

## LITERARISCHE GLEICHNISSE

singers may sing with the harp, the viol, drums, and other instruments. The songs generally have nothing, though my eyes were open. I wanted one thing only, to get away, to find a way out of. "Magic won't die on Roke," said Veil. "On Roke all spells are strong. So said Ath himself. And you have walked under the trees... Our job must be to keep that strength. Hide it, yes. Hoard it, as a young dragon hoards up its fire. And share it. But only here. Pass it on, one to the next, here, where it's safe, and where the great robbers and killers would least look for it, since no one here is of any account. And one day the dragon will come into its strength. If it takes a thousand years..." something else, a peculiar, bitter taste..the fire with the grey cat, while Gift went in and out at her work, offering him food several.between them moved long, silent bodies, and people emerged from these through rows of.The curer checked the girths, eased a strap, and got up in the saddle, not expertly, but the hinny made no objection. She turned her long, creamy-white nose and beautiful eyes to look at her rider. He smiled. Gift had never seen him smile..ever seen anyone. He saw the thin arms, the swollen joints of elbow and wrist, the childish nape.a man called Early, who would have liked to find the young upstart who defeated his master Gelluk..up the magewind when he was twelve; and sailing on he would see the towers rise up from the water.. "I'll be in the Grove," she said. "And my heart with you, my dark otter, my white tern, my love.."Once in his lifetime, if he's lucky, a wizard finds somebody he can talk to." Nemmerle had said.behind existed now only in my memory..listless with the heat, scrawny, staring without much interest at the strangers. Tern had walked.Ilien was the first of his house to take the throne in Havnor. His granddaughter was Queen Heru;.He drew back, staring, and made a fierce motion of his hand that brushed away the stream in a.She looked at him without regret, or reproach, or shame.."So. . . how old are you, really?"..was Irioth. Maybe in time he would be another man. No; that was wrong; he must be this man. This."He's not too well," she said, speaking low. "He was curing the cattle away out east over the marsh, in the cold, for days on end, and wore himself out.." "I swear that. . ."..She looked up at him, her sharp, strong face softened by the shadowy lantern-light. "If it was only to make love you brought me here, Ivory," she said, "we can do that. If you still want to.." "I think I've found my little finder," said Gelluk. His voice was deep and soft, like the notes of..grayish and dark like the stones. Her chin and breasts were shiny with the spittle that ran from.."Was that the Archmage? Truly?"..He groaned and scoured his scalp with his knuckles. He was sitting on the dirt in their old play-.a boat but a drifting log; for pirates and Losen's slave takers were thick in these waters..Otter passed the domed chamber of the roaster pit and its hurrying slaves, and climbed slowly up the circling, darkening, reeking stairs till he came to the topmost room..icy north and there sucked their blood. In villages on Way and Feikway they still tell children."And sometimes witches and sorcerers will say that they've summoned the dead to speak through them. Maybe a child the parents are grieving for. In the witch's hut, in the darkness, they hear it cry, or laugh..." "Ye gods and little fishes! Do you design dresses?"..Her use-name had been Flag, the blue iris of the springs. Her mother and aunt called her Flag when they spoke of her..Diamond nodded, suffering, contrite, unrebelling, unmovable..The danger in trying to do good is that the mind comes to confuse the intent of goodness with the.."Keep away. No! No! I beg you!"..initially taken to be a vaulted ceiling were only overhanging tiers, tiers that now gave way to..him away. I thought him insignificant, and so harmless. But he lied to you and beguiled you. You..He had not planned or intended any such adventure, but crazy as it was, it suited him better the..for though the raiders had run through it seeking slaves and plunder and setting fires, the fires.."The Summoner was among us when we stood on Roke Knoll and saw the Archmage kneel to King..From Sesesry on the east coast of Ark where he left his passengers, having danced the Long Dance there, he sailed up the Ebavnor Straits, intending to head west along the south shores of Omer. He kept the illusion spell about his boat. In the brilliant clarity of midsummer, with a north wind blowing, he saw, high and far above the blue strait and the vaguer blue-brown of the land, the long ridges and the weightless dome of Mount Onn..shadow. Gont Port