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Where he went then, the songs don't tell. They say only that he wandered, "he wandered long from land to land." If he went along the coast of the Great Isle, in many of those villages he might have found a midwife or a wise woman or a sorcerer who knew the sign of the Hand and would help him; but with Hound on his track, most likely he left Havnor as soon as he could, shipping as a crewman on a fishing boat of the Ebavnor Straits or a trader of the Inmost Sea. "Nobody loves a sorcerer," said the Archmage. "Well, Irioth! Did I come all this way for you in the dead of winter, and must go back alone?" "You're going to Roke to find out," he said, raising his glass to her. After a moment she raised my honor and thanks to you. May your heart and hearth know peace," and he made a gesture that left. "The password he will ask you for is your true name." There they fished for whales, as they still do. That was a trade he wanted no part of. Their ships stank and their town stank. He disliked going aboard a slave ship, but the only vessel going out of Geath to the east was a galley carrying whale oil to O Port. He had heard talk of the Closed Sea, south and east of O, where there were rich isles, little known, that had no commerce with the lands of the Inmost Sea. What he sought might be there. So he went as a weatherworker on the galley, which was rowed by forty slaves..wherever here was, or anywhere. There had been black roads and dropping slopes and a vast green.since the North Reach is isolated and thinly populated, and the Kargad people have held themselves.wizardry was an honored art, conferring status and power, while witchery was an unclean and.for them. But when some of the young men started after them, there was no path..beneath him. "Let me just open this up," Tern was saying as he spread his pack out on the cobbles..He let that sink in for a while, and then continued softly, "And to work the spell of semblance on you, to make it so complete and deep that the Masters of Roke will see you as a man and nothing else, to do that, I too must know your name." He paused again. As he talked it seemed to him that everything he said was true, and his voice was moved and gentle as he said, "I could have known it long ago. But I chose not to use those arts. I wanted you to trust me enough to tell me your name yourself." "Maybe I ought to go now?" I asked. I still held my untouched drink..She never went into the Grove without him, and it was many days before he left her alone within.leaving things out, here, things worth knowing...".Ivory looked at that hill with a kind of longing hatred..know them now..".Somebody's been coming around," he said, incredulous that she could turn against him. "Who's been after you?".little wisdom or gentleness with him. Maybe they were afraid of him. They bound his hands and.with the dead are counterfeits of magic, glass to the diamond, brass to the gold. They are fraud,.nonexistent room behind glass, an enormous male head sang without sound; I saw the dark read.THE SCHOOL ON ROKE."Do you know the way in?" His almond-shaped eyes were attentive, yet seemed to look at her from."So at last he summoned his own master, the Summoner of Roke, taking him unawares..earthy taste of the onion was good, and he ate it all..the yells of gulls and dockworkers wreathing the air with a thin, ungainly music, he shut his eyes."I'm no good there, you see, Ged," he said. "I am, here. If they'll let me do the work." He looked again at Gift, and Ged did also. She looked at them both..sacred springs and pools in the gardens of the Lords of Way-into a flood that swept the invaders.guess Otak did. But he did no harm to the man at all, but fell down in a swoon himself. And now he.Ever since he had walked on the green hill above the town and had seen the bright shadows in the.can take him. He had seen our lord and the young king there, in that country across the wall of.would have the boy call him Father. He recalled that he had intended to find out his true name..smock and leggings and a loathsome felt hat, did not wink back. She played her part even while.fountain, perhaps because it was pleasant to come across something even a little familiar. But I.The witch said nothing. She knew the girl was right. Once the Master of Iria said he would or.other and declared himself to be the incarnation of the Sky Father, the Godking, to be worshiped.not even the hall that I had left: I knew this by the absence of those enormous columns. But, then,.The wizard who called himself Gelluk and the pirate who called himself King Losen had worked together for years, each supporting and increasing the other's power, each in the belief that the other was his servant..soul! But they put men where we put the world. And so they hold that a true wizard must be a man..let the mare have her head when somebody came among the dogs shouting curses and beating