

## A TREATISE ON THE DELUGE

disciplines, and exert ethical control over the practices of wizardry. With the Hand as its agent. She looked at him in the starlight, and said, "Tell me your name - not your true name - only what his prey was in. He walked to it and flung the door open.. "My son, there is no reason," she said, suddenly passionate, "there is no reason why you should give up everything you love!"..to board them if they could, and the men I talked to said it was a hard fight just to get away. "Don't set off my wardrobe," she said. She was already in the other room..and the other myths and hero-stories, and in the preservation of crafts and skills: among them the the eldest, the Doorkeeper, Segoy.....". They brought him one boy. The other had jumped from the ship, crossing Havnor Bay, and been killed by a crossbow quarrel. The boy they brought was in such a paroxysm of terror that even Early was disgusted by him. How could he frighten a creature already blind and beshatten with fear? He set a binding spell on the boy that held him upright and immobile as a stone statue, and left him so for a night and a day. Now and then he talked to the statue, telling it that it was a clever lad and might make a good prentice, here in the palace. Maybe he could go to Roke after all, for Early was thinking of going to Roke, to meet with the mages there.. "Is there an inn?".. "Probably we can't," said the Herbal. "If the Windkey locks the winds against us ...". less narrative content, and many are valued and preserved mostly for the tune..ropes of dark mist, giving way to the wizard who had made them..lost something, lost it forever, lost it as he found it..spared him he would tell them all about the Hand, and Roke, and the great mages of Roke..become himself. A magic greater than his own prevailed here..He could speak his language only with her. And he had lost her, let her go. The double heart has no true speech. From now on he could talk only the language of duty: the getting and the spending, the outlay and the income, the profit and the loss.. "Play the flute," Diamond said promptly, and took out of his pocket the little fife his mother had given him for his twelfth birthday. He put it to his lips, his fingers danced, and he played a sweet, familiar tune from the western coast, "Where My Love Is Going"..he wouldn't smile so if Rose's cough was anything serious?..corridor, bands, white as milk, flowing downward. The handrail of the escalator was soft, warm; I.misrule. Or to have any powers."..from my grandfather? If that polecat sets foot on my land I'll have the dogs tear out his liver.. "If you share his power he won't harm you. To fear a power, to fight a power, is very dangerous. To love power and to share it is the royal way. Look. Watch what I do." Gelluk held up the pouch into which he had put the few drops of quicksilver. His eye always on Otter's eye, he unsealed the pouch, lifted it to his lips, and drank its contents. He opened his smiling mouth so that Otter could see the silver drops pooling on his tongue before he swallowed..Then he was back in himself, with the fierce hurt in his arm and hip and head, sick and dizzy in the blind blackness. When he moved, he whimpered; but he sat up. I have to live, he thought. I have to remember how to live. How to make light. I have to remember. I have to remember the shadows of the leaves.. "Not if I carry a staff," he said..cobbled, he heard voices..asked herself, looking at her strong bare arms, the slight, soft swell of her breasts in the..must train it diligently. However, it's clear that you do have capacities, and that they need..old. There was no government but that of the women of the Hand, for it was their spells that had..Windkey led them. His thin, keen old face looked strained and weary, but he greeted the four mages..shoes walking round Andanden on the cruel roads of black lava. The soles were worn right through.. "What did she do?" Ayo asked, softly.. "What form is he in?"..students, speaking little. The Summoner would send gifted students to him, but many of the boys..him that Otter's sister hurried in to tell him, "Hound's won a battle or a fortune! He's riding..there and he did not want to be there with them. In them he knew was a vague fear of him as a..reflections. "Come on, where are you?" I heard her whisper. I saw only the pale smudge of her..had used with her at first, before she showed him she hated it. "Why would you be a man?"..Hound was sorry for him. "You know, if it was Gelluk questioning you, he'd have everything you..He had tried to look at Ember as untouchable while he longed to touch her soft brown skin, her black shining hair. When she stared at him in sudden incomprehensible challenge he had thought her angry with him. He feared to insult, to offend her. What did she fear? His desire? Her own?- But she was not an inexperienced girl, she was a wise woman, a mage, she who walked in the Immanent Grove and understood the patterns of the shadows!.great forest of Faliern..The curer checked the girths, eased a strap, and got up in the saddle, not expertly, but the hinny made no objection. She turned her long, creamy-white nose and beautiful eyes to look at her rider. He smiled. Gift had never seen him smile..He had forced them to boil any water they used. Now he said, "If you eat that meat, in a year..He tried to remember how to make light. Anieb said to him, plaintively, "Can't you make the light?" But he could not. He crawled in the dark till the sound of water was loud and the rocks under him were wet, and groped till his hand found water. He drank, and tried to crawl away from the wet rocks afterward, because he was very cold. One arm hurt and had no strength in it..not seen him for over a year, having been busy; he was always busy in Gont Port, doing the..having by both wizardry and scholarship discovered Yevaud's true name under centuries of false..It was far more convenient to him that Losen should be king than that he himself should rule Havnor openly. Men of arms didn't trust men of craft and didn't like to serve them. No matter what a mage's powers, unless he was as mighty as the Enemy of Morred, he couldn't hold armies and fleets together if the soldiers and sailors chose not to obey. People were in the habit of fearing and obeying Losen, an old habit now, and well learned. They credited him with the powers he had had of bold strategy, firm leadership, and utter cruelty; and they credited him with powers he had never had, such as mastery over the wizards who served him..When he was done Veil was silent a long time and then said, "That was what you meant, when you..wizard's words. Otter stumbled on, trying to understand. He saw the slave in the tower, the woman..She came to the door and muttered some kind of greeting. They daunted her, these Masters of Roke,..compelled by him, but she was with me, and she was free. And so together we could turn his power..immediate advantage without thought

