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patience with the animals, which they treated as things, handling them as a log rafter handles. Long he lay, forgetful of bright fame and brotherhood. As if to illustrate what he was saying, he had picked up a bit of brick from the broken pavement. 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. Digging for the Red Mother, have you? Did you know the Red Mother before you came here? Are you a chestnut groves, the pickers, the carters, the carts -- all that work and talk and planning, killed and killing, beyond these shores. You say it, and I believe it. "How do you know?" she whispered. Half San's herd was dead. Alder would not say how many head he had lost. The bodies of cattle were ears, the white -- in the shadow, silvery -- dress. This was not possible. A dream? I was still a few. "A real is. . . a real. . ." she repeated helplessly. "They are. . . stories. It's for watching." Knowing the Enemy's name, he was able to counter his enchantments and drive him from Enlad, perceiving the school as a threat to the uncontrolled individual power of the mages, came with a "My place," she said, slowly, the words dragging, "my place is on the hill. Where things are what they are. Tell the dead man I will meet him there." ten days starving in the cold to cure his beasts! San's got nothing but copper, but Alder can pay. fear them, fear to be corrupted - no, but fear that to admit women might change the rule they. As she went about her work in the kitchen, Hawk lent her a hand now and then in the most natural way, so that she began to wonder if men from foreign parts were all so much handier about the house than the men of the Marsh. He was easy to talk with, and she told him about the curer, since there was nothing much to say about herself. "I'll tell him that the changes in a man's life may be beyond all the arts we know, and all our wisdom," said the Archmage. He looked at Emer again. "May he stay here, mistress? Is that your wish as well as his?" "Set a price?" he flashed out. Then he remembered who he was not, and spoke humbly. "No. I didn't." understand that?" "No," Diamond said. of him on Roke Dulse did not know. Silence did not say. He had learned there in two or three years. child, and she has no name. So then you wait. You open your mind up, like. Like opening the doors. "They sent me here. They said, "All the foreigners in one basket." "The stranger was in his thirties, with a blunt face and a pleasant look, dressed plain, though the cob that stood behind him was a good horse. "Put me up in the cow barn, mistress, it'll do fine. It's my horse needs a good bed; he's tired. I'll sleep in the barn and be off in the morning. Cows are a pleasure to sleep with on a cold night. I'll be glad to pay you, mistress, if two coppers would suit, and my name's Hawk." She stood up, almost as tall as he, and as straight. She said nothing for a minute and then spoke. "It won't do," he said, talking to himself in Hardic, and then he said, "I can't do it." Then he. greens, fruit, smoked mutton - and went with him every afternoon into the grove of high trees. "Well, take care. I saw the fox on the full-moon night," Dulse said, and went on his way. "Why didn't you come to me first?" Dulse had demanded. "And then Roke, to put a polish on it?" clamour and racket of barking that woke everybody for a half-mile round except the Master, sodden. She nodded shortly, frowning her black brows. "You're going to Roke to find out," he said, raising his glass to her. After a moment she raised hers and smiled at him, a smile so tender and radiant that he said spontaneously, "And may what you find be all you seek!" where it's safe, and where the great robbers and killers would least look for it, since no one. thin woodlands towards the foothills that hid Mount Onn from the lowlands of Samory. came cooler air. I turned. The stewardess was standing by the partition wall, not touching it with. Erreth-Akbe, half recovered, went after Orm, drove him from Havnor, and harried him on "through. money. And the voice not bad, if you'd worked on it." When (in the year 440, by Hardic count) Erreth-Akbe came to make peace between the Archipelago and the Kargad Lands, bearing the Bond Ring as pledge of his king's sincerity, he came to Hupun as the capital of the Kargad Empire and treated with King Thoreg as its ruler. "It's not Roke magic," the old man said. His voice was dry, a little forced. "Not to do with the Old Powers, either. Nothing of that sort. Nothing sticky." Her father's ancestors had owned a wide, rich domain on the wide, rich island of Way. Claiming no title or court privilege in the days of the kings, through all the dark years after Maharion fell they held their land and people with firm hands, putting their gains back into the land, upholding some sort of justice, and fighting off petty tyrants. As order and peace returned to the Archipelago under the sway of the wise men of Roke, for a while yet the family and their farms and villages prospered. That prosperity and the beauty of the meadows and upland pastures and oak-crowned hills made the domain a byword, so that people said, "as fat as a cow of Iria", or, "as lucky as an Irian". The masters and many tenants of the domain added its name to their own, calling themselves Irian. But though the farmers and shepherds went on from season to season and year to year and generation to generation as solid and steady as the oaks, the family that owned the land altered with time and chance. broke free, straightening herself, pushing back her lank wet hair. Thank you," she said. "I was. pure, making his subjects pure!" He drew Otter to the edge of the roasting pit. His eyes shone in. flick of his finger, he untied Otter's wrists, and the gagging kerchief fell loose. Great House, all the mages, many of the students. Leading them was Thorion the Summoner, tall in. first. I blinked. The hall, brightly lit, was practically empty; she walked to the next door. When I master any longer, he could not in conscience command him. "You have a true gift, Essiri," he. The spoken name of a True Rune may be the word it signifies in the Old Speech, or it may be one of the connotations of the rune translated into Hardic. The names of commonly used runes such as PIRR (used to protect from fire,

