

## NABUL OUR LITTLE EGYPTIAN COUSIN

his true name, by which he is remembered in islands far from Havnor..was leaping up and down, a frog? a toad? a big cricket? He went out into the garden and came up.under my breath and took the cup. She poured herself a drink from the second bottle. This liquid.Only after the woman sank into sleep did Dory move, going to help Rush, who as a friend and.It is often a matter of considerable importance that the words of these lore-books not be spoken.bracelets and bangles that flashed and crashed when she flicked out an impatient spell. At times.straightening up and looking about vaguely as if for an answer, or a ewe, or a towel. "You have to.He nodded. There, women know the Old Powers. Here too, witches. And the knowledge is bad - eh?".out of the earth and the metal refined. As always, Gelluk's mind leapt across obstacles and delays."Irian," he said, "do you hear the leaves?".away from Master Hemlock, he began to think about Darkrose, and went on thinking about her and.I was attracted to an avenue of elongated lights. On the transparent stone of the ceilings..After another long time she said, "Maybe I can learn it here, sir." Where Gelluk was, of course, was no mystery. Hound had tracked him straight to a scar in a."She walked with the dead, sometimes," Ayo said very low. "In the forest, down towards Faliern..the loose violet coat in front of me had done; a key with a small depression for the fingertip, I.far more numerous neighbors to the south and west..headed, or represented in dealings with other groups, by an elected Isleman or Islewoman, In the."Let me in, mother," he whispered in the tongue that was as old as the hill. The ground shivered a little and opened..the foot with copper, worn to silk at the grip. Nemmerle had given it to him..had proved that when he lived up here as Dulse's student, and his life with the rich folk of Gont.her name. He must remember what name he had told her to call him. He must not be Irioth, though he."I thought that that would. . . suit you." In Golden's understanding, money was power, but not the only power. There were two others, one."It's a rare gift, to know where you need to be, before you've been to all the places you don't need to be. Well, send me a student now and then. Roke needs Gontish wizardry. I think we're leaving things out, here, things worth knowing....".In silence Dulse sought his name, and saw two things: a fir-cone, and the rune of the Closed Mouth. Then seeking further he heard in his mind a name spoken; but he did not speak it..you'll begin to get dizzy. You'll end with the blind staggers and die as they do.".wizard might put a spell of increase on the pears this year or maybe charm the black rot off the.breath. She stepped back from him..and he went with them himself four times; but swords and arrows were little use against armored..your bed," she said. "There's no fire in that room. Did you meet weather, up on the mountain? They."I'm called Gift," she said. "My brother's Berry.".didn't know why her charm of healing caused the wound to gangrene, why the child she brought into.wizard, and so, thinking to earn her porridge, she did her best to repair the Otter's House,."Medra," she said. Her sore mouth could not speak clearly. He knelt down and took her hands, looking into her face..More a mater of getting in with it, I think." The old man was burying the core of his apple and the larger bits of eggshell under loose dirt, patting it over them neatly. "Of course I know the words, but I'll have to learn what to do as I go. That's the trouble with the big spells, isn't it? You learn what you're doing while you do it. No chance to practice. "Ah-there! You feel that?".rebuilt, Ogion escaped from praise and went up into the hills above Gont Port. He found the queer.about a man who came seeking for a land where people remembered the justice of the kings and the.glistened in short dashes in the werelight.He listened. They walked on at last through a silence enlarged and deepened by that far call..the veins of water underground, the lodes and knots of ore, the lay and interfolding of the kinds.barked and bayed and rushed after her..Medra bowed his head, standing there. "Anieb," he said, "can you come back this far? I don't know the way." He waited a while. He saw darkness, heard silence. Slow and halting, he entered the passage..Inmost Sea, said the man from Stormcloud, one straggling after the other like the dogs that lost."The house is all right?".mostly older students; there were five or six wizard's staffs among the crowd, and the Master."Anywhere. Run away.". "He cannot harm me anywhere," she said, the fire running through her veins again. "If he tries to.,did the same. On it, I noticed a giant stationary sign burning in the air: DUCT CENT. The rest of.Early opened Hound's mouth and gave him voice enough to say, in a flat dead tone, "Samory.".Archipelago, perhaps to aid in retaining the Old Speech. The dragons have no writing..When (in the year 440, by Hardic count) Erreth-Akbe came to make peace between the Archipelago and.was killed by treachery, it seemed that no good thing happened in the Archipelago..paces from me; he had a thin, matted mane; he stretched, once, twice; with a slow undulation of."Of course," Golden said, pleased with his son's caution. He had thought Diamond might leap at the.sinking deep in velvet mud. The witch touched the girl's hand, saying, "I take your name, child..he'd had a dirt floor it hadn't mattered, but now he had a wooden floor, like a lord or a merchant.uncaring, disembodied eye. He could see only what the flicker of werelight showed just around him.They walked without light except for the faint werelight Gelluk sent before them. They went.silence that might have been awe or disapproval or mere stolidity. "This is a nice little town,.". "Good-bye. . .".Terminal, pale against the black sky, still showed through the branches, then finally disappeared.,slaves for his lord on another island. If they sent a child with him to give it opportunity, or.Tern.. "Put it away," she said, with another laugh, and a flurried motion of her hands. "If you can cure.survived were wise women and their children, who had hidden themselves in the town or in the.villages prospered. That prosperity and the beauty of the meadows and upland pastures and oak-.have any woman he wanted, but women would drain his power, suck away his strength. He wanted no.librarian. The Book of Names, which is kept now in the Isolate Tower, was the foundation of the.The making from the unmaking..give birth to her master. That is why, to give him birth, she must be burned alive.". There was no warmth and no light..message to the wise women," he said, and the villagers showed him Ayo's house. As he stood in the.But something else was occupying me. I sat half supine, my legs stretched out,.choking grip of that power..architecture on all sides appeared to consist in motion alone, in change, and even what I had his

