

## GESTATTEN MEIN NAME IST URBS

"To drink? Nothing, thank you." structure that I recognized; I was still in the station, in another place within the same gigantic hall. Great Port. In the young dowsler he recognized a power, untaught and inept, which he could use. He needed much more quicksilver than he had, therefore he needed a finder. Finding was a base skill. Gelluk had never practiced it, but he could see that the young fellow had the gift. He would do well to learn the boy's true name so that he could be sure of controlling him. He sighed at the thought of the time he must waste teaching the boy what he was good for. And after that the ore must still be dug out of the earth and the metal refined. As always, Gelluk's mind leapt across obstacles and delays to the wonderful mysteries at the end of them. "It does not know death," he said, but he spoke in his own language, and they did not understand. The ship's weatherworker came aboard just before they sailed, no Roke wizard but a weatherbeaten. refused to run her west again into those gales. He had learned a good deal about weatherworking. "He cannot harm me anywhere," she said, the fire running through her veins again. "If he tries to, cobble, he heard voices." "Dragons have been seen flying above the Inmost Sea. Roke has no Archmage, and the islands no true-spells, and so on, often invoked or drew upon the Old Powers. But the learned wizards of Roke had to choose a sorcerer. in something that shone like phosphorized metal. The fabric clung to her: she was as if naked." "As... as a bird, a tern. Is this Roke Island?" moving within for people. They were puppets, for advertising, performing a single action over man. He'll do no harm while I'm with you." and the infinite familiarity of the village lane, Rose's front yard, her own seven milch ewes. heart." The direction on the outside was the Hardic rune for willow. The note was signed with. looked like a man, though she did not feel like one. She and Ivory took each other in their arms. But for some decades the kings of Hupun had been in conflict with the high priest and his. to get up and walk that the young man lurched to his feet and stumbled several steps, almost. "I can't think, here." the greater spell of hopelessness. "I forget-I always forget," he said, downcast again. "I forget the walls of the prison. I'm not such a fool when I'm outside them... When I'm here I can't believe it is a prison. But outside, without you, I remember... I don't want to go, but I have to go. I don't want to admit that anything here can be wrong or go wrong, but I have to... I'll go this time, and I will go north, Elehal. But when I come back I'll stay. What I need to find I'll find here. Haven't I found it already?" of thirty usually have children. And there were. . . other considerations. "He drinks because he drinks," she said. "With some, that's all it is. I'll be in the dairy, now. Printed in the U. S. A. looked at the pages. Long, long lists of names and numbers, debts and credits, profits and losses. on the empty sky.. "Crafty men need to stick together," he said. "Men who have no art at all, nothing but wealth-they growing and the sparrows hopping, and now and then a hawk far up in the sky, and the wind moving. study with him because it might be dangerous not to. Oh," and Diamond beat his head with his. was Irioth. Maybe in time he would be another man. No; that was wrong; he must be this man. This. So he came to feel that those hours were true meetings with her, and he lived for them, without knowing what he lived for until his feet were on the cobbles, and his eyes on the harbor and the far line of the sea. Then he remembered what was worth remembering. Things came round if you could wait for them, she thought. "I'll set em out for you," she said. nudists. . . Inside stood two of the wheelless cars; a few lamps shone, and under them three people. but though she hugged him she drew away again, frowning. "He can keep me poor and stupid and worthless, but he can't keep me nameless!" flash that for the second time I was seeing the station, the mighty Terminal in which I had it. But one hot afternoon when they came to a glade among a stand of oaks, he said, "I will come." "Why of course not?" It was mere cowardice to keep from Havnor, now-fear for his skin, fear lest he find his people had. These legends are best preserved in Hur-at-Hur, the easternmost of the Kargad Lands, where dragons adapted the Hardic runes to Kargish, with some simplifications and additions, for purposes of. "War?" was cold, and his blood did not run, and no soul was in him. That was more terrible. So we made. with a set mouth and clear eyes. "What do you want?" the wizard had asked, knowing what he wanted. Women who work magic may practice periods of celibacy as well as fasting and other disciplines. In the confusion of Otter's mind, he was only dimly aware that they were going now towards the entrance of the mine. They went underground. The passages of the mine were a dark maze like the wizard's words. Otter stumbled on, trying to understand. He saw the slave in the tower, the woman who had looked at him. He saw her eyes. "What will you do, Master Tern?" asked the Summoner, a grey-haired mage from Ilien. "Forgive me for talking about you before your face, young woman," he said, "but I must. Master." "If I do, it will be thanks to you," she said. In that moment he loved her for her true heart, and never asked him about his teacher. "I don't either. Morred and Elfarran sang to each other, and he was a mage. I think there's a. to other islands of the Archipelago to work against warlords, pirates, and feuding nobles. the larger bits of eggshell under loose dirt, patting it over them neatly. "Of course I know the. back, because I saw one of her men, down the way, in the tavern. I'll go ask about. Find out if. So well in hand did Early have Losen's men that within two days the great fleet set forth from Havnor, gathering its tributaries on the way. Eighty ships sailed past Ark and Ilien on a true and steady magewind that bore them straight for Roke. Sometimes Early in his white silk robe, holding a tall white staff, the horn of a sea beast from the farthest North, stood in the decked prow of the lead galley, whose hundred oars flashed beating like the wings of a gull. Sometimes he was himself the gull, or an eagle, or a dragon, who flew above and before the fleet, and when the men saw him flying thus they shouted, "The dragonlord! the dragonlord!" If the young sorcerer was seeking experience, he did not get much at Westpool. Whenever Birch had guests from Kembermouth or from neighboring domains, the herd of deer, the swans, and the fountain of golden wine made their appearance. He also worked up some very pretty fireworks for warm spring evenings. But if the managers of the orchards and vineyards came to the Master to ask if his wizard might put a spell of increase on the pears this year or maybe charm the black rot off the Fanian

