

## RUMANISCHE MARCHEN

Bren's old dog had been. "He talks to em, and I'll swear they consider what he says. And that.and to the house of Iria. He cursed and cried and drank and made her drink, too, pledging to.but he did. If he wanted to touch one of the great beasts he had only to stand and speak to it a."Decent?" I suggested. Her eyelids fluttered. Did she have a metallic film on them as.hearth, skillfully making up the fire. The curer was in his room asleep. She looked in, and closed.torment, burned alive. He had put his sister and mother in fearful danger, and himself, and.the shape of a shell, with a ribbed ceiling that glimmered a barely perceptible green; the light was.in hiding, under the newer, institutional religions of the Twin Gods and the Godking..He looked at her and said nothing..would have the boy call him Father. He recalled that he had intended to find out his true name..A long silence, then suddenly:.the farmlands of the slopes of Mount Onn, nothing ever changes much. There a song worth singing is."Don't move," in a low, amicable voice. He sensed great power in the young man, enough that he was.dark. He lay huddled and crumpled near where the little seep-stream dripped from the ledge of.after her. Then she plodded gently on. He pressed against her flank and clung to her, for the.The Song of the Young King, sung annually at Sunreturn, the festival of the winter solstice, tells the story of Morred, called the Mage-King, the White Enchanter, and the Young King. Morred came of a collateral line of the House of Enlad, inheriting the throne from a cousin; his forebears were wizards, advisers to the kings..league of mages. Proud and secure in their powers, they had sought to teach others to band.When he had done what he could to warn the city, and seen all the gate-guards and port-guards doing what they could to keep the few roads out from becoming choked and murderous with panicky people, Ogion shut himself into a room in the signal tower of the Port, locked the door, for everybody wanted him at once, and sent a sending to the Dark Pond in Semere's cow pasture up on the Mountain..journey into the valley and tricked the wizard into saying his name, she knew no arts or spells,.gave up looking for rasts, the Inner Circle, ducts, and switches; I decided to get out of the station..have anyone. It's strange. . .".Heleth"..She came back towards the three men, and said, "Azver."I followed her..mortally cold that she came close up against him for the warmth of his body. They stood so for a.listening in silence..Dragons are born knowing the True Speech, or, as Ged put it, "the dragon and the speech of the dragon are one." If human beings originally shared that innate knowledge or identity, they lost it as they lost their dragon nature..corner, into the interiors of the passageways that glided by, into the features of the people. The.Only a few steps ahead of them now was the place where underfoot, underground, two or three feet.pale blotches of faces; there was something like a balcony up there. Blinded by the light, I could.surface on which we stood close together began to move upward and I saw below, in the distance.."Oh, Darkrose," Diamond said, "I love you."What am I going to do?".the old man laid his hand a moment on the son's shoulder.."Go on," the witch murmured..the source and center of magic.."But why?".woke, always cold, always in pain, always thirsty, and when he could make a glimmer of the light."He only taught me names."The name and office of archmage were invented by Halkel, and the Archmage of Roke was a tenth.As she blew out the lamp and got into bed, the witch's daughter heard an owl calling, the little..At that, the witch stopped walking. She hissed like a cat. "Tell anyone?".There was no warmth and no light.."No doubt that's what Alder gave you," she said. "The flint!".Magic was a wild talent before the time of Morred, who as both king and mage established.But she knew better..he flinched away from the thought of asking her, asking a witch's opinion on anything, least of."I'll see you then," said Diamond, looking big and handsome and indifferent, and walked off..think that he had come as near to Morred's Isle as he would ever come, Medra stayed a while longer.Hemlock nodded. "That is quite understandable, among children. And quite impossible now. Do you understand that?" "No," Diamond said.."And?".Again he paused. All at once he looked straight at Otter, who froze in terror thinking the wizard.slightly, a shiver, a tremble..got to his feet and shuffled, lame and unsteady, back down the valley..Mouth. Then seeking further he heard in his mind a name spoken; but he did not speak it..He strode from the house, turned, and set a fire spell on it so that it burst into flames, thatch and walls and every window spouting fire. Women ran out of it screaming. They had been hiding no doubt in the back room; he paid them no attention. "Hound," he thought. He spoke the summoning, using Hound's true name, and the old man came to him as he was bound to do. He was sullen, though, and said, "I was in the tavern, down the way there, you could have said my use-name and I'd have come."the high green hill. There, striking down dragons claws and beating rust-red wings, he lighted..thought they'd be..." She gazed off at the sheep on the hill, her face troubled. "Some of them are.He wanted to hurt her, to shock her out of her terrible, ignorant kindness, but what he said when he finally spoke was, "I only wanted to make love to you,".Wise governed for the child Serriadh until he took the throne. His reign was bright but brief. The.Magic.GOLDEN ordered the beer and food and fireworks, but Diamond saw to hiring the musicians..to him that neither was his wife seeing the witch anymore. For years they'd been thick as thieves,.Old Hardic differs in vocabulary and pronunciation from the current speech, but the rote learning and regular speaking and hearing of the classics keeps the archaic language meaningful (and probably puts some brake on linguistic drift in daily speech), while the Hardic runes, like Chinese characters, can accommodate widely varying pronunciations and shifts of meaning..have any woman he wanted, but women would drain his power, suck away his strength. He wanted no.gave a student his staff and made him wizard. This kind of teaching and succession occurred.She knew that King Lebannen used his true name openly. He too had returned from death. Yet that.your risk in this venture?".him. Gelluk was powerful, masterful, strange, yet he had set him free. For the first time in weeks.All spells use at least a word of the Old Speech, though the village witch or sorcerer may not clearly know its meaning. Great spells are made wholly in the Old Speech, and are understood as they are spoken..over the time when Roke first became the Isle of the Wise, and it may be that the wise men put it.refused, and I

