

TIVOS HABITANTES DE ESPANA INVESTIGACIONES CON EL AUXILIO DE LA LENG

the old men and women would read aloud in a hall down by the wharf where the fisherwomen made and such things. But his father raged at him for his "shortcuts," even struck him once on the mouth, grayish and dark like the stones. Her chin and breasts were shiny with the spittle that ran from. "I don't see why one couldn't be." She never saw why something could not

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AM].their magic in prison cells, to gain nothing. There's no way to use power for good." "Will you come with me?" the Patterner said to Irian..vomiting and shuddering, and San was staring and trying to say, "Avert! Avert!" And no harm was.furniture, pale green with pink sparks mixed in..town at the head of a bay that opened out eastward, and beyond it the high line of the sea's edge.into which he had put the few drops of quicksilver. His eye always on Otter's eye, he unsealed the.He got to his knees, and thought then to whisper, "Thank you, mother." He got to his feet, and.Hemlock nodded. "That is quite understandable, among children. And quite impossible now. Do you understand that?" "No," Diamond said.."I'll keep the door," Medra said. "Being lame, I won't go far from it. Being old, I'll know what to say to those who come. Being a finder, I'll find out if they belong here."..used to be, but Otterhide..seemed to be approaching living quarters of some kind, as the area took on the quality of a.."I won't be so bold as to ask for a kiss," said Medra, "but an open hand, maybe?"..hands in the salt water..long, and on his breast lay the rune-ring broken..caution, locking them away to keep them harmless or giving them to a wizard in his hire to do with.."It does not know death," he said, but he spoke in his own language, and they did not understand him. He drew closer to Irian. He felt the warmth of her body. She stood staring, in that animal silence, as if she did not understand any of them.."It is not glass, to break," Azver said. "It is breath, it is fire."..to do it, making the spell very carefully. It was the reversal of a finding charm: a losing charm..end to. He was determined now not to win her, but to defeat her. He could not let her defeat him..afoot. But now and then Diamond had an hour or two free. He always went down to the docks and sat.."He lived always on Roke, for it's there that all knowledge of magic comes and is kept. And he had no desire to travel and meet other kinds of people, or to see the world, saying he could summon all the world to come to him-which was true. Maybe that's where the danger of that art lies.."How clever you are," he said. "Have you found better ore than that patch you found first? Worth the digging and the roasting?"..with her when he went on. There was a terrible shortage of coppers in her household these days..flash of her eyes, and led on..asked around a bit. The father, a longshoreman, had died in the big earthquake, when Silence would.."What for?"..A quarrel between brothers over their inheritance divided them. One heir mismanaged his estate..learn a few hundred to several thousand of these characters as a major part of their few years of..cheese, roast kid, company," he

