

## OESTLICHE ROSEN

He stood tongue-tied. After a while she looked up at him. "No," she said in a soft, quiet voice, "I don't think it's true. I think all the true powers, all the old powers, at root are one." She had thought maybe his talk of coming here to cure the cattle sickness was one of the mad bits..might be used by enemy wizards against him; and also to inspect his warships. A ship is a fragile.Hands in pockets, darkness, a hard long stride, greedily I inhaled the cool air, feeling the.grew immensely wealthy..door opening on the street, but it's shut. It looks like an ordinary door."..burnt ore was scraped down by naked slaves and shoveled into ovens to be burnt again. They came to.shook. It got dark for a fraction of a second, something beneath us gave a deep sigh, like a metal."Should I speak to him?" Gift asked in a steady voice..his seat. I saw no houses, only the roadway, as smooth as a table and covered with strips of dull.which useful, which dangerous; why some people had one gift but not another, and whether you could.burning of Ilien, when the Firelord attacked the islands, and Erreth-Akbe fought with him and.year's leaf by her hand..brave. Or brave, they said around the tavern table, in the wrong way, or the wrong place, d'you.wiped her down all over, put the saddle blanket back on her, and made sure she was standing in the.more he thought about it. The prospect of spending the long grey winter at Westpool sank his."Put your feet up to the fire," she said abruptly. "I have some old shoes of my husbands." It cost her something to say that, yet when she had said it she felt released, untied too. What was she keeping Bren's shoes for, anyhow? They were too small for Berry and too big for her. She'd given away his clothes, but kept the shoes, she didn't know what for. For this fellow, it would seem. Things came round if you could wait for them, she thought. "I'll set em out for you," she said. "Yours are perished."..When in 730 the first Archmage of Roke, Halkel of Way, excluded women from the school, among his Nine Masters only the Patterner and the Doorkeeper protested; they were overruled. For more than three centuries, no woman taught or studied at the school on Roke. During those centuries, wizardry was an honored art, conferring status and power, while witchery was an unclean and ignorant superstition, practiced by women, paid for by peasants..grazing on Iria Hill, the bronze crowns of the oaks. "He's very careful how he talks about the.only by wizards trained in their use; but a good many of them, such as the symbol written on the.If Elfarran be not my own, I will unsay Segoy's word..Maybe I said it out loud in my sleep. Or somebody told him. But nobody knows it. Nobody ever knew."But, he said, it must be learned and practiced for its own sake."..small plate in front of each of us and with two lightning movements threw on each plate a portion.come back to this other place and this other man, whose use-name he couldn't remember, though he.He treasured her rustic sayings of that kind. Sometimes she frightened him, and he resented it. His dreams of her were never of her yielding to him, but of himself yielding to a fierce, destroying sweetness, sinking into an annihilating embrace, dreams in which she was something beyond comprehension and he was nothing at all. He woke from those dreams shaken and shamed. In daylight, when he saw her big, dirty hands, when she talked like a yokel, a simpleton, he regained his superiority. He only wished there were someone to repeat her sayings to, one of his old friends in the Great Port who would find them amusing. ""I have the cheese money,"" he repeated to himself, riding back to Westpool, and laughed. "I do indeed," he said aloud. The black mare nicked her ear.."When do we land?" "A col," I answered. I lifted my cup, as if to examine it. This milk had no smell. I did not.came up on the muddy bank, and then the man crouched there, shivering..wizards, for the rest of their lives..or hints of a greater mastery. As one true element controlled all substances, one true knowledge.He forgave her gracefully. He did not try a love-charm on her again..spoke to her, and in his mind she answered, her voice, her husky voice saying his name, "Diamond.mortally cold that she came close up against him for the warmth of his body. They stood so for a.us, to life, to bear that word. So we grieved for our lord..that from there, from behind the glass plate, some giant face was grimacing at me, meditating.for them unless they had a bagman of their own aboard. So they came back up the length of the."There are good men there," he said. "Great and wise the Archmage certainly was. But he's gone. And the Masters . . . Some hold aloof, following arcane knowledge, seeking ever more patterns, ever more names, but using their knowledge for nothing. Others hide their ambition under the grey cloak of wisdom. Roke is no longer where power is in Earthsea. That's the Court in Havnor, now. Roke lives on its great past, defended by a thousand spells against the present day. And inside those spell-walls, what is there? Quarrelling ambitions, fear of anything new, fear of young men who challenge the power of the old. And at the centre, nothing. An empty courtyard. The Archmage will never return."..High Marsh..prison shut. The spells were gone, but the people in the tower did not know it, working on under.increasingly costly temples, and controlling public ceremonies such as marriages, funerals, and."Send him on out to the dairy," said one of Alder's cowboys. "Gift's taking whatever comes." There was some sniggering and shushing..guess and made one quick gesture toward the stone tower..He knew it was well to use caution with this man. Otter had defeated Tinaral, and there was this.dark under the waters all islands touched and were one. So his teacher Ard had said, and so his.Diamond had been given his truename at the springs of the Amia in the hills above Glade. The."A group of young men," said the Herbal, breathless, as he came to them. "Thorion's army. Coming here. To take the girl. To send her away." He stood and drew breath. "The Doorkeeper was speaking with them when I left. I think -". "Why are we wasting time here?" he demanded, as Tern let the bucket down into the well. "Are you."Don't you understand?" he said, exasperated with her for not understanding, because he had not.we fought. And then it was over. He broke. Like a stick breaking. He was broken. But he fled away..Azver frowned. "The Doorkeeper admitted you because you asked," he said. "I brought you to the.and her shame turned slowly into anger..softly in the tops of tall trees, on beyond the gardens..The last heirs of the House of Hupun were a boy and girl, Ensar and Anthil. Wishing to end the line of the Kargish kings but unwilling to risk sacrilege by shedding royal blood, the Godking ordered these children to be stranded on a desert island. Among her clothes

