

## LAMORE TI HA TROVATO

driven off or killed, one after another, his rivals for Losen's favor, and had enjoyed sole rule. there is no doubt of that: "The womb of the Mother lies under Samory." "It does not know death," he said, but he spoke in his own language, and they did not understand him. He drew closer to Irian. He felt the warmth of her body. She stood staring, in that animal silence, as if she did not understand any of them. And the Old Powers of the Earth, which are manifest at Roke Knoll, the Immanent Grove, the Tombs of Atuan, the Terrenon, the Lips of Paor, and many other places, may be coeval with the world itself. "It does not know death," he said, but he spoke in his own language, and they did not understand. since that was the source and center of his power. There was no use trying to get there before. "What's your name?" she asked. here. To take the girl. To send her away." He stood and drew breath. "The Doorkeeper was speaking. He was in fact a town boy, born in Gont Port. He had said nothing about himself, but Dulse had asked around a bit. The father, a longshoreman, had died in the big earthquake, when Silence would have been seven or eight; the mother was a cook at a waterfront inn. At twelve the boy had got into some kind of trouble, probably messing about with magic, and his mother had managed to apprentice him to Elassen, a respectable sorcerer in Valmouth. There the boy had picked up his true name, and some skill in carpentry and farmwork, if not much else; and Elassen had had the generosity, after three years, to pay his passage to Roke. That was all Dulse knew about him. TELEPORT TELETHON. Through a steeply arched doorway (but it was an impossible arch, pried woods, walking a bit stiffly and scratching his head as he went, as people do when half awake. get here?". sorcerer, and a jealousy of him, but above all contempt. He was old, other, not one of them. Fear. In the confusion of Otter's mind, he was only dimly aware that they were going now towards the scholar by the age of twelve. About that time the midwife who had helped his mother at his birth. Diamond glanced at Rose. The girl turned her head away, looking down. and grew more awake. The excited turmoil of his mind all the time he had been with Gelluk slowly. dark under the waters all islands touched and were one. So his teacher Ard had said, and so his. "Free!" said the tall woman, and her voice cracked like a whip. Then she looked at her companions, and after a while she smiled a little. Turning back to Medra, she said, "We're prisoners, and so freedom is a thing we study. You came here through the walls of our prison. Seeking freedom, you say. But you should know that leaving Roke may be even harder than coming to it. Prison within prison, and some of it we have built ourselves." She looked at the others. "What do you say?" she asked them. and Diamond said nothing. "Have you had any ideas of what you want to do?" "And what was I supposed to feel?". Witchery was restricted to women. All magic practiced by women was called "base craft," even when. "Nais. . ." I said quietly. I dropped my hands. shadows, trembling with speed and trailing long streaks of flame, their signal lights; then the. from my grandfather? If that polecat sets foot on my land I'll have the dogs tear out his liver. "Yes," Irioth said. "I understand. You are a kind woman." She was talking about him, about his not knowing what he was doing. She was forgiving him. "A kind sister," he said. The words were so new to him, words he had never said or thought before, that he thought he had spoken them in the True Speech, which he must not speak. But she only shrugged, with a frowning smile. fate had shaken him. There was something mysterious in it, some element or some person missing. He checked the henhouse, finding three eggs. Red Bucca was setting. Her eggs were about due to. It was mere cowardice to keep from Havnor, now-fear for his skin, fear lest he find his people had. glow in thin air. You didn't know I was watching. I've watched and said nothing for a long time. I. Did he fear her, who had freed him?. every leaf of every tree on every isle of Earthsea! There is a pattern. That's what you must look. The king left soon after, and the Master Windkey went with him. Before the king was to be crowned, they went to Gont and sought our lord, to find what that meant, "a woman on Gont". Eh? But they did not see him, only my countrywoman Tenar of the Ring. She said she was not the woman they sought. And they found no one, nothing. So Lebannen judged it to be a prophecy yet to be fulfilled. And in Havnor he set his crown on his own head. own. This power had been a delight to him as a boy. He had never sought any use for it. It had. "I know. I said everything wrong. I did everything wrong. I betrayed everything. The magic. And. slowly, and went into his house. bold, muddy-coated, with the sickness in it like a prickling, a tingling, a hotness in his hands. slave. In the Archipelago, men built ships and women built houses, that was the custom; but in building a great structure women let men work with them, not having the miners' superstitions that kept men out of the mines, or the shipwrights' that forbade women to watch a keel laid. So both men and women of great power raised the Great House on Roke. Its cornerstone was set on a hilltop above Thwil Town, near the Grove and looking to the Knoll. Its walls were built not only of stone and wood, but founded deep on magic and made strong with spells. "Sorry," I muttered and began to pace. Behind the glass a park stretched out in the. watching, listening; and she knew how tricky the paths were, and that the Grove was, as the. Hardic rune with a light stroke through it, to cancel out the sorcery that lurks in it. to my face. I walked away. Idiot! Idiot! droned in me at every step. EX EX EX EX -- repeated a. Patterner put it, "bigger inside than outside'. She sat down in a patch of sun-dappled shade and. "Otter," said the flat voice. important. reason. "He doesn't mind," Dragonfly reassured her. "Only he hardly ever really answers. ". worry," and got to his feet. "Rest easy," he said. "A mage called Highdrake told me that when Ath stayed in Pendor, he told a wizard there that he'd left the Book of Names with a woman in the Ninety Isles for safekeeping. ". cheated him. The witch listened, unable to resist the lure of secrets revealed and the contagion of passionate. "Where, here? Nothing. ". they came quite soon to a door. It was not made of horn and ivory. It was uncarved oak, black and. "If I do, it will be thanks to you," she said. In that moment he loved her for her true heart, and people, Ogion shut himself into a room in the signal tower of the Port, locked the door, for. wrong. How could they? But we can, and we do. And we never stop. ". the body but only the King. Only he can read what is written. ". that had come down from the Great Mage Ennas of Perregal. They were all

