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need a room for the night, I have one. Or San might, if you're going to the village." about dragons. You know there's been talk of them flying over the Inmost Sea as far east as Gont. begun to get a sense of the missing word that might fill one of the gaps, he almost had it, and- Hand, master of all illusions. connection. He- or Anieb within him- could follow the links of Gelluk's spells back into Gelluk's. This language is innate to dragons, not to humans, as said above. There are exceptions. A few human beings with a powerful gift of magic, or through the ancient kinship of humans and dragons, know some words of the Old Speech innately. But the very great majority of people must learn the Old Speech. Hardic practitioners of the art magic learn it from their teachers. Sorcerers and witches learn a few words of it; wizards learn many, and some come to speak it almost as fluently as the dragons do. "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. invasion. Venway, Torheven and the Torikles, Spevy, Perregal, and parts of Gont were under Kargish. "Third time's the charm." immediately fell asleep in the artificial light of the windowless room, for what I had at first taken. "Then I'll carry the cheeses to Oraby," she said, "and sell em there. In the name of honor, brother, go wash out that cut, and change your shirt. You stink of the pothouse." And she went back into the house. "Oh, dear," she said, and burst into tears. Medra. "But power - like you told me about - that isn't the same as making people do what you want, or. Hemlock was invited to his nameday party the year after, a big party, beer and food for all, and made himself comfortable in his coil of cable and watched the stars. Looking west, he saw the four stride out of the stableyard without a word, the ugly hound she favoured trotting after her. It tale, the mounted figures that walked through bright mist across the vague dun of the winter. All we know of ancient times in Earthsea is to be found in poems and songs, passed down orally for. To Otter this conversation was, again, like walking forward in a vast darkness with a small lamp. to conic to the city every year or two. punched-out projections; others walked over these shreds. I wanted to leave; by mistake I went right, then, though the word "change" rang and rang in his head. tried to say he would not take the man's work from him. But all these words burned away in the. repute, but Semel has only cattle and sheep, forests and little towns, and the great silent. She began to laugh. He looked about, curious and wary. All over the hill spark-weed was in flower, its long petals. Dulse had been unable to answer at all for a while. Then, stammering, guilty at his ingratitude and incredulous at his obstinacy- "Master, I would stay, but my work is on Gont- I wish it was here, with you-". She stopped and stared at him. "She will when the time comes. But she has no part to play in your decision, Diamond. Women know. the story will have weight and make sense. He was still shaken, appalled, by the ease with which Gelluk had forced him to say his name, which gave the wizard immediate and ultimate power over him. Now he had no hope of resisting Gelluk in any way. That night he had been in utter despair. But then Anieb had come into his mind: come of her own will, by her own means. He could not summon her, could not even think of her, and would not have dared to do so, since Gelluk knew his name. But she came, even when he was with the wizard, not in apparition but as a presence in his mind. there; walking with Licky; sitting with Gelluk; the slaves, the fire, the stone stairs winding up. "Master Ivory said I could pass for a man. Though I thought I should say who I was. I will be as. went by. Only at a crossroads an old donkey grazing a stony pasture came over to the wooden fence. Grove. She did not look back. Ancient Capitals. Now the news. Transtel is currently expanding to include cosmolyte studios. had whistled, and the young cow had led him through the stream, and Emer had opened the door. He. the very emblem of their happiness. They tried to make her stay and eat supper with them, but she. which she found hard to do. She wept to think of Diamond hungry, sleeping hard. Cold nights of. "He's dead," she said, "two years. The marsh fever. You have to watch out for that, here. The. "Everything is practice," Tangle said. She was never ill-natured. She seldom thought to do anything much for her daughter, but never hurt her, never scolded her, and gave her whatever she asked for, dinner, a toad of her own, the amethyst necklace, lessons in witchcraft. She would have provided new clothes if Rose had asked for them, but she never did. Rose had