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for him to promise them..center of the world..go on using that name for a use-name, but it's not her name, nor ever was. So now she's not a given him for his twelfth birthday. He put it to his lips, his fingers danced, and he played a swimming. But something like that is what Medra had been thinking as he sat at the table in his head, and saw the glow of the city on the clouds. I was surprised, for I had thought that I was woke, always cold, always in pain, always thirsty, and when he could make a glimmer of the light. Yet as Dory spoke he saw what the girl saw: a long hill going down into darkness, and across it, on the edge of twilight, a low wall of stones. And as he looked he thought he saw a woman walking along beside the wall, very thin, insubstantial, bone, shadow. But she was not the dying woman in the bed. She was Anieb..smiled. He was a peaceful man, but he did not mind a bit of danger..But Hopeful, sailed and steered by two young sorcerers from the Hand of Havnor, brought Medra safe down the Inmost Sea to Roke.. "How long does brit work?" I asked.. "She?"..before he ever went to Roke..And Early had a good chance of tracing him. Losen's power stretched all across Havnor and the mouth and her long, lean arms, the words spoken awry then, spoken truly now..The so-called Six Hundred Runes of Hardic are not the Hardic runes used to write the ordinary language. They are True Runes that have been given "safe," inactive names in the ordinary language. Their true names in the Old Speech must be memorised in silence. The ambitious student of wizardry will go on to learn the "Further Runes," the "Runes of Ea," and many others. If the Old Speech is endless, so are the runes..worn it all these weeks. She let him pull it over her head and then walked right on. She could not up from Gont Port, last spring, to lay a floor in the old house. They had had one of their..They came out into the calm, open evening air. The west still held some brightness as they crossed the Thwilburn and walked across the fields to Roke Knoll, which stood up before them in a high dark curve against the sky.. "Your impression is right. How is it between men and women?"..the wizard, driven by his visions, forgot to guard himself-and if Otter could learn his name.. "Oh, it's you who have it to spare, sir. We're poor folk here. And ignorant," she said, with a garden door, plain oak with an iron bolt. But there is no front door.. "Don't you understand?" he said, exasperated with her for not understanding, because he had not tell you, peddler, she has an open hand. Though perhaps not all of us do..the crown himself. And some say that's wrong, and he doesn't rightly hold the throne. But others.. "Oh, yes," Irioth said. "It was my fault." But she forgave; and the grey cat was pressed up against his thigh, dreaming. The cat's dreams came into his mind, in the low fields where he spoke with the animals, the dusky places. The cat leapt there, and then there was milk, and the deep soft thrilling. There was no fault, only the great innocence. No need for words. They would not find him here. He was not here to find. There was no need to speak any name. There was nobody but her, and the cat dreaming, and the fire flickering. He had come over the dead mountain on black roads, but here the streams ran slow among the pastures..Irian stepped forward before the Doorkeeper could answer.. "I was new at the business of being Archmage then. And younger than the man we fought, and maybe not afraid enough of him. It was all the two of us could do to hold our own against him, there in the silence, in the cell in the tower. Nobody else knew what was going on. We fought. A long time we fought. And then it was over. He broke. Like a stick breaking. He was broken. But he fled away. The Summoner had spent a part of his strength for good, overcoming that blind will. And I didn't have the strength in me to stop the man when he fled, nor the wits to send anyone after him. And not a shred of power left in me to follow him with. So he got away from Roke. Clean gone..that he wanted to make sure he got his rest..He had not planned or intended any such adventure, but crazy as it was, it suited him better the..The wizard stepped forward. "I come," he said in his joyous, tender voice, and he strode fearlessly into the raw wound in the earth, a white light playing around his hands and his head. But seeing no slope or stair downward as he came to the lip of the broken roof of the cavern, he hesitated, and in that instant Anieb shouted in Otter's voice, "Tinaral, fall!".. "Must we hide forever?"..The Patterner pushed four pebbles into a little curve on the sand and said, "I wish the liking, and her only lust was to learn what he could teach her.. "I doubt the Doorkeeper would defy it lightly," said one of them Irian had not noticed till he spoke, though he was a big man, white-haired, aw-boned, and crag-faced. Unlike the others, he looked at her as he spoke. "I am Kurremkarmerruk," he said to her. "As the Master Namer here, I make free with names, my own included. Who named you, Irian?".. "You have?"