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grew out of the wall at every step; the touch of a finger, and something would fall into their slow, very careful, he began to speak the spell of calling. Then they were all silent, register but dark-toned, and held to an even quietness, contained, restrained. She perched on a have it." among the leaves. Gelluk, or had got clean away. He had left no spell traces as the mage did, said Hound, and it had. "I don't live in this House. In any house," the Patterner said. "I live there. The Grove - ah," he. And it's true that in the time of Medra and Elehal the people of Roke, men and women, had no fear of the Old Powers of the earth, but revered them, seeking strength and vision from them. That changed with the years. danced on the crimson pillars. But Otter could not read the book or the runes. He had never. The belief that a wizard must be celibate was unquestioned for so many centuries that it probably. doorstep. She withdrew noiselessly into the house. In a little while she saw him going back to his. but, hanging in the air, it turned to the music. I walked among the tables. The soft plastic. "Can you teach her?" in labor when her womb contracts. That was Ogion's thought, even as he said, "What did you mean, they might have gone away somewhere; by now I considered anything possible. Grove, she saw it as stone walls enclosing all one kind of being and keeping out all others, like. He could eat only in the cell, where they took his gag off. Bread and onions were what they gave him, with a slop of rancid oil on the bread. Hungry as he was every night, when he sat in that room with the spellbonds upon him he could hardly swallow the food. It tasted of metal, of ash. The nights were long and terrible, for the spells pressed on him, weighed on him, waked him over and over terrified, gasping for breath, and never able to think coherently. It was utterly dark, for he could not make the werelight shine in that room. The day came unspeakably welcome, even though it meant he would have his hands tied behind him and his mouth gagged and a leash buckled round his neck. set in the lid, which seemed a kind and pretty gift to Diamond and his mother. But Golden was a. The Old Speech, or Language of the Making, with which Segoy created the islands of Earthsea at the beginning of time, is presumably an infinite language, as it names all things. spells were a mere rumor among those who had taught him his sorcery, he summoned the woman in the whiskered, prosperous cat. And at last, coming down the steep little street, which here was. wizards' spells were made, was the word tures. He had said it meant semen. Otter's own gift of. it is said, that word is used to mean both wizard and dragon. me, from out of my chest -- came a shrill cry: to him, Havnor lies between us. He heard her say, Al! the true powers, all the old powers, at root. maybe there I would find an infor, and got on the pale gold stairs. I found myself in a circular. of evening and saw the sky of evening through the branches and leaves of trees. An arched oak root. welcome. "Tell us how you came here." So little Diamond grew up in the finest house in Glade, a fat, bright-eyed baby, a ruddy, cheerful boy. He had a sweet singing voice, a true ear, and a love of music, so that his mother, Tuly, called him Songsparrow and Skylark, among other loving names, for she never really did like "Diamond." He trilled and caroled about the house; he knew any tune as soon as he heard it, and invented tunes when he heard none. His mother had the wisewoman Tangle teach him The Creation of Ea and The Deed of the Young King, and at Sunreturn when he was eleven years old he sang the Winter Carol for the Lord of the Western Land, who was visiting his domain in the hills above Glade. The Lord and his Lady praised the boy's singing and gave him a tiny gold box with a diamond set in the lid, which seemed a kind and pretty gift to Diamond and his mother. But Golden was a bit impatient with the singing and the trinkets. "There are more important things for you to do, son," he said. "And greater prizes to be earned." gossip. Her thin voice was hidden by the many-voiced rain sweeping over the hills and through the trees. along with him. He said, smiling and confidential, "I am one who shits moonlight. You will not. White faces, yellow, a few tall blacks, but I was still the tallest. People made way for me. High. she flew up the steps and ran clean through the singer -- then hurried on; the one who was. "Come to the shallows," he said. The curer said nothing to the cowboy but went straight to the mule, or hinny, rather, being out of San's big jenny by Alder's white horse. She was a whitey roan, young, with a pretty face. He went and talked to her for a minute, saying something in her big, delicate ear and rubbing her topknot. He was only a little sorcerer, a cheating healer with a few sorry spells. Or so he seemed. What if he was cheating, hiding his power, a rival hiding his power? A jealous rival. He must be stopped, he must be bound, named, called. Irioth began to say the words that would bind him, and the shaken man cowered away, shrinking down, shriveling, crying out in a thin, high wail. It is wrong, wrong, I am doing the wrong, I am the ill, Irioth thought. He stopped the spell words in his mouth, fighting against them, and at last crying out one other word. Then the man Ayeth crouched there, vomiting and shuddering, and San was staring and trying to say, "Avert! Avert!" And no harm was done. But the fire burned in Irioth's hands, burned his eyes when he tried to hide his eyes in his hands, burned his tongue away when he tried to speak. Dulse paused. "He was my master. Would have been my friend, perhaps, if I'd stayed on Roke. Have wizards friends? No more than they have wives, or sons, some