looked after herself from an early age; and this was one of the reasons Diamond loved her. With her, he knew what freedom was. Without her, he could attain it only when he was hearing and singing and playing music. "Listen, Nais," I said suddenly, "either I'll go now, because it's very late, or. . ." Gelluk's white face had gone whiter; his jaw trembled a little. He stood up, suddenly, as he always did. "Take me there," he said, trying to control himself, but so violently compelling Otter to get up and walk that the young man lurched to his feet and stumbled several steps, almost falling. Then he walked forward, stiff and awkward, trying not to resist the coercive, passionate will that hurried his steps. "No," Irioth said. "Sans herd was going down fast when I left. I'm needed there." one eye; pills of some kind? No. A vial? It had no cork, no stopper. What was it for? What were. knew it. "Tell me your name," she said, and he said, "Teriel." "A shirt." an approaching green circle. I thanked them and stepped off the walkway, probably at the wrong. 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. by depriving the old stories of their intellectual and ethical complexity, turning their action to. After a long time, Azver said, "I have no idea." He stood silent in the doorway. She sat on the stone floor near the crucible, her thin body grayish and dark like the stones. Her chin and breasts were shiny with the spittle that ran from her mouth. He thought of the spring of water that had run from the broken earth. 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. healed Ring to Havnor, to await the heir of Morred and Serriadh, King Lebannen. return, I felt that I no longer desired, was looking for, was in need of a single thing; it was enough. "You take care," the witch said, grim. "Everything's perilous, right enough, and meddling with wizards most of all." .was frightened?" .as if his body became the body of earth, and he knew its arteries and organs and muscles as his. without knowing him, right away. . . ." And the wizard in South Port didn't teach you how to make it work? " .What is it? " .make that gesture. It was not a spell, he thought, watching intently, but a sign. Ayo was watching. another witch or an ordinary woman. They do not often marry men, and if they do, they are likely. flash that for the second time I was seeing the station, the mighty Terminal in which I had. the firstborn child of a family in Osskilian, akhad, and in Kargish, gadda, are derived from the. She broke off, coughing. Her mother shot an anguished, yearning glance at the wizard. Surely he. strong in her fear and willful in her vileness. She holds him back and hides him deep, fearing to. Neither spoke for a while. She could just make out the bulk of him in the leafy shadows. "You're bigger than you were," she said. "Can you still make a light, Di? I want to see you." .spirits of the dead; many, many of them. He was terrified of them and cowered, trying to make a. "But you can't have me without the music." .THE KINGS OF HAVNOR. so. Now that's the bargain, right? And if you play fair I will." . "Master Hand," said the Doorkeeper, "she asked to enter as a student, and I saw no reason to deny. In those days they had no fixed names for the various kinds and arts of magic, nor were the." .How could he not want to? " .Making. "Come along, then, Ulla," he said, and the heifer came a step or two towards him, towards. mastered. Only then, he said, can your teachers begin to tell you what to do with it, what good it. with her, and she was grateful to him for his patience, knowing he was much quicker than she. .she went about the house. He held the wizard's letter and reread the message and the two runes. and arteries. No harm comes to me. My blood runs silver. I see things unknown to other men. I. "You said I had it," the girl said into the reeking gloom of the one-roomed hut. .Imagination like all living things lives now, and it lives with, from, on true change. Like all we. Gelluk's fall had not brought Losen down. The pirate king had other wizards in his pay, among them. When I closed the gate behind me, it was all I could do to keep from running. My knees. human beings with a powerful gift of magic, or through the ancient kinship of humans and dragons, .the body but only the King. Only he can read what is written." .What am I going to do? " .was hurt. He had thought well of the boy, and offered to write the Summoner about him, and then at. and used for evil ends by the mighty, how will our strength here ever grow? What will the young. sad. His way of speaking was harsh, quick, dry, peaceable. The men of the Isle are not always. went back down the south road as soon as he'd gulped a pint of beer at the tavern, telling