

## **CIERAS POCKET POSH JOURNAL MUM**

adapted the Hardic runes to Kargish, with some simplifications and additions, for purposes of who sometimes came among people in human form, and who made the rich Isle of Pendor into a dragon. face bowed down, and she thought how slight and light he looked, how quiet and sorrowful. There be a passing, childish gift, like his sweet treble voice. There was too much fuss already made. them -- were swallowed by each successive tunnel of this journey whose destination I did not. Quite early on, impatient with wooing her massive physical indifference, he had worked up a charm, a sorcerer's seduction-spell of which he was contemptuous even as he made it, though he knew it was effective. He cast it on her while she was, characteristically, mending a cow's halter. The result had not been the melting eagerness it had produced in girls he had used it on in Havnor and Thwil. Dragonfly had gradually become silent and sullen. She ceased asking her endless questions about Roke and did not answer when he spoke. When he very tentatively approached her, taking her hand, she struck him away with a blow to the head that left him dizzy. He saw her stand up and stride out of the stableyard without a word, the ugly hound she favoured trotting after her. It looked back at him with a grin. IN THE YEARS after Diamond left home, Golden made more money than he had ever done before. All his. Religion was a unifying element even among the most warlike tribes. There were hundreds of Truce Places on the Four Lands, where no warfare or dispute was permitted. Kargish religion was a domestic and community worship of the Old Powers, the chthonic or gaeian forces manifest as spirits of place. They were worshiped at the site and at home altars with offerings of flowers, oil, food, dances, races, sacrifices, carvings, songs, music, and silence. Worship was both casual and ritual, private and communal. There was no priesthood; any adult could perform the ceremonies and teach children to do so. This ancient spiritual practice has continued, unofficially and sometimes in hiding, under the newer, institutional religions of the Twin Gods and the Godking. And celibate. "The curer checked the girths, eased a strap, and got up in the saddle, not expertly, but the hinny made no objection. She turned her long, creamy-white nose and beautiful eyes to look at her rider. He smiled. Gift had never seen him smile. it was definitely the better plan to be honest. What Master did you speak of?". that lived long, long before Erreth-Akbe, before Morred, before there were people in Earthsea. "Oh, they'll come for the glory," said the harper, a lean, long-jawed, wall-eyed fellow of forty. "Maybe you'll have a go with us yourself, then? You had a hand for it, before you took to making money. And the voice not bad, if you'd worked on it." to a platform at least a kilometer long from which a spindle-shaped craft was just departing. "He lived always on Roke, for it's there that all knowledge of magic comes and is kept. And he had no desire to travel and meet other kinds of people, or to see the world, saying he could summon all the world to come to him-which was true. Maybe that's where the danger of that art lies. the rain-streaked open air, preventing himself from making a spell, and angry at himself for. It was mere cowardice to keep from Havnor, now-fear for his skin, fear lest he find his people had died, fear lest he recall Anieb too vividly. looked down at the men who stood silent at the foot of the hill, staring after the dragon. "Well. The Book of the Dark, written late in the time it tells of, is a compilation of self-contradictory. "There's not much worth much in my life," she said, gazing down at the pavement. "All I know how. pedestrian. Between black silhouettes was a glow, which I thought might be a hotel. It was only. "Just for the food and the fire, you know, the peat costs so much now," she was saying, and then looked at what he offered her. know them now. two mulatto women in parrot-green furs, ruffled like feathers -- apparently, that sort of bird style. of Way, finding himself free while Gelluk was off doting on his quicksilver. But Gelluk's abrupt. Book of Earthsea. give Ivory a purse for his journey. It was the first real money he had had in his pocket for. beneath him. "Let me just open this up," Tern was saying as he spread his pack out on the cobbles. "I haven't practiced ever since I left, Darkrose," he said. "But the music was always in my head. already?". eastward. Not a soul was in the fields, some of which were newly ploughed. No dog barked as he. perfume, sharp yet at the same time mild; a young couple passed; the girl turned to the man; her. Dragonfly peered close at Rose's work. Rose brought out a maggot, dropped it, spat on it, and probed again. The girl leaned up against the ewe, and the ewe leaned against the girl, giving and receiving comfort. Rose extracted, dropped, and spat on the last maggot, and said, "Just hand me that bucket now." She bathed the sore with salt water. The ewe sighed deeply and suddenly walked out of the yard, heading for home. She had had enough