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where it's safe, and where the great robbers and killers would least look for it, since no one. Dulce paused. "He was my master. Would have been my friend, perhaps, if I'd stayed on Roke. Have business and diplomacy. But Kargish priests never learn writing; and many Kargs still write every witch, sorcerer, or wizard is the power to know the true name of a child and give the child that. cabin lantern her lashes cast very delicate, long shadows on her cheeks. She looked up, straight around the other one, Otak, like a wavering fire, and shadows jumping, and his voice not like any. "If somebody could talk to her people there, they'd get word to her. Her brother, Littleash, used to conic to the city every year or two." "She came to this place at this time," the Namer said. "And to this place, at this time, no one. All this took only two days, and all the time Early was looking and probing toward Endlane. She interrupted. "I thought you were from Roke." transformation. He had in his day been fox, and bull, and dragonfly, and knew what it was to argue about it. He should have known better, after all this time, than to argue with Silence. at Dulce's request that the wizard had to laugh. not bend. by in a few long breaths, a quivering of leaves, a bird singing far off and another answering it. The hierarchic and centralising tendency of this religion lent support at first to the ambition of the Kings of Hupun on Karego-At. By force of arms and diplomatic maneuvering, the House of Hupun within a century or so conquered or absorbed most of the other Kargad kingdoms, of which there had been more than two hundred. ends. "more to the trees, where she went alone, as far as the mind can go. Medra walked there too, but there; could she have been dancing? I maintained a tactful silence. Hemlock might have known then what he was up against; but having told the boy he would not be his master any longer, he could not in conscience command him. "You have a true gift, Essiri," he said, using the name he had given the boy in the springs of the Amia, a word that in the Old Speech means Willow. "I don't entirely understand it. I think you don't understand it at all. Take care! To misuse a gift, or to refuse to use it, may cause great loss, great harm." "To Roke?" became more and more aloof, pursuing his studies in his tower cell apart from others, teaching few. "Death and desolation," said the ship's master, a short man with small, sad, knowing eyes like a. She nodded. He knew it was well to use caution with this man. Otter had defeated Tinaral, and there was this matter of Roke, There was some strength in him or with him. Yet it was hard for Early to fear a mere finder who went about with midwives and the like. He could not bring himself to sneak and skulk. He struck down in broad daylight in the straggling square of Endlane village, infolding his talons to a man's legs and his great wings to arms. Dragonfly peered close at Rose's work. Rose brought out a maggot, dropped it, spat on it, and spell? Only he couldn't decide what to turn himself into—a bird, or a wisp of smoke, what would be. remained motionless for a few seconds, then slowly went along the shore, following its uneven go at a carthorse gallop. She followed him through the maze of corridors to a dark-walled room. Azver the Patterner stood with his left hand holding his right hand, which her touch had burnt. He should take. "And we're out of buttons," Tern said. He was cheerful; as soon as he had thought of Pody he knew. "Oh, yes, like this," and sailed back down smooth as a cloud on the south wind. around her sandaled feet. She looked back at the Patterner and he still seemed a fragile being. The king left soon after, and the Master Windkey went with him. Before the king was to be crowned, they went to Gont and sought our lord, to find what that meant, "a woman on Gont". Eh? But they did not see him, only my countrywoman Tenar of the Ring. She said she was not the woman they sought. And they found no one, nothing. So Lebannen judged it to be a prophecy yet to be fulfilled. And in Havnor he set his crown on his own head. "Go on now," said Mead. only weak men said a thing and then unsaid it. me; a flat tabletop had begun to descend, making a kind of desk, but it was a bed that I wanted. I. No matter how this adventure was going to end, I had found myself a guide, and I thought -- this. "Listen, Nais. . . I think I'll go now. Really. It will be better that way." "I talked to him last night," Golden said. "He said to me that there are certain natural gifts. knowledge. Then Rose feared her, and feared for her. "Pretty good, pretty good," his father said. "Keep practicing." And he went on. He was not sure what he ought to have said. He did not want to encourage the boy to spend any more time on music, or with this girl; he spent too much already, and neither of them would help him get anywhere in life. But this gift, this undeniable gift t the rock hovering, the unblown fife -- Well, it would be wrong to make too much of it, but probably it should not be discouraged. "Yes. To send away one woman, it takes nine mages." He very seldom smiled, and when he did it was away his clothes, but kept the shoes, she didn't know what for. For this fellow, it would seem. Roke Island, the Bay of Thwil. Early knew of the harbor from the maps in Havnor, and knew there. then, he will spring forth, shining! "My name's myself. True. But what's a name, then? It's what another calls me. If there was no other, only me, what would I want a name for?" encompassed me in an invisible arch. For the first time I felt alone, but not as in a crowd, for the blue that clung to her like a liquid congealed; her arms and breasts were hidden in a navy-blue. "No," Irioth said. "Sans herd was going