

## SACHUSETTS NOW CALLED THE ANCIENT AND HONORABLE ARTILLERY COMPA

Back in the cell room, when Licky had unleashed him and untied his gag, he said, "There's some ore there. You can get to it by running that old tunnel straight on, maybe twenty feet." This was another of the reasons Diamond loved her..but present, smiling, dancing. All his childhood friends were there too, half of them married by..often have brown or even blond hair and light eyes; the men are often bearded. Their language and..At that the wizard whose true name was Heleth stood as still as he did, looking back at him, till..fifty or sixty years earlier..CELIBACY AND WIZARDRY..clamour and racket of barking that woke everybody for a half-mile round except the Master, sodden..yes! This is the way." Yet he was following Otter. His touch and his spells pushed him, rushed..gleaned from his sailors' reports and the marvelous ancient charts kept in the palace. He studied..The Hardic language of the Archipelago, the Osskili tongue of Osskil, and the Kargish tongue, are all remote descendants of the Old Speech. None of these languages serves for the making of spells of magic..Port, if the Mage Restive will take you on, as I think he will, with my recommendation. But I..Iria."Where's your mother?" he asked in a whisper.."Death and desolation," said the ship's master, a short man with small, sad, knowing eyes like a..sloping sky-blue arrow upward; without any particular sensation, my body passed through two..They call this the Otter's House," he said. "Very old. As old as the Great House. Everything is..the beginning, intending to get up, I would go shooting toward the ceiling, and any object that I..change being. But this was different, this slow enlargement. I am vastening, he thought..Note on dates: Many islands have their own local count of years. The most widely used dating system in the Archipelago, which stems from the Havnorian Tale, makes the year Morred took the throne the first year of history. By this system, "present time" in the account you are reading is the Archipelagan year 1058.."What's wrong?" she asked. The gentleness of her deep, husky voice unmanned him, and he hid his..swallowed them. Nobody in Woodedge said a word about the stranger hidden in Mead's apple loft..shadows, though looking very ill. "Come on," Gift said, and got him on his feet, and walked slowly..while, her face turned from him but their hands joined and their bodies pressed close. At last she..more. Her eyes were closed, but suddenly the whites shone from underneath her lashes; I bent..prejudice certainly influenced Halkel, the first Archmage, in creating his own authoritative..Medra had been thinking, once again, and still unavailingly, how he could leave Havnor at once and..brutal not cruel. He demanded obedience, but nothing else. Otter had seen slaves and their masters..everything he said was true, and his voice was moved and gentle as he said, "I could have known it..What he learned working with his father and uncle in the shipyard he could use, at least; and he..to him, Havnor lies between us. He heard her say, Al! the true powers, all the old powers, at root..piratic warlords, all trying to increase their wealth and extend or defend their borders. Trade..choice, really. There was only one way for him to go..Licky walked him out early every morning, and often they wandered about till late afternoon. Licky was silent and patient..his voice was beautiful. He talked like the tale-tellers when they spoke the parts of the heroes..It cost him a great effort to speak..and for the sake of the balance of all things, I bid you now leave this island. We cannot give you."Isn't it?"..midair, whereupon some of the people stepped down onto the approaching branch of another..The hillside in front of him trembled, writhed, and opened. A gash in it deepened, widened. Water sprang up out of it and ran across the wizard's feet..no desire to travel and meet other kinds of people, or to see the world, saying he could summon..wood as the plane ran down the silky oak board. Some noise or movement roused him. He looked up..He looked his question.."Avert!" Irian blurted out, making the sign to prevent word from becoming deed. None of the men smiled, and the Herbal belatedly made the same gesture..challenging. There was a cat, a big grey, sitting on his four paws on the hearth gazing at the..She came to the door and muttered some kind of greeting. They daunted her, these Masters of Roke..After Maharion's death in 452, several claimants contested the throne; none prevailed. Within a..There was a silence. The fire whispered..The Osskili use the Hardic runes to write their language, since they trade mostly with Hardic..bellows and the steady roar of the fire. "Come, come see how he flies in the air, making himself..skillful. And the boy had no skills at all except in boat-building, of which he was a promising..The voices of the mages talking were like the voices of the stream running. The stream said its.."My place," she said, slowly, the words dragging, "my place is on the hill. Where things are what..people they told me of, but I don't know. I think the trees I saw from the hill hold some great..He resolved to wait and watch. Being a patient man with a strong will, he did so for four years, till Diamond was sixteen. A big, well-grown youth, good at games and lessons, he was 'still ruddy-faced and bright-eyed and cheerful. He had taken it hard when his voice changed, the sweet treble going all untuned and hoarse. Golden had hoped that that was the end of his singing, but the boy went on wandering about with itinerant musicians, ballad-singers and such, learning all their trash. That was no life for a merchant's son who was to inherit and manage his father's properties and mills and business, and Golden told him so. "Singing time is over, son," he said. "You must think about being a man.."her long arms and legs restlessly. "Will you?" she said..quickly had left little time for provisioning the ships. They overran the towns along the west..ship in port, and none has come into Thwil Bay since the one that brought you, lady, and sailed..in the dust..She took the path to the old house. When his ears stopped ringing he stole after her, hoping the..and obeying Losen, an old habit now, and well learned. They credited him with the powers he had..the impression you wanted to ask about something else. . . ?".She was silent for a moment..He looked up into the darkness. After a while he moved his good hand a little, and the faint light flowed out of it..metal truly flowed; I felt a hot gust, everything went out -- I stood in a glass pavilion. It was in..of defense and warning. Once those were breached, the pirates took the island not by wizardries..not recall how or when I entered a wide avenue; at an intersection I slackened my pace, lifted my..She knew he was right..So Diamond, instead of learning spells and illusions and transformations and all such gaudy.."Why can't I give myself my own true name?" Dragonfly asked, while Rose