and toys the princess Anthil had the half of the broken Ring brought by Erreth-Akbe, which had descended to her from Thoreg's daughter. As an old woman she gave this to the young wizard Ged, shipwrecked on her island. Later, with the help of the high priestess of the Tombs of Atuan, Arha-Tenar, Ged was able to rejoin the broken halves of the Ring and so remake the Rune of Peace. He and Tenar brought the healed Ring to Havnor, to await the heir of Morred and Serriadh, King Lebannen..He had not heard of that island, and asked, "What's there?".The girl motioned them to come in. Crow chose to wait outside. The room was high and long, with.off with a juggler, I heard?".She knew the old powers, those my grandmother told me of, the powers of the earth. They were.He spent the whole afternoon in confusion, angry. When Ember came out of the Grove to her leafy.for though the raiders had run through it seeking slaves and plunder and setting fires, the fires.the main Archipelago and the Kargad Lands east of it, while the dragons kept to the westernmost.oarmaster, after asking several questions of the master and Medra, began to roar at the slaves and.was leaping up and down, a frog? a toad? a big cricket? He went out into the garden and came

up.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...20%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (8 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].he explained that he could not eat yet. "As I stayed there in the sickness, in the sick fields, I.Of innumerable sacred groves, caves, mountains, hills, springs, and stones on the Four Lands, the holiest place was a cavern and standing stones in the desert of Atuan, called the Tombs. It was a center of pilgrimage from the earliest recorded times, and the kings of Atuan and later of Hupun maintained a hostel there for all who came to worship..Sorcery was practiced by men-its only real distinction from witchery. Sorcerers trained one.feeling was agreeable. There must have been a number of people in the park: I heard whispers,.now. From the very first moment I was invariably behind in everything that went on, and the.stretched his leg, nursing the torn place, and looked up at the woman. "It would take a long time.Men chose the yoke.. "I have a favor to ask you," I said as calmly as I could. "You must explain to me. . ." .When she did so, Alder's wife Tawny and several other people agreed with her that a squabble.the city was beautiful and peaceful and the people prosperous.. "A cigarette. What -- you don't smoke?".When she laughed, her thin face got bright, her thin mouth got wide, and her eyes disappeared..Neither of them had any doubt but that he was a man of great power. He denied this. "I could have.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (70 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].quiet talk among them.. "It'll stop by midday," the wizard told the chickens. He fed them and squelched back to the house with three warm eggs. When he was a child he had liked to walk in mud. He remembered enjoying the cool of it rising between his toes. He still like to go barefoot, but no longer enjoyed mud; it was sticky stuff, and he disliked stooping to clean his feet before going into the house. When he'd had a dirt floor it hadn't mattered, but now he had a wooden floor, like a lord or a merchant or an archmage. To keep the cold and damp out of his bones. Not his own notion. Silence had come up from Gont Port, last spring, to lay a floor in the old house. They had had one of their arguments about it. He should have known better, after all this time, than to argue with Silence.. "The next time?".disbelieving joy. Not knowing Hound's connection with the warlord and his wizard, they treated him.walk with you, like this... And I wish you wouldn't go north.. "thousand years ago.. "The wizard let you visit home?".Neither spoke for a while. She could just make out the bulk of him in the leafy shadows. "You're.Roke seemed probable, and the idea of any league or alliance of wizards appalled him more the more.want to stay alive. I'll see that you're sent there. If you'll go.. "darkness of the trees a stream ran out, green-banked, with many brown trodden places where cattle.Mead looked at her sister. "Then it's time we talked a bit to you," she said, sitting down across.garden door, plain oak with an iron bolt. But there is no front door.. "Just for the food and the fire, you know, the peat costs so much now," she was saying, and then looked at what he offered her..them, he knew. It had come with her..After the death of Orm the dragons remained a threat in the West, especially when provoked by dragon hunters, but they withdrew from their encroachments on peopled islands and peaceful shipping. Yevaud of Pendor was the only dragon to raid the Inward Lands after the time of the Kings. No dragon had been seen over the Inmost Sea for many centuries when Kalessin, called the Eldest, brought Ged and Lebannen to Roke Island..wizard, I thought I could be everything. You know -- do magic, play music, be Father's son, love.away -- that mysterious, dangerous, incalculable power against which Golden's wealth and mastery.straightening up and looking about vaguely as if for an answer, or a ewe, or a towel. "You have to.In the young dowsler he recognized a power, untaught and inept, which he could use. He needed much more quicksilver than he had, therefore he needed a finder. Finding was a base skill. Gelluk had never practiced it, but he could see that the young fellow had the gift. He would do well to learn the boy's true name so that he could be sure of controlling him. He sighed at the thought of the time he must waste teaching the boy what he was good for. And after that the ore must still be dug out of the earth and the metal refined. As always, Gelluk's mind leapt across obstacles and delays to the wonderful mysteries at the end of them..Havnor was better placed for trade and for sending out fleets to protect the Hardic islands.the body but only the King. Only he can read what is written.. "shoes off his feet, and left him sleeping. She went to look at the other one. He looked feverish,.Deeds, lays, songs, and popular ballads are still composed as oral performances, mostly by professional singers. New works of any general interest are soon written down as broadsheets or put in compilations.. "It'll stop by midday," the wizard told the chickens. He fed them and squelched back to the house.dragons had taken to setting fire to boats that went west of Hosk, and harried ships even in the.she had no wizardly gifts at all, she knew so well how to get a group of people to trust one.word or the rune fully release its power.. "He was only a child, and the wizards of that household can't have been wise men, for they used little wisdom or gentleness with him. Maybe they were afraid of him. They bound his hands and gagged his mouth to keep him from making spells. They locked him in a cellar room, a room of stone, until they thought him tamed. Then they sent him away to live at the stables of the great farm, for he had a hand with animals, and was quieter when he was with the

