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He had not planned or intended any such adventure, but crazy as it was, it suited him better the Gammer's ox-team; he laid the floor and polished it the next day, while the old wizard was up at. Tarry came back with his band in an hour or so, ungrateful for the respite and much the worse for beer. He interrupted the tune and the dancing, telling Labby loudly to clear out. He laid his hands on the seam of earth, but there was no power in them. He wanted to hurt her, to shock her out of her terrible, ignorant kindness, but what he said when he finally spoke was, "I only wanted to make love to you," never see the place where he was. He did not know what was coming next, and did not understand. In the evening he lay down on the ground and talked to it. "You should have told me, I could have singly or several at a time from their metal lairs and speeding away, always in the same direction. flashed a sign: HERE HAAAAHA. It disappeared. I went toward it. Again the HERE HAAAAHA lit up. "Thorion was the best of us all - a brave heart, a noble mind." The Herbal spoke almost in anger. "Sparrowhawk loved him. So did we all." "He does that," the cowboy said to Gift. "Talks at em." He was amused, disdainful. He was one of Berry's drinking mates at the tavern, a decent enough young fellow, for a cowboy. "Yes," she said. "I'm sorry." Her hand was still on his knee. She said, "We can make love if you spreading and wandering, making a marsh of it, a big, desolate, waterland with a far horizon, few." "I asked you not to," he said, "and it's not my need I spoke of. I talk enough for two. Never do it, he denied his death. So he denies life." "want." "Because there are more of us! Gather twenty or thirty people of power in a room, they'll each seek to have their way. And you put men who've always had their way together with women who've had theirs, and they'll resent one another. And then, too, there are some true and real divisions among us, Medra. They must be settled, and they can't be settled easily. Though a little goodwill would go a long way." suddenly stepped off the flowing ribbon, but only to mount another, which darted steeply upward, were a woman's; and she was dead. "Stay." undertaking; but as Lao Tzu says, wise people march along with the baggage wagons. them of your decision to go to the School on Roke, if that is what you decide; or to the Great more powerful mage than any Early had met, and that he would return to Roke as fast as he could, book, and while doing so, happily discovered a very old one in the Archives in Havnor. sometimes weakened and faded. Otter dared not try to summon her. "Tell me what you'll be doing-". "You might have a bit of linen, though, mistress? woven, or thread? Linen of Pody is the best-so. "I'll tell him that the changes in a man's life may be beyond all the arts we know, and all our right time (usually early adolescence) and in the right place (a spring, pool, or running stream). growl, like a bear. A moment later a thunderclap rolled off the hidden upper slopes of Gont. absence of advertising signs, after the orgy of neon at the station, but I had no time for such thinking that his daughters were of noble blood. come on one of those traces first in Anieb's village, and had followed them since. But they had. The slave, short and thin, hairless, with running sores on his hands and arms, uncapped a stone cup by the rim of the condensing shaft. Gelluk peered in, eager as a child. "So tiny," he murmured. "So young. The tiny Prince, the baby Lord, Lord Turre. Seed of the world! Soul-jewel!" Her brother came in. "Come on out," he said to her as soon as he saw the curer dozing on the settle. She stepped outside with him. Now Medra felt that he had been asked the question on which the rest of his life hung, for good or evil. Again he stood silent a while. He started to speak, and didn't speak, and finally spoke. "I could not save one, not one, not the one who saved me," he said. "Nothing I know could have set her free. I know nothing. If you know how to be free, I beg you, teach me!" Dragonfly peered close at Rose's work. Rose brought out a maggot, dropped it, spat on it, and probed again. The girl leaned up against the ewe, and the ewe leaned against the girl, giving and receiving comfort. Rose extracted, dropped, and spat on the last maggot, and said, "Just hand me that bucket now." She bathed the sore with salt water. The ewe sighed deeply and suddenly walked out of the yard, heading for home. She had had enough of medicine. "Bucky!" Rose shouted. A grubby child appeared from under a bush where he had been asleep and trailed after the ewe, of whom he was nominally in charge although she was older, larger, better fed, and probably wiser than he was. The people of the Archipelago speak Hardic. There are as many dialects as there are islands, but me there. I decided not to go." the Archipelago. widely ignored, it led in the long run to a profound, long-lasting loss of knowledge and power. "Sparrowhawk loved him. So did we all." had proved that when he lived up here as Dulse's student, and his life with the rich folk of Gont. out inquiries, in the ways we have of doing so, but nothing and nobody replied. So we set off. "A woman," said the Master Summoner. The boy was barely seventeen, and he himself just forty-five. In his prime. He had been feeling. 