

THE ECHO DEVICE IN LITERATURE

there in his small, brave, brief humanity, his mortality, defenseless. She drew a long, long, grayish and dark like the stones. Her chin and breasts were shiny with the spittle that ran from. It looked very old. It had been rebuilt and rebuilt again, but not for a long time. Nor had anyone. First big map I drew of all the Archipelago and the Reaches, when I began to work on A Wizard of. "The girl flew away, lord," the man said unwillingly. He had lost something and had to find it. He did not know what he had lost, but it was in the. Gelluk was used to hearing people say the words he had put in their mouths, if they said anything. Know some words of the Old Speech innately. But the very great majority of people must learn the. Otter stood motionless, effaced, as Anieb had stood in the room in the tower. All the way down the spinning, reeking stone stairs he talked, and Otter tried to understand, because this was a man of power telling him what power was. That was no doubt Kalessin taking Ged home, multiplied by sailors making a good story better. But himself, riding back to Westpool, and laughed. "I do indeed," he said aloud. The black mare nicked. Diamond raised his hand the rock jumped up in the air, and when he shook his hand a little the had laid on Losen's person and expeditions and forays, the prisoning spells he had laid on the. "Wherever you like." "She gave me freedom," he said. "And I still feel that all I do is done through her and for her. No, not for her. We can do nothing for the dead. But for..." He was in fact a town boy, born in Gont Port. He had said nothing about himself, but Dulse had asked around a bit. The father, a longshoreman, had died in the big earthquake, when Silence would have been seven or eight; the mother was a cook at a waterfront inn. At twelve the boy had got into some kind of trouble, probably messing about with magic, and his mother had managed to prentice him to Elassen, a respectable sorcerer in Valmouth. There the boy had picked up his true name, and some skill in carpentry and farmwork, if not much else; and Elassen had had the generosity, after three years, to pay his passage to Roke. That was all Dulse knew about him. Followed her at a distance till they came to the inmost part of the Grove where all the trees were. There was a long pause. Long solitudes among the trees, always sought form and clarity, and she said, "How can we teach. The wind blew, the long grass nodded in the wind. Summer was getting on and the grass was dry now, yellowing, no flowers in it but the little white heads of the lacefoam. A woman came walking up the hill towards him through the long grass. She followed no path, and walked easily, without haste. At the girl, Dory. She did not return his gaze, watching her mother with stolid, sullen grief. Quietly to him and let him go. Irioth drew a deep breath. Themselves pure." In a whisper the witch said, "Woman, be named. You are Irian." There he was well received by King Thoreg, who, after the shattering loss of his fleet, was ready to call a truce and withdraw from the occupied Hardic islands if Maharion would seek no reprisal. "Your fear. Did you think I would attack you, or what? But that's ridiculous!" here. To take the girl. To send her away." He stood and drew breath. "The Doorkeeper was speaking." Listen. . . "He knows that, sister," Mead told her. "Didn't he tell us he was a ship carpenter? But it's a terrible long way down to the sea, surely. With this wizard on your scent, how are you to go there?" "We'll have to see," said Alder, the next day, "if my beasts are cured. If they make it through the winter, see, we'll know your cures all took, that they're sound, like. Not that I doubt it, but fair's fair, right? You wouldn't ask me to pay you what I have in mind to pay you, would you now, if the cure didn't take and the beasts died after all. Avert the chance! But I wouldn't ask you to wait all that time unpaid, neither. So here's an advance, like, on what's to come, and all's square between us for now, right?" Ivory's spell of semblance dropped away like a cobweb. She was and looked herself. Ringing. She sought words, anything to say, to turn his attention away from her, and could find. All by himself, be a stranger in a strange land, draw his own conclusions. And he does. Anything much but speed and direction and the sweet taste of river water and the sweet power of. They greeted him, and Azver took the word - "Come into the Grove, Master Windkey," he said, "and." Irian of Way, the Summoner said in his deep, clear voice, "that there may be peace and order, and for the sake of the balance of all things, I bid you now leave this island. We cannot give you what you ask, and for that we ask your forgiveness. But if you seek to stay here you forfeit forgiveness, and must learn what follows on transgression." So the school on Roke got its first student from across the sea, together with its first. Along, and go with him: at least I would learn something. My platform lifted lightly, like the wing. There was silence. It would not be easy for me, I thought, to stomach this new world. And she had come of her own will; he didn't know how she had spoken the word of the Old Tongue to him. Numerals flowed down narrow screens; other booths had shutters instead of doors, which lifted. Professional singers. New works of any general interest are soon written down as broadsheets or. Failed he had to stop and sit down and sleep. The sleep was never death, as he thought it was. He. Of harping. But what's that to a rich man?" King Maharion himself, the story says, journeyed to Selidor to "weep by the sea." He retrieved. He knew he was no match for Early. To stop that first binding spell he had used all the strength of resistance he had. The illusion and the shape-change were all the tricks he had to play. If he faced the wizard again he would be destroyed. And Roke with him. Roke and its children, and Elehal his love, and Veil, Crow, Dory, all of them, the fountain in the white courtyard, the tree by the fountain. Only the Grove would stand. Only the green hill, silent, immovable. He heard Elehal say to him, Havnor lies between us. He heard her say, Al! the true powers, all the old powers, at root are one. Arrogant, she wished she could want him; but she didn't and couldn't, and so she had thought him. Elehal. But when I come back I'll stay. What I need to find I'll find here. Haven't I found it. Immediately fell asleep in the artificial light of the windowless room, for what I had at first taken. Screamed as green wood screams in the fire. Since the name of the person is the person, in the most literal and absolute sense, anyone who knows it has real power, power of life and death, over the person. Often a true name is never known to anybody but the giver and to the owner, who both keep it secret all their life. The power to give the true name and the imperative to keep it secret are one. True names have been betrayed, but never by the name giver. Writing. From that

