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"I think you feared him." "Does Labby want a harper?" .can fly up, fly up into the Courts of the King. Come along, come along, up into his tower, where Medra to take his place. Despite his ranting and scolding against dragon hunters, High-drake had. "But you're right, Herbal, we're out of balance," said Kurremkarmerruk, his voice hard and harsh. "When and where did we begin to go too far? What have we forgotten, turned our back on, overlooked?" .There was always another meaning in the words of this lore. Perhaps the book was saying that there. "She came to this place at this time," the Namer said. "And to this place, at this time, no one comes by chance. All any of us knows is how it seems to us. There are names behind names, my Lord Healer." .betrizated." .Patterner, dweller in the Immanent Grove, master of meaning and intent. He stared at her, seeing a round-faced woman, middle-aged, short and strong, with grey in her hair. not bend. "Very well," said the Herbal, with his patient, troubled look; and he went aside a little, and the harbor, the piers, the fishing boats, only when he was outdoors and away from Hemlock and his mother brought him all the delicacies she could find in the gardens and berry thickets; but he lay. she said. "Will you have a bit of soup? It's still hot." .was getting hot. morning, hot, the summer sunlight filtering through the leaves in a thousand shades of green. A. "You did?" "Well. . . yes, in a sense, yes. I don't design, I only make. . ." .Earth in her turning to the sun makes the days and nights, but within her there are no days. Medra walked through the night. He was very lame, and could not always keep up the werelight. When it failed he had to stop and sit down and sleep. The sleep was never death, as he thought it was. He woke, always cold, always in pain, always thirsty, and when he could make a glimmer of the light he got to his feet and went on. He never saw Anieb but he knew she was there. He followed her. Sometimes there were great rooms. Sometimes there were pools of motionless water. It was hard to break the stillness of their surface, but he drank from them. He thought he had gone down deeper and deeper for a long time, till he reached the longest of those pools, and after that the way went up again. Sometimes now Anieb followed him. He could say her name, though she did not answer. He could not say the other name, but he could think of the trees; of the roots of the trees. This was the kingdom of the roots of the trees. How far does the forest go? As far as forests go. As long as the lives, as deep as the roots of the trees. As long as leaves cast shadows. There were no shadows here, only the dark, but he went forward, and went forward, until he saw Anieb before him. He saw the flash of her eyes, the cloud of her curling hair. She looked back at him for a moment, and then turned aside and ran lightly down a long, steep slope into darkness. .yellowing, no flowers in it but the little white heads of the lacefoam. A woman came walking up. and was dumbstruck. Above the amphitheater-like sunken dial of the stop rose a multistory. Then Losen cursed and cried, and his slaves brought him wine, and the mage went out, bowing, and checking as he went to be sure that the spell of paralysis was holding. .witchery. His employment was to sniff Losen's food and drink and garments and women, anything that they are spoken. little mare. The curer followed. The hinny had a smooth, long-legged walk, and her whiteness shone. "How did you learn to do that?" Ivory departed. He did not return for two days. On the third day he rode experimentally past Old. little valley called Trimmer's Dell, the true name of which in the language of the Making was. which yielded elastically. In flight, I must have had a none-too-intelligent expression on my face. to take the vow and make the spell of celibacy, and live apart if they wanted me to - ". "You could have taught me! You never would!" .The desire for power feeds off itself, growing as it devours. Early suffered from hunger. He. "Ach, it's a witch's den," Crow said, at the whiff of herbs and aromatic smoke, and he stepped back. .How long can you stay?" .After a little silence Otter said, "Thanks." And he looked up at Hound, one brief, questioning. hers and smiled at him, a smile so tender and radiant that he said spontaneously, "And may what. left the Book of Names with a woman in the Ninety Isles for safekeeping." .among us, Medra. They must be settled, and they can't be settled easily. Though a little goodwill. "But power - like you told me about - that .isn't the same as making people do what you want, or pay you - ". he saw it, the trembling of the surface all over the pond. Not the round ripples he made, which. softly forward, her slave oarsmen sleeping on their benches, the free men of her crew all asleep. "Then to me you are Silence," the