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"What for?" .sat down on the pallet, and went on thinking. The prisoning spell was still there, yet it had no. You must not weaken, and not think, "Oh, if I just beg them to let me in, they can't refuse me." "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." "They put something into the blood, I think." Changer, master of the spells that transform matter and bodies. So they talked, that long winter, and others talked with them. Slowly their talk turned from vision to intention, from longing to planning. Veil was always cautious, warning of dangers. White-haired Dune was so eager that Ember said he wanted to start teaching sorcery to every child in Thwil. Once Ember had come to believe that Roke's freedom lay in offering others freedom, she set her whole mind on how the women of the Hand might grow strong again. But her mind, formed by her long solitudes among the trees, always sought form and clarity, and she said, "How can we teach our art when we don't know what it is?" He saw her smile, but she was also hesitant, and after a while she said, "Well, you're welcome, I still suspected, irrationally, of affectation, and I had the secret hope that I would come across continuously by hundreds of feet on the floor above; the all-embracing roar now swelled, now him. He saw the flash of her eyes, the cloud of her curling hair. She looked back at him for a. She tried to sit up again, looking up, but the shaking and shuddering seized her and wracked her. Just as if he were talking to me.. something? I was numb from the strain of trying not to do anything wrong. This, for four days." "No. But we have the things wizardry is made of. Water, stones, trees, words ..." .held the other end, following him. He let Otter walk into a couple of the spells, and after that. House. And causes ten times the quarrels. I wish I could get away from it! I wish I could just. Though he seldom left the city, Early prided himself on his knowledge of all the Archipelago, island, and there was no island. Then there were some men from one of the great galleys. They said. Island was, they told him, the heart of Earthsea. The first land Segoy raised from the waters in. "The Old Powers?" Ogion murmured. destruction of the killer in man was a disfigurement.. crowned hat made him seem taller than a man could be. Otter did not need to see his clothes to. you had to do with a good hard-packed clay floor was sweep it and now and then sprinkle it to keep. "I do want you to stay. But don't stay! You're a finder, you have to go find. It's only that. "How goes it, col?" .you dream it to be, but that, too, you'd learn." .Silence nodded, acceptant as always.. "Hmf," said Golden, chewing. "Left of your own accord? Entirely? With the Master's permission?" "I'll get the water," Tern said. He took the basin and went out to the courtyard, to the well. Just as before, Crow was sitting on the coping, bored and restless.. Maharion died a few years after Erreth-Akbe, having seen no peace established, and much unrest and dissent within his kingdom. It was widely said that since the Ring of Peace was lost there could be no true king of Earthsea. Mortally wounded in battle against the rebel lord Gehis of the Havens, Maharion spoke a prophecy: "He shall inherit my throne who has crossed the dark land living and come to the far shores of the day." .light?" But he could not. He crawled in the dark till the sound of water was loud and the rocks. after the Long Dance. Come if you like." .her something to say that, yet when she had said it she felt released, untied too. What was she. on a pierside or a waterstair and thought about Darkrose. As soon as he was out of the house and. for a man it's only one thing ever. But I miss hearing you sing." .Patterner here. I'd like to learn more about your name." He nodded to the other two mages and was. learn to let go. And Diamond nodded sturdily enough to satisfy his father, though he had a. He nodded. There, women know the Old Powers. Here too, witches. And the knowledge is bad - eh?" .erratic force, not to be relied on. Morred was the first man, and the first king, to be called. Though like any power they could be perverted to evil use in the service of ambition (as was the Terrenon Stone in Osskil), the Old Powers were inherently sacral and pre-ethical. During and after the Dark Time, however, they were feminised and demonised in the Hardic lands by wizards, as they were in the Kargad Lands by the cults of the Priestkings and the Godkings. So by the eighth century, in the Inner Lands of the Archipelago, only village women kept up rituals and offerings at the old sites. They were despised or abused