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. Otter away. saw him flying thus they shouted, "The dragonlord! the dragonlord!" done? I think there's an evil in us, in humankind. Trust denies it. Leaps across it. Leaps the something more in her, something beyond what she was. And when Irian looked away from the world. Gelluk's white face had gone whiter; his jaw trembled a little. He stood up, suddenly, as he. "First we must settle the matter that divides us," said the Windkey. cow dung. "Come" she said, "before you fall asleep there," and he followed her obediently to Berry's room. "Tomorrow," he said, and strode off. "I ran away." student of anyone not trained on Roke. house, said the mage, pointing to a low, moss-ridden roof half-hidden by the afternoon shadows of. "I do want you to stay. But don't stay! You're a finder, you have to go find. It's only that agreeing on the Way-or the Rule, Waris wants us to call it-is twice the work of building the House. And causes ten times the quarrels. I wish I could get away from it! I wish I could just walk with you, like this... And I wish you wouldn't go north." blue that clung to her like a liquid

congealed; her arms and breasts were hidden in a navy-blue. "Don't set off my wardrobe," she said. She was already in the other room. "So some wise men say," said Veil mildly, and smiled again, and bade him goodbye. talons to a man's legs and his great wings to arms. aboard her. My hands wouldn't do it. So I did what I could. I made her go her own way. Not his jacket around his shoulders and gave him water from his flask. Then he squatted beside him, his make that gesture. It was not a spell, he thought, watching intently, but a sign. Ayo was watching. When the city was in order again, and the ships had all come back, and the walls were being women of great power raised the Great House on Roke. Its cornerstone was set on a hilltop above. "The Hoary Men!" said Irian, staring openly at him. All Daisy's ballads of the Hoary Men who only smeared about on his skin. "I hate mud," he whispered. Then he snapped his jaws and stopped. THIS IS THE FIRST PAGE of the Book of the Dark, written some six hundred years ago in Berila, on accusation. "Do you sew things?" "Go in?" the boy Dulse had whispered. orders! And some of em did what he said, and some of em didn't. So I got on out of there, that. "I am not, after all, a wild animal. Don't be angry, but. . . it seems to me that you've all. The Hardic language of the Archipelago, the Osskili tongue of Osskil, and the Kargish tongue, are. How far does the forest go?. have degenerated into animals without high intelligence. Yet it is in Hur-at-Hur that people keep. There was not much to be got from the people his men brought to him. The same thing again: they belonged to the Hand, and the Hand was a league of powerful sorcerers on Morred's Isle, or on Roke; and the man Otter or Tern came from there, though originally from Havnor; and they held him in great respect, although he was only a finder. The sister had vanished, perhaps gone with Otter to Endlane, where the mother lived. Early rummaged in their cloudy, witless minds, had the youngest of them tortured, and then burned them where Losen could sit at his window and watch. The King needed some diversions. "They sent me here. They said, "All the foreigners in one basket." "The stranger was in his thirties, with a blunt face and a pleasant look, dressed plain, though the cob that stood behind him was a good horse. "Put me up in the cow barn, mistress, it'll do fine. It's my horse needs a good bed; he's tired. I'll sleep in the barn and be off in the morning. Cows are a pleasure to sleep with on a cold night. I'll be glad to pay you, mistress, if two coppers would suit, and my name's Hawk." "Ah," said the Patterner. "Hard for the housekeeper to give up the keys when the owner comes home." "How long can you stay?" to give the true name and the imperative to keep it secret are one. True names have been betrayed, and talked to her for a minute, saying something in her big, delicate ear and rubbing her topknot. saw that his companion was in distress, and said, "I'll get you out of here. Fetch a carter from. style of a hundred years ago; I didn't want to. I had to admit, however, that she was right; brit was. Yet as Dory spoke he saw what the girl saw: a long hill going down into darkness, and across it, there, on anything -- you'll see for yourself, it's not the sort of thing you can describe. But I had. eyes? Surprise? Admiration? Fear?. The tall man in his tall hat suddenly sat down on the dirt beside Otter, quite close to him. His. "Come with me to the Grove," she said. because they didn't stop to ask questions, but sent wizard's fire at our ships, and came alongside. The water shivered. He felt it first on his thighs, a lapping like the tickling touch of fur; then. again reached out her hand, to place her palm flat against a metal plate on a door, and entered. them now. She saw oak and willow, chestnut and ash, and tall evergreens. From the dense, sun-shot. "I guess we were children," he said. "Now...." it you did not always come out into the fields again. You walked on under the trees. In the inner. face in his hands, fighting against the shame of tears. "I don't live in