1. Where were Jasper and vetch? Where was Ged? Doing what?

Ans: Jasper and Vetch had become sorcerers who studied now with the Master Patterner on the secrecy of the Immanent Grove where no prentice might set foot. Ged stayed in the Great House working with the Masters at all the skills practiced by sorcerers those who work magic but carry no staff; windbringing, weatherworking, finding and binding and the arts of spellsmiths and spellwrights, tellers, chanters, healalls and herbalists.

1. What happened while he was sleeping?

At night alone in his sleeping cell, a little ball of werelight burning above the book in place of lamp or candle he studied the Further Runes and the Runes of Ea which are used in the Great Spells.

1. What was the rumour about Ged?

About Ged it was rumoured among the students that this Master or that had said that the Gontish lad was the quickest student that had ever been at Roke and tales grew up concerning the otak which was said to be said a disguised spirit who whispered wisdom in Ged’s ear and it was even said that the Archmage’s raven had hailed Ged at his arrival as Archmage to be. Whether or not they believed such stories and where or not they Liked Ged most of his companions admired him and ere eager to follow him when the rare wild mood came over him and he joined them to lead their games on the lengthening evenings of spring.

1. Write a brief note on Vetch.

Vetch was fifteen very young to learn any of the High Arts of Wizard or image those who carry the staff but he was so quick to learn all the arts of illusion that the Master Changer himself a young man soon began to teach him apart from the others and to tell him about the true Spells of Shaping. He explained how if a thing is really to be changed into another thing it must be renamed for as long as the spell lasts and he told how this affects the names and natures of things surrounding the transformed thing. He spoke of Changing above all when the wizard transforms his own shape and thus is liable to be caught in his own spell. Little by little, drawn on by the boy’s sureness of understanding the young Master began to do more than merely tell him of these mysteries. He taught him first one and then another of the great Spells of Change, and he gave him the Book of Shaping to study. This he did without knowledge of the Archmage and unwisely yet he meant no harm.

1. Describe Master Summoner.

Master Summoner was a stern man, aged and hardened by the deep and somber wizardry he taught. He dealt with no illusion, only true magic. He was the one to show why true wizard uses spells only at need since to summon up such earthly forces is to change the earth which they are a part. As for calling of real things and living people and the raising up off spirits of the dead, and the invocations of the Unseen, those spells which are the height of the Summoner’s art and the mage’s power those he scarcely spoke of to them. Once or twice Ged tried to lead him to talk a little of such mysteries but the Master was silent, looking at him long and grimly till Ged grew uneasy and said no more.

1. Explain in brief what happened in the second month of that summer.

In the second month of summer all the school gathered again at the great House to celebrate the Moon’s Night and the Long Dance which that year fell together as one festival of two nights which happens but once in fifty-two years. All the first night the shortest night of full moon of the year, flutes played out in the fields and the narrow streets of Thwil were full of drums and torches, and the sound of singing went out over the moonlit waters of Roke Bay. As the sun rose next morning the Chanters of Roke began to sing the long Deed of Erreth Akbe. After the Chant finished the Long Dance began. Townsfolk, Masters and the students, farmers all together danced in the warm dust and dusk down all the rounds of Roke to the sea-beaches to the beat of drums and drone of pipes and flutes.

1. What did one boy do? What was the outcome of it?

One boy lighted the court with a hundred stars of werelight coloured like jewels that swung in a slow netted procession between them and the real stars and pair of boys were playing bowls with balls of green flame and bowling-pins that leaped and hopped away as the ball came near and all the while Vetch sat cross-legged, eating roast chicken up in mid-air. One of the younger boys tried to pull him down to earth but Vetch merely drifted up a little higher out of reach and sat calmly smiling on the air. Now and then he tossed away a chicken bone which turned to an owl and flew hooting among the netted star-lights. Ged shot breadcrumb arrows after the owls and brought them down and when they touched the ground there they lay, bone and crumb all illusion gone.

1. Give in brief how Ged challenged Jasper.

After Ged unsuccessfully tried to flap his arms to keep aloft, Jasper laughed aloud and moved away saying ‘Sparrowhawk that cannot fly’. Ged returned grinning if Jasper was a precious stone. Ged called him a Jewel among sorcerers and a gem of Havnor. Mockingly Ged told Jasper to sparkle for them. A lad who had set the lights dancing sent one down to dance and glitter about Jasper’s head. Jasper brushed it away and said that he was sick of the boys and noise and foolishness. Vetch remarked from above that Jasper was getting middle-aged. Another kid added that Jasper probably wanted silence and gloom and if that is the case then he should always try the Tower. Ged asked Jasper what he wanted. To which Jasper said that he wanted the company of his equals. Saying that he wished to leave and commanded Vetch to leave the prentices with their toys. Ged, on getting furious by this remark, asked Jasper what sorcerers have that prentices lack. Jasper answered that it was power. Ged took it up as a challenge to prove that their powers could be matched.