would say.... Once he said to me that in our trade it's a lucky man who finds someone to talk to. Keep that in mind. If you're lucky, one day you'll have to open your mouth." Her guest came out of the house. It was a bright, misty morning, the marshes hidden by gleaming vapors. Andanden floated above the mists, a vast broken shape against the northern sky. advertised products. They told me nothing. sold a child out of poverty to work for him, he paid them in true ivory; if they sold a child to. little wisdom or gentleness with him. Maybe they were afraid of him. They bound his hands and. squeeze their way. In places the ceilings had collapsed. Ladders were shaky. The mine was a. "I learned about this from Ard," he said, and paused again. because they didn't stop to ask questions, but sent wizard's fire at our ships, and came alongside. as well as preserving. "tremendous, but fortunately she was stupid, and he was not. A flicker of complacency showed in Otters tired, battered young face. "No," he said. "I don't. insubstantial, but she thought he was not there, and when he stepped into the slanting sunlight. "It's dangerous," Crow said, "it's pointless," but

he made no further objection. The modest, naive. A globe of misty, greenish fire drifted swiftly down the corridor at eye level, apparently. "Take your shoes off," she said, "they're soaking. Come in then." She stood aside and said, "Come to the fire," and had him sit down in Bren's settle close to the hearth. "Stir the fire up a bit," she said. "Will you have a bit of soup? It's still hot." The Summoner looked up at Irian. Slowly he raised his arms and the white staff in the invocation. everything. . . It was Golden's grandest party yet, with a dancing floor built on the town green down the way from. beat his aunt and mother senseless to teach them not to bring up crafty men. Then they carried. The so-called Six Hundred Runes of Hardic are not the Hardic runes used to write the ordinary language. They are True Runes that have been given "safe," inactive names in the ordinary language. Their true names in the Old Speech must be memorised in silence. The ambitious student of wizardry will go on to learn the "Further Runes," the "Runes of Ea," and many others. If the Old Speech is endless, so are the runes. "My mastery is here, on Gont," he said, still speaking hardly above a whisper. "My master is. I won't go," he said. "Anywhere. Ever." were squatting on their haunches, heads close together, laughing. Something intense or uncanny. She twisted and untwisted her fingers, not taking her eyes off me, as if with these words. uneasy in an ordinary-looking town on a sweet spring morning, but in such silence he must wonder. "Listen. . .". full of shame and rage and vengefulness. the practices of sorcerers and witches. Women's powers were particularly distrusted and maligned. "Hmn," Hound went, a short, grunting laugh. "You find what you look for, don't you? Like me." He. "Only the Master can go there." It was far more convenient to him that Losen should be king than that he himself should rule Havnor openly. Men of arms didn't trust men of craft and didn't like to serve them. No matter what a mage's powers, unless he was as mighty as the Enemy of Morred, he couldn't hold armies and fleets together if the soldiers and sailors chose not to obey. People were in the habit of fearing and obeying Losen, an old habit now, and well learned. They credited him with the powers he had had of bold strategy, firm leadership, and utter cruelty; and they credited him with powers he had never had, such as mastery over the wizards who served him. that carried the timber and the chestnuts over the hills to be sold. He did very well from trees. "He was here!" she cried. "That foul heart, that Thorion!" She strode to meet the Patterner as he. mouth, turning blue, and collapsing in a heap. "You've already missed it. You'll have to backtrack." edge of the universe. Beyond that was only rumor and dream. runes. singly or several at a time from their metal lairs and speeding away, always in the same direction. to do, to learn? What is she, that you ask this for her? "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?" he could tell her. He knew what she wanted to know and little by little he told it to her, and get here? Early did not punish Hound for his failure, but he remembered it. He was not used to failures and did not like them. He did not like what Hound told him about this boy, Otter, and he remembered it. Licky was his master. His face was a warrior's face, but when he looked into the trees it was softened, yearning. High Marsh. prove it, he made it seem that a herd of deer ran through the dining hall, followed by a flight of. "How many minutes, then?" It's high time I found that fellow, I thought. I turned on my heel and, seeing a walkway. Speech means Willow. "I don't entirely understand it. I think you don't understand it at all. Take. without knowing him, right away. . .". there was a light that was not werelight. He went forward. He had been crawling for a long time. to Ged.) Intathin kept the other half of the broken Ring, and it "went into the dark"-that is, streamlined table strutting on comically bowed legs; it moved forward, glasses of sparkling. say there's been snow." He stood there for a while, bewildered. It seemed to him that it was not by his own act or decision that he had taken his own form, but that in touching this ground, this hill, he had become himself. A magic greater than his own prevailed here. "He's ten times the use and company to me my brother is," she said. "And a kind true man, as I." "Oh," she said with a full mouth, "I didn't know how hungry I was!" "She's going there, to the wall, and I can't go with her," she said. "She's going alone and I can't go with her- Can't you go there?" She broke away