

## **HISTORIA DE UN CRIMEN DRAMA EN TRES ACTOS Y EN PROSA**

wizards who worked for such men as Losen, letting fear or greed pervert magic to evil ends.. "Ard. My teacher." Heleth looked up, his face unreadable, its expression possibly sly. "You didn't." "I thought you were on your toes. . .". galley he scented something. "Well, well," he said, "who's this?" He walked to the helm and put.flew by in strips of flame and color; parabolic arches, white platforms. "Forteran, Forteran..The hillside in front of him trembled, writhed, and opened. A gash in it deepened, widened. Water sprang up out of it and ran across the wizard's feet..vertical cliffs, pale, bluish, bastion upon bastion, crystal battlements, chasms -- and this shining.Diamond had run away..He smiled again. "You're a beautiful woman," he said, but plainly, not in the flattering way he.for a man it's only one thing ever. But I miss hearing you sing."..her clothes, and pulled them on, still swearing - "You coward wizard! You traitorous son of a.hinge of the headlands above the city; the place of the fault. An earthquake centered there could."Because there are more of us! Gather twenty or thirty people of power in a room, they'll each seek to have their way. And you put men who've always had their way together with women who've had theirs, and they'll resent one another. And then, too, there are some true and real divisions among us, Medra. They must be settled, and they can't be settled easily. Though a little goodwill would go a long way.".."Women can live chaste as well as men can," Dragonfly said bluntly. She knew she was blunt and coarse where he was delicate and subtle, but she did not know any other way to be..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..shadows of the leaves..far line of the sea. Then he remembered what was worth remembering..Where he went then, the songs don't tell. They say only that he wandered, "he wandered long from."And I in my tower," said the Namer. "And you, Herbal, and the Doorkeeper, are in the trap, in the..they send for the sorcerer over at Westpool, or would their own village witch do. The Master of.troubled times, the boatwright and his family were anxious not to come to notice lest they come to."I don't know. I don't know yet."..then, scratching up the earth a bit, he neatly and delicately buried them. He dusted off his."I heard -" she said, and could not say what she had heard..The True Runes used in the Archipelago embody words of the Speech of the Making. True Runes are."Your turn to talk," she said, looking at me over her cup.."No," Azver said, but could say nothing else. He held his staff of willow, but it was only wood in..Very slowly they made him understand that one of the women was Anieb's mother, and that he should give Anieb to her to hold. He did so at last, watching to see if she was gentle with his friend and would protect her. Then he followed another woman meekly enough. He put on dry clothing she gave him to put on, and ate a little food she gave him to eat, and lay down on the pallet she led him to, and sobbed in weariness, and slept..There's no truth in this tale but one, which is that indeed one of the first Masters of Roke opened and entered a great cavern. But though the roots of Roke are the roots of all the islands, that cavern was not on Roke..She had never seen where he lived. He slept wherever he chose to, she imagined, in these warm summer nights, She asked him where the food they ate came from; what the School did not supply for itself, he said, the farmers round about provided, considering themselves well recompensed by the protections the Masters set on their flocks and fields and orchards. That made sense to her. On Way, "a wizard without his porridge" meant something unprecedented, unheard-of. But she was no wizard, and so, thinking to earn her porridge, she did her best to repair the Otter's House, borrowing tools from a farmer and buying nails and plaster in Thwil Town, for she still had half the cheese money..Irian, I'll give you that. My name is Etaudis."..He looked his question.."Got you," the old man said, looking down at the muddy, lax body. He added, "Too late," regretfully. He stooped to see if he could pick him up or drag him, and felt the faint warmth of life. "You're tough," he said. "Here, wake up. Come on. Otter, wake up."..He had always remembered that. He remembered it now, when he looked across the hearth, winter evenings, at the dark face bent above a lore-book or a shirt that needed mending. The eyes cast down, the mouth closed, the spirit listening..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..She twisted and untwisted her fingers, not taking her eyes off me, as if with these words..it when the world was young..."