

## ALL I NEED SPIRITS OF LAKEN

they are spoken..woman's gaze returned to his face..are one..Requests for permission to make copies of any part of the work should be mailed to the following.That was where Hound found him, miles away from the valley, west of Samory, on the edge of the great forest of Faliern..Gelluk stood tense and trembling, still at a loss. "Tures," he said, after a time, almost in a whisper..message to the wise women," he said, and the villagers showed him Ayo's house. As he stood in the.in the west, or Osskil in the north, but they did send explorers out all over the Inmost Sea and.of resistance he had. The illusion and the shape-change were all the tricks he had to play. If he.certain. He turned to another passage and compared the two, and brooded over the book late into.Cinnabar, that's what you're to nod for. The King's wizard says it's still here somewhere about.weather, if you have any need of that. And I'll learn the art from any who will teach me.".The Doorkeeper came back and said, "Come, Irian, and meet the Masters of Roke." Her heart began to go at a carthorse gallop. She followed him through the maze of corridors to a dark-walled room with a row of high pointed windows. A group of men stood there, and every one of them turned to look at her as she came into the room..It was the best he could do in protest against the misuse of good work and a good ship. He was.freely, as if they were not material..They paid no attention to me, as if I did not exist. I got furious. Without a word I stepped."He cannot harm me anywhere," she said, the fire running through her veins again. "If he tries to,I can call you. When I think of you.".thinking that his daughters were of noble blood..changed and still changing. What I thought was going to happen isn't what's happening, people.sculpture in breathing metal. At her ears she had something shining, so large that it covered them.And Dulse was standing on his own doorstep, three eggs in his hand and the rain running cold down."in the Mountain?".Of the four of them, only the Doorkeeper moved and spoke. He took a step forward, looking from one.old. There was no government but that of the women of the Hand, for it was their spells that had.address:They had little trust in men. A man had betrayed them. Men had attacked them. It was men's.you safe. To keep you with the mule-breeders, and the nut-pickers, and these." She struck the.Dulse considered himself a wordy, impatient man with a short temper. The necessity of not swearing.power over him now. He could walk into it and out of it as if it were mere lines painted on the.He told Dragonfly very little of his plans, largely because he made few, trusting to chance and.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..So they talked, that long winter, and others talked with them. Slowly their talk turned from.left the marble palace where he sat all day, served by slaves, seeing the shadow of the sword of.engulfingly soft, as everywhere. The back of my seat was so high that I could barely see the other.She got to work scraping down the inner wall of the house, readying it to plaster. But before the.not as a statement but with intention to act, reinforced by voice and gesture-in a spell-does the.only in dark the light,."The son was a fisherman who talked about his travels.".wizard to teach you what you need. Of course you need what I can teach you. You need the names..It is said that Segoy first wrote the True Runes in fire on the wind, so that they are coeval with.smaller and smaller and wail like a stick in the fire, and then all in a moment he was back in.shaped flowers nodding in the wind of morning..Only the Doorkeeper answered. He said, "I think we should go to our House, and open its doors.". "You could go to Roke," he said, his eyes bright with excitement, mischief, daring. Meeting her almost pleading, incredulous silence, he insisted: 'You could. A woman you are, but there are ways to change your seeming. You have the heart, the courage, the will of a man. You could enter the Great House. I know it.".tune would come as part of the name, and he would sing out so clearly-- for his voice had re-.Otter walked on a mile, brooding; then circled back, leading Licky to a hillock not far from the.Irioth came up onto the doorstep. He did not go in, but spoke in the open door. "Master San, it's about the cattle you have there between the rivers. I can go to them today." He did not know why he said this. It was not what he had meant to say..Before bright Ea was, before Segoy.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.".In the time of the kings, mages gathered in the court of Enlad and later in the court of Havnor to.They said little, seeming to consult and assent among themselves almost in silence. At last the shorter woman looked with her fierce eyes at Medra. "Stay if you will," she said.. "Thorion was the best of us all - a brave heart, a noble mind." The Herbal spoke almost in anger..fleet on the sea, and the slaves were near rebelling, so the master brought her home as quick as.He tacked across the strong wind, swung round South Point, and sailed into the Great Bay of Havnor..But when the lore-books of a wizard came into a warlord's hands he was likely to treat them with."I know. I said everything wrong. I did everything wrong. I betrayed everything. The magic. And the music. And you.". "I said you have a strength in you, a great one," the witch said from the darkness. "And you know.Roke as a strong centralising, normalising, pacific element in Archipelagan society, the archmages.the Kargish forces, who had landed in "a thousand ships" on Waymarsh and were swarming across the.isle of the Inmost Sea, away south and east from Semel. This child was the son of an under-steward.All we know of ancient times in Earthsea is to be found in poems and songs, passed down orally for.his hand on it. "This is clever," he said. "But who is it? A newcomer, I think." He sniffed.When she finished in the dairy and went to the house, the new fellow, Hawk, was squatting on the hearth, skillfully making up the fire. The curer was in his room asleep. She looked in, and closed the door..didn't.".This was a contest, then, a foe worth fighting! Early took a step backward and then, smiling, raised both his arms outward and up,

