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The smell of it, reptilian and strangely rich, filled his nostrils. No. He had taken the risk already. Her later titles under that name included Wizard of the Pigeons, Alien Earth, Luck of the Wheels, and Cloven Hooves. The sickly dragon slept alone on the outskirts of the group. He maneuvered his flask’s mouth under the falling drops and caught them, one by one. He put his hand out, touched two fingers to the flow. He had to pour out some of the blood before it would admit the stopper, and he wished in vain that he had brought a second flask. Sedric had taken out his knife. There he had changed hastily into clean clothing and hidden his precious blood and scales in his case. Another handful of mud and another one, and the last one he held hard against the dragon’s throat, panting through his mouth both in fear and with the effort. It seemed to take him hours. The little knife he took out now was a butcher’s tool, one used for sticking a pig and draining off the fresh blood for pudding. The shoulder was perfect; he’d put his opportunity to observe the dragons while Alise attempted to talk to them to good use. He went back to the barge and attempted to reboard it. The stream parted and ran over his fingers like silken thread. It made no response. Above him, Leftrin and Alise talked softly about knots, of all things. When finally they moved away, he clambered up the rope ladder and fled to his cabin. The scale did not come out easily; it was rather like pulling a plate from the bottom of a stack. Instead, hands shaking, he’d taken a glass flask from his small pack and drawn the glass stopper out of it. They were slightly iridescent in the dim light of the cabin. He closed the lid, replaced the box in the secret drawer, and shut and locked it. In the moonlight, it was black, and then as he stared at the deepening pool, it reddened. He shook his head clear of the fancy, and he resisted the sudden urge to uncap the flask and smell the contents. What had happened to his stealth and his “leave no sign” intentions? He knew that the larger scales were usually on their shoulders, hips, and the broadest parts of their tails. She had various money making occupations (waitress, salesperson, etc.) while striving with her writing. It had taken him three furtive attempts before he was able to clean his muddy, bloody tracks from the deck of the barge. His gaze lifted to the thin stream of falling blood that fed the puddle. He smelled it everywhere, not just in his nose but in the back of his throat and in the roof of his mouth. Most recently, the four volumes of the Rain Wilds Chronicles were published: Dragon Keeper, Dragon Haven, City of Dragons and Blood of Dragons.In 2013, it was announced that she would return to her best-loved characters with a new trilogy, The Fitz and the Fool trilogy. A collection of her shorter works as both Lindholm and Hobb is available in The Inheritance.She continues to reside in Tacoma, Washington, with frequent visits to the pocket farm in Roy. The scales rested there on a shallow bed of salt. He gave it a slight push, and then a harder shove. “Just a very big mosquito,” he suggested to the comatose dragon. Her first professionally published story was "Bones for Dulath" that appeared in the Ace anthology AMAZONS!, edited by Jessica Amanda Salmonson in 1979. She is published in English in the US, UK and Australia, and her works have been widely translated. And still the dragon bled. He’d never done this sort of thing and found it much more distressing than he had imagined. In 1995, she launched her best selling series of books set in the Realm of the Elderlings. He tasted and smelled only dragon, he felt dragon inside his mouth and down his throat. The dragon gave a twitch but slept on, apparently too feeble to care. He should. He’d taken care earlier in the evening to watch the dragons as they settled, so he knew approximately where the exhausted brown was sleeping. He would either gain enough from this gamble to live like a king or he’d not bother. He’d slogged over trampled grass and through puddles as best he could, resigned that his boots and trousers would be sodden and caked with mud by the time he returned. He’d been surprised to find that such a tool existed, but the moment he’d seen one, he’d bought it. He should melt some over the neck of the flask to seal it securely. The tool was as sharp as a grindstone could make it. The insects that had been buzzing around his head forsook him for this flowing feast. The family lived on a small farm in rural Roy where they raised lots of vegetables, chickens, ducks, geese and other small livestock.In 1983, her first novel, Harpy's Flight, was published by Ace under the pen name Megan Lindholm. It was only an animal anyway, despite how Alise