washed the knife and her hands in the salt water..IN THE YEARS after Diamond left home, Golden made more money than he had ever done before. All his deals were profitable. It was as if good fortune stuck to him and he could not shake it off. He grew immensely wealthy..him I wasn't coming back, he thought, his last words in Hardic, his last grief, for he was in the.circular plaza, some up, some down; they extended far, it seemed, in a delicate mosaic of colored.had bequeathed him. Crude, monstrous, useless, it lay in the dark of his mind for sixty years., words, but I'll have to learn what to do as I go. That's the trouble with the big spells, isn't.fate had shaken him. There was something mysterious in it, some element or some person missing..flex his aching wrists and work his lips that had been smashed against his teeth for hours. "The.Losen shouted, beating his paralyzed legs with his weak hands.."In my judgment, you do," he said..She stood up, almost as tall as he, and as straight. She said nothing for a minute and then spoke out in a high, harsh voice. "Come up on to the hill, Thorion," she said.. "Now the King is in my body, the noble guest of my house. He won't make me slaver and vomit or cause sores on my body; no, for I don't fear him, but invite him, and so he enters into my veins and arteries. No harm comes to me. My blood runs silver. I see things unknown to other men. I share the secrets of the King. And when he leaves me, he hides in the place of ordure, in foulness itself, and yet again in the vile place he waits for me to come and take him up and cleanse him as he cleansed me, so that each time we grow purer together." The wizard took Otter's arm and walked along with him. He said, smiling and confidential, "I am one who shits moonlight. You will not know another such. And more than that, more than that, the King enters into my seed. He is my semen. I am Turren and he is me..."..along with him. He said, smiling and confidential, "I am one who shits moonlight. You will not.knew about Early. Not a sign of him nor from him. Maybe I could find him, they said, joking me.,students to learn with her the ways through the forest and the patterns of the leaves; for she was.Licky had told him that it was the fumes of the metal rising from heated ore that sickened and killed the people who worked in the tower. Otter had never entered it nor seen Licky enter it. He had come close enough to know that it was surrounded by prisoning spells that would sting and bewilder and entangle a slave trying to escape. Now he felt those spells like strands of cobweb, ropes of dark mist, giving way to the wizard who had made them..on the pretty black mare that his employer had given him for his use when he made it clear that he..Not long since, he had sent for Hound on some business, and when it was done the old man had said to him, "Did you ever hear of Roke Island?". "If you ever tell it to anyone I'll kill you," Dragonfly said..shook. It got dark for a fraction of a second, something beneath us gave a deep sigh, like a metal.We walked on. Still no houses in sight, and the wind that came rushing out of the..What do I want? she asked herself, and the answer came not in words but throughout her whole body."That would be only what the women of the Hand call it, keeping its meaning from the wizards and the pirates. To them no doubt it would bear some other name.."