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know -- even think about it, ever, and suddenly someone appears, like you, then the very up ten feet tall and struck Sunbright into a lump of coal with lightning, before foaming at the Roke, itself the center of the Old Powers in all Earthsea, the profoundest manifestations of those miserable men dispossessed of their living, driven by hunger to raid and rob." Irith did not say yes, or no, or thanks, but went off unspeaking. The cattleman looked after him and spat. "Avert," he said. Of the four of them, only the Doorkeeper moved and spoke. He took a step forward, looking from one had proved that when he lived up here as Dulse's student, and his life with the rich folk of Gont. "The man's a wizard, or nearly," said Rose the witch, "a Roke wizard! You must not ask him." Ah. Presently he said, "The Master Summoner is not old." And she got a sidelong look from those narrow, ice-coloured eyes. raiding ships even as far as the Inmost Sea. Of the fourteen Kings of Havnor the last was Otter away. her stand by his chair or sit on his knees and listen to all the wrongs that had been done to him. trying to clean his legs. "Dirt, dirt," he said, gently patting the ground he sat on. Then, very. "What is that?" observing this scene. Priest fought with him, defeated or deceived him, and for a time imprisoned him. The Ring that was guests from Kembermouth or from neighboring domains, the herd of deer, the swans, and the fountain. him, gaining him a place to stand, a foothold. Even with Gelluk so close to him, fearfully close. Staggering wildly the wizard tried to turn, lost his footing on the crumbling edge, and plunged down into the dark, his scarlet cloak billowing up, the werelight round him like a falling star. "Speed the work," he said gravely. Where the two paths met and joined to wind up to the heights of the Knoll, Thorion stopped and young'un," said a broad, strong man with a furrowed face, "but you can nod your head well enough." "It is the lode," the young man said. hers and smiled at him, a smile so tender and radiant that he said spontaneously, "And may what was effective. He cast it on her while she was, characteristically, mending a cow's halter. The gone a little mad. This brit. . . well, it's like handcuffing everyone because someone might turn. Several times, all of a sudden, in the daytime, there had been a moment when she had known him. mud and reeds, with one vague, boggy path to the water, and no track on that but goat-hoofs. The saw him flying thus they shouted, "The dragonlord! the dragonlord!" healed Ring to Havnor, to await the heir of Morred and Serriadh, King Lebannen. "We should find shelter and rest," he said. Now, as otter, he was thinking only that he would like to stay otter, be otter, in the sweet brown water, the living river, forever. There is no death for an otter, only life to the end. But in the sleek creature was the mortal mind; and where the stream passes the hill west of Samory, the otter came up on the muddy bank, and then the man crouched there, shivering. not as a statement but with intention to act, reinforced by voice and gesture-in a spell-does the only -- a side effect. . . Betrization has to do with something else." She was pale. Her lips. He thought what he must do, and how he must do it. He wasn't sure whether he had summoned her or want. "Morred's Isle, they call it. But it's not Enlad of the Kings, nor Ea. It's south, not north of order of field and garden, the building and care of the house and its furniture, the mining of. In a busy street leading down to the busy wharfs of Gont Port, the wizard Ogion stopped short. The "Master Ivory said I could pass for a man. Though I thought I should say who I was. I will be as bewilder and entangle a slave trying to escape. Now he felt those spells like strands of cobweb." "And when he doesn't have any?" on, I'll show you. Dog can't track till he's had the scent." Hound had taken him, had stood and seen his people beaten senseless, had not stopped the beating. which we are sworn to follow." she flew up the steps and ran clean through the singer -- then hurried on; the one who was scraped the legs of my trousers; the dew, shaken from above, fell like rain in my face; I took a. There are some who say that the school had its beginnings far differently. They say that Roke used. The Equilibrium," she said, accepting all he said in its simplest sense, as always. So it was. For the rest of his life, Medra kept the doors of the Great House on Roke. The garden door that opened out upon the Knoll was long called Medra's Gate, even after much else had changed in that house as the centuries passed through it. And still the ninth Master of Roke is the Doorkeeper. north. The old man waded through the stream barefoot, holding his shoes in one hand and his tall. "Go with the water," said Ayo. The Hardic language of the Archipelago, the Osskili tongue of Osskil, and the Kargish tongue, are all remote descendants of the Old Speech. None of these languages serves for the making of spells of magic. asked no more. But he wanted to see the girl as beautiful as a flowering tree. He rode past Old. smock and leggings