

## MEIN IST DIE RACHE SPRICHT DER HERR

"She took my cup away," the Master of Iria said to the stranger, whining like a puppy, while his dogs yammered around him. "She broke it." "In the unlikely event that a science-fiction writer is deemed worthy of a Nobel Prize in the near. Then they were all gone, and he stood alone on the hill, shaken and wondering. "I have seen the. Diamond had been given his truename at the springs of the Amia in the hills above Glade. The wizard Hemlock, who had known his great-uncle the Mage, came up from South Port to name him. And Hemlock was invited to his nameday party the year after, a big party, beer and food for all, and new clothes, a shirt or skirt or shift for every child, which was an old custom in the West of Havnor, and dancing on the village green in the warm autumn evening. Diamond had many friends, all the boys his age in town and all the girls too. The young people danced, and some of them had a bit too much beer, but nobody misbehaved very badly, and it was a merry and memorable night. The next morning Golden told his son again that he must think about being a man..door opening on the street, but it's shut. It looks like an ordinary door." "Come home with me." Witchery was restricted to women. All magic practiced by women was called "base craft," even when it included practices otherwise called "high arts," such as healing, chanting, changing, etc. Witches were to learn only from one another or from sorcerers. They were forbidden to enter Roke School, and Halkel discouraged wizards from teaching women anything at all. He specifically forbade the teaching of any word of the True Speech to women, and though this proscription was widely ignored, it led in the long run to a profound, long-lasting loss of knowledge and power among the women who practiced magic..give birth to her master. That is why, to give him birth, she must be burned alive." "worse. You got it wrong. You're only a witch. You did it wrong. It's his name. He can have it..She put her hand on his knee. It was the first time she had ever touched him. He endured it, the..be trained by the wizards there, and the Queen chose him as a companion for her son.." "No, I'm sorry, there's my lodger, and my brother, and me. Maybe San, in the village-" "It was Golden's grandest party yet, with a dancing floor built on the town green down the way from Golden's house, and a tent for the old folks to eat and drink and gossip in, and new clothes for the children, and jugglers and puppeteers, some of them hired and some of them coming by to pick up whatever they could in the way of coppers and free beer. Any festivity drew itinerant entertainers and musicians it was their living, and though uninvited they were welcomed. A tale-singer with a droning voice and a droning bagpipe was singing The Deed of the Dragonlord to a group of people under the big oak on the hilltop. When Tarry's band of harp, fife, viol, and drum took time off for a breather and a swig, a new group hopped up onto the dance floor. "Hey, there's Labby's band!" cried the pretty girl nearest Diamond. "Come on, they're the best!" "It's my house. Bren's house. He stays. Go or stay, it's up to you." "What's changed?"..out again in haste; they threw torn ribbons on the floor, not telegraph tapes, something else, with..TODAY IN AMMONLEE PETIFARGUE PRODUCED THE SYSTOLIZATION OF THE FIRST ENZOM. THE..own. Have you seen that?"..someone were at my heels. The next street headed up and ended at an escalator. I thought that. "I talked to him last night," Golden said. "He said to me that there are certain natural gifts which it's not only difficult but actually wrong, harmful, to suppress." "No, you weren't," she whispered. "If you had been, you would know."..spells, and so on, often invoked or drew upon the Old Powers. But the learned wizards of Roke had..Copyright ? 1961 by Stanislaw Lem..but the helmsman and the lookout, and the lookout was dozing. The water whispered on her sides..So little Diamond grew up in the finest house in Glade, a fat, bright-eyed baby, a ruddy, cheerful..among the leaves.." "First we must settle the matter that divides us," said the Windkey..Nothing will grow. That no matter what cures I use, the sickness will end in death." He looked..She drank her lemonade -- that's what I called the sparkling liquid, in my thoughts -- and again I..He stood in the locked room in the dark and knew he would go free, because he was already free. A..She pondered. "I don't know."..Hound came in on her heels. "Well," he said, "in the first place, when I got to the city, I go up..Moon. He had understood the disguised language of the book to mean that in order to purify pure..that such a thing was possible. She fell silent, and still I heard her voice; suddenly light footsteps.." "Why would you come to the Marsh?" she asked. She had a right to ask, having taken him in, yet she felt a discomfort in pressing the question..them -- were swallowed by each successive tunnel of this journey whose destination I did not..The coppers weren't decently in a bag, even. Irioth had to hold out his hand, and the cattleman laid out six copper pennies in it, one by one. "Now then! That's fair and square!" he said, expansive. "And maybe you'll be looking at my yearlings over in the Long Pond pastures, in the next day or so."..The door closed. It was silent except for the whisper of the fire..In the years since I began to write about Earthsea I've changed, of course, and so have the people..Roke, as she had said, he must serve her. He did so willingly. She had walked with him in the..political center of the country. Erreth-Akbe's visit seems to have coincided with the final shift..the King sits, having returned after the healing of the Ring, in sign of healing. And in that..under this spell of chastity from the time they entered the Great House and, if they became..Her breath stuck in her throat. She gasped a little for air. When she recovered herself she saw..give Ivory a purse for his journey. It was the first real money he had had in his pocket for..shoulders and clung to them elastically. I knew already that furniture accommodated every..He slept there, on the ground. At sunrise he got up and walked by the high road over to Re Albi.." "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."..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."..Dulse considered himself a wordy, impatient man with a short temper. The necessity of not swearing had been a burden to him in his

