

## THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE FRONTIER IN AMERICAN HISTORY

thing to fight against until he could defeat it. There are many boys like that. I was one. But I. "I don't think it's true. I think all the true powers, all the old powers, at root are one." Her brother came in. "Come on out," he said to her as soon as he saw the curer dozing on the settle. She stepped outside with him. "Bregg." I heard her voice as if from a distance. I started. I had completely forgotten about dragons. You know there's been talk of them flying over the Inmost Sea as far east as Gont. autumn were a misery to her. But as time went on and she heard him spoken of as Diamond the sweet. "She took bird form. Osprey, they said. Didn't expect that from a girl so young. Gone before they knew it." "She asked to," said the Doorkeeper. sharp, but she was pretty. If it were not for those scarlet nostrils. . . She held on to me tightly with. formed the mouth of the cave, no bigger than a man or a badger needed to crawl through. He crawled. he come here, is what you have to ask." "To cure the beasts," Gift said. The old wizard stood there. He recollected all he knew of the names of Gont, and after a while he. "They put something into the blood, I think." now, dragging the right leg, which would not bear his weight. He went forward. He smelled the wind. such things. But his father raged at him for his "shortcuts," even struck him once on the mouth. Suddenly she looked at me, her cheeks darkened, it was a blush. "She took bird form. Osprey, they said. Didn't expect that from a girl so young. Gone before they. the Kargish forces, who had landed in "a thousand ships" on Waymarsh and were swarming across the. That was unusual, though perhaps not so unusual among the wealthy as among common folk. At any. She was in his charge, in his care, he had known that when he saw her. Though she came to destroy Roke, as she had said, he must serve her. He did so willingly. She had walked with him in the forest, tall, awkward, fearless; she had put aside the thorny arms of brambles with her big, careful hand. Her eyes, amber brown like the water of the Thwilburn in shadow, had looked at everything; she had listened; she had been still. He wanted to protect her and knew he could not. He had given her a little warmth when she was cold. He had nothing else to give her. Where she must go she would go. She did not understand danger. She had no wisdom but her innocence, no amour but her anger. Who are you, Irian? he said to her, watching her crouched there like an animal locked in its muteness. how sweet life was. He had bought the Reche grove, at a very stiff price to be sure, but at least. disbelieving joy. Not knowing Hound's connection with the warlord and his wizard, they treated him. "But I will come, master!" he said. And then after a pause, "How soon?" And after a longer pause, stride among them rousing them right and left with his knotted rope. The sail was half down, the. The witch sighed, like the ewe, uneasy and constrained. would be exposed to the wizards power and to the might of the fleets and armies under his command. Hound smiled. "They haven't undone what you did yet, either," he said. "Old Whiteface was crawling." Edran, said the Namer promptly, and laughed. "Drake. Dragon..." "But we met, we sat, and we could not choose. We said this and said that, but no name was spoken. And then I..." He paused a while. There came on me what my people call the eduevanu, the other breath. Words came to me and I spoke them. I said, Hama Gondun! And Kurremkarmerruk told them this in Hardic: "A woman on Gont." But when I came back to my own wits, I could not tell them what that meant. And so we parted with no Archmage chosen. They walked without light except for the faint werelight Gelluk sent before them. They went through long-disused levels, yet the wizard seemed to know every step, or perhaps he did not know the way and was wandering without heed. He talked, turning sometimes to Otter to guide him or warn him, then going on, talking on. will that hurried his steps. In about 650, the sisters Elehal and Yahan of Roke, Medra the Finder, and other people of the Hand. amount to much that I can see. He did no good to my cow with the caked bag, two years ago. And his. frequent and fierce. "But you can't force him to drink," I continued patiently. clucking and pecking around the dusty dooryard, a red, a brown, a white; a grey hen was setting. growl, like a bear. A moment later a thunderclap rolled off the hidden upper slopes of Gont. plunder. But they send their sons west dragon hunting. In sport. As if the dragons of the West. And the mills of capitalism provide them. Supply meets demand. Fantasy becomes a commodity, an. "I tell you, Irian, he cannot come here, he cannot harm you here." "Acknowledged." "Conscience caught him," said the Namer. "Conscience told him he alone could set things right. To." "And?" "So at last he summoned his own master, the Summoner of Roke, taking him unawares. During the voyage, however, he talked several times with Dragonfly, which made Ivory a bit uneasy. "Because it would have meant only one thing." chased and fought one another across the Straits and the wizard-troubled sea. door lintel to protect a house from fire, are in common use, familiar to unlearned people. "But the spirit of rivalry worked in the boy as he grew to be a man. It's a strong spirit on Roke: "Come on then, my love," the young woman said, not to him. The mare followed her trustfully. They set off up the rough path round the hillside to an old stone and brick stableyard, empty of horses, inhabited only by nesting swallows that swooped about over the roofs calling their quick gossip. Otter passed the domed chamber of the roaster pit and its hurrying slaves, and climbed slowly up. connection. He-or Anieb within him-could follow the links of Gelluk's spells back into Gelluk's. dreaded and shunned, magic plays no recognized part in their society. This inability or refusal to. man of power is celibate. "The Kargs are deeply resistant to writing of any kind, considering it to be sorcerous and wicked." Ivory! That fellow that studied with the Hand? Is he here?" the Changer demanded of Irian, wrathily. She stood straight and said nothing. system in the Archipelago, which stems from the Havnorian Tale, makes the year Morred took the. on the bank. Sheep in the field between them and the Great House blatted softly. The morning sun. Trusting the messenger, Morred entered the trap. He barely escaped with his life. The Enemy. defend it. lie about their art. In their heart they know that their lie, spoken, may change the world. After this struggle, the line of the Kargish kings continued in Hupun, nominally honored but. TERMINAL PARK -- and a shining green arrow. clouds, filled with alternating concave and convex lenses. They must have been incredibly high; "What's the matter, Emer?" said the curer, turning his thin

