

THE SECRET OF SHAR

glass, perfectly transparent. The entrance was nearby. Inside, someone began laughing and I should laugh or cry; the nonexistent singer hummed something softly. I did not want to listen. I. With age Hound had come to look his name, wrinkled, with a long nose and sad eyes. He sniffed and seemed about to say he did not know, but he knew better than to try to lie to Early. He sighed. "Otter," he said. "Him that killed old Whiteface." "But you do have a talent." "He lay as if dead, cold, his heart not beating, yet he breathed. The Herbal used all his art, but could not rouse him. "He is dead," he said. "The breath will not leave him, but he is dead." So we mourned him. Then, because here was dismay among us, and all my patterns spoke of change and danger, we met to choose a new Warden of Roke, an Archmage to guide us. And in our council we set the young king in the Summoner's place. To us it seemed right that he should sit among us. Only the Changer spoke against it at first, and then agreed..sometimes in another. But it is always." "Healers," their guide said. "Is she ill again, Dory?" understand the Glosses of Danemer, and keep his mouth closed..with themselves, their life. When they talked to each other it was always about what they were. Ivory departed. He did not return for two days. On the third day he rode experimentally past Old Iria, and she came striding down to meet him. "I'm sorry, Ivory," she said, looking up at him with her smoky orange eyes. "I don't know what came over me the other day. I was angry. But not at you. I beg your pardon." Diamond was listening intently, frowning a little..terrible long way down to the sea, surely. With this wizard on your scent, how are you to go. Diamond sat upright and still. He had been getting some of his father's height and girth lately, and looked very much a man, though a very young one.. "Nothing. But, then, it's only a thought, and I don't have the slightest intention. . .".socket.. "Set a price?" he flashed out. Then he remembered who he was not, and spoke humbly. "No. I. "There are no dangerous jobs." dances, races, sacrifices, carvings, songs, music, and silence. Worship was both casual and..story of Ged and Tenar had reached its happily-ever-after, I gave the book a subtitle: "The Last. Of late, entering always deeper into the mysteries of a certain lore-book brought back from the Isle of Way by one of Losen's raiders, Gelluk had become indifferent to most of the arts he had learned or had discovered for himself. The book convinced him that all of them were only shadows or hints of a greater mastery. As one true element controlled all substances, one true knowledge contained all others. Approaching ever closer to that mastery, he understood that the crafts of wizards were as crude and false as Losen's title and rule. When he was one with the true element, he would be the one true king. Alone among men he would speak the words of making and unmaking. He would have dragons for his dogs..I had thought, upon entering, that the wall opposite the door was of glass, and that through..born. A good deal about Earthsea, about wizards, about Roke Island, about dragons, had begun to..Only after the woman sank into sleep did Dory move, going to help Rush, who as a friend and..at him. "My name is Irian," she said..sailing up from Wathort. Maybe the lords there had heard there was a great fleet coming raiding..gesture..go there!"..there, be nice," I said. He couldn't be real -- a phantom, like the singer, like the ones down by the..second day he was there, she told him to come with her and led him very far into the wood. They..Lovers? Acquaintances? Abs was right after all when he said that I wouldn't be able to manage. "It's not my word, it's Waris's. But they've refused. They want the Rule of Roke to separate men..and inkpots and writings, two or three boys seated at the table, and the grey-haired, stocky man..someone were at my heels. The next street headed up and ended at an escalator. I thought that..shadows streaked the hillsides..The wind blew in the dry grass.. "I'll bring food," he said, and strode on, quickening his pace so that he vanished soon, though not so abruptly as the Namer, in the light and shadow under the trees. Irian watched till he was certainly gone and then made her way through high grass and weeds to the little house..principalities: the House of Enlad, the oldest, tracing direct descent from Morred and Serriadh; Erreth-Akbe's gifts in magic became apparent when he was still a boy. He was sent to the court to be trained by the wizards there, and the Queen chose him as a companion for her son..here either. Miles off." He gestured northward. "You might come there when you're done with the..the boys his age in town and all the girls too. The young people danced, and some of them had a..me was a wall-sized television screen. The volume was off. Now, from a sitting position, I saw an.. "They don't need a weatherworker on a night like this, and they haven't paid me yet," Medra said to his conscience. He had waked from his dream with the name Roke in his mind. Why had he never heard of the isle or seen it on a chart? It might be accursed and deserted as they said, but wouldn't it be set down on the charts?. Back in the cell room, when Licky had unleashed him and untied his gag, he said, "There's some ore there. You can get to it by running that old tunnel straight on, maybe twenty feet."..change being. But this was different, this slow enlargement. I am vastening, he thought..the stable boy back into his own shape, they tied up the child again, and gagged his mouth, and..I paced the room. She followed me with her eyes, as if I were. . . as if she stood in a cage.. "Those are spells of illusion only, of seeming. But there are true changes, and true summonings. And these may be true temptations to the wizard! It's a wonderful thing to fly on the wings of a falcon, mistress, and to see the earth below you with a falcon's eye. And summoning, which is naming truly, is a great power. To know the true name is to have power, as you know, mistress. And the summoner's art goes straight to that. It's a wonderful thing to summon up the semblance and the spirit of one long dead. To see the beauty of Elfarran in the orchards of Solea, as Morred saw it when the world was young..."..set in the lid, which seemed a kind and pretty gift to Diamond and his mother. But Golden was a..Golden did not like the child. She was both outspoken and defensive, both rash and timid. She was..shore of Ilien, taking what they wanted, and did the same on Vissti and Kamery, looting what they.. "I cannot read them." Otter's voice was toneless. "I cannot go there. No one can enter there in..stems, and the scattered glow in their hair -- a luminescent powder? A narrow passage led me to a..The Song of the Young King, sung annually at Sunreturn, the festival of the winter solstice, tells.. "But outside Roke," said Medra, "there are

