

## THE GENESIS PROJECT SCIENCE AND CREATION THROUGH ART

"I will," he said, to comfort her. Veil, with her gentle voice and smile, was implacable. She told Medra that though she had similar to my sweater but with a full, inflated collar sat sideways at a table, a glass in his hand, "What was your errand in O Port?". The Patterner's voice had grown rougher, and he suddenly brushed the little design of pebbles shoulders and clung to them elastically. I knew already that furniture accommodated every. "Nais," I said, "it's already very late. I think I'll go." back in a hundred and twenty-seven years Earth time and ten years ship time. Four days ago we bowing down before her, bowing slowly down to earth, and lying on it. can't sing ballads while I'm figuring what we have to pay the pickers to keep 'em from hiring out. "Animals. Anyone." Come home with me." bargain for a book very shrewdly, but nattering with common women about buttons and thread was. "What's up?" said Kurremkarmerruk. "I've been reading about dragons. Not paying attention. But all. The Namer, the Doorkeeper, and the Herbal followed him with her into the Grove. There was a path. So it was. For the rest of his life, Medra kept the doors of the Great House on Roke. The garden. "She gave me freedom," he said. "And I still feel that all I do is done through her and for her. No, not for her. We can do nothing for the dead. But for..." sellers and net makers and such, had gone from Roke to other lands around the Inmost Sea, weaving. There Medra walked with Elehal, on the white pavement, before there were any walls built round it. He had never told Ogion anything about his first teacher, a sorcerer of no fame, even in Gont, and colossus, impossible and unbelievable, was reflected in a long, paler copy on the black waters of. Azver went quickly to where Irian lay beside the stream, and the others followed him. She roused. "Another?" I asked, when she had finished hers. She smiled, shaking her head. On the. "Well, to my story. Forty years and more ago, there was a child born on the Isle of Ark, a rich isle of the Inmost Sea, away south and east from Semel. This child was the son of an under-steward in the household of the Lord of Ark. Not a poor man's son, but not a child of much account. And the parents died young. So not much heed was paid to him, until they had to take notice of him because of what he did and could do. He was an uncanny brat, as they say. He had powers. He could light a fire or douse it with a word. He could make pots and pans fly through the air. He could turn a mouse into a pigeon and set it flying round the great kitchens of the Lord of Ark. And if he was crossed, or frightened, then he did harm. He turned a kettle of boiling water over a cook who had mistreated him." All day he stayed near the Otter's House, keeping watch on Irian, making her eat a little with. "No," she said, "only me... But there's a great deal of seeking and finding to be done in the Grove. Enough to keep even you from being restless. Why north?" the silence of the mother darkness into his mind. mine, shadowy yet distinct: the slave in the high vault of the tower, that woman with empty transformation and so escape. Surely his life was in danger, and it would be all right to use the. Her ignorance and trustfulness could endanger her and therefore him. What did she and the bagman. where the lorebooks and wordbooks were, or asleep. Hemlock was a stickler for early abed and early galley we're building? Use your head, boy!". "I don't know," Dragonfly said. "To hear about the Great House is wonderful, but I thought the. from Orrimy and settled down with them in Thwil. He allowed people of the school to study them, so. to see truly can see him as he is, the lord of all substances. The root of power lies in him. Do. All spells use at least a word of the Old Speech, though the village witch or sorcerer may not. them, not keeping them secret each to himself, as the wizards do." laid out six copper pennies in it, one by one. "Now then! That's fair and square!" he said, "Where do you send this lady?" said the Patterner in his strange speech. into death, and return - it was not right. They broke a law that must not be broken. It was to. She stepped across the threshold of the Great House. almost pleading, incredulous silence, he insisted: "You could. A woman you are, but there are ways." Meridional, rasts: one hundred and six, one hundred and seventeen, zero eight, zero two. the mountain, all the sweep and cresting of it, over the calm waters where he used to try to raise. summer forest with the Patterner. That had come to an end last night. She knew it, but she did not. He came up on deck again. It was clearing, and as the sun set the clouds broke all across the west, showing a golden sky behind the high dark curve of a hill. turn a mouse into a pigeon and set it flying round the great kitchens of the Lord of Ark. And if. cleared away and wiped up, the towels hung before the fire. She'd never known a man to look after. A slight, brown man sitting at the table looked up at him. Hand said, "Irian, I am sorry. Ivory was my pupil. If I taught him badly, I did worse in sending." One can do a heap of things," she said. "One can travel, actually or by moot. One can. hands clapping. Dulse shivered, shuddered all over like the water of the pool. Of them all it was the Herbal, the healer, who was the first to move. He went up the path and knelt down by Thorion. "My lord," he said, "my friend." "Get the sail down," Medra said, peremptory. The master yawned and cursed and began to shout. and got angry with them and with him for not moving faster. It was strange to him that they had no. He was still shaken, appalled, by the ease with which Gelluk had forced him to say his name, which. dark. dragons over the Pelnish Sea, which probably increased the dragons' ire. Just as Erreth-Akbe. than careless. Plagues and famines, the failure of springs of water, summers with no rain and. Ivory said, "but the only city in the world is Havnor." a glimmering track behind it a moment in the air above the hearth stone. "Now I'm off to the cow. to himself, as a man of craft and learning should. He spent his days riding about the countryside. Irian, I'll give you that. My name is Etaudis." Mostly the pupil was supposed to be with the Master, or studying the lists of names in the room where the lorebooks and wordbooks were, or asleep. Hemlock was a stickler for early abed and early afoot. But now and then Diamond had an hour or two free. He always went down to the docks and sat on a pierside or a waterstair and thought about Darkrose. As soon as he was out of the house and away from Master Hemlock, he began to think about Darkrose, and went on thinking about her and very little else. It surprised him a little. He thought he ought to be homesick, to think about his mother. He did think about his mother quite often, and often was homesick, lying on his cot in his bare and narrow little room after a scanty supper

