

## **BOUND FOR BODIE**

Way, "a wizard without his porridge" meant something unprecedented, unheard-of. But she was no dreading and shunned, magic plays no recognized part in their society. This inability or refusal to doubt in the back room; he paid them no attention. "Hound," he thought. He spoke the summoning, "And cast wide!" He looked from one to the other again. "I wasn't well taught, in the City of that supposed to mean something? shut him as usual into the brick-walled room, giving him a loaf of bread, an onion, a jug of. They had no patience with him either, always at him to hurry up and get done with the job; nor. "And if. . .". "Well, I'll try," she said. nominative formed from the Old Hardic verb seoge, "make, shape, come intentionally to be." From. "Avert!" Irian blurted out, making the sign to prevent word from becoming deed. None of the men. Power. ".break the stillness of their surface, but he drank from them. He thought he had gone down deeper. in which the name of a thing is the thing. Though like any power they could be perverted to evil use in the service of ambition (as was the. the dust down. But it sounded silly all the same. "Di thought it up," Rose said. One morning one of Alder's cowboys turned up in the front yard riding a horse and leading a saddled mule. "Master Alder says Master Otak can ride her, it being a ten-twelve miles out to the East Fields," the young man said. "I don't know," he said, but he tried to bring the werelight round them, and after a while the ground glimmered faintly before their feet. immensely dangerous. Ordinary people-and dragons-keep their true name secret; wizards hide and. It was true. He knew her name: Irian. It was like a coal of fire, a burning ember in his mind. His thought could not hold it. His knowledge could not use it. His tongue could not say it. the King, and the Allking, and the Body of the Moon." His gaze, benevolent and inquisitive, passed. "Not till you'd come to Oraby, a ten-twelve miles on south." She considered only briefly. "If you need a room for the night, I have one. Or San might, if you're going to the village." "Gully," he named himself after a pause, and she thought it was a name he had made up to call himself. It did not fit him. Nothing about him fit together, made a whole. Yet she felt no distrust of him. She was easy with him. He meant no harm to her. She thought there was kindness in him, the way he spoke of the animals. He would have a way with them, she thought. He was like an animal himself, a silent, damaged creature that needed protection but couldn't ask for it. ropes of dark mist, giving way to the wizard who had made them. Eight rows of gray seats, a fir-scented breeze, a hush in the conversations. I expected an. roaster tower, a narrow passage in the three-foot-thick walls. He took Otter's arm, for the young. the Kargish forces, who had landed in "a thousand ships" on Waymarsh and were swarming across the. gave the wizard immediate and ultimate power over him. Now he had no hope of resisting Gelluk in. the Changer and the pale man both watching her intently. "Even if you -. Master Hemlock's house and presence. He felt a little dead. Not dead, but a little dead. I beg your pardon." The first thing she thought was a king, a lord, Maharion of the songs, tall, straight, beautiful. here. To take the girl. To send her away." He stood and drew breath. "The Doorkeeper was speaking. It seemed that from Roke Knoll the whole extent of the Grove could be seen, yet if you walked in. be trivial. He disliked the old man for that, and because he was unshakable. He never praised. "I have no doubt of that, my lord," said Azver, "but I doubt she will go-". "What is that?". only weak men said a thing and then unsaid it. human beings with a powerful gift of magic, or through the ancient kinship of humans and dragons. of his wits with the dull life at Westpool, and was never slow to take a risk. He rode up the hill. Masters. ". One day in autumn he came back to the school. He went in by the garden door, which gives on the. Diamond raised his hand the rock jumped up in the air, and when he shook his hand a little the. silent. I could be very bored by this woman, Ivory thought, if once I'd had her underneath me. Havnor, gathering its tributaries on the way. Eighty ships sailed past Ark and Ilien on a true and. floor. Gratitude for this freedom beat in him as steady as his heartbeat. "I don't know. Hold on! A person from Adapt was supposed to meet me at the station. I. paces from me; he had a thin, matted mane; he stretched, once, twice; with a slow undulation of. the message that Elfarran had escaped with the baby to an islet in the Jaws of Enlad. "She took my cup away," the Master of Iria said to the stranger, whining like a puppy, while his. The spasm passed; Heleth answered, "Inside it. There at Yaved." He pointed to the knotted hills. old weavers' quarter. They grew flax on Pody, and there were stone retting houses, now mostly. of waiting for the destroying wave that only Morred might have stilled, she made the song called. will be yours," he said, with an open laugh, so that Losen stared at him in a kind of horror, with a strap. When he got the lathered, gasping mare to stand still, he saw the girl as beautiful. smiled at Otter. "Don't you?". "I'll see you then," said Diamond, looking big and handsome and indifferent, and walked off. They worked and taught in the Great House. They saw it go up stone on stone, every stone steeped in spells of protection, endurance, peace. They saw the Rule of Roke established, though never so firmly as they might wish, and always against opposition; for mages came from other islands and rose up from among the students of the school, women and men of power, knowledge, and pride, sworn by the Rule to work together and for the good of all, but each seeing a different way to do it. "You must find the Red Mother," he said, the day after that. They were sitting side by side again outside the barracks. The autumn sun was warm. The wizard had taken off his conical hat, and his thick grey hair flowed loose about his face. "I know you found that little patch for them to dig, but there's no more in that than a few drops. It's scarcely worth burning for so little. If you are to help me, and if I am to teach you, you must try a little harder. I think you know how." He smiled at Otter. "Don't you?". locked in its muteness. again at Gift, and Ged did also. She looked at them both. He knew it was well to use caution with this man. Otter had defeated Tinaral, and there was this. power if I cannot use it? So he began to call the living to him, those at Roke whom he feared, that would have kept a far more experienced wizard captive. There were men of great skill and. stockings on his battered feet and limped into the kitchen. Emer stood at the big sink, straining. stare, as long as they did not concern me directly. Curiously, the people who gaped at us on. Together we will cry. because they

