

## KRIMINALPROGNOSTIK

and talked to her for a minute, saying something in her big, delicate ear and rubbing her topknot. "For us," said Ember. "For us who live, in hiding, neither killed nor killing. The dead are dead." "Do you know the way in?" His almond-shaped eyes were attentive, yet seemed to look at her from miles or years away. narrow back street of the old city, memorizing long, long lists of words, words of power in the down, dark water crept and seeped through soft earth over the ledge of mica. Under that opened the. He stood there for a while, bewildered. It seemed to him that it was not by his own act or. She interrupted. "I thought you were from Roke." knowing. I preferred not to ask, so I turned away. A young man, wearing something that looked. With age Hound had come to look his name, wrinkled, with a long nose and sad eyes. He sniffed and. plunder. But they send their sons west dragon hunting. In sport. As if the dragons of the West. something more in her, something beyond what she was. And when Irian looked away from the world. before he ever went to Roke. that sweater had been and how little it had in common with the fingers of a woman. Beneath a. nonexistent room behind glass, an enormous male head sang without sound; I saw the dark read. It was then that village sorcery, and above all women's witchery, came into the ill repute that. Magic. her bed. Nearing the house, he heard crockery breaking. The father, the drunkard, came wobbling. A chill ran through her. The water ran cold. Gathering herself together, her limbs still soft and. Oraby, Daisy and Goldie and the one they called the Burning Bush. He had to sit with the young men. heavier and the eyes were melancholy. would have forsworn any thought of her but as his companion in a bold adventure, a gallant joke. she could not take in the names of the masteries, except that the Master Herbal was the one she. Trusting the messenger, Morred entered the trap. He barely escaped with his life. The Enemy. which held the heat of the sun, and fell asleep. there-in time as well as in space. chased and fought one another across the Straits and the wizard-troubled sea. Osskili, spoken in Osskil and two islands northwest of it, has more affinities to Kargish than to. "Oh, it's you who have it to spare, sir. We're poor folk here. And ignorant," she said, with a flash of her eyes, and led on. dreaded and shunned, magic plays no recognized part in their society. This inability or refusal to. At first he was overwhelmed with fierce fantasies of power and revenge: he would free the slaves, he would spellbind Gelluk and hurl him into the refining fire, he would bind him and blind him and leave him to breathe the fumes of quicksilver in that highest vault till he died... But when his thoughts settled down and began to run clearer, he knew that he could not defeat a wizard of great craft and power, even if that wizard was mad. If he had any hope it was to play on his madness, and lead the wizard to defeat himself. foreleg. Her hands came away covered with blood-streaked horse sweat. "There, there," she said. When (in the year 440, by Hardic count) Erreth-Akbe came to make peace between the Archipelago and. underfoot ended, gave way to porous rock. I passed through a curtain of light and found myself. of him on Roke Dulse did not know. Silence did not say. He had learned there in two or three years. III. Azver. shifting depths of the forest. there. Now come with me," he said to Irian. because this was a man of power telling him what power was. thought. He was used to being listened to, not to listening. Serene in his strength and obsessed. blowing, he saw, high and far above the blue strait and the vaguer blue-brown of the land, the. Ivory clapped his hand to his right leg. A dog's tooth had ripped his breeches at the calf, and a trickle of blood came through. that the working of any spell would rouse Gelluk. But at last, rashly, and in dread, for such. something more. I spared him that, turning away as if I had not noticed anything, and went up the. "I, I, I never thought about it. Can I think about it? For a while-- a day?". When Azver rejoined the other men there was something in his face that made the Herbal say, "What." "Of course you do. You'd better. I'll witch you if you don't." starlight. The only use a dragon has for the ground is some kind of rocky place where it can lay. wizard's house, though he knew the beauty and the power that lay in them, he could let go, let. trees, not many people. The ashy soil grows a rich, bright grass, and the people there keep. The shrubbery parted. A winding path. Gravel crunched beneath my feet, shining faintly; the silence by splashing and breathing hard. He slogged back up the path through the reeds till he. Some people of great innate and trained power are able to find out the true name of another, or. to fear him. I do not need to fear his power. I do not need his power. I must see him, to be sure. put him on a ship for Roke. They thought maybe the Masters there could tame him." down the Inmost Sea to Roke. control. I sat, finally. The pink letters of STRATO flickered and flowed into others: TERMINAL. No. There was the silence. Then a fish leapt from the black, shaking water, a white-grey fish the. "She took bird form. Osprey, they said. Didn't expect that from a girl so young. Gone before they. such things. But his father raged at him for his "shortcuts," even struck him once on the mouth. This speech, innate to dragons, can be learned by human beings. Some few people are born with an. Silence asked about keeping goats; and each time the memory gave him a quiet satisfaction, like. In silence Dulse sought his name, and saw two things: a fir-cone, and the rune of the Closed Mouth. Then seeking further he heard in his mind a name spoken; but he did not speak it. After a while Golden asked, still looking at the table, "Why?". have any woman he wanted, but women would drain his power, suck away his strength. He wanted no. She did not wait for an answer. "I'll walk her up," she said, standing up, and put out her hand. and banish darkness from the islands forever. The Firelord took dragon form to fight Erreth-Akbe. I can give you a bit of milk soup, and a penny will be more than enough, thank you." She didn't. gesture. "Conscience caught him," said the Namer. "Conscience told him he alone could set things right. To. overweening confidence in the young of their kind. They expect modesty to come later, if at all. using Hound's true name, and the old man came to him as he was bound to do. He was sullen, though, he was going in the right direction. "Perhaps I can find some along the way," he said. "It's my. could do." "But you have some knowledge." freedom is a thing we study. You came here through the walls of our prison. Seeking freedom, you." A mage called Highdrake told me that when Ath stayed in Pendor, he told a wizard there that he'd. among the women who practiced magic. Once there in the Grove she had no

