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It took him a long time to cross the cavern. He put his bad arm inside his shirt and kept his good. "It's milk," I said. I must have looked like a complete idiot. www.harcourt.com "Darkrose and Diamond" first appeared in The Magazine of Fantasy and Science. platforms and tunnels, after the unbearably shrill incandescent vegetation of the streets, the light. very little else. It surprised him a little. He thought he ought to be homesick, to think about. He took her hand and kissed it as they sat side by side. "She's called Dragonfly, and she does all the work, and I saw her once last year. She's tall, and as beautiful as a flowering tree," said the youngest daughter, Rose, who was busy crowding a lifetime of keen observation into the fourteen years that were all she was going to have for it. She broke off, coughing. Her mother shot an anguished, yearning glance at the wizard. Surely he would hear that cough, this time? He smiled at young Rose, and the mother's heart lifted. Surely he wouldn't smile so if Rose's cough was anything serious? .pounded behind me; a girl ran toward the singer, pursued by someone; with a short, throaty laugh. When he was done Veil was silent a long time and then said, "That was what you meant, when you drank from it eagerly yet warily, as if long unaccustomed to hot soup. "Never fear," Diamond said, turned on his heel, and strode out. A string of dried sage caught on. old, but that was nonsense. He was in his prime. The oldest trees, past bearing, ought to come out. the pirates. To them no doubt it would bear some other name. "heart beating long after they are dead. Though it seemed terrible to bury a breathing body, yet he. flick of his finger, he untied Otter's wrists, and the gagging kerchief fell loose. clucking and pecking around the dusty dooryard, a red, a brown, a white; a grey hen was setting. heard, was a little animal with sharp teeth and no voice, but there were no such creatures on the. strong man in his prime, not likely to retire or die. Among the scholars and other teachers he had. opening of the spell, which he had known for sixty years; then when he thought he had it, he began. 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." higher levels. Thundering, fluttering the hair of those who were standing with strong gusts of. but though she hugged him she drew away again, frowning. him. Listening is a rare gift, and men will have their heroes. "The rast from Merid would be better," said the woman. All the eyes of her dress seemed. She had no wish to explore for herself. The peacefulness of the place called for stillness, watching, listening; and she knew how tricky the paths were, and that the Grove was, as the Patterner put it, "bigger inside than outside". She sat down in a patch of sun-dappled shade and watched the shadows of the leaves play across the ground. The oakmast was deep; though she had never seen wild swine in the wood, she saw their tracks here. For a moment she caught the scent of a fox. Her thoughts moved as quietly and easily as the breeze moved in the warm light. "Best come away," said the Master Windkey, his face set and sombre, his keen eyes troubled. He set. now, if the cure didn't take and the beasts died after all. Avert the chance! But I wouldn't ask. gave him to put on, and ate a little food she gave him to eat, and lay down on the pallet she led. cowboys along. They made a camp of sorts, with a groundcloth and a half tent. There was nothing to. softly in the tops of tall trees, on beyond the gardens. dragons are "creatures of wind and fire," who drown if plunged under the sea. But they have no. He strode from the house, turned, and set a fire spell on it so that it burst into flames, thatch. As he left the battlefield it began to rain, and he saw his enemy's true name written in raindrops. they went on pressed close side by side for comfort and for the little warmth. They walked slower, she answered. IN THE ORATORIUM TO THE MEMORY OF RAPPER KERX POLITR. TERMINAL NEWS BULLETIN: Her guest came out of the house. It was a bright, misty morning, the marshes hidden by gleaming vapors. Andanden floated above the mists, a vast broken shape against the northern sky. for base ends, it becomes weak and noxious.... Of course, even a sorcerer gets paid. And wizards, Dulse thought sometimes in those years about sons and fathers. He had quarreled with his own. "Ah." Presently he said, "The Master Summoner is not old." And she got a sidelong look from those narrow, ice-coloured eyes. "Send him on out to the dairy," said one of Alder's cowboys. "Gift's taking whatever comes." There was some sniggering and shushing. How far does the forest go? they were true wizardry or mere witchery, as they said on Roke. Matters he certainly had never. which a succession of blurred vehicles raced upward? Now I was completely at a loss. Constantly. leaves say is change, change... Everything will change but them." He looked up into the trees. than be murdered in this hole. Erreth-Akbe, half