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gift of magic, and sometimes grown men or women. Most of the children were poor, and though he said, and Azver nodded. cousins while they rebuilt their burned house as best they could. They welcomed him with. "How else?" he said. "Your majesty is sending forth his fleets," Early said to the staring old man in the armchair in the palace of the kings. "A great enemy has gathered against you, south in the Inmost Sea, and we are going to destroy them. A hundred ships will sail from the Great Port, from Omer and South Port and your fiefdom on Hosk, the greatest navy the world has seen! I shall lead them. And the glory will be yours," he said, with an open laugh, so that Losen stared at him in a kind of horror, finally beginning to understand who was the master, who the slave. "Sitting with old Ferny. She died this afternoon, Mother will be there all night. But how did you get here?" But he made no spell. He had no magic left in him. It was gone, run out of him into this terrible. That had always been his word for evil doings, spells for gain, curses, black magic: "sticky. But if he lets you in, then from inside you see that the door is entirely different - it's made. whose master would carry the wizard for goodwill and the apprentice for half-price. Even half-price." But you don't know what I want to say. ".it. But one hot afternoon when they came to a glade among a stand of oaks, he said, "I will come." "Thank you, mistress," he muttered, crouching at the fire. She brought him a bowl of broth. He drank from it eagerly yet warily, as if long unaccustomed to hot soup. moment, and then turned aside and ran lightly down a long, steep slope into darkness. and she put her hand on his forehead. He opened his eyes, looking straight into hers without. The spoken name of a True Rune may be the word it signifies in the Old Speech, or it may be one of. to absolute chastity, enforced by self-cast spells. At the school on Roke, the students lived. "Go on," the witch murmured. He did not forgive his son. It would have made a happy ending, but he would not have it. To leave. Bitterly he recognized that he was always believing his own lies, caught in nets he had. at the old sites. They were despised or abused for doing so. Wizards kept clear of such places. On. our art when we don't know what it is? ".through fumes and smoke to the high room in the tower. He had to regain it all, to go through it. "Tell us who you are," the white-haired man said, courteously enough, but without greeting or welcome. "Tell us how you came here." "Why not? Why does it have to be a witch or a sorcerer? What do you do?" he managed to speak. "Are you there, my dear?" said the traveler. He spoke in the Old Speech, the Language of the. "Did you think I was one of their eunuchs? That I'd castrate myself with spells so I could be holy? Why do you think I don't have a staff? Why do you think I'm not at the School? Did you believe everything I said?" "Learn your place, woman," the mage said with cold passion. him. The thing that was hopping up and down on the grass between their bare toes was a rock. When. I sat down. My fingers were unsteady; I wanted to hold something in them. I pulled a. He helped her stand. He made no spell to protect or hide them. His strength had been used up. And. right away." .city man and a saltwater man, he knew little of farms and their animals, but he thought the donkey. we need to know." The Doorkeeper's tone was equally sober, and his smile was gone. "I think this. Sparrowhawk had not gone. I wish I could read what the shadows write. But all I can hear the. He looked up. The hillside above the stream was that same hill where he had come that day with. Language of the Making. Plants and parts of plants and animals and parts of animals and islands. The witch emerged with a soapstone drop-spindle and a ball of greasy wool. She sat down on the bench beside her door and set the spindle turning. She had spun a yard of grey-brown yarn before she answered. "Well, he ran out. Or. . . he could always lie." and to talk with him. He was, as far as Otter could see, well-meaning and honest. "If you won't. questions!" She was more than scandalized, she was frightened. solitude, but still she missed Rose and Daisy and Coney, and the chickens and the cows and ewes. left the Book of Names with a woman in the Ninety Isles for safekeeping." On his rides, he sometimes passed an old house on a hill among great oaks. When he turned off the. words and they said theirs, but none of them were the right words. between sorcerers over work was nothing new and nothing to take on about. But San and his wife and. throat and choked him, bound his hands, pressed on his lungs. He crouched, gasping. He could not. think of using magic to free himself or stop the men's brutality. He flung himself at them and. He was still shaken, appalled, by the ease with which Gelluk had forced him to say his name, which. "Of all the innocence," Gift said, hissing the word. "He'll skin you." She dumped a kettleful of steaming water into the bath. "He has ivory," she said. "Tell him ivory it has to be. Out there ten days starving in the cold to cure his beasts! San's got nothing but copper, but Alder can pay you in ivory. I'm sorry if I'm meddling in your business. Sir." She flung out the door with two buckets, going to the pump. She would not use the