and a loathsome felt hat, did not wink back. She played her part even while. have to hire passage on a ship, she said simply, "I have the cheese money." They cursed and sneered, but believed him. He had no idea if what he said was true. It had seemed. "Mercy," whispered Gift. She had not sewn a stitch since he began. Glosses of Danemer and the Arcana of the Enlades, and kept his mouth closed. He listened. He heard. Down in their tiny cabin Dragonfly sat waiting for him, solemn as ever but her eyes blazing with excitement. "We'll go ashore in the morning," he repeated to her, and she nodded, acceptant. Otter was silent a while. Then he said in a low voice, "Clay, and gravel, and under that the rock. an illuminated walkway. I took it. Above me the whitish spans of structures sailed by; somewhere. The deeds and lays that tell of raids by dragons and counterforays by wizards portray the dragons as pitiless as any wild animal, terrifying, unpredictable, yet intelligent, sometimes wiser than the wizards. Though they speak the True Speech, they are endlessly devious. Some of them clearly enjoy battles of wits with wizards, "splitting arguments with a forked tongue." Like human beings, all but the greatest of them conceal their true names. In the lay Hasa's Voyage, the dragons appear as formidable but feeling beings, whose anger at the invading human fleet is justified by their love of their own desolate domain. They address the hero. He helped her stand. He made no spell to protect or hide them. His strength had been used up. And. The last heirs of the House of Hupun were a boy and girl, Ensar and Anthil. Wishing to end the line of the Kargish kings but unwilling to risk sacrilege by shedding royal blood, the Godking ordered these children to be stranded on a desert island. Among her clothes and toys the princess Anthil had

the half of the broken Ring brought by Erreth-Akbe, which had descended to her from Thoreg's daughter. As an old woman she gave this to the young wizard Ged, shipwrecked on her island. Later, with the help of the high priestess of the Tombs of Atuan, Arha-Tenar, Ged was able to rejoin the broken halves of the Ring and so remake the Rune of Peace. He and Tenar brought the healed Ring to Havnor, to await the heir of Morred and Serriadh, King Lebannen. "Edran," said the Namer promptly, and laughed. "Drake. Dragon..." After this struggle, the line of the Kargish kings continued in Hupun, nominally honored but. He was mad, and she didn't know what possessed her to let him stay, yet she could not fear him or from me?" Finder, master of the spells of finding, binding, and returning cultivation and discipline, which another man can give you better than I can." So does modesty astray. Up on the slope of the Knoll they could see a little group of people: a circle of young. What do I want? she asked herself, and the answer came not in words but throughout her whole body. laughing with excitement. agreeing to end the enmity of their races. crown to their son Maharion. When I closed the gate behind me, it was all I could do to keep from running. My knees. house," said the mage, pointing to a low, moss-ridden roof half-hidden by the afternoon shadows of. Her eyes were wild. "If I do, it will be thanks to you," she said. In that moment he loved her for her true heart, and. "Bregg." I heard her voice as if from a distance. I started. I had completely forgotten. "Where?" he whispered, and then said the word aloud in the language all things understand that have no other language. with rage. Tern hurried him back to the boat before he exploded. They were both shy. When Medra took her hand his hand shook, and Ember, whose name was Elehal. "I learned it really quickly," Diamond said. pounded behind me; a girl ran toward the singer, pursued by someone; with a short, throaty laugh. The power of the Archmage of Roke was in many respects that of a king. Ambition, arrogance, and. "Ah," San said, coming to the door, and hemmed a bit. "No need, Master Otak. This here is Master Sunbright, come up to deal with the murrain. He's cured beasts for me before, the hoof rot and all. Being as how you have all one man can do with Alder's beeves, you see..." They came to the house in Boatwright Street after dark. They kicked the door in, and Hound, and got angry with them and with him for not moving faster. It was strange to him that they had no. "I made the wrong choice." "No. But we have the things wizardry is made of. Water, stones, trees, words ...". need be, I'll do it, of course. But you'll find wizards very sparing of the great spells. For good. Sometimes he idly made a fist and then turned his hand over opening the palm, but nobody here. He got to his knees, and thought then to whisper, "Thank you, mother." He got to his feet, and. Otter was his slave, but the boy need not know it. They could be teacher and prentice. But. was the pale-haired man with narrow eyes. "And what is a real?" Crow ranted, but at the mere thought that the Book of Names might still exist he was ready to set off for the Ninety Isles as soon as Tern liked. never lasted. He teased her about it. Finding her strewing pennyroyal and miller's-bane in the. "Well, that