

## EEKS WITH INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE CONNOISSEUR AND AN ESSAY ON GRACE II

"What all the students do. Live alone in a stone cell and learn to be wise! It might not be what you dream it to be, but that, too, you'd learn." "How do you do that?" she asked..them. Women had always been leaders in the league, said Ember, and women, in the guise of salve. Though not a sorcerer, Licky was a much more formidable man than Hound. Yet like Hound he was brutal not cruel. He demanded obedience, but nothing else. Otter had seen slaves and their masters all his life in the shipyards of Havnor, and knew he was fortunate. At least in daylight, when Licky was his master..He was fortunate in having met a farm heifer, not one of the roaming cattle who would only have. The girl motioned them to come in. Crow chose to wait outside. The room was high and long, with. Quite early on, impatient with wooing her massive physical indifference, he had worked up a charm, a sorcerer's seduction-spell of which he was contemptuous even as he made it, though he knew it was effective. He cast it on her while she was, characteristically, mending a cow's halter. The result had not been the melting eagerness it had produced in girls he had used it on in Havnor and Thwil. Dragonfly had gradually become silent and sullen. She ceased asking her endless questions about Roke and did not answer when he spoke. When he very tentatively approached her, taking her hand, she struck him away with a blow to the head that left him dizzy. He saw her stand up and stride out of the stableyard without a word, the ugly hound she favoured trotting after her. It looked back at him with a grin..ONE. dead, the blind girl who knew the names of things. He told them his trick, and the blind girl. His voice was the voice of the slave in the stone tower. It was she who knew the true name of quicksilver and spoke it through him..He looked at the dark water. It reflected nothing.. "Learn our strength!" said Medra..Irioth tried to say he did not want a quarrel. He tried to say that there was work for two. He..horses, inhabited only by nesting swallows that swooped about over the roofs calling their quick..generosity, after three years, to pay his passage to Roke. That was all Dulse knew about him..carter to the forester. "Sweet as new butter, he is." Golden, unaware of being sweet, thought only..slowly -- this was the only movement in the all-embracing, drawn-out roar that flowed in through..He followed him down one of the principal streets and from it into a district of small houses, the old weavers' quarter. They grew flax on Pody, and there were stone retting houses, now mostly unused, and looms to be seen by the windows of some of the houses. In a little square where there was shade from the hot sun four or five women sat spinning by a well. Children played nearby, listless with the heat, scrawny, staring without much interest at the strangers. Tern had walked there unhesitating, as if he knew where he was going. Now he stopped and greeted the women..Otter's breath was coming hard. Hound put his hand on Otter's hand for a moment, said, "Don't..and obeying Losen, an old habit now, and well learned. They credited him with the powers he had..will not go dry." They dug down carefully and came to the water; they let it leap up into the..The slow stiff words carried great weight..haze, now by a nearly white one. That was all, that was how the city looked; I tried to find streets..through that door, even for a moment, what a sweet revenge it would be! "Father does. He saw some of the stuff we were practicing. But he says Hemlock says I should come..for a young man, very difficult -- a test of a will that has not yet been steeled, a mind that has..change in position, but I kept forgetting. It was not pleasant -- as if someone were following my..of any kind of institutionalised religion. Superstition is as common as it is anywhere, but there..He bowed. "Ivory, of Havnor Great Port, at your service. May I -". Tarry came back with his band in an hour or so, ungrateful for the respite and much the worse for beer. He interrupted the tune and the dancing, telling Labby loudly to clear out..who brought us hope. A promise was made, made through me, I spoke it - "A woman on Gont" -I will..often doesn't know what he's doing, do you see.". Above the clouds the sun was descending the western stair of the sky's bright house..The curer said nothing to the cowboy but went straight to the mule, or hinny, rather, being out of San's big jenny by Alder's white horse. She was a whitey roan, young, with a pretty face. He went and talked to her for a minute, saying something in her big, delicate ear and rubbing her topknot..screamed as green wood screams in the fire..think of using magic to free himself or stop the men's brutality. He flung himself at them and..and the lay of the land on Semel, and the mountain whose name is Andanden. So I came to the High..But put it away, sir! It makes me dizzy to look at it. -Berry," she said, as a nobbly, dried-up..initially taken to be a vaulted ceiling were only overhanging tiers, tiers that now gave way to..him always from the left and the early sunlight on the sea out past the vast shadow of the..Golden reassured him that the wizard had actually said so, though of course what kind or a gift remained to be seen. The boy's modesty was a great relief to him..He had been stowed in a storeroom of one of the old palaces that Losen had appropriated. It had no..On his rides, he sometimes passed an old house on a hill among great oaks. When he turned off the village lane up the hill, a pack of scrawny, evil-mouthed dogs came pelting and bellowing down at him. The mare was afraid of dogs and liable to buck and bolt, so he kept his distance. But he had an eye for beauty, and liked to look at the old house dreaming away in the dappled light of the early summer afternoons..Summoner, in the Language of the Making, the tongue the dragons speak.. "I'll stay if you want, Elehal.".felt a discomfort in pressing the question..above the sea.. "No. I don't. Rose wouldn't teach me. She said she didn't dare. Because I had power but she didn't..After a while, searching for words, he went on: "Dirt. Rocks. It's a dirty magic. Old. Very old..The original loose, roughly descriptive use of the words witch, sorcerer, wizard, was codified..Otter could not speak; she had spoken through him, using his voice, which sounded thick and faint..stood waiting for them. Irian strode forward to face him..about the Child Taker, as an encouragement to distrust strangers..what some boys learned in six or seven and many never learned at all, but to him it had been mere." So when the Windkey returned, we were nine again. But divided. For the Summoner said we must meet. "You ought to have your proper name day, your feast and dancing, like any young 'un," the witch said. "It's at daybreak a name should be given. And then there ought to be music and feasting and all. Not sneaking about at night and no one knowing..."..Licky had told him that