from Rush, looking again at Tern. "You can go there!" of Old Iria, asking her to come in by the back door and maybe make a poultice or sing a chant to. "Oh, you startled me!" she said. "What can I do for you, then?" "You'll do better away from the ships, all the fighting and raiding. The King's working the old. He saw the lines of the spells that held him, heavy cords of darkness, a tangled maze of lines all about him. There was a way out of the knot, if he turned around so, and then so, and parted the lines with his hands, so; and he was free. between the roots of a big old tree, he found himself a place not far away to sit; and as she. "I was new at the business of being Archmage then. And younger than the man we fought, and maybe. The existence of magic as a recognized, effective power wielded by certain individuals, but not by. Otter nodded. said, and Azver nodded. fought. everything; she had listened; she had been still. He wanted to protect her and knew he could not. him I'd retire" he said. "I think I'll do that myself." "She took bird form. Osprey, they said. Didn't expect that from a girl so young. Gone before they knew it." witches learn a few words of it; wizards learn many, and some come to speak it almost as fluently. mental transformation. Archetypes turn into millstones, large simplicities get complicated, chaos. which all of them did. "Whom do you serve?" asked the shorter and younger of the women, speaking for the first time. She had a keen, hard face, with long black brows. He went slowly round to the eastern side of the hilltop, bright and warm already with the light of the sun a couple of fingers' width above the horizon. Looking under the sun he saw the roofs of a town at the head of a bay that opened out eastward, and beyond it the high line of the sea's edge across half the world. Turning west he saw fields and pastures and roads. To the north were long green hills. In a fold of land southward a grove of tall trees drew his gaze and held it. He thought it was the beginning of a great forest like Faliern on Havnor, and then did not know why he thought so, since beyond the grove he could see treeless heaths and pastures. "She came to this place at this time," the Namer said. "And to this place, at this time, no one comes by chance. All any of us knows is how it seems to us. There are names behind names, my Lord Healer." must go she would go. She did not understand danger. She had no wisdom but her innocence, no

amour. I can call you. When I think of you." earth in his hands, rolled the dirt in his palms, kneading, testing, tasting it. For that time he. She looked westward over the reed beds and willows and the farther hills. The whole western sky. know. . . "Because you don't understand a thing. I don't know how to tell you. It's nothing, you. Hound sniffed, sighed, nodded. animal himself, a silent, damaged creature that needed protection but couldn't ask for it. them. Maybe a child the parents are grieving for. In the witch's hut, in the darkness, they hear. were in the Kargad Lands by the cults of the Priestkings and the Godkings. So by the eighth. "A fool could sit under the trees forever and grow no wiser." student of anyone not trained on Roke. fill his thoughts. Her massive, innocent strength had defeated him absolutely so far, but he did. Inmost Sea to Orrimy, where he had been some years before. There were people of the Hand there. disciplines, and exert ethical control over the practices of wizardry. With the Hand as its agent. "Bring them here," Early said to the messenger. came here first-I could not save the one who saved me." Then that was gone and he stood facing the witch-girl. Her look of accusation slowly changed. She. parents, and go to the Great Port, or to Roke. Half your year's fee, which I'll return to you. early summer afternoons. hearth, skillfully making up the fire. The curer was in his room asleep. She looked in, and closed. her whole mind on how the women of the Hand might grow strong again. But her mind, formed by her. "Just for the food and the fire, you know, the peat costs so much now," she was saying, and then. to a platform at least a kilometer long from which a spindle-shaped craft was just departing. He slept there, on the ground. At sunrise he got up and walked by the high road over to Re Albi. He did not go into the village, but past it to the little house that stood alone to the north at the beginning of the Overfell. The door of the house stood open. "If you need to read the Mountain," his teacher had told him, "go to the Dark Pond at the top of Semere's cow pasture. You can see the ways from there. You need to find the center. See where to go in." And they talked about that, all the wise women of the island: what was the true art of magic, and where did it turn false; how the balance of things was kept or lost; what crafts were needful, which useful, which dangerous; why some people had one gift but not another, and whether you could learn an art you had no native gift for. In such discussions they worked out the names that ever since have been given to the masteries: finding, weather-working, changing, healing, summoning, patterning, naming, and the crafts of illusion, and the knowledge of the songs. Those are the arts of the Masters of Roke even now, though the Chanter took the Finder's place when finding came to be considered a merely useful craft unworthy of a mage. I felt a little like laughing, but mainly I was nonplused. I quickly turned around: another. honour her inheritance and be true to Iria. She drank the wine, but she hated the curses and. He woke, as he always did, in his room in the Great House. He did not understand why the ceiling. The tall woman smiled a little. "My sister has never taught a man before" she said. She glanced at

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