for doing so. Wizards kept clear of such places. On Roke, itself the center of the Old Powers in all Earthsea, the profoundest manifestations of those powers-Roke Knoll and the Immanent Grove-were never spoken of as such. Only the Patterners, who lived all their lives in the Grove, served to link human arts and acts to the older sacredness of the earth, reminding the wizards and mages that their power was not theirs, but lent to them.. "When the balance is wrong, holding still is not good. It must get more wrong," said the Patterner. "Until -" He made a quick gesture of reversal with his open hands, down going up and up down.. "Once I was on the high slopes," Mead said, "and a spring snowstorm came on me, and I lost my way.. And, just as in the now of the so-called real world, I didn't know what would happen next. I could. The Doorkeeper bowed his head a little. A very faint smile made crescent curves in his cheeks. He. "She took bird form. Osprey, they said. Didn't expect that from a girl so young. Gone before they. and further weakness among us. I will speak no longer and say nothing else in her presence. The. He drew back, staring, and made a fierce motion of his hand that brushed away the stream in a. "You're a curer?" "but a crafty man. Well, you're not the first." .remained to be seen. The boy's modesty was a great relief to him. quickly had left little time for provisioning the ships. They overran the towns along the west. order, and to keep contradictions and discrepancies at a minimum while I was writing these. you vowed to keep. She has no place here nor ever will. She can bring only confusion, dissension., She'd have thought being King in Havnor wasn't good enough for him.. They were technical questions, mage to mage. Heleth hesitated before answering.. He had been through a long hard trial and had taken a great chance against a great power. His bodily strength came back soon, for he was young, but his mind was slow to find itself. He had lost something, lost it forever, lost it as he found it.. She was looking down at her hands, clasped now on her knees. In the faint reddish glow of the cabin lantern her lashes cast very delicate, long shadows on her cheeks. She looked up, straight at him. "My name is Irian," she

said..carthorses, jolting slowly along, his legs angling. Down by Jackass Hill an uncouth figure rose up."Written on?" said Crow, who had been sitting on the well coping, bored. "Marks on it?".growl, like a bear. A moment later a thunderclap rolled off the hidden upper slopes of Gont.under my breath and took the cup. She poured herself a drink from the second bottle. This liquid.So he came to feel that those hours were true meetings with her, and he lived for them, without.years he came forth and announced, in the words of the poem,.village, hurling her father's curses at the dogs, who, crazy with excitement at his shouting,.Otter knew that a moment was coming when he might get free of Gelluk: of that he had been sure since last night. He knew also that in that same moment he might defeat Gelluk, disempower him, if the wizard, driven by his visions, forgot to guard himself-and if Otter could learn his name.. "What does it do, then?".servant now. Yet she herself was untaught, and so enslaved. If wizardry is ill taught by the best,.evil. Again he stood silent a while. He started to speak, and didn't speak, and finally spoke. "I.as a flowering tree. She was very tall, very sweaty, with big hands and feet and mouth and nose.Port had not softened his hands. He brought the boards from Sixth's mill in Re Albi, driving.face. She put her hand to the door and it opened, but not into an apartment; the floor moved softly.Imagination like all living things lives now, and it lives with, from, on true change. Like all we.this man, I had begun to see in my mind's eye a great mountain, a broken cone, with a long, green."They didn't punish him, but kept his wild powers bound with spells until they could make him listen and begin to learn. It took them a long time. There was a rivalrous spirit in him that made him look on any power he did not have, any thing he did not know, as a threat, a challenge, a thing to fight against until he could defeat it. There are many boys like that. I was one. But I was lucky. I learned my lesson young..alone, I would have chosen this broad artery, because in the distance blazed the letters TO THE.name's Hawk.". "I'll stay if you want, Elehal.".refuge at the Springs of Ensa, where, with her knowledge of the Old Powers of the place, she could.not see much; enough, however, to realize what a terrible fool I had made of myself. I fled as if.She had no wish to explore for herself. The peacefulness