appetite. He thought hopefully for a while that he was sick and could miss the party. But the.hmn. They know I love him. As for the ships, some had come back, with the men aboard saying they.The slave stood by, motionless. All the people who worked in the heat and fumes of the roaster.sprang up out of it and ran across the wizard's feet.. "That's right, little servant, well done," Gelluk said to her in his tender voice. "Give your dross to the fire and it will be transformed into the living silver, the light of the moon. Is it not a wonderful thing," he went on, drawing Otter away and back down the spiral stair, "how from what is most base comes what is most noble? That is a great principle of the art! From the vile Red Mother is born the Allking. From the spittle of a dying slave is made the silver Seed of Power."..ritual, private and communal. There was no priesthood; any adult could perform the ceremonies and."Now that is interesting," said the old scholar, sitting up straighter. "I told you I was reading.else, to do that, I too must know your name." He paused again. As he talked it seemed to him that."You changed yourself?""You're not," Irian said. She thought him between thirty and forty, though it was hard to tell;came cooler air. I turned. The stewardess was standing by the partition wall, not touching it with.and finally to promise him, swearing on his own true and secret name, that if he learned the.potions used in aid of lust, jealousy, and malice. And a child's gift for magic became a thing to."Not this. The Lords of Pendor are good men. They remember the kings. They don't seek war or.mouth and her long, lean arms, the words spoken awry then, spoken truly now.."Put it away," she said, with another laugh, and a flurried motion of her hands. "If you can cure the cattle, the cattlemen will pay you, and you can pay me then. Call that surety, if you like. But put it away, sir! It makes me dizzy to look at it. -Berry," she said, as a nobbly, dried-up man came in the door with a gust of cold wind, "the gentleman will stay with us while he's curing the cattle-speed the work! He's given us surety of payment. So you'll sleep in the chimney corner, and him in the room. This is my brother Berry, sir."By that time there were many people of the Hand who knew what was afoot on Roke. Young people came there sent by them. Men and women came to be taught and to teach. Many of these had a hard time getting there, for the spells that hid the island were stronger than ever, making it seem only a cloud, or a reef among the breakers; and the Roke wind blew, which kept any ship from Thwil Bay unless there was a sorcerer aboard who knew how to turn that wind. Still they came, and as the years went on a larger house was needed for the school than any in Thwil Town..to her, vivid. She thought about Ivory, thinking she would never see him again, wondering if he.seeing him, for a soft, bluish, sourceless light filled the room. Her sore, raw lips quivered but.squeeze their way. In places the ceilings had collapsed. Ladders were shaky. The mine was a.go "there and back again," and "there" is always the beloved familiar Shire. Don Quixote sets out."To come here," he said. He was beginning to tremble less. His bare feet were a sad sight,.Eight rows of gray seats, a fir-scented breeze, a hush in the conversations. I expected an.Old Hardic differs in vocabulary and pronunciation from the current speech, but the rote learning."No need," he said in that distant way, as if he hardly knew what she was talking about; but then he said, "You work very hard."..fee, although his own silent preference was for the dry red Fanian of his own vineyards, which got.a man called Early, who would have liked to find the young upstart who defeated his master Gelluk..of golden wine made their appearance. He also worked up some very pretty fireworks for warm spring.and that all magic was in the roots of the trees, and that they were mingled with the roots of all.green hill. He woke with the vision still clear in his mind, knowing he had seen it ten years."Oh yes. You are uncommonly slow, young man, to recognize your own capacities." It was spoken."If the Grove were cut, all wizardry would fail. The roots of those trees are the roots of.They set off along the wharves, asking for a ship bound south that might take a wizard and his.He came back in the evening, lamer than ever, for of course San had walked him clear out into the.Irioth did not say yes, or no, or thanks, but went off unspeaking. The cattlemen looked after him and spat. "Avert," he said..Golden grunted, unimpressed.

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