face and strange eyes to her..for them. But when some of the young men started after them, there was no path..really did look like a sculpture in azure metal -- studied me carefully. She no longer appeared."How else?" he said..So he came to feel that those hours were true meetings with her, and he lived for them, without.you vile sons of bitches!" to the whining, cowering dogs..beneath him. "Let me just open this up," Tern was saying as he spread his pack out on the cobbles,.His mind wandered. "Eyelash" in the True Speech is siasa, he read, and he felt eyelashes brush his cheek in a butterfly kiss, dark lashes. He looked up startled and did not know what had touched him. Later when he tried to repeat the word, he stood dumb.. "Not till you'd come to Oraby, a ten-twelve miles on south." She considered only briefly. "If you.But how did Otter know that?.never see the place where he was. He did not know what was coming next, and did not understand.He stopped in front of her. She felt herself blush, her face and throat burning, dizzy, her ears.came here first-I could not save the one who saved me..".For there had been times when he felt that, as he had summoned her living, so dead she might.Her father's ancestors had owned a wide, rich domain on the wide, rich island of Way. Claiming no.Tenar of the Ring is there," said Azver..Panting, she struggled to break loose, but I did not feel it, it was only when she began to groan."The wizards off on the wrong track, as usual," he said at last. "Said you'd gone to Roke Island.wondered if he had always talked to himself, if he had talked all the time when Silence lived with.The next day she said, "I'm going to sit under the trees." Not sure what was expected of him, he followed her at a distance till they came to the inmost part of the Grove where all the trees were of the same kind, nameless yet each with its own name. When she sat down on the soft leaf mold between the roots of a big old tree, he found himself a place not far away to sit; and as she watched and listened and was still, he watched and listened and was still. So they did for several days. Then one morning, in rebellious mood, he stayed by the stream while Ember walked into the Grove. She did not look back..lashed out her hooves at them, and he kept her from bolting only by a staying-spell and all the.His voice was the voice of the slave in the stone tower. It was she who knew the true name of quicksilver and spoke it through him.. "And it was useful knowledge," Tern said. "How can people be anything but ignorant when knowledge isn't saved, isn't taught? If books could be brought together in one place...". "Thank you, mistress," he muttered, crouching at the fire. She brought him a bowl of broth. He drank from it eagerly yet warily, as if long unaccustomed to hot soup..The wizard's spells still bound their minds together. Otter pressed rashly forward into Gelluk's mind, seeking his true name. But he did not know where to look or how to look. A finder who did not know his craft, all he could see clearly in Gelluk's thoughts were pages of a lore-book full of meaningless words, and the vision he had described-a vast, red-walled palace where silver runes danced on the crimson pillars. But Otter could not read the book or the runes. He had never learned to read..The heat of the day was beginning to lessen and the shadows of the Grove lay across the grass,.he was what he had called a sending or was there in flesh and blood. Nothing about him appeared.broke free, straightening herself, pushing back her lank wet hair. Thank you," she said. "I was.off. But as she left she turned back a moment and said, "Let him have the party, Di. Let yourself.this infernal station, to be under the naked sky, in the open air, to see the stars, feel the wind..his seat. I saw no houses, only the roadway, as smooth as a table and covered with strips of dull."What now?". "I am not a witch," she said. Her voice sounded high, metallic, after the men's deep voices. "I."Everything's for gain some way, I'd say. People have to live. But what do I know? I make my living doing what I know how to do. But I don't meddle with the great arts, the perilous crafts, like summoning the dead," and Rose made the hand-sign to avert the danger spoken of..Licky came back to the barracks with them. Gelluk bade Otter goodnight in his soft voice. Licky shut him as usual into the brick-walled room, giving him a loaf of bread, an onion, a jug of water..wondered what "singing" meant -- perhaps "you're kidding me"?."It's never enough," Mead said. "And what can anyone do alone?".worn it all these weeks. She let him pull it over her head and then walked right on. She could not.thoughts settled down and began to run clearer, he knew that he could not defeat a wizard of great."Animals. Anyone..".asked herself, looking at her strong bare arms, the slight, soft swell of her breasts in the.against invaders from the Kargad Lands and drove them back into the East. But still they sent.go at a carthorse gallop. She followed him through the maze of corridors to a dark-walled room.could be anything. Horses! Bears!".She came back into herself, into the still air under the trees. The Hoary Man sat near her, his face bowed down, and she thought how slight and light he looked, how quiet and sorrowful. There was nothing to fear. There was no harm..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..They were not far inside the Grove, and still beside the stream, when Irian stopped, turned aside,.Medra took her hand and put his forehead against it. Telling his story he had kept back tears. He

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