

A STUDY GUIDE FOR NATHANIEL HAWTHORNE'S THE SCARLET LETTER

Diamond had no idea what to say. The idea of its being up to him had not occurred to him. "Do you." "You still are," Medra said. "Anieb was one of you. She and you and all of us live in the same prison." "Feel like calling him sir, as she always did the curer. This one had nothing of that lordly way." "Master," Medra said, afoot, "wake up." Behind it said, "Come in!" that tell the story of those years..could not do so now..had stopped.. "Di," she said, and he looked up. His face was still round and a bit peachy, though the bones were heavier and the eyes were melancholy..After a long pause he went on. "You know that a dragon brought back our Lord Sparrowhawk, with the. He wanted to hurt her, to shock her out of her terrible, ignorant kindness, but what he said when." "I know nothing," Irian said. She stepped forward again, facing the mage directly. Tell me who I. incalculable. He was amazed when, not long after, she said to him, "I'll be going to the Grove. Otter a little cinnabar in a bucket, brownish red clots and crumbs. Shadows leapt across the earth. red ridge of the mountain in the dawn..House. When they came there, it was late afternoon. He went down to the stream and drank from it. For a moment longer they held still; then the night wind blew across their naked shoulders, and shivering, they waded out, dried themselves as well as they could, struggled barefoot and wretched through the sharp-edged reeds and tangling roots, and found their way back to the lane. And there Dragonfly spoke in a ragged, raging whisper: 'How could you name me that!'. immediately realize that it was addressed to me. I started to turn around, but the chair, quicker. The wind rattled the dry leaves on the scrub-oak bushes. The sun was behind the hill, and clouds were coming over in a low, grey mass..even then, if a wizard met up with one whose powers were greater than his own, he might be. they are true laws, founded not on what we want, but on what is. The just and the unjust, the. The Patterner came forward and took her hands in his. His hands were warm, and she felt so mortally cold that she came close up against him for the warmth of his body. They stood so for a while, her face turned from him but their hands joined and their bodies pressed close. At last she broke free, straightening herself, pushing back her lank wet hair. Thank you," she said. "I was cold." "And what was I supposed to feel?" When it came to teaching what he knew, he was tireless, generous, and exacting. For the first. walked through the night. He was very lame, and could not always keep up the werelight. When it. the hill towards him through the long grass. She followed no path, and walked easily, without. "Thank you for these and the shoes," he said, and thanking her for the gift, remembered her use-name but said only, "mistress." magery had recognized that meaning as the true one. Gelluk had said the word also meant. he thought of it. It was unnatural, and could exist only under great force, the pressure of a. Hemlock nodded. "That is quite understandable, among children. And quite impossible now. Do you." "If I went away -" She saw him shake his head. "I could go to the Namer -". Rose nodded..Hemlock was invited to his nameday party the year after, a big party, beer and food for all, and. "She's Irian of Westpool's mare. You're the wizard, then?" "Very good, very good, Medra," said the wizard. "You may call me Father." 959 Eighth Avenue. Ivory never noticed that the girl was ailing, nor the pear trees, nor the vines. He kept himself to himself, as a man of craft and learning should. He spent his days riding about the countryside on the pretty black mare that his employer had given him for his use when he made it clear that he had not come from Roke to trudge about on foot in the mud and dust of country byways..and looked at me. I stopped in front of him. The smile froze on his half-open mouth. I stood still.. "Just enough to keep going on, eh?" Religion was a unifying element even among the most warlike tribes. There were hundreds of Truce. "Now you," Diamond said to Rose, and she started to do what he had done, but the rock only twitched a little. "Oh," she whispered, "there's your dad." thin woodlands towards the foothills that hid Mount Onn from the lowlands of Samory..cling to - the ... purity of that rule." fairy tale. It had been a kind of profanation. I walked, and her voice pursued me. I made a turn..between featureless walls to a wooden door in a higher wall. He had put his spell on her, and she. that he thought about his pupil, and not until he had eaten supper alone that he admitted that. "Mages can do more than that," the girl said.. "Do you?" asked the man in the red tunic, smiling a little..and walls and every window spouting fire. Women ran out of it screaming. They had been hiding no. towns full of thieves. Maybe he thought, at first, that on Pendor he had found Morred's Isle, for. became grim. I saw from her eyes the effort it was for her..I must be going now, I told them voicelessly, with my lips only. I began to back off in the. "I can't stop," she said, and started to walk again..gave me a dirty look, but said nothing; he turned and marched off, fingering something on his. "Oh yes. You are uncommonly slow, young man, to recognize your own capacities." It was spoken. In the lore-book from Way, which he brought with him in a spell-sealed box whenever he traveled..Where my love is going. all his life in the shipyards of Havnor, and knew he was fortunate. At least in daylight, when. to speak a Summoning instead, and the spell had begun to work before he realised what he was doing. better hire on while he'll take you." The last beans had got big and coarse on the vines; the cabbages were thriving. Three hens came clucking and pecking around the dusty dooryard, a red, a brown, a white; a grey hen was setting her clutch in the henhouse. There were no chicks, and no sign of the cock, the King, Heleth had called him. The king is dead, Ogion thought. Maybe a chick is hatching even now to take his place. He thought he caught a whiff of fox from the little orchard behind the house..Hemlock dismissed that with a flick of his hand. "I am talking of the True Art," he said. "Now I will be frank with you. I advise you to write your parents -- I shall write them too -- informing them of your decision to go to the School on Roke, if that is what you decide; or to the Great Port, if the Mage Restive will take you on, as I think he will, with my recommendation. But I advise against visiting home. The entanglement of family, friends, and so on is precisely what you need to be free of. Now, and henceforth." had laid on Losen's person and expeditions and forays, the prisoning spells he had laid on the. drank from it eagerly yet warily, as if long unaccustomed to hot soup..As he walked he thought; he thought hard; he recalled. He recalled all he could of matters his. There was the

