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The Old Powers," Irian said..small plate in front of each of us and with two lightning movements threw on each plate a portion."Woven cloth we're looking for, and the undyed thread, and other things too--buttons we're short.Morred's pledge, the ring that bore the Rune of Peace..His mind wandered. "Eyelash" in the True Speech is siasa, he read, and he felt eyelashes brush his."Why don't you sit down?".Roke; and the man Otter or Tern came from there, though originally from Havnor; and they held him.A tale of the Vedurnan or Division, known in Hur-at-Hur, says:.like the cornerstone of an earlier, forgotten house down in the cellar of a mansion full of

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AM].prosperity of the Inner Lands, which brought constant boat traffic even out in the West Reach. For.She lay awake in the little house, feeling the air stifling and the ceiling pressing down on her., wizards, for the rest of their lives..Night had come. Gift's lamp had flickered out. Only the red glow of the fire shone on Hawk's face. It was not the face she had thought it. It was worn, and hard, and scarred all down one side. The hawk's face, she thought. She held still, listening.."I cannot read them." Otter's voice was toneless. "I cannot go there. No one can enter there in.left the Book of Names with a woman in the Ninety Isles for safekeeping."."I'd tell you mine," she said. "If that... if that's how we should begin."..continue to exist in both forms. The many written copies of the ancient texts serve to keep them.straight, unmoved. The city shuddered and stood still. It was Ogion who stopped the earthquake..The Song of the Young King, sung annually at Sunreturn, the festival of the winter solstice, tells the story of Morred, called the Mage-King, the White Enchanter, and the Young King. Morred came of a collateral line of the House of Enlad, inheriting the throne from a cousin; his forebears were wizards, advisers to the kings..years of peace that followed the marriage this man developed immense power of magery. After five.right, then, though the word "change" rang and rang in his head.."Not many come here to the High Marsh," she said. "Peddlers and such. But not in winter."..Dragonfly peered close at Rose's work. Rose brought out a maggot, dropped it, spat on it, and.these festivals, and, perhaps, in the performance of spells of magic..honour her inheritance and be true to Iria. She drank the wine, but she hated the curses and.the top of his staff, a light staff of some greyish wood. The door opened as a resonant voice.away, instead of sinking into the blank misery of all his nights in that room, he stayed awake.,among those silent, sunlit roads and fields and in the kitchens by the hearths where housewives.because they didn't stop to ask questions, but sent wizard's fire at our ships, and came alongside.He planned, as soon as they took him out of his cell, to use the old Changers spell of self-.up from Gont Port, last spring, to lay a floor in the old house. They had had one of their.HISTORY OF THE

ARCHIPELAGO.That night, over supper at the waterfront inn, she asked with unusual timidity in her voice, "Do I.more to the trees, where she went alone, as far as the mind can go. Medra walked there too, but."Well, so I have to learn from him," said Dragonfly..know what's in it, but to a stranger one always gives brit."..fate had shaken him. There was something mysterious in it, some element or some person missing..result had not been the melting eagerness it had produced in girls he had used it on in Havnor and.pure, making his subjects pure!" He drew Otter to the edge of the roasting pit. His eyes shone in.flowed out of it.."Sparrowhawk loved him. So did we all."..hunting for me through all the infors of this station-city..the trees. "Stay tonight. You will?". "Stand!" he said to it in its language, and let go of it. It stood as if he had driven it into a.register but dark-toned, and held to an even quietness, contained, restrained. She perched on a."Everything. When I left -- don't take this in bad part -- a girl like you would not have.nominative formed from the Old Hardic verb seoge, "make, shape, come intentionally to be." From.The Doorkeeper bowed his head a little. A very faint smile made crescent curves in his cheeks. He stood aside. "Come in, daughter," he said..He spent the whole afternoon in confusion, angry. When Ember came out of the Grove to her leafy bower upstream, he went there, carrying Veil's basket as an excuse. "May I talk to you?" he said.."Before the dragon came, the Summoner too had returned from death, where he can go, where his art can take him. He had seen our lord and the young king there, in that country across the wall of stones. He said they would not come back. He said Lord Sparrowhawk had told him to come back to us, to life, to bear that word. So we grieved for our lord..Licky was his master.."Will you come with me?" the Patterner said to Irian.."I'll be in the Grove," she said. "And my heart with you, my dark otter, my white tern, my love, Medra."..frightened. He stood still and looked at the people who came to meet him..with eagerness..watermetal's long gone. Listen, young'un, do you even know what cinnabar is?".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.."I will," said Ivory, with a wink at Dragonfly. She, well disguised in dirt and a farmhand's old."Crafty men need to stick together," he said. "Men who have no art at all, nothing but wealth-they.respectability, without this sea voyage, without having to go all the way to Roke for it! For he.We entered a small bright room. Instead of a ceiling it had long rows of tiny flames, like.certain. He turned to another passage and compared the two, and brooded over the book late into.Very slowly they made him understand that one of the women was Anieb's mother, and that he should."If you're a dowser, better dowse," said Licky, coming up alongside him and looking sidelong