1. What was the law of Roke? Who reminded it to participants of the challenge? How did Vetch feel about the entire thing?

The law of Roke was that duels in sorcery were forbidden to them. It was Vetch who reminded them of the law. Vetch was moved by love and the others by hatred. Their anger was balked not cooled.

1. What did Jasper tell Vetch as he moved aside? How did Ged react then?

Jasper told Vetch with a cool smile that he should be reminding his goatherd friend again of the law that protects him. He looked sulky and he was surprised to see that Ged had actually taken a challenge from him. Ged asked Jasper what he knew of what Ged knew. Saying that, Ged suddenly vanished from their sight and where he had stood a great falcon hovered opening its hooked beak to scream and then Ged stood again in the flickering torchlight his dark gaze on Jasper.

1. How did Jasper react to what happened earlier? How did others react?

Jasper initially had taken a step back in astonishment but later he shrugged and said just one word and that was ‘Illusion’. The others muttered and Vetch said that that was not an illusion but it was a true change. He asked Jasper to listen as it was enough. However, Jasper interrupted Vetch and told Ged that it was enough to prove that he sneaked a look in the Book of Shaping behind the Master’s back. He challenged Ged to go on as he was building a trap for himself. He further commented that the more he tries to prove himself as Jasper’s equal, the more he would himself of what he actually is.

1. How did Vetch react to this sly remark of Jasper? What did Ged say?

Vetch turned from Jasper and said to Ged that if he would be a man enough to drop the act and go along with him. Ged smiled and requested Vetch to keep Hoeg for him for a little while. He put the otak into Vetch’s hands. Otak only would allow Ged to touch him but now it came to Vetch. It climbed up his arm cowered on his shoulder but eyes still on its master, Ged.

1. How was Jasper going to prove himself to be superior than Ged?

Jasper said that he won’t do anything to prove but he would still give another chance to Ged. He challenged Ged to go to Roke Knoll and show the sorcery there. Ged agreed to go there. However, Vetch wasn’t very comfortable with the idea. Jasper told Vetch to be out of it. Jasper continued asking what would be doing with the chance that he would give Ged. He mocked Ged by saying if he is going to show if he can make an illusion, a fireball or a charm to cure goats with the mange. Ged instead asked Jasper what he would like to do. To which Jasper commanded a spirit to be called from the dead.

1. Did Ged accept the challenge of calling up the spirit? What happened next?

Yes, the challenge to call up the spirit was accepted by Ged. However, Ged was underestimated and Jasper said that he won’t be able to do so as he only brags. Ged took a swear and said that he would certainly do it.

1. What happened on the Roke Knoll?

Ged went a few paces up the slope away from the others and turning said in a clear voice and asked Jasper which spirit he wanted to be called. Jasper told him in his voice shivering to call any spirit and that no spirit would listen to him. Ged replied mockingly if he was afraid. He decided to call the spirit of a woman; spirit of Elfarran.

1. Brief note on Elfarran.

Elfarran was a fair lady of Deed of Enlad. She died a thousand years ago and her bones lie afar under the Sea of Ea and maybe there never was such a woman who existed.

1. Describe the scene how Ged calls Elfarran.

In a great slow gesture, he stretched out his arms, the gesture of welcome that opens an invocation. He began to speak Spell of Summoning. Ged’s voice was soft still but changed with a deep singing in it, the words he spoke were not known to them. He fell silent. Suddenly the wind rose roaring in the grass. Ged dropped to his knees and called out aloud. Then he fell forward as if to embrace the earth with his outstretched arms and when he rose, he held something dark in his straining hands and arms, something so heavy that he shook with effort getting to his feet. The hot wind whined in the black tossing grasses on the hill. The words of the enchantment hissed and mumbled on Ged’s lips and then cried out aloud and clearly ‘Elfarran’ thrice.

1. How long was the spirit there? Who had come otherwise?

The spirit of Elfarran was there for a moment. It glimmered for a moment. Then the sallow oval between Ged’s arms grew bright. It widened and spread. Though it blazed it had terrible darkness and through the bright misshapen breach clambered something like a clot of black shadow, quick and hideous and it leaped straight out at Ged’s face.