youth, and for thirty years the imbecility of apprentices, clients, cows, and chickens had tried him sorely. Apprentices and clients were afraid of his tongue, though cows and chickens paid no attention to his outbursts. He had never been angry at Silence before. There was a very long pause..days. Then one morning, in rebellious mood, he stayed by the stream while Ember walked into the.The Doorkeeper came back and said, "Come, Irian, and meet the Masters of Roke." Her heart began to go at a carthorse gallop. She followed him through the maze of corridors to a dark-walled room with a row of high pointed windows. A group of men stood there, and every one of them turned to look at her as she came into the room.."You're not," Irian said. She thought him between thirty and forty, though it was hard to tell; on the bushes. To their left a little stream ran low among willow thickets. Mild sunlight and long.and finally to promise him, swearing on his own true and secret name, that if he learned the.Again he paused. All at once he looked straight at Otter, who froze in terror thinking the wizard.stood still..Then for a while he held still, body and mind, beginning to understand for the first time where his power lay.."There's no harm in him but the drink, but there's not much left of him but the drink. It's eaten.History.unnoticed, when the wizard came..He recognized Hound, though he could not sit up and could barely speak. The old man put his own.them," she said..her over, the deck vertical to the sea, till a huge storm wave struck and swamped her and she.there was nothing much to say about herself..eastward. Not a soul was in the fields, some of which were newly ploughed. No dog barked as he.Ath did not. His book, lost for centuries, is now in the Isolate Tower on Roke.."Who's to lay this floor?" he said, now merely querulous..Tell him what he sees, Anieb whispered in Otter's mind, and he spoke: "A stream runs through darkness over a glittering roof. Under the roof is the House of the King. The roof stands high above the floor, on high pillars. The floor is red. All the pillars are red. On them are shining runes."..the wind of dawn blew on the sea...wood over a little fall of boulders. The water was bright in the morning sunlight and made a happy.The idea of doing harm troubled her, but the idea of danger had not entered her mind. She found it.Earthsea!" he cried. "Ignorant power is a bane!" Crow was a strange man, willful, arrogant.."It does not know death," he said, but he spoke in his own language, and they did not understand him. He drew closer to Irian. He felt the warmth of her body. She stood staring, in that animal silence, as if she did not understand any of them..dragons the wing..art, any word of the Language of the Making. It's always been so. They will not listen. So they.lisped:.Gift hurried to the village. She went straight up to the doorstep, bent over the heap, and laid her hand on it. Everybody gasped and muttered, "Avert! Avert!" except Tawny's youngest daughter, who mistook the signs and piped up, "Speed the work!"..other eye looked a little off to the side. Sometimes Dragonfly thought the cast was in Rose's left.coals. Irioth accepted the bowl and spoon she handed him and sat down on the settle. The cat.something not right in her smile. From the exit I said:."Oh, it's you who have it to spare, sir. We're poor folk here. And ignorant," she said, with a flash of her eyes, and led on..ways around it as part of himself. He took the shortcut at Rissi's well and came out before midday.principalities: the House of Enlad, the oldest, tracing direct descent from Morred and Serriadh;..grew darker. The girl then folded it -- it was not a plate at all -- into the shape of a pancake and.curious promenade went on; in the dark passages, the headless silhouettes of women: the fluff.Irian had waited some hours in the Doorkeeper's chamber, a low, light, bare room with a small-.the lake. I stood, dumbstruck and enraptured; the wind brought faint, fading echoes of music,..must not feel shame. The fault was his, and mine."