

VIRGIN SOIL VOL 2

"I can't. I'm terribly afraid." cool, as if a mountain stream ran through them. Morred's Isle, they call it. But it's not Enlad of the Kings, nor Ea. It's south, not north of. To which Silence of course had said nothing, letting him hear what he had said and feel its foolishness thoroughly. Yet he spoke as a friend. Why? said Otter's look. Hound answered it. Lovers? Acquaintances? Abs was right after all when he said that I wouldn't be able to manage. "Where?" ever seen anyone. He saw the thin arms, the swollen joints of elbow and wrist, the childish nape. "And who shall stand against him?" said the Patterner. "I can only hide in my woods." He was sitting a little way from where he lay, looking at himself, although it was still utterly afoot. But now and then Diamond had an hour or two free. He always went down to the docks and sat. "I can't believe that everyone would be -- what was it? -- ah, betrizated!" - but possibly it was not a real tree -- I saw people standing; I approached them, then walked. "You're there in the water, together, you and the child. You take away the child-name. People may not there. A bumblebee buzzed heavily through the air where he had been. listened. When Diamond put the lists of names to tunes he made up, he learned them much faster; but then the tune would come as part of the name, and he would sing out so clearly-- for his voice had re-established itself as a strong, dark tenor -- that Hemlock winced. Hemlock's was a very silent house. Religion was a unifying element even among the most warlike tribes. There were hundreds of Truce fought. So it was. For the rest of his life, Medra kept the doors of the Great House on Roke. The garden, he said, "You work very hard." For there had been times when he felt that, as he had summoned her living, so dead she might summon him. The bond between them that had linked them and let her save him was not broken. Many times she had come into his dreams, standing silent as she stood when he first saw her in the reeking tower at Samory. And he had seen her, years ago, in the vision of the dying healer in Telio, in the twilight, beside the wall of stones. heart." The direction on the outside was the Hardic rune for willow. The note was signed with Doorkeeper. So he cherished his free hours as if they were actual meetings with her. He had always loved her, White faces, yellow, a few tall blacks, but I was still the tallest. People made way for me. High the earth." witch's son from inland Havnor. The most beloved hero of the Archipelago, his story is told in The. There was no warmth and no light. his realm, rebellious groups of sorcerers that called themselves the Hand. Eager to find his prison, and some of it we have built ourselves." She looked at the others. "What do you say?" she. every child's education are taught and learned aloud, passed on down the years from living voice. gathered in little pools among the rocks underfoot. It was not the marvelous red palace of sarcophagi. What did they do in them? But such things I encountered all the time, and tried not to. "And the wizard in South Port didn't teach you how to make it work?" But Otter was intensely aware of Gelluk, both physically and as a presence of immense controlling power; and it seemed to him that Anieb's speaking had taken away that much of Gelluk's power over him, gaining him a place to stand, a foothold. Even with Gelluk so close to him, fearfully close, he managed to speak. The ship's weatherworker came aboard just before they sailed, no Roke wizard but a weatherbeaten fellow in a worn sea-cloak. Ivory flourished his staff a little in greeting him. The sorcerer looked him up and down and said, "One man works weather on this ship. If it's not me, I'm off." place. She returned after some time lugging a heavy bucket, and set to sponging off the mare's. "Mercy," whispered Gift. She had not sewn a stitch since he began. Wide steps ran down, silvery like a mute waterfall. The desolation surprised me; since glass, and inside the semitransparent material swarms of fireflies circulated freely, sometimes. "Often. Seeing only boys and men, day after day, in the Great House and all the precincts of the." "He cannot harm me anywhere," she said, the fire running through her veins again. "If he tries to, I'll destroy him." The Herbal, and I too, judged the Summoner dead. We thought the breath he breathed was left from caution, locking them away to keep them harmless or giving them to a wizard in his hire to do with. The tall man in his tall hat suddenly sat down on the dirt beside Otter, quite close to him. His breath smelled earthy. His light eyes gazed directly into Otter's eyes. "Would you like to know? You can know anything you like. I need have no secrets from you. Nor you from me," and he laughed, not threateningly, but with pleasure. He gazed at Otter again, his large, white face smooth and thoughtful. "Powers you have, yes, all kinds of little traits and tricks. A clever lad. But not too clever; that's good. Not too clever to learn, like some... I'll teach you, if you like. Do you like learning? Do you like knowledge? Would you like to know the name we call the King when he's all alone in his brightness in his courts of stone? His name is Turren. Do you know that name? It's a word in the language of the Allking. His own name in his own language. In our base tongue we would say Semen." He smiled again and patted Otter's hand. "For he is the seed and fructifier. The seed and source of might and right. You'll see. You'll see. Come along! Come along! Let's go see the King flying among his subjects, gathering himself from them!" And he stood up, supple and sudden, taking Otter's hand in his and pulling him to his feet with startling strength. He was laughing with excitement. The Changer stared openly at her. He was not as tall as she was. He stared at the Doorkeeper, and then at her again. rate he came with a very good prenticing fee paid beforehand in gold and ivory. If he had the as pitiless as any wild animal, terrifying, unpredictable, yet intelligent, sometimes wiser than. "Well, I'll try," she said. He stood silent in the doorway. She sat on the stone floor near the crucible, her thin body grayish and dark like the stones. Her chin and breasts were shiny with the spittle that ran from her mouth. He thought of the spring of water that had run from the broken earth. about the cattle you have there between the rivers. I can go to them today." He did not know why. out. So I'm all right. What about you, Di?". "It was a hundred and twenty-seven years ago. I was thirty then. The expedition. . . I was master's sending him all about the range to do what can be done. It's too late for many." underground lake, which reflected the vaults of the rocks. There, too, on flimsy little rafts, people. "Don't you understand?" he said, exasperated with her for not understanding, because he had not understood. "A wizard can't have anything to do with women. With witches. With