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AM].They both came to her. "The Master Changer of Roke: Irian of Way," said the Doorkeeper..hands, like a man's..only the outmost isles of the West Reach-which may have been the easternmost borders of their own.When she did so, Alder's wife Tawny and several other people agreed with her that a squabble.."Thank you, mistress," he muttered, crouching at the fire. She brought him a bowl of broth. He.."Your father told me. A witch's daughter, a childhood playmate. He believed that you had taught her spells."..Then for a while he held still, body and mind, beginning to understand for the first time where his power lay..The water shivered. He felt it first on his thighs, a lapping like the tickling touch of fur; then he saw it, the trembling of the surface all over the pond. Not the round ripples he made, which had already died away, but a ruffling, a roughening, a shudder, again, and again..on the banks of the Amia, when everybody else was sleeping. She would not think of him at night..begun to get a sense of the missing word that might fill one of the gaps, he almost had it, and..most of the work. The ewe bore the digging knife patiently, her opaque, amber, slotted eyes gazing..consented to his remaining on Roke, it was to keep watch on him. "You broke through our defenses..After a long time, late in the afternoon, old Hound came trudging up the valley. He stopped now and then and sniffed. He sat down on the hillside beside the scar in the ground, resting his tired legs. He studied the ground where some crumbs of fresh dirt lay and the grass was bent. He stroked the bent grass to straighten it. He got to his feet at last, went for a drink of the clear brown water under the willows, and set off down the valley towards the mine.."Di thought it up," Rose said..said. "It's at daybreak a name should be given. And then there ought to be music and feasting and..from such scraps and fragments, and though it will be an airy quilt, half made of hearsay and half..In the young dowser he recognized a power, untaught and inept, which he could use. He needed much..not as a statement but with intention to act, reinforced by voice and gesture-in a spell..does the..interest in this woman, Doorkeeper, it should be pursued outside these walls - outside the door..buzzed. I followed suit. A tickling wind blew on my fingers, and when I withdrew them, they.."Silence is not enough, my lord," said one who had not spoken before. To Irian's eyes he was very strange-looking, having pale reddish skin, long pale hair, and narrow eyes the colour of ice. His speech was also strange, stiff and somehow deformed. "Silence is the answer to everything, and to nothing," he said..a lioness, who shouldered him aside. There was a rumbling in his throat, a purr, not a roar. The..since the murrain..In the evening he lay down on the ground and talked to it. "You should have told me, I could have..Nobody would touch him. They stared from a distance at the heap lying in the doorway of San's..black sky, and the little kissing squelch of their sodden feet in the mud and wet grass of the..to the right of the hearth, and took up her mending. "Get warm through, and then I'll show you..LITERATURE AND THE..not led him here. Since the raid, Roke Island had isolated itself wholly, sealed itself inside..want to stay alive. I'll see that you're sent there. If you'll go."..There was no place for him among the Masters, since a new Master Summoner had been chosen, a..was lucky. I learned my

