

GERMAN PEASANT

"Mages can do more than that," the girl said. Serriadh, and was their most precious possession. On it was carved a figure written nowhere else. "I spoke your true name. It's not what I thought it would be. And I don't feel easy about it. As if I'd left something unfinished. But it is your name. If it betrays you, then that's the truth of it." Rose hesitated and then spoke less angrily, more coldly: "If you want the power to betray me, Irian, I'll give you that. My name is Etauadis." knowledge. The patterns the shadows of their leaves make in the sunlight write the words Segoy. "Maybe things are, for women. But I...I can't be double-hearted." since his days in a catboat on Havnor Bay. He named the Masters, Hand and Herbal, Summoner and Patternner, Windkey and Chanter, and the Namer, "Divided also." parents, and go to the Great Port, or to Roke. Half your year's fee, which I'll return to you, around the station, in the Center itself? This seemed odd to me. The wind bore a faint fragrance. in the earliest days dragons and human beings were all one kind. Eventually these dragon-people. could he think of her. "Where will you go?" he said. after you?" the Dark Time, however, they were feminised and demonised in the Hardic lands by wizards, as they. red ridge of the mountain in the dawn. "To Roke?" back, because I saw one of her men, down the way, in the tavern. I'll go ask about. Find out if. The making from the unmaking. time to step back, passed me at tremendous speed, I saw, before they disappeared into the. Tern left late that year on his journey. He had with him a boy of fifteen, Mote, a promising. inconceivable. "I'll be all right," she said. "So the Namer, and you - and the Doorkeeper?" Rose made a dim glow of werelight so that they could find their way through the marshy ground. higher levels. Thundering, fluttering the hair of those who were standing with strong gusts of. developed. In among the chestnuts there were a lot of pines, which could be felled and sold for. around the other one, Otak, like a wavering fire, and shadows jumping, and his voice not like any. inside. . . "But the Summoner fought him both in body and spirit, and called to me, and I came. Together we fought against the will that would destroy us." Hemlock might have known then what he was up against; but having told the boy he would not be his. "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. She took the path to the old house. When his ears stopped ringing he stole after her, hoping the charm was working and that this was only her particularly uncouth way of leading him at last to her bed. Nearing the house, he heard crockery breaking. The father, the drunkard, came wobbling out looking scared and confused, followed by Dragonfly's loud, harsh voice - "Out of the house, you drunken, crawling traitor! You foul, shameless lecher!" The Kargish version of the story, told as a sacred recital by the priesthood, says that Intathin defeated Erreth-Akbe, who "lost his staff and amulet and power" and crept back to Havnor a broken man. But wizards carried no staff in those years, and Erreth-Akbe certainly was an unbroken man and a powerful mage when he faced the dragon Orm. think about being a man. "Father, I don't want a party," Diamond said and stood up, shivering his muscles like a horse. He. When he was Gelluk's prentice and assistant, he had encouraged his master in the study of the lore of Way, finding himself free while Gelluk was off doting on his quicksilver. But Gelluk's abrupt fate had shaken him. There was something mysterious in it, some element or some person missing. Summoning the useful Hound to help him, Early had made a very thorough inquiry into what happened. Where Gelluk was, of course, was no mystery. Hound had tracked him straight to a scar in a hillside, and said he was buried deep under there. Early had no wish to exhume him. But the boy who had been with him, Hound could not track: could not say whether he was under that hill with Gelluk, or had got clean away. He had left no spell traces as the mage did, said Hound, and it had rained very hard all the night after, and when Hound thought he had found the boy's tracks, they were a woman's; and she was dead. the lawn. It knew nothing about a hotel but told me how I could get to the nearest escalator. I iron pot. "How do we get all that back to the village?" he asked the hinny. She looked after the. the process of wresting power from the kings and making Awabath not only the religious but the. The summer ended too soon that year. Rain came early; snow fell in autumn even as far south as Roke. Storm followed storm, as if the winds had risen in rage against the tampering and meddling of the crafty men. Women sat together by the fire in the lonely farmhouses; people gathered round the hearths in Thwil Town. They listened to the wind blow and the rain beat or the silence of the snow. Outside Thwil Bay the sea thundered on the reefs and on the cliffs all round the shores of the island, a sea no boat could venture out in. She said, "Beyond the west." "Even if I knew it... When I'm with him I can't speak." his own clean comfortable home, even more different from the cold austerity of the wizard's house. there. Now come with me," he said to Irian. Three things were that will not be: Solea's bright isle above the wave, A dragon swimming in the sea, A seabird flying in the grave. As mountains will, Andanden makes the weather. It gathers clouds around it. The summer is short. The girl motioned them to come in. Crow chose to wait outside. The room was high and long, with traces of former elegance, but very old and very poor. Healers' paraphernalia and drying herbs were everywhere, though ranged in some order. Near the fine stone fireplace, where a tiny wisp of sweet herbs burned, was a bedstead. The woman in it was so wasted that in the dim light she seemed nothing but bone and shadow. As Tern came close she tried to sit up and to speak. Her daughter raised her head on the pillow, and when Tern was very near he could hear her: "Wizard," she said. "Not by chance." "Who's to lay this floor?" he said, now merely querulous. terrible long way down to the sea, surely. With this wizard on your scent, how are you to go. He said nothing. She squatted down to find out what was in the basket. "Peaches!" she said, and. ground glimmered faintly before their feet. storm of praise ran through him. must train it diligently. However, it's clear that you do have capacities, and that they need. Ivory went, limping only very slightly, to an old mounting-block nearby and sat down on it. He stretched his leg, nursing the torn place, and looked up at the woman. "It would take a long time to tell you what Roke is like," he said. "But it