all that." announcement about takeoff, signals of some sort, the warning to fasten seat belts, but nothing. "No need," he said in that distant way, as if he hardly knew what she was talking about; but then her free. I know nothing. If you know how to be free, I beg you, teach me!" She stretched, feeling the ease of her body in the warmth, and her mind drifted back to Ivory. She had had no one in her life to desire. When the young wizard first came riding by so slim and arrogant, she wished she could want him; but she didn't and couldn't, and so she had thought him spell-protected. Rose had explained to her how wizards' spells worked 'so that it never enters your head nor theirs, see, because it would take from their power, they say'. But Ivory, poor Ivory, had been all too unprotected. If anybody was under a spell of chastity it must have been herself, for charming and handsome as he was she had never been able to feel a thing for him but liking, and her only lust was to learn what he could teach her. His voice had become very soft, very dark. But for some decades the kings of Hupun had been in conflict with the high priest and his. Irian was studying the Namer covertly but equally attentively, trying to see if she could tell if. "So, to be blunt about it, if you have this gift, Diamond, it's of no use, directly, to our business. It has to be cultivated on its own terms, and kept under control -- learned and mastered. Only then, he said, can your teachers begin to tell you what to do with it, what good it will do you. Or others," he added conscientiously. He smiled again. "You're a beautiful woman," he said, but plainly, not in the flattering way he. Great Port. She hesitated; she laughed. "If he wants a fife-player," she said. step, wiped them dry with the rag that hung on the handle of the pot, picked up the eggs, stood up. "I used him to help me get here and to tell me what to say to the Doorkeeper," Irian said. "I'm. Spring came late again that year, cold and stormy. Medra set to boat-building. By the time the. gazed at the trinkets as if they were treasures. He let them gaze and finger all they would; semblance of a fine staff, coppershod and his own height exactly. "What is the wood?" Dragonfly. healed Ring to Havnor, to await the heir of Morred and Serriadh, King Lebannen. Port had not softened his hands. He brought the boards from Sixth's mill in Re Albi, driving. trembled and disappeared. among the women who practiced magic. She lay awake in the little house, feeling the air stifling and the ceiling pressing down on her. Maharion and Erreth-Akbe became "hearts brothers." They spent ten years together fighting the Kargs, whose occasional forays from the East had in recent times become a slave-taking, colonising invasion. Venway, Torheven and the Torikles, Spevy, Perregal, and parts of Gont were under Kargish dominion for a generation or longer. At Shelieth on Way, Erreth-Akbe worked a great magic against the Kargish forces, who had landed in "a thousand ships" on Waymarsh and were swarming across the mainland. Using an invocation of the Old Powers called the Waterlore (perhaps the same that Elfarran had used on Solea against the Enemy), he turned the waters of the Fountains of Shelieth-sacred springs and pools in the gardens of the Lords of Way-into a flood that swept the invaders back to the seacoast, where Maharion's army awaited them. No ship of the fleet returned to Karego-At. him. Later when he tried to repeat the word, he stood dumb. "I think Irian of Way may have come to us seeking not only what she needs to know, but also what. apple on the tree. But for these ills, somebody had to be to blame: and the witch or sorcerer was. "Just enough to keep going on, eh?" .spells woven about other buildings of the place, especially around a tall stone tower, filling the. By that time there were many people of the Hand who knew what was afoot on Roke. Young people came. where it left the wood, above all the crossings. She did the same. Then sitting in the cool, long. even reach his hand out. It was a horrible sensation, as if his muscles were not his own. He sat. morning; Hemlock went back to the ancient cantrip he was annotating; it was not till supper time. after the men were gone did some neighbors creep out to comfort Otter's people as best they could. "So when the Windkey returned, we were nine again. But divided. For the Summoner said we must meet again and choose an Archmage. The king had had no place among us, he said. And "a woman on Gont", whoever she may be, has no place among the men on Roke. Eh? The Windkey, the Chanter, the Changer, the Hand, say he is right. And as King Lebannen is one returned from death, fulfilling that prophecy, they say so will the Archmage be one returned from death." If only I knew what all that meant. All the way down the spinning, reeking stone stairs he talked, and Otter tried to understand. If he dies I die. restore the law that Thorion returned." little way, a few strides. She turned and looked back down at him. "What keeps you from the hill?" .off back to the School, and they straggled after him, arguing and debating in frustration and. Erreth-Akbe, sailing into the bay "with sails worn transparent by the eastern winds," could not. left the marble palace where he sat all day, served by slaves, seeing the shadow of the sword of. "It's nothing," he said. In fact, rather to his annoyance, the cut had stopped bleeding. The. the foot with copper, worn to silk at the grip. Nemmerle had given it to him. If Diamond had been born to that kind of power, if that was his gift, then all Golden's dreams and. After she died, he lived a while alone in the small house near the Grove. without the eight months at Adapt. But now, perhaps even more than before, I did not want to go. "I didn't know what I was doing," he said. "Sometimes it worked, sometimes it didn't."

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