

THE ROSARY

The Song of the Young King, sung annually at Sunreturn, the festival of the winter solstice, tells. He had never told Ogion anything about his first teacher, a sorcerer of no fame, even in Gont, and. "A witchwind coming. Following. Get the sail down." "I have to have a single heart. I can't play the harp while I'm bargaining with a mule-breeder. I told in the Havnorian Lay. Tracing descent both through the male and the female lines, and comes by chance. All any of us knows is how it seems to us. There are names behind names, my Lord. All the teachers of the art magic on Roke were women. There were no men of power, few men at all, on the island. "I didn't mean to hurt Father's feelings," he said. arms to wide feathered wings, and the eagle flew up and off across the wind. had planned this conversation. "To enter the Great House: to go through that door." accustomed to the dark, was able to discern, from it, the huge outlines of the surrounding. She sat on a while by the Thwilburn. She was troubled by what he had told her and by her thoughts. Ayeth's stare grew more insolent as he watched Irioth stammer. He began to say something to San. Her mother Ayo and her mother's sister Mead were wise women. They healed Otter as best they could with warm oils and massage, herbs and chants. They talked to him and listened when he talked. Neither of them had any doubt but that he was a man of great power. He denied this. "I could have done nothing without your daughter," he said. "Because it would have meant only one thing." "And it was useful knowledge," Tern said. "How can people be anything but ignorant when knowledge isn't saved, isn't taught? If books could be brought together in one place..." the dead of winter, and must go back alone?" insubstantial, but she thought he was not there, and when he stepped into the slanting sunlight he could. Another, the old Stormcloud, used to be Losen's own ship, came in while I was there. I. me so that she could learn how to do it! Just because I learned how to play music from you, did I. a glimmering track behind it a moment in the air above the hearth stone. "Now I'm off to the cow. from some other island, it was said, somewhere in the west, and she never came to Iria, for she. neighbor had made herself useful and was gathering up blood-soaked cloths scattered by the bed. Highdrake took Medra as his student, gratefully. "I was taught my art by a mage who gave me freely all he knew, but I never found anybody to give that knowledge to, until you came," he told Medra. "The young men come to me and they say, "What good is it? Can you find gold?" they say. "Can you teach me how to make stones into diamonds? Can you give me a sword that will kill a dragon? What's the use of talking about the balance of things? There's no profit in it," they say. No profit!" And the old man railed on about the folly of the young and the evils of modern times. "Nonsense! Not history!" said the old Namer. "The first Archmage came centuries after the last. them. Maybe a child the parents are grieving for. In the witch's hut, in the darkness, they hear. Of the four of them, only the Doorkeeper moved and spoke. He took a step forward, looking from one young man to the next and the next. He said, "You trusted me, giving me your names. Will you trust me now?" She was looking down at her hands, clasped now on her knees. In the faint reddish glow of the cabin lantern her lashes cast very delicate, long shadows on her cheeks. She looked up, straight at him. "My name is Irian," she said. Master, never counted among the Nine. A vital ethical and intellectual force, the archmage also. the wizard, driven by his visions, forgot to guard himself- and if Otter could learn his name. "Bringing them a student - yes. A student of great gifts!" Great House, all the mages, many of the students. Leading them was Thorion the Summoner, tall in. "You could have taught me! You never would!" The coppers weren't decently in a bag, even. Irioth had to hold out his hand, and the cattleman laid out six copper pennies in it, one by one. "Now then! That's fair and square!" he said, expansive. "And maybe you'll be looking at my yearlings over in the Long Pond pastures, in the next day or so." The Summoner looked up at Irian. Slowly he raised his arms and the white staff in the invocation of a spell, speaking in the tongue that all the wizards and mages of Roke had learned, the language of their art, the Language of the Making: "Irian, by your name I summon you and bind you to obey me!" stream that came out of the woods to join the little river running down to the bay, Medra camped. the streams at Iria, and she had hated the sea, heaving grey and cold, but this quick water. the lead galley, whose hundred oars flashed beating like the wings of a gull. Sometimes he was. "After Elfarran and Morred perished and the Isle of Solea sank beneath the sea, the Council of the. in the west, or Osskil in the north, but they did send explorers out all over the Inmost Sea and. They greeted him, and Azver took the word - "Come into the Grove, Master Windkey," he said, "and. smiled. to fear him. I do not need to fear his power. I do not need his power. I must see him, to be sure, U. S. Copyright Law. For information address Harcourt Brace. the wet rocks afterward, because he was very cold. One arm hurt and had no strength in it. incantation, and beat the air in fury. Then he looked eastward, straining his eyes for the. "How else?" he said. They were not far inside the Grove, and still beside the stream, when Irian stopped, turned aside, and crouched down by the enormous, hunching roots of a willow that leaned out over the water. The four mages stood on the path. swallowed them. Nobody in Woodedge said a word about the stranger hidden in Mead's apple loft. HOUND STAYED IN ENDLANE. He could make a living as a finder there, and he liked the tavern, and Otter's mother's hospitality. and the rowdy, foolish dogs, and all the work she did at home trying to keep Old Iria together and. Reluctant, he stepped forward, barefoot and bare-legged; he had rolled up his cloak into his pack an hour ago when the sun came out. Reeds brushed his legs. The mud was soft and sucking under his feet, full of tangling reed-roots. He made no noise as he moved slowly out into the pool, and the circles of ripples from his movement were slight and small. It was shallow for a long way. Then his cautious foot felt no bottom, and he paused. Anieb kept a better pace than seemed possible in a woman so famished and destroyed, walking almost. The curer checked the girths, eased a strap, and got up in the saddle, not expertly, but the hinny made no objection. She turned her long, creamy-white nose and beautiful eyes to look at her rider. He smiled. Gift had never seen him smile. and grew more awake. The excited turmoil of his mind all the time he had been with Gelluk slowly. She looked at

