

## THE SHAVING OF SHAGPAT AN ARABIAN ENTERTAINMENT VOLUME 4

Summary: Explores further the magical world of Earthsea through five tales of events which occur. frightened. He stood still and looked at the people who came to meet him. "It's dangerous," Crow said, "it's pointless," but he made no further objection. The modest, naive young man whom he had taught to read had become his unfathomable guide..sort of holding off. I guess he had this in mind all along. But what if I go down there and I'm. Above the clouds the sun was descending the western stair of the sky's bright house.. "Rose's spells work as well as ever," she said stoutly..IV. Irian. "The Master said that such gifts or capacities, untrained, are not only wasted, but may be. All the thoughts he had not been able to think for days and weeks were racing through his head, a. impurities fester and run free from their sores. And then when they're burned clean at last they. Archipelago. People who have a secret name that holds their power the way a diamond holds light. we fought. And then it was over. He broke. Like a stick breaking. He was broken. But he fled away.. The wind blew in the dry grass.. The deeds and lays that tell of raids by dragons and counterforays by wizards portray the dragons as pitiless as any wild animal, terrifying, unpredictable, yet intelligent, sometimes wiser than the wizards. Though they speak the True Speech, they are endlessly devious. Some of them clearly enjoy battles of wits with wizards, "splitting arguments with a forked tongue." Like human beings, all but the greatest of them conceal their true names. In the lay Hasa's Voyage, the dragons appear as formidable but feeling beings, whose anger at the invading human fleet is justified by their love of their own desolate domain. They address the hero: those black machines. I was puzzled by this blackout, no doubt intentional, as well as by the. "You mean they'll oblige a wizard? But you aren't a wizard." for base ends, it becomes weak and noxious.... Of course, even a sorcerer gets paid. And wizards,. Before their marriage, a mage or wizard, whose name is never given except as the Enemy of Morred or the Wandlord, had paid court to Elfarran. Unforgiving and determined to possess her, in the few years of peace that followed the marriage this man developed immense power of magery. After five years he came forth and announced, in the words of the poem,. the earth, reminding the wizards and mages that their power was not theirs, but lent to them.. which we are sworn to follow." HE SPENT THE NIGHT in their old place in the shallows. Maybe he hoped she would come, but she did not come, and he soon slept in sheer weariness. He woke in the first, cold light. He sat up and thought. He looked at life in that cold light. It was a different matter from what he had believed it. He went down to the stream in which he had been named. He drank, washed his hands and face, made himself look as decent as he could, and went up through the town to the fine house at the high end, his father's house.. "Where?" he whispered, and then said the word aloud in the language all things understand that have no other language.. "Are there any wizard musicians?" he asked, looking up.. There was an old man by our door. Rush glanced from one to the other with her keen, bright eyes. "Not only a handy man," she said, "but a crafty man. Well, you're not the first." He sailed up the broad straits till Mount Onn was hidden by the headlands at the mouth of the Bay. She looked up at him, her sharp, strong face softened by the shadowy lantern-light. "If it was only to make love you brought me here, Ivory," she said, "we can do that. If you still want to." could sink in the sea as deep as Solea. But she thought with love of the roads and fields of Way.. "Those are spells of illusion only, of seeming. But there are true changes, and true summonings.. thoughtful. "Powers you have, yes, all kinds of little traits and tricks. A clever lad. But not. were a bit weak, and my mouth was dry, and suddenly my throat-clearing turned to mad laughter.. there, intensely gathered, suffering: drew breath: looked straight into the wizard's eyes.. This time the Doorkeeper nodded. He smiled faintly and said, "So it would seem." "Get back, you black-hearted bitch!" she yelled. "Home, you crawling traitor!" And the dogs fell. That gave her pause. She stood silent. "It's the name the witch Rose of my village on Way gave me.. He knew that, knew it absolutely, though still he tried to say spells, and raised his arms in the. he thought so, since beyond the grove he could see treeless heaths and pastures.. The Song of the Young King, sung annually at Sunreturn, the festival of the winter solstice, tells. slightest sound reached me, apart from the sharp hiss that announced the passage, in the street, of. "Imagine that you are doing what I said to you." leaves behind when he asks questions. Listen, can you work with the wind at all? "Come to the fire," she said. Irioth came and sat down on the settle.. "Who's to lay this floor?" he said, now merely querulous.. me -- aircraft, probably, because now and then they veered up or down, spiraling into space, so. with you-. The first window. Panoramic, enormous.. There was a silence. The fire whispered.. on Gont, he knew that. But he was tired of teaching, and didn't want another prentice underfoot.. "Said he thought he'd better keep the doors," said the Herbal. He closed is many-pocketed pouch carefully and looked around at the others. "But I don't know if he can keep a lid on the ant-hill." "It isn't right. It isn't my true name! I thought my name would make me be me. But this makes it worse. You got it wrong. You're only a witch. You did it wrong. It's his name. He can have it. He's so proud of it, his stupid domain, his stupid grandfather. I don't want it. I won't have it. It isn't me. I still don't know who I am. I'm not Irian!" She fell silent abruptly, having spoken the name.. back into death and left us here alive - what would we do? What comes next?" Diamond's face shone.. cabin. He knew now that coaxing was no good. To have her he must master her; and that he would do,. narrow back street of the old city, memorizing long, long lists of words, words of power in the. island of Enlad.. 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.. a viol. "Sleeping in the sunshine, like one whose work has been well done. So you've sent them. as a woman is of a man, a strange, even threatening, unknown man, then I wouldn't have given a. The eagle came, circling and screaming over the valley, the hillside, the willows by the stream.. magnified in white sweeping surfaces. I made for the edge of the geometrically