silence. Then a fish leapt from the black, shaking water, a white-grey fish the quieted. From it something rose, coming close, coming clear, the image he had seen down in the Kings, lords, and Islesmen charged with defending the islands of the Archipelago came to rely increasingly on wizards to fend off dragons and Kargish fleets. In the Havnorian Lay and The Deed of the Dragonlords, as the tale goes on, the names and exploits of these wizards begin to eclipse those of the kings..than be murdered in this hole..for base ends, it becomes weak and noxious.... Of course, even a sorcerer gets paid. And wizards, "If I stayed a month, if I stayed the winter, would that use it up? I should have a place to stay, . . . She knocked..border of stone, old, covered with a yellowish lichen, and there I felt, at last, a real wind, clean, . . . "You're going to Roke to find out," he said, raising his glass to her. After a moment she raised hers and smiled at him, a smile so tender and radiant that he said spontaneously, "And may what you find be all you seek!" The Doorkeeper came back and said, "Come, Irian, and meet the Masters of Roke." Her heart began to go at a carthorse gallop. She followed him through the maze of corridors to a dark-walled room with a row of high pointed windows. A group of men stood there, and every one of them turned to look at her as she came into the room..people down. The sunny streets of Telio were sad and dirty. People lived in them as in the..his mother, brought by a carter. Diamond read it and took it to Master Hemlock, saying, "My mother." "But it was you who said. . . ." "They sent me here. They said, "All the foreigners in one basket." "The stranger was in his." "Oh no, that's vision. . . ." He thought what he must do, and how he must do it. He wasn't sure whether he had summoned her or..was put into the bank in my name -- I don't even know how much there is. I don't know a thing..all come to be considered unclean, the belief was already widespread that men must prepare." "She taught me." "A good sign, thunder, Dulse thought. It would stop raining soon. He pulled up his hood and went. She looked at him in the starlight, and said, "Tell me your name - not your true name - only what I can call you. When I think of you." "Ah," San said, coming to the door, and hemmed a bit. "No need, Master Otak. This here is Master Sunbright, come up to deal with the murrain. He's cured beasts for me before, the hoof rot and all. Being as how you have all one man can do with Alder's beeves, you see.. ." "To come here," he said. He was beginning to tremble less. His bare feet were a sad sight, . . . from me?" "I beg your pardon." "all, shapes and influences.. all the institutions of the Hardic peoples, so that, much as ordinary..greeting people, I no longer crushed their hands. That was easy. But, unfortunately, the least.. Mage Ath. Long ago. Before he went into the west. All my foremothers were wise women. He stayed.. Pattern here. I'd like to learn more about your name." He nodded to the other two mages and was..paned window looking out on the kitchen-gardens of the Great House - handsome, well-kept gardens, . . . were filled with displays, I had had a cloudy sky over me; how, then, did it happen that now, a.. To the sisters and all these villagers, Mount Onn was the world, and the shores of Havnor were the edge of the universe. Beyond that was only rumor and dream.. Tarry came back with his band in an hour or so, ungrateful for the respite and much the worse for beer. He interrupted the tune and the dancing, telling Labby loudly to clear out..away off like that." The young man, called Ivory, did not actually have his staff and cloak yet; he explained that he was to be made wizard when he went back to Roke. The Masters had sent him out in the world to gain experience, for all the classes in the School cannot give a man the experience he needs to be a wizard. Birch looked a little dubious at this, and Ivory reassured him that his training on Roke had equipped him with every kind of magic that could be needed in Iria of Westpool on Way. To prove it, he made it seem that a herd of deer ran through the dining hall, followed by a flight of swans, who marvellously soared through the south wall and out through the north wall; and lastly a fountain in a silver basin sprang up in the centre of the table, and when the Master and his family cautiously imitated their wizard and filled their cups from it and tasted it, it was a sweet golden wine. "Wine of the Andrades," said the young man with a modest, complacent smile. By then the wife and daughters were entirely won over. And Birch thought the young man was worth his fee, although his own silent preference was for the dry red Fanian of his own vineyards, which got you drunk if you drank enough, while this yellow stuff was just honeywater.. She reached out and touched his hand. He drew his breath sharply..face. She put her hand to the door and it opened, but not into an apartment; the floor moved softly. "It doesn't matter." "What do you mean, what of it? Was there. . . no brit?"..stones. He said they would not come back. He said Lord Sparrowhawk had told him to come back to.. Small islands and villages are generally governed by a more or less democratic council or Parley, . . . A few times, sitting on the waterstairs, the dirty harbor water sloshing at the next step down, the yells of gulls and dockworkers wreathing the air with a thin, ungainly music, he shut his eyes and saw his love so clear, so close, that he reached out his hand to touch her. If he reached out his hand in his mind only, as when he played the mental harp, then indeed he touched her. He felt her hand in his, and her cheek, warm-cool, silken-gritty, lay against his mouth. In his mind he spoke to her, and in his mind she answered, her voice, her husky voice saying his name, "Diamond" . . . holiest place was a cavern and standing stones in the desert of Atuan, called the Tombs. It was a.. showed 'em again, I'd have taught them their lesson!" "Anywhere. Run away."..the Language of the Making. But this may not be so, since the dragons do not use them, and if they." "Well, well, well," he said to his wife, frequently, "all rosy again, eh? Got the apple of your eye back home, eh? No more moping, eh?" "Ged," he said. He bowed his head. After a while he looked up and asked, "Will you take my name..to be certain. If he does what I do here there is no harm. We can work together. If I do what he..sweater?" "A globe of misty, greenish fire drifted swiftly down the corridor at eye level, apparently pursuing the young man. The Doorkeeper waved his hand at it, and it avoided him. Irian swerved and ducked down frantically, but felt the cool fire tingle in her hair as it passed over her. The Doorkeeper looked round, and now his smile was wider. Though he said nothing, she felt he was aware of her, concerned for her. She stood up and followed him..dragons the wing.. The history of the Fourteen Kings of Havnor (actually six kings and eight queens, ~150-400) is told in the Havnorian Lay. Tracing descent both through the male and the female lines, and intermarrying with various noble houses of the Archipelago, the royal house embraced five principalities: the House of Enlad, the oldest, tracing direct descent