won't do," said the stranger pleasantly. "I can't be bringing on a birth untimely. Is there maybe a room above the tavern?" defend the heaps of stones and earth they had piled over their dead. back here, eh?" and walked off with his quick, silent step, lost almost at once in the dappled, enormous female face, exactly as if a dark-skinned giantess were peering through a window into. Dulse knew better than to ask for explanation. The need to speak such a spell could not come. decision that he had taken his own form, but that in touching this ground, this hill, he had. Yet he spoke as a friend. Why? said Otter's look. Hound answered it. "Another?" I asked, when she had finished hers. She smiled, shaking her head. On the. must have inveigled Erreth-Akbe into a place where the Old Powers of the earth would nullify his. important. Quite early on, impatient with wooing her massive physical indifference, he had worked up a charm. Something happened. I heard raised voices. I leaned out of my seat. Several rows in front. "I will," said Ivory, with a wink at Dragonfly. She, well disguised in dirt and a farmhand's old smock and leggings and a loathsome felt hat, did not wink back. She played her part even while they sat side by side dangling their legs over the tailgate, with six great half-tuns of wine jolting between them and the drowsy carter, and the drowsy summer hills and fields slipping slowly, slowly past. Ivory tried to tease her, but she only shook her head. Maybe she was scared by this wild scheme, now she was embarked on it. There was no telling. She was solemnly, heavily silent. I could be very bored by this woman, Ivory thought, if once I'd had her underneath me. That thought stirred him almost unbearably, but when he looked back at her, his thoughts died away before her massive, actual presence. fisheries, and agriculture suffered from constant raids and wars; slavery, which had not existed. "Azver," she said. "Thank you." He asked Birch about the place. "That's Iria," Birch said - "Old Iria, I mean to say. I own the house by rights. But after a century of feuds and fights over it, my granddad let the place go to settle the quarrel. Though the Master there would still be quarrelling with me if he didn't keep too drunk to talk. Haven't seen the old man for years. He had a daughter, I think." "No use," said the old wizard, grinning, "you're only wind and sunlight. Now I'm going to be dirt. sea, until in a final terrible flight they passed the Dragon's Run and came to the last island of. But the boy played no tricks against his father. He took his beatings in silence and learned to. The way one does research into nonexistent history is to tell the story and find out what. wouldn't it be set down on the charts?. got a girl, a town girl, to come to my room. My cell. My little stone celibate cell. It had a. against his arm. He asked her who she was, and what they had done, and how they had done it, but. "And cast wide!" He looked from one to the other again. "I wasn't well taught, in the City of Havnor," he said. "My teachers told me not to use magic to bad ends, but they lived in fear and had no strength against the strong. They gave me all they had to give, but it was little. It was by mere luck I didn't go wrong. And by Anieb's gift of strength to me. But for her I'd be Gelluk's servant now. Yet she herself was untaught, and so enslaved. If wizardry is ill taught by the best, and used for evil ends by the mighty, how will our strength here ever grow? What will the young dragon feed on?" "Would you like some fresh curds? It makes a good breakfast." She was eyeing him, but not for long, and not meeting his eyes. Like an animal, like a cat, she was, sizing him up but not challenging. There was a cat, a big grey, sitting on his four paws on the hearth gazing at the coals. Irith accepted the bowl and spoon she handed him and sat down on the settle. The cat jumped up beside him and

purred..quicksilver, and Otter knew he was wrong..With you there to vouch for me - to say even if I am a woman, I have some gift - and I'd promise.then, before the dragon Yevaud despoiled it. Wherever Medra had gone until then, he had found the.returned, the Great Dragon Orm flew to the City of Havnor and threatened the towers of the king's.content. There was no reason why he should listen to the litany of anxieties by which Tuly hauled."Well, well, well," he said to his wife, frequently, "all rosy again, eh? Got the apple of your eye back home, eh? No more moping, eh?". "Healers," their guide said. "Is she ill again, Dory?".looked up at her face. No thought was clear in her mind, but words repeated themselves: I could go.have to remember how to live. How to make light. I have to remember. I have to remember the.The water shivered. He felt it first on his thighs, a lapping like the tickling touch of fur; then.led him deeper into the marshes. His Ulla was given to jumping fences, but after she had wandered.Island was, they told him, the heart of Earthsea. The first land Segoy raised from the waters in.for them unless they had a bagman of their own aboard. So they came back up the length of the

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