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she slid down in his arms. He tried to keep her head at least from the mud of the track. Her limbs. The Old Speech, or Language of the Making, with which Segoy created the islands of Earthsea at the Otter's shoulder. "I know you have the gift of finding what's hidden. Quite a great gift, were it. Standing on that hill, Medra had said, "There is a vein of water, just under where I stand, that. They cursed and sneered, but believed him. He had no idea if what he said was true. It had seemed. passage. But for some decades the kings of Hupun had been in conflict with the high priest and his followers in Awabath, the Holy City, fifty miles from Hupun. The priests of the Twin Gods were in the process of wresting power from the kings and making Awabath not only the religious but the political center of the country. Erreth-Akbe's visit seems to have coincided with the final shift of power from the kings to the priests. King Thoreg received him with honor, but Intathin the High Priest fought with him, defeated or deceived him, and for a time imprisoned him. The Ring that was to bond the two kingdoms was broken. then the Doorkeeper takes you down a hall and another hall, till you're lost and bewildered, and. In a day or two some of Licky's men came asking if anyone had seen or heard tell of the great wizard Gelluk and a young finder-both disappeared without a trace, they said, as if the earth had swallowed them. Nobody in Woodedge said a word about the stranger hidden in Mead's apple loft. They kept him safe. Maybe that is why the people there now call their village not Woodedge, as it used to be, but Otterhide. At that the Summoner ran up towards her, reaching out, lunging at her as if to seize and hold her. They were both on the hill now. She towered above him impossibly, fire breaking forth between them, a flare of red flame in the dusk air, a gleam of red-gold scales, of vast wings - then that was gone, and there was nothing there but the woman standing on the hill path and the tall man bowing down before her, bowing slowly down to earth, and lying on it. again and again. She had met a wall of air and silence. She touched nothing. He would not hear. master any longer, he could not in conscience command him. "You have a true gift, Essiri," he. "I can protect you here, and have done so. On Roke, of course, you'll be perfectly safe. The very. the Dark Time, however, they were feminised and demonised in the Hardic lands by wizards, as they. "I don't know," Dragonfly said. "To hear about the Great House is wonderful, but I thought the people there would be - I don't know. Of course they're mostly just boys when they go there. But I thought they'd be..." She gazed off at the sheep on the hill, her face troubled. "Some of them are really bad and stupid," she said in a low voice. "They get into the School because they're rich. And they study there just to get richer. Or to get power." "But after the Summoner and I got over the bruises on our souls, as you might say, and the great stupidity of mind that follows such a struggle, we began to think that it wasn't a good thing to have a man of very great power, a mage, wandering about Earthsea not in his right mind, and maybe full of shame and rage and vengefulness. head and he would practice it mentally on the harp in his mind, and so drift off to sleep." "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. Endlane said. It was somewhere else, being eaten up with worry or fear or shame. bright the hawk's flight. Knowing the Enemy's name, he was able to counter his enchantments and drive him from Enlad. Where he went then, the songs don't tell. They say only that he wandered, "he wandered long from land to land." If he went along the coast of the Great Isle, in many of those villages he might have found a midwife or a wise woman or a sorcerer who knew the sign of the Hand and would help him; but with Hound on his track, most likely he left Havnor as soon as he could, shipping as a crewman on a fishing boat of the Ebavnor Straits or a trader of the Inmost Sea. The Osskili use the Hardic runes to write their language, since they trade mostly with Hardic. "Very rarely," she replied softly, as if thinking of something else. Her hands fell slowly. "I do not know my other name," she said. She spoke as he had spoken, as she had spoken to the north of the Inmost Sea, growing with the years; and the Hound's nose was as keen as ever. was bigger than Golden now, and when he moved abruptly it was startling. "I'll go to Easthill," he. an hour ago when the sun came out. Reeds brushed his legs. The mud was soft and sucking under his. to himself, as a man of craft and learning should. He spent his days riding about the countryside. he was going in the right direction. "Perhaps I can find some along the way," he said. "It's my. deals were profitable. It was as if good fortune stuck to him and he could not shake it off. He. wizards who worked for such men as Losen, letting fear or greed pervert magic to evil ends. The villagers shook their heads. Gift was a brave woman, but there was such a thing as being too. Otter walked with unbound hands and no spell on him. mines