thought of earning, or deserving, or even of learning. To be."A hundred and twenty-seven. What about it?". "No harm in that, I suppose." .clamour and racket of barking that woke everybody for a half-mile round except the Master, sodden.The nights were long and terrible, for the spells pressed on him, weighed on him, waked him over.That was where Hound found him, miles away from the valley, west of Samory, on the edge of the.without ceremony by ordinary people speaking Hardic; but practitioners of magic speak even such.all he had learned about Roke was that the Hand was there, and a school where they taught.Morred and Elfarran. In the third year of his reign, the young king went south to the largest.THE SCHOOL ON ROKE.all over her yesterday, growling and muttering. Ordered the helm replaced." He meant Losen's chief."Are there any wizard musicians?" he asked, looking up..the dark night brings forth the moon!". "She can lodge in the town," the Changer said, with some relief..lands like Havnor or worse, sunk in warfare, raids, and piracy, the fields full of weeds, the.He looked from one sister to the other: the one so mild and so immovable, the other, under her sternness, quick and tender as the first flame of a catching fire..Otter was slow to recover, to heal. The bonesetter did what he could about his broken arm and his.U. S. Copyright Law. For information address Harcourt Brace."I won't be so bold as to ask for a kiss," said Medra, "but an open hand, maybe?".Azver the Patterner stood with his left hand holding his right hand, which her touch had burnt. He looked down at the men who stood silent at the foot of the hill, staring after the dragon. "Well, my friends," he said, "what now?".he thought of it. It was unnatural, and could exist only under great force, the pressure of a.down. "Spavined," I saw, and something about ewes' udders. But the ignorance! the brute."I'm not angry. You didn't answer, but perhaps you don't want to?".legs. He studied the ground where some crumbs of fresh dirt lay and the grass was bent. He stroked.did it told me. She talked about her son on Roke. Calling out to him to come, you know. But like.shadow under the throat of her shirt..There was a long pause..something Dulse could teach him: what went deeper than mastery. What he had learned here, on Gont,.He forgave her gracefully. He did not try a love-charm on her again..gift of magic, and sometimes grown men or women. Most of the children were poor, and though he.the background, making do with slaves and prentices..let a fair wind loose or to capture a contrary one. Maybe it was only for show, but every.So it was. For the rest of his life, Medra kept the doors of the Great House on Roke. The garden door that opened out upon the Knoll was long called Medra's Gate, even after much else had changed in that house as the centuries passed through it. And still the ninth Master of Roke is the Doorkeeper..But Anieb had been bald, like all the slaves in the roaster tower..in the dust.

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