1. What happened to Ged after that?

Staggering back under the weight of the thing, Ged gave a short hoarse scream. Ged fell struggling and writhing while the bright rip in the world’s darkness above him widened and stretched. The lump of shadow that clung to Ged was tearing at his flesh. It was like a black beast, the size of a young child though it seemed to swell and shrink, it had no head or face only four taloned paws with which it gripped and tore. The intolerable brightness faded and slowly the torn edges of the world closed together.

1. How was Ged saved? Describe the scene.

Nearby a voice was speaking as softly as a tree whispers or a fountain plays. Starlights began to shine again and the grasses of the hillside were whitened with the light of the moon just rising. The night was healed. Restored and steady law the balance of light and dark. The shadow beast was gone. Ged lay sprawled on his back, his arms flung out as if they yet kept the wide gesture of welcome and invocation. His face was blackened with blood and there were great black stains on his shirt. It was Archmage Nemmerle who had saved Ged. He was standing above him in his cloak that glimmered pale in the moonrise. The end of Nemmerle’s staff hovered silverly above Ged’s breast. One it gently touched him over the heart once on the lips while Nemmerle whispered. Ged stirred and his lips parted gasping for breath. The old Archmage lifted the staff and set it to earth and leaned heavily on it with bowed head as if he had scarcely strength to stand.

1. How Ged recuperated?

Ged recuperated in the healing chamber and the Master Herbal tended the wounds he had on his face, throat and shoulder. They were deep ragged and evil wounds. The black blood in them would not staunch, welling out even under the charms and the cobweb-wrapped perriot leaves laid upon them. Ged lay blind and dumb in fever like a stick in a slow fire and there was no spell to cool what burned him.

1. What happened Nemmerle?

Nemmerle also lay unmoving but cold, very cold only his eyes lived watching the fall of moonlit water and the stir of moonlit leaves. Those with him said no spells and worked no healing. Quietly they spoke among themselves time to time and then turned again to watch their Lord. He lay still, hawk nose and high forehead and white hair bleached by moonlight all to the colour of bone. To check the ungoverned spell and drive off the shadow from Ged, Nemmerle had spent all his power and with it his bodily strength was gone. He lay dying. When he looked up through the leaves of the tree, those with him did not know if he watched the stars of summer fading in day break or those other stars which never set above the hills that see no dawn.

1. What happened to Osskil?

Nemmerle’s pet Osskil who was with him since past thirty years had gone. No one had seen where it went. Master Patterner said that it would fly before him as he kept vigil. And that is exactly what happened. Osskil flew ahead to keep a vigil on his soul.

1. What happened during the four weeks of summer?

During the four weeks of summer, Ged lay blind, deaf and mute though at times he moaned and cried out like an animal. At last the patient crafts of the Master herbal worked their healing his wounds began to close and the fever left him. Little by little he seemed to hear again though he never spoke. On a clear day of autumn, the Master Herbal opened the shutters of the room where Ged lay. Since the darkness of that night on Roke Knoll he had known only darkness. Now he saw daylight and the sun shining. He hid his scarred face in his hands and wept.

1. How was Ged in winter?

When winter came Ged could speak only with stammering tongue and the master kept him there in the Healing Chambers trying to lead his body and mind gradually back to strength. It was early spring when at last the master released him first to offer his fealty to the Archmage Gensher. For he had not been able to join all the others of the school in this duty when Gensher came to Roke.

1. Who came to visit Ged? Describe the scene.

None of companions had been allowed to visit him in the months of his sickness. It was Gensher who awaited him. Ged knelt and offered him obedience. Gensher said that he knew what Ged had done but he didn’t know who he was so he wouldn't accept his fealty. Ged stood up and set his hand on the trunk of the young beside the fountain to steady himself. He asked Gensher if he was supposed to leave Roke. Gensher asked if he wanted to leave. To which Ged replied that he doesn't. Ged was asked what he wants to do. On that he answered that he wanted to stay, to learn and undo the evil.

1. What did Gensher reply?

Gensher replied that even Nemmerle could not undo the evil. He did not want Ged to leave from Roke. Nothing protects Ged but the powers of the masters and the defences laid upon that Island that kept the creatures of evil away. Gensher said that if he left, then the thing he loosened would find him at once and enter into him to possess him would be no man but just a gebbeth i.e. a puppet doing the will of that evil shadow which he raised up into the sunlight. He must stay there until he gained strength and wisdom enough to defend himself from it if ever he did.

