

## **S JUNIOR OR THE STARRY MESSENGER FOR THE YEAR OF OUR REDEMPTION 17**

"You don't look like a man," he said. Her face fell. "Not to me. You'll never look like a man to me. But don't worry. You will to them." "So where is it?" Hound said..time to time, and then shut his eyes..They jolted on all the next day through a summer thundershower or two and came at dusk to Kembermouth, a walled, prosperous port city. They left the carter to his master's business and walked down to find an inn near the docks. Dragonfly looked about at the sights of the city in a silence that might have been awe or disapproval or mere stolidity. "This is a nice little town," Ivory said, "but the only city in the world is Havnor." Later he knew he should never have let the boy leave the house. He had underestimated Diamond's willpower, or the strength of the spell the girl had laid on him. Their conversation was in the morning; Hemlock went back to the ancient cantrip he was annotating; it was not till supper time that he thought about his pupil, and not until he had eaten supper alone that he admitted that Diamond had run away..After Maharion's death in 452, several claimants contested the throne; none prevailed. Within a."But after the Summoner and I got over the bruises on our souls, as you might say, and the great..When you construct or reconstruct a world that never existed, a wholly fictional history, the..Scattered references and tales from Gont and the Reaches, passages of sacred history in the Kargad..long hard work. But they were in place now, and there wasn't a wizard in all Havnor who could undo."Go to Roke," the wizard said. The boy wore shoes and a good leather vest. He could afford or earn..lands like Havnor or worse, sunk in warfare, raids, and piracy, the fields full of weeds, the..She held up her first finger; raised the other fingers, and clenched them together into a fist;..to be a window turned out to be, of course, a television, so that I drifted off with the knowledge..He swept out the dust and leaves that had blown in the open door across the polished wood. He set Heleth's mattress and blanket in the sun to air. "I'll stay here a while," he thought. "It's a good house." After a while he thought, "I might keep some goats."..paying much attention to him unless he frightened them. He tried not to do that. He had no wish or..lived all their lives in the Grove, served to link human arts and acts to the older sacredness of."You never sent to me, you never let me send to you, all the time you were gone. I was just..himself again, but sick as a dog, as who could blame him, and all the while there was this light..stars and the black curve of the hill, they stripped and waded into the shallow water, their feet..He looked at her, that vivid, fierce, dark face in its rough cloud of hair. She wore only her shift, and he saw the infinitely delicate, tender rise of her breasts. He drew her to him again, but though she hugged him she drew away again, frowning..our art when we don't know what it is?". "Never fear," Diamond said, turned on his heel, and strode out. A string of dried sage caught on his head and trailed after him..they are. Tell the dead man I will meet him there."..and also their presence meant that the peaceful time was over, the days of walking in the silent..Iria regularly. He tried stopping in the village at the foot of the hill to ask questions, but..Tenar of the Ring is there," said Azver..Sail home to the houses of the sunrise, Hasa..would, swam as the otter would swim. But only in his own form could he think as a man, hide,"..Then. When we quarreled. I said it all wrong. I thought...." A long pause. "I thought I could go..was put into the bank in my name -- I don't even know how much there is. I don't know a thing..people, Morred withdrew..her hand on it. Everybody gasped and muttered, "Avert! Avert!" except Tawny's youngest daughter..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..old weavers' quarter. They grew flax on Pody, and there were stone retting houses, now mostly..such things. But his father raged at him for his "shortcuts," even struck him once on the mouth..Wordless at first, he simply shook his head. After a while he was able to laugh. "I think we've gone on past . . . that possibility . . .".Crafty men used weather as a weapon, sending hail to blight an enemy's crops or a gale to sink his..power; and it seemed to him that Anieb's speaking had taken away that much of Gelluk's power over..her, and told people in the village to call him Otak. He probably couldn't remember her name..untaught knowledge of at least some words of the Language of the Making. The teaching of it is the..Gelluk wore fantastic clothes, as many of his kind did in those days. A long robe of Lorbanery silk, scarlet, embroidered in gold and black with runes and symbols, and a wide-brimmed, peak-crowned hat made him seem taller than a man could be. Otter did not need to see his clothes to know him. He knew the hand that had woven his bonds and cursed his nights, the acid taste and choking grip of that power..You don't care, eh? Stay a while. You can see," And he set off down the path between the parsley."Yes. When there are. . . two of you."..can't sing ballads while I'm figuring what we have to pay the pickers to keep 'em from hiring out."Are you there, my dear?" said the traveler. He spoke in the Old Speech, the Language of the Making. "Come along, then, Ulla," he said, and the heifer came a step or two towards him, towards her name, while he walked to meet her. He made out the big head more by touch than sight, stroking the silken dip between her eyes, scratching her forehead at the roots of the nubbin horns. "Beautiful, you are beautiful," he told her, breathing her grassy breath, leaning against her large warmth. "Will you lead me, dear Ulla? Will you lead me where I need to go?"..covering their arms gave off a light, so that only their raised necks showed in it like strange white..these old mines. And he wants it. So it's best for us that we find it. Now I'll walk you out. It's."Seemed odd. Old woman from a village inland, never seen the sea, calling the name of an island away off like that."..neared the western plains, they stopped at a farmhouse that offered stabling for the horses, a..political center of the country. Erreth-Akbe's visit seems to have coincided with the final shift..Kargs have maintained a society that appears to be little influenced, except negatively, by their..find the center. That's the question to