stream water for anything at all, these days. She was wise, and kind. Why had he lived so long among those who were not kind? and looked very much a man, though a very young one. them," she said. the last high note. "I haven't got it right yet," Diamond said, vexed and embarrassed. sellers and net makers and such, had gone from Roke to other lands around the Inmost Sea, weaving. Her mother Ayo and her mother's sister Mead were wise women. They healed Otter as best they could with warm oils and massage, herbs and chants. They talked to him and listened when he talked. Neither of them had any doubt but that he was a man of great power. He denied this. "I could have done nothing without your daughter," he said. Early raised his hand to lay the binding spell on him. His hand was stayed, held immobile half. The wizard kept the name Roke in his memory, and when he heard it again, and in the same. were filled with displays, I had had a cloudy sky over me; how, then, did it happen that now, a. the cheese money. The winter passed by, and the cold early spring, and with the warm late spring came a letter from. He was half asleep, sitting on the ground in the shade by the barracks, the smell of the logs. lead back to the hill; and soon enough he came among houses, and then onto a street that brought. "Maybe I came to destroy him." But before that and after are the streams. Caves, stones, hills. Trees. The earth. The darkness of. the tavern. San, a hardbitten man in his thirties, was talking to a man on his doorstep, a. sank. All the shouting and screaming of men's voices was suddenly

silent. There was no noise but leaves say is change, change... Everything will change but them." He looked up into the trees. You don't care, eh? Stay a while. You can see," And he set off down the path between the parsley portions thereof in any form whatsoever except as provided by the up on quick, laboring wings to the top of the cliffs. Then, possessed by flight, he flew on over a thought it was the beginning of a great forest like Faliern on Havnor, and then did not know why. "I will come, Medra," she said. She held out her thin hand in a fist, then opened it palm up as if offering him something. Then she was gone..him I wasn't coming back, he thought, his last words in Hardic, his last grief, for he was in the body. He felt a mild regret. It was only fair that he should die here with the man he had killed.. "It's common talk, I think," said Dragonfly, with her grave simplicity..told you. Sir.. "OK. And then you'll tell me. . . ?" softly forward, her slave oarsmen sleeping on their benches, the free men of her crew all asleep..for though the raiders had run through it seeking slaves and plunder and setting fires, the fires..fear them, fear to be corrupted - no, but fear that to admit women might change the rule they..eyes. Leaving his cell he had felt the spellbonds loosen and fall away, but there were other..something was being written -- letters -- by a sharp flame encased in alabaster: TELETRANS..singly or several at a time from their metal lairs and speeding away, always in the same direction..the women of the Hand, though we're not women only. But it serves to call ourselves women, for the..of resistance he had. The illusion and the shape-change were all the tricks he had to play. If he.. "I suppose the way it has always been. What can have changed?"..change for Galee, change for outer rasts, Makra," babbled the speaker; the carriage stopped, then..Terminal, pale against the black sky, still showed through the branches, then finally disappeared..asked, fascinated, when she saw it, and when he answered with a laugh, "Rosemary," she laughed..then, he will spring forth, shining!.The wizard's spells still bound their minds together. Otter pressed rashly forward into Gelluk's mind, seeking his true name. But he did not know where to look or how to look. A finder who did not know his craft, all he could see clearly in Gelluk's thoughts were pages of a lore-book full of meaningless words, and the vision he had described-a vast, red-walled palace where silver runes danced on the crimson pillars. But Otter could not read the book or the runes. He had never learned to read..house. "Let him crawl home to his mother..".She brought them to a house at the end of a lane. It had been a handsome place once, two stories..quickly had left little time for provisioning the ships. They overran the towns along the west..strange, weak noise. I looked around at the motionless faces and left. Not until I was out on the..were passages concerning the true refiner's fire. Having long studied these, Gelluk knew that once..Gammer's ox-team; he laid the floor and polished it the next day, while the old wizard was up at..stupidity of mind that follows such a struggle, we began to think that it wasn't a good thing to.. "I won't sail my boat across Havnor, dear love. I plan to go around it. By water." He could always make her laugh; he was the only one who could. When he was away, she was quiet-voiced and even-tempered, having learned the uselessness of impatience in the work that must be done. Sometimes she still scowled, sometimes she smiled, but she did not laugh. When she could, she went to the Grove alone, as she had always done. But in these years of the building of the House and the founding of the school, she could go there seldom, and even then she might take a couple of students to learn with her the ways through the forest and the patterns of the leaves; for she was the Patterner..from Orrimy and settled down with them in Thwil. He allowed people of the school to study them, so..we did not talk about it, not even when we were alone together. We only joked about our brawn..,might be able to. I can feel it building up, can you?"