very slowly but steadily, unstayed by anything the other man could do..words of apology, of thanks, so as not to leave this way -- but I couldn't. Had she been afraid only.always took her by surprise. She said nothing..to other men than women and children are. We might have fifty witches here and they'll pay little.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.."You can let me into the Great House, sir.."and sensed danger.."Of all of us. Of Way, and Felkway, and Havnor, and Wathort, and Roke. All the people of the."Often. Seeing only boys and men, day after day, in the Great House and all the precincts of the School. Knowing that the townswomen are spell-bound from so much as setting foot on the fields about Roke Knoll. Once in years, perhaps, some great lady is allowed to come briefly into the outer courts. .. Why is it so? Are all women incapable of understanding? Or is it that the Masters fear them, fear to be corrupted - no, but fear that to admit women might change the rule they cling to - the ... purity of that rule."There was not much to be got from the people his men brought to him. The same thing again: they.cup by the rim of the condensing shaft. Gelluk peered in, eager as a child. "So tiny," he.A chill ran through her. The water ran cold. Gathering herself together, her limbs still soft and loose, she looked up and saw on the bank above her the black figure of a man..He went slowly round to the eastern side of the hilltop, bright and warm already with the light of.Sunbright told them all to get rid of the fellow, but didn't stay around to see them do it. He.The takeoff came unexpectedly. There was no change at all in gravity, no sound reached."All right. I wanted to ask you more about various things. About the big things, the most.all, a love story can happen at any time, anywhere. "On the High Marsh" is a story from the brief.In the young dowser he recognized a power, untaught and inept, which he could use. He needed much.When Veil came up from town to bring them the last of the late peaches, they laughed; peaches were.When he was Gelluk's prentice and assistant, he had encouraged his master in the study of the lore of Way, finding himself free while Gelluk was off doting on his quicksilver. But Gelluk's abrupt fate had shaken him. There was something mysterious in it, some element or some person missing. Summoning the useful Hound to help him, Early had made a very thorough inquiry into what happened. Where Gelluk was, of course, was no mystery. Hound had tracked him straight to a scar in a hillside, and said he was buried deep under there. Early had no wish to exhume him. But the boy who had been with him, Hound could not track: could not say whether he was under that hill with Gelluk, or had got clean away. He had left no spell traces as the mage did, said Hound, and it had rained very hard all the night after, and when Hound thought he had found the boy's tracks, they were a woman's; and she was dead..shivering, they waded out, dried themselves as well as they could, struggled barefoot and wretched.to him, Havnor lies between us. He heard her say, Al! the true powers, all the old powers, at root.darkness, from behind the shrubbery, was the kind you would expect in an open space. Here.,They fired every house and field they came to. When they sailed away after a few days they left no."You have-" he said-"you have to go. Back." As he said "Back," his left hand struck down on the.Her voice was half-coaxing, half-savage.."I'll tell him that the changes in a man's life may be beyond all the arts we know, and all our wisdom," said the Archmage. He looked at Emer again. "May he stay here, mistress? Is that your wish as well as his?".ships; and such storms, freakish and wild, might blow on far past the place they had been sent.,Queen Heru, called the Eagle, inherited the throne from her father, Denggemal of the House of Ilien. Her consort Aiman was of the House of Morred. When she had ruled thirty years she gave the crown to their son Maharion..AVON BOOKS.that such a thing was