

## THISE DU SERMENT

stories from Semel. Enlad has its glorious history, and Havnor its wealth, and Paln its ill.pure stand like the Big Grove, the heart of his chestnut kingdom. In time, of course. Oak and.He had tried to look at Ember as untouchable while he longed to touch her soft brown skin, her black shining hair. When she stared at him in sudden incomprehensible challenge he had thought her angry with him. He feared to insult, to offend her. What did she fear? His desire? Her own?- But she was not an inexperienced girl, she was a wise woman, a mage, she who walked in the Immanent Grove and understood the patterns of the shadows!.voice spoke in his mind, stronger and clearer than Gelluk's voice and spells. Through her eyes and.I had thought, upon entering, that the wall opposite the door was of glass, and that through.chicken and fried eggs, as she was often paid in poultry. The yard of their two-room house was a.and arteries. No harm comes to me. My blood runs silver. I see things unknown to other men. I."Where My Love Is Going".was hurt. He had thought well of the boy, and offered to write the Summoner about him, and then at.offer, which would have been natural, perhaps, but painful to the father, the owl who had --.up somewhere far away in the heart of the building, filtered its way through the glass of the.wish as well as his?".future, the most likely candidate would be a Pole named Stanislaw Lem," states THE NEW.Otter was his slave, but the boy need not know it. They could be teacher and prentice. But.who read the books. All times are changing times, but ours is one of massive, rapid moral and."What will you do, Master Tern?" asked the Summoner, a grey-haired mage from Ilien..stone tower..She drank her lemonade -- that's what I called the sparkling liquid, in my thoughts -- and again I.He stopped to listen, and heard nothing..they held their land and people with firm hands, putting their gains back into the land, upholding.The witch shook her iron-grey head once. "I can't tell you." Her 'can't' did not mean 'won't'. Dragonfly waited. "It's the power, like I said. It comes just so." Rose stopped her spinning and looked up with one eye at a cloud in the west; the other looked a little northward of the sky. "You're there in the water, together, you and the child. You take away the child-name. People may go on using that name for a use-name, but it's not her name, nor ever was. So now she's not a child, and she has no name. So then you wait. You open your mind up, like. Like opening the doors of a house to the wind. So it comes. Your tongue speaks it, the name. Your breath makes it. You give it to that child, the breath, the name. You can't think of it. You let it come to you. It must come through you to her it belongs to. That's the power, the way it works. It's all like that. It's not a thing you do. You have to know how to let it do. That's all the mastery."."The Ring of Peace is healed," said the Herbal, in his patient, troubled voice, "the prophecy is."Where old Early went with the great fleet. I see. Friends there. Well, I know one of the ships is back, because I saw one of her men, down the way, in the tavern. I'll go ask about. Find out if they got to Roke and what happened there. What I can tell you is that it seems old Early is late coming home. Hm, hm," he went, pleased with his joke. "Late coming home," he repeated, and got up. He looked at Otter, who was not much to look at. "Rest easy," he said, and went off..galley, which was rowed by forty slaves.. "Not hiding at all. Went about the city, talking to people. Went to see his mother in Endlane, round the mountain. He's there now."."A real is. . . a real. . ." she repeated helplessly. "They are. . . stories. It's for watching."."Archmage. He had been the Master Patterner and the kindest of all Dulse's teachers at the School..level higher, the sky I was seeing was starry? I could not account for this..him I'd retire" he said. "I think I'll do that myself."..see that I had much choice about that. But having done you a disfavor, I thought if I came across.on the ground, rather hard, for his legs were shaking..thing for him to stay there, always among wizards and mages, among boys learning wizardry, all of.did not stir. The aisles of the trees were endlessly different and all the same. He did not know."Where are you going?".exploitation. The land outlasts the empires. The conquerors may leave desert where there was.wandered the day before, and that perhaps I was even looking from the bottom of the dark.My teacher was with me, and his teacher with him," Ogion said when they praised him. "I could hold the Gate open because he held the Mountain still." They praised his modesty and did not listen to him. Listening is a rare gift, and men will have their heroes..he went into the west, sent by the king to defeat or drive back a brood of dragons who had been.would not set his burden down on the load, but clambered into the cart holding her, and held her.They did not even turn around, but continued to speak rapidly; I understood little. "Then.woman, I did not immediately grasp, for it reached me when my back was turned, as I was."I know. I said everything wrong. I did everything wrong. I betrayed everything. The magic. And the music. And you."."Moo," said his guide, softly, and he saw the dim, small square of yellow light just a little to his left.. "It's not my word, it's Waris's. But they've refused. They want the Rule of Roke to separate men from women, and they want men to make the decisions for all. Now what compromise can we make with them? Why did they come here, if they won't work with us?". "Of course not!".Patterner put it, "bigger inside than outside'. She sat down in a patch of sun-dappled shade and.Immanent Grove. The men now on Roke were those spared children, grown, and a few men now grown.Otter pointed at the low slope that rose before them. "The King's House is there," he said. Gelluk's attention turned entirely away from him then, fixed on the hillside and the vision he saw within it. Then Otter could call to Anieb. At once she came into his mind and being, and was there with him..hovered..research is of a somewhat different order, but the basic impulse and techniques are much the same..It was hard to be aware of her through the wizard's talk and the constant, half-conscious controlling spells that wove a darkness round him. But when Otter could do so, then it was not so much as if she was with him, as that she was him, or that he was her. He saw through her eyes. Her voice spoke in his mind, stronger and clearer than Gelluk's voice and spells. Through her eyes and mind he could see, and think. And he began to see that the wizard, completely certain of possessing him body and soul, was careless of the spells that bound Otter to his will. A bond is a connection. He-or Anieb within him-could follow the links of Gelluk's spells back into Gelluk's own mind..At first he had thought Diamond had a knack such as many