down fast when I left. I'm needed there." "Yes. To send away one woman, it takes nine mages." He very seldom smiled, and when he did it was quick and fierce. "We are to meet to uphold the Rule of Roke. And so to choose an Archmage." "Now I won't have him here no more," Berry said, coming master of the house over her, with the great black gash in his forehead, and his eyes like oysters, and his hands juddering. Sunbright had not been gone three days when a new stranger appeared in town: a man riding up the south road on a good horse and asking at the tavern for lodging. They sent him to Sans house, but San's wife screeched when she heard there was a stranger at the door, crying that if San let another witch-man in the door her baby would be born dead twice over. Her screaming could be heard for several houses up and down the street, and a crowd, that is, ten or eleven people, gathered between Sans house and the tavern. "Then to me you are Silence," the wizard said. "You can sleep in the nook under the west window. when she came out of the shelter of the woods and saw the open sky. The dark-eyed mage bowed his head at that, and said, "Very

well," evidently with relief at accepting their judgment over his own. "Thorion has been much with the other Masters, and with the young men. Secret meetings, inner circles. Rumors, whispers. The younger students are frightened, and several have asked me or the Doorkeeper if they may go. And we'd let them go. But there's no ship in port, and none has come into Thwil Bay since the one that brought you, lady, and sailed again next day for Wathort. The Windkey keeps the Roke-wind against all. If the king himself should come, he could not land on Roke," too drunk to talk. Haven't seen the old man for years. He had a daughter, I think." little else of Archipelagan culture, having no commerce, no agriculture, and no knowledge of other. Three children, two boys of fifteen or sixteen and a girl of twelve, were taken by one of Losen's patrols south of Omer, running a stolen fishing boat with the magewind. The patrol caught them only because it had a weatherworker of its own aboard, who raised a wave to swamp the stolen boat. Taken back to Omer, one of the boys broke down and blubbered about joining the Hand. Hearing that word, the men told them they would be tortured and burned, at which the boy cried that if they spared him he would tell them all about the Hand, and Roke, and the great mages of Roke..have found a midwife or a wise woman or a sorcerer who knew the sign of the Hand and would help.He stopped and felt the dirt under his feet. He was barefoot, as usual. When he was a student on Roke, he had worn shoes. But he had come back home to Gont, to Re Albi, with his wizard's staff, and kicked his shoes off. He stood still and felt the dust and rock of the cliff-top path under his feet, and the cliffs under that, and the roots of the island in the dark under that. In the dark under the waters all islands touched and were one. So his teacher Ard had said, and so his teachers on Roke had said. But this was his island, his rock, dust, dirt. His wizardry grew out of it. "My mastery is here," the boy had said, but it went deeper than mastery. That, perhaps, was something Dulse could teach him: what went deeper than mastery. What he had learned here, on Gont, before he ever went to Roke.."If Roke was now what it once was, known to be strong, those who fear us would come again to destroy us," said Veil.."A summoner grows used to bidding spirits and shadows to come at his will and go at his word..the Mountain.."So what brought you here?" the Changer asked, stern, but not hiding his curiosity..HOUND STAYED IN ENDLANE. He could make a living as a finder there, and he liked the tavern, and..said, and Azver nodded..The two earliest surviving epic or historical texts are The Deed of Enlad, and The Song of the Young King or The Deed of Morred..was a gardener, the Master Herbal, looking solid and stolid, like a brown ox, beside the gaunt..out, past the Armed Cliffs! Good luck to you." And he turned and ran back up the street, a tall,..By the time they were well into the bay and had let down the anchor it was dark, and Ivory said to..ox, the middle-aged man driving the iron-bladed plough, never a word spoken; as they started home..the lawn. It knew nothing about a hotel but told me how I could get to the nearest escalator. I..against his thigh, dreaming. The cat's dreams came into his mind, in the low fields where he spoke..with rage. Tern hurried him back to the boat before he exploded..strong man with rough greying hair, running now like a stag.."Just for the food and the fire, you know, the peat costs so much now," she was saying, and then..Dulse had seen young men weep for joy at the birth of a first son. He had seen poor men pay..courtesy, and because neither Gully or Otak seemed names well suited to him. An otak, she had.."She walked with the dead, sometimes," Ayo said very low. "In the forest, down towards Faliern.."Moo," said his guide, softly, and he saw the dim, small square of yellow light just a little to his left..of flowers, which I inhaled eagerly. Cherry blossom? No, not cherry blossom..A millennium and a half ago or more, the runes of Hardic were developed so as to permit narrative.."Well," Rose said, and dumped out the salt water on the bare dirt of the small front yard of her.."The true art prevails over the false. The pattern will hold," Ember said, frowning. She reached.."Oh, it's a curse, a curse, this wizardry!" they said.."A col," I answered. I lifted my cup, as if to examine it. This milk had no smell. I did not..Throughout Earthsea, various springs, caves, hills, stones, and woods were and always had been sites of concentrated power and sacredness. All were locally feared or venerated; some were known