

## COURAGE OVER CANCER

sinking deep in velvet mud. The witch touched the girl's hand, saying, "I take your name, child.."You still are," Medra said. "Anieb was one of you. She and you and all of us live in the same.regret her rash invitation, and I wanted to make things easy for her..he said, and let her go. She walked up the street and stood before the door. She looked back then..This harmony generally prevailed through the reign of Maharion. In the Dark Time, with no control.She hesitated, seeming for a moment to yield, to come to him, and then cried out, "I am not only Irian!".think; he could not remember. "Stay with me," he said, and did not know who he spoke to. He was.plaza, fairly small. In the center rose a column, high, transparent as glass; something danced in it,.gift..".You'll come to the sea, going south, they say," said Ayo..Permissions Department, Harcourt, Inc., 6277 Sea Harbor Drive, Orlando, Florida 32887-6777..A few times, sitting on the waterstairs, the dirty harbor water sloshing at the next step down..me. Gontish oak, from the hands of a Gontish wizard. Well, if he earns it I'll make him one. If he."How else?" he said..I had to smile..patterning, naming, and the crafts of illusion, and the knowledge of the songs. Those are the arts.or with this girl; he spent too much already, and neither of them would help him get anywhere in.Berry ducked his head and muttered. His eyes were dull. It seemed to Irioth that the man had been.people, and put a stop to this rubbishy talk, if she could..four or five times a day, it'll heal clean, I'm sorry." She said the last honestly, though.wizardries. Enlad of the Kings, and bright Ea, eldest of isles! Surely we'll find allies there".I looked at her. She was quite serious. Well, yes, how was she to know? I shrugged..flick of his finger, he untied Otter's wrists, and the gagging kerchief fell loose..he said, stuck Tern's nose into a book till he could read it. "Illiterate wizards are the curse of.showing his wares in the kitchens of the housewives and the sleepy taverns where the old men sat.."Every spell depends on every other spell," said Highdrake. "Every motion of a single leaf moves every leaf of every tree on every isle of Earthsea! There is a pattern. That's what you must look for and look to. Nothing goes right but as part of the pattern. Only in it is freedom..mine, shadowy yet distinct: the slave in the high vault of the tower, that woman with empty.lands of the Inmost Sea. What he sought might be there. So he went as a weatherworker on the.She was silent.."OK. And then you'll tell me. . . ?".another witch-man in the door her baby would be born dead twice over. Her screaming could be heard.speak to her." The girl went back in for a moment, and Rush said to Medra, "It's consumption her.town at the head of a bay that opened out eastward, and beyond it the high line of the sea's edge.language of their art, the Language of the Making: 'Irian, by your name I summon you and bind you.Ember and to whom the memory was much clearer, told it to him fully. Ember sat with them..Otter stated it as an unfortunate fact, not as a moral assertion. Hound looked at him with.sent out sorcerers and wizards trained to understand the ethical practice of magic and to protect.everything; she had listened; she had been still. He wanted to protect her and knew he could not..".I, I, I never thought about it. Can I think about it? For a while-- a day?".She closed her eyes in bliss and listened..then stood with my clothes in my hands, since there were no hangers; there was instead a small.Brown Bucca, his favorite, shook herself and said her name a few times. The others said nothing..".The Book of Names..".Windkey, master of the spells controlling weather.nations in our kaleidoscopic atlases, and some are more enduring..running his hands over the wood and talking to it, that he couldn't see why they made a fuss over.had a keen, hard face, with long black brows..The wizard who called himself Gelluk and the pirate who called himself King Losen had worked.already?" she said, and then saw him..A century and a half after Morred's death, King Akambar, a prince of Shelieth on Way, moved the court to Havnor and made Havnor Great Port the capital of the kingdom. More central than Enlad, Havnor was better placed for trade and for sending out fleets to protect the Hardic islands against Kargish raids and forays..thinking by his height he was a child, and then saw the small breasts. It was a woman. She was.Dragonfly stopped too. She said after a moment, "I'm sorry. But I feel like - I feel like you betrayed me..".find the center. That's the question to ask. That's what to do..." As he muttered on to himself,.fought against the will that would destroy us..".possessed by a feeling of incredible alienation. I looked up at the stewardess, who had stopped by..only fear she had ever shown of anything. But she disliked the low, cramped cabin, and had stayed."But you can't have me without the music..".deals were profitable. It was as if good fortune stuck to him and he could not shake it off. He.power; and it seemed to him that Anieb's speaking had taken away that much of Gelluk's power over.back to the seacoast, where Maharion's army awaited them. No ship of the fleet returned to Karego..slowly parted the edges: nothing. Wider: it appeared again, popping out of nowhere, a head."Really? Why not?".Medra knew the danger of repeatedly taking any form but his own, but he was shaken and weakened by the shipwreck and the long night flight, and the grey beach led him only to the feet of sheer cliffs he could not climb. He made the spell and said the word once more, and as a sea tern flew up on quick, laboring wings to the top of the cliffs. Then, possessed by flight, he flew on over a shadowy sunrise land. Far ahead, bright in the first sunlight, he saw the curve of a high green hill..The young man slept on a pallet under the little west window of Dulse's house for three years. He.the world, there are still women of the Hand. That net hasn't broken after so many years. How was.her son, Maharion (reigned 430-452), was the last king before the Dark Time..".Then I'll carry the cheeses to Oraby," she said, "and sell em there. In the name of honor, brother, go wash out that cut, and change your shirt. You stink of the pothouse." And she went back into the house. "Oh, dear," she said, and burst into tears..some spell of his own art that we did not understand, like the spell snakes know that keeps their.was less to her than the mother she had not known..".It isn't right. It isn't my true name! I thought my name would make me be me. But this makes it.The tune ended. "Darkrose," he said, behind her in the dark. She turned her head and looked at..played the man so thoroughly all day that she had half-convinced even him. Maybe she'll fool the.many times. The cold and sluggish mind that had been born in him that morning down in the shallows.maybe -- hatched out an eagle..topaz or amber. They were strange eyes,

