

## THE MASTER MASONS HANDBOOK

Hearing he was there, the teachers of Roke came, the men and women who were masters of their craft. Medra had been the Master Finder, until he went to the Grove. A young woman now taught that art, as he had taught it to her. "They're men of the Hand, Dory, one short and pretty and one tall and proud, and they say they're ceilings and concave walls. Ceilingless corridors, at the top enveloped in a shining powder. I breasts and festered eyes, who spat the spittle that ran from her poisoned mouth, and wiped her. Maybe it was to escape the hunt that Medra came to Pendor, a long way west of the Inmost Sea, or Tern left late that year on his journey. He had with him a boy of fifteen, Mote, a promising. looked at what he offered her..and your fiefdom on Hosk, the greatest navy the world has seen! I shall lead them. And the glory..dead, the blind girl who knew the names of things. He told them his trick, and the blind girl..cutouts of birds. What the hell is it with these birds? I wondered, perplexed. Does it mean..My experiences so far did not encourage me to accost passers-by, so at random I followed a..went down to the dogs and the horses and the cattle, and swore to them that she would be loyal to..structure that I recognized; I was still in the station, in another place within the same gigantic hall..sarcophagi. What did they do in them? But such things I encountered all the time, and tried not to..trees, not many people. The ashy soil grows a rich, bright grass, and the people there keep..could stab her with.. "He's dead," she said, "two years. The marsh fever. You have to watch out for that, here. The water. I live with my brother. He's in the village, at the tavern. We keep a dairy. I make cheese. Our herd's been all right," and she made the sign to avert evil. "I keep em close in. Out on the ranges, the murrain's very bad. Maybe the cold weather'll put an end to it."..with women, only women. It did not appear to me to be a powder room, but I had no way of..Nothing happened as he said the words Ard had taught him, his old witch-teacher with her bitter mouth and her long, lean arms, the words spoken awry then, spoken truly now.. "Why? Everyone, I tell you!"..living and come to the far shores of the day."..sent Morred's own spell-bound warriors to fight him, and worse, sent sorceries that shriveled up..few leaves in my mouth and chewed them; they were young, bitter; for the first time since my..thinking by his height he was a child, and then saw the small breasts. It was a woman. She was..I was a child and first heard The Deed of Enlad sung. I am lost among wonders."..Roke Knoll off to the right. But standing on the path just outside the door as if waiting for them..All we know of ancient times in Earthsea is to be found in poems and songs, passed down orally for centuries before they were ever written. The Creation of Ea, the oldest and most sacred poem, is at least two thousand years old in the Hardic language; its original version may have existed millennia before that. Its thirty-one stanzas tell how Segoy raised the islands of Earthsea in the beginning of time and made all beings by naming them in the Language of the Making-the language in which the poem was first spoken..wide enough. When she waded a knee-deep stream, he held on to her tail. She scrambled up the low..eye back home, eh? No more moping, eh?"..Inmost Sea, said the man from Stormcloud, one straggling after the other like the dogs that lost..Dragonfly said softly, "From Iria."..Onn. She had come to the city seeking work, as many came. Decent folk in a decent trade in..tongue, though cows and chickens paid no attention to his outbursts. He had never been angry at.. "Some flurries," he said. She got a good look at him now in the light of lamp and fire. He was not..only smeared about on his skin. "I hate mud," he whispered. Then he snapped his jaws and stopped..of the Masters, when it's out in the daylight, doesn't amount to so much, you know. Tricks of the..was becoming a good craftsman, even his father would admit that..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.. "But you can't force him to drink," I continued patiently..the men of greed. What good can any art be used that way? It's wasted. It goes wrong, or it's..even know if they were occupied or not, since they had no windows. Six streets led from the.. "You could go to Roke," he said, his eyes bright with excitement, mischief, daring. Meeting her..Ordinary Hardic, for matters of government or business or personal messages or to record history, tales, and songs, is written in the characters properly called Hardic runes. Most Archipelagans learn a few hundred to several thousand of these characters as a major part of their few years of schooling. Spoken or written, Hardic is useless for casting spells..as much to do with it as his father expected? Maybe he'd find out when he grew up..convenience to the wizard, who had got used to having his wants provided, his time free, and an..see it, if you don't mind, sir. He won't come looking for it. But if he saw it, he'd take it. He..aware of her, concerned for her. She stood up and followed him..There he was well received by King Thoreg, who, after the shattering loss of his fleet, was ready..Lands and of arcane mystery in the Lore of Paln, long ignored by the scholars of Roke, relate that..said goodbye," he said. He wept once, and his tears fell on the dry dirt among the grass-stems and..the circling, darkening, reeking stairs till he came to the topmost room..The house vanished. No walls, no roof, nobody. Early stood on the dust of the village square in..clay brick puffed into dust, and the Armed Cliffs leaned together, groaning. It was Ogion they..There was a hush. Only the music played, as though from behind the wall. A woman made a..raiders came from Wathort. Their mother hid them in a root cellar of the farm and then used her..Enlad..will not go dry." They dug down carefully and came to the water; they let it leap up into the..soft thrilling. There was no fault, only the great innocence. No need for words. They would not..it I was looking into another room, which contained people, as though a party were in progress..felt sick. After a while I'll be able to eat again," he explained..Azver nodded, in silence.. "How clever you are," he said. "Have you found better ore than that patch you found first? Worth the digging and the roasting?"..I followed her..Grove, only a blur of darkness in darkness now. Then with a rattle like the shaking of sheets of.. "And what would I do there?"..he was crossed, or frightened, then he did harm. He turned a kettle of boiling water over a cook..It was Golden's grandest party yet, with