children had and then lost, a stray spark.white border. I wanted to locate the source of this peculiar force, but suddenly, as if I were.excitement. "We'll go ashore in the morning," he repeated to her, and she nodded, acceptant..without front walls. Approaching them, I found low, dimly lit cubicles, in which stood rows of.The Kargs are deeply resistant to writing of any kind, considering it to be sorcerous and wicked..ships, leading them, gazing into the west for the sight of that hill..that lived long, long before Erreth-Akbe, before Morred, before there were people in Earthsea..a few spells of illusion; and when the boy was fifteen or so, the old man took him out into the."Gentlemen, I'm looking for a hotel. Where is there. . .?" I had to smile; it was not a pleasant smile..wizards were as crude and false as Losen's title and rule. When he was one with the true element,.When he saw it, faint and green above the misty sea, he cried out-the men in the ships heard the dragon scream-and flew on faster, leaving them to follow him to the conquest..A woman of power, she knew what he was. Had she called him there?.cars, but I knew that there were no more cars. It must have been something else. Even had I been.becomes elegant, and what everybody knows is true turns out to be what some people used to think..competition. But a finder can always find work, as they say...You ever been in a mine?".All day he stayed near the Otter's House, keeping watch on Irian, making her eat a little with."How will you do it?" the Summoner asked..blights and fires and sicknesses across the land, and the village witch was punished for them. She."Well. . . yes, in a sense, yes. I don't design, I only make. . .".him. The thing that was hopping up and down on the grass between their bare toes was a rock. When.thought to ask him if he might want a bath, which he did. They heated the water and filled the old.She laid her head back and closed her eyes.. "When the balance is wrong, holding still is not good. It must get more wrong," said the.By that time there were many people of the Hand who knew what was afoot on Roke. Young people came there sent by them. Men and women came to be taught and to teach. Many of these had a hard time getting there, for the spells that hid the island were stronger than ever, making it seem only a cloud, or a reef among the breakers; and the Roke wind blew, which kept any ship from Thwil Bay unless there was a sorcerer aboard who knew how to turn that wind. Still they came, and as the years went on a larger house was needed for the school than any in Thwil Town..Maybe this man began to think, Who's to forbid me to do the same with the living? Why have I the.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.. "Then should we go to Gont?" said the Herbal, caught in Azver's passion. "Sparrowhawk is there.."out of the earth and the metal refined. As always, Gelluk's mind leapt across obstacles and delays.he said, "what I'll be doing. I wish now I'd thought about it more. Passed it on to you. But it.their hair. They kissed each other, timidly at first.. "But you're right, Herbal, we're out of balance," said Kurremkarmerruk, his voice hard and harsh. "When and where did we begin to go too far? What have we forgotten, turned our back on, overlooked?".The true name of a person is a word in the True Speech. An essential element of the talent of the witch, sorcerer, or wizard is the power to know the true name of a child and give the child that name. The knowledge can be evoked and the gift received only under certain conditions, at the right time (usually early adolescence) and in the right place (a spring, pool, or running stream)..They came ashore in Ilien for water and food. Setting a host of many hundreds of men on its way so."Sorcerers are nothing to him. He means I could be a wizard. Do magery. Not just witchcraft." bitch!".swans, who marvellously soared through the south wall and out through the north wall; and lastly a."Thorion says Lebannen is not truly king, since no Archmage crowned him.".The desire for power feeds off itself, growing as it devours. Early suffered from hunger. He.stung by flies. He said, "Oh! I can't --!" He bolted off into the dusk beyond the lanterns hanging.light on crockery, the hearth stones, the table. But nobody sat at the table. His enemy was gone..slow, very careful, he began to speak the spell of calling..Medra stayed three years with Highdrake, and when the old mage died, the Lord of Pendor asked."And cast wide!" He looked from one to the other again. "I wasn't well taught, in the City of Havnor," he said. "My teachers told me not to use magic to bad ends, but they lived in fear and had no strength against the strong. They gave me all they had to give, but it was little. It was by mere luck I didn't go wrong. And by Anieb's gift of strength to me. But for her I'd be Gelluk's servant now. Yet she herself was untaught, and so enslaved. If wizardry is ill taught by the best, and used for evil ends by the mighty, how will our strength here ever grow? What will the young dragon feed on?".everybody wanted him at once, and sent a sending to the Dark Pond in Semere's cow pasture up on."Spoken like a man," said Veil with her gentle, wounded smile..There was a long pause..It was hard work out in the pastures. "Who doesn't do hard work?" Emer had asked, showing her round, strong arms, her hard, red hands. The cattleman Alder expected him to stay out in these meadows until he had touched every living beast of the great herds there. Alder had sent two cowboys along. They made a camp of sorts, with a groundcloth and a half tent. There was nothing to burn out on the marsh but small brushwood and dead reeds, and the fire was hardly enough to boil water and never enough to warm a man. The cowboys rode out and tried to round up the animals so that he could come among them in a herd, instead of going to them one by one as they scattered out foraging in the pastures of dry, frosty grass. They could not keep the cattle bunched for long, and got angry with them and with him for not moving faster. It was strange to him that they had no patience with the animals, which they treated as things, handling them as a log rafter handles logs in a river, by mere force..streamlined table strutting on comically bowed legs; it moved forward, glasses of sparkling.Ea and The Deed of the Young King, and at Sunreturn when he was eleven years old he sang the.way in that great other kitchen long ago. But since he had been traveling about in Earthsea he had."Something toxic, you understand. Strong. Alcohol. . . or don't they drink it any more?".and you...." She reached out her hands to him. They knelt facing, the willow-leaves moving across.Otter walked with unbound hands and no spell on him..TARRY'S MALICE had left his nerves raw, and the thought of the party weighed on him till he lost.hell, to the opening of a door, seeing as doorknobs had ceased to exist -- what was it? -- some.to call a truce and withdraw from the

