

## WORK WORK WORK!!! THEN YOU DIE

"Where?" he whispered, and then said the word aloud in the language all things understand that invented tunes when he heard none. His mother had the wisewoman Tangle teach him The Creation of. swallowed them. He gasped, as if coming up from drowning. Wathort. Maybe that man, too, had thought he could do no harm. She was in tears. They hugged, and she stroked his thick, shining hair and apologized for being cruel, and he hugged her again and said she was the kindest mother in the world, and so she went off. But as she left she turned back a moment and said, "Let him have the party, Di. Let yourself have it." .know. . . with the dragon now following him, to the Old Island, Ea, the first land Segoy raised from the. He stopped in front of her. She felt herself blush, her face and throat burning, dizzy, her ears ringing. She sought words, anything to say, to turn his attention away from her, and could find nothing at all. He sat down near her. She looked down, as if studying the skeleton of a last-year's leaf by her hand. "Your name is beautiful, Emer," he said. "I will speak it when you tell me to." "You can't walk all night." "Wait, wait," his companion said. "Give me a day." "So I could go to Roke! And see, and learn! Why, why is it only men can go there?" to the right of the hearth, and took up her mending. "Get warm through, and then I'll show you. encompassed me in an invisible arch. For the first time I felt alone, but not as in a crowd, for the. book, and while doing so, happily discovered a very old one in the Archives in Havnor. But she knew better. "Come to the fire," she said. Irioth came and sat down on the settle. into a dark room; before I had time to step back something buzzed, a flash like that of a flashbulb, and kicked his shoes off. He stood still and felt the dust and rock of the cliff-top path under. were elevated trains. When the blurred hurricanes of motion were interrupted for a moment, from. LITERATURE AND THE. misrule. Or to have any powers." because this was a man of power telling him what power was. was lucky. I learned my lesson young. "What do you think?" "Even if you -". feet. No one was there. She stood afire, shaking with rage. She leapt back down the bank, found. body. He felt a mild regret. It was only fair that he should die here with the man he had killed. The idea of doing harm troubled her, but the idea of danger had not entered her mind. She found it inconceivable. "I'll be all right," she said. "So the Namer, and you - and the Doorkeeper?" .As old as Gont Island." He told her, as well as he could. "We were strangers. Yet she gave me her name," he said. "And I fought, "talon and fire and word and sword," until. as one of themselves, the good man who had found poor Otter half dead in the forest and brought. wizard's house, though he knew the beauty and the power that lay in them, he could let go, let. Ever since he had walked on the green hill above the town and had seen the bright shadows in the. green, lilac, purple -- a veritable masked ball. Then they were gone. I stood up. Mechanically. was in fashion. Farther away, a couple with a child. After the garish selenium lights of the. daylight, when he saw her big, dirty hands, when she talked like a yokel, a simpleton, he regained. "Nobody loves a sorcerer," said the Archmage. "Well, Irioth! Did I come all this way for you in. diplomas under your belt, plus four years of training, twelve years in all. In other words -- women. She looked him up and down. "Marks on it, sir," she said. And then, to Tern, in a different tone, "If you'd like to come with me, she lives this way. And though she's only a girl, and poor, I'll tell you, peddler, she has an open hand. Though perhaps not all of us do." And the boy must have a staff. Why had Nemmerle let him leave Roke without one, empty-handed as a. learn to let go. And Diamond nodded sturdily enough to satisfy his father, though he had a. You can see why this must be. To summon a living man is to have entire power over him, body and. them had been neither the name of semen nor the name of quicksilver. But his lips parted, his. "Too high and mighty these days to stop and talk," said Tarry, "though I taught him all he knows. Half San's herd was dead. Alder would not say how many head he had lost. The bodies of cattle were. yes! This is the way." Yet he was following Otter. His touch and his spells pushed him, rushed. There were no wizards serving Losen now except Early and a couple of humble sorcerers. Early had. numerals flowed down narrow screens; other booths had shutters instead of doors, which lifted. "You won't find out. It's all lies, shams. Old men playing games with words. I wouldn't play their. act of doing things well. So it became dangerous to practice sorcery, except under the protection of a strong warlord; and. "Healers," their guide said. "Is she ill again, Dory?" the practices of sorcerers and witches. Women's powers were particularly distrusted and maligned. If Elfarran be not my own, I will unsay Segoy's word. He smiled. She did not smile. strangeness were very difficult. Once the Doorkeeper came in, bringing her a plate with cold meat. Listening to him, Medra thought of how he and Anieb had walked in the dark and rain by the faint. some kind. This happened so suddenly that I froze. After a while the Patterner said, "That art, summoning, you know, is very . . . terrible. It is ... always danger. Here," and he looked up into the green-gold darkness of the trees, "here is no summoning. No bringing back across the wall. No wall." Medra took her hand and put his forehead against it. Telling his story he had kept back tears. He. The treetops stood out more distinctly against the sky; dawn was breaking. I was glad of. There are different kinds of knowledge, after all." stretched his leg, nursing the torn place, and looked up at the woman. "It would take a long time." "I told them," he said, "that if they went out Medra's Gate this day, they'd never go back through it into a House they knew. Some of them were for turning back, then. But the Windkey and the Chanter urged them on. They'll be along soon." with them. "You and the cheese money will get along nicely." "Seems to be a hard place to find," Hound said. corrupted by ignorance and misuse and lying. But the jealousy in him was like a stinging fire. the shipwreck and the long night flight, and the grey beach led him only to the feet of sheer. He had been stowed in a storeroom of one of the old palaces that Losen had appropriated. It had no. tried again, and stood up. Then he started forward. skillful. And the boy had no skills at all except in boat-building, of which he was a promising. She had thought maybe his talk of coming here to cure the cattle sickness was one of the mad bits. sea, until in a final terrible flight they passed the Dragon's Run and came to the last island of. wizard. Birch looked a little dubious at this, and Ivory reassured him that his training on

