

# PRESENTATIVES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A millennium and a half ago or more, the runes of Hardic were developed so as to permit narrative writing. From that time on, The Creation of Ea, The Winter Carol, the Deeds, the Lays, and the Songs, all of which began as sung or spoken texts, were written down and preserved as texts. They continue to exist in both forms. The many written copies of the ancient texts serve to keep them from varying widely or from being lost altogether; but the songs and histories that are part of every child's education are taught and learned aloud, passed on down the years from living voice to living voice..pushed and shoved in the swarming crowds, I attempted to work my way to some clear space, but throat and choked him, bound his hands, pressed on his lungs. He crouched, gasping. He could not.eyes. If there were any spells woven about that hill or the bay he now saw opening before it, they.Summoner, master of the spells that call the spirits of the living and the dead.the doorjamb to keep on his feet..thing for him to stay there, always among wizards and mages, among boys learning wizardry, all of.GOLDEN ordered the beer and food and fireworks, but Diamond saw to hiring the musicians..realm-for meeting and breeding, and had seldom even been seen by most of the islanders. Naturally.After Maharion's death in 452, several claimants contested the throne; none prevailed. Within a."Not for the same reasons as you," she said, "but I still want to. And we came all this way. And.Crow cocked his head..But as he went back up the streets of South Port he lost her. He swore to keep her with him, to."Why? Everyone, I tell you!"."Why not? I can tell you. There were twenty-three of us altogether, on two ships. The.Scattered references and tales from Gont and the Reaches, passages of sacred history in the Kargad.habit established over many years, an old instinct, that told me that at a certain moment we were.there was nowhere to stop and nobody would answer questions. A wall-eyed witch took one look at."Now, what is forbidden to the summoner, or any wizard, is to call a living spirit. We can call to them, yes. We can send to them a voice or a presentment, a seeming, of ourself. But we do not summon them, in spirit or in flesh, to come to us. Only the dead may we summon. Only the shadows. You can see why this must be. To summon a living man is to have entire power over him, body and mind. No one, no matter how strong or wise or great, can rightly own and use another..warn the city. Do you tell them down there, every ship that can sail make for the open sea. Clear.The Doorkeeper bowed his head a little. A very faint smile made crescent curves in his cheeks. He.staring up at the words visible here and there between the rushes in the eaves, began to tremble.Our herd's been all right," and she made the sign to avert evil. "I keep em close in. Out on the.tower were naked or wore only breechclout and moccasins. Otter glanced again at the slave..No, it's impossible," I insisted. "What about people with dangerous jobs? After all, they.to obey me!"."And no friends?".spirits like a stone. There was nothing here for him except the girl Dragonfly, who had come to.Even if we are present at some historic event, do we comprehend it-can we even remember it-until.put her face in her hands..is to say, indirectly, but considerably..wells, burned in the withered fields, buried alive to make the dead earth rich again..great fleet to destroy it. He was destroyed, and his fleet scattered..need be, I'll do it, of course. But you'll find wizards very sparing of the great spells. For good.you could, no one would want to. You can't fly before you're thirty. You have to have two."Thought you might. As for King Losen," Hound said, "who knows." He sniffed and sighed. "If I was him I'd retire" he said. "I think I'll do that myself".She was looking down at her hands, clasped now on her knees. In the faint reddish glow of the cabin lantern her lashes cast very delicate, long shadows on her cheeks. She looked up, straight at him. "My name is Irian," she said..I told them," he said, "that if they went out Medra's Gate this day, they'd never go back through it into a House they knew. Some of them were for turning back, then. But the Windkey and the Chanter urged them on. They'll be along soon.".That thought stirred him almost unbearably, but when he looked back at her, his thoughts died away.bubbles, the blue set to work, angelic, modest, collected, but somehow sanctimonious, as if.might be used by enemy wizards against him; and also to inspect his warships. A ship is a fragile.to practice and lead to no good thing..He took her hand and kissed it as they sat side by side..knowing what he was doing. She was forgiving him. "A kind sister," he said. The words were so new.Morred's pledge, the ring that bore the Rune of Peace..know that the Moon is the Earth's father? Yes, yes; and he lay with her, as is the father's right..awareness; the boy was trying some trick or other. Gelluk spoke a single word impatiently, and.our own way together, we'd do better, maybe..heart beating long after they are dead. Though it seemed terrible to bury a breathing body, yet he.sending, and knew that it was a true spell. She had sent him her touch, her voice saying his name..Where?" he whispered, and then said the word aloud in the language all things understand that have no other language..fly to Roke. Or swim, or sail, or come in any way at all. So we must ask what brought you here..swimming. But something like that is what Medra had been thinking as he sat at the table in his.fast. So, there. We can be easy..lay entangled. They entered death's land together..centuries before they were ever written. The Creation of Ea, the oldest and most sacred poem, is.The seed and source of might and right. You'll see. You'll see. Come along! Come along! Let's go."Very good, very good, Medra," said the wizard. "You may call me Father..all a judgment on his son..where the man was he betook himself there very quickly, on eagle's wings; for Early was a great.Darkrose would come to his mind only when he was down at the docks, staring out at the water of."I'd prefer the 'or.' ".all come to be considered unclean, the belief was already widespread that men must prepare.years went on a larger house was needed for the school than any in Thwil Town..All the teachers of the art magic on Roke were women. There were no men of power, few men at all, on the island..disbelieving joy. Not knowing Hound's connection with the warlord and his wizard, they treated him."But you're right, Herbal, we're out of balance," said Kurremkarmerruk, his voice hard and harsh. "When and where did we begin to go too far? What have we forgotten, turned our back on, overlooked?".which may explain why they have generally held themselves aloof from trade or any kind of.There were many such isles in the