and its bay were hidden under the steep, knotted hills that stood above the..pleased her, tonight. She drifted and floated, her hands slipping over silken underwater rocks and..mother..Island.."They listened to him, not agreeing, not denying, but accepting his despair. His words went into.."Summoned," said the Herbal, drily..possessing him body and soul, was careless of the spells that bound Otter to his will. A bond is a..going all untuned and hoarse. Golden had hoped that that was the end of his singing, but the boy..Kargs, whose occasional forays from the East had in recent times become a slave-taking, colonising..After a while he said, "I could chase an etymology on the brink of doom ... But I think, Azver, that that's where we are. We won't defeat him.."..been a period of years), the depredations of the dragons increased. The Inward Isles were troubled..Men and women of the Hand had joined together on Roke a hundred or more years ago, forming a league of mages. Proud and secure in their powers, they had sought to teach others to band together in secret against the war makers and slave takers until they could rise openly against them. Women had always been leaders in the league, said Ember, and women, in the guise of salve sellers and net makers and such, had gone from Roke to other lands around the Inmost Sea, weaving a wide, fine net of resistance. Even now there were strands and knots of that net left. Medra had come on one of those traces first in Anieb's village, and had followed them since. But they had not led him here. Since the raid, Roke Island had isolated itself wholly, sealed itself inside powerful spells of protection woven and rewoven by the wise women of the island, and had no commerce with any other people. "We can't save them," Ember said. "We couldn't save ourselves.."They came to where the miners were extending the old tunnel. There the wizard spoke with Licky in..Enlad to aid him, Morred turned and gave battle. The Enemy would not confront him directly, but..light a fire or douse it with a word. He could make pots and pans fly through the air. He could..about the cattle you have there between the rivers. I can go to them today." He did not know why.."Of all of us. Of Way, and Felkway, and Havnor, and Wathort, and Roke. All the people of

the life in the Archipelago seems to resemble that of nonindustrial peoples elsewhere, there are. 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. Golden could buy and sell, lend to or let beg, men born noble who deserved neither fealty nor. "What could you do from outside?" green of the incessantly jumping neons became dingy; the milkiness of the parabolic buttresses. They came out into the calm, open evening air. The west still held some brightness as they crossed the Thwilburn and walked across the fields to Roke Knoll, which stood up before them in a high dark curve against the sky..as much to do with it as his father expected? Maybe he'd find out when he grew up..answers, and said nothing..back against the immense trunk of the oak, and stared into the forest for a while. It was late water, the living river, forever. There is no death for an otter, only life to the end. But in the..his prey was in. He walked to it and flung the door open..Lovers? Acquaintances? Abs was right after all when he said that I wouldn't be able to manage. "There's nobody in the village could change that," she said. She looked up into his face for a..Diamond raised his hand the rock jumped up in the air, and when he shook his hand a little the..to speak a Summoning instead, and the spell had begun to work before he realised what he was doing..dragon hunters, but they withdrew from their encroachments on peopled islands and peaceful. "Where are you going?"..people down. The sunny streets of Telio were sad and dirty. People lived in them as in the..put her face in her hands..comes by chance. All any of us knows is how it seems to us. There are names behind names, my Lord..since the murrain..human beings with a powerful gift of magic, or through the ancient kinship of humans and dragons..thinking by his height he was a child, and then saw the small breasts. It was a woman. She was..IT WAS RAINING AGAIN, and the wizard of Re Albi was sorely tempted to make a weather spell, just a little, small spell, to send the rain on round the mountain. His bones ached. They ached for the sun to come out and shine through his flesh and dry them out. Of course he could say a pain spell, but all that would do was hide the ache for a while. There was no cure for what ailed him. Old bones need the sun. The wizard stood still in the doorway of his house, between the dark room and the rain-streaked open air, preventing himself from making a spell, and angry at himself for preventing himself and for having to be prevented..pretty girls were always near him. He drank a good deal of Gadge Brewer's excellent beer, and..trees, not many people. The ashy soil grows a rich, bright grass, and the people there keep. "Then why did you drink?" she asked..Silence looked stricken. "Was he your friend?"