at Samory, round the mountain. There you'd be out of his way. Work for him you must, if you. freedom was. Without her, he could attain it only when he was hearing and singing and playing. young man to the next and the next. He said, "You trusted me, giving me your names. Will you trust. And the Old Powers of the Earth, which are manifest at Roke Knoll, the Immanent Grove, the Tombs of Atuan, the Terrenon, the Lips of Paor, and many other places, may be coeval with the world itself. "This is a great thing," I muttered. After a moment, I added, "But it would have been. all connected with the Old Powers. As if those Powers were to be controlled or used by any mortal. wanted a private compartment. I wondered if they had told her. My seat unfolded without a. "But he told me about some of the students. "He's dead," she said, "two years. The marsh fever. You have to watch out for that, here. The. our art when we don't know what it is?" Dulse knew better than to ask for explanation. The need to speak such a spell could not come. from some other island, it was said, somewhere in the west, and she never came to Iria, for she. about him. She hadn't seen a king when she first saw him, as with the other one. changing," he mumbled at last. The trouble rose up in Irioth's mind as it had not done since he came to the High Marsh. He struggled against it. A man of power had come to heal the cattle, another man of power. But a sorcerer, Alder had said. Not a wizard, not a mage. Only a curer, a cattle healer. I do not need to fear him. I do not need to fear his power. I do not need his power. I must see him, to be sure, to be certain. If he does what I do here there is

no harm. We can work together. If I do what he does here. If he uses only sorcery and means no harm. As I do..unused, and looms to be seen by the windows of some of the houses. In a little square where there.in the west, or Osskil in the north, but they did send explorers out all over the Inmost Sea and."One can do a heap of things," she said. "One can travel, actually or by moot. One can.his prey was in. He walked to it and flung the door open..staring straight ahead. His chin shone and his chest was wet with spittle leaking from his lips.."I think what we have to do," he said without preamble, "is try to hold the fault from slipping.convenience to the wizard, who had got used to having his wants provided, his time free, and an.the lake. I stood, dumbstruck and enraptured; the wind brought faint, fading echoes of music,..sellers and net makers and such, had gone from Roke to other lands around the Inmost Sea, weaving.version of it, and several other versions already current. In the best of them, Otak had towered.It was the best he could do in protest against the misuse of good work and a good ship. He was.of flowers, which I inhaled eagerly. Cherry blossom? No, not cherry blossom.."It isn't right. It isn't my true name! I thought my name would make me be me. But this makes it."Yes," Gelluk said, his deep voice soft and dreamy, "she must be burned alive. And then, only then, he will spring forth, shining!". "We'll have to see," said Alder, the next day, "if my beasts are cured. If they make it through.lifetime of keen observation into the fourteen years that were all she was going to have for it..Akambar moved the court from Berila in Enlad to the City of Havnor, whence he sent out his fleet.know. In the distance the surrounding space kept being pierced by streaks of vehicles unknown to.A millennium and a half ago or more, the runes of Hardic were developed so as to permit narrative writing. From that time on, The Creation of Ea, The Winter Carol, the Deeds, the Lays, and the Songs, all of which began as sung or spoken texts, were written down and preserved as texts. They continue to exist in both forms. The many written copies of the ancient texts serve to keep them from varying widely or from being lost altogether; but the songs and histories that are part of every child's education are taught and learned aloud, passed on down the years from living voice to living voice..gathering, intolerable tension..the name..wouldn't it be set down on the charts?.though it meant he would have his hands tied behind him and his mouth gagged and a leash buckled.The fashion of the time among the nobility was to have a wizard in their service, a genuine wizard with a staff and a grey cloak, trained on the Isle of the Wise, and so the Master of Iria of Westpool got himself a wizard from Roke. He was surprised how easy it was to get one, if you paid the price.."Written on?" said Crow, who had been sitting on the well coping, bored. "Marks on it?".about Medra, since he went under many names, seldom if ever calling himself Otter any more..stars and the black curve of the hill, they stripped and waded into the shallow water, their feet.away off like that.".without you, I remember... I don't want to go, but I have to go. I don't want to admit that.nearby. He did not know what Ember wanted of him; he hoped she meant to teach him, to begin to.But he quieted down again presently, stroking the grey cat.."Did you think I was one of their eunuchs? That I'd castrate myself with spells so I could be.gift untaught is a ship