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his hand, and rule with his guidance, as Morred ruled. No witches will defile sacred ground. No Ivory nodded gravely. "But the Archmage lost all his power in the land of death. Maybe all magery was weakened then." "This is the center," said Veil. "We must keep to the center. And wait." "Which district?" But Hopeful, sailed and steered by two young sorcerers from the Hand of Havnor, brought Medra safe down the Inmost Sea to Roke..stumbled across the dark houseyard to the door.."What if you got to be a wizard! Oh! Think of the stuff you could teach me! Shapechanging -- We could be anything. Horses! Bears!"..purple, brown, and violet shapes, unlike anything I knew, like abstract sculptures come to life.. "Hu-hu-hu," said the owl, under her window, and then it said, "Darkrose!" Startled from her.Otter was grateful to him. He could not be wholly comfortable with his hands bound and his mouth..into the Great Treasury of the Tombs of Atuan. (There Ged found it, and rejoining the two halves.The curer checked the girths, eased a strap, and got up in the saddle, not expertly, but the hinny.ducked down frantically, but felt the cool fire tingle in her hair as it passed over her. The."Did you think I was one of their eunuchs? That I'd castrate myself with spells so I could be.summoning. No bringing back across the wall. No wall."..born. A good deal about Earthsea, about wizards, about Roke Island, about dragons, had begun to..mountain, he thought of the Mages of Roke, the masters of the art magic, the professors of mystery.She stared at my legs..He gave a sharp look at his staff, which leaned in the corner behind the door. He put the eggs in."It's cold out," she said. "Ice on the trough this morning. Will you be going on, this day?".pardon," she said..Dragonfly found the village witch taking maggots out of an infected cut on a sheep's rump. The witch's use-name was Rose, like a great many women of Way and other islands of the Hardic Archipelago. People who have a secret name that holds their power the way a diamond holds light may well like their public name to be ordinary, common, like other people's names..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..the eldest, the Doorkeeper, Segoy....her name. He must remember what name he had told her to call him. He must not be Irioth, though he..to change your seeming. You have the heart, the courage, the will of a man. You could enter the."Anyone.".The four Kargad islands are mostly arid in climate but fertile when watered and cultivated. The Kargs have maintained a society that appears to be little influenced, except negatively, by their far more numerous neighbors to the south and west..to the wonderful mysteries at the end of them..and bread and scallions, and she ate because he told her to eat, but chewing and swallowing were..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.."Why not? Why does it have to be a witch or a sorcerer? What do you do?".Irioth did not say yes, or no, or thanks, but went off unspeaking. The cattleman looked after him."While we talk behind her back?". "Nobody loves a sorcerer," said the Archmage. "Well, Irioth! Did I come all this way for you in..knows it has real power, power of life and death, over the person. Often a true name is never..and dignity shrank to impotence.."I may be able to help the beasts.."..and treasures and children.."Worm eaters.."..blowing, he saw, high and far above the blue strait and the vaguer blue-brown of the land, the..He had been walking almost asleep. The pallor of the werelight had faded, drowned in a fainter..there; but those people were unnaturally tall -- and all at once I realized that what I had in front of..plunder. But they send their sons west dragon hunting. In sport. As if the dragons of the West..The great guilds, since their network covers all the Inner Lands, answer to no overlord or..In Golden's understanding, money was power, but not the only power. There were two others, one..Otter had got control of his face and voice. He wiped his eyes and nose, cleared his throat, and..the Changer spoke against it at first, and then agreed..cattle, fattening beef for the populous southern coast, letting the animals stray for miles across."Nais. How old are you?". "He does that," the cowboy said to Gift. "Talks at em." He was amused, disdainful. He was one of..see people afraid of him, hear their terror, smell it, taste it. But since he ruled in Losen's..in spells of protection, endurance, peace. They saw the Rule of Roke established, though never so."Of all of us. Of Way, and Felkway, and Havnor, and Wathort, and Roke. All the people of the islands. He says that when King Lebannen was to be crowned, last autumn, he sent to Gont for the old Archmage to come crown him, and he wouldn't come. And there was no new Archmage. So he took the crown himself. And some say that's wrong, and he doesn't rightly hold the throne. But others say the king himself is the new Archmage. But he isn't a wizard, only a king. So others say the dark years will come again, when there was no rule of justice, and wizardry was used for evil ends."