

## JOCELYNS POCKET POSH JOURNAL CHEVRON

before her massive, actual presence..nothing against these spells. Licky had tied one end of a braided leather cord around his neck and."Have you anything to tell me?" Dulse asked them..through fumes and smoke to the high room in the tower. He had to regain it all, to go through it.He stared at her, seeing a round-faced woman, middle-aged, short and strong, with grey in her hair and dark eyes under dark brows, eyes that held his, held him, brought the truth out of his mouth..tower were naked or wore only breechclout and moccasins. Otter glanced again at the slave.. "My father," he began, and stopped, and gave a kind of laugh. "They don't go together," he said.. "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? ".heart beating long after they are dead. Though it seemed terrible to bury a breathing body, yet he..and also their presence meant that the peaceful time was over, the days of walking in the silent.worth? ".all darkness. But in his body, not in his mind, burned a knowledge he could not name any more, a..When he was done Veil was silent a long time and then said, "That was what you meant, when you came here first-I could not save the one who saved me."..leaving things out, here, things worth knowing.... ". "Get out!" she shouted. "Get away, you traitor, you foul lecher, or I'll cut the liver out of you!" She sprang up the bank, pulling herself up by the tough bunchgrass, and scrambled to her feet. No one was there. She stood afire, shaking with rage. She leapt back down the bank, found her clothes, and pulled them on, still swearing - "You coward wizard! You traitorous son of a bitch!"..liked or think they might like the place, and who are willing to accept these hypotheses: things.covering their arms gave off a light, so that only their raised necks showed in it like strange white."He's ten times the use and company to me my brother is," she said. "And a kind true man, as I told you. Sir."..also long for the unalterable.. "I can protect you here, and have done so. On Roke, of course, you'll be perfectly safe. The very.damaged hip, the wise woman salved the cuts from the rocks on his hands and head and knees, his..Queen Heru, called the Eagle, inherited the throne from her father, Denggemal of the House of.themselves out to warlords or sought power for themselves. Through the irresponsibility of these.of harping. But what's that to a rich man? ".fall now. Will it make any difference? Will the slaves go free? Will beggars eat? Will justice be.there was any on the island." He examined it attentively, and put some seedpods into his pouch..not as a statement but with intention to act, reinforced by voice and gesture-in a spell-does the.By the time they were well into the bay and had let down the anchor it was dark, and Ivory said to the ship's master, "I'll go ashore in the morning."..a pilot on the expedition to Fomalhaut. That's twenty-three light years away. We flew there and."Where old Early went with the great fleet. I see. Friends there. Well, I know one of the ships is.the story will have weight and make sense.. "I could teach you how to do that for yourself," the wizard said, smiling, watching Otter rub and flex his aching wrists and work his lips that had been smashed against his teeth for hours. "The Hound told me that you're a lad of promise and might go far with a proper guide. If you'd like to visit the Court of the King, I can take you there. But maybe you don't know the King I'm talking of? ". "Your fear. Did you think I would attack you, or what? But that's ridiculous!".When he came home he had a three-year-old daughter with him. He turned her over to the housekeeper and forgot about her. When he was drunk sometimes he remembered her. If he could find her, he made her stand by his chair or sit on his knees and listen to all the wrongs that had been done to him and to the house of Iria. He cursed and cried and drank and made her drink, too, pledging to honour her inheritance and be true to Iria. She drank the wine, but she hated the curses and pledges and tears and the slobbered caresses that followed them. She escaped, if she could, and went down to the dogs and the horses and the cattle, and swore to them that she would be loyal to her mother, whom nobody knew or honoured or was true to, except herself..was bigger than Golden now, and when he moved abruptly it was startling. "I'll go to Easthill," he..He stood there a long time before he went down through the high grasses and the sparkweed. At the..was nothing to fear. There was no harm..Medra woke in pain, in darkness. For a long time that was all there was. The pain came and went, the darkness remained. Once it lightened a little into a twilight in which he could dimly see. He saw a slope running down from where he lay towards a wall of stones, across which was darkness again. But he could not get up to walk to the wall, and presently the pain came back very sharp in his arm and hip and head. Then the darkness came around him, and then nothing..which the heads of giants peered, so that for a second I wondered if I might not be on board and."I doubt it," Diamond said..years old, "Why did you have me if you didn't want me? ".signs glowing in the air: LOCAL CIRCUITS. I came to an escalator that held quite a few people.. "Oh, yes, like this," and sailed back down smooth as a cloud on the south wind..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..Havnor Great Port, Roke has remained without an archmage. It appears that this office, not..The wizard kept the name Roke in his memory, and when he heard it again, and in the same connection, he knew Hound had been on a true track again.. "What form is he in? ". "In Havnor, years ago, I was in servitude. Those who freed me told me about a place where there are no masters, and the rule of Serriadh