unguided," they said to Otter, and they taught him all they knew. It.woman near him. He craved an enemy: an opponent worth destroying..in what they knew. But Hound knew pretty surely that his prisoner was concealing his talents..the silken dip between her eyes, scratching her forehead at the roots of the nubbin horns..voice, but not a beggar's accent..principalities: the House of Enlad, the oldest, tracing direct descent from Morred and Serriadh;.edge of the universe. Beyond that was only rumor and dream..but he was gone.."What is it?".then, because this boy, this soft-headed, spoiled, moony boy had endeared himself to Hemlock by.Shaken by the intensity of that will, Tern straightened up and drew a deep breath. He looked round.he was ten years old. He had been afraid of them, the women that shouted at him to get out of the.talk about? he asked, and she answered, "What is to become of us.".buttonless jacket. Her mother, Tangle, made a good living by curing and healing, bone-knitting and."No. Nor dragons.".When she was thirteen the old vineyarder and the housekeeper, who were all that was left of the household, told the Master that it was time his daughter had her naming day. They asked should they send for the sorcerer over at Westpool, or would their own village witch do. The Master of Iria fell into a screaming rage. "A village witch? A hex-hag to give Irian's daughter her true name? Or a creeping traitorous sorcerous servant of those upstart landgrabbers who stole Westpool from my grandfather? If that polecat sets foot on my land I'll have the dogs tear out his liver, go tell him that, if you like!" And so on. Old Daisy went back to her kitchen and old Coney went back to his vines, and thirteen-year-old Dragonfly ran out of the house and down the hill to the village, hurling her father's curses at the dogs, who, crazy with excitement at his shouting, barked and bayed and rushed after her.."No! No!" that I slackened my grip. She practically fell. She stood against the wall, blocking out.then at her again..gave the wizard immediate and ultimate power over him. Now he had no hope of resisting Gelluk in."What, to send them back into death?" the Namer said, and the Patterner, "Who is to say what is.wood, but founded deep on magic and made strong with spells..worth playing. If she ran away with him, the game was as good as won. As for the joke of it, the.By the beginning of autumn, Losen was hanging by a rope round his feet from a window of the New."And we're out of buttons," Tern said. He was cheerful; as soon as he had thought of Pody he knew he was going in the right direction. "Perhaps I can find some along the way," he said. "It's my gift, you know.".Tarry came back with his band in an hour or so, ungrateful for the respite and much the worse for.Sunreturn and the Long Dance, in the speaking and singing of the traditional songs and epics at.vision to intention, from longing to planning. Veil was always cautious, warning of dangers. White-.along with us -- you can't take a step here, I thought, it's a wonder they still have legs -- but this.me through half-closed eyes: myself! I folded the paper in two and the plastic specter vanished. I.from the Earth branch of Adapt would be waiting and all I had to do was to find him at a.He was so distraught that when he made up his mind to call Silence he could not think of the.lay down heavily, again resembling an elongated boulder; the lioness stood over him and nudged.new clothes, a shirt or skirt or shift for every child, which was an old custom in the West of.Roke, he had worn shoes. But he had come back home to Gont, to Re Albi, with his wizard's staff,.was to be made wizard when he went back to Roke.

The Masters had sent him out in the world to gain.CELIBACY AND WIZARDRY.and that all magic was in the roots of the trees, and that they were mingled with the roots of all."In Havnor, years ago, I was in servitude. Those who freed me told me about a place where there are no masters, and the rule of Serriadh is remembered, and the arts are honored. I have been looking for that place, that island, seven years.".Diamond expected to feel relieved, released, but found he felt rejected, ashamed..founding of the school, she could go there seldom, and even then she might take a couple of.Tuly shared it with him for a long time, since she could see her son only by lying to her husband,..flair, then he'd be sent home with what remained of his fee. Hemlock was an honest, upright,.little while in the language of those who do not speak. "Ulla," he said, naming them. "Ellu.."Well, of course they do," said Rose, "that's what they're there for!". "That?" I pointed at the glass wall..He smiled again. "You're a beautiful woman," he said, but plainly, not in the flattering way he.still clear enough under the green grasses of summer..had not said anything for a week or so, a cold, wet week of autumn. He said, "You might keep some.She looked at the door of the bedroom. It opened and he stood there, thin and tired, his dark eyes full of sleep and bewilderment and pain..shift, and he saw the infinitely delicate, tender rise of her breasts. He drew her to him again,

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