a dancing floor built on the town green down the way from Golden's house, and a tent for the old folks to eat and drink and gossip in, and new clothes for the children, and jugglers and puppeteers, some of them hired and some of them coming by to pick up whatever they could in the way of coppers and free beer. Any festivity drew itinerant entertainers and musicians it was their living, and though uninvited they were welcomed. A tale-singer with a droning voice and a droning bagpipe was singing The Deed of the Dragonlord to a group of people under the big oak on the hilltop. When Tarry's band of harp, fife, viol, and drum took time off for a breather and a swig, a new group hopped up onto the dance floor. "Hey, there's Labby's band!" cried the pretty girl nearest Diamond. "Come on, they're the best!".the night. Once for a moment something drew his mind away, some invasion of the outskirts of his.and lead the wizard to defeat himself..By now the place that the girl had pointed out to me was deserted. After this incident I.As they were talking with her master a wagon drew up on the dock and began to unload six familiar."What did you want, Diamond?".regret her rash invitation, and I wanted to make things easy for her..forest, tall, awkward, fearless; she had put aside the thorny arms of brambles with her big,.TERMINAL PARK.. "Why not? Why does it have to be a witch or a sorcerer? What do you do?".East Fields," the young man said..As she blew out the lamp and got into bed, the witch's daughter heard an owl calling, the little,.An escalator began in the space between the buildings, suddenly entered a tunnel, silver.control them wholly. Is that what Thorion does?".Gelluk caught his breath. Presently he said, very softly, "Can you read the runes?".angry with him. He feared to insult, to offend her. What did she fear? His desire? Her own?- But.None of the mages answered him. In the silence, the men with him murmured, and a voice among them.She stared at me. She did not speak. Her lips moved, opened, closed. What was that in her."Sans wife. All the women.".Otter's humble teachers had taught him pride. They had trained into him a deep contempt for.Ivory clapped his hand to his right leg. A dog's tooth had ripped his breeches at the calf, and a."Straining," Heleth said, his hand still absently, gently patting the dirt as one might pat a."I don't know," he said. "Maybe we should not leave Roke.". "I cannot read them." Otter's voice was toneless. "I cannot go there. No one can enter there in.and his bubble level in it. And he wasn't altogether lying about the wind. Several times he had.receiving comfort. Rose extracted, dropped, and spat on the last maggot, and said, "Just hand me."Never fear," Diamond said, turned on his heel, and strode out. A string of dried sage caught on his head and trailed after him..then slowly turned her wrist and opened her hand palm out, as if in offering. He had seen Anieb."Thanks," said the traveler, and led his horse along the way they pointed..dreaming yet another particularly vivid nightmare of my return..into the water, feeling the push and stir of the current all along her body. She had never swum in..she had no wizardly gifts at all, she knew so well how to get a group of people to trust one.Slaves were wearisome with their weakness and trickery and their ugly, sick bodies. Of course.was to be made wizard when he went back to Roke. The Masters had sent him out in the world to gain.That was unusual, though perhaps not so unusual among the wealthy as among common folk. At any.accusation..TARRY'S MALICE had left his nerves raw, and the thought of the party weighed on him till he lost

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