occupied Hardic islands if Maharion would seek no reprisal..back, penitent, to school..Maharion died a few years after Erreth-Akbe, having seen no peace established, and much unrest and.The weatherworker knew his trade, at least. Sea Otter sped south; they met summer squalls and choppy seas, but never a storm or a troublesome wind. They put off and took on cargo at ports on the north shore of O, at Ilien, Leng, Kamery, and O Port, and then headed west to carry the passengers to Roke. And facing the west Ivory felt a little hollow at the pit of his stomach, for he knew all too well how Roke was guarded. He knew neither he nor the weatherworker could do anything at all to turn the Roke-wind if it blew against them. And if it did. Dragonfly would ask why? Why did it blow against them?.something of the eagles quick, stiff turn, staring. Wizard knows wizard, and he knew which house.he served well and honestly, deserved honor and respect. But there were also lesser lords whom."I don't understand."."They're men of the Hand, Dory, one short and pretty and one tall and proud, and they say they're.any put away, maybe."..And Dulse was standing on his own doorstep, three eggs in his hand and the rain running cold down his back..were not doing as much damage as the Kargs, and Maharion judged the urgent danger lay in the east..distrust of him. She was easy with him. He meant no harm to her. She thought there was kindness in.Maharion and Erreth-Akbe became "hearts brothers." They spent ten years together fighting the.Golden did not like the child. She was both outspoken and defensive, both rash and timid. She was.either; he always called her mistress. But maybe that was his courtesy. She called him sir, in.South of Andanden lies a land where the ashes fell a hundred feet deep when last the volcano."He was only a child, and the wizards of that household can't have been wise men, for they used.because after all they had been friends, companions, and he had done all this for her. "Courage!"..perhaps it's an ordinary gift for shaping and transformation. I'm not certain."

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