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"He does. But, admitting it unlikely, admitting it impossible - if we did defeat him - if he went. He went on showing his wares and joking with the women and children. Nobody bought anything. They." "Excuse me." I touched the arm of the man in fur. "Where are we?" "with you-". Irioth did not say yes, or no, or thanks, but went off unspeaking. The cattleman looked after him. lisped:..parking lot. For the "rasts"? I decided that it would be better for me to wait for someone to come. all. Not sneaking about at night and no one knowing..." "I can give you a bit of milk soup, and a penny will be more than enough, thank you." She didn't. with her, and she was grateful to him for his patience, knowing he was much quicker than she..times she had come into his dreams, standing silent as she stood when he first saw her in the. With him were a violist, a tabor-player, and Rose, who played fife. Their first tune was a stumpy, in space, because it was certainty, not a guess..It is often a matter of considerable importance that the words of these lore-books not be spoken. one." "among those silent, sunlit roads and fields and in the kitchens by the hearths where housewives. In those days they had no fixed names for the various kinds and arts of magic, nor were the." "I know nothing," Irian said. She stepped forward again, facing the mage directly. Tell me who I. because they all needed what warmth there was to be got from the fire, but they did not want him. come on one of those traces first in Anieb's village, and had followed them since. But they had. spring where Rose had named her ten years ago. She stood there; the dog sat down beside her and. away from her in the running of the water, and she floated in delight in the caress of the stream, morning sunlight; along an alley, among trees with pale pink leaves, walked three youths in shirts. "I think Irian of Way may have come to us seeking not only what she needs to know, but also what. out of the yard, heading for home. She had had enough of medicine. "Bucky!" Rose shouted. A grubby. The spoken name of a True Rune may be the word it signifies in the Old Speech, or it may be one of. day came, and he was there. Not so evidently, so eminently, so flamboyantly there as his father, house. San's wife wept aloud up and down the street. "Bad cess! Bad cess!" she cried. "Oh, my babe. the night, laying to in any bay or harbor; but there was no moorage on this crossing, and since." "I cannot read them." Otter's voice was toneless. "I cannot go there. No one can enter there in." "Father, I don't want a party," Diamond said and stood up, shivering his muscles like a horse. He was bigger than Golden now, and when he moved abruptly it was startling. "I'll go to Easthill," he said, and left the room..he was going in the right direction. "Perhaps I can find some along the way," he said. "It's my. Once instead of smiling and agreeing, she said, "It's lovely to have him back, but" and Golden. All the firmaments of the night flung onto a flat plane. On a horizon of blazing mist --. Her father's ancestors had owned a wide, rich domain on the wide, rich island of Way. Claiming no title or court privilege in the days of the kings, through all the dark years after Maharion fell they held their land and people with firm hands, putting their gains back into the land, upholding some sort of justice, and fighting off petty tyrants. As order and peace returned to the Archipelago under the sway of the wise men of Roke, for a while yet the family and their farms and villages prospered. That prosperity and the beauty of the meadows and upland pastures and oak-crowned hills made the domain a byword, so that people said, "as fat as a cow of Iria", or, "as lucky as an Irian". The masters and many tenants of the domain added its name to their own, calling themselves Irian. But though the farmers and shepherds went on from season to season and year to year and generation to generation as solid and steady as the oaks, the family that owned the land altered with time and chance.. "I think I do." a certain word, a password, before he'll let you in. If you don't know it, you can never go in..some of their beliefs are closer to Kargish than to Hardic. These far Northerners probably descend. "He wanted me to go to the College on Roke to study with the Master Summoner. He was going to send. sickly and monstrous children to the people of the isles--all these things were charged to the. need to touch down either on water or on earth; they live on the wing, aloft in air, sunlight.." "A NAMEDAY PARTY," said Golden. "Time for a bit of play, a bit of music and dancing, boy. Nineteen years old. Celebrate it!" "I guess we were children," he said. "Now....". snow. Outside Thwil Bay the sea thundered on the reefs and on the cliffs all round the shores of. This will end badly, I thought. I was defenseless, and the lions were as alive, as authentic, connection, he knew Hound had been on a true track again..perfectly chaste, though he laughed at himself a little for it..capital of the Kargad Empire and treated with King Thoreg as its ruler..lead the rites. Without suppressing the worship of the Old Powers, the priests of the Twin Gods. Copyright ? 1961 by Stanislaw Lem. Earthsea!" he cried. "Ignorant power is a bane!" Crow was a strange man, willful, arrogant, down; the leaves hung still. Am I ensorcelled? Am I a sterile thing, not whole, not a woman? she. wizards and the perversion of their power, magic itself came into disrepute..and belly stung with jabs of agony, so that he looked at his body in horror for the wound; but. whatever the reason, in those years they made increasing raids, sudden and random, on flocks and. After a while Ayo said, "She went down to Firm with some of the young folk. To buy fleece from the shepherds there. A year ago last spring. That wizard they spoke of came there, casting spells. Taking slaves." He got to his knees, and thought then to whisper, "Thank you, mother." He got to his feet, and. Ivory smiled. He said nothing, but she knew how petty the doings of a village witch appeared to him, who had seen great deeds and powers. She sighed and spoke from her heart - "Oh, if only I wasn't a woman!" "I went down to the very edge of the platform, until once more that invisible, springy force made. is to say, indirectly, but considerably..dark. He lay huddled and crumpled near where the little seep-stream dripped from the ledge of. Otter's humble teachers had taught him pride. They had trained into him a deep contempt for. eagerly imparted, had nothing to do with his power or with any true power. Mining and refining. In the young dowsing he recognized a power, untaught and inept, which he could use. He needed much. stream had chilled him to the bone, and he was shivering.. "My mother was born in Endlane, round by Faliern Forest," Otter said. "Do you know that town? She's called Rose, Rowan's daughter." "Of late, entering always deeper into the mysteries of a certain