him. She could not speak. She stood up and after a moment walked out of the stableyard, off across the hill, on the path that went around it halfway up. One of the dogs, her favorite, a big, ugly, heavy-headed hound, followed her. She stopped on the slope above the marshy spring where Rose had named her ten years ago. She stood there; the dog sat down beside her and looked up at her face. No thought was clear in her mind, but words repeated themselves: I could go to Roke and find out who I am.. "And what would I do there?" "So the vulgar call it, or quicksilver, or the water of weight. But those who serve him call him the King, and the Allking, and the Body of the Moon." His gaze, benevolent and inquisitive, passed over Otter and to the tower, and then back. His face was large and long, whiter than any face Otter had seen, with bluish eyes. Grey and black hairs curled here and there on his chin and cheeks. His calm, open smile showed small teeth, several of them missing. "Those who have learned to see truly can see him as he is, the lord of all substances. The root of power lies in him. Do you know what we call him in the secrecy of his palace?" Sparrowhawk had not gone. I wish I could read what the shadows write. But all I can hear the. 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.. As he walked he thought; he thought hard; he recalled. He recalled all he could of matters his defiling, essentially wicked.. spend some time in the Archives of the Archipelago.. He had never told Ogion anything about his first teacher, a sorcerer of no fame, even in Gont, and perhaps of ill fame. There was some mystery or shame connected with Ard. Though he was talkative, for a wizard, Heleth was silent as a stone about some things. Ogion, who respected silence, had never asked him about his teacher.. Roke, he had worn shoes. But he had come back home to Gont, to Re Albi, with his wizard's staff.. "What's the matter, Emer?" said the curer, turning his thin face and strange eyes to her.. thought to ask him if he might want a bath, which he did. They heated the water and filled the old.. didn't want to make too much of mere childish play. But I believe you have a gift, perhaps a great.. language. Their true names in the Old Speech must be memorised in silence. The ambitious student.. frightened.. The nights were long and terrible, for the spells pressed on him, weighed on him, waked him over.. "What does Thorion intend?" asked the Namer.. the prenticing-fee. With the packet, which was delivered by one of Golden's carters who had taken.. "I'd say," she said, her voice thin and reedy, speaking to the curer, "that if Alder's beeves stay.. Archmage, here, in the Grove, as always. But not as always.. weatherworker had a bag, a great long sack or a little pouch.. They began, however, with the peaches.. Port had not softened his hands. He brought the boards from Sixth's mill in Re Albi, driving.. They sat unspeaking. The crisis passed. Heleth relaxed a little and even smiled. "Very old stuff," Gelluk had never met a man he feared. A few wizards had crossed his path strong enough to make him.. least, did not live in such luxury as Golden had imagined. Diamond never thought about Darkrose.. My eyes still closed, I touched my chest; I had my sweater on; if I'd fallen asleep without.. and restored him his strength. He gave her the half of the Ring of Peace that remained to him.. knelt down by Thorion. "My lord," he said, "my friend.." straight, unmoved. The city shuddered and stood still. It was Ogion who stopped the earthquake.. "He lived here," Dory said, a glimmer of pride breaking a moment through her helpless pain. "The Mage Ath. Long ago. Before he went into the west. All my foremothers were wise women. He stayed here. With them.." false dragon, false man, don't come to Roke Knoll until you know the ground you stand on." She.. There they fished for whales, as they still do. That was a trade he wanted no part of. Their ships stank and their town stank. He disliked going aboard a slave ship, but the only vessel going out of Geath to the east was a galley carrying whale oil to O Port. He had heard talk of the Closed Sea, south and east of O, where there were rich isles, little known, that had no commerce with the lands of the Inmost Sea. What he sought might be there. So he went as a weatherworker on the galley, which was rowed by forty slaves.. given it to her when they married. It had come down through the generations of the descendants of.. The girl nodded, looking at Tern, then at Crow. She was thirteen or fourteen, heavyset though thin, with a sullen, steady gaze.. And the Old Powers of the Earth, which are manifest at Roke Knoll, the Immanent Grove, the Tombs of Atuan, the Terrenon, the Lips of Paor, and many other places, may be coeval with the world itself.. died, eh?".. destroying sweetness, sinking into an annihilating embrace, dreams in which she was something.. "Otter," said the flat voice.. the songs and be prepared for his naming day.." "Oh, bonses! Do you want a bonses?".. I. Iria.. listening. Another wizard, not Roke-trained but with the healer's gift, looked after the sick and.. what he saw. But he saw it, and went forward, word by word.. Slaves were wearisome with their weakness and trickery and their ugly, sick bodies. Of course.. name written in the dust by the falling rain. Ged could force the dragon Yevaud to obey him.. full of sleep and bewilderment and pain.." A mage called Highdrake told me that when Ath stayed in Pendor, he told a wizard there that he'd.. sun was in the windows, there was a knock at her open door. Outside was the man she had thought.. Azver came between her and them, her words releasing him from the paralysis of mind and body that.. me. Gontish oak, from the hands of a Gontish wizard. Well, if he earns it I'll make him one. If he

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