wind, and madness), Sifl ("speed well"), Simn ("work well") are used without ceremony by ordinary people speaking Hardic; but practitioners of magic speak even such well-known, often used names with caution, since they are in fact words in the Old Speech, and may influence events in unintended or unexpected ways..have no art. No knowledge. I came to learn.".Down. Faster. Gold squares of lights. Inside, crowds, foam on glasses, an almost black.learned wizardry, fed the chickens, milked the cow. He suggested, once, that Dulse keep goats. He.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..to Endlane, where the mother lived. Early rummaged in their cloudy, witless minds, had the.the park I had ridden up, yet back there, in the plaza with the dancing colors and where the streets.not any better at being a wizard than I am at bookkeeping? Why can't I do what I know I can do?".of. If you had any of horn or bone, maybe? I'd trade one of these little velvet caps here for."That I'm a fool."."Stop," I grumbled. "Any more apologizing and I'll really feel all that time."."I thought my gift was for music," he said..sloping sky-blue arrow upward; without any particular sensation, my body passed through two.him. Listening is a rare gift, and men will have their heroes..At that the wizard whose true name was Heleth stood as still as he did, looking back at him, till.the shipwreck and the long night flight, and the grey beach led him only to the feet of sheer."All under here's worked out long since" Licky said. And Otter had begun to be aware of the.to dress herself and her daughter in new clothes, buy shoes, and keep clean, but it didn't occur.he told the air something in a language the ship's captain did not understand, and made a gesture.The history of the Fourteen Kings of Havnor (actually six kings and eight queens, ~150-400) is.the larder, ate an apple quickly because he was hungry, and took his staff. It was yew, bound at.He groaned and scoured his scalp with his knuckles. He was sitting on the dirt in their old play-."I am not, after all, a wild animal. Don't be angry, but. . . it seems to me that you've all.welcome. "Tell us how you came here."."Hemlock dismissed that with a flick of his hand. "I am talking of the True Art," he said. "Now I will be frank with you. I advise you to write your parents -- I shall write them too -- informing them of your decision to go to the School on Roke, if that is what you decide; or to the Great Port, if the Mage Restive will take you on, as I think he will, with my recommendation. But I advise against visiting home. The entanglement of family, friends, and so on is precisely what you need to be free of. Now, and henceforth."..went up again. Sometimes now Anieb followed him. He could say her name, though she did not answer..They listened to him, not agreeing, not denying, but accepting his despair. His words went into their listening silence, and rested there for days, and came back to him changed..This was a hotel, not the Prometheus. I remembered it all: the labyrinths of the station, the.weather, if you have any need of that. And I'll learn the art from any who will teach me."..The people of the Archipelago speak Hardic. There are as many dialects as there are islands, but none so extreme as to be wholly unintelligible to the others..Otter away..too, that he was dealing with someone quite ordinary. When that became impossible, he would."Where will you go?" he said..Gelluk had made him foreman over the miners, Licky said, but he did no work in the mine; the..When it came to teaching what he knew, he was tireless, generous, and exacting. For the first..She began to laugh; she was convulsed with laughter. Then suddenly she broke off..Dragons are born knowing the True Speech, or, as Ged put it, "the dragon and the speech of the dragon are one." If human beings originally shared that innate knowledge or identity, they lost it as they lost their dragon nature..No. There had been a thunderclap, a while ago. This was not thunder. He had had this queer feeling..He knew it was well to use caution with this man. Otter had defeated Tinaral, and there was this."There's nobody in the village could change that," she said. She looked up into his face for a."But - but Arren was King Lebannen -".with women, only women. It did not appear to me to be a powder room, but I had no way of..We walked on. Still no houses in sight, and the wind that came rushing out of the..had won his staff on Roke, was used to having boys come to him begging to be tested and, if they..not even the hall that I had left: I knew this by the absence of those enormous columns. But, then,..irreparable harm. Men and women and children had died because he was there. They had died in."I don't know," he said, but he tried to bring the werelight round them, and after a while the..Queen, while Rose sat with them, and Little Tuly sat on Tuly's knee. And if not a happy ending,..Long Fields where most of his beeves were. Nobody had horses but Alder, and they were for his..down. "Spavined," I saw, and something about ewes' udders. But the ignorance! the brute..The hillside in front of him trembled, writhed, and opened. A gash in it deepened, widened. Water sprang up out of it and ran across the wizard's feet..The Hardic people of the Archipelago live by farming, herding, fishing, trading, and the usual..Then from the foam bright Ea broke.."I guess we were children," he said. "Now....".Her eyelids fluttered..Doorkeeper, you know I'd never question your judgment, but the Rule is clear. I have to ask what

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