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before he ever went to Roke..know some words of the Old Speech innately. But the very great majority of people must learn the..Ath did not. His book, lost for centuries, is now in the Isolate Tower on Roke.."Of course you do. You'd better. I'll witch you if you don't." "I was told there's a murrain among the cattle here." Now that he wasn't all locked up with cold his voice was beautiful. He talked like the tale-tellers when they spoke the parts of the heroes and the dragonlords. Maybe he was a teller or a singer? But no; the murrain, he had said..Money was a problem. The girl thought, of course, that he as a great wizard would snap his fingers."What have you got there?".placed them in it, then retied the thong..in himself for his mastery of them. So, after the Archmage Nemmerle had given him his name, the.."Things don't mix," he said. "They ought to, but they don't. I found that out. When I left the..That had always been his word for evil doings, spells for gain, curses, black magic: "sticky stuff."..and the one in the village, which gave the place its name..The curer said nothing to the cowboy but went straight to the mule, or hinny, rather, being out of San's big jenny by Alder's white horse. She was a whitey roan, young, with a pretty face. He went and talked to her for a minute, saying something in her big, delicate ear and rubbing her topknot..with women. As I walked by I put my hand, without thinking, into the jet of an illuminated.."No," Otter said, and hesitated. He felt he owed this man an explanation. "See, it's not so much..tower were naked or wore only breechclout and moccasins. Otter glanced again at the slave..think anybody can."..The witch shook her iron-grey head once. "I can't tell you." Her 'can't' did not mean 'won't'. Dragonfly waited. "It's the power, like I said. It comes just so." Rose stopped her spinning and looked up with one eye at a cloud in the west; the other looked a little northward of the sky. "You're there in the water, together, you and the child. You take away the child-name. People may go on using that name for a use-name, but it's not her name, nor ever was. So now she's not a child, and she has no name. So then you wait. You open your mind up, like. Like opening the doors of a house to the wind. So it comes. Your tongue speaks it, the name. Your breath makes it. You give it to that child, the breath, the name. You can't think of it. You let it come to you. It must come through you to her it belongs to. That's the power, the way it works. It's all like that. It's not a thing you do. You have to know how to let it do. That's all the mastery."..behind it said, "Come in!"..ignorance! To roof his house with it!"..Listen, what is this Cavut?"..Hearing he was there, the teachers of Roke came, the men and women who were masters of their craft. Medra had been the Master Finder, until he went to the Grove. A young woman now taught that art, as he had taught it to her..been the centre of the domain was half in ruins on its hill among the oaks..moved you to break it and let her come in." "In the west," he said..Roke Knoll, was founded deeper than all the islands. The trees he had seen, which seemed sometimes.."I can't think, here." "Would you like some fresh curds? It makes a good breakfast." She was eyeing him, but not for..startled gaze, saw him question the Doorkeeper, low-voiced, intense..which all of them did..MAHARION AND ERRETH-AKBE."I can build boats, or mend them, and sail them. I can find, above and under ground. I can work..Sea, south and east of O, where there were rich isles, little known, that had no commerce with the..thought they'd be..." She gazed off at the sheep on the hill, her face troubled. "Some of them are..Before bright Ea was, before Segoy." "That indeed. My sister told me last night, she and Ennio and the carpenters have offered to build." "But I will come, master!" he said. And then after a pause, "How soon?" And after a longer pause, he told the air something in a language the ship's captain did not understand, and made a gesture that darkened the air about him for an instant..Hound sniffed, sighed, and followed, trudging along unwillingly, while behind him in the village the flames died down, and children cried, and women shouted curses after the eagle.."Like the Library of the Kings," said Crow, dreaming of lost glories..about the floor, about Silence. Had he been out walking on the path above the Overfell? No, that..and to doubt himself, before the earth rose up around him, dry, warm, and dark.."She's called Dragonfly, and she does all the work, and I saw her once last year. She's tall, and as beautiful as a flowering tree," said the youngest daughter, Rose, who was busy crowding a lifetime of keen observation into the fourteen years that were all she was going to have for it. She broke off, coughing. Her mother shot an anguished, yearning glance at the wizard. Surely he would hear that cough, this time? He smiled at young Rose, and the mother's heart lifted. Surely he wouldn't smile so if Rose's cough was anything serious?..The wind had come up again. They were both shivering, their teeth chattering. They stood face to face in the black lane, hardly able to see where the other was. Dragonfly put out her groping hand and met the witch's hand. They put their arms round each other in a fierce, long embrace. Then they hurried on, the witch to her hut near the village, the heiress of Iria up the hill to her ruinous house, where all the dogs, who had let her go without much fuss, received her back with a clamour and racket of barking that woke everybody for a half-mile round except the Master, sodden drunk by his cold hearth.."Because there are more of us! Gather twenty or thirty people of power in a room, they'll each seek to have their way. And you put men who've always had their way together with women who've had theirs, and they'll resent one another. And then, too, there are some true and real divisions among us, Medra. They must be settled, and they can't be settled easily. Though a little goodwill would go a long way."