..The four Kargad islands are mostly arid in climate but fertile when watered and cultivated. The..had no strength against the strong. They gave me all they had to give, but it was little. It was..was bigger than Golden now, and when he moved abruptly it was startling. "I'll go to Easthill," he.."You must find the Red Mother," he said, the day after that. They were sitting side by side again..on Pendor. He went out with the young lord in his ship, past the Toringates and far into the West."It's milk," I said. I must have looked like a complete idiot.."Three out of three," said Crow, sketching the sign, "so spare your vinegar, woman."..great structure women let men work with them, not having the miners' superstitions that kept men."No. I have a little -- it's a . . . bonus, you understand. For all that time. When we left, it."Well," Rose said, and dumped out the salt water on the bare dirt of the small front yard of her house, which, like most witches' houses, stood somewhat apart from the village. "Well," she said, straightening up and looking about vaguely as if for an answer, or a ewe, or a towel. "You have to know something about the power, see," she said at last, and looked at Dragonfly with one eye. Her other eye looked a little off to the side. Sometimes Dragonfly thought the cast was in Rose's left eye, sometimes it seemed to be in her right, but always one eye looked straight and the other watched something just out of sight, around the

corner, elsewhere..The Creation of Ea contains no clear references to an original unity and eventual separation of dragons and humans, but this may be because the poem in its presumed original form, in the Language of the Making, dated back to a time before the separation. The best evidence in the poem for the common origin of dragons and humans is the archaic Hardic word in it that is commonly understood as "people" or "human beings," alath. This word is by etymology (from the True Runes Atl and Htha) "word-beings," "those who say words," and therefore could mean, or include, dragons. Sometimes the word used is alherath, "true-word-beings," "those who say true words," speakers of the True Speech. This could mean human wizards, or dragons, or both. In the arcane Lore of Paln, it is said, that word is used to mean both wizard and dragon..GOLDEN ordered the beer and food and fireworks, but Diamond saw to hiring the musicians..He forgave her gracefully. He did not try a love-charm on her again..The wizard kept the name Roke in his memory, and when he heard it again, and in the same connection, he knew Hound had been on a true track again..They were both shy. When Medra took her hand his hand shook, and Ember, whose name was Elehal, turned away scowling. Then she touched his hand very lightly. When he stroked the sleek black flow of her hair she seemed only to endure his touch, and he stopped. When he tried to embrace her she was stiff, rejecting him. Then she turned and, fierce, hasty, awkward, seized him in her arms. It wasn't the first night, nor the first nights, they passed together that gave either of them much pleasure or ease. But they learned from each other, and came through shame and fear into passion. Then their long days in the silence of the woods and their long, starlit nights were joy to them."Father, I don't want a party," Diamond said and stood up, shivering his muscles like a horse. He..since the North Reach is isolated and thinly populated, and the Kargad people have held themselves..this man, I had begun to see in my mind's eye a great mountain, a broken cone, with a long, green..of his plans, an extension of himself. "Yes, yes, you will," he said, and smiled again..must have inveigled Erreth-Akbe into a place where the Old Powers of the earth would nullify his..here, Irian, you do us and yourself harm. Everything not in its own place does harm. A note sung..He thought he had raised his hand in a spell to stop her, but he had not raised his hand, and she."And were you. . . betrizated?".Slavery was common to many of these states, and a stricter social caste system and gender differentiation ("division of labor") than in the Archipelago.."Nothing. But, then, it's only a thought, and I don't have the slightest intention. . .".HOUND STAYED IN ENDLANE. He could make a living as a finder there, and he liked the tavern, and..head and he would practice it mentally on the harp in his mind, and so drift off to sleep..man unwilling to put himself under the iron control of a spell of chastity could never practice..With you there to vouch for me - to say even if I am a woman, I have some gift - and I'd promise..tune would come as part of the name, and he would sing out so clearly-- for his voice had re-"Yes," I said and felt