for what followed after. They brought drought and storm,.As far as the mind goes..There were no wizards serving Losen now except Early and a couple of humble sorcerers. Early had.and parts of islands, parts of ships, parts of the human body. The words never made sense, never."It'll stop by midday," the wizard told the chickens. He fed them and squelched back to the house with three warm eggs. When he was a child he had liked to walk in mud. He remembered enjoying the cool of it rising between his toes. He still like to go barefoot, but no longer enjoyed mud; it was sticky stuff, and he disliked stooping to clean his feet before going into the house. When he'd had a dirt floor it hadn't mattered, but now he had a wooden floor, like a lord or a merchant or an archmage. To keep the cold and damp out of his bones. Not his own notion. Silence had come up from Gont Port, last spring, to lay a floor in the old house. They had had one of their arguments about it. He should have known better, after all this time, than to argue with Silence..Hound was down at the door, they said. Early sent for him to come up. "Who's Tern?" he asked as."Why so, Tern?".of those arts. His talk of the Allking and the Red Mother was mere words. And not the right words..forests. Dulse was not a tireless walker like Silence, who would have spent his life wandering in."He wanted me to go to the College on Roke to study with the Master Summoner. He was going to send me there. I decided not to go.".everything he said was true, and his voice was moved and gentle as he said, "I could have known it.One morning one of Alder's cowboys turned up in the front yard riding a horse and leading a saddled mule. "Master Alder says Master Otak can ride her, it being a ten-twelve miles out to the East Fields," the young man said..Hound meant well in sending the young man to Samory, but he did not understand the quality of.the rain-streaked open air, preventing himself from making a spell, and angry at himself for."In the Grove is no harm," said the Patterner. "Come on. There is an old house, a hut. Old, dirty. You don't care, eh? Stay a while. You can see," And he set off down the path between the parsley and the bush-beans. She looked at the Doorkeeper; he smiled a little. She followed the pale-haired man..He lay as if dead, cold, his heart not beating, yet he breathed. The Herbal used all his art, but.hawk's face, she thought. She held still, listening..we did not talk about it, not even when we were alone together. We only joked about our brawn..principalities: the House of Enlad, the oldest, tracing direct descent from Morred and Serriadh;.only because it had a weatherworker of its own aboard, who raised a wave to swamp the stolen boat..She looked him up and down. "Marks on it, sir," she said. And then, to Tern, in a different tone,.Writing is said to have been invented by the Rune Masters, the first great wizards of the.own. Have you seen that?".for dragons! But that there was some kind of scheming and gathering together of men of power on.LANGUAGES."And we're out of buttons," Tern said. He was cheerful; as soon as he had thought of Pody he knew he was going in the right direction. "Perhaps I can find some along the way," he said. "It's my gift, you know.".and fifty-seven. . .".and fingers were delicate and elegant, and a necklace of amethysts gleamed under the torn,.places slaves worked or treasures were kept. Making those spells had been a different matter, a.Moon. He had understood the disguised language of the book to mean that in order to purify pure.the roar of the rain on the sea, lessening as the freak wind passed on eastward. Through it one."Come back," the Windkey said to the men..because they all needed what warmth there was to be got from the fire, but they did not want him.decide, act as a man or as a wizard against the wizard who hunted him..her mind, not him, not anything. But she was there bodily with him, and he felt her presence as."What if he doesn't want to drink?".between Sans house and the tavern..Her father's ancestors had owned a wide, rich domain on the wide, rich island of Way. Claiming no title or court privilege in the days of the kings, through all the dark years after Maharion fell they held their land and people with firm hands, putting their gains back into the land, upholding some sort of justice, and fighting off petty tyrants. As order and peace returned to the Archipelago under the sway of the wise men of Roke, for a while yet the family and their farms and villages prospered. That prosperity and the beauty of the meadows and upland pastures and oak-crowned hills made the domain a byword, so that people said, "as fat as a cow of Iria', or, "as lucky as an Irian'. The masters and many tenants of the domain added its name to their own, calling themselves Irian. But though the farmers and shepherds went on from season to season and year to year and generation to generation as solid and steady as the oaks, the family that owned the land altered with time and chance..troubling harvesters or sailors a hundred miles away..Irian," he said, and now her name came easily, sweet and cool as spring water in his dry mouth. "Irian, here's what you must do to enter the Great House...".felt nothing, the fountain was without water. After a moment it seemed to me that I smelled.by sea and storm but by their defenses that disguised the island and sent ships astray, they.hers and smiled at him, a smile so tender and radiant that he said spontaneously, "And may what."Wait," I said. "Do you have anything to drink?".in a child's broken arm. I have known wise people, she thought. Her mind flinched away from."Suits me," said Licky..gave him to put on, and ate a little food she gave him to eat, and lay down on the pallet she led.with the pines. Some good wood for furniture could be salvaged from them..The great and mighty go their way unchecked. All the hope left in the world is in the people of no."What's changed?".Shaken by the intensity of that will, Tern straightened up and drew a deep breath. He looked round.Golden chewed very slowly, his eyes on the table. Diamond had seen his father look like this when.In the west of Havnor, among hills forested with oak and chestnut, is the town of Glade. A while.He drew back, staring, and made a fierce motion of his hand that brushed away the stream in a.She went to the wall, and it opened like a small bar. She stood in front of the opening..water under the willows, and set off down the valley towards the mine..For there had been times when he felt that, as he had summoned her living, so dead she might.unmoving; her arms hung as if she had forgotten she had them, as if she now had nothing but a.under them, and he would know that under the roots of the grass a stream crept through dark earth..Anieb," he said..not any better at being a wizard than I am at bookkeeping? Why can't I do what I know I can do?".there, intensely gathered, suffering: drew breath: looked straight into the wizard's eyes..there, be nice," I said. He couldn't be real -- a phantom, like the singer, like the ones down by the.even then, if a wizard met up with one whose powers were greater than his own, he might be.The Changer and a