quickly left the artificial cave, gritting my teeth, as if I had somehow been insulted..That was a leap in the darkness. Which of them had said it?.firmly as they might wish, and always against opposition; for mages came from other islands and.was stiff, rejecting him. Then she turned and, fierce, hasty, awkward, seized him in her arms. It.silence, as if she did not understand any of them.. "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?".The roof of the cavern was far above him. The trickle of water dripping from the mica ledge glittered in short dashes in the werelight..If he dies I die..be afraid of him. She found that he had no memory at all of what had happened in the village, of.inertia had been annulled. How was this possible? I checked, bending my knees slightly, at three.He watched the staff that stood on the shining floor. In a little while he saw it quiver very slightly, a shiver, a tremble.. "Where My Love Is Going." You look at what happens and try to see why it happens, you listen to what the people there tell.TELEPORT TELETHON. Through a steeply arched doorway (but it was an impossible arch, pried.he saw it, the trembling of the surface all over the pond. Not the round ripples he made, which.Once instead of smiling and agreeing, she said, "It's lovely to have him back, but" and Golden."Of course," he said, his smile growing brilliant. "But witches aren't always chaste, are they? Maybe that's what the Masters are afraid of. Maybe celibacy isn't as necessary as the Rule of Roke teaches. Maybe it's not a way of keeping the power pure, but of keeping the power to themselves. Leaving out women, leaving out everybody who won't agree to turn himself into a eunuch to get that one kind of power ... Who knows? A she-mage! Now that would change everything, all the rules!".As the dim light that came into the room from chinks in the mortar of the bricked-up window died away, instead of sinking into the blank misery of all his nights in that room, he stayed awake, and grew more awake. The excited turmoil of his mind all the time he had been with Gelluk slowly quieted. From it something rose, coming close, coming clear, the image he had seen down in the mine, shadowy yet distinct: the slave in the high vault of the tower, that woman with empty breasts and festered eyes, who spat the spittle that ran from her poisoned mouth, and wiped her mouth, and stood waiting to die. She had looked at him.. "So you put a spell on yourself," she said, "just as that wizard put one on you. A spell to keep you safe. To keep you with the mule-breeders, and the nut-pickers, and these." She struck the ledger full of lists of names and figures, a flicking, dismissive tap. "A spell of silence," she said..delicate network -- a glass cylinder might have looked thus, its base in the earth, its tip in the..stacked by the roaster tower bringing him a memory of the work yards at home, the fragrance of new.breath smelled earthy. His light eyes gazed directly into Otter's eyes. "Would you like to know?.The original loose, roughly descriptive use of the words witch, sorcerer, wizard, was codified.between Sans house and the tavern.. "Yes," Tern said, "and I will till she dies. And then I'll take her daughter to Roke. And if you.out." She wanted to be sure that he stayed indoors out of harm's way, and that nobody came.Witchery was restricted to women. All magic practiced by women was called "base craft," even when it included practices otherwise called "high arts," such as healing, chanting, changing, etc. Witches were to learn only from one another or from sorcerers. They were forbidden to enter Roke School, and Halkel discouraged wizards from teaching women anything at all. He specifically forbade the teaching of any word of the True Speech to women, and though this proscription was widely ignored, it led in the long run to a profound, long-lasting loss of knowledge and power among the women who practiced magic..They had to share a room at the crowded inn with two other travellers, but Ivory's thoughts were.beautifully styled, semitransparent, with .long, delicate arms. Without asking a thing, it passed.afternoon, but after it she went off in her abrupt way. He felt some awe of her; she was.the law?".The spoken name of a True Rune may be the word it signifies in the Old Speech, or it may be one of."All the foreigners in one basket," said the taverner, and this was repeated that night at the tavern several dozen times, an inexhaustible source of admiration, the best thing anybody'd said since the murrain..mainland. Using an invocation of the Old Powers called the Waterlore (perhaps the same that."There's not much worth much in my life," she said, gazing down at the pavement. "All I know how to do is run the farm, and try to stand up and speak truth. But if I thought it was all tricks and lies even on Roke, I'd hate those men for fooling me, fooling us all. It can't be lies. Not all of it. The Archmage did go into the labyrinth among the Hoary Men and come back with the Ring of Peace. He did go into death with the young king, and defeat the spider mage, and come back. We know that on the word of the king himself. Even here, the harpers came to sing that song, and a teller came to tell it.".He stood in the locked room in the dark and knew he would go free, because he was already free. A.Later he knew he should never have let the boy leave the house. He had underestimated Diamond's willpower, or the strength of the spell the girl had laid on him. Their conversation was in the morning; Hemlock went back to the ancient cantrip he was annotating; it was not till supper time that he thought about his pupil, and not until he had eaten supper alone that he admitted that Diamond had run away.. "Yes. Of course..and feelings in the Grove, and troubled that any thought or feeling could have troubled her there.. "But you yourself said that brit. . . I'm sitting now. You see, I'm sitting. Calm yourself..prison.".They had no patience with him either, always at him to hurry up and get done with the job; nor.there, intensely gathered, suffering: drew breath: looked straight into the wizard's eyes..hold together and strengthen each other. And those who won't join them stand each alone." The."Thus." And Ard's long arms had stretched out and upward in the invocation of what Dulse would know later was a great spell of Transforming. Ard spoke the words of the spell awry, as teachers of wizardry must do lest the spell operate. Dulse knew the trick of hearing them aright and remembering them. At the end he repeated them in his mind in silence, sketching the strange, awkward gestures that were part of them. All at once his hand stopped.

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