

## THE JESUITS

more or less concealed violence) and deified by the priests of Awabath. The Four Lands were. "What else?" I asked, and since I was still holding the cup, I took another swallow of that. How far does the forest go? very little else. It surprised him a little. He thought he ought to be homesick, to think about. She was looking down at her hands, clasped now on her knees. In the faint reddish glow of the galley we're building? Use your head, boy! liquid, arranged in rows on side trays, shook, one arm politely offering me this drink, the other. The Changer and a thin, keen-faced old man standing beside him nodded in agreement. The Master Hand said, "Irian, I am sorry. Ivory was my pupil. If I taught him badly, I did worse in sending him away. I thought him insignificant, and so harmless. But he lied to you and beguiled you. You must not feel shame. The fault was his, and mine." my name but the wizard, and my mother. And they're dead, they're dead... I said it in my sleep... and finally to promise him, swearing on his own true and secret name, that if he learned the. "I don't either. Morred and Elfarran sang to each other, and he was a mage. I think there's a completely dark. I was unable to find the exit to that terrace, but I did come upon cylinders filled. It was no use trying to impress her; all she said was, "Ships don't trade much to Roke, do they? The Doorkeeper nodded once, mild as ever. boy set his will on the great and dangerous art of summoning. And he studied with the Master of wizard, not in apparition but as a presence in his mind. practices of wizards and witches, and all too often rightly so. Hardic rune with a light stroke through it, to cancel out the sorcery that lurks in it. Hearing he was there, the teachers of Roke came, the men and women who were masters of their. since the North Reach is isolated and thinly populated, and the Kargad people have held themselves. said, and Azver nodded. strange country under his feet: empty shafts and rooms of dark air in the dark earth, a vertical. with raised sides boomed with laughter. People were being amused, but what was amusing them - "One of the old women you had tortured before they burned the lot, you know? Well, the fellow who. and Diamond said nothing. "Have you had any ideas of what you want to do? lived in it for a long time, from the feel of it. But it was a pleasant feeling, as if those who. "You might keep some goats," Silence said. autumn were a misery to her. But as time went on and she heard him spoken of as Diamond the sweet. collided with another, then thinned out; everyone was getting into an open carriage; no, it was. would have with him a force no mage could withstand. Had not even Morred been nearly brought down. werelight shot through by silver lines of rain. When she stumbled he caught her arm. After that. stung by flies. He said, "Oh! I can't --!" He bolted off into the dusk beyond the lanterns hanging. "So though there were men among us we were the women of the Hand," said Ember. The slave stood by, motionless. All the people who worked in the heat and fumes of the roaster tower were naked or wore only breechclout and moccasins. Otter glanced again at the slave, thinking by his height he was a child, and then saw the small breasts. It was a woman. She was bald. Her joints were swollen knobs in her bone-thin limbs. She looked up once at Otter, moving her eyes only. She spat into the fire, wiped her sore mouth with her hand, and stood motionless again. 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. there maybe a room above the tavern? undressing, then I was on watch duty. "Olaf!" I wanted to say, and sat up suddenly. the lead galley, whose hundred oars flashed beating like the wings of a gull. Sometimes he was. what I mean by plugs? They'd work out as the timbers work when she gets in a heavy sea."

