

## THE PORT AND CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

bald. Her joints were swollen knobs in her bone-thin limbs. She looked up once at Otter, moving, went back down the south road as soon as he'd gulped a pint of beer at the tavern, telling them. The traveler stood at the crossway and whistled back at the reeds. To the sisters and all these villagers, Mount Onn was the world, and the shores of Havnor were the bitch! "I don't know," he said. be afraid of him. She found that he had no memory at all of what had happened in the village, of. The clouds darkened. Rain passed through the little valley, falling on the dirt and the grass. Above the clouds the sun was descending the western stair of the sky's bright house. "At least have a bath!" she said. not led him here. Since the raid, Roke Island had isolated itself wholly, sealed itself inside. He tried to remember how to make light. Anieb said to him, plaintively, "Can't you make the. and walls and every window spouting fire. Women ran out of it screaming. They had been hiding no. "Do you sew things?" chest -- and his coat filled out and lit up again. . . He let that sink in for a while, and then continued softly, "And to work the spell of semblance on. Chanter urged them on. They'll be along soon." Otter was reluctant to answer. He had to like Hound, but didn't have to trust him. "Shape-." Yes. To send away one woman, it takes nine mages." He very seldom smiled, and when he did it was quick and fierce. "We are to meet to uphold the Rule of Roke. And so to choose an Archmage." joke. I had had enough of his direct approach and joviality. If asked about it (or so, at least, I. summoned myself again into life, to do what must be done." "I think what we have to do," he said without preamble, "is try to hold the fault from slipping much, you at the Gates and me at the inner end, in the Mountain. Working together, you know. We might be able to. I can feel it building up, can you?" "Maybe you can find that island," said Ayo. With him were a violist, a tabor-player, and Rose, who played fife. Their first tune was a stumpy, fast and brilliant, too fast for some of the dancers. Diamond and his partner stayed in, and people cheered and clapped them when they finished the dance, sweating and panting. "Beer!" Diamond cried, and was carried off in a swirl of young men and women, all laughing and chattering. made no objection. She turned her long, creamy-white nose and beautiful eyes to look at her rider. The breeze was moving again slightly; she could hear a bare whispering among the oaks. "A little," she said. So they talked, that long winter, and others talked with them. Slowly their talk turned from vision to intention, from longing to planning. Veil was always cautious, warning of dangers. White-haired Dune was so eager that Ember said he wanted to start teaching sorcery to every child in Thwil. Once Ember had come to believe that Roke's freedom lay in offering others freedom, she set her whole mind on how the women of the Hand might grow strong again. But her mind, formed by her long solitudes among the trees, always sought form and clarity, and she said, "How can we teach our art when we don't know what it is?" "Ah." Presently he said, "The Master Summoner is not old." And she got a sidelong look from those. "Walked." Gift was in the dairy, having finished the evening milking. She was straining the milk and setting. "Irian," said Azver the Patterner, "will you come back to us?" "Not hiding at all. Went about the city, talking to people. Went to see his mother in Endlane, "In the Inmost Sea, on the Isle of the Wise, on Roke Island, where all magery is taught, there are nine Masters," he began. 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. Hemlock dismissed that with a flick of his hand. "I am talking of the True Art," he said. "Now I will be frank with you. I advise you to write your parents -- I shall write them too -- informing them of your decision to go to the School on Roke, if that is what you decide; or to the Great Port, if the Mage Restive will take you on, as I think he will, with my recommendation. But I advise against visiting home. The entanglement of family, friends, and so on is precisely what you need to be free of. Now, and henceforth." the Making words he did not know until he spoke them. "Mother, be whole!" he said, and the broken. She was in his charge, in his care, he had known that when he saw her. Though she came to destroy Roke, as she had said, he must serve her. He did so willingly. She had walked with him in the forest, tall, awkward, fearless; she had put aside the thorny arms of brambles with her big, careful hand. Her eyes, amber brown like the water of the Thwilburn in shadow, had looked at everything; she had listened; she had been still. He wanted to protect her and knew he could not. He had given her a little warmth when she was cold. He had nothing else to give her. Where she must go she would go. She did not understand danger. She had no wisdom but her innocence, no amour but her anger. Who are you, Irian? he said to her, watching her crouched there like an animal locked in its muteness. "It can do it by itself," Diamond said, and held out the fife away from his lips. His fingers. Ordinary Hardic, for matters of government or business or personal messages or to record history, Medra did not know, with soft reddish bark and layered foliage. You walked on, and the way through. slaves for his lord on another island. If they sent a child with him to give it opportunity, or had not come from Roke to trudge about on foot in the mud and dust of country byways. Golden reassured him that the wizard had actually said so, though of course what kind or a gift. He followed him down one of the principal streets and from it into a district of small houses, the old weavers' quarter. They grew flax on Pody, and there were stone retting houses, now mostly unused, and looms to be seen by the windows of some of the houses. In a little square where there was shade from the hot sun four or five women sat spinning by a well. Children played nearby, listless with the heat, scrawny, staring without much interest at the strangers. Tern had walked there unhesitating, as if he knew where he was going. Now he stopped and greeted the women. glass, perfectly transparent. The entrance was nearby. Inside, someone began laughing and. of power from the kings to the priests. King Thoreg received him with honor, but Intathin the High. "I won't go," he said. "Anywhere. Ever." and face twitched, her teeth chattered. He held her close against him, trying to warm her. a boat but a drifting log; for pirates and Losen's slave takers were thick in these waters. a. b. e-book v3.0 / Notes at EOF. asked about boat-building, and he told her and showed her what he could. It was a peaceful. The so-called Six Hundred Runes of Hardic are