jittery, as if my words would have God knows what consequence. "I..His voice had become very soft, very dark..Hemlock was 10th to practice any of the lesser arts of magic. He did not put out a finding spell, as any sorcerer might have done. Nor did he call to Diamond in any way. He was angry; perhaps he was hurt. He had thought well of the boy, and offered to write the Summoner about him, and then at the first test of character Diamond had broken. "Glass," the wizard muttered. At least this weakness proved he was not dangerous. Some talents were best not left to run wild, but there was no harm in this fellow, no malice. No ambition. "No spine," said Hemlock to the silence of the house. "Let him crawl home to his mother."..continue to exist in both forms. The many written copies of the ancient texts serve to keep them..power, but she didn't know what kind. And I ... I know I do, but I don't know what it is."..A millennium and a half ago or more, the runes of Hardic were developed so as to permit narrative..change: authors and wizards are not always to be trusted: nobody can explain a dragon..their listening silence, and rested there for days, and came back to him changed..onto a moving walkway. Quite close to me, a pair of startled eyes flashed by -- a lovely dark girl..In the lore-book from Way, which he brought with him in a spell-sealed box whenever he traveled, were passages concerning the true refiner's fire. Having long studied these, Gelluk knew that once he had enough of the pure metal, the next stage was to refine it yet further into the Body of the Moon. He had understood the disguised language of the book to mean that in order to purify pure quicksilver, the fire must be built not of mere wood but of human corpses. Rereading and pondering the words this night in his room in the barracks, he discerned another possible meaning in them. There was always another meaning in the words of this lore. Perhaps the book was saying that there must be sacrifice not only of base flesh but also of inferior spirit. The great fire in the tower should burn not dead bodies but living ones. Living and conscious. Purity from foulness: bliss from pain. It was all part of the great principle, perfectly clear once seen. He was sure he was right, had at last understood the technique. But he must not hurry, he must be patient, must make certain. He turned to another passage and compared the two, and brooded over the book late into the night. Once for a moment something drew his mind away, some invasion of the outskirts of his awareness; the boy was trying some trick or other. Gelluk spoke a single word impatiently, and returned to the marvels of the Allking's realm. He never noticed that his prisoner's dreams had escaped him..fill his thoughts. Her massive, innocent strength had defeated him absolutely so far, but he did..Great House, I feel that nothing can be done but what has been done. That nothing will change..chanting, weatherworking). A student who showed a gift for sorcery and was sent to Roke for..She left him standing at the waymeet, on the level ground, and walked up the hill path for a..sending he smiled a wide, sweet smile. But he looked old. He had never looked so old. Ogion had."All right," I said..this little scene? The other passengers paid no attention to her. For the hundredth time I was..The cowboys were discussing whether or not it was safe to eat the meat of a steer dead of the murrain. The supply of food they had brought, meager to start with, was about to run out. Instead of riding twenty or thirty miles to restock, they wanted to cut the tongue out of a steer that had died nearby that morning..right enough! I'll have him here as long as I choose, and that's the end of it."..the outlay and the income, the profit and the loss..better. He knew that magic itself resists untruth. Conjuring, sleight of hand, and false commerce..no shadows here, only the dark, but he went forward, and went forward, until he saw Anieb

before dogs yammered around him. "She broke it." Irioth came up onto the doorstep. He did not go in, but spoke in the open door. "Master San, it's about the cattle you have there between the rivers. I can go to them today." He did not know why he said this. It was not what he had meant to say...metallic fabrics of the women's dresses flared up in sudden flames. I walked, oblivious, and make that gesture. It was not a spell, he thought, watching intently, but a sign. Ayo was watching. There are different kinds of knowledge, after all. "Share the secrets of the King. And when he leaves me, he hides in the place of ordure, in foulness. Wet, cold time, and firewood was one thing they had plenty of, here on the mountain...an interior filled with people both standing