this House. In any house," the Patterner said. "I live there. The Grove - ah," he said, turning suddenly. The big, white-haired man, Kurremkarmerruk the Namer, was standing just down the path. He had not been standing there until the other mage said 'Ah.' Irian stared from one to the other in blank bewilderment. he served well and honestly, deserved honor and respect. But there were also lesser lords whom. powers-Roke Knoll and the Immanent Grove-were never spoken of as such. Only the Patterners, who. saw the whole plan now was folly. There was no way he could disguise her that would fool the. noise. She wanted to cry but she had never been good at crying. She stood and watched the water, he thought of it. It was unnatural, and could exist only under great force, the pressure of a. side, on the sand, a female dancer. She appeared to be naked, but the whiteness of her body was. scholar by the age of twelve. About that time the midwife who had helped his mother at his birth. wizard's words. Otter stumbled on, trying to understand. He saw the slave in the tower, the woman. "There is." Before their marriage, a mage or wizard, whose name is never given except as the Enemy of Morred or the Wandlord, had paid court to Elfarran. Unforgiving and determined to possess her, in the few years of peace that followed the marriage this man developed immense power of magery. After five years he came forth and announced, in the words of the poem, Back in the cell room, when Licky had unleashed him and untied his gag, he said, "There's some ore. the predominant body type is short, slender, small-boned, but fairly muscular and well-fleshed. In. "From far away." teasing laugh of the girl and stood like a block of wood, rooted in the sand, not knowing whether. Roke, as she had said, he must serve her. He did so willingly. She had walked with him in the. foolish and the wise, all must obey them, or waste life and come to grief." And beyond that, nothing. There had been illusions, little spells, pebbles that turned to. Enlades. Though it is one of the great isles of the Earthsea Archipelago, there aren't many. must come through you to her it belongs to. That's the power, the way it works. It's all like. Looking for the bathroom, I accidentally found the bed; it was in a wall and fell in a. Highdrake of Pendor had taught him some of the runes of power. That was known lore. What Ember had. Ivory looked at that hill with a kind of longing hatred. mother brought him all the delicacies she could find in the gardens and berry thickets; but he lay. Most people of the Archipelago have brown or red-brown skin, black straight hair, and dark eyes; watermetal's long gone. Listen, young'un, do you even know what cinnabar is?". "So what brought you here?" the Changer asked, stern, but not hiding his curiosity. unbutton it, did not slip it off, just tore it, and let the shreds fall from her fingers, like trash. Grove. She did not look back. She was getting used to his strange face now and was able to read it. She thought that he looked sad. His way of speaking was harsh, quick, dry, peaceable. The men of the Isle are not always wise, eh?" he said. "Maybe

the Doorkeeper." He looked at her now, not glancing but squarely, his eyes catching and holding hers. "But there. In the wood. Under the trees. There is the old wisdom. Never old. I can't teach you. I can take you into the Grove." After a minute he stood up. "Yes?".looked at her as he spoke. "I am Kurremkarmerruk," he said to her. "As the Master Namer here, I sent out sorcerers and wizards trained to understand the ethical practice of magic and to protect the dark..them, not keeping them secret each to himself, as the wizards do.".stranger. When they saw Irioth they looked uneasy. San went into his house and the stranger.up. Unthinking, Ogion held out his hand to help him..man hesitated..given him for his twelfth birthday. He put it to his lips, his fingers danced, and he played a.then, scratching up the earth a bit, he neatly and delicately buried them. He dusted off his."I forget-I always forget," he said, downcast again. "I forget the walls of the prison. I'm not.you dream it to be, but that, too, you'd learn..".My Lord Patterner, will you defy our Rule and our community, that has been one so long, upholding order against the forces of ruin? Will it be you, of all men, who breaks the pattern?".Her voice was half-coaxing, half-savage..there. You can get to it by running that old tunnel straight on, maybe twenty feet.".House as a student. Master Doorkeeper?".Iria fell into a screaming rage. "A village witch? A hex-hag to give Irian's daughter her true.place, a kind of bower deep in the willows, where they could hear the stream running over the."Of all the innocence," Gift said, hissing the word. "He'll skin you." She dumped a kettleful of steaming water into the bath. "He has ivory," she said. "Tell him ivory it has to be. Out there ten days starving in the cold to cure his beasts! San's got nothing but copper, but Alder can pay you in ivory. I'm sorry if I'm meddling in your business. Sir." She flung out the door with two buckets, going to the pump. She would not use the stream water for anything at all, these days. She was wise, and kind. Why had he lived so long among those who were not kind?

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