not the Hardic runes used to write the ordinary language. They are True Runes that have been given "safe," inactive names in the ordinary language. Their true names in the Old Speech must be memorised in silence. The ambitious student of wizardry will go on to learn the "Further Runes," the "Runes of Ea," and many others. If the Old Speech is endless, so are the runes.. "Not in your father's house, Di." "Do that," the old mage said.. "Father does. He saw some of the stuff we were practicing. But he says Hemlock says I should come study with him because it might be dangerous not to. Oh," and Diamond beat his head with his hands..She was silent..He planned, as soon as they took him out of his cell, to use the old Changers spell of self- "Well, well, well," he said to his wife, frequently, "all rosy again, eh? Got the apple of your.after you?" "That's all he really told me, yet," said Dragonfly, coming back to the mild, overcast spring day and the infinite familiarity of the village lane, Rose's front yard, her own seven milch ewes grazing on Iria Hill, the bronze crowns of the oaks. "He's very careful how he talks about the Masters.." "What's wrong?" she asked. The gentleness of her deep, husky voice unmanned him, and he hid his.vision to intention, from longing to planning. Veil was always cautious, warning of dangers. White-Tuly shared it with him for a long time, since she could see her son only by lying to her husband..Grove and understood the patterns of the shadows!. "Do you?" I asked..I looked at her, silent. The language had not changed so very much, and yet I didn't..Weary, evil dreams of suffocation came to him, but took no hold on him. He breathed deep. He slept..Among sorcerers, few are strictly celibate, and many marry and bring up a family..themselves to work "high magic" by scrupulously avoiding "base spells," "Earthlore," and women. A.trying to clean his legs. "Dirt, dirt," he said, gently patting the ground he sat on. Then, very.They held each other tight, hard, silent for a long time. To Diamond it was as if he held his..But how did Otter know that?.spirits of the dead; many, many of them. He was terrified of them and cowered, trying to make a..The Kargs are deeply resistant to writing of any kind, considering it to be sorcerous and wicked..was the kingdom of the roots of the trees. How far does the forest go? As far as forests go. As.."And no friends?" "I'll lock the house door. There's... there's been strangers about. You rest yourself. It's bitter..maybe the pressure of my foot on the threshold was enough. The elevator took a long time going..He reached out towards Yaved, towards the ache, the suffering. As he came closer to it he felt a great strength flow into him from the west, as if Silence had taken him by the hand after all. Through that link he could send his own strength, the Mountain's strength, to help. I didn't tell him I wasn't coming back, he thought, his last words in Hardic, his last grief, for he was in the bones of the mountain now. He knew the arteries of fire, and the beat of the great heart. He knew what to do. It was in no tongue of man that he said, "Be quiet, be easy. There now, there. Hold fast. So, there. We can be easy.." The Herbal, and I too, judged the Summoner dead. We thought the breath he breathed was left from. "I would," she said..The first test is the great test, Dragonfly," he said. Every night he lay alone in this cabin he..Gelluk stopped and said nothing for some time, thinking, his face excited. Otter glimpsed the..Maharion and Erreth-Akbe became "hearts brothers." They spent ten years together fighting the Kargs, whose occasional forays from the East had in recent times become a slave-taking, colonising invasion. Venway, Torheven and the Torikles, Spevy, Perregal, and parts of Gont were under Kargish dominion for a generation or longer. At Shelieth on Way, Erreth-Akbe worked a great magic against the Kargish forces, who had landed in "a thousand ships" on Waymarsh and were swarming across the mainland. Using an invocation of the Old Powers called the Waterlore (perhaps the same that Elfarran had used on Solea against the Enemy), he turned the waters of the Fountains of Shelieth-sacred springs and pools in the gardens of the Lords of Way-into a flood that swept the invaders back to the seacoast, where Maharion's army awaited them. No ship of the fleet returned to Karego-At..It didn't seem to him to amount to much. It was such an easy matter to him to make a silvery light..He presented his lower throat, the loose, heavy skin. Semiconscious, I began to scratch..track..Suddenly she looked at me, her cheeks darkened, it was a blush.. "No need," he said in that distant way, as if he hardly knew what she was talking about; but then he said, "You work very hard." "Irioth did not say yes, or no, or thanks, but went off unspeaking. The cattleman looked after him and spat. "Avert," he said..Banners still flew from the towers of the City of Havnor, and a king still ruled there; the banners were those of captured towns and isles, and the king was the warlord Losen. Losen never left the marble palace where he sat all day, served by slaves, seeing the shadow of the sword of Erreth-Akbe slip like the shadow of a great sundial across the roofs below. He gave orders, and the slaves said, "It is done, your majesty." He held audiences, and old men came and said, "We obey, your majesty." He summoned his wizards, and the mage Early came, bowing low. "Make me walk!" Losen shouted, beating his paralyzed legs with his weak hands..questions!" She was more than scandalized, she was frightened..gone a little mad. This brit. . . well, it's like handcuffing everyone because someone might turn..Nor he mine. I won't speak yours again. But I like to know it, since you know mine." "The witch shook her iron-grey head once. "I can't tell you." Her 'can't' did not mean 'won't'..Her use-name had been Flag, the blue iris of the springs. Her mother and aunt called her Flag when they spoke of her..The trouble rose up in Irioth's mind as it had not done since he came to the High Marsh. He struggled against it. A man of power had come to heal the cattle, another man of power. But a sorcerer, Alder had said. Not a wizard, not a mage. Only a curer, a cattle healer. I do not need to fear him. I do not need to fear his power. I do not need his power. I must see him, to be sure, to be certain. If he does what I do here there is no harm. We can work together. If I do what he does here. If he uses only sorcery and means no harm. As I do.. "Who's to lay this floor?" he said, now merely querulous..It grew darker quickly. A haze was coming up from the south, blotting out the sky. Only above the huge, dim bulk of the mountain did stars burn clearly. Wind whistled in the reeds, soft, dismal.. "I think they fear them too," said Veil..At that the wizard whose true name was Heleth stood as still as he did, looking back at him, till..ritual, private and communal. There was no priesthood; any adult could perform the ceremonies and..Hearing he was there, the teachers of Roke came, the men and women who were masters of their..like the gift for music, though far rarer. Most people lack it entirely. In a few people, perhaps..red ridge of the mountain in the dawn.." "Play