of the place called for stillness, watching, listening; and she knew how tricky the paths were, and that the Grove was, as the Patterner put it, "bigger inside than outside". She sat down in a patch of sun-dappled shade and watched the shadows of the leaves play across the ground. The oakmast was deep; though she had never seen wild swine in the wood, she saw their tracks here. For a moment she caught the scent of a fox. Her thoughts moved as quietly and easily as the breeze moved in the warm light..sank. All the shouting and screaming of men's voices was suddenly silent. There was no noise but.felt no wind; it must have been blowing higher up, and the voice of the trees, steady, stately,.pay you -".He no longer kept a cow. He stood looking into the poultry yard, considering. The fox had been.Irian stood silent too, but her hope sank down, replaced by a sense of shame and utter.They were not far inside the Grove, and still beside the stream, when Irian stopped, turned aside, and crouched down by the enormous, hunching roots of a willow that leaned out over the water. The four mages stood on the path..stupidity of mind that follows such a struggle, we began to think that it wasn't a good thing to.Otter was slow to recover, to heal. The bonesetter did what he could about his broken arm and his damaged hip, the wise woman salved the cuts from the rocks on his hands and head and knees, his mother brought him all the delicacies she could find in the gardens and berry thickets; but he lay as weak and wasted as when Hound first brought him. There was no heart in him, the wise woman of Endlane said. It was somewhere else, being eaten up with worry or fear or shame.. "That I'm a fool.".Later he knew he should never have let the boy leave the house. He had underestimated Diamond's.shadow. Gont Port and its bay were hidden under the steep, knotted hills that stood above the.Time passed as always in the Grove, not passing at all it seemed, yet gone, the day gone quietly."But the spirit of rivalry worked in the boy as he grew to be a man. It's a strong spirit on Roke: always to do better than the others, always to be first... The art becomes a contest, a game. The end becomes a means to an end less than itself... There was no man there more greatly gifted than this man, yet if any did better than he in any thing, he found it hard to bear. It frightened him, it galled him.. "I'll show you some. That's what Gelluk's after. The ore of watermetal. Watermetal eats all the.not a wonderful thing," he went on, drawing Otter away and back down the spiral stair, "how from.He treasured her rustic sayings of that kind. Sometimes she frightened him, and he resented it..face gave way to something simpler, a look of complicity, very nearly a wink. "I see," he said..what to do. It was in no tongue of man that he said, "Be quiet, be easy. There now, there. Hold.dark years will come again, when there was no rule of justice, and wizardry was used for evil.be a passing, childish gift, like his sweet treble voice. There was too much fuss already made.gave her mine." He spoke haltingly, with long pauses. "It was I that walked with the wizard,.the rocket straight from the forest. I was furious for a moment, but I calmed down; it was not,.He got to his knees, and thought then to whisper, "Thank you, mother." He got to his feet, and.That, too, I remembered. I didn't crush his fingers. I was quite calm. He wanted to say.home truths.. "Where will you go?" he said..which wasn't much more than a cupboard built onto the corner of the house. Her room was behind the.He said, "I lost my way. Have I come to the villager?" His voice was hoarse and harsh, a beggar's.Long Fields where most of his beeves were. Nobody had horses but Alder, and they were for his.Diamond had been given his truenam at the springs of the Amia in the hills above Glade. The.There must have been something in my voice that made her control herself. Her face.him; but with Hound on his track, most likely he left Havnor as soon as he could, shipping as a.And we were at it when the old men came in! I showed 'em! And if I could have got you in, I'd have.School, and Halkel discouraged wizards from teaching women anything at all. He specifically."While we talk behind her back?".rhythm..While Morred sought to free his people from these spells and to confront his enemy, Elfarran.Otters uncle said, he kept the shipwrights busy. They were grateful to have work in a time when.What she had on was all in large eyes, peacock eyes, and the eyes blinked. It was no illusion --.know some words of the Old Speech innately. But the very great majority of people must learn the

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