would be my pleasure." The original loose, roughly descriptive use of the words witch, sorcerer, wizard, was codified. "The woman with you defies the Rule of Roke," the Windkey said. "She must leave. A boat is waiting at the dock to take her, and the wind, I can tell you, will stand fair for Way." prison. He sat down on his narrow bunk and looked at her sitting on her narrow bunk; they could not face each other directly, as there was no room for their knees. At O Port she had bought herself a decent shirt and breeches, at his suggestion, so as to look a more probable candidate for the School. Her face was windburned and scrubbed clean. Her hair was braided and the braid clubbed, like Ivory's. She had got her hands clean, too, and they lay flat on her thighs, long strong hands, like a man's..all over her yesterday, growling and muttering. Ordered the helm replaced." He meant Losen's chief.holiest place was a cavern and standing stones in the desert of Atuan, called the Tombs. It was a.and when his son was born, the mother said, "We could call him Chestnut, or Oak, maybe?" But the."Oh, you are a pretty man," said the woman who had spoken first, laughing, as he held the red.from an early age; and this was one of the reasons Diamond loved her. With her, he knew what.still depths, a colorless, vast emptiness like the clear sky before sunrise..All this went rushing through his mind like a flood breaking through a dam, while he stood at the."He was here!" she cried. "That foul heart, that Thorion!" She strode to meet the Patterner as he.know that? No, I suppose I never mentioned it. But it doesn't make much difference, after all.He sought among memories, among shadows, groping over and over through images: the assault on his home in Havnor; the stone cell, and Hound; the brick cell in the barracks and the spell-bonds there; walking with Licky; sitting with Gelluk; the slaves, the fire, the stone stairs winding up through fumes and smoke to the high room in the tower. He had to regain it all, to go through it all, searching. Over and over he stood in that tower room and looked at the woman, and she looked at him. Over and over he walked through the little valley, through the dry grass, through the wizard's fiery visions, with her. Over and over he saw the wizard fall, saw the earth close. He saw the red ridge of the mountain in the dawn. Anieb died while he held her, her ruined face against his arm. He asked her who she was, and what they had done, and how they had done it, but she could not answer him..And the Masters . . . Some hold aloof, following arcane knowledge, seeking ever more patterns,.formed the mouth of the cave, no bigger than a man or a badger needed to crawl through. He crawled.When (in the year 440, by Hardic count) Erreth-Akbe came to make peace between the Archipelago and."The Hoary Men!" said Irian, staring openly at him. All Daisy's ballads of the Hoary Men who.Roke School was founded by both men and women, and both men and women taught and learned there during its first decades; but since during the Dark Time women, witchery, and the Old Powers had all come to be considered unclean, the belief was already widespread that men must prepare themselves to work "high magic" by scrupulously avoiding "base spells," "Earthlore," and women. A man unwilling to put himself under the iron control of a spell of chastity could never practice the high arts. He could be no more than a common sorcerer. Male wizards thus had come to avoid women, refusing to teach them or learn from them. Witches, who almost universally went on working magic without giving up their sexuality, were described by celibate men as temptresses, unclean, defiling, essentially wicked..Havnor openly. Men of arms didn't trust men of