common people who slave and starve and die in misery..freedom is a thing we study. You came here through the walls of our prison. Seeking freedom, you. creatures of the Grove. As he had said, he did not try to teach her. When she asked about the. spreading and wandering, making a marsh of it, a big, desolate, waterland with a far horizon, few. then slowly turned her wrist and opened her hand palm out, as if in offering. He had seen Anieb. castration and butchery. He had a pleasure in their trust in him, a pride in it. He should not., the message that Elfarran had escaped with the baby to an islet in the Jaws of Enlad.. Anieb kept a better pace than seemed possible in a woman so famished and destroyed, walking almost. Tern left late that year on his journey. He had with him a boy of fifteen, Mote, a promising weatherworker who needed training at sea, and Sava, a woman of sixty who had come to Roke with him seven or eight years before. Sava had been one of the women of the Hand on the isle of Ark. Though she had no wizardly gifts at all, she knew so well how to get a group of people to trust one another and work together that she was honored as a wise woman on Ark, and now on Roke. She had asked Tern to take her to see her family, mother and sister and two sons; he would leave Mote with her and bring them back to Roke when he returned. So they set off northeast across the Inmost Sea in the summer weather, and Tern told Mote to put a bit of magewind into their sail, so that they would be sure to reach Ark before the Long Dance. "It's common talk, I think," said Dragonfly, with her grave simplicity.. If the young sorcerer was seeking experience, he did not get much at Westpool. Whenever Birch had in the darkness of the earth. She was utterly content to be there. Yet always, without discontent. red ridge of the mountain in the dawn.. become himself. A magic greater than his own prevailed here.. mortally cold that she came close up against him for the warmth of his body. They stood so for a. "What is that? ". commerce with any other people. "We can't save them," Ember said. "We couldn't save ourselves." "They're coming," the Doorkeeper said. Men were coming through the gardens and up the path from the. had found a ship to take him back to Havnor. He had told her he'd never go back to Westpool; the. He watched the staff that stood on the shining floor. In a little while he saw it quiver very slightly, a shiver, a tremble.. He stopped in front of her. She felt herself blush, her face and throat burning, dizzy, her ears. "So, to be blunt about it, if you have this gift, Diamond, it's of no use, directly, to our business. It has to be cultivated on its own terms, and kept under control -- learned and mastered. Only then, he said, can your teachers begin to tell you what to do with it, what good it will do you. Or others," he added conscientiously.. shouted over the sound of a loudspeaker that repeated, "Meridional level, Meridional, change for. On the High Marsh Dragonfly. invasion. Venway, Torheven and the Torikles, Spevy, Perregal, and parts of Gont were under Kargish." "It can do it by itself," Diamond said, and held out the fife away from his lips. His fingers danced on the stops, and the fife played a short jig. It hit several false notes and squealed on the last high note. "I haven't got it right yet," Diamond said, vexed and embarrassed.. gift." the weakness of the old darkness came into Erreth-Akbe's limbs., apparently on contact with air. She sat down and, touching the glass with her lips, casually asked:. highly strung, and worn out, having walked forty miles in sixteen hours without food.. "Another?" I asked, when she had finished hers. She smiled, shaking her head. On the. fellow that's been here before, from the south coast, and so San hired him. You work for me and. lives in it. He found himself standing two feet back, his hands stinging and his ears ringing and. only transparent, as if molded in glass, even the seats were like glass, though soft. Without. distrust of him. She was easy with him. He meant no harm to her. She thought there was kindness in. brought me to her place at this hour." anything lost, a dropped nail, a mislaid tool, as soon as he understood the word for it. And as a. Berry ducked his head and muttered. His eyes were dull. It seemed to Irioth that the man had been. consulting her every time Diamond had a hangnail, and telling her more than she or anyone ought to. iron pot. "How do we get all that back to the village?" he asked the hinny. She looked after the. gave me courage. I stood and looked. Someone brushed by me; I caught the fragrance of. II. Ivory. She left. In the air, right before my face, against the background of the seat in front of me., The first Archmage, Halkel, abolished the title of Finder, replacing it with Chanter. The. He stood silent in the doorway. She sat on the stone floor near the crucible, her thin body. the Archipelago- perhaps to avenge the Firelord. These fiery flights caused great terror, and. a viol. "Sleeping in the sunshine, like one whose work has been well done. So you've sent them. true as he said it. Perhaps he wanted to spite them. Perhaps he wanted to get rid of them.. the Old Speech, Ember said, each of those trees had its own name. You walked on, and after a time. "Hah!" said Golden. "Well! I will say I'm glad of it, son." He ate a small porkpie in one. "Once?" she said. "Or twice?" "It isn't right. It isn't my true name! I thought my name would make me be me. But this makes it. scared cow. "Quite soon now, I think. Can you hold the Gates open, my dear?". They were not far inside the Grove, and still beside the stream, when Irian stopped, turned aside., By the beginning of autumn, Losen was hanging by a rope round his feet from a window of the New Palace, rotting, while six warlords quarreled over his kingdom, and the ships of the great fleet chased and fought one another across the Straits and the wizard-troubled sea.. escaped him.. where was old Early and had the fleet been to Roke and come back and all. Early, they said, nobody. breed modesty, sometimes, even in unlikely places. "If you were to go to Roke, I'd send a letter. the earth." Otter stated it as an unfortunate fact, not as a moral assertion. Hound looked at him with

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