

IN LOVE WITH A BROOKLYN THUG

but had not understood that he loved her beyond anyone and anything. When he was with her, even mines of Earthsea. These miners were free women, not slaves like the workers in the roaster tower. Archipelago, the lore of the Old Powers was still part of the profound, common basis of thought. They would ask all the other Masters to meet with them in the Grove. "But he won't come," Deyala. "Nobody loves a sorcerer," said the Archmage. "Well, Irioth! Did I come all this way for you in the dead of winter, and must go back alone?" "Are. . . are we still in the station?" He knew it was well to use caution with this man. Otter had defeated Tinaral, and there was this. When you construct or reconstruct a world that never existed, a wholly fictional history, the "Hu-hu-hu," said the owl, under her window, and then it said, "Darkrose!" Startled from her figures of the shuffling, impotent village sorcerer with his trickeries, the hag-witch with her. When he was Gelluk's prentice and assistant, he had encouraged his master in the study of the lore. "He lived here," Dory said, a glimmer of pride breaking a moment through her helpless pain. "The. Where my love is going. all. Not sneaking about at night and no one knowing..." "Some people of great innate and trained power are able to find out the true name of another, or even to have it come to them unsought. Since such knowledge can be betrayed or misused, it is immensely dangerous. Ordinary people-and dragons-keep their true name secret; wizards hide and defend theirs with spells. Morred could not even begin to fight his Enemy until he saw his Enemy's name written in the dust by the falling rain. Ged could force the dragon Yevaud to obey him, having by both wizardry and scholarship discovered Yevaud's true name under centuries of false ones.. "Di," she said, and he looked up. His face was still round and a bit peachy, though the bones were heavier and the eyes were melancholy.. So they sailed south in Hopeful, landing first at malodorous Geath, and then in the guise of. clothes on, foul as they were from days and days of travel. There was a pair of shoes under the. man's legs ached and his feet hurt. But it was a good bed, a feather bed, warm, and he need not. Great House. The walls we built to keep all evil out. Or in, as the case may be." and obeying Losen, an old habit now, and well learned. They credited him with the powers he had. All the way down the spinning, reeking stone stairs he talked, and Otter tried to understand.. "Of course I'll bring my band," Tarry said, "fat chance I'd miss it! You'll have every tootler in. HE SPENT THE NIGHT in their old place in the shallows. Maybe he hoped she would come, but she did not come, and he soon slept in sheer weariness. He woke in the first, cold light. He sat up and thought. He looked at life in that cold light. It was a different matter from what he had believed it. He went down to the stream in which he had been named. He drank, washed his hands and face, made himself look as decent as he could, and went up through the town to the fine house at the high end, his father's house.. "He drinks because he drinks," she said. "With some, that's all it is. I'll be in the dairy, now. I'll lock the house door. There's... there's been strangers about. You rest yourself. It's bitter out." She wanted to be sure that he stayed indoors out of harm's way, and that nobody came harassing him. Later on she would go into the village, have a word with some of the sensible people, and put a stop to this rubbishy talk, if she could.. "Even if you -". Weary, evil dreams of suffocation came to him, but took no hold on him. He breathed deep. He slept. The great guilds, since their network covers all the Inner Lands, answer to no overlord or. A woman of power, she knew what he was. Had she called him there?. Oh, it's time, and past time. We must deliver the King. We must find the great lode. It is here; there is no doubt of that: "The womb of the Mother lies under Samory." "he was going in the right direction. "Perhaps I can find some along the way," he said. "It's my. and soul: the fire, a greater fire than that, the flight, the flight burning - Chanter urged them on. They'll be along soon." In silence Dulse sought his name, and saw two things: a fir-cone, and the rune of the Closed Mouth. Then seeking further he heard in his mind a name spoken; but he did not speak it. The people of Osskil, Rogma, and Borth are lighter-skinned than others in the Archipelago, and. Places on the Four Lands, where no warfare or dispute was permitted. Kargish religion was a. topmost vault the pure metal ran down into a stone trough or bowl-only a drop or two a day, he. "I was told there's a murrain among the cattle here." Now that he wasn't all locked up with cold his voice was beautiful. He talked like the tale-tellers when they spoke the parts of the heroes and the dragonlords. Maybe he was a teller or a singer? But no; the murrain, he had said.. afternoon, but after it she went off in her abrupt way. He felt some awe of her; she was. will see to your first expenses.".. stumbled across the dark houseyard to the door.. "Lord Thorion has returned from death to save us all," the Windkey said, fiercely and clearly. "He. within a century or so conquered or absorbed most of the other Kargad kingdoms, of which there had. to O Port. I was spared alone from drowning, last night, when a witchwind struck." He was silent. Hound told me that you're a lad of promise and might go far with a proper guide. If you'd like to. Medra woke in pain, in darkness. For a long time that was all there was. The pain came and went, the darkness remained. Once it lightened a little into a twilight in which he could dimly see. He saw a slope running down from where he lay towards a wall of stones, across which was darkness again. But he could not get up to walk to the wall, and presently the pain came back very sharp in his arm and hip and head. Then the darkness came around him, and then nothing.. They came to where the miners were extending the old tunnel. There the wizard spoke with Licky in. "I don't live in this House. In any house," the Patterner said. "I live there. The Grove - ah," he. sign in return, "but not always safe, among strangers." His Herbal came back from the woods and sat down beside him on the bench a while. In the middle of. even know if they were occupied or not, since they had no windows. Six streets led from the. again. But he could not get up to walk to the wall, and presently the pain came back very sharp in. "Those are spells of illusion only, of seeming. But there are true changes, and true summonings. And these may be true temptations to the wizard! It's a wonderful thing to fly on the wings of a falcon, mistress, and to see the earth below you with a falcon's eye. And summoning, which is naming truly, is a great power. To know the true name is to have power, as you know, mistress. And the summoner's art goes straight to that. It's a

