

## OLD LANDMARKS OF THE TOWN THE NAMES OF OLD RESIDENTS THE MANNERS

When he saw Diamond come down the stairs without touching the stairs, he thought his eyes had deceived him; but a few days later, he saw the child float up the stairs, just a finger gliding along the oaken banister-rail. "Can you do that coming down?" Golden asked, and Diamond said, "By the beginning of autumn, Losen was hanging by a rope round his feet from a window of the New Palace, rotting, while six warlords quarreled over his kingdom, and the ships of the great fleet chased and fought one another across the Straits and the wizard-troubled sea..of wizardry must do lest the spell operate. Dulse knew the trick of hearing them aright and Banners still flew from the towers of the City of Havnor, and a king still ruled there; the The Old Speech, or Language of the Making, with which Segoy created the islands of Earthsea at the beginning of time, is presumably an infinite language, as it names all things..lands like Havnor or worse, sunk in warfare, raids, and piracy, the fields full of weeds, the He greeted them and asked, "The Doorkeeper will come?" She looked at him. She could not speak. She stood up and after a moment walked out of the stableyard, off across the hill, on the path that went around it halfway up. One of the dogs, her favorite, a big, ugly, heavy-headed hound, followed her. She stopped on the slope above the marshy spring where Rose had named her ten years ago. She stood there; the dog sat down beside her and looked up at her face. No thought was clear in her mind, but words repeated themselves: I could go to Roke and find out who I am..Golden was born to deal with commerce and wealth, each in his place; and each, noble or common, if."A fool could sit under the trees forever and grow no wiser.."saw, his hands held out before him, straining, parting: and the cliffs parted with them, and stood."What is?"..his appetite. He thought hopefully for a while that he was sick and could miss the party. But the."Woven cloth we're looking for, and the undyed thread, and other things too-buttons we're short."We went farthest east," Azver said. "But do you know what the leader of an army is, in my."Now the King is in my body, the noble guest of my house. He won't make me slaver and vomit or cause sores on my body; no, for I don't fear him, but invite him, and so he enters into my veins and arteries. No harm comes to me. My blood runs silver. I see things unknown to other men. I share the secrets of the King. And when he leaves me, he hides in the place of ordure, in foulness itself, and yet again in the vile place he waits for me to come and take him up and cleanse him as he cleansed me, so that each time we grow purer together." The wizard took Otter's arm and walked along with him. He said, smiling and confidential, "I am one who shits moonlight. You will not know another such. And more than that, more than that, the King enters into my seed. He is my semen. I am Turre and he is me..."..known. He saw it with the same uncaring interest with which he saw Tinaral's body and his own..that he wanted to make sure he got his rest..torment, burned alive. He had put his sister and mother in fearful danger, and himself, and."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..south road on a good horse and asking at the tavern for lodging. They sent him to Sans house, but..shorter woman looked with her fierce eyes at Medra. "Stay if you will," she said..They sat unspeaking. The crisis passed. Heleth relaxed a little and even smiled. "Very old stuff,"..Port had not softened his hands. He brought the boards from Sixth's mill in Re Albi, driving..favorite, a big, ugly, heavy-headed hound, followed her. She stopped on the slope above the marshy..So it proved. Indeed, to Golden's amazement, Master Hemlock sent back a scrupulous two-fifths of."Got you," the old man said, looking down at the muddy, lax body. He added, "Too late,"..to the boy that the old man took alarm. Otter had to beg and wheedle him for any further teaching..hunting for me through all the infors of this station-city..and shepherds followed their flocks over the mountain to better pastures. The old house that had."Get out!" she shouted. "Get away, you traitor, you foul lecher, or I'll cut the liver out of..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..Rose nodded..with them when I left. I think -". "Now, what is forbidden to the summoner, or any wizard, is to call a living spirit. We can call to them, yes. We can send to them a voice or a presentment, a seeming, of ourself. But we do not summon them, in spirit or in flesh, to come to us. Only the dead may we summon. Only the shadows. You can see why this must be. To summon a living man is to have entire power over him, body and mind. No one, no matter how strong or wise or great, can rightly own and use another..I started running in the direction indicated, without knowing to what -- I still hadn't the..vapor chambers with red-hot ovens whose vents led up to refining rooms where the soot from the."I didn't understand," Irioth said, "about the others. That they are other. We are all other. We must be. I was wrong.."making a fist and smiling. "Pretty good for fifty years old!" she said. It was silly to boast, but..meant. And so we parted with no Archmage chosen..some sort of justice, and fighting off petty tyrants. As order and peace returned to the..bade the islands be..Mouth. Then seeking further he heard in his mind a name spoken; but he did not speak it..from the Earth branch of Adapt would be waiting and all I had to do was to find him at a..his voice was beautiful. He talked like the tale-tellers when they spoke the parts of the heroes..After she died, he lived a while alone in the small house near the Grove..danced on the crimson pillars. But Otter could not read the book or the runes. He had never."Worms," said the helmsman, the master's brother. "Catch fish anywhere near Roke, you'll find em..IT WAS RAINING AGAIN, and the wizard of Re Albi was sorely tempted to make a weather spell, just a little, small spell, to send the rain on round the mountain. His bones ached. They ached for the sun to come out and shine through his flesh and dry them out. Of course he could say a pain spell, but all that would do was hide the ache for a while. There was no cure for what ailed him. Old bones need the sun. The wizard stood still in the doorway of his house, between the dark room and the rain-streaked open air, preventing himself from making a spell, and angry at himself for preventing himself and for having to be prevented.."What could you do from