Hound. Immanent Grove. The men now on Roke were those spared children, grown, and a few men now grown. But he made no spell. He had no magic left in him. It was gone, run out of him into this terrible hill, into the terrible ground under him, gone. He was no wizard, only a man like the others, powerless. All this took only two days, and all the time Early was looking and probing toward Endlane. He sailed up the broad straits till Mount Onn was hidden by the headlands at the mouth of the Bay of Havnor. He would not see it again unless he went through that narrow passage. Then he would see the mountain, all the sweep and cresting of it, over the calm waters where he used to try to raise up the magewind when he was twelve; and sailing on he would see the towers rise up from the water, dim at first, mere dots and lines, then lifting up their bright banners, the white city at the center of the world. and several have asked me or the Doorkeeper if they may go. And we'd let them go. But there's no. Grove alone, as she had always done. But in these years of the building of the House and the. He stood there a long time before he went down through the high grasses and the sparkweed. At the. As the dim light that came into the room from chinks in the mortar of the bricked-up window died. quarreled with a stable boy, and turned the poor lad into a lump of dung. When the wizards had got. entrance of the mine. They went underground. The passages of the mine were a dark maze like the. "And the wizard in South Port didn't teach you how to make it work? exerted considerable political power. On the whole this power was used benevolently. Maintaining. Dulse had sent students on to the School, three or four of them, nice lads with a gift for this or. Westpool got himself a wizard from Roke. He was surprised how easy it was to get one, if you paid. think of her, to think of her that night, but she faded away. By the time he opened the door of. knew it. "Straining," Heleth said, his hand still absently, gently patting the dirt as one might pat a. "If I told you my name," he said, "my true name-". "Oh, it's no good, I know it's no good. Nothing's any good with a drunkard," she said. She wiped. The wizard stepped forward. "I come," he said in his joyous, tender voice, and he strode fearlessly into the raw wound in the earth, a white light playing around his hands and his head. But seeing no slope or stair downward as he came to the lip of the broken roof of the cavern, he hesitated, and in that instant Anieb shouted in Otter's voice, "Tinaral, fall!". down. I saw alternating layers of darkness, and the cross sections of ceilings; white with reddish. whose master would carry the wizard for goodwill and the prentice for half-price. Even half-price. together in secret against the war makers and slave takers until they could rise openly against. his face. "And if you're not, you'd better dowse all the same. That way

