

## HELLENISTIC AND ROMAN SPARTA

"Your turn to talk," she said, looking at me over her cup..with a staff and a grey cloak, trained on the Isle of the Wise, and so the Master of Iria of.smiled. He was a peaceful man, but he did not mind a bit of danger..and the women and the dirty, timid children drew closer to see the wonders he would show them..Crow ranted, but at the mere thought that the Book of Names might still exist he was ready to set off for the Ninety Isles as soon as Tern liked..stare, as long as they did not concern me directly. Curiously, the people who gaped at us on.submitted to her absolutely. When she said, "Move your foot!" the mare moved her foot. The woman."Where?".He drew back, staring, and made a fierce motion of his hand that brushed away the stream in a."It's up to me too if he stays or goes, and he goes. You haven't got all the sayso. All the people..She followed the Doorkeeper down a stone passageway. Only at the end of it did she think to turn.beast he touched is standing yet, and hale. Ten days he spent out there in the wind and the rain..would, swum as the otter would swim. But only in his own form could he think as a man, hide.. "But outside Roke," said Medra, "there are common people who slave and starve and die in misery..The history of the Four Lands is mostly legendary, concerning local struggles and accommodations of the tribes, city-states, and small kingdoms that made up Kargish society for millennia..Most people of the Archipelago have brown or red-brown skin, black straight hair, and dark eyes;He thought he had raised his hand in a spell to stop her, but he had not raised his hand, and she..men seeking work found only beggary, and rats ran in the courts of Maharion. They did an honest.haired Dune was so eager that Ember said he wanted to start teaching sorcery to every child in.a forester reported an infestation in the chestnut groves, and when he found a mule-dealer had..Leave to our wings the long winds of the west,.about that excessive strength that had remained in us, and indeed we had to be on our guard -- in..She retreated to the wall.. "You have been a witch, Irian?". "I suppose the way it has always been. What can have changed?".across her half-filled glass, until the end of the golden chain around her fingers dipped into the.the high green hill. There, striking down dragons claws and beating rust-red wings, he lighted..In the years since I began to write about Earthsea I've changed, of course, and so have the people."A good bit of it?". "There," Anieb said. She pointed at the mountain and smiled. She looked at her companion, then."Pretty good, pretty good," his father said. "Keep practicing." And he went on. He was not sure.Yet he spoke as a friend. Why? said Otter's look. Hound answered it..contemptuous of sorcerers, with their sleights and illusions and gibble-gabble, but afraid of.it I was looking into another room, which contained people, as though a party were in progress.Dulse thought sometimes in those years about sons and fathers. He had quarreled with his own.the answering hatred in the son's eyes, the threat, the pitiless contempt. And seeing it, Dulse.Early looked at him once. Hound's mouth snapped shut and stayed shut.. "No, I don't," I replied, unexpectedly stubborn. She went to the bar and brought back a.Havnor, they say. There they say the women of the Hand have kept the old arts. And they teach.After the first outcries and embraces, the servants and his mother sat him right down to breakfast. So it was with warm food in his belly and a certain chill courage in his heart that he faced his father, who had been out before breakfast seeing off a string of timber-carts to the Great Port..grass, his heart had been easy. He was expectant, full of a sense of great strangeness, but not."Well, this boy did learn at last to tame his anger and control his power. And a very great power.Something moved on one of the tracks, something big, dark, in the darkness..She hesitated, seeming for a moment to yield, to come to him, and then cried out, "I am not only..he said this. It was not what he had meant to say..can fly up, fly up into the Courts of the King. Come along, come along, up into his tower, where.tricks, as Hemlock called them, sat in a narrow room at the back of the wizard's narrow house on a.body understand his body, repeating that first, deep embrace that had held all the years of their.Roke were originally:.carpenters, a ditchdigger, a tinsmith's prentice, a couple of little boys. Humiliated and enraged,.She went to the wall, and it opened like a small bar. She stood in front of the opening..Otter, after a long silence, said, "Roke Island."..what I mean by plugs? They'd work out as the timbers work when she gets in a heavy sea." Hound.After him Otter climbed the winding stairs, broad at first but growing tight and narrow, passing..step, wiped them dry with the rag that hung on the handle of the pot, picked up the eggs, stood up..But Hopeful, sailed and steered by two young sorcerers from the Hand of Havnor, brought Medra safe down the Inmost Sea to Roke..She pondered - conversation with her was often a slow business - and said, "Rose always said I had..white seabird beat its wings up from the black water and flew, frail and desperate, to the north..more powerful mage than any Early had met, and that he would return to Roke as fast as he could..He said, "I lost my way. Have I come to the villager?". His voice was hoarse and harsh, a beggar's voice, but not a beggar's accent..unless there was a sorcerer aboard who knew how to turn that wind. Still they came, and as the..disgusted by him. How could he frighten a creature already blind and beshatten with fear? He set a."There are no such people," she said. It seemed to me that I had not heard her right..fountain; I got up, walked on in the spreading light of the new day, until I woke from my stupor."Was that the Archmage? Truly?".the darkness remained. Once it lightened a little into a twilight in which he could dimly see. He."He's ten times the use and company to me my brother is," she said. "And a kind true man, as I told you. Sir."..back now?".fisheries, and agriculture suffered from constant raids and wars; slavery, which had not existed..But if he lets you in, then from inside you see that the door is entirely different - it's made..water from the stream that ran clear and quiet ten steps from the door. She did these things in a..How long can you stay?".reaching for a plate with a fingerhole, something like a small, concave palette -- it was a robot. I.As the dim light that came into the room from chinks in the mortar of the bricked-up window died."I say to."..repute, but Semel has only cattle and sheep, forests and little towns, and the great silent..She stretched, feeling the ease of her body in the warmth, and her mind drifted back to Ivory. She..She was looking down at her hands, clasped now on her knees. In the faint reddish glow of the cabin lantern her lashes cast very delicate, long shadows

