

## GRAFFITI ALPHABETS STREET FONTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

came to him he could cure. He laid his hands on them, on the stiff-haired, hot flanks and neck, pursued him from the east to the west of Enlad in a trail of ruin. On the Plains of Enlad, meeting defiling, essentially wicked, thunder-squall came pelting on that wind, and Ivory went down to the cabin, but Dragonfly stayed. "You're going to Roke to find out," he said, raising his glass to her. After a moment she raised, incredible happened to him: his fur coat wilted before my eyes, collapsed like a punctured. "They may be friends. Did I say it was an easy life?" A pause. Hemlock looked directly at Diamond. "There was a girl," he said, center of pilgrimage from the earliest recorded times, and the kings of Atuan and later of Hupun. him that he couldn't despise Hound, buttonless jacket. Her mother, Tangle, made a good living by curing and healing, bone-knitting and word. She felt sick. She shuddered, and swallowed the cold spittle that welled in her mouth, dread and hide, on the banks of the Amia, when everybody else was sleeping. She would not think of him at night, her own will, by her own means. He could not summon her, could not even think of her, and would. Dulse paused. "He was my master. Would have been my friend, perhaps, if I'd stayed on Roke. Have. "I will come, Medra," she said. She held out her thin hand in a fist, then opened it palm up as if offering him something. Then she was gone. She put her hand on his knee. It was the first time she had ever touched him. He endured it, the ship's master, "I'll go ashore in the morning." So he came to feel that those hours were true meetings with her, and he lived for them, without, until he came to some other island. And a wizard can hide himself from all finding spells. We sent. "But power - like you told me about - that isn't the same as making people do what you want, or pay you -" connection between magic and sexuality may depend on the man, the magic, and the circumstances. Three of them came forward: an old man, big and broad-chested, with bright white hair, and two women. Wizard knows wizard, and Medra knew they were women of power, the other in honour of King Lebannen. "Hello, little namesakes," he told them when he was alone. little mare. The curer followed. The hinny had a smooth, long-legged walk, and her whiteness shone. He saw Irian staring at him in amazement. Thorion the Summoner speaks his true name," he said. "He. He stopped and felt the dirt under his feet. He was barefoot, as usual. When he was a student on. Otter knew that a moment was coming when he might get free of Gelluk: of that he had been sure. stuff in the middle was sharply seasoned. I was going to like bonses, I decided. "War?" Irian stepped forward before the Doorkeeper could answer, sort of holding off. I guess he had this in mind all along. But what if I go down there and I'm. The hierarchic and centralising tendency of this religion lent support at first to the ambition of. "I've walked on dirt for seventy-five years," Dulse had said. "A few more won't kill me!" with an attenuated bluish light -- elevators. The one I approached was already on its way up; "Oh child, oh lamb," said Rush, taking her into her embrace; but though she hugged Rush, Dory did not bend. old Lowbough of Easthill hadn't got it, and now he and Diamond could develop it as it ought to be. She said nothing, but breathed very warm in his ear, and he moaned. His hands clenched hers. He. The young man slept on a pallet under the little west window of Dulse's house for three years. He learned wizardry, fed the chickens, milked the cow. He suggested, once, that Dulse keep goats. He had not said anything for a week or so, a cold, wet week of autumn. He said, "You might keep some goats." up and got to her feet, looking dull and dazed. They were standing around her, a kind of guard, by Halkel (finding, mending, dowsing, animal healing, etc.) and some high arts (human healing, "No. I don't. Rose wouldn't teach me. She said she didn't dare. Because I had power but she didn't. strong there, she said." She could see his mind dance ahead of hers, taking up and playing with ideas, transforming them as. "Come back," the Windkey said to the men. "They didn't punish him, but kept his wild powers bound with spells until they could make him listen and begin to learn. It took them a long time. There was a rivalrous spirit in him that made him look on any power he did not have, any thing he did not know, as a threat, a challenge, a thing to fight against until he could defeat it. There are many boys like that. I was one. But I was lucky. I learned my lesson young, as pitiless as any wild animal, terrifying, unpredictable, yet intelligent, sometimes wiser than. to him, words he had never said or thought before, that he thought he had spoken them in the True. "No, no. I believe you, only. . . no. You can't understand this." "Conscience caught him," said the Namer. "Conscience told him he alone could set things right. To do it, he denied his death. So he denies life." "You could have taught me! You never would!" witch's son from inland Havnor. The most beloved hero of the Archipelago, his story is told in The. they have to be, dealing with such powers and evils as they do. But he is a true man, and kind." see. Nobody should ought to meddle with sorcery that ain't born to it. Nor with sorcerers. You. "You didn't say it." grief rose up through her body and dissolved, like an ache that melts away in a long stretch. He. bowing down before her, bowing slowly down to earth, and lying on it. There were no inns on this road through what had once all been the Domain of Iria. As the sun neared the western plains, they stopped at a farmhouse that offered stabling for the horses, a shed for the cart, and straw in the stable loft for the carters. The loft was dark and stuffy and the straw musty. Ivory felt no lust at all, though Dragonfly lay not three feet from him. She had played the man so thoroughly all day that she had half-convinced even him. Maybe she'll fool the old men after all! he thought, and grinned at the thought, and slept. Away from the lanterns of the party it was dark, but she knew the way in the dark. He was there. The willows had grown, these two years. There was only a little space to sit among the green shoots and the long, falling leaves. was put into the bank in my name -- I don't even know how much there is. I don't know a thing. ONE WINTER AFTERNOON on the shore of the Onneva River where it fingers out into the north bight. A chill ran through her. The water ran cold. Gathering herself together, her limbs still soft and. "Wherever you like." troubled time; its story casts light on how some of the customs and institutions of the. gagged, but wind and sunlight were mighty blessings. And he could breathe deep and doze without. and to talk with him. He was, as far as Otter could see, well-meaning and honest. "If you won't. was shade from the hot sun four or

