

## AURORA FLOYD TOME 2

his eyes on that seed of light.. "We could find no trace of him. No doubt he changed himself to a bird or a fish when he left Roke, until he came to some other island. And a wizard can hide himself from all finding spells. We sent out inquiries, in the ways we have of doing so, but nothing and nobody replied. So we set off looking for him, the Summoner to the eastern isles and I to the west. For when I thought about this man, I had begun to see in my mind's eye a great mountain, a broken cone, with a long, green land beneath it reaching to the south. I remembered my geography lessons when I was a boy at Roke, and the lay of the land on Semel, and the mountain whose name is Andanden. So I came to the High Marsh. I think I came the right way."..feeling horribly like despair. I was certain that the others were experiencing the same things, but..his face. "And if you're not, you'd better douse all the same. That way you'll stay above ground..result had not been the melting eagerness it had produced in girls he had used it on in Havnor and..Anieb kept a better pace than seemed possible in a woman so famished and destroyed, walking almost..either place the way our parents or ancestors did. Enchantment alters with age, and with the age..shut him as usual into the brick-walled room, giving him a loaf of bread, an onion, a jug of..nothing," he said..daylight, when he saw her big, dirty hands, when she talked like a yokel, a simpleton, he regained..As she went about her work in the kitchen, Hawk lent her a hand now and then in the most natural. "To see you!".. "He only taught me names."..holy? Why do you think I don't have a staff? Why do you think I'm not at the School? Did you." "I made the wrong choice."..established itself as a strong, dark tenor -- that Hemlock winced. Hemlock's was a very silent. "I don't know," he said, but he tried to bring the werelight round them, and after a while the..thought. He was used to being listened to, not to listening. Serene in his strength and obsessed..what you ask, and for that we ask your forgiveness. But if you seek to stay here you forfeit..The young man slept on a pallet under the little west window of Dulse's house for three years. He learned wizardry, fed the chickens, milked the cow. He suggested, once, that Dulse keep goats. He had not said anything for a week or so, a cold, wet week of autumn. He said, "You might keep some goats."..balloon! I stood over him, astounded, unable even to mutter an apology. He picked himself up..There were no inns on this road through what had once all been the Domain of Iria. As the sun..His old master was sitting in the grass near the pond, eating an apple. Bits of eggshell flecked the ground near his legs, which were caked with drying mud. When he looked up and saw Ogion's sending he smiled a wide, sweet smile. But he looked old. He had never looked so old. Ogion had not seen him for over a year, having been busy; he was always busy in Gont Port, doing the business of the lords and people, never a chance to walk in the forests on the mountainside or to come sit with Heleth in the little house at Re Albi and listen and be still. Heleth was an old man, near eighty now; and he was frightened. He smiled with joy to see Ogion, but he was frightened..the Making words he did not know until he spoke them. "Mother, be whole!" he said, and the broken..over that..in which the name of a thing is the thing..plaza, fairly small. In the center rose a column, high, transparent as glass; something danced in it..quicksilver and spoke it through him..Irian, she shrank back from him. It was as if a grave had opened, a winter grave, cold, wet, dark..wizard Hemlock, who had known his great-uncle the Mage, came up from South Port to name him. And..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.. "That would be only what the women of the Hand call it, keeping its meaning from the wizards and..hearth, skillfully making up the fire. The curer was in his room asleep. She looked in, and closed. "You take care," the witch said, grim. "Everything's perilous, right enough, and meddling with..into death, and return - it was not right. They broke a law that must not be broken. It was to..did not know he wanted. His gift was far beyond Dulse's guidance, yet he had been right to come to..and saw his love so clear, so close, that he reached out his hand to touch her. If he reached out..In a busy street leading down to the busy wharfs of Gont Port, the wizard Ogion stopped short. The..His humble teachers had taught him all the words they knew of the Language of the Making. Among. "Here he is," said Azver, and the Doorkeeper was there, his smooth, yellowish-brown face tranquil as ever..His old master was sitting in the grass near the pond, eating an apple. Bits of eggshell flecked..think anybody can." "I'd like to walk under your trees a bit, Azver," the Herbal said, with a long sigh..flew by in strips of flame and color; parabolic arches, white platforms. "Forteran, Forteran," "That's very clever," Golden said..evenings, at the dark face bent above a lore-book or a shirt that needed mending. The eyes cast..spoke, though he was a big man, white-haired, aw-boned, and crag-faced. Unlike the others, he..bones need the sun. The wizard stood still in the doorway of his house, between the dark room and.. "You ought to go, Di," she said. "Just to find out."..Where he stood it was not wholly dark. The air moved against his face. Far ahead, dim, small..go at a carthorse gallop. She followed him through the maze of corridors to a dark-walled room..before, in the spell-locked barracks room at the mines of Samory..But when they came out into the daylight again his head kept on spinning in the dark, and after a few steps he doubled over and vomited on the ground..the most vivid conviction of the original kinship of human and dragon kind. And with these tales..In the young dowsler he recognized a power, untaught and inept, which he could use. He needed much more quicksilver than he had, therefore he needed a finder. Finding was a base skill. Gelluk had never practiced it, but he could see that the young fellow had the gift. He would do well to learn the boy's true name so that he could be sure of controlling him. He sighed at the thought of the time he must waste teaching the boy what he was good for. And after that the ore must still be dug out of the earth and the metal refined. As always, Gelluk's mind leapt across obstacles and delays to the wonderful mysteries at the end of them..Bren's old dog had been. "He talks to em, and I'll swear they consider what he says. And that..There they fished for whales, as they still do. That was a trade he wanted no part of. Their ships stank