might moon over it. They’d probably find the brown dragon dead. The flask grew heavy in his hand and then suddenly overflowed. He was covered in mud and blood, and the dragon was lying in a pool of blood. He’d be a fool to stop now when he was so close to making his fortune. If his bleeding of the dragon had hastened its death, well, that didn’t mean he’d killed it. He spent an agonized near hour in the shadow of the bow. By moonlight, he could not tell if any red showed through his efforts on the ground or on the dragon’s neck. He stared at it, at the slow shifting and tangling of the trapped red stuff inside it. Page 3 Exactly the opposite, really. He’d chosen his tools carefully. It gleamed scarlet and crimson, the two reds swirling like dyes stirred into water, separated only by silver edging. It had been late and both the keepers and their dragons had been sleeping soundly as he moved cautiously among and then past them. He grimaced and then braced the neck of the flask against the end of the knife. The dragons had settled for the night on a grassy shore and their keepers had decided to collect driftwood and sleep near them. After a moment, the blood began to fall, drop by shining drop. It dripped from the animal onto the trampled ground. He hadn’t killed the beast, not really. The Tawny Man trilogy returned to the tale of Fitz and the Fool. When his head had cleared a bit, he straightened and felt instead of dizziness, a rush of horror at how badly he had managed this. The opposite? A short time later, a second Ki and Vandien story entitled The Small One was published in FANTASTIC in 1980. They had not, and the vial of blood that he now held in his hand was his prize for all he had gone through. The sight of his treasure left him oddly calmed. At least it would have no recall of him. By the moonlight’s feeble gleam, he had slipped the edge of his knife under a scale, pinched it hard against the blade with his thumb, and jerked. He had been fortunate. He’d nearly returned to the barge then, for he knew that even one of the scales should bring him a rich price. And suddenly he had known that he would never have a better chance than that night. The dying glow of the keepers’ bonfire and the nearly full moon had been enough to light his way. It was both warm and cold in his hand, and he felt as if it squirmed there, a liquid serpent coiling and uncoiling within his hand. But they had not. She has also written under the name Megan Lindholm.She published her first short story for children when she was 18,and for some years wrote as a journalist and children's writer. When he lifted his hand, the tiny trickle of red burst forth afresh. He’d forced himself to boldness, and cautiously set a hand to the creature’s filthy shoulder. He lifted one of the heavy scales on its neck, took a firm grip on his tool, and punched it into its flesh. These books were followed by The Liveship Traders trilogy, set in the same world. The Farseer Trilogy is comprised of Assassin's Apprentice, Royal Assassin and Assassin's Quest. Her first trilogy of books were about her popular characters, FitzChivalry Farseer and the Fool. He tried to shake the remaining blood from his fingers, then wiped his hand down his shirt front. The creature slept on. But while a rich price might be enough to win their freedom, he doubted it would long keep Hest at his side. He was a dragon. They clustered around the wound, feeding greedily. He opened the sliding lid and looked inside. Leftrin and Alise had nearly caught him in the act of throwing his soiled clothing and ruined boots overboard. But it came, edged with gleaming blood. Her short stories have been finalists for both the Hugo and the Nebula awards, as well as winning the Asimov's Readers Award. “Merciful Sa!” he exclaimed in terror and delight. Her best known series is The Farseer Trilogy (Assassin's Apprentice, Royal Assassin, and Assassin's Quest.)Robin Hobb was born in Oakland California, but grew up in Fairbanks, Alaska. Her husband Fred continued to fish Alaskan waters and was home only about 3 months out of every year. Her initial works were published in small press 'fanzines' such as Space and Time (editor Gordon Linzner). He’d do it later. The intrusion of that thought was so sudden and foreign that it shocked him. A drop of blood missed the mouth of the flask and ran greasily over his fingers. He’d covered his tracks well. He slapped at the mosquitoes that had found him and were now buzzing hungrily about his own ears and neck. A quick tug freed the knife from the dragon’s flesh and he added it to the pack. They wouldn’t suspect him, he suddenly knew. He’d extracted three more scales from the creature, each about the size of the palm of his hand, wrapped them carefully in a kerchief, and tucked them into the breast of his shirt. He