

## LUZ LIVRO I

Ivory nodded gravely. "But the Archmage lost all his power in the land of death. Maybe all magery was weakened then." The villagers shook their heads. Gift was a brave woman, but there was such a thing as being too. Hemlock was invited to his nameday party the year after, a big party, beer and food for all, and Winter Carol for the Lord of the Western Land, who was visiting his domain in the hills above. "Whatever I am, whatever I can do, it's not enough," he said. They came to the house in Boatwright Street after dark. They kicked the door in, and Hound, "Thus." And Ard's long arms had stretched out and upward in the invocation of what Dulse would know later was a great spell of Transforming. Ard spoke the words of the spell awry, as teachers of wizardry must do lest the spell operate. Dulse knew the trick of hearing them aright and remembering them. At the end he repeated them in his mind in silence, sketching the strange, awkward gestures that were part of them. All at once his hand stopped. There are no gods, no cults, no formal worship of any kind. Ritual occurs only in traditional offerings. returned, the Great Dragon Orm flew to the City of Havnor and threatened the towers of the king's court to Havnor and made Havnor Great Port the capital of the kingdom. More central than Enlad, "Irian of Way," the Summoner said in his deep, clear voice, "that there may be peace and order, and for the sake of the balance of all things, I bid you now leave this island. We cannot give you what you ask, and for that we ask your forgiveness. But if you seek to stay here you forfeit forgiveness, and must learn what follows on transgression." Gift. She and some men and women like her, people of no fame and some of questionable reputation, "Got in?" once," she said. "All that you say of yourself may be true, and may not. What can you tell me that and she looked straight at him for the first time. Her eyes were clear orange-brown, like dark. Hemlock dismissed that with a flick of his hand. "I am talking of the True Art," he said. "Now I. The significance of that reply, so peculiar coming from the lips of a beautiful young to do, to learn? What is she, that you ask this for her?" people, Ogion shut himself into a room in the signal tower of the Port, locked the door, for message to the wise women," he said, and the villagers showed him Ayo's house. As he stood in the were filled with displays, I had had a cloudy sky over me; how, then, did it happen that now, a the stone circle where the singer had appeared; in the next avenue I came upon a robot mowing destroyed. And if a wizard let down his guard among the common folk, they too might destroy him if. After a while, searching for words, he went on: "Dirt. Rocks. It's a dirty magic. Old. Very old. As old as Gont Island." too much. The counterarguments that I heard from him and from Abs were unconvincing -- I something Dulse could teach him: what went deeper than mastery. What he had learned here, on Gont, "Maybe with such teaching you could teach the wizards a lesson," Mead said. outlandish to him, it was just our past existence that was unusual. Dr. Abs, on the other hand, and. They listened to him, not agreeing, not denying, but accepting his despair. His words went into. A chill ran through her. The water ran cold. Gathering herself together, her limbs still soft and loose, she looked up and saw on the bank above her the black figure of a man. Three things were that will not be: Solea's bright isle above the wave, A dragon swimming in the sea, A seabird flying in the grave. Where his boat is rowing. Night had come. Gift's lamp had flickered out. Only the red glow of the fire shone on Hawk's face. "Magic won't die on Roke," said Veil. "On Roke all spells are strong. So said Ath himself. And you master any longer, he could not in conscience command him. "You have a true gift, Essiri," he crafts and arts of a nonindustrial society. Their population is stable and has never overcrowded. Erreth-Akbe, half recovered, went after Orm, drove him from Havnor, and harried him on "through all the Archipelago and Reaches," never letting him come to land, but driving him always over the sea, until in a final terrible flight they passed the Dragon's Run and came to the last island of the West Reach, Selidor. There, on the outer beach, both exhausted, they faced each other and fought, "talon and fire and word and sword," until: wizard to teach you what you need. Of course you need what I can teach you. You need the names. the lanes or over the hills, feeling through the soles of his bare feet and throughout his body. Medra had been thinking, once again, and still unavailingly, how he could leave Havnor at once and unnoticed, when the wizard came. Night had come. Gift's lamp had flickered out. Only the red glow of the fire shone on Hawk's face. It was not the face she had thought it. It was worn, and hard, and scarred all down one side. The hawk's face, she thought. She held still, listening. connection, he knew Hound had been on a true track again. It is often a matter of considerable importance that the words of these lore-books not be spoken. the Changer spoke against it at first, and then agreed. To Otter this conversation was, again, like walking forward in a vast darkness with a small lamp. Anieb's understanding was that lamp. Each step revealed the next step he must take, but he could never see the place where he was. He did not know what was coming next, and did not understand what he saw. But he saw it, and went forward, word by word. direction. An unexpected emptiness, raspberry panels with glittering stars, rows of doors. The. "I don't see the difference. You're sure you weren't betrizated?" "Got that from under Losen's nose too," he said to Tern. "Come have a look at it! It belonged to a. "I don't know," he said, but he tried to bring the werelight round them, and after a while the ground glimmered faintly before their feet. "Whom do you serve?" asked the shorter and younger of the women, speaking for the first time. She. "She bled again just now, and I couldn't stop it," Dory said. Tears ran out of her eyes and down her cheeks. Her face hardly changed. the summer air and light would soften him, and his tough, bare soles would feel the dry grass. afternoon, but after it she went off in her abrupt way. He felt some awe of her; she was. He looked stern. The dragon bore him away. invasion. Venway, Torheven and the Torikles, Spevy, Perregal, and parts of Gont were under Kargish. Birch was sending a carter down to Kembermouth with six barrels of ten-year-old Fanian ordered by the wine merchant there. He was glad to send his wizard along as bodyguard, for the wine was valuable, and though the young king was putting things to rights as fast as he could, there were still gangs of robbers on the roads. So Ivory left Westpool on the big wagon pulled by four big carthorses, jolting slowly along, his legs angling. Down by Jackass Hill an uncouth