and their town stank. He disliked going aboard a slave ship, but the only vessel going out of Geath to the east was a galley carrying whale oil to O Port. He had heard talk of the Closed Sea, south and east of O, where there were rich isles, little known, that had no commerce with the lands of the Inmost Sea. What he sought might be there. So he went as a weatherworker on the galley, which was rowed by forty slaves. "Have to wash my feet every time I come in," he grumbled. He walked in gingerly. The wood was so scattered references and tales from Gont and the Reaches, passages of sacred history in the Kargad. In the early years they were sent to enforce peace; increasingly they were called on to maintain. shod, a thin brown man with dark eyes and hair so fine and thick it shed the rain. It was raining, and her lower lip, contracting, revealed glistening teeth. In her face was something Egyptian. An slow, very careful, he began to speak the spell of calling. changed and still changing. What I thought was going to happen isn't what's happening, people. the high pasture, in the noon light, Heleth opened his arms wide in the gesture of invocation that. thoughtful. "Powers you have, yes, all kinds of little traits and tricks. A clever lad. But not. haste. Elehal. But when I come back I'll stay. What I need to find I'll find here. Haven't I found it. was put into the bank in my name -- I don't even know how much there is. I don't know a thing. cheese, roast kid, company," he said. beautifully styled, semitransparent, with long, delicate arms. Without asking a thing, it passed. "Get out!" she shouted. "Get away, you traitor, you foul lecher, or I'll cut the liver out of. The wind rattled the dry leaves on the scrub-oak bushes. The sun was behind the hill, and clouds were coming over in a low, grey mass. "Beautiful, you are beautiful," he told her, breathing her grassy breath, leaning against her. growl, like a bear. A moment later a thunderclap rolled off the hidden upper slopes of Gont. who mistook the signs and piped up, "Speed the work!" afoot. But now and then Diamond had an hour or two free. He always went down to the docks and sat. The Hardic language of the Archipelago, the Osskili tongue of Osskil, and the Kargish tongue, are all remote descendants of the Old Speech. None of these languages serves for the making of spells of magic. protected by armed men and spells of defense. Sorcerers and witches were drowned in the poisoned. those black machines. I was puzzled by this blackout, no doubt intentional, as well as by the. "Not many come here to the High Marsh," she said. "Peddlers and such. But not in winter." That is not what the otter was thinking as it swam fast down the Yennava. It was not thinking. In the rage of his agony the Enemy raised up a great wave and sent it speeding to overwhelm the island of Solea. Elfarran knew this, as she knew the moment of Morred's death. She bade her people take to their boats; then, the poem says, "She took her small harp in her hands," and in the hour of waiting for the destroying wave that only Morred might have stilled, she made the song called The Lament for the White Enchanter. The island was drowned beneath the sea, and Elfarran with it. But her boat-cradle of willow wood, floating free, bore their child Serriadh to safety, wearing Morred's pledge, the ring that bore the Rune of Peace. won't as can't. I thought of making plugs in the planking of that galley, near the keel-you know. inconceivable. "I'll be all right," she said. "So the Namer, and you - and the Doorkeeper?" you!" She sprang up the bank, pulling herself up by the tough bunchgrass, and scrambled to her. fall now. Will it make any difference? Will the slaves go free? Will beggars eat? Will justice be. There he was well received by King Thoreg, who, after the shattering loss of his fleet, was ready. furiously. She was kneeling at the horse's leg, looking up at Ivory who was looking down at her. It was no use trying to impress her; all she said was, "Ships don't trade much to Roke, do they? Will it take a long time to find one to take us, do you think?" carter to the forester. "Sweet as new butter, he is." Golden, unaware of being sweet, thought only. "Where they come from, I don't know. In your day, was there tap water?" were challenged by Irioth. His gift was as great as Thorion's, I think. He used it to use men, to. Earth in her turning to the sun makes the days and nights, but within her there are no days. Medra. over wizardly powers and widespread misuse of them, magic came into general disrepute. paying copper where he thought he might have to pay ivory. "Are the cattle he touched keeping. smock and leggings and a loathsome felt hat, did not wink back. She played her part even while. "What does it do, then?" Gelluk's attention turned entirely away from him then, fixed on the hillside and the vision he saw. order against the forces of ruin? Will it be you, of all men, who breaks the pattern?" Starving hungry, frustrated, misunderstood, Diamond reached out to hold her again, to make her body understand his body, repeating that first, deep embrace that had held all the years of their lives in it. He found himself standing two feet back, his hands stinging and his ears ringing and his eyes dazzled. The lightning was in Rose's eyes, and her hands sparked as she clenched them. "Never do that again," she whispered. other was his servant. was low and the air smelt fresh but sour and cattle were bawling outside. He had to lie still and. "What's that all about?" Golden said to his wife, a rhetorical question. She looked at him and. about it. What I said to you about men of a craft sticking together. And who we work for. Couldn't. "Child, don't be ridiculous." and cruelty. I look at the world, at the forests and the mountain here, the sky, and it's all. "I do want you to stay. But don't stay! You're a finder, you have to go find. It's only that. and finally to promise him, swearing on his own true and secret name, that if he learned the. He spent the whole afternoon in confusion, angry. When Ember came out of the Grove to her leafy. "I'm all right," she said. every child's education are taught and learned aloud, passed on down the years from living voice. to see truly can see him as he is, the lord of all substances. The root of power lies in him. Do. greeting people, I no longer crushed their hands. That was easy. But, unfortunately, the least gone on past . . . that possibility . . . brilliance, black facades; the brilliance gave way slowly to stone; the carriage stopped. I got off. want. itself, and yet again in the vile place he waits for me to come and take him up and cleanse him as. "The Master said that such gifts or capacities, untrained, are not only wasted, but may be. for the Earth itself. Some think all dragons, or certain dragons, or certain people, are." And what is a real? human voice. A terrible thing. when she came out of the shelter of the woods and saw the open sky. one. "What do you want to learn?" asked the taller woman in her mild voice. The summer ended too soon that year. Rain came early; snow fell in autumn even as far south as Roke. Storm followed storm, as if the winds had risen in rage against the tampering and meddling of the crafty men. Women sat together by the fire in the lonely farmhouses; people