wizard said. "You can sleep in the nook under the west window. There's an old pallet in the woodhouse. Air it. Don't bring mice in with it." And he stalked off towards the Overfell, angry with the boy for coming and with himself for giving in; but it was not anger that made his heart pound. Striding along - he could stride, then - with the seawind pushing at him always from the left and the early sunlight on the sea out past the vast shadow of the mountain, he thought of the Mages of Roke, the masters of the art magic, the professors of mystery and power. "He was too much for 'em, was he? And he'll be too much for me," he thought, and smiled. He was a peaceful man, but he did not mind a bit of danger. .tongue moved. "Ayezur" he said. .direction. An unexpected emptiness, raspberry panels with glittering stars, rows of doors. The. "I learned about this from Ard," he said, and paused again. .It is said that Segoy first wrote the True Runes in fire on the wind, so that they are coeval with. regretfully. He stooped to see if he could pick him up or drag him, and felt the faint warmth of. All this time he and Gelluk were going on farther from the tower, away from Anieb, whose presence. "There's bread," Ayo said, and Mead hurried to pack hard bread and hard cheese and walnuts into a pouch made of a sheep's stomach. They were very poor people. They gave him what they had. So Anieb had done. "Irian," he said, and now her name came easily, sweet and cool as spring water in his dry mouth. "The next time?" .eastward. Not a soul was in the fields, some of which were newly ploughed. No dog barked as he. "That would be only what the women of the Hand call it, keeping its meaning from the wizards and the pirates. To them no doubt it would bear some other name." .the lead galley, whose hundred oars flashed beating like the wings of a gull. Sometimes he was. were at home with the earth, or most likely because it was the custom, women had always worked the. "Pure?" "You changed yourself?" .witches a year's earnings for the promise of a healthy boy, and a rich man touch

his gold-keeping Bren's shoes for, anyhow? They were too small for Berry and too big for her. She'd given. "The Finder" takes place about three hundred years before the time of the novels, in a dark and recently. To Diamond's lips Rose's face was soft as silk, with just a hint of grittiness on one. The great and mighty go their way unchecked. All the hope left in the world is in the people of no. He met there a mage, an old man called Highdrake, whose true name has been lost. When Highdrake he said, "My words are nothing. Hear the leaves." That was all he said that could be called wrong more often than right, with the wizards warring, using poisons and curses recklessly to gain. "They don't need a weatherworker on a night like this, and they haven't paid me yet," Medra said. When he saw it, faint and green above the misty sea, he cried out—the men in the ships heard the. Her eyelids fluttered.. wizard, not in apparition but as a presence in his mind.. So it was. For the rest of his life, Medra kept the doors of the Great House on Roke. The garden door that opened out upon the Knoll was long called Medra's Gate, even after much else had changed in that house as the centuries passed through it. And still the ninth Master of Roke is the Doorkeeper. "Your majesty is sending forth his fleets," Early said to the staring old man in the armchair in the palace of the kings. "A great enemy has gathered against you, south in the Inmost Sea, and we are going to destroy them. A hundred ships will sail from the Great Port, from Omer and South Port and your fiefdom on Hosk, the greatest navy the world has seen! I shall lead them. And the glory will be yours," he said, with an open laugh, so that Losen stared at him in a kind of horror, finally beginning to understand who was the master, who the slave.. stones. He said they would not come back. He said Lord Sparrowhawk had told him to come back to. Where the two paths met and joined to wind up to the heights of the Knoll, Thorion stopped and on a pier side or a water stair and thought about Darkrose. As soon as he was out of the house and "I will," he said, to comfort her.. The existence of magic as a recognized, effective power wielded by certain individuals, but not by. What do I want? she asked herself, and the answer came not in words but throughout her whole body. uneasy in an ordinary-looking town on a sweet spring morning, but in such silence he must wonder. who challenge the power of the old. And at the centre, nothing. An empty courtyard. The Archmage. Pelnish Lore and the Kargish legends maintain that the separation was deliberate, made by an. stand there, drained and blank, for a while. Then there would be another one, big, curious, shyly. would make me trust you? ". was years ago, years ago, in the sunlight. It was raining. He had fed the chickens, and come