Please May I Have Another

The truth is a riddle wrapped in an enigma--or sometimes in a nice piece of hot flat bread fresh from the oven. That's my friend Etjole. So surmises the boisterous sword-swinger Simna Ibn Sind, one of three fantastical companions that the seemingly simple Ejtole Ehomba has gathered in his wanderings through the three-book Journeys of the Catechist series (preceded by Into the Thinking Kingdoms and Carnivores of Light and Darkness--Triumph of Souls concludes the series). But as every fan knows (at times, unfortunately, to the point of eye-rolling), the self-effacing Ehomba only seems simple: Alan Dean Foster's answer to Baron Von Munchhausen is a modest, humble shepherd who talks with dolphins, fights tornadoes, summons man-eating sharks out of the air, and plays music that will make the snow dance. And that, predictably, is not the half of it. Fulfilling the dying-gasp request of Tarin Beckwith from book 1, Etjole is finally getting around to rescuing the Visioness Thermaryl of Laconda from the evil clutches of Hymneth the Possessed, a very disagreeable sorcerer-type. Along with Simna and his two other companions, the big talking cat, Ahltak, and the hulking man-beast, Hunkapan Aub, Etjole dutifully heads west to rescue the damsel, but must first control the four winds, get his ship towed by a jet-propelled Kraken (for, literally, the price of a big cup of coffee), stare down skeletons, dupe demons, and all other sorts of such likable nonsense. --Paul Hughes

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imagine your favorite video...and instead of it taking 2 hours to watch and enjoy...with this trilogy, you can spend several weeks or several days reading this series...i welcome the time when i will read it again (for the 4th
or 5th time)...the characters are so real, their personalities and natures such that i almost expect to meet them on the street...not one who particularly cares for fantasy, i initially rejected the 1st book as being too slow and lacking that Tom Clancy energy...my mistake...after the first few chapters, i was fully attentive...excellent, excellent books for those with good visualization...amazing trilogy...probably my most favorite literature to date...

if this trilogy is ever made into a movie...i want to be there to make sure they don't screw this one up...

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