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AM].Gammer's ox-team; he laid the floor and polished it the next day, while the old wizard was up at."Go on," the witch murmured..early summer afternoons.."I thought it would be a spell of Change," she said..That is not what the otter was thinking as it swam fast down the Yennava. It was not

thinking. He smiled. Gift had never seen him smile. 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." Gelluk wore fantastic clothes, as many of his kind did in those days. A long robe of Lorbanery. "What, to send them back into death?" the Namer said, and the Patterner, "Who is to say what is. Then that was gone and he stood facing the witch-girl. Her look of accusation slowly changed. She put her face in her hands..strength in his arms. The dogs were leaping and snapping at his own legs now, and he was about to. Ember and to whom the memory was much clearer, told it to him fully. Ember sat with them..After a long time the young man said, "What else can I do?"..weatherworker had a bag, a great long sack or a little pouch..have great gifts?"..something inside me kept repeating: So even time has changed. That somehow did me in. I saw." "Thank you, mistress," he muttered, crouching at the fire. She brought him a bowl of broth. He drank from it eagerly yet warily, as if long unaccustomed to hot soup..Scattered references and tales from Gont and the Reaches, passages of sacred history in the Kargad Lands and of arcane mystery in the Lore of Paln, long ignored by the scholars of Roke, relate that in the earliest days dragons and human beings were all one kind. Eventually these dragon-people separated into two kinds of being, incompatible in their habits and desires. Perhaps a long geographical separation caused a gradual natural divergence, a differentiation of species. The Pelnish Lore and the Kargish legends maintain that the separation was deliberate, made by an agreement known as *verw nadan*, *Vedurnan*, the Division..and belly stung with jabs of agony, so that he looked at his body in horror for the wound; but..had seen something, something impossible to see, and it was of this that she sang. I was afraid..though the stays held. The sail struck the water, filled, and pulled the galley right over, the..The Changer stood silent, and then he said quietly, with respect, "My friend, what is it you think to do, to learn? What is she, that you ask this for her?"..Her mother Ayo and her mother's sister Mead were wise women. They healed Otter as best they could." "They show me what I should do," Irioth said, "and who I am. They know my name. But they never say it."..change in position, but I kept forgetting. It was not pleasant -- as if someone were following my..out in a high, harsh voice. "Come up on to the hill, Thorion," she said..with a row of high pointed windows. A group of men stood there, and every one of them turned to..reeking tower at Samory. And he had seen her, years ago, in the vision of the dying healer in..transformation. He had in his day been fox, and bull, and dragonfly, and knew what it was to..to Lowbough!" His voice shook a little now, a vibrato, and his eyes were not sad, but angry..he got to his feet and went on. He never saw Anieb but he knew she was there. He followed her..wide enough. When she waded a knee-deep stream, he held on to her tail. She scrambled up the low..it thickened and darkened, creeping out over the slow waves..pit us one against the other, for their gain not ours. We sell em our power. Why do we? If we went..praying to itself. I do not know how long I watched. I had never seen anything remotely like it..Summoner, in the Language of the Making, the tongue the dragons speak.. "This is not a teller's tale, mistress. This is not a story you will ever hear anyone else tell.." "Only the Master can go there.."..was low and the air smelt fresh but sour and cattle were bawling outside. He had to lie still and..and his feet ached with the icy damp of the marsh paths.." "Even if you -"..My experiences so far did not encourage me to accost passers-by, so at random I followed a..A flicker of complacency showed in Otters tired, battered young face. "No," he said. "I don't..of his plans, an extension of himself. "Yes, yes, you will," he said, and smiled again..full of sleep and bewilderment and pain..of an impossible airplane, but remained empty; there were only the black machines, emerging..All he saw was a mist on the water, all across the sea beyond the mouth of the bay. As he watched it thickened and darkened, creeping out over the slow waves.." "Seemed odd. Old woman from a village inland, never seen the sea, calling the name of an island..In a busy street leading down to the busy wharfs of Gont Port, the wizard Ogion stopped short. The..influence events in unintended or unexpected ways..have very dark brown skin. Most Archipelagan men have little or no facial hair.." "The problem is..."..The idea of a school for wizards made him laugh. A school for wild boars, he thought, a college for dragons! But that there was some kind of scheming and gathering together of men of power on Roke seemed probable, and the idea of any league or alliance of wizards appalled him more the more he thought of it. It was unnatural, and could exist only under great force, the pressure of a dominant will..the will of a mage strong enough to hold even strong wizards in his service. There was the enemy he wanted!..know him. He knew the hand that had woven his bonds and cursed his nights, the acid taste and

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