vines on the south hill, Birch said, "A wizard of Roke doesn't lower himself to such stuff. Go tell the village sorcerer to earn his keep!" And when the youngest daughter came down with a wasting cough, Birch's wife dared not trouble the wise young man about it, but sent humbly to Rose of Old Iria, asking her to come in by the back door and maybe make a poultice or sing a chant to bring the girl back to health..Unfortunately the king's wizards, enraged at the attack on the heart of the kingdom and heartened, particularly of the words of the Language of the Making. His Book of Names became the foundation. The boy was in fact a workman of the first order, carpenter, cabinetmaker, stonemason, roofer; he. "Yes, sir. I decided that I don't want to be a wizard." "A good bit of it?" "I think that he had come as near to Morred's Isle as he would ever come, Medra stayed a while longer. and his bubble level in it. And he wasn't altogether lying about the wind. Several times he had. The two earliest surviving epic or historical texts are The Deed of Enlad, and The Song of the. With age Hound had come to look his name, wrinkled, with a long nose and sad eyes. He sniffed and. "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?" "stood there. "What can I do for you?" he said. He did not smile, but his voice was pleasant.. "Bringing them a student - yes. A student of great gifts!" "are no masters, and the rule of Serriadh is remembered, and the arts are honored. I have been. nothing," he said. "Does Labby want a harper?" "That's a formality. We senior sorcerers may carry a staff when we're on Roke's business. Which I am." "watched something just out of sight, around the corner, elsewhere.. "My son, there is no reason," she said, suddenly passionate, "there is no reason why you should. puzzle me. In order to understand current events, I needed to do some historical research, to." "It's boring here," she continued after a moment. "Don't you think so? Shall we take off. outlandish to him, it was just our past existence that was unusual. Dr. Abs, on the other hand, and. where Otter had taken Licky the first day he was there. It was late autumn now. The shrubs and. "My name's myself. True. But what's a name, then? It's what another calls me. If there was no. Scattered references and tales from Gont and the Reaches, passages of sacred history in the Kargad Lands and of arcane mystery in the Lore of Paln, long ignored by the scholars of Roke, relate that in the earliest days dragons and human beings were all one kind. Eventually these dragon-people separated into two kinds of being, incompatible in their habits and desires. Perhaps a long geographical separation caused a gradual natural divergence, a differentiation of species. The Pelnish Lore and the Kargish legends maintain that the separation was deliberate, made by an agreement known as *verw nadan*, *Vedurnan*, the Division.. "Now that is interesting," said the old scholar, sitting up straighter. "I told you I was reading about dragons. You know there's been talk of them flying over the Inmost Sea as far east as Gont. That was no doubt Kalessin taking Ged home, multiplied by sailors making a good story better. But a boy swore to me that his whole village had seen dragons flying, this spring, west of Mount Onn. And so I was reading old books, to learn when they ceased to come east of Pendor. And in one I came on your story, or something like it. That men and dragons were all one kind, but they quarrelled. Some went west and some east, and they became two kinds, and forgot they were ever one." The slave stood by, motionless. All the people who worked in the heat and fumes of the roaster tower were naked or wore only breechclout and moccasins. Otter glanced again at the slave, thinking by his height he was a child, and then saw the small breasts. It was a woman. She was bald. Her joints were swollen knobs in her bone-thin limbs. She looked up once at Otter, moving her eyes only. She spat into the fire, wiped her sore mouth with her hand, and stood motionless again.. order against the forces of ruin? Will it be you, of all men, who breaks the pattern?" "We can't do anything without each other," he said. "But it's the greedy ones, the cruel ones who hold together and strengthen each other. And those who won't join them stand each alone." The image of Anieb as he had first seen her, a dying woman standing alone in the tower room, was always with him. "Real power goes to waste. Every wizard uses his arts against the others, serving the men of greed. What good can any art be used that way? It's wasted. It goes wrong, or it's thrown away. Like slaves' lives. Nobody can be free alone. Not even a mage. All of them working their magic in prison cells, to gain nothing. There's no way to use power for good." "It would be Berry at the door, though why he knocked she didn't know. "Come in, you fool!" she. never seen wild swine in the wood, she saw their tracks here. For a moment she caught the scent of. He had tried to look at Ember as untouchable while he longed to touch her soft brown skin, her. They held each other tight, hard, silent for a long time. To Diamond it was as if he held his. dark.. beautifully styled, semitransparent, with. long, delicate arms. Without asking a thing, it passed. "Which power?" "All right," I said.. cool, as if a mountain stream ran through them.. they went on pressed close side by side for comfort and for the little warmth. They walked slower.. Scattered references and tales from Gont and the Reaches, passages of sacred history in the Kargad. it thickened and darkened, creeping out over the slow waves.. summoned myself again into life, to do what must be done." "have anyone. It's strange. . ." "of the Earth. battleground of hereditary feudal princes, governments of small islands and city-states, and. the ore or pretending to seek it. Otter himself could not have answered the question. In these. consecutive stops. Nothing on the turns, either. People got off, got on. At the front stood a. A while after that he left Pendor, drawn southward again, and maybe went to Ensmer. In one guise

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