rocked on his feet dizzily, and when he staggered back from the dragon, the flow of blood had finally ceased. It hadn’t stirred as he’d drawn near it. He waited. It was short and sharp, with a fuller that passed through a tunnel in the knife’s hardwood handle and acted as a passage for the flow of blood. Its clawed feet twitched against the muddy ground and Sedric knew a moment’s terror and very nearly fled. He straightened his jacket, unlatched his door, and stepped out onto the Tarman’s deck. Somehow, that thought had surfaced again in his mind as he stared down on the feeble brown dragon struggling to stay ahead of them. He put the flask back into the secret drawer and took up a small shallow box made from cedar. He had sealing wax in his case. A dragon was only an animal, just like a cow or a chicken, to be used by a man in any way he saw fit. His hands were shaking too much. During that time period, she and her family had moved from Alaska to Hawaii, and subsequently to Washington State, where they settled. For a time he had stood there, his hands braced just above his knees, breathing the night air and trying to recover. Everyone saw that it was nearly ready to die anyway. He was covered in blood and mud now. It made a wheezing sound but did not move. How subtle! He kicked mud over the blood, tore marsh grass loose and spread it there, and then kicked more mud over it. She has spent her life mostly in the Pacific Nortwest region of the US, and currently resides in Tacoma, Washington State, with her husband Fred. His first ambition had been to claim a few scales. He stooped and cupped a handful of mud-and-blood. He snatched it away. The taste of the blood flooded his mouth and filled his senses. If they had not been so completely engrossed in each other, they would surely have discovered him. He felt drawn to it and crouched by the puddle, entranced by the color. They have four grown offspring, and six grandchildren.Robin Hobb is a pen name for Margaret Ogden. In that instant, the drips became a trickle and then a sudden flow of blood. The dragon gave a squeak in its sleep, a comical sound from so large a creature. That man was to be exploited by dragons as they saw fit? The trickle of blood became a scarlet rivulet down the dragon’s shoulder. Preposterous. There were scales down his neck and back, his claws were sunken in mud, his wings would not unfold and what was a dragon who could not fly? His ears rang with the scent, and his tongue tingled and stung. At that time, she began writing as Robin Hobb. At first, he’d thought it was already dead. He recoiled from the touch of dragon’s blood on his tongue, shocked that he had obeyed an impulse he couldn’t even recall having. He plastered it over the injury. He’d smeared the blood away, and the wound from his knife was so tiny that no one would find it. It had not been that hard to slip away from the ship at night. Each evening, Leftrin nosed the Tarman onto the muddy banks of the river as close as he could get to wherever the dragons were sleeping. Where had such a silly idea come from? He pulled his fingers back, watching the unimpeded flow and then set his bloody fingers to his mouth and licked them. Robin Hobb is a New York Times best-selling fantasy author. Alise had been his unwitting accomplice for she had distracted the captain so completely that Sedric had no problem in stealthily leaving the ship. He could detect no movement and heard no sign of it breathing. The first volume, Fool's Assassin, will be published in August of 2014.Other works as Robin Hobb include The Soldier Son trilogy and short stories published in various anthologies. He had moved to a fresh spot on the dragon’s body, on the neck just behind the jaw. He wiped his bloody hands on his trousers and then carefully stowed the flask in his pack. Page 2 But the blood had continued to run. Her stories for children were published in magazines such as Humpty Dumpty's Magazine for Little Children, Jack & Jill and Highlights for Children. Even so, it didn’t go in easily. A small puddle started to form. Like serpents twining round one another, he thought, and a ghostly image of sea serpents wrapping one another in the dim blue of an undersea world invaded his thoughts. She also created educational reading material for children for a programmed reading series by SRA (Science Research Associates.) She received a grant award from the Alaska State Council on the arts for her short story "The Poaching", published in Finding Our Boundaries in 1980.Fantasy and Science Fiction had always been her two favorite genres, and in the late 70's she began to write in them. Leftrin himself had taken the watch. Some nights the keepers slept on board; sometimes they bedded down near their dragon wards.

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