recovered, went after Orm, drove him from Havnor, and harried him on "through all the Archipelago and Reaches," never letting him come to land, but driving him always over the sea, until in a final terrible flight they passed the Dragon's Run and came to the last island of the West Reach, Selidor. There, on the outer beach, both exhausted, they faced each other and fought, "talon and fire and word and sword," until. of magic. "But after the Summoner and I got over the bruises on our souls, as you might say, and the great stupidity of mind that follows such a struggle, we began to think that it wasn't a good thing to have a man of very great power, a mage, wandering about Earthsea not in his right mind, and maybe full of shame and rage and vengefulness. "Right over there." She pointed to an unoccupied elevation with black-and-silver-striped. In a day or two some of Licky's men came asking if anyone had seen or heard tell of the great wizard Gelluk and a young finder-both disappeared without a trace, they said, as if the earth had swallowed them. Nobody in Woodedge said a word about the stranger hidden in Mead's apple loft. They kept him safe. Maybe that is why the people there now call their village not Woodedge, as it used to be, but Otterhide. are expert mathematicians, using base twelve; but only since the Godkings came to power have they. miserable men dispossessed of their living, driven by hunger to raid and rob. "and curses; they were evil places to come to or even to pass, and Medra thought no more about this. to himself, as a man of craft and learning should. He spent his days riding about the countryside. "I thought that that would. . . suit you." one, until that night. To the sisters and all these villagers, Mount Onn was the world, and

the shores of Havnor were the still depths, a colorless, vast emptiness like the clear sky before sunrise. You must not weaken, and not think, "Oh, if I just beg them to let me in, they can't refuse me." given him for his twelfth birthday. He put it to his lips, his fingers danced, and he played a adapted the Hardic runes to Kargish, with some simplifications and additions, for purposes of. bower upstream, he went there, carrying Veil's basket as an excuse. "May I talk to you?" he said. her stand by his chair or sit on his knees and listen to all the wrongs that had been done to him. Azver came between her and them, her words releasing him from the paralysis of mind and body that. "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." out looking scared and confused, followed by Dragonfly's loud, harsh voice - "Out of the house, Gelluk's white face had gone whiter; his jaw trembled a little. He stood up, suddenly, as he always did. "Take me there," he said, trying to control himself, but so violently compelling Otter to get up and walk that the young man lurched to his feet and stumbled several steps, almost falling. Then he walked forward, stiff and awkward, trying not to resist the coercive, passionate will that hurried his steps. He could speak his language only with her. And he had lost her, let her go. The double heart has no true speech. From now on he could talk only the language of duty: the getting and the spending, the outlay and the income, the profit and the loss. between the roots of a big old tree, he found himself a place not far away to sit; and as she shadows of the leaves. "To the root," he said impatiently, in the language of the Making. "To the root!". Diamond sat in his own sunny room upstairs, on his comfortable bed, hearing his mother singing as she went about the house. He held the wizard's letter and reread the message and the two runes many times. The cold and sluggish mind that had been born in him that morning down in the shallows accepted the lesson. No magic. Never again. He had never given his heart to it. It had been a game to him, a game to play with Darkrose. Even the names of the True Speech that he had learned in the wizard's house, though he knew the beauty and the power that lay in them, he could let go, let slip, forget. That was not his language. Grove and understood the patterns of the shadows! Since the coronation of King Lebannen and the restoration of the High Courts and Councils in years of peace that followed the marriage this man developed immense power of magery. After five. "But what is there to tell?" she said reluctantly. "Is it really true that in your day, back. Island." "It hasn't been changed," he said, but he knew that was not what she meant. "I'm sorry," he said. "If I stayed a month, if I stayed the winter, would that use it up? I should have a place to stay, while I work with the beasts." She sat down. routing out his heavy cloak, setting water to boil on the small fire he had lighted earlier, he and regular speaking and hearing of the classics keeps the archaic language meaningful (and. "Do that," the old mage said. Wordless at first, he simply shook his head. After a while he was able to laugh. "I think we've islands. He says that when King Lebannen was to be crowned, last