ask. That's what to do..." As he muttered on to himself, "I'm at the Cavuta, my second year. I've been neglecting things a bit lately, I wasn't." "No," his wife said in her soft, level voice, "we aren't." around her sandaled feet. She looked back at the Patterner and he still seemed a fragile being..and lifted her up. She stood submissively. Her head fell back, I saw her teeth glistening; I did not teaches. Maybe it's not a way of keeping the power pure, but of keeping the power to themselves..were old and uncanny. But in the Isles all books were old and all uncanny, what there was of them..him as a slave, he paid them in gold, and was gone by the next day, when the gold turned back into.listen and begin to learn. It took them a long time. There was a rivalrous spirit in him that made.a boat but a drifting log; for pirates and Losen's slave takers were thick in these waters..broken staff.."Oh, it's a curse, a curse, this wizardry!" they said..decision that he had taken his own form, but that in touching this ground, this hill, he had.back to see the light shine through the thousand leaves of the tree carved in the high door in its.we need to know." The Doorkeeper's tone was equally sober, and his smile was gone. "I think this.he had enough of the pure metal, the next stage was to refine it yet further into the Body of the.get out of it yet. He drowsed a while, drifting away from Irioth..YORK TIMES. And FANTASY & SCIENCE FICTION writes, "One of the world's finest.would be sure to reach Ark before the Long Dance..study with him in South Port for a year, or perhaps longer." "I can tell you only how it seems to me," the Herbal said, reluctant, uncomfortable.."Trust," the young man said. "Yes. But against-Against them?- Gelluk's gone. Maybe Losen will fall now. Will it make any difference? Will the slaves go free? Will beggars eat? Will justice be done? I think there's an evil in us, in humankind. Trust denies it. Leaps across it. Leaps the chasm. But it's there. And everything we do finally serves evil, because that's what we are. Greed and cruelty. I look at the world, at the forests and the mountain here, the sky, and it's all right, as it should be. But we aren't. People aren't. We're wrong. We do wrong. No animal does wrong. How could they? But we can, and we do. And we never stop."..language. They are True Runes that have been given "safe," inactive names in the ordinary." "Hu-hu-hu," said the owl, under her window, and then it said, "Darkrose!" Startled from her misery, she leaped out of bed and opened the shutters..most of the work. The ewe bore the digging knife patiently, her opaque, amber, slotted eyes gazing.They cursed and sneered, but believed him. He had no idea if what he said was true. It had seemed true as he said it. Perhaps he wanted to spite them. Perhaps he wanted to get rid of them..gift untaught is a ship unguided," they said to Otter, and they taught him all they knew. It."They didn't punish him, but kept his wild powers bound with spells until they could make him.do it, he denied his death. So he denies life."..fingers on the metal surface of the table, and from the wall jumped a nickel claw, which tossed a."Of all of us. Of Way, and Felkway, and Havnor, and Wathort, and Roke. All the people of the islands. He says that when King Lebannen was to be crowned, last autumn, he sent to Gont for the old Archmage to come crown him, and he wouldn't come. And there was no new Archmage. So he took the crown himself. And some say that's wrong, and he doesn't rightly hold the throne. But others say the king himself is the new Archmage. But he isn't a wizard, only a king. So others say the dark years will come again, when there was no rule of justice, and wizardry was used for evil ends."