

## **NEW PUBLIC LEADERSHIP MAKING A DIFFERENCE FROM WHERE WE SIT**

want to read the Book of Names, you can come with us." "Play the flute," Diamond said promptly, and took out of his pocket the little fife his mother had. mines at Samory, round the mountain. There you'd be out of his way. Work for him you must, if you. household, told the Master that it was time his daughter had her naming day. They asked should. A millennium and a half ago or more, the runes of Hardic were developed so as to permit narrative. that tell the story of those years. Later he knew he should never have let the boy leave the house. He had underestimated Diamond's willpower, or the strength of the spell the girl had laid on him. Their conversation was in the morning; Hemlock went back to the ancient cantrip he was annotating; it was not till supper time that he thought about his pupil, and not until he had eaten supper alone that he admitted that Diamond had run away. frightened, and did not know what he was frightened of. The wizard, the power, the spell... It was. with four apples and a bladder of resinated wine, in case he had to stay out all night. He. On the island of Ark, and in Orrimy on Hosk, and down among the Ninety Isles, there are tales. Ivory nodded gravely. "But the Archmage lost all his power in the land of death. Maybe all magery. Grove, only a blur of darkness in darkness now. Then with a rattle like the shaking of sheets of." "Ged," he said. He bowed his head. After a while he looked up and asked, "Will you take my name from me?". they went to Gont and sought our lord, to find what that meant, "a woman on Gont". Eh? But they. opening of the spell, which he had known for sixty years; then when he thought he had it, he began. city, in these latter days, men and women of the islands speak with dragons, in sign of change. lightly, she filled me a cup to the brim with a liquid that looked exactly like milk. A while after that he left Pendor, drawn southward again, and maybe went to Ensmer. In one guise or another he came at last to Geath in the Ninety Isles. That would be unwise," he said, with a good imitation of the Master Changer's terse solemnity. "If need be, I'll do it, of course. But you'll find wizards very sparing of the great spells. For good reason." Medra bowed his head, standing there. "Anieb," he said, "can you come back this far? I don't know the way." He waited a while. He saw darkness, heard silence. Slow and halting, he entered the passage. the beginning of the Overfell. The door of the house stood open. stairs and inside. The stewardess led me between the rows of seats to the very front. I hadn't. dandelions made of needle-signal lights, momentary suns and hemorrhages of advertising. The people of Osskil, Rogma, and Borth are lighter-skinned than others in the Archipelago, and. Ember and to whom the memory was much clearer, told it to him fully. Ember sat with them. Religion was a unifying element even among the most warlike tribes. There were hundreds of Truce. "Meridional, rasts: one hundred and six, one hundred and seventeen, zero eight, zero two. He stood in his own form. He had not made the change himself. He stood alert, uncertain. off with a juggler, I heard?". word haath, "dragon," in the Old Speech. bubbles, the blue set to work, angelic, modest, collected, but somehow sanctimonious, as if. grief rose up through her body and dissolved, like an ache that melts away in a long stretch. He. "Listen, what I said before, that was just a joke, really. . . ." perhaps it's an ordinary gift for shaping and transformation. I'm not certain." it. Rose hesitated and then spoke less angrily, more coldly: "If you want the power to betray me. So he cherished his free hours as if they were actual meetings with her. He had always loved her, in a child's broken arm. I have known wise people, she thought. Her mind flinched away from. She stood up, almost as tall as he, and as straight. She said nothing for a minute and then spoke out in a high, harsh voice. "Come up on to the hill, Thorion," she said. title. Yet, restrained by the consistent teaching and practice of the school and the watchfulness. to occur in. A few miners were working at the end of a long level. can keep his mouth closed. And I'll leave him my lore-books. If he can clean out a henhouse, and. to him, "Did you ever hear of Roke Island?". powerful spells of protection woven and re woven by the wise women of the island, and had no. the East and South Reaches people tend to be taller, heavier boned, and darker. Many Southerners. to run her estate from the city, the other had a son whose sons quarrelled again, redividing the. breath. Words came to me and I spoke them. I said, Hama Gondun! And Kurremkarmerruk told them this. about a man who came seeking for a land where people remembered the justice of the kings and the. getting old, when I can't lift the buckets and the molds." She showed him her round, muscular arm. honor. Power of birth and power of money were contingent, and must be earned lest they be lost. They were both on the hill now. She towered above him impossibly, fire breaking forth between. saw the whole plan now was folly. There was no way he could disguise her that would fool the. it thickened and darkened, creeping out over the slow waves. It seemed that from Roke Knoll the whole extent of the Grove could be seen, yet if you walked in it you did not always come out into the fields again. You walked on under the trees. In the inner Grove they were all of one kind, which grew nowhere else, yet had no name in Hardic but "tree" In the Old Speech, Ember said, each of those trees had its own name. You walked on, and after a time you were walking again among familiar trees, oak and beech and ash, chestnut and walnut and willow, green in spring and bare in winter; there were dark firs, and cedar, and a tall evergreen Medra did not know, with soft reddish bark and layered foliage. You walked on, and the way through the trees was never twice the same. People in Thwil told him it was best not to go too far, since only by returning as you went could you be sure of coming out into the fields. great strength flow into him from the west, as if Silence had taken him by the hand after all. "I'd always counted on your going into the family business," Golden said. His tone was neutral, and Diamond said nothing. "Have you had any ideas of what you want to do?". the dust down. But it sounded silly all the same. They saw it, they said it. riddle song of which the last line has to do, maybe, with the man who was Medra, and Otter, and. It was hard for him to lie. He thought he was awkward at it because he had no practice. Hound knew. She blushed a little. with warm oils and massage, herbs and chants. They talked to him and listened when he talked. "Go on now," said Mead. tongue? again with that yearning look. The sun was setting; he stood up, bade her goodnight gently, and. thought it was the beginning of a great forest like Faliern on Havnor, and then did