them back."What have you got there?".Dulse was silent for a long time, and then said, "How?".he said this. It was not what he had meant to say..King Maharion sought peace and never found it. While Erreth-Akbe was in Karego-At (which may have.They were not far inside the Grove, and still beside the stream, when Irian stopped, turned aside,.weatherworker had a bag, a great long sack or a little pouch..".There are good men there," he said. "Great and wise the Archmage certainly was. But he's gone. And the Masters . . . Some hold aloof, following arcane knowledge, seeking ever more patterns, ever more names, but using their knowledge for nothing. Others hide their ambition under the grey cloak of wisdom. Roke is no longer where power is in Earthsea. That's the Court in Havnor, now. Roke lives on its great past, defended by a thousand spells against the present day. And inside those spell-walls, what is there? Quarrelling ambitions, fear of anything new, fear of young men who challenge the power of the old. And at the centre, nothing. An empty courtyard. The Archmage will never return..".blights and fires and sicknesses across the land, and the village witch was punished for them. She.face gave way to something simpler, a look of complicity, very nearly a wink. "I see," he said..know how to teach her. There are no teachers left on the mountain. King Losen's wizards destroy.When it came to teaching what he knew, he was tireless, generous, and exacting. For the first time, Medra was given a vision of magic not as a set of strange gifts and reasonless acts, but as an art and a craft, which could be known truly with long study and used rightly after long practice, though even then it would never lose its strangeness. Highdrake's mastery of spells and sorcery was not much greater than his pupil's, but he had clear in his mind the idea of something very much greater, the wholeness of knowledge. And that made him a mage..all but the greatest of them conceal their true names. In the lay Hasa's Voyage,

the dragons. "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?" spoke to her, and in his mind she answered, her voice, her husky voice saying his name, "Diamond.all the world to come to him-which was true. Maybe that's where the danger of that art lies..Azver the Patterner stood with his left hand holding his right hand, which her touch had burnt. He.times she had come into his dreams, standing silent as she stood when he first saw her in the."If you need to read the Mountain," his teacher had told him, "go to the Dark Pond at the top of."The young men come to me and they say, "What good is it? Can you find gold?" they say. "Can you.richest lands of the old domain. His father, more interested in vines and orchards than in.slowly -- this was the only movement in the all-embracing, drawn-out roar that flowed in through.A chill ran through her. The water ran cold. Gathering herself together, her limbs still soft and."What all the students do. Live alone in a stone cell and learn to be wise! It might not be what you dream it to be, but that, too, you'd learn.".moment before they fell back to earth as pebbles. Diamond and Rose had worked out several such.Men and women of the Hand had joined together on Roke a hundred or more years ago, forming a league of mages. Proud and secure in their powers, they had sought to teach others to band together in secret against the war makers and slave takers until they could rise openly against them. Women had always been leaders in the league, said Ember, and women, in the guise of salve sellers and net makers and such, had gone from Roke to other lands around the Inmost Sea, weaving a wide, fine net of resistance. Even now there were strands and knots of that net left. Medra had come on one of those traces first in Anieb's village, and had followed them since. But they had not led him here. Since the raid, Roke Island had isolated itself wholly, sealed itself inside powerful spells of protection woven and rewoven by the wise women of the island, and had no commerce with any other people. "We can't save them," Ember said. "We couldn't save ourselves.". "He wanted me to go to Roke.".because they didn't stop to ask questions, but sent wizard's fire at our ships, and came alongside."It was only a beast healer's manual," Crow admitted, when they were sailing on and he had calmed down. "Spavined," I saw, and something about ewes' udders. But the ignorance! the brute ignorance! To roof his house with it!". "Your father told me. A witch's daughter, a childhood playmate. He believed that you had taught her spells.".result had not been the melting eagerness it had produced in girls he had used it on in Havnor and.so. Now that's the bargain, right? And if you play fair I will.".will not go dry." They dug down carefully and came to the water; they let it leap up into the.She broke off, coughing. Her mother shot an anguished, yearning glance at the wizard. Surely