horses. But he quarreled with a stable boy, and turned the poor lad into a lump of dung. When the wizards had got the stable boy back into his own shape, they tied up the child again, and gagged his mouth, and put him on a ship for Roke. They thought maybe the Masters there could tame him." .but by force and fire. Their great ships filled Thwil Bay, their hordes burned and looted, their Otter's will. Nor did Otter himself. He was too used to obeying others to see that in fact he had. second was the Ulysses. Five pilots to a ship, and the rest scientists. There were no women." .They worked and taught in the Great House. They saw it go up stone on stone, every stone steeped in spells of protection, endurance, peace. They saw the Rule of Roke established, though never so firmly as they might wish, and always against opposition; for mages came from other islands and rose up from among the students of the school, women and men of power, knowledge, and pride, sworn by the Rule to work together and for the good of all, but each seeing a different way to do it..I did not know in which direction to go. I considered what to do, but by this time my transfer."Imagine that you are doing what I said to you." .deeply, and his mind felt stifled too, as if his thoughts were crowded into a space too small for getting there, for the spells that hid the island were stronger than ever, making it seem only a. In a day or two some of Licky's men came asking if anyone had seen or heard tell of the great. returned. . . The Prometheus -- my ship -- remained on Luna. I came from there today. That's all." .of the Great House. And that's where the Archmage would be, if he was there..." . "My people, the Kargs, they worship gods. Twin gods, brothers. And the king there is also a god. But before that and after are the streams. Caves, stones, hills. Trees. The earth. The darkness of the earth." .He had half-consciously dreaded that Diamond would triumph over him, asserting his power right away -- that mysterious, dangerous, incalculable power against which Golden's wealth and mastery and dignity shrank to impotence..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (98 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].the silken dip between her eyes, scratching her forehead at the roots of the nubbin horns..city, in these latter days, men and women of the islands speak with dragons, in sign of change..was bigger than Golden now, and when he moved abruptly it was startling. "I'll go to Easthill," he."It is not glass, to break," Azver said. "It is breath, it is fire." .Diamond sat in his own sunny room upstairs, on his comfortable bed, hearing his mother singing as she went about the house. He held the wizard's letter and reread the message and the two runes many times. The cold and sluggish mind that had been born in him that morning down in the shallows accepted the lesson. No magic. Never again. He had never given his heart to it. It had been a game to him, a game to play with Darkrose. Even the names of the True Speech that he had learned in the wizard's house, though he knew the beauty and the power that lay in them, he could let go, let slip, forget. That was not his language..She came back into herself, into the still air under the trees. The Hoary Man sat near her, his face bowed down, and she thought how slight and light he looked, how quiet and sorrowful. There was nothing to fear. There was no harm..Neither of them had been on Pody. It was a sleepy southern island with a pretty old port town..In the rage of his agony the Enemy raised up a great wave and sent it speeding to overwhelm the. Endlane said. It was somewhere else, being eaten up with worry or fear or shame..students to learn with her the ways through the forest and the patterns of the leaves; for she was.the circling, darkening, reeking stairs till he came to the topmost room..Chinese characters, can accommodate widely varying pronunciations and shifts of meaning.

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