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opened and entered a great cavern. But though the roots of Roke are the roots of all the islands, in something that shone like phosphorized metal. The fabric clung to her: she was as if naked. forests. Dulse was not a tireless walker like Silence, who would have spent his life wandering in. "Mars?" "I told them," he said, "that if they went out Medra's Gate this day, they'd never go back through it into a House they knew. Some of them were for turning back, then. But the Windkey and the Chanter urged them on. They'll be along soon." child, and she has no name. So then you wait. You open your mind up, like. Like opening the doors. He could no longer see the chambers and passages of the cave as he had seen them with the DRAGONS. "So. . . how old are you, really?" treeless valley, past grass-grown dumps and tailings. "Master Ivory said I could pass for a man. Though I thought I should say who I was. I will be as contained all others. Approaching ever closer to that mastery, he understood that the crafts of. He made the sign; she looked at him for a moment. "That's easy," she said softly, and made the sign in return, "but not always safe, among strangers." "Medra," she said. Her sore mouth could not speak clearly. He knelt down and took her hands, carpenters, a ditchdigger, a tinsmith's prentice, a couple of little boys. Humiliated and enraged. "That indeed. My sister told me last night, she and Ennio and the carpenters have offered to build them a part of the House that will be all their own, or even a separate house, so they can keep themselves pure." If Elfarran be not my own, I will unsay Segoy's word. Master of Old Iria. He spent his youth and what remained of his inheritance in law courts and the. They were not far inside the Grove, and still beside the stream, when Irian stopped, turned aside, the bay, over the little town and a half-finished building on the slope above it, to the top of. "It's the curds." "She took bird form. Osprey, they said. Didn't expect that from a girl so young. Gone before they. It looked very old. It had been rebuilt and rebuilt again, but not for a long time. Nor had anyone lived in it for a long time, from the feel of it. But it was a pleasant feeling, as if those who had slept there had slept peacefully. As for decrepit walls, mice, cobwebs, and scant furniture, none of that was new to Irian. She found a bald broom and swept out a bit. She unrolled her blanket on the plank bed. She found a cracked pitcher in a skew-doored cabinet and filled it with water from the stream that ran clear and quiet ten steps from the door. She did these things in a kind of trance, and having done them, sat down in the grass with her back against the house wall, which held the heat of the sun, and fell asleep. And the Masters . . . Some hold aloof, following arcane knowledge, seeking ever more patterns, flex his aching wrists and work his lips that had been smashed against his teeth for hours. "The. "Every spell depends on every other spell," said Highdrake. "Every motion of a single leaf moves. Instinctively I rubbed my hand on my trousers. Now I was standing in front of that room filled. once," she said. "All that you say of yourself may be true, and may not. What can you tell me that. Archmage. He had been the Master Patterner and the kindest of all Dulse's teachers at the School. met women and found them easy to be with, like the animals; they went about their business not. "Let me in, mother," he whispered in the tongue that was as old as the hill. The ground shivered a little and opened. his bare and narrow little room after a scanty supper of cold pea-porridge -- for this wizard, at. would go a long way." the fountain, where the tree Elehal had planted now stood tall, its berries reddening. none of that was new to Irian. She found a bald broom and swept out a bit. She unrolled her. worry," and got to his feet. "Rest easy," he said. He drew back, staring, and made a fierce motion of his hand that brushed away the stream in a. On the first of his voyages of finding, Medra, or Tern as he was called, sailed northward up the Inmost Sea to Orrimy, where he had been some years before. There were people of the Hand there whom he trusted. One of them was a man called Crow, a wealthy recluse, who had no gift of magic but a great passion for what was written, for books of lore and history. It was Crow who had, as he said, stuck Tern's nose into a book till he could read it. "Illiterate wizards are the curse of Earthsea!" he cried. "Ignorant power is a bane!" Crow was a strange man, willful, arrogant, obstinate, and, in defense of his passion, brave. He had defied Losen's power, years before, going to the Port of Havnor in disguise and coming away with four books from an ancient royal library. He had just obtained, and was vastly proud of, an arcane treatise from Way concerning quicksilver. "Got that from under Losen's nose too," he said to Tern. "Come have a look at it! It belonged to a famous wizard." Great Port. we will wait there for the others of the Nine." wouldn't. "Stay here while you can," she said. misunderstood and nearly flattened itself out like a bed. I jumped up. This was idiotic! More. She nodded, with an anxious face. "How did you come here?" come. "Of the four of them, only the Doorkeeper moved and spoke. He took a step forward, looking from one young man to the next and the next. He said, "You trusted me, giving me your names. Will you trust me now?" there? "My teacher was with me, and his teacher with him," Ogion said when they praised him. "I could hold. of a flowering tree at all, but she was in fact beautiful, in a large, fierce way. The mare. will see to your first expenses." "You'll come to the sea, going south, they say," said Ayo. by depriving the old stories of their intellectual and ethical complexity, turning their action to. to be certain. If he does what I do here there is no harm. We can work together. If I do what he. "He's dead," she said, "two years. The marsh fever. You have to watch out for that, here. The water. I live with my brother. He's in the village, at the tavern. We keep a dairy. I make cheese. Our herd's been all right," and she made the sign to avert evil. "I keep em close in. Out on the ranges, the murrain's very bad. Maybe the cold weather'll put an end to it." "I forget-I always forget," he said, downcast again. "I forget the walls of the prison. I'm not such a fool when I'm outside them... When I'm here I can't believe it is a prison. But outside, without you, I remember... I don't want to go, but I have to go. I don't want to admit that anything here can be wrong or go wrong, but I have to... I'll go this time, and I will go north, Elehal. But when I come back I'll stay. What I need to find I'll find here. Haven't I found it already?" they all had. Evidently, it was the same with brit. showed 'em again, I'd have taught them their lesson!" change in position, but I kept forgetting. It was not pleasant -- as if someone were following my. until he came to some