..other was his servant..you wonder he was a little rageous? But I don't say..." She checked herself and then went on, "I..rhythm..Morred and Elfarran. In the third year of his reign, the young king went south to the largest..any way. That night he had been in utter despair. But then Anieb had come into his mind: come of..Ember usually scowled when he greeted her. She asked him abrupt questions, listened to his..He walked down the stragglng street of Purewells to Sans house, which was about midway, opposite..All rights reserved, which includes the right to reproduce this book or."She's called Dragonfly, and she does all the work, and I saw her once last year. She's tall, and..have no art. No knowledge. I came to learn."..She turned away from him and them and went on up the hill in the gathering darkness. As she went farther from them they saw her then, all of them, the great gold-mailed flanks, the spiked, coiling tail, the talons, and the breath that was bright fire. On the crest of the Knoll she paused a while, her long head turning to look slowly round the Isle of Roke, gazing longest at the Grove, only a blur of darkness in darkness now. Then with a rattle like the shaking of sheets of brass the wide, vaned wings opened and the dragon sprang up into the air, circled Roke Knoll once, and flew..will never return."..Was this still architecture, or mountain-building? They must have understood that in..without a spell or two. A village hut with a palace floor. Well, it'll be a sight, come winter,

to. He knew that, knew it absolutely, though still he tried to say spells, and raised his arms in the incantation, and beat the air in fury. Then he looked eastward, straining his eyes for the flashing beat of the galley oars, for the sails of his ships coming to punish these people and save him. Curious promenade went on; in the dark passages, the headless silhouettes of women: the fluff. back here, eh?" and walked off with his quick, silent step, lost almost at once in the dappled, from women, and they want men to make the decisions for all. Now what compromise can we make with. There they fished for whales, as they still do. That was a trade he wanted no part of. Their ships. He was grateful to see Kurremkarmerruk coming slowly down the bank of the Thwilburn from the north. The old man waded through the stream barefoot, holding his shoes in one hand and his tall staff in the other, snarling when he missed his footing on the rocks. He sat down on the near bank to dry his feet and put his shoes back on. "When I go back to the Tower," he said, "I'll ride. Hire a carter, buy a mule. I'm old, Azver." old men after all! he thought, and grinned at the thought, and slept. Power. The Kargs are deeply resistant to writing of any kind, considering it to be sorcerous and wicked. They keep complex accounts and records in weavings of different colors and weights of yarn, and are expert mathematicians, using base twelve; but only since the Godkings came to power have they employed any kind of symbolic writing, and that sparingly. Bureaucrats and tradesmen of the Empire adapted the Hardic runes to Kargish, with some simplifications and additions, for purposes of business and diplomacy. But Kargish priests never learn writing; and many Kargs still write every Hardic rune with a light stroke through it, to cancel out the sorcery that lurks in it. connection between magic and sexuality may depend on the man, the magic, and the circumstances. know them now. "I asked you not to," he said, "and it's not my need I spoke of. I talk enough for two. Never mind. You'll know what to say when the time comes. That's the art, eh? What to say, and when to say it. And the rest is silence." I will unmake the islands, the white waves will overwhelm all. In these four great islands to the northeast of the main Archipelago, the predominant skin color is light brown to white, with hair dark to fair, and eyes dark to blue or grey. her eyes with her apron. "Was that what broke you," she said, "the drink?" them," she said. Heleth said. "I'm not sure." Doorkeeper of the Great House of Roke saw him, he loosed his hands and freed his tongue. And she looked straight at him for the first time. Her eyes were clear orange-brown, like dark. He lay huddled and crumpled near where the little seep-stream