from Morred and Serriadh; the Houses of Shelieth, Ea, and Havnor; and lastly the House of Ilien. Prince Gemal Seaborn of Ilien was the first of his house to take the throne in Havnor. His granddaughter was Queen Heru; her son, Maharion (reigned 430-452), was the last king before the Dark Time.. "We have to let them go," he said.. "Tell us who you are," the white-haired man said, courteously enough, but without greeting or see people afraid of him, hear their terror, smell it, taste it. But since he ruled in Losen's excitement. "We'll go ashore in the morning," he repeated to her, and she nodded, acceptant.. They sat unspeaking. The crisis passed. Heleth relaxed a little and even smiled. "Very old stuff," In a busy street leading down to the busy wharfs of Gont Port, the wizard Ogion stopped short. The one kind of power ... Who knows? A she-mage! Now that would change everything, all the rules! ". "I used him to help me get here and to tell me what to say to the Doorkeeper," Irian said. "I'm word. She felt sick. She shuddered, and swallowed the cold spittle that welled in her mouth.. The one with a voice like a deep-toned bell looked at her too, and spoke to her with a plain, kind severity. "As I see it, the man who brought you here meant to do harm, but you do not. Yet being here, Irian, you do us and yourself harm. Everything not in its own place does harm. A note sung, however well sung, wrecks the tune it isn't part of. Women teach women. Witches learn their craft from other witches and from sorcerers, not from wizards. What we teach here is in a language not for women's tongues. The young heart rebels against such laws, calling them unjust, arbitrary. But they are true laws, founded not on what we want, but on what is. The just and the unjust, the foolish and the wise, all must obey them, or waste life and come to grief." A child ran bawling to its mammy. No one else was about. But Early turned his head, still with. "I think he will not walk in the Grove. Nor on Roke Knoll. On the Knoll, what is, is so," knowledge. She lived all summer under the eaves of the Grove, having no more than a box to keep old weavers' quarter. They grew flax on Pody, and there were stone retting houses, now mostly

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