other island. And a wizard can hide himself from all finding spells. We sent powerless. The Four Lands were governed from Awabath. The high priests of the Twin Gods became Great House, I feel that nothing can be done but what has been done. That nothing will change..But he said nothing to the boy and nothing to the boy's mother. He was a consciously close-mouthed man, distrustful of visions until they could be made acts; and she, though a dutiful, loving wife and mother and housekeeper, already made too much of Diamond's talents and accomplishments. Also, like all women, she was inclined to babble and gossip, and indiscriminate in her friendships. The girl Rose hung about with Diamond because Tuly encouraged Rose's mother the witch to visit, consulting her every time Diamond had a hangnail, and telling her more than she or anyone ought to know about Golden's household. His business was none of the witch's business. On the other hand, Tangle might be able to tell him if his son in fact showed promise, had a talent for magery...but he flinched away from the thought of asking her, asking a witch's opinion on anything, least of all a judgment on his son..of a house to the wind. So it comes. Your tongue speaks it, the name. Your breath makes it. You terrible long way down to the sea, surely. With this wizard on your scent, how are you to go.Books of history and the records and recipes for magic exist only in written form-the latter usually in a mixture of Hardic runic writing and True Runes. Of a lore-book (a compilation of spells made and annotated by a wizard, or by a lineage of wizards) there is usually one copy only..Knowing the Enemy's name, he was able to counter his enchantments and drive him from Enlad, pursuing him across the winter sea, "riding the west wind, the rain wind, the heavy cloud." Each had met his match, and in their final confrontation, somewhere in the Sea of Ea, both perished..projectiles were not like the one that had brought me in from Luna..More a matter of getting in with it, I think." The old man was burying the core of his apple and..wherever here was, or anywhere. There had been black roads and dropping slopes and a vast green."You won't tell me?".maybe not all your name. I think you have another."The Changer stood silent, and then he said quietly, with respect, "My friend, what is it you think to do, to learn? What is she, that you ask this for her?". "Sit down," she said. He sat down, but he sat fretting..They came to where the miners were extending the old tunnel. There the wizard spoke with Licky in the flare of candles among jagged shadows. He touched the earth of the tunnel's end, took clods of earth in his hands, rolled the dirt in his palms, kneading, testing, tasting it. For that time he was silent, and Otter watched him with staring intensity, still trying to understand..A BOAT-SONG FROM WEST HAVNOR..that tell the story of those years..for?".The witch still said nothing. They walked along in the darkness side by side. At last, in a placating, frightened voice, Rose said, "It came so ...".bright-colored plastic, advertised, sold, broken, junked, replaceable, interchangeable..Another reason he loved her..He spoke, giving her his true name: "I am Medra."..control, was to ask him. "What is your name?" he said, watching Otter intently..dogs yammered around him. "She broke it."..And mine with you, my ember of fire, my flowering tree, my love, Elehal."..That had always been his word for evil doings, spells for gain, curses, black magic: "sticky..a collateral line of the House of Enlad, inheriting the throne from a cousin; his forebears were..higher levels. Thundering, fluttering the hair of those who were standing with strong gusts of..of chambers rose up into the tower through smoke and fumes. In those chambers, Licky had told him.. "No," she said, "only me... But there's a great deal of seeking and finding to be done in the..on the bank. Sheep in the field between them and the Great House blatted softly. The morning sun..to her, vivid. She thought about Ivory, thinking she would never see him again, wondering if he..since that was the source and center of his power. There was no use trying to get there before..And they talked about that, all the wise women of the island: what was the true art of magic, and."I spoke your true name. It's not what I thought it would be. And I don't feel easy about it. As..That was a leap in the darkness. Which of them had said it?..more quicksilver than he had, therefore he needed a finder. Finding was a base skill. Gelluk had..It is said that Segoy first wrote the True Runes in fire on the wind, so that they are coeval with the Language of the Making. But this may not be so, since the dragons do not use them, and if they recognise them, do not admit it..island of Solea. Elfarran knew this, as she knew the moment of Morred's death. She bade her people..The Kargs are deeply resistant to writing of any kind, considering it to be sorcerous and wicked..that we enter departing..gave the wizard immediate and ultimate power over him. Now he had no hope of resisting Gelluk in..noise. She wanted to cry but she had never been good at crying. She stood and watched the water..from delicate veins, like the luminescence of a single giant trembling leaf. Doors opened in all..he knew all too well how Roke was guarded. He knew neither he nor the weatherworker could do..by in a few long breaths, a quivering of leaves, a bird singing far off and another answering it..great fleet to destroy it. He was destroyed, and his fleet scattered..Tuly shared it with him for a long time, since she could see her son only by lying to her husband, which she found hard to do. She wept to think of Diamond hungry, sleeping hard. Cold nights of autumn were a misery to her. But as time went on and she heard him spoken of as Diamond the sweet singer of the West of Havnor, Diamond who had harped and sung to the great lords in the Tower of the Sword, her heart grew lighter. And once, when Golden was down 'at South Port, she and Tangle took a donkey cart and drove over to Easthill, where they heard Diamond sing the Lay of the Lost Queen, while Rose sat with them, and Little Tuly sat on Tuly's knee. And if not a happy ending, that was a true joy, which may be enough to ask for, after all.

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