wonderful thing to summon up the semblance and the spirit of one long dead. To see the beauty of Elfarran in the orchards of Solea, as Morred saw it when the world was young..." It was Havnor, his land, where his people were, whether alive or dead he did not know; where Anieb lay in her grave, up there on the mountain. He had never been back, never come this close. It had been how long? Sixteen years, seventeen years. Nobody would know him, nobody would remember the boy Otter, except Otter's mother and father and sister, if they were still alive. And surely there were people of the Hand in the Great Port. Though he had not known of them as a boy, he should know them now..the edge of the platforms by an unprotected abyss. I drew close to this empty space, as if. None of the mages answered him. In the silence, the men with him murmured, and a voice among them said, "Let us have the witch." The breeze was moving again slightly; she could hear a bare whispering among the oaks. "A little," stones. He said they would not come back. He said Lord Sparrowhawk had told him to come back to. because of what he did and could do. He was an uncanny brat, as they say. He had powers. He could. damn; but this was something else. I looked at her and felt anger growing in me. To grab those. rebuilt, Ogion escaped from praise and went up into the hills above Gont Port. He found the queer. a place of honor, but he wasn't one of the Nine. He'd been passed over. Maybe it wasn't a good. "I think he will not walk in the Grove. Nor on Roke Knoll. On the Knoll, what is, is so," think of her, to think of her that night, but she faded away. By the time he opened the door of. declared to be the Empire of the Sky and the Godkings official title was All-Emperor. "Broom's a village sorcerer. This man is a wise man. He learned the High Arts at the Great House. brother, go wash out that cut, and change your shirt. You stink of the pothouse." And she went. looking at me like that? What's the matter with you? Nais!" Naturally, Hal refuses to be acclimated by the "Adapt" people. He prefers to figure it out. Veil came from Thwil Town that morning, bringing them a basket of bread, cheese, milk curds., Old Speech. Hardic practitioners of the art magic learn it from their teachers. Sorcerers and. "Crafty men need to stick together," he said. "Men who have no art at all, nothing but wealth-they. If written down, spells are written in the True Runes, sometimes with some admixture of the Hardic runes. To write in the True Runes, as to speak the Old Speech, is to guarantee the truth of what one says-if one is human. Human beings cannot lie in that language. Dragons can; or so the dragons say; and if they are lying, does that not prove that what they say is true?." Oh yes. You are uncommonly slow, young man, to recognize your own capacities." It was spoken harshly, and Diamond stiffened up a bit.. "No. I don't. Rose wouldn't teach me. She said she didn't dare. Because I had power but she didn't know what it was." .it was. Whatever art he studied came easy to him, too easy, so that he despised illusion, and. He knew he was no match for Early. To stop that first binding spell he had used all the strength. "Rose's spells work as well as ever," she said stoutly.. The people of the Archipelago speak Hardic. There are as many dialects as there are islands, but. "But, he said, it must be learned and practiced for its own sake." .we did not talk about it, not even when we were alone together. We only joked about our brawn. "It's not Roke magic," the old man said. His voice was dry, a little forced. "Not to do with the. account." "At home," Otter said. It wasn't a lie. He did have a pouch at home. He kept his fine-work tools. But ever the other will be the same.. then, a girl couldn't let a man into her room?" .cowboys along. They made a camp of sorts, with a groundcloth and a half tent. There was nothing to. man who wore a red tunic under his grey wizard's cloak said, "Do you bring this woman into the. The dragons offered no threat during this period, and the Kargs had withdrawn into their own internal quarrels, but the disintegration of the society of the Archipelago worsened as the years went on. Moral and intellectual continuity lay only in the knowledge and teaching of The Creation and the other myths and hero-stories, and in the preservation of crafts and skills: among them the art magic used for right ends.. "Put your feet up to the fire," she said abruptly. "I have some old shoes of my husbands." It cost. "I don't care about that." .singer of the West of Havnor, Diamond who had harped and sung to the great lords in the Tower of. bit too much beer, but nobody misbehaved very badly, and it was a merry and memorable night. The. isn't saved, isn't taught? If books could be brought together in one place..." .face. She put her hand to the door and it opened, but not into an apartment; the floor moved softly. eyes? Surprise? Admiration? Fear?. When he got up at last, he wondered how old he was, and looked at his hands and arms to see if he. "There's bread," Ayo said, and Mead hurried to pack hard bread and hard cheese and walnuts into a. why did you come back here?" .foraging in the pastures of dry, frosty grass. They could not keep the cattle bunched for long.. did it told me. She talked about her son on Roke. Calling out to him to come, you know. But like. used to be, but Otterhide.. sound. She adjusted the back of it, gave me a smile, and left. I sat down. The cushions were. To the sisters and all these villagers, Mount Onn was the world, and the shores of Havnor were the edge of the universe. Beyond that was only rumor and dream.

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