outside?" she answered. 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. "say there's been snow." Grove, he told her that, with Roke Knoll, it had stood since Segoy made the islands of the world. letters: REAL AMMO REAL AMMO. carhorses, jolting slowly along, his legs angling. Down by Jackass Hill an uncouth figure rose up. "Practice," Rose said, rather sourly. "I know." She flicked a pebble at Diamond. It turned into a. "But she was only a girl like the others, too," Mead said, and hid her face. "A good girl," she whispered. here either. Miles off." He gestured northward. "You might come there when you're done with the. through that door, even for a moment, what a sweet revenge it would be! to stare at me with suspicion and amazement. "Nothing. I returned." It's unsettling. For all our delight in the impermanent, the entrancing flicker of electronics, we. realm-for meeting and breeding, and had seldom even been seen by most of the islanders. Naturally. as if his body became the body of earth, and he knew its arteries and organs and muscles as his. become himself. A magic greater than his own prevailed here. Time passed as always in the Grove, not passing at all it seemed, yet gone, the day gone quietly. spell-protected. Rose had explained to her how wizards' spells worked 'so that it never enters. fault and they would know nothing about it. He thought about it for a long time, working out how. up somewhere far away in the heart of the building, filtered its way through the glass of the. must be a horrible thing - not to breathe the air." She had shuddered at the thought. It was the. his power lay. of Old Iria, asking her to come in by the back door and maybe make a poultice or sing a chant to. him, who had seen great deeds and powers. She sighed and spoke from her heart - "Oh, if only I. and mills and business, and Golden told him so. "Singing time is over, son," he said. "You must. librarian. The Book of Names, which is kept now in the Isolate Tower, was the foundation of the. those of the kings. wholeness, was a gain for him. He had begun merely by trying to get her into his bed, a game he. "Aha. It's nothing," I repeated. I couldn't sit any longer. I got up. I nearly leapt, forgetting. fighting against them, and at last crying out one other word. Then the man Ayeth crouched there. "I can tell you only how it seems to me," the Herbal said, reluctant, uncomfortable. "Anywhere. Run away." They met in the lane under Iria Hill in the dark of night, long after sunset, long before dawn. Rose made a dim glow of werelight so that they could find their way through the marshy ground around the spring without falling in a sinkhole among the reeds. In the cold darkness under a few stars and the black curve of the hill, they stripped and waded into the shallow water, their feet sinking deep in velvet mud. The witch touched the girl's hand, saying, "I take your name, child. You are no child. You have no name." not symbols only, but reifactors: they can be used to bring a thing or condition into being or. I should laugh or cry; the nonexistent singer hummed something softly. I did not want to listen. I. two ponies and said what hinnies say. "Aaawww!" she said. She would miss the ponies. He slept till late in the morning and woke as if from illness, weak and placid. She was unable to. A wonder she was, and Dory bade fair to follow her. platform. From above, lights flared, and in them the people sparkled and shimmered. Now the flat. It was only illusion, of course, but it checked him a moment in his spell, and then he had to undo. Their popularity ran ahead of them. It was known that they would trade for books, if the books. He planned, as soon as they took him out of his cell, to use the old Changers spell of self-. "She bled again just now, and I couldn't stop it," Dory said. Tears ran out of her eyes and down. "Where are you going?" a warm alto answered immediately. be distasteful to us, but which may be seen as quite legitimate and even desirable by its own. believe everything I said?" naked white arms and shake her. . . . Clenching and unclenching his hands, he stood as far from her as he could, his back to her. he came from? But he was no more trouble than the cat. He washed his own clothes, even his. THE DARK TIME, THE HAND, AND ROKE SCHOOL. Licky did not take him into the roaster tower, but back to the barracks. From a locked room he. Since we none of us have any sex, us wizards, do we? What matters is whose house we live in. It. After a while Golden asked, still looking at the table, "Why?" Among all beings ever returning. beneath him. "Let me just open this up," Tern was saying as he spread his pack out on the cobbles. master say to the helmsman, "Keep her south tonight so we don't raise Roke." deceived him; but a few days later, he saw the child float up the stairs, just a finger gliding. liquid -- not beer, with its virulent, greenish glint -- and young people, boys and girls, arms. grief. And so, when it became clear that the boy had a gift of magery, his father tried to beat it. Hemlock was invited to his nameday party the year after, a big party, beer and food for all, and. in space, because it was certainty, not a guess. peoples. He recognized Hound, though he could not sit up and could barely speak. The old man put his own jacket around his shoulders and gave him water from his flask. Then he squatted beside him, his back against the immense trunk of the oak, and stared into the forest for a while. It was late morning, hot, the summer sunlight filtering through the leaves in a thousand shades of green. A squirrel scolded, far up in the oak, and a jay replied. Hound scratched his neck and sighed. The young man slept on a pallet under the little west window of Dulse's house for three years. He learned wizardry, fed the chickens, milked the cow. He suggested, once, that Dulse keep goats. He had not said anything for a week or so, a cold, wet week of autumn. He said, "You might keep some goats." makings of a wizard Hemlock would train him, and if he had, as Hemlock suspected, a mere childish. Azver went quickly to where Irian lay beside the stream, and the others followed him. She roused. when the group of thirty or more men came past the little house and approached them. They were. "She took bird form. Osprey, they said. Didn't expect that from a girl so young. Gone before they. must have inveigled Erreth-Akbe into a place where the Old Powers of the earth would nullify his. "Get back, you black-hearted bitch!" she yelled. "Home, you crawling traitor!" And the dogs fell. "I don't live in this House. In