right on a level with his own..she had come of her own will; he didn't know how she had spoken the word of the Old Tongue to him.different colors; above them, faces, illuminated from below, therefore somewhat eerie, full of."Bring them here," Early said to the messenger.."I spoke your true name. It's not what I thought it would be. And I don't feel easy about it. As if I'd left something unfinished. But it is your name. If it betrays you, then that's the truth of it." Rose hesitated and then spoke less angrily, more coldly: 'If you want the power to betray me, Irian, I'll give you that. My name is Etaudis.'"Night had come. Gift's lamp had flickered out. Only the red glow of the fire shone on Hawk's face. It was not the face she had thought it. It was worn, and hard, and scarred all down one side. The hawk's face, she thought. She held still, listening..name? Or a creeping traitorous sorcerous servant of those upstart landgrabbers who stole Westpool.that such a thing was possible. She fell silent, and still I heard her voice; suddenly light footsteps.should come, he could not land on Roke,".House as a student. Master Doorkeeper?"..all the world to come to him-which was true. Maybe that's where the danger of that art lies..when he was seven or eight he had lost the hang of it and never could do it again..of place. They were worshiped at the site and at home altars with offerings of flowers, oil, food,.."Not for the same reasons as you," she said, "but I still want to. And we came all this way. And.trembled and disappeared.."It's nothing," he said. In fact, rather to his annoyance, the cut had stopped bleeding. The."So I could go to Roke! And see, and learn! Why, why is it only men can go there?"..him, but in the direction Otter chose to go..He stared at her, seeing a round-faced woman, middle-aged, short and strong, with grey in her hair.aren't who-or what-I thought they were, and I lose my way on islands I thought I knew by heart..A wizard, as Halkel defined the term, was a man who received his staff from a teacher, himself a wizard, who had taken special responsibility for his training. It was usually the Archmage who gave a student his staff and made him wizard. This kind of teaching and succession occurred elsewhere than Roke-notably on Paln-but the Masters of Roke came to regard with suspicion a student of anyone not trained on Roke.."I can take her to those who can.."."Probably not," the wizard said..wizards..Kings. No dragon had been seen over the Inmost Sea for many centuries when Kaessin, called the.walk with you, like this... And I wish you wouldn't go north."..He was so distraught that when he made up his mind to call Silence he could not think of the opening of the spell, which he had known for sixty years; then when he thought he had it, he began to speak a Summoning instead, and the spell had begun to work before he realised what he was doing and stopped and undid it word by word..a dizziness. "Ellu," he would say, and walk to the beast and lay his hands upon it until they felt.with four apples and a bladder of resinated wine, in case he had to stay out all night. He.they were doing, but the girl hurried along, her slippers clicking, until, at the sight of a neon face.School. Knowing that the townswomen are spell-bound from so much as setting foot on the fields."Yours are perished.."for several houses up and down the street, and a crowd, that is, ten or eleven people, gathered."I've been thinking," he said. "There are eight of you. Nine's a better number. Count me as a master again, if you will."."You won't tell me?"..people, Ogion shut himself into a room in the signal tower of the Port, locked the door, for.In these four great islands to the northeast of the main Archipelago, the predominant skin color."Why are we wasting time here?" he demanded, as Tern let the bucket down into the well. "Are you fetching and carrying for witches now?"..He said nothing. She squatted down to find out what was in the basket. "Peaches!" she said, and."Forgive me for talking about you before your face, young woman," he said, "but I must. Master Doorkeeper, you know I'd never question your judgment, but the Rule is clear. I have to ask what moved you to break it and let her come in."..The Doorkeeper looked at her for what seemed a long time. Then it is your name," he said. "But maybe not all your name. I think you have another."..border of stone, old, covered with a yellowish lichen, and there I felt, at last, a real wind, clean,He asked her to stay, he did not tell her to. All she could do was nod..him. She looked at him. He saw her look at him. He saw himself through her eyes..stylized conches were shooting forth, while above them raced the words INFOR INFOR INFOR.which rotated slowly, like a record. It was not supported by anything, did not even have an axis,with an attenuated bluish light -- elevators. The one I approached was already on its way up;..themselves pure.."..under the Kings, became common. Magic was the primary weapon in forays and battles. Wizards hired.Growing old, Elehal wearied of the passions and questions of the school and was drawn more and more to the trees, where she went alone, as far as the mind can go. Medra walked there too, but not so far as she, for he was lame.....". "Irian," said Azver the Patterner, "will you come back to us?"..THIS IS THE FIRST PAGE of the Book of the Dark, written some six hundred years ago in Berila, on.even reach his hand out. It was a horrible sensation, as if his muscles were not his own. He sat.troubled times, the boatwright and his family were anxious not to come to notice lest they come to.pardon," she said..The poem begins with the best known and most cherished love story in the Archipelago, that of Morred and Elfarran. In the third year of his reign, the young king went south to the largest island of the Archipelago, Havnor, to settle disputes among the city-states there. Returning in his "oarless longship," he came to the island Solea and there saw Elfarran, the Islewoman or Lady of Solea, "in the orchards in the spring." He did not continue on to Enlad, but stayed with Elfarran. To pledge his troth he gave her a silver bracelet or arm ring, the treasure of his family, on which was engraved a unique and powerful True Rune.

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