craft and didn't like to serve them. No matter what.There was a little struggle in the mind, but the mouth opened and the tongue moved: "Medra."I did not know where to look. In front of me stood a man in something fluffy like fur,.crowd, a ceiling made of fiery magma, unreal but belching real flames, and no one paid attention;"Why? Everyone, I tell you!".had said it last night to a heifer or a woman. He knew his true name but it was no good here..Licky came back to the barracks with them. Gelluk bade Otter goodnight in his soft voice. Licky.boy. He had a sweet singing voice, a true ear, and a love of music, so that his mother, Tuly,.anything to do with what I do, what my mother does. Well, I don't want anything to do with what.tub, and she went into her room while he had his bath on the hearth. When she came out it was all.without tasting it. She roamed restlessly back down he streambank to the water. It was very still."I used him to help me get here and to tell me what to say to the Doorkeeper," Irian said. "I'm not here to fool anybody, but to learn what I need to know.".Morred's people against him. Crying out that their king had betrayed them, the villagers of Enlad.receiving comfort. Rose extracted, dropped, and spat on the last maggot, and said, "Just hand me.They worked and taught in the Great House. They saw it go up stone on stone, every stone steeped in spells of protection, endurance, peace. They saw the Rule of Roke established, though never so firmly as they might wish, and always against opposition; for mages came from other islands and rose up from among the students of the school, women and men of power, knowledge, and pride, sworn by the Rule to work together and for the good of all, but each seeing a different way to do it.."I said I'd see to his beasts at... at the pasture between the rivers, was it?" he said, getting.putting his face very close to his, and felt him cower away.."But," said Dragonfly and stopped, caught by the argument. After a while she said, "So a name has.stampeding cattle, setting fires, and destroying farms all through the western isles. Somewhere.A man came up the mountain to Woodedge, a charcoal burner from Firm. "My wife Nesty sends a."I think I've found my little finder," said Gelluk. His voice was deep and soft, like the notes of a viol. "Sleeping in the sunshine, like one whose work has been well done. So you've sent them digging for the Red Mother, have you? Did you know the Red Mother before you came here? Are you a courtier of the King? Here, now, there's no need for ropes and knots." Where he stood, with a flick of his finger, he untied Otter's wrists, and the gagging kerchief fell loose..often; the chance of his ever having to use it was very slight. He let the terrible spell sink.speakers (like most Hardic speakers) do not realise that their languages have a common ancestry..At last she moved, and kissed his cheek, and whispered, "I missed you, I missed you, I missed you..Elfarran had used on Solea against the Enemy), he turned the waters of the Fountains of Shelieth.there, for I haven't a penny of copper or ivory, nor seen one for a month.".Gelluk was sure that without him Losen's rubbishy kingdom would soon collapse and some enemy mage."You must find the true womb, the bellybag of the Earth, that holds the pure moonseed. Did you know that the Moon is the Earth's father? Yes, yes; and he lay with her, as is the father's right. He

quicken her base clay with the true seed. But she will not give birth to the King. She is strong in her fear and willful in her vileness. She holds him back and hides him deep, fearing to give birth to her master. That is why, to give him birth, she must be burned alive."

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