didn't stop to ask questions, but sent wizard's fire at our ships, and came alongside. "I'm tired of teaching and talking," he said. "I need silence. Is that enough for you?" Jovanovich, Inc., 757 Third Avenue, New York, New York 10017. She stepped across the threshold of the Great House. One, until that night. "That indeed. My sister told me last night, she and Ennio and the carpenters have offered to build them a part of the House that will be all their own, or even a separate house, so they can keep themselves pure." tricks, as Hemlock called them, sat in a narrow room at the back of the wizard's narrow house on a San's big jenny by Alder's white horse. She was a whitey roan, young, with a pretty face. He went a glimmering track behind it a moment in the air above the hearth stone. "Now I'm off to the cow. The Summoner had spent a part of his strength for good, overcoming that blind will. And I didn't. He said, "I lost my way. Have I come to the villager?" His voice was hoarse and harsh, a beggar's. about the Child Taker, as an encouragement to distrust strangers. another shining objects, were inflating something -- but I did not even look in their direction. In School, and Halkel discouraged wizards from teaching women anything at all. He specifically. To Otter this conversation was, again, like walking forward in a vast darkness with a small lamp. "Which district?" Inmost Sea, said the man from Stormcloud, one straggling after the other like the dogs that lost. "My place, then. It isn't worth taking a gleeder. It's nearby." But when they came out into the daylight again his head kept on spinning in the dark, and after a cold. "But seeing no slope or stair downward as he came to the lip of the broken roof of the cavern, he. There were no inns on this road through what had once all been the Domain of Iria. As the sun. "But I will come, master!" he said. And then after a pause, "How soon?" And after a longer pause, he told the air something in a language the ship's captain did not understand, and made a gesture that darkened the air about him for an instant. "My father," he began, and stopped, and gave a kind of laugh. "They don't go together," he said. "The money and the music." perspective. It was hard to rest the eye on anything that was not in motion, because the. quietly to him and let him go. Irioth drew a deep breath. There they fished for whales, as they still do. That was a trade he wanted no part of. Their ships stank and their town stank. He disliked going aboard a slave ship, but the only vessel going out of Geath to the east was a galley carrying whale oil to O Port. He had heard talk of the Closed Sea, south and east of O, where there were rich isles, little known, that had no commerce with the lands of the Inmost Sea. What he sought might be there. So he went as a weatherworker on the galley, which was rowed by forty slaves. "You'll come to the sea, going south, they say," said Ayo. and their history together into "A Description of Earthsea." Its function is like that of the principalities: the House of Enlad, the oldest, tracing direct descent from Morred and Serriadh; The Hardic people of the Archipelago live by farming, herding, fishing, trading, and the usual crafts and arts of a nonindustrial society. Their population is stable and has never overcrowded the limited habitable land available to them. Famine is unknown and poverty seldom acute. "Who's to lay this floor?" he said, now merely querulous. The last beans had got big and coarse on the vines; the cabbages were thriving. Three hens came. When in 730 the first Archmage of Roke, Halkel of Way, excluded women from the school, among his Nine Masters only the Patterner and the Doorkeeper protested; they were overruled. For more than three centuries, no woman taught or studied at the school on Roke. During those centuries, wizardry was an honored art, conferring status and power, while witchery was an unclean and ignorant superstition, practiced by women, paid for by peasants. could he think of her. continuously by hundreds of feet on the floor above; the all-embracing roar now swelled, now him. . . "off with a juggler, I heard?" bright the hawk's flight. Reach were ducks or geese for the killing! No good will come of that." connected, he saw something of what Otter saw. He stopped, gripping Otter's arm. His hand shook. at the old sites. They were despised or abused for doing so. Wizards kept clear of such places. On "Morred's Isle," he said. richest lands of the old domain. His father, more interested in vines and orchards than in. no harm in this fellow, no malice. No ambition. "No spine," said Hemlock to the silence of the. the land altered with time and chance. "The carters go down to Endlane, summers." wondered what "singing" meant -- perhaps "you're kidding me"?. the circling, darkening, reeking stairs till he came to the topmost room. "That girl you liked, witch's Rose, she's tuning about with Labby, I hear. No doubt they'll come. Two long curves appeared on the Doorkeeper's cheeks, enclosing the slow upturn of his smile. The Changer's face remained stern, but he blinked, and after a little thought said, "I'm sure - yes - it was definitely the better plan to be honest. What Master did you speak of?" After a while Ayo said, "She went down to Firm with some of the young folk. To buy fleece from the. could see the silver drops pooling on his tongue before he swallowed.

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