..wizard Gelluk and a young finder-both disappeared without a trace, they said, as if the earth had..She had never seen where he lived. He slept wherever he chose to, she imagined, in these warm summer nights, She asked him where the food they ate came from; what the School did not supply for itself, he said, the farmers round about provided, considering themselves well recompensed by the protections the Masters set on their flocks and fields and orchards. That made sense to her. On Way, "a wizard without his porridge" meant something unprecedented, unheard-of. But she was no wizard, and so, thinking to earn her porridge, she did her best to repair the Otter's House, borrowing tools from a farmer and buying nails and plaster in Thwil Town, for she still had half the cheese money..Making. "Come along, then, Ulla," he said, and the heifer came a step or two towards him, towards..She looked at him. She could not speak. She stood up and after a moment walked out of the..all the eastern sky he saw the foam and spittle run scarlet from her mouth. Sometimes she clutched.did not try to catch up with them. The buildings parted, and I caught sight of a huge sign --.A curl of fire, a wisp of smoke drifted down through the dark air..A century and a half after Morred's death, King Akambar, a prince of Shelieth on Way, moved the court to Havnor and made Havnor Great Port the capital of the kingdom. More central than Enlad, Havnor was better placed for trade and for sending out fleets to protect the Hardic islands against Kargish raids and forays..against the house wall, and Azver on the doorstep..There was a little noise, the soft clip-clop of the black mare's hooves, coming along the lane.."A summoner grows used to bidding spirits and shadows to come at his will and go at his word..It isn't me. I still don't know who I am. I'm not Irian!" She fell silent abruptly, having spoken."I heard -" she said, and could not say what she had heard..and she looked straight at him for the first time. Her eyes were clear orange-brown, like dark..She stood up, almost as tall as he, and as straight. She said nothing for a minute and then spoke..On maps of the Archipelago, the island Solea is signified by a white space or a whirlpool..authority except the King in Havnor..there scarcely knew of him. In this isolation he began to practice certain arts that are not well..that would make me trust you?" and he had no answer for her.."What now?".He was mad, and she didn't know what possessed her to let him stay, yet she could not fear him or..The hinny will bring me back.."..her ear.."It's cold out," she said. "Ice on the trough this morning. Will you be going on, this day?".girl Rose hung about with Diamond because Tuly encouraged Rose's mother the witch to visit.,She was in tears. They hugged, and she stroked his thick, shining hair and apologized for being..Medra had been thinking, once again, and still unavailingly, how he could leave Havnor at once and unnoticed, when the wizard came..are to help me, and if I am to teach you, you must try a little harder. I think you know how." He..weakened, and controlled all who approached him were so habitual to him that he gave them no..Orm, the Great Dragon, who had defeated Ath, led hosts of his kind to harry the western islands of..The history of the Fourteen Kings of Havnor (actually six kings and eight queens, ~150-400) is told in the Havnorian Lay. Tracing descent both through the male and the female lines, and intermarrying with various noble houses of the Archipelago, the royal house embraced five principalities: the House of Enlad, the oldest, tracing direct descent from Morred and Serriadh; the Houses of Shelieth, Ea, and Havnor; and lastly the House of Ilien. Prince Gemal Seaborn of Ilien was the first of his house to take the throne in

Havnor. His granddaughter was Queen Heru; her son, Maharion (reigned 430-452), was the last king before the Dark Time..might be able to. I can feel it building up, can you?"

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