1. Had Ged seen the shadow in his dreams?

Yes Ged had seen the shadow in his dreams but he did not know what it was the thing that came out of this spell and cleaved to him even Gensher did not know as it had no name however Ged had great power inborn in him but he had used that power wrongly to work a spell over which he had no control not knowing how that spell affects the balance of light and dark, life and death, good and evil. Moreover, Ged was moved to do that by Pride and by hate. Hence there wasn't any wonder that the result was ruined. He had summoned spirit from the dead but with it came one of the powers of unlife. It came from a place where there are no names and it wills to work evil through Ged. The power he had to call it gave it power over him they were connected. It was the shadow of Ged’s arrogance and ignorance that he cast.

1. Did Ged feel guilty? What did Gensher reply?

Yes, Ged felt guilty and wished he had better die. Gensher replied that he cannot judge that as Nemmerle had given his life for him. Gensher added that he was safe there on the island and he should live there, train there and go ahead with his work well as it was all he could do.

1. Who came to visit him that night before he left for the Tower?

It was Vetch who came to Ged' room wearing brown travelling cloak and carrying a staff of oak shod with iron. He called Ged as Sparrowhawk to which Ged raised his eyes. On Vetch’s shoulder crouched a little beast brindle-furred and bright-eyed. It was the otak who stayed with Vetch. Ged thought Vetch wouldn't go to see him, Vetch clarified that he couldn't as the Master Herbal had forbidden him and since winter he had been with the Master in the grove locked up himself he was not free until he earned his staff which further told him when he would be free he should go to the East Reach as he would be waiting for him. Ged was surprised and asked if which was indeed free Vetch replied that even Gef would not stay bound on Roke forever.

1. What had Vetch predicted?

Vetch had predicted far seas and the fire of dragons, towers of cities all such things a hawk sees when he flies far and high. However, Ged had thought perhaps he might go to work with the master in the tower to be one of those who seek among the books and the stars for the last names and so do no more harm if not much good.

1. Which gift had Vetch given Ged? How?

Vetch had given the knowledge of his true name that is Ged it was which who said that if Ged needs his help, he should send for him call him by his name Estarriol.

1. What happened at the Isolate Tower?

Ged took three days not two to walk to the Isolate Tower. He was bone-weary when he came in the sight of the tower above spitting hissing seas of the northern cape. Inside it was dark and cold as he remembered. Kurremkarmerruk sat on his high seat writing down list of names he glanced at Ged and said without welcome as if Ged had never been away. He suggested Ged to go to bed as tired is stupid. The next day he might open the book of the undertakings of the makers and learn the names which were given in.

1. What happened at winter's end?

Ged returned to the Great House he was made Sorcerer then and the arch Mage accepted his facility after that he studied the high arts and enchantments passing beyond Arts of illusion to the works of real magery, learning what he must know to earn his wizard’s staff. The trouble he had had in speaking spells wore off over the months and skill returned into his hands yet he was never so quick to learn as he had been having learned a long hard lesson from fear. Yet no ill portents or encounters followed on his working even of the Great Spells of making and shaping which are the most perilous. He came to wonder at times if the shadow had loosened or grown weaker or fled somehow out of the world for it came no more into his dreams.

1. What was written the matter of the Dragons?

In the ‘Matter of the Dragons’, Ged read very closely a tale of ancient Dragonlord who had come under the sway of all of the old powers speaking stone that lay in a far Northern Land. The book said that at a stone's command he did speak to raise up the a dead spirit out of the realm of the Dead but his wizardry being bent awry by the Stone’s will there came with the dead spirit also a thing not summoned, which did devour him out from within and in his shape walked destroying men. the book did not say what the thing was nor did it tell the end of the tale. The masters did not know where such a shadow might come from.

1. How many Masters were there on Roke Island?

There were Nine Masters of Roke island. Although Ged knew only 8: Windkey, Hand, Herbal, Chanter, Changer, Summoner, Namer, Patterner. It seemed that people spoke of the Archmage as the ninth yet when a new Archmage was chosen nine Masters met to choose him.

1. Describe in brief the conversation. between Master door keeper and Ged.

Master Doorkeeper told Ged that he had won the entrance to Roke by saying his name and now he may win his freedom by mentioning his (Master Doorkeeper). Ged knew a thousand ways, crafts and means for finding out names of things and men but to find out the name of a mage and master was another matter. Ged said that he must sit out in the fields and fast till he grows thin enough to slip through. Ged sat thinking how he might by force or sorcery learn the door keeper's name. He lay down in the field and slept under the stars an after the sun was up. He went to the door of the house and knocked. The door keeper opened and Ged said that he cannot take his name from him as he wasn’t strong enough and he couldn't trick his name from him as he was not wise enough so he was content to stay there learn and serve whatever he would, unless by chance he would answer a question that Ged had. The door keeper said that he may ask the question and Ged took a chance and asked what his name was. The door keeper smiled and told his name. Ged repeated it and entered for the last time into that house.