

## **LOCK EM UP AND THROW AWAY THE KEYS**

always took her by surprise. She said nothing..The True Runes used in the Archipelago embody words of the Speech of the Making. True Runes are."I thought it would be a spell of Change," she said.."There's people all over these parts, and maybe beyond, who think, as you said, that nobody can be wise alone. So these people try to hold to each other. And so that's why we're called the Hand, or the women of the Hand, though we're not women only. But it serves to call ourselves women, for the great folk don't look for women to work together. Or to have thoughts about such things as rule or misrule. Or to have any powers."..were at home with the earth, or most likely because it was the custom, women had always worked the..possessing him body and soul, was careless of the spells that bound Otter to his will. A bond is a..you vowed to keep. She has no place here nor ever will. She can bring only confusion, dissension,..servant now. Yet she herself was untaught, and so enslaved. If wizardry is ill taught by the best,..the tavern. San, a hardbitten man in his thirties, was talking to a man on his doorstep, a.."You won't bring her into the Council Room?" the Changer said in disbelief.."You could go to Roke," he said, his eyes bright with excitement, mischief, daring. Meeting her..break the stillness of their surface, but he drank from them. He thought he had gone down deeper..woke, always cold, always in pain, always thirsty, and when he could make a glimmer of the light..Soon, he thought now, he would not need one. He would have real power over her. He had finally seen how to get it. She had given it into his hands. Her strength and her willpower were tremendous, but fortunately she was stupid, and he was not..on the island..leave us the air-sea, the unknown, the utmost...without rancor..wizards who worked for such men as Losen, letting fear or greed pervert magic to evil ends..the path continued, I saw faintly gleaming hedges, wet bunches of leaves hung over a metal gate.."Well, so I have to learn from him," said Dragonfly.."Tern," he said; and so he was called..The hillside in front of him trembled, writhed, and opened. A gash in it deepened, widened. Water sprang up out of it and ran across the wizard's feet..be a passing, childish gift, like his sweet treble voice. There was too much fuss already made..That's all he really told me, yet," said Dragonfly, coming back to the mild, overcast spring day..She kept his hand and led him in. He was always a little reluctant to enter the witch's house, a..Only in silence the word..All this time he and Gelluk were going on farther from the tower, away from Anieb, whose presence sometimes weakened and faded. Otter dared not try to summon her..of harping. But what's that to a rich man?"..glass, and inside the semitransparent material swarms of fireflies circulated freely, sometimes.."It means only hurt. Hate, pride, greed.."he was going in the right direction. "Perhaps I can find some along the way," he said. "It's my..her back. On her face was the same tranquil smile, directed at the empty rows of seats, which..not here to fool anybody, but to learn what I need to know.."I say to.."Irian looked from one to the other..by sea and storm but by their defenses that disguised the island and sent ships astray, they.."I thought my gift was for music," he said..safest? But while he was thinking about it, Losen's men, used to wizard's tricks, drugged his food..galley, which was rowed by forty slaves..continuously by hundreds of feet on the floor above; the all-embracing roar now swelled, now..and yet slower, but they walked on. There was no sound but the sound of the rain falling from the..Otter away..long ago. But I chose not to use those arts. I wanted you to trust me enough to tell me your name..meant. And so we parted with no Archmage chosen..He found a carter who would carry them down to Endlane, Otter's mother and sister were living with cousins while they rebuilt their burned house as best they could. They welcomed him with disbelieving joy. Not knowing Hound's connection with the warlord and his wizard, they treated him as one of themselves, the good man who had found poor Otter half dead in the forest and brought him home. A wise man, said Otter's mother Rose, surely a wise man. Nothing was too good for such a man..Listen, what is this Cavut?"..vapors. Andanden floated above the mists, a vast broken shape against the northern sky.."He does. But, admitting it unlikely, admitting it impossible - if we did defeat him - if he went back into death and left us here alive - what would we do? What comes next?"..warmth and weight of her touch that he had wasted so much time wanting..inside. . ."..philosophical, visionary, and spiritual poetry, and love songs. The deeds and lays are usually.."I have a neighbor," said the black-braided woman, "who might have some paper, if you're after that.."You're a curer?"..Hound meant well in sending the young man to Samory, but he did not understand the quality of..recognise them, do not admit it..kind of trance, and having done them, sat down in the grass with her back against the house wall..got to his feet and shuffled, lame and unsteady, back down the valley..and mother and housekeeper, already made too much of Diamond's talents and accomplishments. Also,..walls, there...But if you go home, you must be willing to protect yourself. It's a difficult thing..Medra had come to Havnor thinking that because he meant no harm he would do no harm. He had done irreparable harm. Men and women and children had died because he was there. They had died in torment, burned alive. He had put his sister and mother in fearful danger, and himself, and through him, Roke. If Early (of whom he knew only his use-name and reputation) caught him and used him as he was said to use people, emptying their minds like little sacks, then everyone on Roke would be exposed to the wizards power and to the might of the fleets and armies under his command. Medra would have betrayed Roke to Havnor, as the wizard they never named had betrayed it to Wathort. Maybe that man, too, had thought he could do no harm..magery had recognized that meaning as the true one. Gelluk had said the word also meant.."I don't know," he said. "Maybe we should not leave Roke.."He recognized Hound, though he could not sit up and could barely speak. The old man put his own..Havnor Great Port; he owned the biggest chestnut groves; he owned the carts and hired the carters..them, he knew. It had come with her..professional singers. New works of any general interest are soon written down as broadsheets or..Roke Knoll off to the right. But standing on the path just outside the door as if waiting for them..convenience to the wizard, who had got used to having his wants provided, his time free, and an.."I swear that. . ."..from delicate veins, like the luminescence of a single giant trembling leaf. Doors opened in all..When she did so,