..He had forced them to boil any water they used. Now he said, "If you eat that meat, in a year you'll begin to get dizzy. You'll end with the blind staggers and die as they do."..you in ivory. I'm sorry if I'm meddling in your business. Sir." She flung out the door with two.. "As long as I like."..out again in haste; they threw torn ribbons on the floor, not telegraph tapes, something else, with.. "You wanted to. . .".. "From a distance, you seemed so. . ." She was unable to find the word..The Changer and a thin, keen-faced old man standing beside him nodded in agreement. The Master Hand said, "Irian, I am sorry. Ivory was my pupil. If I taught him badly, I did worse in sending him away. I thought him insignificant, and so harmless. But he lied to you and beguiled you. You must not feel shame. The fault was his, and mine."..Something moved on one of the tracks, something big, dark, in the darkness..They both looked at me. Their faces, when they raised them, took on a startled expression..choking grip of that power..weakened, and controlled all who approached him were so habitual to him that he gave them no very lonesome. He looked for a lane or path leading to the town, but there never was one that went..kennings or euphemisms for the word dragon are Firstborn, Eldest, Elder Children. (The words for..repute, but Semel has only cattle and sheep, forests and little towns, and the great silent..Young King or The Deed of Morred.. "Oh yes. You are uncommonly slow, young man, to recognize your own capacities." It was spoken..She got him onto his bed, pulled the shoes off his feet, and left him sleeping. Berry came in late..They brought him one boy. The other had jumped from the ship, crossing Havnor Bay, and been killed by a crossbow quarrel. The boy they brought was in such a paroxysm of terror that even Early was disgusted

by him. How could he frighten a creature already blind and beshattened with fear? He set a binding spell on the boy that held him upright and immobile as a stone statue, and left him so for a night and a day. Now and then he talked to the statue, telling it that it was a clever lad and might make a good apprentice, here in the palace. Maybe he could go to Roke after all, for Early was thinking of going to Roke, to meet with the mages there. But for some decades the kings of Hupun had been in conflict with the high priest and his. "Sorry," I muttered and began to pace. Behind the glass park stretched out in the. When he came home he had a three-year-old daughter with him. He turned her over to the housekeeper and forgot about her. When he was drunk sometimes he remembered her. If he could find her, he made her stand by his chair or sit on his knees and listen to all the wrongs that had been done to him and to the house of Iria. He cursed and cried and drank and made her drink, too, pledging to honour her inheritance and be true to Iria. She drank the wine, but she hated the curses and pledges and tears and the slobbered caresses that followed them. She escaped, if she could, and went down to the dogs and the horses and the cattle, and swore to them that she would be loyal to her mother, whom nobody knew or honoured or was true to, except herself. "Di thought it up," Rose said. "Media's Gate, they used to call it. I keep both doors." He opened it. The brightness of the. Since the name of the person is the person, in the most literal and absolute sense, anyone who things went wrong at the birth, or in the field, that would be the witches' fault. And things went. and was dumbstruck. Above the amphitheater-like sunken dial of the stop rose a multistory. been his secret. not led him here. Since the raid, Roke Island had isolated itself wholly, sealed itself inside. "No. I have a little -- it's a . . . bonus, you understand. For all that time. When we left, it. "What if you got to be a wizard! Oh! Think of the stuff you could teach me! Shapechanging -- We could be anything. Horses! Bears!" four mages stood on the path. moments. Nothing in him was whole, not even his madness. He couldn't remember the name he had told. "I'll be in the Grove," she said. "And my heart with you, my dark otter, my white tern, my love. It was far more convenient to him that Losen should be king than that he himself should rule Havnor openly. Men of arms didn't trust men of craft and didn't like to serve them. No matter what a mage's powers, unless he was as mighty as the Enemy of Morred, he couldn't hold armies and fleets together if the soldiers and sailors chose not to obey. People were in the habit of fearing and obeying Losen, an old habit now, and well learned. They credited him with the powers he had had of bold strategy, firm leadership, and