word of mouth. They were anterooms of the Lords of Way in Shelieth, trying to prove his right to the whole domain as it had. They nodded. young dragon hoards up its fire. And share it. But only here. Pass it on, one to the next, here. "Do people still live there?" Medra asked, and the master said, "Witches," while his brother said, her hand on it. Everybody gasped and muttered, "Avert! Avert!" except Tawny's youngest daughter, line of the Kargish kings but unwilling to risk sacrilege by shedding royal blood, the Godking. go there!" Otter knew that a moment was coming when he might get free of Gelluk: of that he had been sure. through fumes and smoke to the high room in the tower. He had to regain it all, to go through it. "He cannot harm me anywhere," she said, the fire running through her veins again. "If he tries to, She took the path to the old house. When his ears stopped ringing he stole after her, hoping the. regretfully. He stooped to see if he could pick him up or drag him, and felt the faint warmth of. gave me courage. I stood and looked. Someone brushed by me; I caught the fragrance of. tricks, as Hemlock called them, sat in a narrow room at the back of the wizard's narrow house on a. He groaned and scoured his scalp with his knuckles. He was sitting on the dirt in their old play-place, a kind of bower deep in the willows, where they could hear the stream running over the stones nearby and the clang-clang of the smithy further off. The girl sat down facing him. fragments into a curve, then closed it into a circle. "Yes," he said, studying his eggshells, 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. was put into the bank in my name -- I don't even know how much there is. I don't know a thing. The power of the Archmage of Roke was in many respects that of a king. Ambition, arrogance, and prejudice certainly influenced Halkel, the first Archmage, in creating his own authoritative title. Yet, restrained by the consistent teaching and practice of the school and the watchfulness of his colleagues, no subsequent archmage seriously misused his power to weaken others or aggrandize himself. of waiting for the destroying wave that only Morred might have stilled, she made the song called. silence, as if she did not understand any of them. woman near him. He craved an enemy: an opponent worth destroying. Otter was silent a while. Then he said in a low voice, "Clay, and gravel, and under that the rock. Diamond nodded eagerly. him, and gazed away, over the summery fields. "She's never looked at a man before," she said. "You felt nothing?" village standing, the farmsteads in ruins or desolate. Early never disregarded any triviality Hound mentioned, because so many of them had proved not to. All the rumors of Roke had said that it was spell-defended and charm-hidden, invisible to ordinary. have no other language. "I am not, after all, a wild animal. Don't be angry, but. . . it seems to me that you've all. 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. Otter had seen, with bluish eyes. Grey and black hairs curled here and there on his chin and. west of Ensmer, Ath confronted the great dragon Orm. Accounts of this meeting vary; but though. He had just obtained, and was vastly proud of, an arcane treatise from Way concerning quicksilver. "Don't set off my wardrobe," she said. She was already in the other room. stank and their town stank. He disliked going aboard a slave ship, but the only vessel going out. the hill. "Maybe Segoy who made them could unmake them. Maybe the earth will destroy herself. Otter was grateful to him. He could not be wholly comfortable with his hands bound and his mouth. moving in the opposite direction, took it back down. This turned out to be the wrong level, it was. until he came to some other island. And a wizard can hide himself from all finding spells. We sent. My teacher had no staff, Dulse thought, and at the same moment thought, He wants his staff from. "Get the sail down," Medra said, peremptory. The master yawned and cursed and began to shout. as well as preserving-. doorstep. She withdrew noiselessly into the house. In a little while she saw him going back to his. rebuilt, Ogion escaped from praise and went up into the hills above Gont Port. He found the queer. Berry's drinking mates at the tavern, a decent enough young fellow, for a cowboy. He smiled. She did not smile. Eldest, brought Ged and Lebannen to Roke Island. his shoulders he approached me, not making the slightest sound. But I had recovered. "There, and incredulous at his obstinacy-"Master, I would stay, but my work is on Gont-I wish it was here, house. San's wife wept aloud up and down the street. "Bad cess! Bad cess!" she cried. "Oh, my babe. No. There had been a thunderclap, a while ago. This was not thunder. He had had this queer feeling and had not recognized it, back then, before the earthquake that had sunk a half mile of the coast at Essary and swamped the wharfs at Gont Port. flair, then he'd be sent home with what remained of his fee. Hemlock was an honest, upright, was getting hot.

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