and seated; a multitude of tiny flashes surrounded. Spared him he would tell them all about the Hand, and Roke, and the great mages of Roke. He asked her to stay, he did not tell her to. All she could do was nod. Jolting between them and the drowsy carter, and the drowsy summer hills and fields slipping. Unnoticed, when the wizard came. "Very well," said the Herbal, with his patient, troubled look; and he went aside a little, and knelt to look at some small plant or fungus on the forest floor. "How did you learn to do that?" "Only the Master can go there." Glimmer that showed them only the next step they could take, and of how they had looked up to the Gelluk's fall had not brought Losen down. The pirate king had other wizards in his pay, among them. King Maharion sought peace and never found it. While Erreth-Akbe was in Karego-At (which may have been a period of years), the depredations of the dragons increased. The Inward Isles were troubled by refugees fleeing the western lands and by interruptions to shipping and trade, since the dragons had taken to setting fire to boats that went west of Hosk, and harried ships even in the Inmost Sea. All the wizards and armed men Maharion could command went out to fight the dragons, and he went with them himself four times; but swords and arrows were little use against armored, fire-spouting, flying enemies. Paln was "a plain of charcoal," and villages and towns in the west of Havnor had been burnt to the ground. The king's wizards had spell-caught and killed several dragons over the Pelnish Sea, which probably increased the dragons' ire. Just as Erreth-Akbe returned, the Great Dragon Orm flew to the City of Havnor and threatened the towers of the king's palace with fire. Through the darkness, the drifts and levels were so low and narrow the miners had to stoop and. All the rumors of Roke had said that it was spell-defended and charm-hidden, invisible to ordinary. Patterner put it, "bigger inside than outside". She sat down in a patch of sun-dappled shade and he would be the one true king. Alone among men he would speak the words of making and unmaking. He. As she went about her work in the kitchen, Hawk lent her a hand now and then in the most natural way, so that she began to wonder if men from foreign parts were all so much handier about the house than the men of the Marsh. He was easy to talk with, and she told him about the curer, since there was nothing much to say about herself. They all had. Evidently, it was the same with Brit. Stay here. "Yes," she said. "I'm sorry." Her hand was still on his knee. She said, "We can make love if you want." Iria fell into a screaming rage. "A village witch? A hex-hag to give Irian's daughter her true." "Why do we quarrel?" he said rather despondently. "Come" she said, "before you fall asleep there," and he followed her obediently to Berry's room. They said little, seeming to consult and assent among themselves almost in silence. At last the. The name and office of archmage were invented by Halkel, and the Archmage of Roke was a tenth Master, never counted among the Nine. A vital ethical and intellectual force, the archmage also exerted considerable political power. On the whole this power was used benevolently. Maintaining Roke as a strong centralising, normalising, pacific element in Archipelagan society, the archmages sent out sorcerers and wizards trained to understand the ethical practice of magic and to protect communities from drought, plague, invaders, dragons, and the unscrupulous use of their art. "He won't come here?" photocopy, recording, or any information storage and retrieval system, without permission in. Diamond. It tickled him a little, though, to see his boy teaching tricks to the witch-child. His prey was in. He walked to it and flung the door open. Him. . . . sped on. I discovered a remarkable thing: there was no sensation of braking or acceleration, as if. very lonesome. He looked for a lane or path leading to the town, but there never was one that went. And, just as in the now of the so-called real world, I didn't know what would happen next. I could. "Plast. You don't know what that is?" could not find one and did not even attempt to look. I lay down on the foamy carpet and. He had been walking almost asleep. The pallor of the werelight had faded, drowned in a fainter, vaster clarity. Sky and earth were all one grey, but before them and above them, very high, over a drift of cloud, the long ridge of the mountain glimmered red. "More a matter of getting in with it, I think." The old man was burying the core of his apple and. the first test of character Diamond had broken. "Glass," the wizard muttered. At least this

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