..door lintel to protect a house from fire, are in common use, familiar to unlearned people..grew pink. In this sudden saturation of the air with redness lay a foreboding of catastrophe, or so."You're welcome," she said, and hoisted whatever it was into a massive pottery bowl, and wiped her hands down her apron. He knew nothing at all about women. He had not lived where women were since he was ten years old. He had been afraid of them, the women that shouted at him to get out of the way in that great other kitchen long ago. But since he had been traveling about in Earthsea he had met women and found them easy to be with, like the animals; they went about their business not paying much attention to him unless he frightened them. He tried not to do that. He had no wish or reason to frighten them. They were not men..and kicked his shoes off. He stood still and felt the dust and rock of the cliff-top path under."If she knew I was alive," he said..and yet slower, but they walked on. There was no sound but the sound of the rain falling from the.years..."..even a briefcase or a package. The women, too. There seemed to be more of them. In front of me:.think of her, to think of her that night, but she faded away. By the time he opened the door of."I'll be going to Easthill with Sul's mules."..they went on pressed close side by side for comfort and for the little warmth. They walked slower,..She had planted a young rowan from the Grove beside the fountain. They came to be sure it was thriving. The spring wind blew strong, seaward, off Roke Knoll, blowing the water of the fountain astray. Up on the slope of the Knoll they could see a little group of people: a circle of young students learning how to do tricks of illusion from the sorcerer Hega of O; Master Hand, they called him. The sparkweed, past flowering, cast its ashes on the wind. There were streaks of grey in Ember's hair..Tern.."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."..were filled with displays, I had had a cloudy sky over me; how, then, did it happen that now, a."We knew there was a great gift in her," Ayo said, and then fell silent for a while. "We didn't.man cowered away, shrinking down, shriveling, crying out in a thin, high wail. It is wrong, wrong,..quarrelled. Some went west and some east, and they became two kinds, and forgot they were ever.He drank a mug of beer down in one draft, and the girls with him watched the muscles in his strong."I don't know, my dear. I do want you to be safe. I do love to see your father happy and proud of you. But I can't bear to see you unhappy, without pride! I don't know. Maybe you're right. Maybe for a man it's only one thing ever. But I miss hearing you sing."..The boy shook his head at each question. He shut his eyes; his mouth was already shut. He stood.Very slowly they made him understand that one of the women was Anieb's mother, and that he should.magic without giving up their sexuality, were described by celibate men as temptresses, unclean,.Otter looked from one to the other. Clearly they had told him their own greatest secret and their."Breathe, breathe, breathe," Gelluk said, laughing, and

Otter tried not to hold his breath as they entered the tower..wizard's fiery visions, with her. Over and over he saw the wizard fall, saw the earth close. He.Crow ranted, but at the mere thought that the Book of Names might still exist he was ready to set

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