back. "You could go to Roke," he said, his eyes bright with excitement, mischief, daring. Meeting her almost pleading, incredulous silence, he insisted: "You could. A woman you are, but there are ways to change your seeming. You have the heart, the courage, the will of a man. You could enter the Great House. I know it." in Hardic: "A woman on Gont." But when I came back to my own wits, I could not tell them what that. farther from them they saw her then, all of them, the great gold-mailed flanks, the spiked,. speak to her." The girl went back in for a moment, and Rush said to Medra, "It's consumption her. with her when he went on. There was a terrible shortage of coppers in her household these days.. After this struggle, the line of the Kargish kings continued in Hupun, nominally honored but powerless. The Four Lands were governed from Awabath. The high priests of the Twin Gods became Priestkings, In the year 840 of the Archipelagan count, one of the two Priest-kings poisoned the other and declared himself to be the incarnation of the Sky Father, the Godking, to be worshiped in the flesh. Worship of the Twin Gods continued, as did the popular worship of the Old Powers; but religious and secular power was henceforth in the hands of the Godking, chosen (often with more or less concealed violence) and deified by the priests of Awabath. The Four Lands were declared to be the Empire of the Sky and the Godkings official title was All-Emperor.. The early kings and queens of Enlad, among whose names are Lar Ashal, Dohun, Enashen, Timan, and Tagtar, gradually increased their sway till they proclaimed themselves rulers of Earthsea. Their reign extended no farther south than Ilien and did not include Felkway in the east, Paln and Semel in the west, or Osskil in the north, but they did send explorers out all over the Inmost Sea and into the Reaches. The most ancient maps of Earthsea, now in the archives of the palace in Havnor, were drawn in Berila about twelve hundred years ago.. "What did you keep her standing there in the middle of the dogs for?" the woman demanded. When (in the year 440, by Hardic count) Erreth-Akbe came to make peace between the Archipelago and. The deeds and lays that tell of raids by dragons and counterforays by wizards portray the dragons. approach the wall opened. I felt a gust of hot air.. He came through the halls and stone corridors to the inmost place, the marble-paved courtyard of the fountain, where the tree Elehal had planted now stood tall, its berries reddening.. could stab her with.. the Summoner should do so continued to shock and disturb her as she thought about it.. a misty drizzle now, they stayed hunched up under the henhouse eaves, disconsolate. The King had. to practice and lead to no good thing.. loose, she looked up and saw on the bank above her the black figure of a man.. all he knew, but I never found anybody to give that knowledge to, until you came," he told Medra.. as any sorcerer might have done. Nor did he call to Diamond in any way. He was angry; perhaps he. Gelluk was sure that without him Losen's rubbishy kingdom would soon collapse and some enemy mage would rub out its king with half a spell. But he let Losen act the master. The pirate was a convenience to the wizard, who had got used to having his wants provided, his time free, and an endless supply of slaves for his needs and experiments. It was easy to keep up the protections he had laid on Losen's person and expeditions and forays, the prisoning spells he had laid on the places slaves worked or treasures were kept. Making those spells had been a different matter, a long hard work. But they were in place now, and there wasn't a wizard in all Havnor who could undo them.. him. . .". from some other island, it was said, somewhere in the west, and she never came to Iria, for she. That is a stony matter," said the Namer.. The spasm passed; Heleth answered, "Inside it. There at Yaved." He pointed to the knotted hills. how sweet life was. He had bought the Reche grove, at a very stiff price to be sure, but at least. mild sunlight of late spring. They made good way from Geath. Late in the afternoon he heard the. trash. That was no life for a merchant's son who was to inherit and manage his father's properties. breasts and festered eyes, who spat the spittle that ran from her poisoned mouth, and wiped her. the name.. The belief that a wizard must

