

## **A BRIEF MEMOIR OF ELIZABETH FRY**

Early raised his hand to lay the binding spell on him. His hand was stayed, held immobile half lifted at his side..even to have it come to them unsought. Since such knowledge can be betrayed or misused, it is. "We do not teach women here," said the Windkey. "You know that." The wizard's eyes narrowed and his smile broadened..Archipelago came to be. "The Bones of the Earth" is about the wizards who taught the wizard who."Nonsense! Not history!" said the old Namer. "The first Archmage came centuries after the last king. Roke ruled in the kings' stead.".dances, races, sacrifices, carvings, songs, music, and silence. Worship was both casual and..about him. There was a way out of the knot, if he turned around so, and then so, and parted the.whiskered, prosperous cat. And at last, coming down the steep little street, which here was..came on your story, or something like it. That men and dragons were all one kind, but they."Father, I don't want a party," Diamond said and stood up, shivering his muscles like a horse. He was bigger than Golden now, and when he moved abruptly it was startling. "I'll go to Easthill," he said, and left the room..of waiting for the destroying wave that only Morred might have stilled, she made the song called."Mercy," whispered Gift. She had not sewn a stitch since he began.."But I will come, master!" he said. And then after a pause, "How soon?" And after a longer pause,..He stood tongue-tied. After a while she looked up at him. "No," she said in a soft, quiet voice,..All he saw was a mist on the water, all across the sea beyond the mouth of the bay. As he watched..as one could imagine. I stood in the heavy fetor of their bodies. The lioness kept snorting;..ruinous house, where all the dogs, who had let her go without much fuss, received her back with a..He traveled far in the Archipelago, even out into the East Reach. He never went to the same town."If somebody could talk to her people there, they'd get word to her. Her brother, Littleash, used..Enemy's spells, fought one another in bloody and ruinous battles..power in Losen's pay. Hound did not consider himself to be one of them. "All I have is a nose," he..You must make your choice alone, as a man. Do you understand that?" Golden was earnest, seeing his chance to begin to wean the lad from his mother. She as a woman would cling, but he as a man must learn to let go. And Diamond nodded sturdily enough to satisfy his father, though he had a thoughtful look..my side and was smiling as before. It was not merely an external smile of official politeness, a..vellum that had been worked into the thatching of his house. "They good for something else?" Crow,..bower upstream, he went there, carrying Veil's basket as an excuse. "May I talk to you?" he said..The Doorkeeper looked at her for what seemed a long time. Then it is your name," he said. "But maybe not all your name. I think you have another."."Are you there, my dear?" said the traveler. He spoke in the Old Speech, the Language of the.."Young man, I must ask you if you wish to continue studying with me."..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..fell from his lap, and he took the hearth broom and swept them into the ashes. "I'd better go."..who had mistreated him."..with women, only women. It did not appear to me to be a powder room, but I had no way of..smile to cover an upsetting incident. She was not pretending to be calm, she truly was calm.."Well, to my story. Forty years and more ago, there was a child born on the Isle of Ark, a rich.."Diamond." He trilled and caroled about the house; he knew any tune as soon as he heard it, and..The tune ended. "Darkrose," he said, behind her in the dark. She turned her head and looked at..looking into her face.."I was new at the business of being Archmage then. And younger than the man we fought, and maybe not afraid enough of him. It was all the two of us could do to hold our own against him, there in the silence, in the cell in the tower. Nobody else knew what was going on. We fought. A long time we fought. And then it was over. He broke. Like a stick breaking. He was broken. But he fled away. The Summoner had spent a part of his strength for good, overcoming that blind will. And I didn't have the strength in me to stop the man when he fled, nor the wits to send anyone after him. And not a shred of power left in me to follow him with. So he got away from Roke. Clean gone..pilot lights; from above poured heat, so possibly it was indeed gas. In the walls I saw recesses..destroyed. And if a wizard let down his guard among the common folk, they too might destroy him if..himself. It did not fit him. Nothing about him fit together, made a whole. Yet she felt no..higher levels. Thundering, fluttering the hair of those who were standing with strong gusts of..about Roke and did not answer when he spoke. When he very tentatively approached her, taking her..insistence and spoke freely at last..fiery tower, the place where stone stairs went up among smoke and fumes. He had to go there. He..right? They sent you here as a dowser. If you're a good dowser you'll feed well and sleep easy.."Hmf," said Golden, chewing. "Left of your own accord? Entirely? With the Master's permission?"..wizards were as crude and false as Losen's title and rule. When he was one with the true element,..wise alone. So these people try to hold to each other. And so that's why we're called the Hand, or..SOURCES OF HISTORY..over the time when Roke first became the Isle of the Wise, and it may be that the wise men put it..Tangle might be able to tell him if his son in fact showed promise, had a talent for magery...but."But after the Summoner and I got over the bruises on our souls, as you might say, and the great..I preferred darkness but walked on straight ahead to a stone circle, where a human figure stood. I..Of them all it was the Herbal, the healer, who was the first to move. He went up the path and..but her anger. Who are you, Irian? he said to her, watching her crouched there like an animal..the greater spell of hopelessness..her, and the cat dreaming, and the fire flickering. He had come over the dead mountain on black..knows it has real power, power of life and death, over the person. Often a true name is never."There's people all over these parts, and maybe beyond, who think, as you said, that nobody can be wise alone. So these people try to hold to each other. And so that's why we're called the Hand, or the women of the Hand, though we're not women only. But it serves to call ourselves women, for the great folk don't look for women to work together. Or to have thoughts..about such things as rule or misrule. Or to have any powers.."..appreciatively. "Very clever," he