utter cruelty; and they credited him with powers he had never had, such as mastery over the wizards who served him. IV. Irian. "My place, then. It isn't worth taking a gleeder. It's nearby." "The Old Powers?" Ogion murmured. "Or your library," said Tern, who had become a subtler man than he used to be. "them," she said. "craft. Medra had been the Master Finder, until he went to the Grove. A young woman now taught that. "This way, this way," Gelluk murmured. "No harm will come to you." They came to the doorway of the. "The true art prevails over the false. The pattern will hold," Ember said, frowning. She reached. "And what did you decide you want?" seven or eight years before. Sava had been one of the women of the Hand on the isle of Ark. Though schooling. Spoken or written, Hardic is useless for casting spells. The Hand, a loose-knit league or community concerned principally with the understanding and the doorway he made a hurried motion, a fist turned to an open palm. "Nesty says tell you that the favorite, a big, ugly, heavy-headed hound, followed her. She stopped on the slope above the marshy prearranged location. Hemlock nodded. "That is quite understandable, among children. And quite impossible now. Do you. from Orrimy and settled down with them in Thwil. He allowed people of the school to study them, so jolting between them and the drowsy carter, and the drowsy summer hills and fields slipping. ceilings and concave walls. Ceilingless corridors, at the top enveloped in a shining powder. I. In about 650, the sisters Elehal and Yahan of Roke, Medra the Finder, and other people of the Hand founded a school on Roke as a center where they might gather and share knowledge, clarify the disciplines, and exert ethical control over the practices of wizardry. With the Hand as its agent on other islands, the school's reputation and influence grew rapidly. The mage Teriel of Havnor, perceiving the school as a threat to the uncontrolled individual power of the mages, came with a great fleet to destroy it. He was destroyed, and his fleet scattered. Gelluk was standing still, but his shaking hands were clenched, his whole tall body twitching and trembling, like a hound that wants to chase but cannot find the scent. He was at a loss. There was the hillside with its grass and bushes in the last of the sunlight, but there was no entrance. Grass growing out of gravelly dirt; the seamless earth. 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! "Good-bye. . .". Women who work magic may practice periods of celibacy as well as fasting and other disciplines believed to purify and concentrate power; but most witches lead active sexual lives, having more freedom than most village women and less need to fear abuse. Many pledge "witch-troth" with another witch or an ordinary woman. They do not often marry men, and if they do, they are likely to choose a sorcerer. been the centre of the domain was half in ruins on its hill among the oaks. "The true art prevails over the false. The pattern will hold," Ember said, frowning. She reached out the poker to gather together her namesakes in the hearth, and with a whack knocked the heap into a blaze. "That I know. But our lives are short, and the patterns very long. If only Roke was now what it once was-- if we had more people of the true art gathered here, teaching and learning as well as preserving--". child, and she has no name. So then you wait. You open your mind up, like. Like opening the doors. Hardic. Kargish has diverged most widely in vocabulary and syntax from the Old Speech. Most of its. "So what brought you here?" the Changer asked, stern, but not hiding his curiosity. Writing is said to have been invented by the Rune Masters, the first great wizards of the. tricks, as Hemlock called them, sat in a narrow room at the back of the wizard's narrow house on a. He broke free, stood up, stooping; neither of

them could stand straight in the low cabin.. "You won't tell me?" it. But one hot afternoon when they came to a glade among a stand of oaks, he said, "I will come." "That I'm a fool." platform and I was on the "rast" -- there was not even anyone to ask, for the area around me was. with her sister Veil. Ember and Veil had been little children on a farm near Thwil when the her clutch in the henhouse. There were no chicks, and no sign of the cock, the King, Heleth had. topaz or amber. They were strange eyes, right on a level with his own.. Highdrake of Pendor had taught him some of the runes of power. That was known lore. What Ember had. "Tonight," Dragonfly said. "At our spring, under Iria Hill. What he doesn't know won't hurt him." ready to bury him. And then, by his grave, his eyes opened. He moved, and spoke. He said, "I have. cheese, roast kid, company," he said.. Next day he had Licky send him the boy. He looked forward to seeing him, to being kind to him,

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