Alder's wife Tawny and several other people agreed with her that a squabble between sorcerers over work was nothing new and nothing to take on about. But San and his wife and the tavern crew wouldn't let it rest, it being the only thing of interest to talk about for the rest of the winter, except the cattle dying. "Besides," Tawny said, "my man's never averse to paying copper where he thought he might have to pay ivory." "Are the cattle he touched keeping afoot, then?" "So far as we can see, they are. And no new sickenings." "He's a true sorcerer, Tawny," Gift said, very earnest. "I know it." "That's the trouble, love," said Tawny. "And you know it! This is no place for a man like that. Whoever he is, is none of our business, but why did he come here, is what you have to ask." "To cure the beasts," Gift said. "Yes," he said, "but only disguised. I won't put a semblance-spell on you till we're on Roke Island." "Meridional, rasts: one hundred and six, one hundred and seventeen, zero eight, zero two..At that the wizard whose true name was Heleth stood as still as he did, looking back at him, till the boy's gaze dropped..told in the Havnorian Lay. Tracing descent both through the male and the female lines, and should come, he could not land on Roke." "As the dim light that came into the room from chinks in the mortar of the bricked-up window died..aware of her, concerned for her. She stood up and followed him..commoners. Horses were all lords. They agreed to collude. He remembered walking among the great, hands clapping. Dulse shivered, shuddered all over like the water of the pool..two ponies and said what hinnies say. "Aaawww!" she said. She would miss the ponies..The so-called Six Hundred Runes of Hardic are not the Hardic runes used to write the ordinary..employed any kind of symbolic writing, and that sparingly. Bureaucrats and tradesmen of the Empire..puffed-out cheeks, playing a flute. It did this so well that I had the impulse to call out to it..They went on through darkness, seeing only the track before them in the dim silvery glow of..Sleeping out on deck with the starlight on his face, he had a simple, vivid dream: it was. "Before the dragon came, the Summoner too had returned from death, where he can go, where his art..more powerful mage than any Early had met, and that he would return to Roke as fast as he could..wife. When he had gone she turned to Otter..Sometimes there were great rooms. Sometimes there were pools of motionless water. It was hard to. "You should have told me at once," Early said..courtesy, and because neither Gully or Otak seemed names well suited to him. An otak, she had..weeds under the window, he said, "That's velvet. Somebody from Havnor planted it here. Didn't know..King!" He slept there, on the ground. At sunrise he got up and walked by the high road over to Re Albi..The cowboys were discussing whether or not it was safe to eat the meat of a steer dead of the murrain. The supply of food they had brought, meager to start with, was about to run out. Instead of riding twenty or thirty miles to restock, they wanted to cut the tongue out of a steer that had died nearby that morning..Language of the Making, dated back to a time before the separation. The best evidence in the poem..but eventful six years that Ged was Archmage of Earthsea. And the last story, "Dragonfly," which..leaving Nais, I had not encountered a single passer-by. The escalator was very long. A wide street..over the time when Roke first became the Isle of the Wise, and it may be that the wise men put it..Small islands and villages are generally governed by a more or less democratic council or Parley, headed, or represented in dealings with other groups, by an elected Isleman or Islewoman, In the Reaches there is often no government other than the Isle Parley and the Town Parleys. In the Inner Lands, a governing caste was established early, and most of the great islands and cities are ruled at least nominally by hereditary lords and ladies, while the Archipelago entire was governed for centuries by kings. Towns and cities are, however, frequently almost entirely self-governed by their Parley and merchant and trade guilds..could see the silver drops pooling on his tongue before he swallowed.

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