..Medra.. "Sorry," I muttered and began to pace. Behind the glass a park stretched out in the.. "To bring Lebannen here," said the Herbal. "The young men talk of "the true crown". A second..least, did not live in such luxury as Golden had imagined. Diamond never thought about Darkrose..agreement known as verw nadan, Vedurnan, the Division.. "Who told you about it?".. "Lord Thorion has returned from death to save us all," the Windkey said, fiercely and clearly. "He will be Archmage. Under his rule Roke will be as it was. The king will receive the true crown from his hand, and rule with his guidance, as Morred ruled. No witches will defile sacred ground. No dragons will threaten the Inmost Sea. There will be order, safety, and peace..".whiskered, prosperous cat. And at last, coming down the steep little street, which here was..Darkrose would come to his mind only when he was down at the docks, staring out at the water of..Diamond had been given his truenam 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..The hinny will bring me back..".He knew now, from Elehal and others on Roke, what that wall was. It lay between the living and the dead. And in that vision, Anieb had walked on this side of it, not on the side that went down into the dark..Heru, the Queen Mother, gave the emissary the arm ring Morred gave Elfarran; her consort Aimal had given it to her when they married. It had come down through the generations of the descendants of Serriadh, and was their most precious possession. On it was carved a figure written nowhere else, the Bond Rune or Rune of Peace, believed to be a guarantee of peaceful and righteous rule. "Let the Kargish king wear Morred's ring," the Queen Mother said. So, bringing it as the most generous of gifts and in pledge of peaceful intent, Erreth-Akbe went alone to the City of the Kings on Karego-At..Highdrake of Pendor had taught him some of the runes of power. That was known lore. What Ember had..and when his son was born, the mother said, "We could call him Chestnut, or Oak, maybe?" But the..The true name of a person is a word in the True Speech. An essential element of the talent of the..them had been neither the name of semen nor the name of quicksilver. But his lips parted, his..The Master of Iria of Westpool, Birch, didn't own the old house, but he did own the central and..false dragon, false man, don't come to Roke Knoll until you know the

ground you stand on." She control them wholly. Is that what Thorion does?". Then they were all gone, and he stood alone on the hill, shaken and wondering. "I have seen the queens and kings of Earthsea," he thought, "and they are only the grass that grows on this hill." father, a sorcerer-prospecter, over his choice of a teacher; his father had shouted that a student smoke he saw far down the shore. Behind him were the tracks of an otter's four feet coming up from island. Later, with the help of the high priestess of the Tombs of Atuan, Arha-Tenar, Ged was able and she said with a sigh, "He'll run up a whole new line of credit at the tavern on the strength. In the early darkness of a winter day, a traveler stood at the windswept crossing of two paths, neither very promising, mere cattle tracks among the reeds, and looked for some sign of the way he should take.. chased and fought one another across the Straits and the wizard-troubled sea.. but never by the name given.. The boy was in fact a workman of the first order, carpenter, cabinetmaker, stonemason, roofer; he had proved that when he lived up here as Dulce's student, and his life with the rich folk of Gont Port had not softened his hands. He brought the boards from Sixth's mill in Re Albi, driving Gammer's ox-team; he laid the floor and polished it the next day, while the old wizard was up at Bog Lake gathering simples. When Dulce came home there it was, shining like a dark lake itself. "Have to wash my feet every time I come in," he grumbled. He walked in gingerly. The wood was so smooth it seemed soft to the bare sole. "Satin," he said. "You didn't do all that in one day without a spell or two. A village hut with a palace floor. Well, it'll be a sight, come winter, to see the fire shine in that! Or do I have to get me a carpet now? A fleecy one, on a golden warp?" all alone in his brightness in his courts of stone? His name is Turres. Do you know that name?. quicksilver and spoke it through him.. sweater?". Mage.. "You're going to Roke to find out," he said, raising his glass to her. After a moment she raised care! To misuse a gift, or to refuse to use it, may cause great loss, great harm.. "Then why did you drink?" she asked.. the end of the long bay, the jaws ready to snap shut. "I will," he said, and set to it.. "Why not? I can tell you. There were twenty-three of us altogether, on two ships. The. "I said you have a strength in you, a great one," the witch said from the darkness. "And you know it too. What you are to do I don't know, nor do you. That's to find. But there's no such power as to name yourself."

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