lesson young..up whatever they could in the way of coppers and free beer. Any festivity drew itinerant or hints of a greater mastery. As one true element controlled all substances, one true knowledge. "There are good men there," he said. "Great and wise the Archmage certainly was. But he's gone. And the Masters . . . Some hold aloof, following arcane knowledge, seeking ever more patterns, ever more names, but using their knowledge for nothing. Others hide their ambition under the grey cloak of wisdom. Roke is no longer where power is in Earthsea. That's the Court in Havnor, now. Roke lives on its great past, defended by a thousand spells against the present day. And inside those spell-walls, what is there? Quarrelling ambitions, fear of anything new, fear of young men who challenge the power of the old. And at the centre, nothing. An empty courtyard. The Archmage will never return." He had made a little heap of bits of eggshell on the ground by his knee. He arranged the white fragments into a curve, then closed it into a circle. "Yes," he said, studying his eggshells, then, scratching up the earth a bit, he neatly and delicately buried them. He dusted off his hands. Again his glance flicked to Irian and away..A quotation from it stands at the head of A Wizard of Earthsea: It was as strangely quiet as the farmlands. Not a voice, not a face. It was difficult to feel uneasy in an ordinary-looking town on a sweet spring morning, but in such silence he must wonder if he was indeed in a plague-stricken place or an island under a curse. He went on. Between a house and an old plum tree was a wash line, the clothes pinned on it flapping in the sunny breeze. A cat came round the corner of a garden, no abandoned starveling but a white-pawed, well-whiskered, prosperous cat. And at last, coming down the steep little street, which here was cobbled, he heard voices.. "And sometimes witches and sorcerers will say that they've summoned the dead to speak through." "What all the students do. Live alone in a stone cell and learn to be wise! It might not be what you dream it to be, but that, too, you'd learn." Azver frowned. "The Doorkeeper admitted you because you asked," he said. "I brought you to the Grove because the leaves of the trees spoke your name to me before you ever came here. Irian, they said, Irian. Why you came I don't know, but not by chance. The Summoner too knows that." At last she moved, and kissed his cheek, and whispered, "I missed you, I missed you, I missed you. How long can you stay?" She came back into herself, into the still air under the trees. The Hoary Man sat near her, his. "We could find no trace of him. No doubt he changed himself to a bird or a fish when he left Roke, until he came to some other island. And a wizard can hide himself from all finding spells. We sent out inquiries, in the ways we have of doing so, but nothing and nobody replied. So we set off looking for him, the Summoner to the eastern isles and I to the west. For when I thought about this man, I had begun to see in my mind's eye a great mountain, a broken cone, with a long, green land beneath it reaching to the south. I remembered my geography lessons when I was a boy at Roke, and the lay of the land on Semel, and the mountain whose name is Andanden. So I came to the High Marsh. I think I came the right way." In about 650, the sisters Elehal and Yahan of Roke, Medra the Finder, and other people of the Hand and several have asked me or the Doorkeeper if they may go. And we'd let them go. But there's no. "A real is. . . a real. . ." she repeated helplessly. "They are. . . stories. It's for watching." face gave way to something simpler, a look of complicity, very nearly a wink. "I see," he said. when she came out of the shelter of the woods and saw the open sky. quieted. From it something rose, coming close, coming clear, the image he had seen down in the. with them when I left. I think -. Only in Paln did wizards combine the two practices, in the arcane, esoteric, and reputedly. Rose was very dark-skinned, with a cloud of crinkled hair, a thin mouth, an intent, serious face. Her feet and legs and hands were bare and dirty, her skirt and jacket disreputable. Her dirty toes and fingers were delicate and elegant, and a necklace of amethysts gleamed under the torn, buttonless jacket. Her mother, Tangle, made a good living by curing and healing, bone-knitting and birth-easing, and selling spells of finding, love-potions, and sleeping-drafts. She could afford to dress herself and her daughter in new clothes, buy shoes, and keep clean, but it didn't occur to her to do so. Nor was housekeeping one of her interests. She and Rose lived mostly on boiled chicken and fried eggs, as she was often paid in poultry. The yard of their two-room house was a wilderness of cats and hens. She liked cats, toads, and jewels. The amethyst necklace had been payment for the safe delivery of a son to Golden's head forester. Tangle herself wore armfuls of bracelets and bangles that flashed and crashed when she flicked out an impatient spell. At times she wore a kitten on her shoulder. She was not an attentive mother. Rose had demanded, at seven years old, "Why did you have me if you didn't want me?" rest of the winter, except the cattle dying. "Besides," Tawny said, "my man's never averse to. clay brick puffed into dust, and the Armed Cliffs leaned together, groaning. It was Ogion they. The Summoner, who had been standing with his back to them, facing the fireless hearth, turned round. "The names witches give each other are not our concern here," he said. "If you have some interest in this woman, Doorkeeper, it should be pursued outside these walls - outside the door you vowed to keep. She has no place here nor ever will. She can bring only confusion, dissension, and further weakness among us. I will speak no longer and say nothing else in her presence. The only answer to conscious error is silence." "A little gift," Diamond said indistinctly. "Enough for tricks." all loyalties. No commonwealth was left and no justice, only the will of the wealthy. Men of noble. He thought what he must do, and how he must do it. He wasn't sure whether he had summoned her or she had come of her own will; he didn't know how she had spoken the word of the Old Tongue to him or through him. He didn't know what he was doing, or what she was doing, and he was almost certain that the working of any spell would rouse Gelluk. But at last, rashly, and in dread, for such spells were a mere rumor among those who had taught him his sorcery, he summoned the woman in the stone tower. kill you for it. Keep it hid. And keep away from great people and their crafty men! cheek, which she had rubbed with a dirty hand. They moved a little closer so that their breasts. little way, a few strides. She turned and looked back down at him. "What keeps you from the hill?" and that all magic was in the roots of the trees, and that they were mingled with the roots of all. So that my mind could move about among the years and centuries without getting things all out of. "Which level?" "Make the light," she said. Her voice was a whimper, plaintive. "Can't you make the light?" In the early years they were sent to enforce peace; increasingly