..creatures of the Grove. As he had said, he did not try to teach her. When she asked about the.knowledge. Then Rose feared her, and feared for her..She knew he was right..dead, the blind girl who knew the names of things. He told them his trick, and the blind girl.And the Masters . . . Some hold aloof, following arcane knowledge, seeking ever more patterns.,under my breath and took the cup. She poured herself a drink from the second bottle. This liquid.the other sorcerer, even of the six coppers she had found scattered on the bedcover, which he must.in it, bulging, pressing, like an animal trying to get free..Glade, Golden was glad to show him fealty. The Lord was born to govern and to keep the peace, as.She looked at me almost with pity. But I was stubborn..between them moved long, silent bodies, and people emerged from these through rows of."Where they come from, I don't know. In your day, was there tap water?"..have any woman he wanted, but women would drain his power, suck away his strength. He wanted no.This time the Doorkeeper nodded. He smiled faintly and said, "So it would seem."..could not lift his face to hers. He said, "I have too many deaths on my heart, Elehal."..something heavy in a cloth..The True Runes used in the Archipelago embody words of the Speech of the Making. True Runes are.On the first of his voyages of finding, Medra, or Tern as he was called, sailed northward up the.to the fire," and had him sit down in Bren's settle close to the hearth. "Stir the fire up a bit,".then the Doorkeeper takes you down a hall and another hall, till you're lost and bewildered, and."Ah," he said. He looked away so that she could not see his expression..Licky took him down into the mines to show him the gangues, the kinds of earth the ore was likely.defeated him. Tales and songs of the heroes rose up in Medra's memory as he stood there: Erreth-.went off, still walking sore-footed, in Bren's old shoes. It made her heart turn in her, seeing.grew immensely wealthy.."There's nobody in the village could change that," she said. She looked up into his face for a moment. "The whole village together couldn't change that!" she said, and laughed. It was all right, then, though the word "change" rang and rang in his head.."His name."..Ard nodded. "It is irrevocable"..Kings. No dragon had been seen over the Inmost Sea for many centuries when Kalessin, called the.to him, "Did you ever hear of Roke Island?"..I will not be summoned."..in himself for his mastery of them. So, after the Archmage Nemmerle had given him his name, the.you know my name."..potions used in aid of lust, jealousy, and malice. And a child's gift for magic became a thing to.By that time there were many people of the Hand who knew what was afoot on Roke. Young people came there sent by them. Men and women came to be taught and to teach. Many of these had a hard time getting there, for the spells that hid the island were stronger than ever, making it seem only a cloud, or a reef among the breakers; and the Roke wind blew, which kept any ship from Thwil Bay unless there was a sorcerer aboard who knew how to turn that wind. Still they came, and as the years went on a larger house was needed for the school than any in Thwil Town..made little spots of mud, little sticky spots..All spells use at least a word of the Old Speech, though the village witch or sorcerer may not clearly know its meaning. Great spells are made wholly in the Old Speech,

and are understood as they are spoken..But he made no spell. He had no magic left in him. It was gone, run out of him into this terrible."We must give what we have to give," said Medra. "If all but us are slaves, what's our freedom worth?".Grove they were all of one kind, which grew nowhere else, yet had no name in Hardic but "tree" In."You'd understand if I told you. Betrization, you see, isn't done by brit. With the brit, it's.the plain, the rivers serving as fences.. "No. Go on!".you. But I can't bear to see you unhappy, without pride! I don't know. Maybe you're right. Maybe.sentience. At the wizards touch he did not feel the horror of the spellbond, but rather a gift of.He had not thought. He had taken the shape that came soonest to him, run to the river as an otter would, swum as the otter would swim. But only in his own form could he think as a man, hide, decide, act as a man or as a wizard against the wizard who hunted him.

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