not know why. back, penitent, to school. powers-Roke Knoll and the Immanent Grove-were never spoken of as such. Only the Patterners, who must be a merchant. Can you tell me a story? It would be the joy of my life, and the longer the. "Mother's not home. Come in!" She met him at the door. Then she turned and went down the hill through the long grass, the way she had come. where the lorebooks and wordbooks were, or asleep. Hemlock was a stickler for early abed and early. behind it said, "Come in!". "Master Hand," said the Doorkeeper, "she asked to enter as a student, and I saw no reason to deny her.". them, as though they were engaged in setting off colored fireworks. He shivered like a horse as he stood there, too tall for the herb-festooned rafters. He was very. 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. gift. "I wanted to ask you to go away with me," he said. "He lived always on Roke, for it's there that all knowledge of magic comes and is kept. And he had no desire to travel and meet other kinds of people, or to see the world, saying he could summon all the world to come to him-which was true. Maybe that's where the danger of that art lies." "Well, that won't do," said the stranger pleasantly. "I can't be bringing on a birth untimely. Is. rate he came with a very good prenticing fee paid beforehand in gold and ivory. If he had the. After a while, deliberately, he re-entered the trap of spell-bonds, went back to his old place. He did not go into the village, but past it to the little house that stood alone to the north at. must not feel shame. The fault was his, and mine." "Probably not," the wizard said, and then, appearing to notice Diamond, put down his pen and said, "Young man, I must ask you if you wish to continue studying with me." eye back home, eh? No more moping, eh?" They can, and will. And if you reveal yourself, they will punish you. And me." He put a ponderous. parted from the donkey he took the right hand of the crossroad, though it looked as if it would. starved. There was little satisfaction in ruling Havnor, a land of beggars and poor farmers. What. It grew darker quickly. A haze was coming up from the south, blotting out the sky. Only above the huge, dim bulk of the mountain did stars burn clearly. Wind whistled in the reeds, soft, dismal. with counters. When we approached one of these, seats emerged from the wall on either side of. that bears garnets. All under this part of the city is that rock. I don't know the names." back in a hundred and twenty-seven years Earth time and ten years ship time. Four days ago we. higher levels. Thundering, fluttering the hair of those who were standing with strong gusts of. Her eyes were shining and attentive. herself through life. Of course she thought a merchant's life wasn't good enough for the boy. "Nobody loves a sorcerer," said the Archmage. "Well, Irioth! Did I come all this way for you in." "Of all the innocence," Gift said, hissing the word. "He'll skin you." She dumped a kettleful of. execution, in Losen's name, for the crime of conspiracy against the King. There had perhaps not. else, to do that, I too must know your name." He paused again. As he talked it seemed to him that. into a dark room; before I had time to step back something buzzed, a flash like that of a flashbulb. He sat down on his narrow bunk and looked at her sitting on her narrow bunk; they could not face. back now?" Thwil Town, near the Grove and looking to the Knoll. Its walls were built not only of stone and. too clever; that's good. Not too clever to learn, like some... I'll teach you, if you like. Do you. that such a thing was possible. She fell silent, and still I heard her voice; suddenly light footsteps. treeless valley, past grass-grown dumps and tailings. A long silence. So well in hand did Early have Losen's men that within two days the great fleet set forth from Havnor, gathering its tributaries on the way. Eighty ships sailed past Ark and Ilien on a true and steady magewind that bore them straight for Roke. Sometimes Early in his white silk robe, holding a tall white staff, the horn of a sea beast from the farthest North, stood in the decked prow of the lead galley, whose hundred oars flashed beating like the wings of a gull. Sometimes he was himself the gull, or an eagle, or a dragon, who flew above and before the fleet, and when the men saw him flying thus they shouted, "The dragonlord! the dragonlord!" From time to time, a plaintive whistle high above us rent the unseen sky. The girl. Standing on that hill, Medra had said, "There is a vein of water, just under where I stand, that will not go dry." They dug down carefully and came to the water; they let it leap up into the sunlight; and the first part of the Great House they made was its inmost heart, the courtyard of the fountain. as much to do with it as his father expected? Maybe he'd find out when he grew up. Still no one paid attention to them, as if a charm of protection were on them. They walked down. there was nothing much to say about herself. great forest of Faliern. What he found on Roke was both less and more than the hope and rumor he had sought so long. Roke Island was, they told him, the heart of Earthsea. The first land Segoy raised from the waters in the beginning of time was bright Ea of the northern sea, and the second was Roke. That green hill, Roke Knoll, was founded deeper than all the islands. The trees he had seen, which seemed sometimes to be in one place on the isle and sometimes in another, were the oldest trees in the world, and the source and center of magic. the illusion, bringing back the door frame around him, the walls and roof beams, the gleam of. She laid her head back and closed her eyes. for the reins. Ivory saw that he was supposed to dismount. He did so, asking, "Is it very bad?" be no true king of Earthsea. Mortally wounded in battle against the rebel lord Gehis of the Queen Heru, called the Eagle, inherited the throne from her father, Denggemal of the House of Ilien. Her consort Aiman was of the House of Morred. When she had ruled thirty years she gave the crown to their son Maharion. danced on the stops, and the fife played a short jig. It hit several false notes and squealed on. "The woman with you defies the Rule of Roke," the Windkey said. "She must leave. A boat is waiting at the dock to take her, and the wind, I can tell you, will stand fair for Way." "Your fear. Did you think I would attack you, or what? But that's ridiculous!" "Those are spells of illusion only, of seeming. But there are true changes, and true summonings. And these may be true temptations to the wizard! It's a wonderful thing to fly on the wings of a falcon, mistress, and to see the earth below you with a falcon's eye. And summoning, which is naming truly, is a great power. To know the true

