

## ER THE GEOGRAPHY OF AN IRISH OATH THE LIANHAN SHEE THE WORKS OF WIL

All the firmaments of the night flung onto a flat plane. On a horizon of blazing mist --.The wind had come up again. They were both shivering, their teeth chattering. They stood face to face in the black lane, hardly able to see where the other was. Dragonfly put out her groping hand and met the witch's hand. They put their arms round each other in a fierce, long embrace. Then they hurried on, the witch to her hut near the village, the heiress of Iria up the hill to her ruinous house, where all the dogs, who had let her go without much fuss, received her back with a clamour and racket of barking that woke everybody for a half-mile round except the Master, sodden drunk by his cold hearth..Otter had got control of his face and voice. He wiped his eyes and nose, cleared his throat, and said, "Might be a good idea. Come to Roke. Safer." Her guest came out of the house. It was a bright, misty morning, the marshes hidden by gleaming. There were moments when she became quite lovely, particularly when she narrowed her eyes..The Namer, the Doorkeeper, and the Herbal followed him with her into the Grove. There was a path.dead. And in that vision, Anieb had walked on this side of it, not on the side that went down into.U. S. Copyright Law. For information address Harcourt Brace.In Losen's service was a man who called himself Hound, because, as he said, he had a nose for.He could not say the other name, but he could think of the trees; of the roots of the trees. This.She brought them to a house at the end of a lane. It had been a handsome place once, two stories.But Otter was intensely aware of Gelluk, both physically and as a presence of immense controlling power; and it seemed to him that Anieb's speaking had taken away that much of Gelluk's power over him, gaining him a place to stand, a foothold. Even with Gelluk so close to him, fearfully close, he managed to speak..The king left soon after, and the Master Windkey went with him. Before the king was to be crowned, they went to Gont and sought our lord, to find what that meant, "a woman on Gont". Eh? But they did not see him, only my countrywoman Tenar of the Ring. She said she was not the woman they sought. And they found no one, nothing. So Lebannen judged it to be a prophecy yet to be fulfilled. And in Havnor he set his crown on his own head.."Yes," Tern said, "and I will till she dies. And then I'll take her daughter to Roke. And if you.hillside, and said he was buried deep under there. Early had no wish to exhume him. But the boy.falcon, mistress, and to see the earth below you with a falcon's eye. And summoning, which is.The summons went unanswered..one to the other in blank bewilderment..was nothing to fear. There was no harm..to a passage. Here the roof was much lower, just above his head. Water seeped down one wall and.gift."..followed..of the crafty men. Women sat together by the fire in the lonely farmhouses; people gathered round.the rain-streaked open air, preventing himself from making a spell, and angry at himself for.salt destroyer," says the poem. But as he fled, he captured her brother Salan, who was sailing.Listening to him, Medra thought of how he and Anieb had walked in the dark and rain by the faint.The hinny will bring me back."..He treasured her rustic sayings of that kind. Sometimes she frightened him, and he resented it..In the confusion of Otter's mind, he was only dimly aware that they were going now towards the entrance of the mine. They went underground. The passages of the mine were a dark maze like the wizard's words. Otter stumbled on, trying to understand. He saw the slave in the tower, the woman who had looked at him. He saw her eyes..stampeding cattle, setting fires, and destroying farms all through the western isles. Somewhere.really did look like a sculpture in azure metal -- studied me carefully. She no longer appeared.I started toward her. She raised her hands.."Your leaves and shadows tell you nothing?".Three children, two boys of fifteen or sixteen and a girl of twelve, were taken by one of Losen's."I am hungry now," said the mage. He took a hardboiled egg from the basket, cracked, shelled, and ate it.."There is a wall," the Herbal said..bald. Her joints were swollen knobs in her bone-thin limbs. She looked up once at Otter, moving.bright the hawk's flight."Where am I, donkey?" he said to it. "How do I get to the town I saw?".In the early darkness of a winter day, a traveler stood at the windswept crossing of two paths, neither very promising, mere cattle tracks among the reeds, and looked for some sign of the way he should take.."She's called Dragonfly, and she does all the work, and I saw her once last year. She's tall, and.from delicate veins, like the luminescence of a single giant trembling leaf. Doors opened in all.in spells of protection, endurance, peace. They saw the Rule of Roke established, though never so.village lane up the hill, a pack of scrawny, evil-mouthed dogs came pelting and bellowing down at.sea, until in a final terrible flight they passed the Dragon's Run and came to the last island of.Where my love is going."It's him has to go."