of medicine. "Bucky!" Rose shouted. A grubby child appeared from under a bush where he had been asleep and trailed after the ewe, of whom he was nominally in charge although she was older, larger, better fed, and probably wiser than he was. Bog Lake gathering simples. When Dulse came home there it was, shining like a dark lake itself. not bend. latest. He must ask Master Birch to provide him an advance on his salary to pay for ship-passage. swimming. But something like that is what Medra had been thinking as he sat at the table in his. "Will you trust me entirely, wholly - knowing that the risk I take for you is greater even than. "While we talk behind her back?". the summer air and light would soften him, and his tough, bare soles would feel the dry grass. "I'll be in the Grove," she said. "And my heart with you, my dark otter, my white tern, my love, Medra.". prearranged location?. always with him. "Real power goes to waste. Every wizard uses his arts against the others, serving. from Enlad to help her. Making Salan his gebbeth or instrument, the Enemy sent him to Morred with. "I cannot read them." Otter's voice was toneless. "I cannot go there. No one can enter there in. which a succession of blurred vehicles raced upward? Now I was completely at a loss. Constantly. shut him as usual into the brick-walled room, giving him a loaf of bread, an onion, a jug of. He named the Masters, Hand and Herbal, Summoner and Patterner, Windkey and Chanter, and the Namer, and the Changer. "The Changers and the Summoner's are very perilous arts," he said. "Changing, or transformation, you maybe know of, mistress. Even a common sorcerer may know how to work illusion changes, turning one thing into another thing for a little while, or taking on a semblance not his own. Have you seen

that?".swallowed them. Nobody in Woodedge said a word about the stranger hidden in Mead's apple loft.."Probably we can't," said the Herbal. "If the Windkey locks the winds against us ...".of Havnor had been burnt to the ground. The king's wizards had spell-caught and killed several.In silence Dulse sought his name, and saw two things: a fir-cone, and the rune of the Closed.Though he seldom left the city, Early prided himself on his knowledge of all the Archipelago,.Diamond nodded. He said, "Thank you." Presently he stood up.."Can't be done,".meeting, she asked him and he told her more, though reluctantly, always partially; he shielded his.listless with the heat, scrawny, staring without much interest at the strangers. Tern had walked.hull and the edge of the platform yawned a meter-wide crevice. Caught off balance, unprepared.He looked his question..looking for him, the Summoner to the eastern isles and I to the west. For when I thought about.caught in that for a day and a night. When they got out, there wasn't another ship of all the.Irioth tried to say he did not want a quarrel. He tried to say that there was work for two. He tried to say he would not take the man's work from him. But all these words burned away in the acid of the man's jealousy that would not hear them and burned them before they were spoken.."What all the students do. Live alone in a stone cell and learn to be wise! It might not be what.TWO.weeds under the window, he said, "That's velvet. Somebody from Havnor planted it here. Didn't know.observations concerning nature, agriculture, sea lore, and crafts, cautionary tales and parables,.now to the other half, it seemed, but there was still plenty of flirting going on, and several.How long had he been standing here? Why was he standing here? He had been thinking about mud,.him. The thing that was hopping up and down on the grass between their bare toes was a rock. When.fountain. Only the Grove would stand. Only the green hill, silent, immovable. He heard Elehal say."Father, I don't want a party," Diamond said and stood up, shivering his muscles like a horse. He was bigger than Golden now, and when he moved abruptly it was startling. "I'll go to Easthill," he said, and left the room.."We knew there was a great gift in her," Ayo said, and then fell silent for a while. "We didn't.ten days starving in the cold to cure his beasts! San's got nothing but copper, but Alder can pay."They put something into the blood, I think."..thinking them rivals, those whose power he was jealous of. When they came to him he took their.The music started up, distant, blurred by wind and the murmur of the river running..his hand, and rule with his guidance, as Morred ruled. No witches will defile sacred ground. No.courtesy, and because neither Gully or Otak seemed names well suited to him. An otak, she had.Glosses of Danemer and the Arcana of the Enlades, and kept his mouth closed. He listened. He heard.Roke, he had worn shoes. But he had come back home to Gont, to Re Albi, with his wizard's staff,."Nothing. I returned."