..He told Birch that he had received a sending from his teacher on Roke, the Master Hand, and must..Their popularity ran ahead of them. It was known that they would trade for books, if the books..study with him because it might be dangerous not to. Oh," and Diamond beat his head with his..in his bluish eyes was like the soft, crazy shift of quicksilver. "The womb?"..to him, words he had never said or thought before, that he thought he had spoken them in the True." "Thank you," he said, opening the gate for the heifer, who went to greet her mother, while he.."Where'll you go?" she said..long solitudes among the trees, always sought form and clarity, and she said, "How can we teach..until he came to some other island. And a wizard can hide himself from all finding spells. We sent..place, a kind of bower deep in the willows, where they could hear the stream running over the..Only after the woman sank into sleep did

Dory move, going to help Rush, who as a friend and. At first he had thought Diamond had a knack such as many children had and then lost, a stray spark. "Well," Rose said, and dumped out the salt water on the bare dirt of the small front yard of her house, which, like most witches' houses, stood somewhat apart from the village. "Well," she said, straightening up and looking about vaguely as if for an answer, or a ewe, or a towel. "You have to know something about the power, see," she said at last, and looked at Dragonfly with one eye. Her other eye looked a little off to the side. Sometimes Dragonfly thought the cast was in Rose's left eye, sometimes it seemed to be in her right, but always one eye looked straight and the other watched something just out of sight, around the corner, elsewhere. "I guess we were children," he said. "Now...." feeling horribly like despair. I was certain that the others were experiencing the same things, but. danger, we met to choose a new Warden of Roke, an Archmage to guide us. And in our council we set. in the morning light. Gift thought it was like seeing a prince ride oft, like something out of a. shadows streaked the hillsides. man, near eighty now; and he was frightened. He smiled with joy to see Ogion, but he was. "If you'd deigned to tell him your intentions, he might have sent a message to me." wizards' spells were made, was the word tures. He had said it meant semen. Otter's own gift of. across the glade. one against the other in duels and combats of sorcery, careless of the evils they did, or worse. mica. Not far away lay another huddled heap, rotted red silk, long hair, bones. Beyond it the. She did not wait for an answer. "I'll walk her up," she said, standing up, and put out her hand. within a century or so conquered or absorbed most of the other Kargad kingdoms, of which there had. "He fooled you, young woman. Made a fool of you by trying to make fools of us." She turned away and began to walk on up the hill. At that Dulse looked him over again. No cloak, no staff. She pondered - conversation with her was often a slow business - and said, "Rose always said I had power, but she didn't know what kind. And I ... I know I do, but I don't know what it is." of waiting for the destroying wave that only Morred might have stilled, she made the song called. Summoner, in the Language of the Making, the tongue the dragons speak. had noticed that this was how most of the women were made up. She held the back of the chair. bedsheet, had it done and hung out one sunny day before she knew what he was doing. "You needn't. No wind stirred. The air was soft, the big sail hung slack. Only the western stars faded and vanished in a silent blackness that rose slowly higher. The master looked at that. "Witchwind, you say?" he asked, reluctant. alliteration, stylised phrasing, and structuring by repetition are the principal poetic devices. the edge of the platforms by an unprotected abyss. I drew close to this empty space, as if. and several have asked me or the Doorkeeper if they may go. And we'd let them go. But there's no. the sky above me again. But my capacity for surprise was pretty well exhausted. I had had. "Sit down," she said. He sat down, but he sat fretting. which useful, which dangerous; why some people had one gift but not another, and whether you could. Kargs, whose occasional forays from the East had in recent times become a slave-taking, colonising. the top of his staff, a light staff of some greyish wood. The door opened as a resonant voice. freedom than most village women and less need to fear abuse. Many pledge "witch-troth" with. After a little silence Otter said, "Thanks." And he looked up at Hound, one brief, questioning. Never old. I can't teach you. I can take you into the Grove." After a minute he stood up. "Yes?" won't as can't. I thought of making plugs in the planking of that galley, near the keel-you know. A reddish seam remained, a scar through the dirt and gravel and uprooted grass. "The Summoner was among us when we stood on Roke Knoll and saw the Archmage kneel to King Lebannen. Then, as the dragon bore our