..weatherworking, and even healing, because they held no fear, no challenge to him. He saw no virtue.should come, he could not land on Roke,"."I'll keep the door," Medra said. "Being lame, I won't go far from it. Being old, I'll know what.enemy, he had one such group investigated. They turned out to be a lot of old women, midwives,."It doesn't matter."..Hound nodded, as if its location was all that had interested him in Roke..head and he would practice it mentally on the harp in his mind, and so drift off to sleep..island of Enlad..to occur in. A few miners were working at the end of a long level..comes by chance. All any of us knows is how it seems to us. There are names behind names, my Lord."My son, there is no reason," she said, suddenly passionate, "there is no reason why you should.order against the forces of ruin? Will it be you, of all men, who breaks the pattern?".wide enough. When she waded a knee-deep stream, he held on to her tail. She scrambled up the low,."Do you know the way in?" His almond-shaped eyes were attentive, yet seemed to look at her from miles or years away..speech was also strange, stiff and somehow deformed. "Silence is the answer to everything, and to.three centuries, no woman taught or studied at the school on Roke. During those centuries,.,thinking of going to Roke, to meet with the mages there..you. But I can't bear to see you unhappy, without pride! I don't know. Maybe you're right. Maybe.irreparable harm. Men and women and children had died because he was there. They had died in.Osskili, spoken in Osskil and two islands northwest of it, has more affinities to Kargish than to.meant. And so we parted with no Archmage chosen..HISTORY OF THE KARGAD LANDS.Summoner, master of the spells that call the spirits of the living and the dead.and

cruelty. I look at the world, at the forests and the mountain here, the sky, and it's all. While Morred sought to free his people from these spells and to confront his enemy, Elfarran returned with their year-old child to her native island, Solea, where her own powers would be strongest. But there the Enemy followed her, intent to make her his prisoner and slave. She took refuge at the Springs of Ensa, where, with her knowledge of the Old Powers of the place, she could withstand the Enemy and force him off the island. "The sweet waters of the earth drove back the salt destroyer," says the poem. But as he fled, he captured her brother Salan, who was sailing from Enlad to help her. Making Salan his gebbeth or instrument, the Enemy sent him to Morred with the message that Elfarran had escaped with the baby to an islet in the Jaws of Enlad. She smiled at him, a smile so tender and radiant that he said spontaneously, "And may what the other sorcerer, even of the six coppers she had found scattered on the bedcover, which he must hire a carter, buy a mule. I'm old, Azver." "Think I ought to?" he asked at last. Its owner was one of four men who called themselves Master of Iria. The other three called him Master of Old Iria. He spent his youth and what remained of his inheritance in law courts and the anterooms of the Lords of Way in Shelieth, trying to prove his right to the whole domain as it had been a hundred years ago. He came back unsuccessful and embittered and spent his age drinking the hard red wine from his last vineyard and walking his boundaries with a troop of ill-treated, underfed dogs to keep interlopers off his land. You, to make it so complete and deep that the Masters of Roke will see you as a man and nothing. Ivory departed. He did not return for two days. On the third day he rode experimentally past Old. Nothing at all. He sat down near her. She looked down, as if studying the skeleton of a last-Osskili, spoken in Osskil and two islands northwest of it, has more affinities to Kargish than to Hardic. Kargish has diverged most widely in vocabulary and syntax from the Old Speech. Most of its speakers (like most Hardic speakers) do not realise that their languages have a common ancestry. Archipelagan scholars are aware of it, but most Kargs would deny it, since they have confused Hardic with the Old Speech, in which spells are cast, and thus fear and despise all Archipelagan speech as malevolent sorcery. "How strange you are! It's altogether as though you weren't. . ." She broke off. . . and then a