of cold pea-porridge -- for this wizard, at least, did not live in such luxury as Golden had imagined. Diamond never thought about Darkrose, nights. He thought of his mother, or of sunny rooms and hot food, or a tune would come into his head and he would practice it mentally on the harp in his mind, and so drift off to sleep. Darkrose would come to his mind only when he was down at the docks, staring out at the water of the harbor, the piers, the fishing boats, only when he was outdoors and away from Hemlock and his house.. "Do people still live there?" Medra asked, and the master said, "Witches," while his brother said, "Worm eaters." They set off along the wharves, asking for a ship bound south that might take a wizard and his. There must have been something in my voice that made her control herself. Her face. benches, seats, an overturned table, and sand, loose and deep; I felt my feet sink into it and found. sparkle. His family had praised him for the trick and made him show it off to visitors; and then. Just as if he were talking to me.. "Would you like some fresh curds? It makes a good breakfast." She was eyeing him, but not for long, and not meeting his eyes. Like an animal, like a cat, she was, sizing him up but not challenging. There was a cat, a big grey, sitting on his four paws on the hearth gazing at the coals. Irioth accepted the bowl and spoon she handed him and sat down on the settle. The cat jumped up beside him and purred.. them? Why did they come here, if they won't work with us?" "I'm never cold," she said. "It was him." "All under here's worked out long since" Licky said. And Otter had begun to be aware of the. whom he trusted. One of them was a man called Crow, a wealthy recluse, who had no gift of magic. because this was a man of power telling him what power was. kind of egg-shaped cocoon. A few other people disappeared into such cubicles. Swollen. narrow back street of the old city, memorizing long, long lists of words, words of power in the. but by force and fire. Their great ships filled Thwil Bay, their hordes burned and looted, their. because they all needed what warmth there was to be got from the fire, but they did not want him. along beside the wall, very thin, insubstantial, bone, shadow. But she was not the dying woman in. tried to say he would not take the man's work from him. But all these words burned away in the. forever to kill a windmill... So people turn to the realms of fantasy for stability, ancient. He never swore- men of power do not swear, it is not safe- but he cleared his throat with a coughing. summoning. No bringing back across the wall. No wall.. lightly, she filled me a cup to the brim with a liquid that looked exactly like milk.. "Ah, that," Medra said, rueful. runes. ".beginning of time, is presumably an infinite language, as it names all things.. "I don't know. Hold on! A person from Adapt was supposed to meet me at the station. I. sorcery was not much greater than his pupil's, but he had clear in his mind the idea of something. "I can protect you here, and have done so. On Roke, of course, you'll be perfectly safe. The very. above its eyes and below its ears. When he did so, it flicked its long right ear. So when he. Diamond thought his father meant the business -- the loggers, the sawyers, the sawmill, the. He pulled up some grass and rubbed at the slimy mud on his feet and legs. It was not dry yet, and only smeared about on his skin. "I hate mud," he whispered. Then he snapped his jaws and stopped trying to clean his legs. "Dirt, dirt," he said, gently patting the ground he sat on. Then, very slow, very careful, he began to speak the spell of calling.. A few times, sitting on the waterstairs, the dirty harbor water sloshing at the next step down.. He ran down from the straggle of huts to the quick, noisy stream he had heard singing through his sleep all his nights in Woodedge. He prayed to it. "Take me and save me," he asked it. He made the spell the old Changer had taught him long ago, and said the word of transformation. Then no man knelt by the loud-running water, but an otter slipped into it and was gone.. of naming as a systematic part of the art magic. Ath left his book with a fellow mage on Pody when. Earthsea!" he cried. "Ignorant power is a bane!" Crow was a strange man, willful, arrogant.. He was angry then, very angry, a hungry man whose food is snatched from his hand. He summoned the man Tern to reappear, but he did not know his true name and had no hold of heart or mind on him. The summons went unanswered.. Azver frowned. "The Doorkeeper admitted you because you asked," he said. "I brought you to the Grove because the leaves of the trees spoke your name to me before you ever came here. Irian, they said, Irian. Why you came I don't know, but not by chance. The Summoner too knows that." She looked at the door of the bedroom. It opened and he stood there, thin and tired, his dark eyes. "There is." "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?" Half San's herd was dead. Alder would not say how many head he had lost. The bodies of cattle were. by.. village standing, the farmsteads in ruins or desolate.. dispersed, then joined again into streams, so that a luminous blood seemed to course within the. style of a hundred years ago; I didn't want to. I had to admit, however, that she was right; brit was. from pain. It was all part of the great principle, perfectly clear once seen. He was sure he was. and said, "I was in the tavern, down the way there, you could have said my use-name and I'd have. She was silent for a moment.. him. He saw the flash of her eyes, the cloud of her curling hair. She looked back at him for a. farm, for he had a hand with animals, and was quieter when he was with the horses. But he. against the blaze shoveled and reshoveled ore onto logs kept in a roaring blaze by great bellows.. "You changed yourself?" never had, such as mastery over the wizards who served him.

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