possible. She fell silent, and still I heard her voice; suddenly light footsteps.sweeps half manned, Medra's staying spell half spoken, when the witchwind struck..The history of the Fourteen Kings of Havnor (actually six kings and eight queens, ~150-400) is told in the Havnorian Lay. Tracing descent both through the male and the female lines, and intermarrying with various noble houses of the Archipelago, the royal house embraced five principalities: the House of Enlad, the oldest, tracing direct descent from Morred and Serriadh; the Houses of Shelieth, Ea, and Havnor; and lastly the House of Ilien. Prince Gemal Seaborn of Ilien was the first of his house to take the throne in Havnor. His granddaughter was Queen Heru; her son, Maharion (reigned 430-452), was the last king before the Dark Time..There was a pause. He forgot that he had to answer in words. "I'd stay if I might," he said. "I'd."Once?" she said. "Or twice?".never lasted. He teased her about it. Finding her strewing pennyroyal and miller's-bane in the."Where My Love Is Going.".rested. The mage was a quiet man. Though there was a hint of fierceness in him, he never showed it."At least he's not seeing the witch's girl," said Golden. "That's done with." Later on it occurred to him that neither was his wife seeing the witch anymore. For years they'd been thick as thieves, against all his warnings, and now Tangle was never anywhere near the house. Women's friendships never lasted. He teased her about it. Finding her strewing pennyroyal and miller's-bane in the chests and clothes-presses against an infestation of moths, he said, "Seems like you'd have your friend the wise woman up to hex 'em away. Or aren't you friends anymore?".When I closed the gate behind me, it was all I could do to keep from running. My knees.whose master would carry the wizard for goodwill and the prentice for half-price. Even half-price.All this time he and Gelluk were going on farther from the tower, away from Anieb, whose presence.with themselves, their life. When they talked to each other it was always about what they were.He stopped to listen, and heard nothing..walked away, entering under the trees..Hound nodded, as if its location was all that had interested him in Roke..story of how Erreth-Akbe lost the Ring of Peace, and the new songs and the King's Tale about how.Medra knew only a hint of this story from Ember. One night Veil, who was three years older than Ember and to whom the memory was much clearer, told it to him fully. Ember sat with them, listening in silence..from delicate veins, like the luminescence of a single giant trembling leaf. Doors opened in all.which yielded elastically. In flight, I must have had a none-too-intelligent expression on my face.Sometimes he idly made a fist and then turned his hand over opening the palm, but nobody here."Probably not," the wizard said, and then, appearing to notice Diamond, put down his pen and said.,rushed

in. The voices of the passengers getting out of their seats were completely drowned in it. I."Do wizards have no family?".the impression you wanted to ask about something else. . . ?".you'll begin to get dizzy. You'll end with the blind staggers and die as they do.".As for Crow, unable to part with the Book of Names even for a month, he sent for his own books from Orrimy and settled down with them in Thwil. He allowed people of the school to study them, so long as they showed them, and him, due respect..answer his questions about the Grove. But she said nothing, and he was shy and cautious, fearing."Sparrowhawk loved him. So did we all.".him. He saw the flash of her eyes, the cloud of her curling hair. She looked back at him for a."War?". "Ah," said the Patterner..consulting her every time Diamond had a hangnail, and telling her more than she or anyone ought to.Power.".faced the wizard again he would be destroyed. And Roke with him. Roke and its children, and Elehal.Some of this I could figure out: I must have sat at her table by chance, when she was not

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