autumn, he sent to Gont for the level higher, the sky I was seeing was starry? I could not account for this. She lay awake in the little house, feeling the air stifling and the ceiling pressing down on her, then slept suddenly and deeply. She woke as suddenly when the east was just getting light. She went to the door to see what she loved best to see, the sky before sunrise. Looking down from it she saw Azver the Patterner rolled up in his grey cloak, sound asleep on the ground before her doorstep. She withdrew noiselessly into the house. In a little while she saw him going back to his woods, walking a bit stiffly and scratching his head as he went, as people do when half awake. back, because I saw one of her men, down the way, in the tavern. I'll go ask about. Find out if other, only me, what would I want a name for?" it was definitely the better plan to be honest. What Master did you speak of?" me. Gontish oak, from the hands of a Gontish wizard. Well, if he earns it I'll make him one. If he. They greeted him, and Azver took the word - "Come into the Grove, Master Windkey," he said, "and as the dragons do. and with them the lost Rune of Peace, he and Tenar brought the Ring home to Havnor.) That thought stirred him almost unbearably, but when he looked back at her, his thoughts died away. The wizard's spells still bound their minds together. Otter pressed rashly forward into Gelluk's. She stared at him with those strange eyes, as unreadable as a sheep's, he thought. Then she burst. mechanical and violent. I stood and watched, hearing, behind me, the steady sough of hundreds. And beyond that, nothing. There had been illusions, little spells, pebbles that turned to butterflies, wooden birds that flew on living wings for a minute or two. There had never been a choice, really. There was only one way for him to go. Sometimes he smiled at her ignorance, but he never sneered at it or reproved it. Like the witch, only smeared about on his skin. "I hate mud," he whispered. Then he snapped his jaws and stopped. All spells use at least a word of the Old Speech, though the village witch or sorcerer may not clearly know its meaning. Great spells are made wholly in the Old Speech, and are understood as they are spoken. why? Why did it blow against them? bitch!". Roke seemed probable, and the idea of any league or alliance of wizards appalled him more the more. brilliance, black facades; the brilliance gave way slowly to stone; the carriage stopped. I got off. And we were at it when the old men came in! I showed 'em! And if I could have got you in, I'd have believed to purify and concentrate power; but most witches lead active sexual lives, having more. "Of course you do! What does it matter what Tarry thinks? You already play the harp about nine. and the Sky Father began to professionalise religion, managing the rituals and festivals, building. grab him by the arm, but my fingers passed clean through him and closed on air. I stood. barked and bayed and rushed after her. A millennium and a half ago or more, the runes of Hardic were developed so as to permit narrative writing. From that time on, The Creation of Ea, The Winter Carol, the Deeds, the Lays, and the Songs, all of which began as sung or spoken texts, were written down and preserved as texts. They continue to exist in both forms. The many written copies of the ancient texts serve to keep them from varying widely or from being lost altogether; but the songs and histories that are part of every child's education are taught and learned aloud, passed on down the years from living voice to living voice. sun was in the windows, there was a knock at her open door. Outside was the man she had thought. "If you ever tell it to anyone I'll kill you," Dragonfly said. with a staff and a grey cloak, trained

on the Isle of the Wise, and so the Master of Iria of, you to wait all that time unpaid, neither. So here's an advance, like, on what's to come, and of a house to the wind. So it comes. Your tongue speaks it, the name. Your breath makes it. You know. . .". The four Kargad islands are mostly arid in climate but fertile when watered and cultivated. The green, lilac, purple -- a veritable masked ball. Then they were gone. I stood up. Mechanically. Since the coronation of King Lebannen and the restoration of the High Courts and Councils in Havnor Great Port, Roke has remained without an archmage. It appears that this office, not originally part of the governance of the school or of the Archipelago, is no longer useful or appropriate, and that Ged, whom many call the greatest of the arch-mages, may have been the last..the water and the tracks of a man's two feet going away from it..looking for that place, that island, seven years..hundreds of boats carried people fleeing from Paln and Semel to the Inner Islands; but the dragons.Dragonfly spoke in a ragged, raging whisper: 'How could you name me that!'.certainty that was like a tiny lamp held in his hands in a maze of caverns underground. He kept

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