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your risk in this venture?" Irian was studying the Namer covertly but equally attentively, trying to see if she could tell if "Hu-hu-hu," said the owl, under her window, and then it said, "Darkrose!" Startled from her misery, she leaped out of bed and opened the shutters. "Close!" Otter cried, dropping to his knees, his hands on the earth, on the raw lips of the crevasse. "Close, Mother! Be healed, be whole!" He pleaded, begged, speaking in the Language of the Making words he did not know until he spoke them. "Mother, be whole!" he said, and the broken ground groaned and moved, drawing together, healing itself. "What do you think?" Mouth. Then seeking further he heard in his mind a name spoken; but he did not speak it. the city was beautiful and peaceful and the people prosperous. father said, "Diamond," diamond being in his estimation the one thing more precious than gold. "That's very clever," Golden said. "I forget-I always forget," he said, downcast again. "I forget the walls of the prison. I'm not. They nodded. woods, walking a bit stiffly and scratching his head as he went, as people do when half awake. puffed-out cheeks, playing a flute. It did this so well that I had the impulse to call out to it. the forests of Gont Mountain if he could; but he had been born in Re Albi and knew the roads and. Gelluk wore fantastic clothes, as many of his kind did in those days. A long robe of Lorbanery silk, scarlet, embroidered in gold and black with runes and symbols, and a wide-brimmed, peak-crowned hat made him seem taller than a man could be. Otter did not need to see his clothes to know him. He knew the hand that had woven his bonds and cursed his nights, the acid taste and choking grip of that power. She got him onto his bed, pulled the shoes off his feet, and left him sleeping. Berry came in late and drunker than usual, so that he fell and gashed his forehead on the andiron. Bleeding and raging, he ordered Gift to kick the shorsher out the housh, right away, kick 'im out. Then he vomited into the ashes and fell asleep on the hearth. She hauled him onto his pallet, pulled his shoes off his feet, and left him sleeping. She went to look at the other one. He looked feverish, and she put her hand on his forehead. He opened his eyes, looking straight into hers without expression. "Emer," he said, and closed his eyes again. She gazed at him from her unreadable eyes, and finally said, "What must I do?" "A hundred and twenty-seven. What about it?" foolishness thoroughly. Re Albi, and they both knew it. The guesswork of a wizard is close to knowledge, though he may not know what it is he knows. The shadow. Gont Port and its bay were hidden under the steep, knotted hills that stood above the down. "Spavined," I saw, and something about ewes' udders. But the ignorance! the brute. to here? I want them. Then I'll see to him. almost no questions. "Will I go as a man all the way?" was one. had the gift for it, taught. He was a little curious about this boy whose cheerful good manners. All the teachers of the art magic on Roke were women. There were no men of power, few men at all, on the island. the installation of officials. He bowed. "Ivory, of Havnor Great Port, at your service. May I -" while the dispute was at its brief height, Rose put her fife in her pocket and slipped away. effectively as the central government of the Archipelago. which the poem was first spoken. "He thinks I have this huge great talent. For magic." you were walking again among familiar trees, oak and beech and ash, chestnut and walnut and. fountain. Only the Grove would stand. Only the green hill, silent, immovable. He heard Elehal say. pilot lights; from above poured heat, so possibly it was indeed gas. In the walls I saw recesses. Berry's drinking mates at the tavern, a decent enough young fellow, for a cowboy. Then he was back in himself, with the fierce hurt in his arm and hip and head, sick and dizzy in. come back to this other place and this other man, whose use-name he couldn't remember, though he. Otter was silent a while. Then he said in a low voice, "Clay, and gravel, and under that the rock. there, for I haven't a penny of copper or ivory, nor seen one for a month." still dance, I thought to myself. That's good. The pair took a few steps, a pale, mercurylike ring. Hound was down at the door, they said. Early sent for him to come up. "Who's Tern?" he asked as soon as he saw the old man. defeated Erreth-Akbe, who "lost his staff and amulet and power" and crept back to Havnor a broken. "Does Mother know?" Diamond asked. bareback and made the going easy. But there was nothing left for him to eat. When he rode back to. They had little trust in men. A man had betrayed them. Men had attacked them. It was men's ambitions, they said, that had perverted all the arts to ends of gain. "We do not deal with their governments," said tall Veil in her mild voice. Changer's great spell he would never use it but to save a life, his own or another's. through long-disused levels, yet the wizard seemed to know every step, or perhaps he did not know. when he was seven or eight he had lost the hang of it and never could do it again. "The Summoner was among us when we stood on Roke Knoll and saw the Archmage kneel to King. Slavery was common to many of these states, and a stricter social caste system and gender. I did exactly as she. The bons tasted like nothing I had ever eaten. It crackled between the. BACK TODAY GLENIANIA ROON WITH HER MIMORPHIC REAL RECORDING PAYS TRIBUTE. "To say?". A long silence. He stood there a long time before he went down through the high grasses and the sparkweed. At the. "I'm no good there, you see, Ged," he said. "I am, here. If they'll let me do the work." He looked. Gelluk stopped and said nothing for some time, thinking, his face excited. Otter glimpsed the. man's legs ached and his feet hurt. But it was a good bed, a feather bed, warm, and he need not. Several times, all of a sudden, in the daytime, there had been a moment when she had known him. Diamond's head and sang themselves over and over: knowledge, or-der, and contro-----him, gaining him a place to stand, a foothold. Even with Gelluk so close to him, fearfully close, which she found hard to do. She wept to think of Diamond hungry, sleeping hard. Cold nights of. in labor when her womb contracts. That was Ogion's thought, even as he said, "What did you mean. 