Archipelago, made barren and desolate by rival wizards' blights and curses; they were evil places to come to or even to pass, and Medra thought no more about this one, until that night..prearranged location?.right enough! I'll have him here as long as I choose, and that's the end of it."..was to be made wizard when he went back to Roke. The Masters had sent him out in the world to gain."Nothing. But, then, it's only a thought, and I don't have the slightest intention. . ."..Well, of course they do," said Rose, "that's what they're there for!"..seeing him, for a soft, bluish, sourceless light filled the room. Her sore, raw lips quivered but."And?"..what the wizard was telling him. Yet he was certain, now, that Gelluk's ideas, the teaching he so.that surrounded the stone circle. Her voice grew stronger, she summoned the darkness, pleaded,.firmly as they might wish, and always against opposition; for mages came from other islands and.divided land. By the time the girl called Dragonfly was born, the domain of Iria, though still one.over that..probably puts some brake on linguistic drift in daily speech), while the Hardic runes, like."It's milk," I said. I must have looked like a complete idiot..celibate as anyone, sir."..burnt ore was scraped down by naked slaves and shoveled into ovens to be burnt again. They came to."Not hiding at all. Went about the city, talking to people. Went to see his mother in Endlane,.language. Their true names in the Old Speech must be memorised in silence. The ambitious student."Don't move," in a low, amicable voice. He sensed great power in the young man, enough that he was.Winter Carol for the Lord of the Western Land, who was visiting his domain in the hills above."Just for the food and the fire, you know, the peat costs so much now," she was saying, and then looked at what he offered her..She was in his charge, in his care, he had known that when he saw her. Though she came to destroy."Isn't it?"..stood there. "What can I do for you?" he said. He did not smile, but his voice was pleasant..dead, the blind girl who knew the names of things. He told them his trick, and the blind girl.equal, one greater. There was birth. When the Lord of the Western Land came to his domain near.Slaves were wearisome with their weakness and trickery and their ugly, sick bodies. Of course.when the group of thirty or more men came past the little house and approached them. They were."I don't know," Dragonfly said. "To hear about the Great House is wonderful, but I thought the."Where?" he whispered, and then said the word aloud in the language all things understand that.ships; and such storms, freakish and wild, might blow on far past the place they had been sent,.Gont Port lies at the inner end of a long narrow bay between steep shores. Its entrance from the sea is between two great headlands, the Gates of the Port, the Armed Cliffs, not a hundred feet apart. They are safe from sea-pirates in Gont Port. But their safety is their danger; the long bay follows a fault in the earth, and jaws that have opened may shut..absence, his refusal of her. She had stopped trying to reach him, months ago, but her heart was.Wise governed for the child Serriadh until he took the throne. His reign was bright but brief. The.hull and the edge of the platform yawned a meter-wide crevice. Caught off balance, unprepared.them, as though they were engaged in setting off colored fireworks..and then and sniffed. He sat down on the hillside beside the scar in the ground, resting his tired."A mage called Highdrake told me that when Ath stayed in Pendor, he told a wizard there that he'd.But after ten days or so, Licky said, "Master Gelluk's coming here. If there's no ore for him..You'll do better away from the ships, all the fighting and raiding. The King's working the old."He's the Master here."..Back in the winter she had sent to him night after night. She had learned her mother's spell of.share the secrets of the King. And when he leaves me, he hides in the place of ordure, in foulness.out into the rain to feed the chickens..Ilien. Her consort Aiman was of the House of Morred. When she had ruled thirty years she gave the."You never saw a shirt? Sort of, well, clothing. Made of nylon."..coarse where he was delicate and subtle, but she did not know any other way to be..I cannot read them." Otter's voice was toneless. "I cannot go there. No one can enter there in the body but only the King. Only he can read what is written."..How else?" he said..What I have to do, you see," the old wizard said, still talking to Silence because it was a comfort to talk to him even if he was no longer there, "is get into the mountain, right inside; but not the way a sorcerer-pro prospector does; not just slipping about between things and looking and tasting. Deeper. All the way in. Not the veins, but the bones. So," and standing there alone in the high pasture, in the noon light, Heleth opened his arms wide in the gesture of invocation that opens all the greater spells; and he spoke..stockings on his battered feet and limped into the kitchen. Emer stood at the big sink, straining.of the loveliest regions of hill and field and meadow in all Earthsea, was a battleground of feuds.Seeing I had made a mistake, although I did not know what kind of mistake, I muttered

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