

DRAGONSONG

dragonsong  
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Setting: At Half-Circle Sea Hold, in Benden Hold and at Benden Weyr on the big continent of Pern.

Characters

At Half-Circle Sea Hold, in Benden Hold

- \*Yanus - sea holder, Menolly's father, unimaginative, hardworking
- \*Mavi - sea holder's lady, Menolly's mother
- \*Menolly - their youngest child and daughter, independent, resolute,
- \*Sella - the next oldest daughter
- \*Alemi - the third son of six, friends with Harper, took him boating
- \*Petiron - the old harper
- \*Elgion - the new harper
- \*Soreel - wife of first holder
- \*Old Uncle - Menolly's great-grandfather
- \*Harper Elgion - rich, tenor voice, new harper

At Benden Weyr

- \*Flar, Weyrleader - bronze Mnementh
- \*Lessa, Weyrwoman - queen Ramoth
- \*N'ton - a wingleader - bronze Lioth
- \*T'gellan - wingleader for Half-Circle Sea Hold, bronze Monarth
- \*T'gran - dragonrider, brown Branth
- \*T'sel - dragonrider, green Trenth
- \*F'nor - wing-second
- \*Brekke - queenrider
- \*Manora - headwoman of the weyr's lower cavern
- \*Felena - second in charge
- \*Oharan - weyr harper
- \*Mirrim - had 3 fire lizards (Reppa, Lok Tolly), fosterling of Brekke
- \*Sanra - in charge of children in the living cavern
- \*Masterharper Robinton
- \*Masterminer Nicat
- \*Menolly's fire lizards (9) - Beauty (little queen), Rocky, Diver, Lazybones, Mimic, Brownie, Uncle, Auntie One, Auntie Two

QUESTIONS

- \*Harpers were not simply tellers of tales and singers of songs; they were arbiters of justice, confidants of Holders and Craftsmakers, and molders of the young.
- \*Dragonsong begins seven Turns after the Five Weys came forward.
- \*...did a character give her "Old Uncle" sweetballs to silence him?
- \*...did a character teach the youngsters ballads and sagas?
- \*...were four brothers, out at other Holds, learning a trade?
- \*...does a character have angry, red lines on her arm, which indicate infection?
- \*...did a harper play in the evening at the great hall?
- \*...was a queen fire lizard and nine bronzes entranced by a character's singing performance? Menolly
- \*Dragons lasted the life of their rider.
- \*...does a character witness a Hatching of fire lizards?
- \*...did a character create an enormous crime of leaving the Hold

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doors unbarred?

\*Thread doesn't touch metal. Thread are lightning flashes against the sky.

\*...did a character kill a wherry (bird) with her knife? Menolly

\*Name the bronze dragon that flew Elgion back to the Hold?

T'gellan (rider) and Monarth

\*Half circle sea hold has the biggest dark cavern on Pern.

\*Masterharper was in Fort Hall.

\*T'gran had rescued Menolly.

\*Name the drink? klah

\*...were fire lizards humming in rhythm to an older ballad?

\*...was the crack of a golden egg a summons for all attention to be centered on it?

\*...was there an Impression Feast at Benden Weyr to celebrate the Hatching?

\*What are the essential ingredients in getting the fire lizards to come to you? kindness and affection

\*What are Menolly and Masterharper Robinton off to at the end of the book? Harperhall

\*There were six weyrs all pledged to protect Pern in the beginning.

\*The Holds agreed to protect and support the Weyrs.

\*The Weyrs had no responsibility for farming, they protected the planet

from the Pases o the Thread.

\*There were 200 dragons of Benden Weyr.

### QUOTES

"Many old ways need shaking up, revising."

"Threadfall's enough to rattle anyone's wits."

"Just like the dragons, fire lizards know what was in the heart and mind of a person."

"Necessity breeds solution."

Rukbat - star

Pern - Rukbat's third world

\* Only fire killed Thread on land: only stone and metal stopped its progress

\* Flying dragons could char <sup>Page 2</sup> Thread to ash midair.

\* Red Star - stepsister of Pern