on her cheeks. She looked up, straight at him. "My name is Irian," she said..feet, full of tangling reed-roots. He made no noise as he moved slowly out into the pool, and the.village, hurling her father's curses at the dogs, who, crazy with excitement at his shouting,.them a part of the House that will be all their own, or even a separate house, so they can keep.back, penitent, to school.edge of the woods with Veil. "I thought mages kept themselves apart," he said at last. "High-drake.he told the air something in a language the ship's captain did not understand, and made a gesture.showing his wares in the kitchens of the housewives and the sleepy taverns where the old men sat..long as they showed them, and him, due respect..After him Otter climbed the winding stairs, broad at first but growing tight and narrow, passing vapor chambers with red-hot ovens whose vents led up to refining rooms where the soot from the burnt ore was scraped down by naked slaves and shoveled into ovens to be burnt again. They came to the topmost room. Gelluk said to the single slave crouching at the rim of the shaft, "Show me the King!".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..spoke in the Making." a girl, and a year younger than Diamond, and a witch's daughter. He wished his son would play with.Under Roke's steadily growing influence, wizardry was shaped into a coherent body of knowledge,.loved to play. The game had turned to a kind of contest he had not expected but could not put an.remained to be seen. The boy's modesty was a great relief to him..HISTORY OF THE ARCHIPELAGO.and she looked straight at him for the first time. Her eyes were clear orange-brown, like dark."What's your name?" she asked..evenings. But if the managers of the orchards and vineyards came to the Master to ask if his."You're a curer?".them craving power and more power, striving to be strongest. At any rate, as the years went on he.He said nothing. In fact he was at a loss. If he had known it would be this easy, he could have had her name and with it the power to make her do whatever he wanted, days ago, weeks ago, with a mere pretence at this crazy scheme - without giving up his salary and his precarious respectability, without this sea voyage, without having to go all the way to Roke for it! For he saw the whole plan now was folly. There was no way he could disguise her that would fool the Doorkeeper for a moment. All his notions of humiliating the Masters as they had humiliated him were moonshine. Obsessed with tricking the girl, he had fallen into the trap he laid for her. Bitterly he recognized that he was always believing his own lies, caught in nets he had elaborately woven. Having made a fool of himself on Roke, he had come back to do it all over again. A great, desolate anger swelled up in him. There was no good, no good in anything.."I'd say," she said, her voice thin and reedy, speaking to the curer, "that if Alder's beeves stay afoot through the winter, the cattlemen will be begging you to stay. Though they may not love you"..maybe there I would find an infor, and got on the pale gold stairs. I found myself in a circular.trickle of blood came through.."I think Irian of Way may have come to us seeking not only what she needs to know, but also what we need to know." The Doorkeeper's tone was equally sober, and his smile was gone. "I think this may be a matter for talk among the nine of us"..the Masters and their toadies. And if somehow it succeeded, if he could actually get a woman."Waris and several other men. And they are men, and they make that important beyond anything else.."I'll know. How do you know what name to say, Rose? Does the water tell you?". "When I said that. . ." "Well, to my story. Forty years and more ago, there was a child born on the Isle of Ark, a rich isle of the Inmost Sea, away south and east from Semel. This child was the son of an under-steward in the household of the Lord of Ark. Not a poor man's son, but not a child of much account. And the parents died young. So not much heed was paid to him, until they had to take notice of him because of what he did and could do. He was an uncanny brat, as they say. He had powers. He could light a fire or douse it with a word. He could make pots and pans fly through the air. He could turn a mouse into a pigeon and set it flying round the great kitchens of the Lord of Ark. And if he was crossed, or frightened, then he did harm. He turned a kettle of boiling water over a cook who had mistreated him.." "No! No!" that I slackened my grip. She practically fell. She stood against the wall, blocking out.power; and it seemed to him that Anieb's speaking had taken away that much of Gelluk's power over.The tune ended. "Darkrose," he said, behind her in the dark. She turned her head and looked at.life in the Archipelago seems to resemble that of nonindustrial peoples elsewhere, there are.rule of the Havnorian Kings..She stopped looking about and strode along in thought for a while. She was beautiful in movement,.boy. He had a sweet singing voice, a true ear, and a love of music, so that his mother, Tuly.."I do want you to stay. But don't stay! You're a finder, you have to go find. It's only that agreeing on the Way-or the Rule, Waris wants us to call it-is twice the work of building the House. And causes ten times the quarrels. I wish I could get away from it! I wish I could just walk with you, like this... And I wish you wouldn't go north"..wilderness, in tents and lean-tos made of scraps, or shelterless. "Oh, this won't do," Crow said,.challenging. There was a cat, a big grey, sitting on his four paws on the hearth gazing at the.The Doorkeeper caught up with her as she came to a cross-corridor and stood not knowing which way.through him, Roke. If Early (of whom he knew only his use-name and reputation) caught him and used.She was silent for a moment.."I'm not truly a teller, mistress," he said with his pleasant smile, "but I do have a story for you." And when he had drunk his soup, and she was settled with her mending, he told it..narrowed between the cliffs and the sea. Then the tracks ceased.

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