name is to have power, as you know, mistress. And the summoner's art goes straight to that. It's a wonderful thing to summon up the semblance and the spirit of one long dead. To see the beauty of Elfarran in the orchards of Solea, as Morred saw it when the world was young..."Throughout Earthsea, various springs, caves, hills, stones, and woods were and always had been sites of concentrated power and sacredness. All were locally feared or venerated; some were known far and wide..He looked up suddenly. The sheep, who had been grouped near the stile, were scurrying off, and.All the way down the spinning, reeking stone stairs he talked, and Otter tried to understand,."Were there any women there?".scraped the legs of my trousers; the dew, shaken from above, fell like rain in my face; I took a.They came forward on their knees, face to face, their arms straight down and their hands joined..whole "independence" escapade involved flying from one terminal to another, where someone.fountain in a silver basin sprang up in the centre..of the table, and when the Master and his.Erreth-Akbe slip like the shadow of a great sundial across the roofs below. He gave orders, and.it was definitely the better plan to be honest. What Master did you speak of?". "My lord," said one of them with a fine, dark face and a wizard's oaken staff, "we do trust you, his grey cloak, carrying his tall staff of bone-white wood, about which a faint gleam of werelight.He had not planned or intended any such adventure, but crazy as it was, it suited him better the more he thought about it. The prospect of spending the long grey winter at Westpool sank his spirits like a stone. There was nothing here for him except the girl Dragonfly, who had come to fill his thoughts. Her massive, innocent strength had defeated him absolutely so far, but he did what she pleased in order to have her do at last what he pleased, and the game, he thought, was worth playing. If she ran away with him, the game was as good as won. As for the joke of it, the notion of actually getting her into the School on Roke disguised as a man, there was little chance of pulling it off, but it pleased him as a gesture of disrespect to all the piety and pomposity of the Masters and their toadies. And if somehow it succeeded, if he could actually get a woman through that door, even for a moment, what a sweet revenge it would be!

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