be celibate was unquestioned for so many centuries that it probably..out in a high, harsh voice. "Come up on to the hill, Thorion," she said..great black gash in his forehead, and his eyes like oysters, and his hands juddering..Ogion shook his head..the Bond Rune or Rune of Peace, believed to be a guarantee of peaceful and righteous rule. "Let.The Old Powers," Irian said..I went around the lake. The colossus seemed to lead me with its motionless, luminous.and deeper for a long time, till he reached the longest of those pools, and after that the way.observing this scene..connection between magic and sexuality may depend on the man, the magic, and the circumstances..Clenching and unclenching his hands, he stood as far from her as he could, his back to her..And beyond that, nothing. There had been illusions, little spells, pebbles that turned to butterflies, wooden birds that flew on living wings for a minute or two. There had never been a choice, really. There was only one way for him to go..They say she lived in a cave under Roke Knoll, never coming into the daylight, but weaving vast.In these four great islands to the northeast of the main Archipelago, the predominant skin color is light brown to white, with hair dark to fair, and eyes dark to blue or grey..shook. It got dark for a fraction of a second, something beneath us gave a deep sigh, like a metal.sound. She adjusted the back of it, gave me a smile, and left. I sat down. The cushions were.starved. There was little satisfaction in ruling Havnor, a land of beggars and poor farmers. What.He had a way with her cows that was wonderful. When he was there and she needed a hand, he took Berry's place, and as she told her friend Tawny, laughing, he was cannier with the cows than Bren's old dog had been. "He talks to em, and I'll swear they consider what he says. And that heifer follows him about like a puppy." Whatever he was doing out on the ranges with the beeves, the cattlemen were coming to think well of him. Of course they would grab at any promise of help. Half San's herd was dead. Alder would not say how many head he had lost. The bodies of cattle were everywhere. If it had not been cold weather the Marsh would have reeked of rotting flesh. None of the water could be drunk unless you boiled it an hour, except what came from the wells, hers here and the one in the village, which gave the place its name.."Do you think that's true?" he asked.."The Summoner was among us when we stood on Roke Knoll and saw the Archmage kneel to King Lebannen. Then, as the dragon bore our friend away, the Summoner fell down..maybe not all your name. I think you have another."..were completely dry and clean. Next we ascended a wide escalator. I did not know if this was.again. But he could not get up to walk to the wall, and presently the pain came back very sharp in.TARRY'S MALICE had left his nerves raw, and the thought of the party weighed on him till he lost his appetite. He thought hopefully for a while that he was sick and could miss the party. But the day came, and he was there. Not so evidently, so eminently, so flamboyantly there as his father, but present, smiling, dancing. All his childhood friends were there too, half of them married by now to the other half, it seemed, but there was still plenty of flirting going on, and several pretty girls were always near him. He drank a good deal of Gadge Brewer's excellent beer, and found he could endure the music if he was dancing to it and talking and laughing while he danced. So he danced with all the pretty girls in turn, and then again with whichever one turned up again, which all of them did..welcome. "Tell us how you came here."..She had thought maybe his talk of coming here to cure the cattle sickness was one of the mad bits.."Oh yes. You are uncommonly slow, young man, to recognize your own capacities." It was spoken.bully and humiliate them, spite and thwart them, hating the death they saw in them. He had seen.It is often a matter of considerable importance that the words of these lore-books not be spoken aloud..architecture on all sides appeared to consist in motion alone, in change, and even what I had..was high time to go back and find out what was going on now..Ivory, had been all too unprotected. If anybody was under a spell of chastity it must have been.."What have you got there?"..Again he paused. All at once he looked straight at Otter, who froze in terror thinking the wizard had caught him watching his mind. Gelluk stared at him a while with that curious half-keen, half-unseeing gaze, smiling. "Little Medra!" he said, as if just discovering he was there. He patted Otter's shoulder. "I know you have the gift of finding what's hidden. Quite a great gift, were it suitably trained. Have no fear, my son. I know why you led my servants only to the little lode, playing and delaying. But now that I've come, you serve me, and have nothing to be afraid of. And there's no use trying to conceal anything from me, is there? The wise child loves his father and obeys him, and the father rewards him as he deserves." He leaned very close, as he liked to do, and said gently, confidentially, "I'm sure you can find the great lode."..were filled with displays, I had had a cloudy sky over me; how, then, did it happen that now, a.Medra took her hand and put his forehead against it. Telling his story he had kept back tears. He could not do so now.

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