dripped from the ledge of. That, too, I remembered. I didn't crush his fingers. I was quite calm. He wanted to say. "Close!" Otter cried, dropping to his knees, his hands on the earth, on the raw lips of the crevasse. "Close, Mother! Be healed, be whole!" He pleaded, begged, speaking in the Language of the Making words he did not know until he spoke them. "Mother, be whole!" he said, and the broken ground groaned and moved, drawing together, healing itself. mouth, froze in readiness. had not come from Roke to trudge about on foot in the mud and dust of country byways. learn a few hundred to several thousand of these characters as a major part of their few years of. Once there in the Grove she had no thought of earning, or deserving, or even of learning. To be there was enough, was all. certainly gone and then made her way through high grass and weeds to the little house. have been seven or eight; the mother was a cook at a waterfront inn. At twelve the boy had got. other eye looked a little off to the side. Sometimes Dragonfly thought the cast was in Rose's left. "Should I speak to him?" Gift asked in a steady voice. "Back that way," said the taverner. He had turned up on Dulse's doorstep a few years ago. Well, no, twenty years ago it must be, or twenty-five. A while ago now. He had been truly a boy then, long-legged, rough-haired, soft-faced, with a set mouth and clear eyes. "What do you want?" the wizard had asked, knowing what he wanted, what they all wanted, and keeping his eyes from those clear eyes. He was a good teacher, the best on Gont, he knew that. But he was tired of teaching, and didn't want another prentice underfoot, and sensed danger. birth-easing, and selling spells of finding, love-potions, and sleeping-drafts. She could afford. the sidewalk; somewhat farther along stood flat black machines, crowded together; a man came. him, who had seen great deeds and powers. She sighed and spoke from her heart - "Oh, if only I thought they'd be..." She gazed off at the sheep on the hill, her face troubled. "Some of them are." "Yes," she said uncertainly. "Yes -". Diamond was listening intently, frowning a little. managed to bring a bit of magewind into the sail of a boat, though he had no idea how to combat or. you again I'd do you a favor, if I could. As one finder to the other, see?" Tell him what he sees, Anieb whispered in Otter's mind, and he spoke: "A stream runs through darkness over a glittering roof. Under the roof is the House of the King. The roof stands high above the floor, on high pillars. The floor is red. All the pillars are red. On them are shining runes." "I do want you to stay. But don't stay! You're a finder, you have to go find. It's only that. She said nothing, but breathed very warm in his ear, and he moaned. His hands clenched hers. He drew back a little. She drew back. They sat back on their ankles. Thwil. Once Ember had come to believe that Roke's freedom lay in offering others freedom, she set. "We went farthest east," Azver said. "But do you know what the leader of an army is, in my tongue?" "Keep her quiet," said the young woman, and left him holding the mare's reins in this deserted place. She returned after some time lugging a heavy bucket, and set to sponging off the mare's leg. "Get the saddle off her," she said, and her tone held the unspoken, impatient, "you fool!" Ivory obeyed, half-annoyed by this crude giantess and half-intrigued. She did not put him in mind of a flowering tree at all, but she was in fact beautiful, in a large, fierce way. The mare submitted to her absolutely. When she said, "Move your foot!" the mare moved her foot. The woman wiped her down all over, put the saddle blanket back on her, and made sure she was standing in the sun. "She'll be all right," she said. "There's a gash, but if you'll wash it with warm salt water four or five times a day, it'll heal clean, I'm sorry." She said the last honestly, though grudgingly, as if she still wondered how he could have let his mare stand there to be assaulted, and she looked straight at him for the first time. Her eyes were clear orange-brown, like dark topaz or amber. They were strange eyes, right on a level with his own. ribbon up to her black braid. "And I wish I had something for you!" the story will have weight and make sense. his lips close to Otter's ear. "As they slaver, the dross and stains flow out of them. Illness and. Dragonfly stopped too. She said after a moment, "I'm sorry. But I feel

like - I feel like you. When he had done what he could to warn the city, and seen all the gate-guards and port-guards. There was a little struggle in the mind, but the mouth opened and the tongue moved: "Medra."

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