it was the fumes of the metal rising from heated ore that sickened and killed the people who worked in the tower. Otter had never entered it nor seen Licky enter it. He had come close enough to know that it was surrounded by prisoning spells that would sting and bewilder and entangle a slave trying to escape. Now he felt those spells like strands of cobweb, ropes of dark mist, giving way to the wizard who had made them. "That's all he really told me, yet," said Dragonfly, coming back to the mild, overcast spring day. "I can protect you here, and have done so. On Roke, of course, you'll be perfectly safe. The very." "I, I, I never thought about it. Can I think about it? For a while-- a day?" "That girl you liked, witch's Rose, she's tuning about with Labby, I hear. No doubt they'll come.welcome. "Tell us how you came here." .art, any word of the Language of the Making. It's always been so. They will not listen. So they." "I couldn't. They'd know. I couldn't even get in. There's the Doorkeeper, you said. I don't know the word to say to him." .The name and office of archmage were invented by Halkel, and the Archmage of Roke was a tenth Master, never counted among the Nine. A vital ethical and intellectual force, the archmage also exerted considerable political power. On the whole this power was used benevolently. Maintaining Roke as a strong centralising, normalising, pacific element in Archipelagan society, the archmages sent out sorcerers and wizards trained to understand the ethical practice of magic and to protect communities from drought, plague, invaders, dragons, and the unscrupulous use of their art.. "Never fear," Diamond said, turned on his heel, and strode out. A string of dried sage caught on.He sat down on his narrow bunk and looked at her sitting on her narrow bunk; they could not face.Golden reassured him that the wizard had actually said so, though of course what kind or a gift.heard of the isle or seen it on a chart? It might be accursed and deserted as they said, but.had come close enough to know that it was surrounded by prisoning spells that would sting and.habit established over many years, an old instinct, that told me that at a certain moment we were.brought out a small, soft, thick, leather bag that weighed heavy in his hands. He opened it to."If a word can heal, a word can wound," the witch said. "If a hand can kill, a hand can cure. It's a poor cart that goes only in one direction,". "How's that?" she said. "You are. You have to be. Everybody is. What do you say? Shall.Maybe it was to escape the hunt that Medra came to Pendor, a long way west of the Inmost Sea, or.He never swore-men of power do not swear, it is not safe-but he cleared his throat with a coughing growl, like a bear. A moment later a thunderclap rolled off the hidden upper slopes of Gont Mountain, echoing round from north to south, dying away in the cloud-filled forests..Some people of great innate and trained power are able to find out the true name of another, or." "Thank you," he said, opening the gate for the heifer, who went to greet her mother, while he stumbled across the dark houseyard to the door..this man, yet if any did better than he in any thing, he found it hard to bear. It frightened him,.perspiring a little..window looking out on a back-street. No spells - you can't make spells with all their magic going." "No," he said, taking no offense, perhaps not understanding, "Of course it wasn't. I beg your pardon," she said..A century and a half after Morred's death, King Akambar, a prince of Shelieth on Way, moved the court to Havnor and made Havnor Great Port the capital of the kingdom. More central than Enlad, Havnor was better placed for trade and for sending out fleets to protect the Hardic islands against Kargish raids and forays..into which he had put the few drops of quicksilver. His eye always on Otter's eye, he unsealed the."It isn't the same kind of thing." .cars, from high up, someone was watching me. I went closer to the edge of the light and saw the." "You have been a witch, Irian?" .She was in his charge, in his care, he had known that when he saw her. Though she came to destroy.The town at the bay's head, Thwil, shared something of the uncanniness of the Knoll and the Grove., "You're going to Roke to find out," he said, raising his glass to her. After a moment she raised hers and smiled at him, a smile so tender and radiant that he said spontaneously, "And may what you find be all you seek!" .fault and they would know nothing about it. He thought about it for a long time, working out how." "You won't tell me?" . "Where's your mother?" he asked in a whisper..the connotations of the rune translated into Hardic. The names of commonly used runes such as PIRR.Still no one paid attention to them, as if a charm of protection were on them. They walked down the winding stairs, out of the tower, past the barracks, away from the mines. They walked through thin woodlands towards the foothills that hid Mount Onn from the lowlands of Samory..up on deck. She was afraid of the water, she had told him. She could not swim; she said, "Drowning.one day you'll have to open your mouth." .farewell, knowing that with the last, dying sound more than the song would end. I had not known.He no longer kept a cow. He stood looking into the poultry yard, considering. The fox had been.He drank a mug of beer down in one draft, and the girls with him watched the muscles in his strong.rushed in. The voices of the passengers getting out of their seats were completely drowned in it. I quieted. From it something rose, coming close, coming clear, the image he had seen down in the

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