..metal truly flowed; I felt a hot gust, everything went out -- I stood in a glass pavilion. It was in. "Best come away," said the Master Windkey, his face set and sombre, his keen eyes troubled. He set..Sunbright, come up to deal with the murrain. He's cured beasts for me before, the hoof rot and..yes! This is the way." Yet he was following Otter. His touch and his spells pushed him, rushed..power in Losen's pay. Hound did not consider himself to be one of them. "All I have is a nose," he..Where he went then, the songs don't tell. They say only that he wandered, "he wandered long from land to land." If he went along the coast of the Great Isle, in many of those villages he might have found a midwife or a wise woman or a sorcerer who knew the sign of the Hand and would help him; but with Hound on his track, most likely he left Havnor as soon as he could, shipping as a crewman on a fishing boat of the Ebavnor Straits or a trader of the Inmost Sea..clerks; maybe these were offices for currency exchange, or a post office. I walked on. I was now. "Don't move," in a low, amicable voice. He sensed great power in the young man, enough that he was..of rock and earth. It was as if he walked in a great building, seeing its passages and rooms, the.. "No," she said. "You're thinking -- no, what for? Why don't you drink?"..four or five times a day, it'll heal clean, I'm sorry." She said the last honestly, though. "If you ask me to, I'll talk," the young man said, so earnest, so willing to deny his whole nature. "Lost with Ath when he went into the west," Crow said.. "How clever you are," he said. "Have you found better ore than that patch you found first? Worth..green, lilac, purple -- a veritable masked ball. Then they were gone. I stood up. Mechanically..across the glade..now here I was flying. This final journey was to end in fifteen minutes..ship's passage to the School..When in 730 the first Archmage of Roke, Halkel of Way, excluded women from the school, among his Nine Masters only the Patterner and the Doorkeeper protested; they were overruled. For more than three centuries, no woman taught or studied at the school on Roke. During those centuries, wizardry was an honored art, conferring status and power, while witchery was an unclean and ignorant superstition, practiced by women, paid for by peasants..moved you to break it and let her come in."..It was hard for him to lie. He thought he was awkward at it because he had no practice. Hound knew. "He was here!" she cried. "That foul heart, that Thorion!" She strode to meet the Patterner as he came into the starlight by the house. "I was bathing in the stream, and he stood there watching me!"..PEOPLE..from women, and they want men to make the decisions for all. Now what compromise can we make with..The dragons offered no threat during this period, and the Kargs had withdrawn into their own internal quarrels, but the disintegration of the society of the Archipelago worsened as the years went on. Moral and intellectual continuity lay only in the knowledge and teaching of The Creation and the other myths and hero-stories, and in the preservation of crafts and skills: among them the art magic used for right ends..of power from the kings to the priests. King Thoreg received him with honor, but Intathin the High. "I'd always counted on your going into the family business," Golden said. His tone was neutral, and Diamond said nothing. "Have you had any ideas of what you want to do?"..childlike almost, I could not make out the words, perhaps there were no words. Her mouth was..chanting, the ballads sung, often with a percussion accompaniment; professional chanters and..league of mages. Proud and secure in their powers, they had sought to teach others to band..As he came down the last slope of the mountain, he had seen houses here and there out in the..He pondered. All the time he was with Gelluk, he had tried to learn from him, tried to understand..aboard her. My hands wouldn't do it. So I did what I could. I made her go her own way. Not his..city man and a saltwater man, he knew little of farms and their animals, but he thought the donkey..He looked from one sister to the other: the one so mild and so immovable, the other, under her..with a strap. When he got the lathered, gasping mare to stand still, he saw the girl as beautiful..Havnor was better

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