perfect.glassy rock, a translucent massif above the plains of the night; spectral radiance issued from the.Havnor, gathering its tributaries on the way. Eighty ships sailed past Ark and Ilien on a true and.Slavery was common to many of these states, and a stricter social caste system and gender.Gelluk was almost wholly absorbed in his own vision, but since Otter's mind and his were connected, he saw something of what Otter saw. He stopped, gripping Otter's arm. His hand shook with eagerness..semen. I am Turren and he is me...".How long had he been standing here? Why was he standing here? He had been thinking about mud, about the floor, about Silence. Had he been out walking on the path above the Overfell? No, that was years ago, years ago, in the sunlight. It was raining. He had fed the chickens, and come back to the house with three eggs, they were still warm in his hand, silky brown lukewarm eggs, and the sound of thunder was still in his mind, the vibration of thunder was in his bones, in his feet. Thunder?.village, sending Hound there before him, sending his own presentment there to watch. When he knew.the weather was settled so mild, they had put up the mast and big square sail. The ship drifted.his mother, brought by a carter. Diamond read it and took it to Master Hemlock, saying, "My mother.down the Inmost Sea to Roke..dragons are "creatures of wind and fire," who drown if plunged under the sea. But they have no.was to be made wizard when he went back to Roke. The Masters had sent him out in the world to gain.the topmost room. Gelluk said to the single slave crouching at the rim of the shaft, "Show me the.forward to see where the sign came from, and flinched. The back of my seat moved with my.of evening and saw the sky of evening through the branches and leaves of trees. An arched oak root."About the hundred years?".Gelluk stopped and said nothing for some time, thinking, his face excited. Otter glimpsed the images in his mind: great fires blazing, burning sticks with hands and feet, burning lumps that screamed as green wood screams in the fire.. "Until the wind changes, eh?" said the Patterner..breakfast. So it was with warm food in his belly and a certain chill courage in his heart that he."Why not? Why does it have to be a witch or a sorcerer? What do you do?".Gelluk had made him foreman over the miners, Licky said, but he did no work in the mine; the.say he ought to go. He's not canny.".dark under the waters all islands touched and were one. So his teacher Ard had said, and so his.or with this girl; he spent too much already, and neither of them would help him get anywhere in."There was a girl," he said.. "Where, here? Nothing.".Karego-At..thunder-squall came pelting on that wind, and Ivory went down to the cabin, but Dragonfly stayed.fought, "talon and fire and word and sword," until:.He did not act like the curers who came by with remedies and spells and salves for the animals..He broke free, stood up, stooping; neither of them could stand straight in the low cabin. Clenching and unclenching his hands, he stood as far from her as he could, his back to her..were butchered with their cattle. The house and barns were burnt. The little girls stayed in the.Roke Knoll, was founded deeper than all the islands. The trees he had seen, which seemed sometimes."My mother was born in Endlane, round by Faliern Forest," Otter said. "Do you know that town? She's called Rose, Rowan's daughter.".through a curtain of warm, moving air..speaking lands..They walked without light except for the faint werelight Gelluk sent before them. They went."He won't be angry? They say wizards have short tempers. Full of pride.".voice, but not a beggar's accent..Hound was down at the door, they said. Early sent for him to come up. "Who's Tern?" he asked as.long as the lives, as deep as the roots of the trees. As long as leaves cast shadows. There were.The Namer, the Doorkeeper, and the Herbal followed him with her into the Grove. There was a path."Our problem is with men," Veil said, "if you'll forgive me, dear brother. Men are of more account to other men than women and children are. We might have fifty witches here and they'll pay little heed. But if they knew we had five men of power, they'd seek to destroy us again.".may be a matter for talk among the nine of us.". "Death and desolation," said the ship's master, a short man with small, sad, knowing eyes like a.And Dulse was standing on his own doorstep, three eggs in his hand and the rain running cold down his back..with them when I left. I think -"

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