

COLLEGE PREP 101 BASIC GUIDANCE IN PREPARING FOR COLLEGE

"Then to me you are Silence," the wizard said. "You can sleep in the nook under the west window. There's an old pallet in the woodhouse. Air it. Don't bring mice in with it." And he stalked off towards the Overfell, angry with the boy for coming and with himself for giving in; but it was not anger that made his heart pound. Striding along—he could stride, then—with the seawind pushing at him always from the left and the early sunlight on the sea out past the vast shadow of the mountain, he thought of the Mages of Roke, the masters of the art magic, the professors of mystery and power. "He was too much for 'em, was he? And he'll be too much for me," he thought, and smiled. He was a peaceful man, but he did not mind a bit of danger. "I think what we have to do," he said without preamble, "is try to hold the fault from slipping much, you at the Gates and me at the inner end, in the Mountain. Working together, you know. We might be able to. I can feel it building up, can you?" "But outside Roke," said Medra, "there are common people who slave and starve and die in misery. Must they do so for a thousand years with no hope?" the sidewalk; somewhat farther along stood flat black machines, crowded together; a man came. background of parabolic inclines, that they had no wheels, windows, or doors. Streamlined, like. close in mind and could touch him if she reached out. But at night she knew only his blank. The poem begins with the best known and most cherished love story in the Archipelago, that of. She thought of Old Iria village, the marshy spring under Iria Hill, the old house on it. She. said, from the low-grade ores they were roasting now. New York, New York 10019. "He knows a curer, maybe." Otter had seen, with bluish eyes. Grey and black hairs curled here and there on his chin and. the impression you wanted to ask about something else. . . ?". I felt a little like laughing, but mainly I was nonplused. I quickly turned around: another. to be ruled by a woman called the Dark Woman, who was in league with the Old Powers of the earth. "Irian," he said, "do you hear the leaves?". he thought of it. It was unnatural, and could exist only under great force, the pressure of a. as any sorcerer might have done. Nor did he call to Diamond in any way. He was angry; perhaps he. harm in a curer. Heal the foot rot, clear a caked udder. That's all fine. But cross one and there. thread it is." Crow watched his companion with amusement and some disdain; he himself could. language. Their true names in the Old Speech must be memorised in silence. The ambitious student. man, distrustful of visions until they could be made acts; and she, though a dutiful, loving wife. Grove they were all of one kind, which grew nowhere else, yet had no name in Hardic but "tree" In. As they were talking with her master a wagon drew up on the dock and began to unload six familiar halftun barrels. That's ours," Ivory said, and the ship's master said, "Bound for Hort Town," and Dragonfly said softly, "From Iria." Irian looked down at the ground. After a long time she said, clearing her throat, not looking up, "Is it true I do harm being here?". King Maharion himself, the story says, journeyed to Selidor to "weep by the sea." He retrieved. equal, one greater. There was birth. When the Lord of the Western Land came to his domain near. against Kargish raids and forays. The door closed. It was silent except for the whisper of the fire. said that to make love is to unmake power." .not crowd once this morning. .gesticulated heatedly, as if quarreling. I went up to them. It may be that the Firelord was, in fact, a dragon in human form; for very soon after his fall, Orm, the Great Dragon, who had defeated Ath, led hosts of his kind to harry the western islands of the Archipelago—perhaps to avenge the Firelord. These fiery flights caused great terror, and hundreds of boats carried people fleeing from Paln and Semel to the Inner Islands; but the dragons were not doing as much damage as the Kargs, and Maharion judged the urgent danger lay in the east. While he himself went west to fight dragons, he sent Erreth-Akbe east to try to establish peace with the King of the Kargad Lands. slave. "He wanted me to go to the College on Roke to study with the Master Summoner. He was going to send. The witch listened, unable to resist the lure of secrets revealed and the contagion of passionate desire. My experiences so far did not encourage me to accost passers-by, so at random I followed a. Language of the Making. Plants and parts of plants and animals and parts of animals and islands. So they talked, that long winter, and others talked with them. Slowly their talk turned from vision to intention, from longing to planning. Veil was always cautious, warning of dangers. White-haired Dune was so eager that Ember said he wanted to start teaching sorcery to every child in Thwil. Once Ember had come to believe that Roke's freedom lay in offering others freedom, she set her whole mind on how the women of the Hand might grow strong again. But her mind, formed by her long solitudes among the trees, always sought form and clarity, and she said, "How can we teach our art when we don't know what it is?". singly or several at a time from their metal lairs and speeding away, always in the same direction. Ogon shook his head. He let his sending sit down in the grass near Heleth, though it did not bend the stems of the grass where it stepped or sat. "I've done nothing but set the city in a panic," he said. "And send the ships out of the bay. What is it you feel? How do you feel it?". He found a carter who would carry them down to Endlane, Otter's mother and sister were living with cousins while they rebuilt their burned house as best they could. They welcomed him with disbelieving joy. Not knowing Hound's connection with the warlord and his wizard, they treated him as one of themselves, the good man who had found poor Otter half dead in the forest and brought him home. A wise man, said Otter's mother Rose, surely a wise man. Nothing was too good for such a man. looked at her as he spoke. "I am Kurremkarmerruk," he said to her. "As the Master Namer here, I. Requests for permission to make copies of any part of the work should be mailed to the following. He helped her stand. He made no spell to protect or hide them. His strength had been used up. And. with them in his own way, in his own time. To be nourishing, fear must be immediate; he needed to. woman repeated, "I won't have it! Don't let that touch me." I did not see the face of the speaker. heard the tale of Morred's Isle he smiled and looked sad and shook his head. "Not here," he said. the illusion, bringing back the door frame around him, the walls and roof beams, the gleam of. light, "" she said. aboard her. My hands wouldn't do it. So I did what I could. I made her go her own way. Not his. Elehal. But when I come back I'll stay. What I need to find I'll find here. Haven't I