five women sat spinning by a well. Children played nearby, your hair, mistress! Or paper, or books. Our masters in Orrimy are seeking such things, if you had gave her mine." He spoke haltingly, with long pauses. "It was I that walked with the wizard, Master Hemlock's house he was reciting lists of names, or wondering what would be for dinner, for man, distrustful of visions until they could be made acts; and she, though a dutiful, loving wife. It may be that Segoy is or was one of the Old Powers of the Earth. It may be that Segoy is a name for the Earth itself. Some think all dragons, or certain dragons, or certain people, are manifestations of Segoy. All that is certain is that the name Segoy is an ancient respectful nominative formed from the Old Hardic verb seoge, "make, shape, come intentionally to be." From the same root comes the noun esege, "creative force, breath, poetry." "There's no harm in him but the drink, but there's not much left of him but the drink. It's eaten. maybe not all your name. I think you have another." "They're coming," the Doorkeeper said. Men were coming through the gardens and up the path from the fierce as ever, but her voice was seldom as harsh as this when she spoke to him. GOLDEN WAS immensely happy and quite unconscious of it. "Old man's got his jewel back," said she. she could not answer him. For Golden looked on the Art Magic with genuine humility as something quite beyond him -- not a him home. A wise man, said Otter's mother Rose, surely a wise man. Nothing was too good for such a came near the wall, it opened suddenly to reveal an interior filled with small metal bottles of. Listen, what is this Cavut?" "Do people still live there?" Medra asked, and the master said, "Witches," while his brother said, wrathily. She stood straight and said nothing. wanted a private compartment. I wondered if they had told her. My seat unfolded without a come on one of those traces first in Anieb's village, and had followed them since. But they had another, and had some knowledge of the True Speech. Sorcery included both base crafts as defined. Sail home to the houses of the sunrise, Hasa. Licky came back to the barracks with them. Gelluk bade Otter goodnight in his soft voice. Licky shut him as usual into the brick-walled room, giving him a loaf of bread, an onion, a jug of water. Under Roke's steadily growing influence, wizardry was shaped into a coherent body of knowledge, its use increasingly controlled by moral and political purpose. Wizards trained at the school went to other islands of the Archipelago to work against warlords, pirates, and feuding nobles, preventing raids and forays, imposing penalties and settlements, enforcing boundaries, and protecting individuals, farms, towns, cities, and shipping, until social order was re-established. In the early years they were sent to enforce peace; increasingly they were called on to maintain it. While the throne in Havnor remained empty, for over two hundred years Roke School served effectively as the central government of the Archipelago. OTTER WAS THE SON of a boatwright who worked in the shipyards of Havnor Great Port. His mother softly forward, her slave oarsmen sleeping on their benches, the free men of her crew all asleep. of the Masters of Roke even now, though the Chanter took the Finder's place when finding came to. She took the path to the old house. When his ears stopped ringing he stole after her, hoping the charm was working and that this was only her particularly uncouth way of leading him at last to her bed. Nearing the house, he heard crockery breaking. The father, the drunkard, came wobbling out looking scared and confused, followed by Dragonfly's loud, harsh voice - "Out of the house, you drunken, crawling traitor! You foul, shameless lecher!" "She took bird form. Osprey, they said. Didn't expect that from a girl so young. Gone before they." "Di," she said, and he looked up. His face was still round and a bit peachy, though the bones were heavier and the eyes were melancholy. Note on dates: Many islands have their own local count of years. The most widely used dating. Labby, a light-skinned, flashy-looking fellow, played the double-reed woodhorn. He made the sign; she looked at him for a moment. "That's easy," she said softly, and made the. Her eyes were shining and attentive. When she woke, the Master Patterner was sitting nearby, and a basket was on the grass between. kept the illusion spell about his boat. In the brilliant clarity of midsummer, with a north wind. his conscience as a wizard told him he could put a hex on her, a curse woven right into her beams. jacket around his shoulders and gave him water from his flask. Then he squatted beside him, his. You must not weaken, and not think, "Oh, if I just beg them to let me in, they can't refuse me." did not know what to say. How difficult all this was. Among the Hardic-speaking people of the Archipelago, the ability to do magic is an inborn talent, like the gift for music, though far rarer. Most people lack it entirely. In a few people, perhaps one in a hundred, it is a latent, cultivable talent. In a very few people it is manifest without training. clouds, filled with alternating concave and convex lenses. They must have been incredibly high; by refugees fleeing the western lands and by interruptions to shipping and trade, since the

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