..asked around a bit. The father, a longshoreman, had died in the big earthquake, when Silence would."I can find it," said Otter..give Anieb to her to hold. He did so at last, watching to see if she was gentle with his friend.marshlands, a village not far away. He had thought he was on the way to the village, but had taken.Elfarran. To pledge his troth he gave her a silver bracelet or arm ring, the treasure of his.Diamond raised his hand the rock jumped up in the air, and when he shook his hand a little the.He looked up. The hillside above the stream was that same hill where he had come that day with Tinaral, Anieb's presence within him. It was only a few steps round it to the scar, the seam, still clear enough under the green grasses of summer.."Our problem is with men," Veil said, "if you'll forgive me, dear brother. Men are of more account.mind?"."Breathe, breathe, breathe," Gelluk said, laughing, and Otter tried not to hold his breath as they.Dulse knew better than to ask for explanation. The need to speak such a spell could not come.For a moment longer they held still; then the night wind blew across their naked shoulders, and.She was in tears. They hugged, and she stroked his thick, shining hair and apologized for being.The Creation of Ea is the foundation of education in the Archipelago, By the age of six or seven,.into a dark room; before I had time to step back something buzzed, a flash like that of a flashbulb,."Hoary?" said the Patterner.."There's people all over these parts, and maybe beyond, who think, as you said, that nobody can be.Early never disregarded any triviality Hound mentioned, because so many of them had proved not to be trivial. He disliked the old man for that, and because he was unshakable. He never praised Hound, and used him as seldom as possible, but Hound was too useful not to use..parents, and go to the Great Port, or to Roke. Half your year's fee, which I'll return to you,.towns full of thieves. Maybe he thought, at first, that on Pendor he had found Morred's Isle, for.from the trees with his sunlight-coloured hair shining in the sunlight..all. Not sneaking about at night and no one knowing..."..without front walls. Approaching them, I found low, dimly lit cubicles, in which stood rows of."I didn't know what I was doing," he said. "Sometimes it worked, sometimes it didn't."..She said nothing, but breathed very warm in his ear, and he moaned. His hands clenched hers. He."Don't set off my wardrobe," she said. She was already in the other room..fleet on the sea, and the slaves were near rebelling, so the master brought her home as quick as.the sunshine of morning with his arms in the air..A woman of power, she knew what he was. Had she called him there?.perspiring a little..These legends are best preserved in Hur-at-Hur, the easternmost of the Kargad Lands, where dragons.Anieb kept a better pace than seemed possible in a woman so famished and destroyed, walking almost.nights. He thought of his mother, or of sunny rooms and hot food, or a tune would come into his."You don't look like a man," he said. Her face fell. "Not to me. You'll never look like a man to.underfoot ended, gave way to porous rock. I passed through a curtain of light and found myself.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..or another he came at last to Geath in the Ninety Isles..So the pattern of the years was set for Tern. In the late spring he would go out in Hopeful,,rhythm..her mind, not him, not anything. But she was there bodily with him, and he felt her presence as.Otter had got control of his face and voice. He wiped his eyes and nose, cleared his throat, and."I couldn't. They'd know. I couldn't even get in. There's the Doorkeeper, you said. I don't know the word to say to him."."He lay as if dead, cold, his heart not beating, yet he breathed. The Herbal used all his art, but.II. Ivory.him. Their heads were on a level, she sitting crosslegged up on the dance platform, he kneeling on.fee, although his own silent preference was for the dry red Fanian of his own vineyards, which got."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..The door closed. It was silent except for the whisper of the fire..They call this the Otter's House," he said. "Very old. As old as the Great House. Everything is.somewhere, col?".He knew it was well to use caution with this man. Otter had defeated Tinaral, and there was this.and power. "He was too much for 'em, was he? And he'll be too much for me," he thought, and.When he was done Veil was silent a long time and then said, "That was what you meant, when you came here first-I could not save the one who saved me."."So?" said the Namer, more drily..He saw Irian staring at him in amazement. Thorion the Summoner speaks his true name," he said. "He died, eh?".It's high time I found that fellow, I thought. I tumbled on my heel and, seeing a walkway."The Archmage brought the boy Arren there."Finder, master of the spells of finding, binding, and returning."What did you mean, Master Hemlock, in saying that you had protected me here?".huge black drops of liquid. Cars or not -- I thought -- in any case this appears to be some kind of.The slow stiff words carried great weight..The sorcerer came out from behind San. His name was Ayeth. The power in him was small, tainted,.To the sisters and all these villagers, Mount Onn was the world, and the shores of Havnor were the.against Kargish raids and forays.

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