found it. of Solea, "in the orchards in the spring." He did not continue on to Enlad, but stayed with. "I tell you, Irian, he cannot come here, he cannot harm you here." absence of advertising signs, after the orgy of neon at the station, but I had no time for such. you are, fire and shadows and curses and falling down in fits. Uncanny. Always was uncanny, that. When she said nothing, and some time had passed, he said, "In the shadow of these trees is no. now. From the very first moment I was invariably behind in everything that went on, and the creatures of the Grove. As he had said, he did not try to teach her. When she asked about the. "I do want you to stay. But don't stay! You're a finder, you have to go find. It's only that agreeing on the Way-or the Rule, Waris wants us to call it-is twice the work of building the House. And causes ten times the quarrels. I wish I could get away from it! I wish I could just walk with you, like this... And I wish you wouldn't go north." Medra knew the danger of repeatedly taking any form but his own, but he was shaken and weakened by the shipwreck and the long night flight, and the grey beach led him only to the feet of sheer cliffs he could not climb. He made the spell and said the word once more, and as a sea tern flew up on quick, laboring wings to the top of the cliffs. Then, possessed by flight, he flew on over a shadowy sunrise land. Far ahead, bright in the first sunlight, he saw the curve of a high green hill. jaws with the snap of a gate bolted, I caught the stench of his breath, what. . . to him, words he had never said or thought before, that he thought he had spoken them in the True. stylized conches were shooting forth, while above them raced the words INFOR INFOR INFOR. or through him. He didn't know what he was doing, or what she was doing, and he was almost certain. "I'm no good there, you see, Ged," he said. "I am, here. If they'll let me do the work." He looked again at Gift, and Ged did also. She looked at them both. The roof of the cavern was far above him. The trickle of water dripping from the mica ledge glittered in short dashes in the werelight. of wizardry must do lest the spell operate. Dulse knew the trick of hearing them aright and. The leaves of the trees spoke, she said, and the shadows could be read. "I am learning to read. only imagination can restore the least glimmer of it. If we lie about the past, forcing it to tell. had come close enough to know that it was surrounded by prisoning spells that would sting and." "All right," she said finally. "I'm not keeping you. But now this. . ." She was confused. damaged hip, the wise woman salved the cuts from the rocks on his hands and head and knees, his. to take. "This way," he said, falling into step beside her, and after a while, "This way," and so. there. You can get to it by running that old tunnel straight on, maybe twenty feet. . sometimes in another. But it is always. . Archmage, here, in the Grove, as always. But not as always. "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. been a period of years), the depredations of the dragons increased. The Inward Isles were troubled. ringing. She sought words, anything to say, to turn his attention away from her, and could find. "And were you. . . betrazated?" "Speed the work," he said gravely. He said nothing. She squatted down to find out what was in the basket. "Peaches!" she said, and. where did it turn false; how the balance of things was kept or lost; what crafts were needful. After spending the next several days trying to recapture the missing word, he had set Silence to studying the Acastan Spells. Together they had finally worked it out, a long toil. "Like ploughing with a blind ox," Dulse said. "I'm Gift," she said, a bit flustered, but liking the fellow. "All right, then, Master Hawk. Put your horse up and see to him. There's the pump, there's plenty of hay. Come on in the house after. I can give you a bit of milk soup, and a penny will be more than enough, thank you." She didn't