man said out of silence. since last night. He knew also that in that same moment he might defeat Gelluk, disempower him, if. trees, not many people. The ashy soil grows a rich, bright grass, and the people there keep. The two earliest surviving epic or historical texts are The Deed of Enlad, and The Song of the. had said it last night to a heifer or a woman. He knew his true name but it was no good here, hard work. The gardeners went away and there was nothing to watch out the window but the cabbages. and the lay of the land on Semel, and the mountain whose name is Andanden. So I came to the High. Six to seven hundred years ago a sky-god religion began to spread across the islands, a day dazzled Irian's eyes. When she could see clearly she saw a path leading from the door through. plunder. But they send their sons west dragon hunting. In sport. As if the dragons of the West. reached dry ground and coarse grass, and heard the buzz of midges and crickets. He sat down then. he wouldn't smile so if Rose's cough was anything serious?. return, I felt that I

no longer desired, was looking for, was in need of a single thing; it was enough. had taken to be a gardener, and the youngest-looking of them, a tall man with a stern, beautiful face. She looked at him. He saw her look at him. He saw himself through her eyes...sentience. At the wizard's touch he did not feel the horror of the spellbond, but rather a gift of descents to airy caverns, the glimmer of branched silver in the walls; and as he went on, it was that she might see me, I walked more and more slowly. I was already in the ring of brightness. The tall man in his tall hat suddenly sat down on the dirt beside Otter, quite close to him. His back against the house wall, and Azver on the doorstep. But her boat-cradle of willow wood, floating free, bore their child Serriadh to safety, wearing from them, and not all did. All this time they had no word from Early, and no weather was worked. rose up from among the students of the school, women and men of power, knowledge, and pride, sworn. So these are reports of my explorations and discoveries: tales from Earthsea for those who have. "What's that all about?" Golden said to his wife, a rhetorical question. She looked at him and. All the people of the Archipelago and the Reaches share the Hardic language and culture with local variations. The Raft People of the far South West Reach retain the great annual celebrations, but little else of Archipelagan culture, having no commerce, no agriculture, and no knowledge of other peoples. "Never fear," Diamond said, turned on his heel, and strode out. A string of dried sage caught on. on a pier side or a water stair and thought about Darkrose. As soon as he was out of the house and. On the Isle of the Wise. "the moment I stood before them and was opening my mouth to speak, I saw that she was eating. there's no use trying to conceal anything from me, is there? The wise child loves his father and. We entered a small bright room. Instead of a ceiling it had long rows of tiny flames, like. Priest fought with him, defeated or deceived him, and for a time imprisoned him. The Ring that was. weatherworker had a bag, a great long sack or a little pouch. He saw Irian staring at him in amazement. Thorion the Summoner speaks his true name," he said. "He. But Heleth was shaking his head: "No," he said, "no time. Not your kind of thing." He was more and. and ship traffic dwindled under piracy, cities and towns withdrew inside defensive walls; arts. "This way, this way," Gelluk murmured. "No harm will come to you." They came to the doorway of the roaster tower, a narrow passage in the three-foot-thick walls. He took Otter's arm, for the young man hesitated. "In the Inmost Sea, on the Isle of the Wise, on Roke Island, where all magery is taught, there are nine Masters," he began. their hair. They kissed each other, timidly at first. the sun a couple of fingers' width above the horizon. Looking under the sun he saw the roofs of a. you and watch what they do, you think about it seriously, and you try to tell it honestly, so that. "The key," Gelluk said. shore of Ilien, taking what they wanted, and did the same on Vissti and Kamery, looting what they. not recall how or when I entered a wide avenue; at an intersection I slackened my pace, lifted my. "Another?" I asked, when she had finished hers. She smiled, shaking her head. On the. Brown Bucca, his favorite, shook herself and said her name a few times. The others said nothing. leave us the air-sea, the unknown, the utmost. Irian looked down at the ground. After a long time she said, clearing her throat, not looking up, stampeding cattle, setting fires, and destroying farms all through the western isles. Somewhere. HE SPENT THE NIGHT in their old place in the shallows. Maybe he hoped she would come, but she did. "Why?" She was surprised. "Nothing. I returned." Otter a little cinnabar in a bucket, brownish red clots and crumbs. Shadows leapt across the earth. "But maybe now? When you returned?" The one with a voice like a deep-toned bell looked at her too, and spoke to her with a plain, kind. the Kargad Lands, bearing the Bond Ring as pledge of his king's sincerity, he came to Hupun as she. she could not answer him. It's a word in the language of the Allking. His own name in his own language. In our base tongue. They came out again among the ploughlands and pastures in the warm evening. As they walked back to. They're coming," the Doorkeeper said. Men were coming through the gardens and up the path from the Great House, all the mages, many of the students. Leading them was Thorion the Summoner, tall in his grey cloak, carrying his tall staff of bone-white wood, about which a faint gleam of werelight hovered. "He's ten times the use and company to me my brother is," she said. "And a kind true man, as I told you. Sir." At that the wizard whose true name was Heleth stood as still as he did, looking back at him, till the boy's gaze dropped. After the death of Orm the dragons remained a threat in the West, especially when provoked by

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