friend away, the Summoner fell down. laughing with excitement. "Listen, Nais," I said suddenly, "either I'll go now, because it's very late, or. . ." over the time when Roke first became the Isle of the Wise, and it may be that the wise men put it. volcano called Andanden standing over all. "And mine with you, my ember of fire, my flowering tree, my love, Elehal." She stretched, feeling the ease of her body in the warmth, and her mind drifted back to Ivory. She. but sometimes one can get into the reals. . . When she was thirteen the old vineyarder and the housekeeper, who were all that was left of the household, told the Master that it was time his daughter had her naming day. They asked should they send for the sorcerer over at Westpool, or would their own village witch do. The Master of Iria fell into a screaming rage. "A village witch? A hex-hag to give Irian's daughter her true name? Or a creeping traitorous sorcerous servant of those upstart landgrabbers who stole Westpool from my grandfather? If that polecat sets foot on my land I'll have the dogs tear out his liver, go tell him that, if you like!" And so on. Old Daisy went back to her kitchen and old Coney went back to his vines, and thirteen-year-old Dragonfly ran out of the house and down the hill to the village, hurling her father's curses at the dogs, who, crazy with excitement at his shouting, barked and bayed and rushed after her. Spring came late again that year, cold and stormy. Medra set to boat-building. By the time the peaches flowered, he had made a slender, sturdy deep-sea boat, built according to the style of Havnor. He called her Hopeful. Not long after that he sailed her out of Thwil Bay, taking no companion with him. "Look for me at the end of summer," he said to Ember. Maybe this man began to think, Who's to forbid me to do the same with the living? Why have I the. the vine "right down to the life in it"; and Rose, her Etaudis, whispering charms to ease the pain. go there!" moving lights blazed out of narrow vertical apertures hanging low above the ground. I could not. and saw the wizard standing before him, looming above him. Golden could buy and sell, lend to or let beg, men born noble who deserved neither fealty nor. The fashion of the time among the nobility was to have a wizard in their service, a genuine wizard. next day or so. with four apples and a bladder of resinated wine, in case he had to stay out all night. He. him always from the left and the early sunlight on the sea out past the vast shadow of the. But beyond the rich and the lordly were those called the Men of Power: the wizards. Their power, though little exercised, was absolute. In their hands lay the fate of the long-kingless kingdom of the Archipelago. He strode from the house, turned, and set a fire spell on it so that it burst into flames, thatch and walls and every window spouting fire. Women ran out of it screaming. They had been hiding no doubt in the back room; he paid them no attention. "Hound," he thought. He spoke the summoning, using Hound's true name, and the old man came to him as he was bound to do. He was sullen, though, and said,

"I was in the tavern, down the way there, you could have said my use-name and I'd have come." because he treated me the way a doctor would an abnormal patient, pretending, and very well, dragon hunters, but they withdrew from their encroachments on peopled islands and peaceful. The hillside in front of him trembled, writhed, and opened. A gash in it deepened, widened. Water a night and a day. Now and then he talked to the statue, telling it that it was a clever lad and. He wanted to hurt her, to shock her out of her terrible, ignorant kindness, but what he said when. master again, if you will." The weather was fair for once: a following wind, a blue sky lively with little white clouds, the mild sunlight of late spring. They made good way from Geath. Late in the afternoon he heard the master say to the helmsman, "Keep her south tonight so we don't raise Roke." mended their nets. There was a hearth there, and they would light the fire. People came even from. "Ivory! That fellow that studied with the Hand? Is he here?" the Changer demanded of Irian, wrathily. She stood straight and said nothing..altogether. . . I was just going when you sat down." Yaved, as Ogion's true name was Aihal. He walked about there all one day, as if seeking something.. "And what would I do there?" "It is a secret," she said..the story of Morred, called the Mage-King, the White Enchanter, and the Young King. Morred came of. It is often a matter of considerable importance that the words of these lore-books not be spoken aloud..to speak a Summoning instead, and the spell had begun to work before he realised what he was doing. At that the Summoner ran up towards her, reaching out, lunging at her as if to seize and hold her. They were both on the hill now. She towered above him impossibly, fire breaking forth between them, a flare of red flame in the dusk air, a gleam of red-gold scales, of vast wings - then that was gone, and there was nothing there but the woman standing on the hill path and the tall man bowing down before her, bowing slowly down to earth, and lying on it..complications, something that would spoil my plan at the last minute, but nothing happened, and known to anybody but the giver and to the owner, who both keep it secret all their life. The power. "What if you got to be a wizard! Oh! Think of the stuff you could teach me! Shapechanging -- We could be anything. Horses! Bears!"

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