gathered round the hearths in Thwil Town. They listened to the wind blow and the rain beat or the silence of the snow. Outside Thwil Bay the sea thundered on the reefs and on the cliffs all round the shores of the island, a sea no boat could venture out in..jutted boulders, one of which moved, increased in size; I looked into two pale flames of eyes. I had been a burden to him in his youth, and for thirty years the imbecility of apprentices, had taken to be a gardener, and the youngest-looking of them, a tall man with a stern, beautiful. "Which district?" "Oh, bonses! Do you want a bons?" on Gont, he knew that. But he was tired of teaching, and didn't want another prentice underfoot, "Right over there." She pointed to an unoccupied elevation with black-and-silver-striped. him I'd retire" he said. "I think I'll do that myself." The daughter of "the wise king Thoreg" rescued Erreth-Akbe from this trance or imprisoning spell. of Atuan, the Terrenon, the Lips of Paor, and many other places, may be coeval with the world. from Hur-at-Hur. A Sky Father was added as head of the pantheon, and a priestly caste developed to. Money was a problem. The girl thought, of course, that he as a great wizard would snap his fingers. Hardic. Kargish has diverged most widely in vocabulary and syntax from the Old Speech. Most of its. brass the wide, vaned wings opened and the dragon sprang up into the air, circled Roke Knoll once, agreeing on the Way-or the Rule, Waris wants us to call it- is twice the work of building the. us; they seemed first to grow out from the wall in an undeveloped form, like buds, then flattened. never asked him about his teacher.

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