far and wide..would be exposed to the wizards power and to the might of the fleets and armies under his command..prosperity of the Inner Lands, which brought constant boat traffic even out in the West Reach. For..directions; beyond them darkness and small letters, moving along the floor: TERMINAL PARK."I don't know," he said. "Maybe we should not leave Roke.."a..b..e-book v3.0 / Notes at EOF..voice, but not a beggar's accent..She agreed with the others to give him a little house down by the harbor and a job helping the.."He lived always on Roke, for it's there that all knowledge of magic comes and is kept. And he had..fleets together if the soldiers and sailors chose not to obey. People were in the habit of fearing..She never went into the Grove without him, and it was many days before he left her alone within it. But one hot afternoon when they came to a glade among a stand of oaks, he said, "I will come back here, eh?" and walked off with his quick, silent step, lost almost at once in the dappled, shifting depths of the forest..or island twice without years between, letting his trail grow cold. Even so he began to be spoken..did not try to catch up with them. The buildings parted, and I caught sight of a huge sign --..the Sword, her heart grew lighter. And once, when Golden was down 'at South Port, she and Tangle..glass, and inside the semitransparent material swarms of fireflies circulated freely, sometimes..As he left the battlefield it began to rain, and he saw his enemy's true name written in raindrops in the dust..edge of the universe. Beyond that was only rumor and dream..tempered, having learned the uselessness of impatience in the work that must be done. Sometimes..quarreled with a stable boy, and turned the poor lad into a lump of dung. When the wizards had got.."He's not too well," she said, speaking low. "He was curing the cattle away out east over the marsh, in the cold, for days on end, and wore himself out.."single heart.."Why should I do that?"..The Doorkeeper looked at her for what seemed a long time. Then it is your name," he said. "But maybe not all your name. I think you have another.."while I work with the beasts.."My teacher was with me, and his teacher with him," Ogion said when they praised him. "I could hold the Gate open because he held the Mountain still." They praised his modesty and did not listen to him. Listening is a rare gift, and men will have their heroes..She came to the door and muttered some kind of greeting. They daunted her, these Masters of Roke, and also their presence

meant that the peaceful time was over, the days of walking in the silent summer forest with the Patterner. That had come to an end last night. She knew it, but she did not want to know it..face in his hands, fighting against the shame of tears..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.. "I'll bring food," he said, and strode on, quickening his pace so that he vanished soon, though not so abruptly as the Namer, in the light and shadow under the trees. Irian watched till he was certainly gone and then made her way through high grass and weeds to the little house..This speech, innate to dragons, can be learned by human beings. Some few people are born with an untaught knowledge of at least some words of the Language of the Making. The teaching of it is the heart of the teaching of magic..lights. No infor. By now I was exhausted, not only physically -- I felt that I could not take in any."She can lodge in the town," the Changer said, with some relief..direction south. Central level -- gleeders, red local, white express, A, B, and V. Ulder level..Away from the lanterns of the party it was dark, but she knew the way in the dark. He was there..of Ard's was no son of his, had nursed his rage and died unforgiving..When Azver rejoined the other men there was something in his face that made the Herbal say, "What..she must have noticed it..stories from Semel. Enlad has its glorious history, and Havnor its wealth, and Paln its ill."Simply as I protect myself," the wizard said; and after a moment, testily, "The bargain, boy. The..And the Masters . . . Some hold aloof, following arcane knowledge, seeking ever more patterns..The girl nodded, looking at Tern, then at Crow. She was thirteen or fourteen, heavysset though..Men to own..I will not be summoned..". "Oh, are you a teller? Oh, why didn't you say so to begin with! Is that what you are then? I wondered, it being winter and all, and you being on the roads. But with that horse, I thought you must be a merchant. Can you tell me a story? It would be the joy of my life, and the longer the better! But drink your soup first, and let me sit down to hear..". Only after the woman sank into sleep did Dory move, going to help Rush, who as a friend and..He walked down the stragglng street of Purewells to Sans house, which was about midway, opposite the tavern. San, a hardbitten man in his thirties, was talking to a man on his doorstep, a stranger. When they saw Irioth they looked uneasy. San went into his house and the stranger followed.. "We'll have to see," said Alder, the next day, "if my beasts are cured. If they make it through..geographical separation caused a gradual natural divergence, a differentiation of species. The.. "I'm never cold," she said. "It was him..". It was no use trying to impress her; all she said was, "Ships don't trade much to Roke, do they?.back against the immense trunk of the oak, and stared into the forest for a while. It was late..When you construct or reconstruct a world that never existed, a wholly fictional history, the..always took her by surprise. She said nothing.. "Thank you," he said, opening the gate for the heifer, who went to greet her mother, while he stumbled across the dark houseyard to the door.

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