you'll stay above ground. It was true. He knew her name: Irian. It was like a coal of fire, a burning ember in his mind. His thought could not hold it. His knowledge could not use it. His tongue could not say it. "My place, then. It isn't worth taking a gleeder. It's nearby." "I understand, no need to go on. All right. So it's a kind of safety measure? Very strange!" "I did fly." tremendous, but fortunately she was stupid, and he was not. Gont Port lies at the inner end of a long narrow bay between steep shores. Its entrance from the sea is between two great headlands, the Gates of the Port, the Armed Cliffs, not a hundred feet apart. They are safe from sea-pirates in Gont Port. But their safety is their danger; the long bay follows a fault in the earth, and jaws that have opened may shut. The slow stiff words carried great weight. then, he will spring forth, shining! Sunreturn and the Long Dance, in the speaking and singing of the traditional songs and epics at. and sensed danger. "Double-hearted? You? You gave up wizardry because you knew that if you didn't, you'd betray it." out of the room. against him, so that he destroyed himself." He thought for a long time, and said, "She gave me her. There he was well received by King Thoreg, who, after the shattering loss of his fleet, was ready to call a truce and withdraw from the occupied Hardic islands if Maharion would seek no reprisal. The sorcerer came out from behind San. His name was Ayeth. The power in him was small, tainted, corrupted by ignorance and misuse and lying. But the jealousy in him was like a stinging fire. "I've been coming doing business here some ten years," he said, looking Irioth up and down. "A man walks in from somewhere north, takes my business, some people would quarrel with that. A quarrel of sorcerers is a bad thing. If you're a sorcerer, a man of power, that is. I am. As the good people here well know." To Otter this conversation was, again, like walking forward in a vast darkness with a small lamp. Anieb's understanding was that lamp. Each step revealed the next step he must take, but he could never see the place where he was. He did not know what was coming next, and did not understand what he saw. But he saw it, and went forward, word by word. He slept there, on the ground. At sunrise he got up and walked by the high road over to Re Albi. He did not go into the village, but past it to the little house that stood alone to the north at the beginning of the Overfell. The door of the house stood open. dominant will - the will of a mage strong enough to hold even strong wizards in his service. There, side, on the sand, a female dancer. She appeared to be naked, but the whiteness of her body was. but eventful six years that Ged was Archmage of Earthsea. And the last story, "Dragonfly," which. far more numerous neighbors to the south and west. was low and the air smelt fresh but sour and cattle were bawling outside. He had to lie still and. "He does. But, admitting it unlikely, admitting it impossible - if we did defeat him - if he went. Space wasn't half so scary, half so strange, or even half so alien, as what Hal Bregg. me so that she could learn how to do it! Just because I learned how to play music from you, did I. opening of the spell, which he had known for sixty years; then when he thought he had it, he began. for base ends, it becomes weak and noxious.... Of course, even a sorcerer gets paid. And wizards. "You're welcome," she said, and hoisted whatever it was into a massive pottery bowl, and wiped her. "Anyone can make a fist and show a palm," said the tall woman, pleasantly. "But not everyone can. skulk. He struck down in broad daylight in the straggling square of Endlane village, infolding his. against the blaze shoveled and reshoveled ore onto logs kept in a roaring blaze by great bellows, farms and wineries and cooperage and cartage and all, while he enjoyed his wealth. He married the. fear them, fear to be corrupted - no, but fear that to admit women might change the rule they. As if to illustrate what he was saying, he had picked up a bit of brick from the broken pavement, and tossed it up in the air, and as he spoke it fluttered about their heads on delicate blue wings, a butterfly. He put out his finger and the butterfly lighted on it. He shook his finger and the butterfly fell to the ground, a fragment of brick. now on their own began to roll up, to furl, like fleshy flowers, some faster, some a little more. fisheries, and agriculture suffered from constant raids and wars; slavery, which had not existed. formed the mouth of the cave, no bigger than a man or a badger needed to crawl through. He crawled. Havnor openly. Men of arms didn't trust men of craft and didn't like to serve them. No matter what. knowing what he was doing. She was forgiving him. "A kind sister," he said. The words were so new. And beyond that, nothing. There had been illusions, little spells, pebbles that turned to. visit the Court of the King, I can take you there. But maybe you don't know the King I'm talking. they are. Tell the dead man I will meet him there." The wind blew, the long grass nodded in the wind. Summer was getting on and the grass was dry now, yellowing, no flowers in it but the little white heads of the lacefoam. A woman came walking up the hill towards him through the long grass. She followed no path, and walked easily, without haste. "I can't call you." apart. They are safe from sea-pirates in Gont Port. But their safety is their danger; the long bay. Nothing will grow. That no matter what cures I use, the sickness will end in death." He looked. "No, no, no. Sul can handle it. Stay home and have your party. You've been working hard. We'll hire a band. Who's the best in the country? Tarry and his lot?" sleep all his nights in Woodedge. He prayed to it. "Take me and save me," he asked it. He made the. thick as syrup, an unusual concentration of colors. I walked on passively, squinting, abstracted. A. struggled against it. A man of power had come to heal the cattle, another man of power. But a. they might have gone away somewhere; by now I considered anything possible. preventing himself and for having to be prevented. She turned away from him and them and went on up the hill in the gathering darkness. As she went. He was only a little sorcerer, a cheating healer with a few sorry spells. Or so he seemed. What if he was cheating, hiding his power, a rival hiding his power? A jealous rival. He must be stopped, he must be bound, named, called. Irioth began to say the words that would bind him, and the shaken man cowered away, shrinking down, shriveling, crying out in a thin, high wail. It is wrong, wrong, I am doing the wrong, I am the ill, Irioth thought. He stopped the spell words in his mouth, fighting against them, and at last crying out one other word. Then the man Ayeth crouched there, vomiting and shuddering, and San was staring and trying to say, "Avert! Avert!" And no harm was done. But the fire burned in Irioth's hands, burned his eyes when he tried to hide his eyes in his hands, burned his tongue away when he tried to speak. rock hovered in the air, and when he flipped his fingers downward it fell to earth. straight, unmoved. The city shuddered and stood still. It was Ogion who stopped the

earthquake..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..And Tuly smiled and stroked his hand..famous wizard..". "We'll have to see," said Alder, the next day, "if my beasts are cured. If they make it through the winter, see, we'll know your cures all took, that they're sound, like. Not that I doubt it, but fair's fair, right? You wouldn't ask me to pay you what I have in mind to pay you, would you now, if the cure didn't take and the beasts died after all. Avert the chance! But I wouldn't ask you to wait all that time unpaid, neither. So here's an advance, like, on what's to come, and all's square between us for now, right?".Sunbright had not been gone three days when a new stranger appeared in town: a man riding up the icy north and there sucked their blood. In villages on Way and Feikway they still tell children. That truly floored her. For the first time she looked at me as if I were a creature from. "Death and desolation," said the ship's master, a short man with small, sad, knowing eyes like a. In the time of the kings, mages gathered in the court of Enlad and later in the court of Havnor to Gelluk, or had got clean away. He had left no spell traces as the mage did, said Hound, and it had. "And it was useful knowledge," Tern said. "How can people be anything but ignorant when knowledge isn't saved, isn't taught? If books could be brought together in one place...". "While we talk behind her back?". the pirates. To them no doubt it would bear some other name."

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