they were called on to maintain the riverbank in front of him he set a leaf-stem, a grassblade, and several pebbles. He studied inside a rocky grotto. It was like ten, fifty Gothic naves formed out of stalactites; veined deposits. son that had made him not exactly set his eyes higher than the business, but glance above it from. She said nothing, laying out what was in the basket, dividing it for the two of them. brought out a small, soft, thick, leather bag that weighed heavy in his hands. He opened it to. "Even if I argued for you. They won't listen. The Rule of Roke forbids women to be taught any high art, any word of the Language of the Making. It's always been so. They will not listen. So they must be shown! And we'll show them, you and I. We'll teach them. You must have courage, Dragonfly. You must not weaken, and not think, "Oh, if I just beg them to let me in, they can't refuse me." They can, and will. And if you reveal yourself, they will punish you. And me." He put a ponderous emphasis on the last word, and inwardly murmured, "Avert." "It won't do," he said, talking to himself in Hardic, and then he said, "I can't do it." Then he. it was definitely the better plan to be honest. What Master did you speak of?" HE SPENT THE NIGHT in their old place in the shallows. Maybe he hoped she would come, but she did not come, and he soon slept in sheer weariness. He woke in the first, cold light. He sat up and thought. He looked at life in that cold light. It was a different matter from what he had believed it. He went down to the stream in which he had been named. He drank, washed his hands and face, made himself look as decent as he could, and went up through the town to the fine house at the high end, his father's house.. "After Elfarran and Morred perished and the Isle of Solea sank beneath the sea, the Council of the study with him in South Port for a year, or perhaps longer." ate it.. Chanter's task is the preservation and teaching of all the oral deeds, lays, songs, etc., and the. The summer ended too soon that year. Rain came early; snow fell in autumn even as far south as. "What will you do, Master Tern?" asked the Summoner, a grey-haired mage from Ilien.. looks like nothing at all from outside, as you come to it in a dingy street; or you can go in the. Diamond had been given his truename at the springs of the Amia in the hills above Glade. The wizard Hemlock, who had known his great-uncle the Mage, came up from South Port to name him. And Hemlock was invited to his nameday party the year after, a big party, beer and food for all, and new clothes, a shirt or skirt or shift for every child, which was an old custom in the West of Havnor, and dancing on the village green in the warm autumn evening. Diamond had many friends, all the boys his age in town and all the girls too. The young people danced, and some of them had a bit too much beer, but nobody misbehaved very badly, and it was a merry and memorable night. The next morning Golden told his son again that he must think about being a man.. study with him because it might be dangerous not to. Oh," and Diamond beat his head with his. The four Kargad islands are mostly arid in climate but fertile when watered and cultivated. The go in.. covering their arms gave off a light, so that only their raised necks showed in it like strange white. only answer to conscious error is silence." street did I remember that I had intended to ask about a hotel.. She hesitated; she laughed. "If he wants a fife-player," she said.. "No, it's impossible," I insisted. "What about people with dangerous jobs? After all, they. They nodded.. In Veil's words he saw, all at once, the other side of Ember's impatience, her fierceness, her. "I spoke your true name. It's not what I thought it would be. And I don't feel easy about it. As. Then that was gone and he stood facing the witch-girl. Her look of accusation slowly changed. She. of the Great Bay of Havnor, a man stood up on the muddy sand: a man poorly dressed and poorly. care! To misuse a gift, or to refuse to use it, may cause great loss, great harm." www.harcourt.com "Darkrose and Diamond" first appeared in The Magazine of Fantasy and Science. he went into the west, sent by the king to defeat or drive back a brood of dragons who had been. began to eat.. "Thorion says Lebannen is not truly king, since no Archmage crowned him." "He does that," the cowboy said to Gift. "Talks at em." He was amused, disdainful. He was one of. leaves behind when he asks questions. Listen, can you work with the wind at all?" Hound told his master that they had the hexer in a safe place, and Losen said, "Who was he working. where the lorebooks and wordbooks were, or asleep. Hemlock was a stickler for early abed and early. place. She returned after some time lugging a heavy bucket, and set to sponging off the mare's. still very sore.. nothing, though my eyes were open. I wanted one thing only, to get away, to find a way out of

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