said..little else of Archipelagan culture, having no commerce, no agriculture, and no knowledge of other.much as if she was with him, as that she was him, or that he was her. He saw through her eyes. Her.spared him he would tell them all about the Hand, and Roke, and the great mages of Roke..yellowing, no flowers in it but the little white heads of the lacefoam. A woman came walking up.glass was not glass at all; the impression I had was of sitting on inflated cushions, and, looking.Otter away.."Why don't you sit down?""severed from the rest of the body, hanging above the paper card with a none-too-intelligent.out of a shadow, disappeared behind one of the machines -- I did not see him open any door, he.around the spring without falling in a sinkhole among the reeds. In the cold darkness under a few.old, but that was nonsense. He was in his prime. The oldest trees, past bearing, ought to come out.Her feet and legs and hands were bare and dirty, her skirt and jacket disreputable. Her dirty toes.And Tuly smiled and stroked his hand..Knowledge of these places and powers was the heart of religion in the Kargad Realm. In the Archipelago, the lore of the Old Powers was still part of the profound, common basis of thought and reverence. On all the islands, the arts mostly practiced by witches, such as midwifery, healing, animal husbandry, dousing, mining and metallurgy, planting and growing spells, love spells, and so on, often invoked or drew upon the Old Powers. But the learned wizards of Roke had generally come to distrust the ancient practices and made no appeal to the "Powers of the Mother." Only in Paln did wizards combine the two practices, in the arcane, esoteric, and reputedly dangerous Pelnish Lore..silences..The leaves of the trees spoke, she said, and the shadows could be read. "I am learning to read."Before the dragon came, the Summoner too had returned from death, where he can go, where his art can take him. He had seen our lord and the young king there, in that country across the wall of stones. He said they would not come back. He said Lord Sparrowhawk had told him to come back to us, to life, to bear that word. So we grieved for our lord.."I'll ask them their name," Medra said. He smiled. "If they'll tell me, they can come in. And when they think they've learned everything, they can go out again. If they can tell me my name."."Dirt's easier to keep clean," he said, knowing the struggle already lost. It was true that all you had to do with a good hard-packed clay floor was sweep it and now and then sprinkle it to keep the dust down. But it sounded silly all the same.."It always seemed to me they're sort of alike," he said, "magic and music. Spells and tunes. For one thing, you have to get them just exactly right."..that he wanted to make sure he got his rest.."How do you know?" she whispered..of gifts and in pledge of peaceful intent, Erreth-Akbe went alone to the City of the Kings on."Oh, I know. It's beneath them."..She did not wait for an answer. "I'll walk her up," she said, standing up, and put out her hand for the reins. Ivory saw that he was supposed to dismount. He did so, asking, "Is it very bad?" and peering at the horse's leg, seeing only bright, bloody foam.."After Elfarran and Morred perished and the Isle of Solea sank beneath the sea, the Council of the.other, higher tiers and levels. Suddenly a heavy purple glare, as though an atomic fire had flared.healing, animal husbandry, dousing, mining and metallurgy, planting and growing spells, love.Island."."He has the advantage," Azver said, very dry..spoke, though he was a big man, white-haired, aw-boned, and crag-faced. Unlike the others, he."So the vulgar call it, or quicksilver, or the water of weight. But those who serve him call him.Down. Faster. Gold squares of lights. Inside, crowds, foam on glasses, an almost black.The trees parted, and before I saw the water, I smelled it, the odor of mud, of rotting, or.Small islands and villages are generally governed by a more or less democratic council or Parley,..circles of ripples from his movement were slight and small. It was shallow for a long way. Then."Oh, it's a curse, a curse, this wizardry!" they said..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..were old and uncanny. But in the Isles all books were old and all uncanny, what there was of them.."Only the Master can go there."..She looked at him. She could not speak. She stood up and after a moment walked out of the stableyard, off across the hill, on the path that went around it halfway up. One of the dogs, her favorite, a big, ugly, heavy-headed hound, followed her. She stopped on the slope above the marshy spring where Rose had named her ten years ago. She stood there; the dog sat down beside her and looked up at her face. No thought was clear in her mind, but words repeated themselves: I could go to Roke and find out who I am..unused, and looms to be seen by the windows of some of the houses. In a little square where there.anything here can be wrong or go wrong, but I have to... I'll go this time, and I will go north..one day you'll have to open your mouth."..The one with a voice like a deep-toned bell looked at her too, and spoke to her with a plain, kind.half open, as if she were drinking, no sign of effort on her face, nothing but a stare, as though she.in our trade it's a lucky man who finds someone to talk to. Keep that in mind. If you're lucky,..away from her in the running of the water, and she floated in delight in the caress of the stream,..go there!"..Their popularity ran ahead of them. It was known that they would trade for books, if the books."It's my house. Bren's house. He stays. Go or stay, it's up to you."..day came, and he was there. Not so evidently, so eminently, so flamboyantly there as his father,..had had no one in her life to desire. When the young wizard first came riding by so slim and."Your turn to talk," she said, looking at me over her cup..wandered the day before, and that perhaps I was even looking from the bottom of the dark."Oh, are you a teller? Oh, why didn't you say so to begin with! Is that what you are then? I.though little exercised, was absolute. In their hands lay the fate of the long-kingless kingdom of.the men of greed. What good can any art be used that way? It's wasted. It goes wrong, or it's.shut him as usual into the brick-walled room, giving him a loaf of bread, an onion, a jug of.with her, and she was grateful to him for his patience, knowing he was much quicker than she.

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