figure rose up from the wayside and asked the carter for a lift. "I don't know you," the carter said, lifting his whip to warn the stranger off, but Ivory came round the wagon and said, "Let the lad ride, my good man. He'll do no harm while I'm with you." slave takers carried off men, boys, young women. Little children and the old they slaughtered..A cat came round the corner of a garden, no abandoned starveling but a white-pawed, well-.find him here. He was not here to find. There was no need to speak any name. There was nobody but.art, as he had taught it to her..forever to kill a windmill... So people turn to the realms of fantasy for stability, ancient.becomes elegant, and what everybody knows is true turns out to be what some people used to think..and your fiefdom on Hosk, the greatest navy the world has seen! I shall lead them. And the glory.strong man in his prime, not likely to retire or die. Among the scholars and other teachers he had.stones. He said they would not come back. He said Lord Sparrowhawk had told him to come back to."It's up to me too if he stays or goes, and he goes. You haven't got all the sayso. All the people say he ought to go. He's not canny." .and sent the healing into his hands with the words of power spoken over and over. After a while.him. No, it had become a habit after Silence left, he thought, with the bit of his mind that went.be distasteful to us, but which may be seen as quite legitimate and even desirable by its own.wind, there hurtled past on them, as on impossible (for completely unsupported) viaducts, oval.Gelluk had made him foreman over the miners, Licky said, but he did no work in the mine; the.ambitions, they said, that had perverted all the arts to ends of gain. "We do not deal with their.shore of Ilien, taking what they wanted, and did the same on Vissti and Kamery, looting what they.that he thought about his pupil, and not until he had eaten supper alone that he admitted that.His pale eyes blazed then. Try!". "You might keep some goats," Silence said.. "I don't know," said the Doorkeeper..hid some reluctance or self-doubt. It was the father's idea, not the boy's, that he was gifted.. "Go to Roke," the wizard said. The boy wore shoes and a good leather vest. He could afford or earn ship's passage to the School..building, deep in its sleep and security, was ridding itself of me. A part of the transparent cylinder.volcano called Andanden standing over all..version of it, and several other versions already current. In the best of them, Otak had towered.having by both wizardry and scholarship discovered Yevaud's true name under centuries of false."Bregg." I heard her voice as if from a distance. I started. I had completely forgotten."I didn't understand," Irioth said, "about the others. That they are other. We are all other. We must be. I was wrong." .for them. But when some of the young men started after them, there was no path..fill his thoughts. Her massive, innocent strength had defeated him absolutely so far, but he did."I talked to him last night," Golden said. "He said to me that there are certain natural gifts.socket.." "They say," said Ayo from the shadows, "that there's an island where the rule of justice is kept.she still scowled, sometimes she smiled, but she did not laugh. When she could, she went to the.Master, never counted among the Nine. A vital ethical and intellectual force, the archmage also.between them moved long, silent bodies, and people emerged from these through rows of.The four Kargad islands are mostly arid in climate but fertile when watered and cultivated. The.were drawn in Berila about twelve hundred years ago..above, behind convex windows, scattered shadows sped by, unseen orchestras played, but here a.I entered a mall. It was filled with displays. Tourist offices, sports shops, mannequins in.By the time they were well into the bay and had let down the anchor it was dark, and Ivory said to the ship's master, "I'll go ashore in the morning." ."Just enough to keep going on, eh?".joke. I had had enough of his direct approach and joviality. If asked about it (or so, at least, I.wood as the plane ran down the silky oak board. Some noise or movement roused him. He looked up.sign in return, "but not always safe, among strangers." .the children, and jugglers and puppeteers, some of them hired and some of them coming by to pick."No," Irioth said. "Sans herd was going down fast when I left. I'm needed there." .Later he knew he should never have let the boy leave the house. He had underestimated Diamond's willpower, or the strength of the spell the girl had laid on him. Their conversation was in the morning; Hemlock went back to the ancient cantrip he was annotating; it was not till supper time that he thought about his pupil, and not until he had eaten supper alone that he admitted that Diamond had run away..him and scuttled into her hut. If he went up to the house he would have to face the pack of.whatever the reason, in those years they made increasing raids, sudden and random, on flocks and.English translation Copyright ? 1980 by Stanislaw Lem

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