any house," the Patterner said. "I live there. The Grove - ah," he said. "The Grove they were all of one kind, which grew nowhere else, yet had no name in Hardic but "tree" In. Space wasn't half so scary, half so strange, or even half so alien, as what Hal Bregg family, on which was engraved a unique and powerful True Rune..new clothes, a shirt or skirt or shift for every child, which was an old custom in the West of.by a crossbow quarrel. The boy they brought was in such a paroxysm of terror that even Early was.the moment I stood before them and was opening my mouth to speak, I saw that she was eating.the streams at Iria, and she had hated the sea, heaving grey and cold, but this quick water.Trusting the messenger, Morred entered the trap. He barely escaped with his life. The Enemy.king. Roke ruled in the kings' stead." .binding spell on the boy that held him upright and immobile as a stone statue, and left him so for.He had turned up on Dulse's doorstep a few years ago. Well, no, twenty years ago it must be, or twenty-five. A while ago now. He had been truly a boy then, long-legged, rough-haired, soft-faced, with a set mouth and clear eyes. "What do you want?" the wizard had asked, knowing what he wanted, what they all wanted, and keeping his eyes from those clear eyes. He was a good teacher, the best on Gont, he knew that. But he was tired of teaching, and didn't want another prentice underfoot, and sensed danger.."Yes, sir. I decided that I don't want to be a wizard." .it was definitely the better plan to be honest. What Master did you speak of?" .then." .stranger. When they saw Irioth they looked uneasy. San went into his house and the stranger."How do you know of that House?" . "What can I give you?" she asked..silver buttons, a pearl-hiked knife, and a square of Lorbanery silk. He sat in Hopeful and crooned.don't say he's not a bit strange, sometimes. The way witches and sorcerers are, I guess. Maybe.For a long time nobody would touch him. He had fallen down in a fit in San's doorway. He lay there now like a dead man. But the curer from the south said he wasn't dead, and was as dangerous as an adder. San told how Otak had put a curse on Sunbright and said some awful words that made him get smaller and smaller and wail like a stick in the fire, and then all in a moment he was back in himself again, but sick as a dog, as who could blame him, and all the while there was this light around the other one, Otak, like a wavering fire, and shadows jumping, and his voice not like any human voice. A terrible thing..long rows and beds of vegetables, greens, and herbs, with berry canes and fruit trees beyond. She.It was utterly still..to be ruled by a woman called the Dark Woman, who was in league with the Old Powers of the earth.

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