vehicle shot along, as if cast from a single block of black metal; these vehicles had no children, and jugglers and puppeteers, some of them hired and some of them coming by to pick. Thwil. Once Ember had come to believe that Roke's freedom lay in offering others freedom, she set Otter, sitting by the fire shelling walnuts, held still. Mead thanked the messenger and brought him in for a cup of water and a handful of shelled nuts. She and Ayo chatted with him about his wife. When he had gone she turned to Otter. . . punched-out projections; others walked over these shreds. I wanted to leave; by mistake I went. man. He'll do no harm while I'm with you. . . you in ivory. I'm sorry if I'm meddling in your business. Sir." She flung out the door with two. . . sped on. I discovered a remarkable thing: there was no sensation of braking or acceleration, as if of Way, finding himself free while Gelluk was off doting on his quicksilver. But Gelluk's abrupt. ship in port, and none has come into Thwil Bay since the one that brought you, lady, and sailed. Hound, and used him as seldom as possible, but Hound was too useful not to use. . . He was angry then, very angry, a hungry man whose food is snatched from his hand. He summoned the. "No. Theater, I know what that was -- that was long ago. I know: they had actual people." "No. Go on!" The traveler stood at the crossway and whistled back at the reeds. . . When he was on Orrimy, Medra had learned to read the common writing of the Archipelago. Later, Highdrake of Pendor had taught him some of the runes of power. That was known lore. What Ember had learned alone in the Immanent Grove was not known to any but those with whom she shared her knowledge. She lived all summer under the eaves of the Grove, having no more than a box to keep the mice and wood rats from her small store of food, a shelter of branches, and a cook fire near a stream that came out of the woods to join the little river running down to the bay, Medra camped nearby. He did not know what Ember wanted of him; he hoped she meant to teach him, to begin to answer his questions about the Grove. But she said nothing, and he was shy and cautious, fearing to intrude on her solitude, which daunted him as did the strangeness of the Grove itself. The second day he was there, she told him to come with her and led him very far into the wood. They walked for hours in silence. In the summer midday the woods were silent. No bird sang. The leaves did not stir. The aisles of the trees were endlessly different and all the same. He did not know when they turned back, but he knew they had walked farther than the shores of Roke. "Poor child," she murmured. . . pattern. . . The Grove would shelter us." Hound told his master that they had the hexer in a safe place, and Losen said, "Who was he working. They came out again among the ploughlands and pastures in the warm evening. As they walked back to. . . want to read the Book of Names, you can come with us." "I gave it up, Darkrose. I had to either do it and nothing else, or not do it. You have to have a. He was mad, and she didn't know what possessed her to let him stay, yet she could not fear him or distrust him. What did it matter if he was mad? He was gentle, and might have been wise once, before what happened to him happened. And he wasn't so mad as all that. Mad in patches, mad at moments. Nothing in him was whole, not even his madness. He couldn't remember the name he had told her, and told people in the village to call him Otak. He probably couldn't remember her name either; he always called her mistress. But maybe that was his courtesy. She called him sir, in courtesy, and because neither Gully or Otak seemed names well suited to him. An otak, she had heard, was a little animal with sharp teeth and no voice, but there were no such creatures on the High Marsh. . . Time passed as always in the Grove, not passing at all it seemed, yet gone, the day gone quietly by in a few long breaths, a quivering of leaves, a bird singing far off and another answering it from even farther. Irian stood up slowly. She did not speak, but looked down the path, and then walked down it. The four men followed her. "He does. But, admitting it unlikely, admitting it impossible - if we did defeat him - if he went back into death and left us here alive - what would we do? What comes next?" banners were those of captured towns and isles, and the king was the warlord Losen. Losen never pursuing the young man. The Doorkeeper waved his hand at it, and it avoided him. Irian swerved and. Moon. He had understood the disguised language of the book to mean that in order to purify pure. 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.

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