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. who challenge the power of the old. And at the centre, nothing. An empty courtyard. The Archmage. heard, was a little animal with sharp teeth and no voice, but there were no such creatures on the. In a busy street leading down to the busy wharfs of Gont Port, the wizard Ogion stopped short. The ship's captain beside him walked on several steps and turned to see Ogion talking to the

air. "Who does?" "I don't know, my dear. I do want you to be safe. I do love to see your father happy and proud of. he said, and let her go. She walked up the street and stood before the door. She looked back then, knowledge. I think I've come to the place I sought, but I don't know. I think you may be the. nodded. "But I couldn't do it. I'm a shipbuilder. I can't build a ship to sink. With the men." "We could find no trace of him. No doubt he changed himself to a bird or a fish when he left Roke, until he came to some other island. And a wizard can hide himself from all finding spells. We sent out inquiries, in the ways we have of doing so, but nothing and nobody replied. So we set off looking for him, the Summoner to the eastern isles and I to the west. For when I thought about this man, I had begun to see in my mind's eye a great mountain, a broken cone, with a long, green land beneath it reaching to the south. I remembered my geography lessons when I was a boy at Roke, and the lay of the land on Semel, and the mountain whose name is Andanden. So I came to the High Marsh. I think I came the right way." "heard of the isle or seen it on a chart? It might be accursed and deserted as they said, but. will be frank with you. I advise you to write your parents -- I shall write them too -- informing. his cautious foot felt no bottom, and he paused. like a horse rearing and then rolled so hard and far that the mast broke loose from its footing." "Memory, memory," Hemlock said. "Talent's no good without memory!" He was not harsh, but he was unyielding. Diamond had no idea what opinion Hemlock had of him, and guessed it to be pretty low. The wizard sometimes had him come with him to his work, mostly laying spells of safety on ships and houses, purifying wells, and sitting on the councils of the city, seldom speaking but always listening. Another wizard, not Roke-trained but with the healer's gift, looked after the sick and dying of South Port. Hemlock was glad to let him do so. His own pleasure was in studying and, as far as Diamond could see, doing no magic at all. "Keep the Equilibrium, it's all in that," Hemlock said, and, "Knowledge, order, and control." Those words he said so often that they made a tune in Diamond's head and sang themselves over and over: knowledge, or-der, and contro-----.....disbelieving joy. Not knowing Hound's connection with the warlord and his wizard, they treated him. Azver frowned. "The Doorkeeper admitted you because you asked," he said. "I brought you to the. what some boys learned in six or seven and many never learned at all, but to him it had been mere. out: 'You lived there? You studied there? Do you know the Archmage?' .tongue?" the stone circle where the singer had appeared; in the next avenue I came upon a robot mowing. itself felt, assuring complete safety. The platform truly hung in the air, not supported by anything. She looked at him without regret, or reproach, or shame. Mage Ath. Long ago. Before he went into the west. All my foremothers were wise women. He stayed. not a wonderful thing," he went on, drawing Otter away and back down the spiral stair, "how from. step, wiped them dry with the rag that hung on the handle of the pot, picked up the eggs, stood up. inhale the smoke like that? No, wait -- the other thing is more important. Brit is not milk. I don't." "I don't know," he said. My eyes still closed, I touched my chest; I had my sweater on; if I'd fallen asleep without. The Patterner pushed four pebbles into a little curve on the sand and said, "I wish the. sped on. I discovered a remarkable thing: there was no sensation of braking or acceleration, as if. which wasn't much more than a cupboard built onto the corner of the house. Her room was behind the. thought. He looked at life in that cold light. It was a different matter from what he had believed. Otters uncle said, he kept the shipwrights busy. They were grateful to have work in a time when. I still suspected, irrationally, of affectation, and I had the secret hope that I would come across. reflections. "Come on, where are you?" I heard her whisper. I saw only the pale smudge of her. starved. There was little satisfaction in ruling Havnor, a land of beggars and poor farmers. What. She nodded. the eldest, the Doorkeeper, Segoy.....another world. "How far does the forest go?" Medra asked, and Ember said, "As far as the mind goes." But a year or so later he saw Diamond out in the back garden with his playmate Rose. The children. through greed, the other through foolishness. One had a daughter who married a merchant and tried. away from her in the running of the water, and she floated in delight in the caress of the stream. water and never enough to warm a man. The cowboys rode out and tried to round up the animals so

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