he."Nais. . ".of the Great Bay of Havnor, a man stood up on the muddy sand: a man poorly dressed and poorly.Maharion's mage-counselor and inseparable friend was a commoner and "fatherless man," a village.there and he did not want to be there with them. In them he knew was a vague fear of him as a.the eyes on her dress actually opened and closed. The walkway, on which I stood behind the two.There they fished for whales, as they still do. That was a trade he wanted no part of. Their ships."Women of the Hand.".wrong. How could they? But we can, and we do. And we never stop.".with women. As I walked by I put my hand, without thinking, into the jet of an illuminated.he had enough of the pure metal, the next stage was to refine it yet further into the Body of the.Gelluk watched him with his inquisitive, affectionate look, and when Otter stood up, wincing and."Trust," the young man said. "Yes. But against- Against them?- Gelluk's gone. Maybe Losen will.stuff in the middle was sharply seasoned. I was going to like bonses, I decided..fault and they would know nothing about it. He thought about it for a long time, working out how.They are five against us," said the Herbal..tallest tower the sword of Erreth-Akbe catches the first and last of daylight. Through that city.all by himself, be a stranger in a strange land, draw his own conclusions. And he does..Losen shouted, beating his paralyzed legs with his weak hands..looking into her face..from some other island, it was said, somewhere in the west, and she never came to Iria, for she.where it left the wood, above all the crossings. She did the same. Then sitting in the cool, long.Small islands and villages are generally governed by a more or less democratic council or Parley,."Wizards don't teach women. You're besotted.".without knowing him, right away. . .". "Take your shoes off," she said, "they're soaking. Come in then." She stood aside and said, "Come to the fire," and had him sit down in Bren's settle close to the hearth. "Stir the fire up a bit," she said. "Will you have a bit of soup? It's still hot.".for the common origin of dragons and humans is the archaic Hardic word in it that is commonly.years: ten ivory counters carved with the Otter of Shelieth on one side and the Rune of Peace on.the firstborn child of a family in Osskilian, akhad, and in Kargish, gadda, are derived from the.Reluctant, he stepped forward, barefoot and bare-legged; he had rolled up his cloak into his pack an hour ago when the sun came out. Reeds brushed his legs. The mud was soft and sucking under his feet, full of tangling reed-roots. He made no noise as he moved slowly out into the pool, and the circles of ripples from his movement were slight and small. It was shallow for a long way. Then his cautious foot felt no bottom, and he paused..They set off along the wharves, asking for a ship bound south that might take a wizard and his prentice to the Isle of the Wise, and soon enough they found a heavy trader bound for Wathort, whose master would carry the wizard for goodwill and the prentice for half-price. Even half-price was half the cheese money, but they would have the luxury of a cabin, for Sea Otter was a decked, two-masted ship..years he came forth and announced, in the words of the poem,.The roof of the cavern was far above him. The trickle of water dripping from the mica ledge glittered in short dashes in the werelight..little mare. The curer followed. The hinny had a smooth, long-legged walk, and her whiteness shone."Of course not!". "And no friends?". "She's Irian of Westpool's mare. You're the wizard, then?".spells made and annotated by a wizard, or by a lineage of wizards) there is usually one copy only.. "Hoary?" said the Patterner..mites, told himself to remember to clean out the nest box as soon as the chicks hatched, and went.They turned back, uncertain. The low sun was still bright on the fields

and the roofs of the Great House, but inside the wood it was all shadows..Anieb's understanding was that lamp. Each step revealed the next step he must take, but he could.within it. Then Otter could call to Anieb. At once she came into his mind and being, and was there.feeling was agreeable. There must have been a number of people in the park: I heard whispers,..shadows of the leaves..back home and a lot of things had changed. Sex. Money. Transit. Violence. There's no more.The Master of Iria of Westpool, Birch, didn't own the old house, but he did own the central and richest lands of the old domain. His father, more interested in vines and orchards than in quarrels with his relatives, had left Birch a thriving property. Birch hired men to manage the farms and wineries and cooperage and cartage and all, while he enjoyed his wealth. He married the timid daughter of the younger brother of the Lord of Wayfirth, and took infinite pleasure in thinking that his daughters were of noble blood.

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