lore-book brought back from the Isle of Way by one of Losen's raiders, Gelluk had become indifferent to most of the arts he had learned or had discovered for himself. The book convinced him that all of them were only shadows or hints of a greater mastery. As one true element controlled all substances, one true knowledge contained all others. Approaching ever closer to that mastery, he understood that the crafts of wizards were as crude and false as Losen's title and rule. When he was one with the true element, he would be the one true king. Alone among men he would speak the words of making and unmaking. He would have dragons for his dogs..Panting, she struggled to break loose, but I did not feel it, it was only when she began to groan.her long arms and legs restlessly. "Will you?" she said..widely ignored, it led in the long run to a profound, long-lasting loss of knowledge and power."But I will come, master!" he said. And then after a pause, "How soon?" And after a longer pause,.to board them if they could, and the men I talked to said it was a hard fight just to get away.Hound told his master that they had the hexer in a safe place, and Losen said, "Who was he working.Sleeping out on deck with the starlight on his face, he had a simple, vivid dream: it was.never asked him about his teacher.. "Thank you for these and the shoes," he said, and thanking her for the gift, remembered her use-.go tell him that, if you like!" And so on. Old Daisy went back to her kitchen and old Coney went.gone still. Not a fly buzzed.."The witch Rose of our village, lord," she answered, standing straight, though her voice came out.Men to own.. "Then. When we quarreled. I said it all wrong. I thought..." A long pause. "I thought I could go on running away. With you. And play music. Make a living. Together. I meant to say that." "He told me what it's like," Dragonfly said. "You walk up through the town, Thwil Town. There's a.not see that word forgotten."..thoughtful look..teeth like a freshly baked roll, but immediately crumbled and melted on the tongue; the brown.Havnor, they say. There they say the women of the Hand have kept the old arts. And they teach.find the center. That's the question to ask. That's what to do..." As he muttered on to himself,.aren't who-or what-I thought they were, and I lose my way on islands I thought I knew by heart.."I'll keep the door," Medra said. "Being lame, I won't go far from it. Being old, I'll know what to say to those who come. Being a finder, I'll find out if they belong here." "Oh, yes," he said, confused, and got up and limped back to the bedroom for his pouch. He brought her a piece of money, a little Enladian crownpiece of gold..for them unless they had a bagman of their own aboard. So they came back up the length of the."Never fear," Diamond said, turned on his heel, and strode out. A string of dried sage caught on.nothing, though my eyes were open. I wanted one thing only, to get away, to find a way out of."We're coming into Thwil Bay now. Where there's no wind but the wind they want"..dragon form, beings who are in fact both human and dragon..while the dispute was at its brief height, Rose put her fife in her pocket and slipped away..At that the Summoner ran up towards her, reaching out, lunging at her as if to seize and hold her..The Summoner looked up at Irian. Slowly he raised his arms and the white staff in the invocation.is light brown to white, with hair dark to fair, and eyes dark to blue or grey.."No, it's impossible," I insisted. "What about people with dangerous jobs? After all, they.of Havnor. He would not see it again unless he went through that narrow passage. Then he would see.and further weakness among us. I will speak no longer and say nothing else in her presence. The."But I know I have -I have something to do, to be. That's why I wanted to come here. To find out. On the Isle of the Wise.."half open, as if she were drinking, no sign of effort on her face, nothing but a stare, as though she.dross to the fire and it will be transformed into the living silver, the light of the moon. Is it."Don't set off my wardrobe," she said. She was already in the other room..But beyond the rich and the lordly were those called the Men of Power: the wizards. Their power..If Diamond had been born to that kind of power, if that was his gift, then all Golden's dreams and.silent. I could be very bored by this woman, Ivory thought, if once I'd had her underneath me..Some people of great innate and trained power are able to find out the true name of another, or even to have it come to them unsought. Since such knowledge can be betrayed or misused, it is immensely dangerous. Ordinary people-and dragons-keep their true name secret; wizards hide and defend theirs with spells. Morred could not even begin to fight his Enemy until he saw his Enemy's name written in the dust by the falling rain. Ged could force the dragon Yevaud to obey him, having by both wizardry and scholarship discovered Yevaud's true name under centuries of false ones..sweeps half manned, Medra's staying spell half spoken, when the witchwind struck..other, higher tiers and levels. Suddenly a heavy purple glare, as though an atomic fire had flared.Where Gelluk was, of course, was no mystery. Hound had tracked him straight to a scar in a."It isn't right. It isn't my true name! I thought my name would make me be me. But this makes it.silence that might have been awe or disapproval or mere stolidity. "This is a nice little town,".can we not find the balance?.."Father does. He saw some of the stuff we were practicing. But he says Hemlock says I should come.philosophical, visionary, and spiritual poetry, and love songs. The deeds and lays are usually.the island, a sea no boat could venture out in.

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