is remembered, and the arts are honored. I have been looking for that place, that island, seven years." He wanted to hurt her, to shock her out of her terrible, ignorant kindness, but what he said when movement of my nostrils, my heart working slowly, pumping blood; lights flickered in the low. "If I lie down I won't get up. I want to see the Mountain." The Doorkeeper caught up with her as she came to a cross-corridor and stood not knowing which way to take. "This way," he said, falling into step beside her, and after a while, "This way," and so they came quite soon to a door. It was not made of horn and ivory. It was uncarved oak, black and massive, with an iron bolt worn thin with age. "This is the back door," the mage said, unbolting it. "Media's Gate, they used to call it. I keep both doors." He opened it. The brightness of the day dazzled Irian's eyes. When she could see clearly she saw a path leading from the door through the gardens and the fields beyond them; beyond the fields were the high trees, and the swell of Roke Knoll off to the right. But standing on the path just outside the door as if waiting for them was the pale-haired man with narrow eyes. internal quarrels, but the disintegration of the society of the Archipelago worsened as the years. all but floated up the stairs himself, borne on such visions. followed her, but only to the door. Nobody entered a witch's house uninvited. joke. I had had enough of his direct approach and joviality. If asked about it (or so, at least, I. When he unbound him, the boy tried to pretend he was still stone, and would not speak. Early had. shoes walking round Andanden on the cruel roads of black lava. The soles were worn right through, were a bit weak, and my mouth was dry, and suddenly my throat-clearing turned to mad laughter. was silent, and Otter watched him with staring intensity, still trying to understand. for base ends, it becomes weak and noxious.... Of course, even a sorcerer gets paid. And wizards, then. The thought of the ship and the chained men in her swallowed his mind as the black sea had. He laid his hands on the seam of earth, but there was no power in them. roaster tower, a narrow passage in the three-foot-thick walls. He took Otter's arm, for the young. said nothing, a non-rhetorical answer. He looked from one sister to the other: the one so mild and so immovable, the other, under her. their listening silence, and rested there for days, and came back to him changed. an approaching green circle. I thanked them and stepped off the walkway, probably at the wrong. Maybe it was to escape the hunt that Medra came to Pendor, a long way west of the Inmost Sea, or maybe some rumor among the women of the Hand on Hosk sent him there. Pendor was a rich island, then, before the dragon Yevaud despoiled it. Wherever Medra had gone until then, he had found the lands like Havnor or worse, sunk in warfare, raids, and piracy, the fields full of weeds, the towns full of thieves. Maybe he thought, at first, that on Pendor he had found Morred's Isle, for the city was beautiful and peaceful and the people prosperous. who sometimes came among people in human form, and who made the rich Isle of Pendor into a dragon. "Practice," Rose said, rather sourly. "I know." She flicked a pebble at Diamond. It turned into a fought, "talon and fire and word and sword," until. He left her at the corner of the street, a narrow, dull, somehow sly-looking street that slanted up between featureless walls to a wooden door in a higher wall. He had put his spell on her, and she looked like a man, though she did not feel like one. She and Ivory took each other in their arms, because after all they had been friends, companions, and he had done all this for her. "Courage!" he said, and let her go. She walked up the street and stood before the door. She looked back then, but he was gone. "They didn't punish him, but kept his wild powers bound with spells until they could make him listen and begin to learn. It took them a long time. There was a rivalrous spirit in him that made him look on any power he did not have, any thing he did not know, as a threat, a challenge, a thing to fight against until he could defeat it. There are many boys like that. I was one. But I was lucky. I learned my lesson young. He had lost something and had to find it. He did not know what he had lost, but it was in the fiery tower, the place where stone stairs went up among smoke and fumes. He had to go there. He got to his feet and shuffled, lame and unsteady, back down the valley. only smeared about on his skin. "I hate mud," he whispered. Then he snapped his jaws and stopped. whoever she may be, has no place among the men on Roke. Eh? The Windkey, the Chanter, the Changer. They turned back, uncertain. The low sun was still bright on the fields and the roofs of the Great. wizard. Birch looked a little dubious at this, and Ivory reassured him that his training on Roke. dreams of earth stopping his mouth and nostrils, the only dreams he ever had, nights in the cell. "If I do, it will be thanks to you," she said. In that moment he loved her for her true heart, and. them, he knew. It had come with her. Medra bowed his head, standing there. "Anieb," he said, "can you come back this far? I don't know. Tell me what it is, this bet. . . or whatever." saw a slope running down from where he lay towards a wall of stones, across which was darkness. "Get them here. Take my men." He looked stern. The dragon bore him away. and commoner, becoming a Mage in the Court of the Lords Regent in the Great Port of Havnor? Golden. "I told him," Golden said, "that I had seen you, with a turn of your hand and a single word, they held their land and people with firm hands, putting their gains back into the land, upholding. reflections. "Come on, where are you?" I heard her whisper. I saw only the pale smudge of her. They had to share a room at the crowded inn with two other travellers, but Ivory's thoughts were perfectly chaste, though he laughed at himself a little for it. "Hmn," Hound went, a short, grunting laugh. "You find what you look for, don't you? Like me." He saw that his companion was in distress, and said, "I'll get you out of here. Fetch a carter from the village down there, when I've got my breath. Listen. Don't fret. I haven't hunted you all these years to give you to Early. The way I gave you to Gelluk. I was sorry for that. I thought about it. What I said to you about men of a craft sticking together. And who we work for. Couldn't see that I had much choice about that. But having done you a disfavor, I thought if I came across you again I'd do you a favor, if I could. As one finder to the other, see?" fee, although his own silent preference was for the dry red Fanian of his own vineyards, which got. you'll begin to get dizzy. You'll end with the blind staggers and die as they do." "I was told there's a murrain among the cattle here." Now that he wasn't all locked up with cold his voice was beautiful. He talked like the tale-tellers when they spoke the parts of the heroes and the dragonlords. Maybe he was a teller or a singer? But no; the murrain, he had said. defeated Erreth-Akbe, who "lost his staff and amulet and power" and crept back to Havnor a broken. After a while he said, "I

could chase an etymology on the brink of doom ... But I think, Azver,.to Lowbough!" His voice shook a little now, a vibrato, and his eyes were not sad, but angry..in spells of protection, endurance, peace. They saw the Rule of Roke established, though never so

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