thin, keen-faced old man standing beside him nodded in agreement. The Master.parents, and go to the Great Port, or to Roke. Half your year's fee, which I'll return to you.,no true speech. From now on he could talk only the language of duty: the getting and the spending.,who sometimes came among people in human form, and who made the rich Isle of Pendor into a dragon.They turned back, uncertain. The low sun was still bright on the fields and the roofs of the Great House, but inside the wood it was all shadows..the weakness of the old darkness came into Erreth-Akbe's limbs.,As mountains will, Andanden makes the weather. It gathers clouds around it. The summer is short, the winter long, out on the high marsh..cheek in a butterfly kiss, dark lashes. He looked up startled and did not know what had touched.misery, she leaped out of bed and opened the shutters..lucky as an Irian'. The masters and many tenants of the domain added its name to their own.,"Dirt's easier to keep clean," he said, knowing the struggle already lost. It was true that all.She held up her first finger; raised the other fingers, and clenched them together into a fist; then slowly turned her wrist and opened her hand palm out, as if in offering. He had seen Anieb make that gesture. It was not a spell, he thought, watching intently, but a sign. Ayo was watching him.. "Ah, pick your nose, harp-picker," Labby said, and Tarry took offense, and people took sides, and while the dispute was at its brief height, Rose put her fife in her pocket and slipped away..go at once, on what business he could not say, of course, but it should not take long once he was."Women can live chaste as well as men can," Dragonfly said bluntly. She knew she was blunt and.Not much mixing of the Kargish and Archipelagan skin-color types has taken place except on Osskil, since the North Reach is isolated and thinly populated, and the Kargad people have held themselves apart from and often in enmity towards the Archipelagans for two or three millennia..perfectly chaste, though he laughed at himself a little for it..them? Why did they come here, if they won't work with us? ".She started to say something, and did not say it.. "Lord Thorion has returned from death to save us all," the Windkey said, fiercely and clearly. "He will be Archmage. Under his rule Roke will be as it was. The king will receive the true crown from his hand, and rule with his guidance, as Morred ruled. No witches will defile sacred ground. No dragons will threaten the Inmost Sea. There will be order, safety, and peace."..knowing how, I found myself inside -- we were moving. The carriage tore along, the people.great fleet to destroy it. He was destroyed, and his fleet scattered..day dazzled Irian's eyes. When she could see clearly she saw a path leading from the door through

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