the flute," Diamond said promptly, and took out of his pocket the little fife his mother had given him for his twelfth birthday. He put it to his lips, his fingers danced, and he played a sweet, familiar tune from the western coast, "Where My Love Is Going." The idea of doing harm troubled her, but the idea of danger had not entered her mind. She found it of chambers rose up into the tower through smoke and fumes. In those chambers, Licky had told him, "You don't care, eh? Stay a while. You can see," And he set off down the path between the parsley fairy tale. It had been a kind of profanation. I walked, and her voice pursued me. I made a turn, The wizard's spells still bound their minds together. Otter pressed rashly forward into Gelluk's into which he had put the few drops of quicksilver. His eye always on Otter's eye, he unsealed the. Neither of them had been on Pody. It was a sleepy southern island with a pretty old port town, and feelings in the Grove, and troubled that any thought or feeling could have troubled her there. "No," she said, "only me... But there's a great deal of seeking and finding to be done in the Grove. Enough to keep even you from being restless. Why north?" The slave, short and thin, hairless, with running sores on his hands and arms, uncapped a stone cup by the rim of the condensing shaft. Gelluk peered in, eager as a child. "So tiny," he murmured. "So young. The tiny Prince, the baby Lord, Lord Turre. Seed of the world! Soul-jewel!"

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