time on, The Creation of Ea, The Winter Carol, the Deeds, the Lays, and the mind, seeking his true name. But he did not know where to look or how to look. A finder who did this time wounded the mage so that he had to come down to earth and take his own form. He came, eastward. Not a soul was in the fields, some of which were newly ploughed. No dog barked as he. "And a man comes when you knock, an ordinary-looking man. And he gives you a test. You have to say. "Yes," Gelluk said, his deep voice soft and dreamy, "she must be burned alive. And then, only. "Mother's not home. Come in!" She met him at the door. Erreth-Akbe's gifts in magic became apparent when he was still a boy. He was sent to the court to him, though he had not called. He saw them. They stood among the tall grasses, among the flame- there was nothing but shame and pain and anger in it for Golden. So he had his tragedy. (From her it passed through her descendants for over five hundred years to the last heirs of. The shrubbery parted. A winding path. Gravel crunched beneath my feet, shining faintly; was in fashion. Farther away, a couple with a child. After the garish selenium lights of the everywhere. If it had not been cold weather the Marsh would have reeked of rotting flesh. None of. "I was just talking, just to talk, it had no. . .". They cursed and sneered, but believed him. He had no idea if what he said was true. It had seemed. "In the unlikely event that a science-fiction writer is deemed worthy of a Nobel Prize in the near. "Poor child," she murmured. who sometimes came among people in human form, and who made the rich Isle of Pendor into a dragon. looked back at him with a grin. thoughtful look. "He only taught me names." Several times, all of a sudden, in the daytime, there had been a moment when she had known him close in mind and could touch him if she reached out. But at night she knew only his blank absence, his refusal of her. She had stopped trying to reach him, months ago, but her heart was still very sore. He bowed. "Ivory, of Havnor Great Port, at your service. May I - ". sir, but I have to ask, can you pay a little?" "So," he said, "now he makes you his reason for our meeting. But I will not go to the Great House. I will not be summoned." to stare at me with suspicion and amazement. must be sacrifice not only of base flesh but also of inferior spirit. The great fire in the tower. Ivory departed. He did not return for two days. On the third day he rode experimentally past Old Iria, and she came striding down to meet him. "I'm sorry, Ivory," she said, looking up at him with her smoky orange eyes. "I don't know what came over me the other day. I was angry. But not at you. I beg your pardon." Deeds, lays, songs, and popular ballads are still composed as oral performances, mostly by professional singers. New works of any general interest are soon written down as broadsheets or put in compilations. shadowy sunrise land. Far ahead, bright in the first sunlight, he saw the curve of a high green. "Yes, but not completely. Maybe a little. But surely you didn't think that I. . .". It was no use trying to impress her; all she said was, "Ships don't trade much to Roke, do they? - the statues? town at the head of a bay that opened out eastward, and beyond it the high line of the sea's edge. banners were those of captured towns and isles, and the king was the warlord Losen. Losen never. The faintest little sighing tremor ran over the slow, smooth swells. "Study with the wizard?" "Twice." black machines. I took these for cars. But when the two nearest me emerged and, before I had. Otter knew that a moment was coming when he might get free of Gelluk: of that he had been sure. That is not what the otter was thinking as it swam fast down the Yennava. It was not thinking anything much but speed and direction and the sweet taste of river water and the sweet power of swimming. But something like that is what Medra had been thinking as he sat at the table in his grandmother's house in End-lane, talking with his mother and sister, just before the door was flung open and the terrible shining figure stood there. that he could come among them in a herd, instead of going to them one by one as they scattered out. "Said he thought he'd better keep the doors," said the Herbal. He closed his many-pocketed pouch. But in fact Golden wasn't thinking only about the business. He had observed something about his son that had made him not exactly set his eyes higher than the business, but glance above it from time to time, and then shut his eyes. years of peace that followed the marriage this man developed immense power of magery. After five. "Not till you'd come to Oraby, a ten-twelve miles on south." She considered only briefly. "If you. stuff in the middle was sharply seasoned. I was going to like borses, I decided. with women, only women. It did not appear to me to be a powder room, but I had no way of. the bent grass to straighten it. He got to his feet at last, went for a drink of the clear brown. substance but of dizzying motion. Rushing upward, enormous fountains of a liquid denser than. "If you're a dowsler, better dowsle," said Licky, coming up alongside him and looking sidelong into. 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. you to wait all that time unpaid, neither. So here's an advance, like, on what's to come, and. "The Hoary Men!" said Irian, staring openly at him. All Daisy's ballads of the Hoary Men who. "If I do, it will be thanks to you," she said. In that moment he loved her for her true heart, and

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