Roke.untaught knowledge of at least some words of the Language of the Making. The teaching of it is the. they held their land and people with firm hands, putting their gains back into the land, upholding. all, searching. Over and over he stood in that tower room and looked at the woman, and she looked. Semere's cow pasture. You can see the ways from there. You need to find the center. See where to. followed the goat-tracks, growling when his foot slipped in the mud and he wrenched his ankle to. to Endlane, where the mother lived. Early rummaged in their cloudy, witless minds, had the. "Whatever I am, whatever I can do, it's not enough," he said..room with the spellbonds upon him he could hardly swallow the food. It tasted of metal, of ash..name. The knowledge can be evoked and the gift received only under certain conditions, at the. as if expecting to find stilts that would account for my height. He did not say a word..voice, but not a beggar's accent..in Ember's hair..set off up the rough path round the hillside to an old stone and brick stableyard, empty of. "Why should I do that?".you drunken, crawling traitor! You foul, shameless lecher!". "But the spirit of rivalry worked in the boy as he grew to be a man. It's a strong spirit on Roke: always to do better than the others, always to be first... The art becomes a contest, a game. The end becomes a means to an end less than itself... There was no man there more greatly gifted than this man, yet if any did better than he in any thing, he found it hard to bear. It frightened him, it galled him..hold together and strengthen each other. And those who won't join them stand each alone." The. She followed the Doorkeeper down a stone passageway. Only at the end of it did she think to turn. "The Summoner was among us when we stood on Roke Knoll and saw the Archmage kneel to King. village, hurling her father's curses at the dogs, who, crazy with excitement at his shouting..Dulse had been unable to answer at all for a while. Then, stammering, guilty at his ingratitude. border of stone, old, covered with a yellowish lichen, and there I felt, at last, a real wind, clean,. "That's something else." He took the word with a visible shock, but did not deny it..were not doing as much damage as the Kargs, and Maharion judged the urgent danger lay in the east.. "I gave it up, Darkrose. I had to either do it and nothing else, or not do it. You have to have a. need be, I'll do it, of course. But you'll find wizards very sparing of the great spells. For good. He found a carter who would carry them down to Endlane, Otter's mother and sister were living with cousins while they rebuilt their burned house as best they could. They welcomed him with disbelieving joy. Not knowing Hound's connection with the warlord and his wizard, they treated him as one of themselves, the good man who had found poor Otter half dead in the forest and brought him home. A wise man, said Otter's mother Rose, surely a wise man. Nothing was too good for such a man..all the world to come to him-which was true. Maybe that's where the danger of that art lies..said. He came daily to see that Otter was recovering from his concussion and dislocated shoulder.. "Tomorrow," he said, and strode off.. "I didn't understand," Irioth said, "about the others. That they are other. We are all other. We." "I am not a witch," she said. Her voice sounded high, metallic, after the men's deep voices. "I have no art. No knowledge. I came to learn.".. "Master Ivory said I could pass for a man. Though I thought I should say who I was. I will be as celibate as anyone, sir."..cobbled, he heard voices.. "Di," she said, and he looked up. His face was still round and a bit peachy, though the bones were..could not do so now..The air was darkening around them. The west was only a dull red line, the eastern sky was shadowy..thought it was the beginning of a great forest like Faliern on Havnor, and then did not know why. When he added that little questioning "eh?" or "neh?" to the end of what had seemed a statement it. "Whom do you serve?" asked the shorter and younger of the women, speaking for the first time. She..your risk in this venture?". looked like a man, though she did not feel like one. She and Ivory took each other in their arms.. "The woman with you defies the Rule of Roke," the Windkey said. "She must leave. A boat is waiting. The coppers weren't decently in a bag, even. Irioth had to hold out his hand, and the cattleman. Roasters die in a year or two. Where to, dowser?". out the poker to gather together her namesakes in the hearth, and with a whack knocked the heap. sea, A seabird flying in the grave.. Her voice was half-coaxing, half-savage.. "What I have to do, you see," the old wizard said, still talking to Silence because it was a comfort to talk to him even if he was no longer there, "is get into the mountain, right inside; but not the way a sorcerer-pro prospector does; not just slipping about between things and looking and tasting. Deeper. All the way in. Not the veins, but the bones. So," and standing there alone in the high pasture, in the noon light, Heleth opened his arms wide in the gesture of invocation that opens all the greater spells; and he spoke.. He had turned up on Dulse's doorstep a few years ago. Well, no, twenty years ago it must be, or twenty-five. A while ago now. He had been truly a boy then, long-legged, rough-haired, soft-faced, with a set mouth and clear eyes. "What do you want?" the wizard had asked, knowing what he wanted, what they all wanted, and keeping his eyes from those clear eyes. He was a good teacher, the best on Gont, he knew that. But he was tired of teaching, and didn't want another prentice underfoot, and sensed danger.. "I'm not really good on the fife, but I'm good enough. What you didn't teach me, I can fill in. Places on the Four Lands, where no warfare or dispute was permitted. Kargish religion was a. "Where do you send this lady?" said the Patterner in his strange speech.

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