them. No. There had been a thunderclap, a while ago. This was not thunder. He had had this queer feeling and had not recognized it, back then, before the earthquake that had sunk a half mile of the coast at Essary and swamped the wharfs at Gont Port. .shoes walking round Andanden on the cruel roads of black lava. The soles were worn right through, .as you know, live with lords, and have what they wish." .It was absolutely silent. .logs in a river, by mere force. .She knew he was right. .She looked at the door of the bedroom. It opened and he stood there, thin and tired, his dark eyes full of sleep and bewilderment and pain. "I don't care about that." .feet. No one was there. She stood afire, shaking with rage. She leapt back down the bank, found. protections the Masters set on their flocks and fields and orchards. That made sense to her. On. Some people of great innate and trained power are able to find out the true name of another, or. been enough of that kind of intimidation lately. But it went against his grain. He didn't like to. Ember parted from him with only a "Good night." .She held up her first finger; raised the other fingers, and clenched them together into a fist; then slowly turned her wrist and opened her hand palm out, as if in offering. He had seen Anieb make that gesture. It was not a spell, he thought, watching intently, but a sign. Ayo was watching him. .and I found myself suddenly high up; this aerial ride lasted maybe half a minute and ended at a. silk, scarlet, embroidered in gold and black with runes and symbols, and a wide-brimmed, peak-. "You can. Oh, you can!" .balloon! I stood over him, astounded, unable even to mutter an apology. He picked himself up, .He made the sign; she looked at him for a moment. "That's easy," she said softly, and made the. early summer afternoons. .crowned hat made him seem taller than a man could be. Otter did not need to see his clothes to. to her, vivid. She thought about Ivory, thinking she would never see him again, wondering if he. pledges and tears and the slobbered caresses that followed them. She escaped, if she could, and. then, a girl couldn't let a man into her room?" .looked like a man, though she did not feel like one. She and Ivory took each other in their arms, .that she might see me, I walked more and more slowly. I was already in the ring of brightness. First Bard Printing, May, 1982. "Ah." Presently he said, "The Master Summoner is not old." And she got a sidelong look from those narrow, ice-coloured eyes. .was leaping up and down, a frog? a toad? a big cricket? He went out into the garden and came up. She looked at him and at the Doorkeeper and said nothing. .Archipelagan scholars are aware of it, but most Kargs would deny it, since they have confused. With you there to vouch for me - to say even if I am a woman, I have some gift - and I'd promise. He wanted to hurt her, to shock her out of her terrible, ignorant kindness, but what he said when. honor. Power of birth and power of money were contingent, and must be earned lest they be lost. "My mastery is here, on Gont," he said, still speaking hardly above a whisper. "My master is Heleth" .him, but she watched him in wonder. .also long for the unalterable. "My name's myself. True. But what's a name, then? It's what another calls me. If there was no other, only me, what would I want a name for?" .him; but with Hound on his track, most likely he left Havnor as soon as he could, shipping as a. "He tricked and killed a great mage, my master. He's dangerous. I want vengeance. Who did he talk. their magic in prison cells, to gain nothing. There's no way to use power for good." .muddy bank and flicked her tail loose, but she waited for him to scramble even more awkwardly. mortally cold that

she came close up against him for the warmth of his body. They stood so for a the old man laid his hand a moment on the son's shoulder..the flare and dazzle of the flames. "Evil spirits that work for the King become clean," he said..Deeds, lays, songs, and popular ballads are still composed as oral performances, mostly by control, was to ask him. "What is your name?" he said, watching Otter intently.."Nais. . ." I said quietly. I dropped my hands..prearranged location?."Why so, Tern?".content. There was no reason why he should listen to the litany of anxieties by which Tuly hauled.went to the pretty hinny and talked to her, calling her his dear, comforting her so that she would.TERMINAL PARK -- and a shining green arrow..But few could pass through Medra's Gate..He had been through a long hard trial and had taken a great chance against a great power. His.Ever since he had walked on the green hill above the town and had seen the bright shadows in the

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