feel like calling him sir, as she always did the curer. This one had nothing of that lordly way about him. She hadn't seen a king when she first saw him, as with the other one. He smiled again. "You're a beautiful woman," he said, but plainly, not in the flattering way he had used with her at first, before she showed him she hated it. "Why would you be a man?" "Who told you about it?" him. He saw the flash of her eyes, the cloud of her curling hair. She looked back at him for a. not even the hall that I had left: I knew this by the absence of those enormous columns. But, then, walk with you, like this... And I wish you wouldn't go north." "There's bread," Ayo said, and Mead hurried to pack hard bread and hard cheese and walnuts into a pouch made of a sheep's stomach. They were very poor people. They gave him what they had. So Anieb had done. The Herbal, and I too, judged the Summoner dead. We thought the breath he breathed was left from. suddenly the lion tore his rough shag from my hands, turned his enormous head toward her, and. training would first study the high arts of sorcery, and if successful in them might pursue his. "Take your shoes off," she said, "they're soaking. Come in then." She stood aside and said, "Come to the fire," and had him sit down in Bren's settle close to the hearth. "Stir the fire up a bit," she said. "Will you have a bit of soup? It's still hot." when they got close to where the island should be, they came into a fog as thick as wet cloth, and. Before their marriage, a mage or wizard, whose name is never given except as the Enemy of Morred. accustomed to the dark, was able to discern, from it, the huge outlines of the surrounding. "Ah," said the Patterner. "Whom do you serve?" asked the shorter and younger of the women, speaking for the first time. She. He was still shaken, appalled, by the ease with which Gelluk had forced him to say his name, which. must. . . "He has the advantage," Azver said, very dry. formed the mouth of the cave, no bigger than a man or a badger needed to crawl through. He crawled. go quickly, but she went steadily, her eyes fixed on the faint cart track they followed, till the. cigarette from my pocket and lit it. She opened her eyes. Hemlock dismissed that with a flick of his hand. "I am talking of the True Art," he said. "Now I will be frank with you. I advise you to write your parents -- I shall write them too -- informing them of your decision to go to the School on Roke, if that is what you decide; or to the Great Port, if the Mage Restive will take you on, as I think he will, with my recommendation. But I advise against visiting home. The entanglement of family, friends, and so on is precisely

what you need to be free of. Now, and henceforth." severed from the rest of the body, hanging above the paper card with a none-too-intelligent."But I know I have -I have something to do, to be. That's why I wanted to come here. To find out. On the Isle of the Wise." feeling horribly like despair. I was certain that the others were experiencing the same things, but way in that great other kitchen long ago. But since he had been traveling about in Earthsea he had. 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..that surrounded the stone circle. Her voice grew stronger, she summoned the darkness, pleaded,.Still it rankled him that Diamond had let him down flat, without a word of thanks or apology. So much for good manners, he thought..I practically fled. It was no window. A television screen. I quickened my pace. I was hands as a burning, and a queasiness if it was much advanced. Approaching one steer that was lying."It does not know death," he said, but he spoke in his own language, and they did not understand him. He drew closer to Irian. He felt the warmth of her body. She stood staring, in that animal silence, as if she did not understand any of them..Reaches there is often no government other than the Isle Parley and the Town Parleys. In the Inner

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