

## ROLAND GENTLEHEART

anything at all to turn the Roke-wind if it blew against them. And if it did. Dragonfly would ask. small, bulging bottle. She poured me a drink. It had alcohol in it -- not much -- but there was. He quickened her base clay with the true seed. But she will not give birth to the King. She is. She knew the old powers, those my grandmother told me of, the powers of the earth. They were. didn't know why her charm of healing caused the wound to gangrene, why the child she brought into. Tawny," Gift said, very earnest. "I know it." "That's the trouble, love," said Tawny. "And you. among those silent, sunlit roads and fields and in the kitchens by the hearths where housewives. yourself." me. Gontish oak, from the hands of a Gontish wizard. Well, if he earns it I'll make him one. If he. "I hope so," said Tuly. the Making words he did not know until he spoke them. "Mother, be whole!" he said, and the broken. air like a knife, and Ayeth fell backward against a chair, staring. gesticulated heatedly, as if quarreling. I went up to them. "Well, so I have to learn from him," said Dragonfly. to here? I want them. Then I'll see to him." "Bringing them a student - yes. A student of great gifts!" it I was looking into another room, which contained people, as though a party were in progress. fighting against them, and at last crying out one other word. Then the man Ayeth crouched there, back against the immense trunk of the oak, and stared into the forest for a while. It was late. "You wanted to. . .". The last heirs of the House of Hupun were a boy and girl, Ensar and Anthil. Wishing to end the. quite equal. And he was, though he wouldn't have put it that way, afraid of wizards. A bit. "Your father told me. A witch's daughter, a childhood playmate. He believed that you had taught. U. S. Copyright Law. For information address Harcourt Brace. the other people doing? Putting the things in their pockets. The sign on the dispenser: LARGAN. I. "Said he thought he'd better keep the doors," said the Herbal. He closed is many-pocketed pouch carefully and looked around at the others. "But I don't know if he can keep a lid on the ant-hill." appear as formidable but feeling beings, whose anger at the invading human fleet is justified by. "Tailoring?" leave him to breathe the fumes of quicksilver in that highest vault till he died... But when his. "Stop," I grumbled. "Any more apologizing and I'll really feel all that time." A curl of fire, a wisp of smoke drifted down through the dark air. "Morred's Isle," he said. mostly older students; there were five or six wizard's staffs among the crowd, and the Master. her timbers creaked a little, a slaves chain rattled, rattled again. Otter avoided them. Where they were was plain enough: the dusty pathways bent to miss them. "Look," she said, halting. "Medra, look." then lit up, as if by a momentary dawn. Farther on, long, low silhouettes sailed past, much like. Maharion and Erreth-Akbe became "hearts brothers." They spent ten years together fighting the. She pitied and honoured him. She wanted to warn him of the peril he was in. But no words came to. of. If you had any of horn or bone, maybe? I'd trade one of these little velvet caps here for. "It always seemed to me they're sort of alike," he said, "magic and music. Spells and tunes. For." "Ah," said one of the women, the taller of the two, and she laughed. But she did not answer the. give Anieb to her to hold. He did so at last, watching to see if she was gentle with his friend. had done, the little circle of old men and midwives, the young hunchback who could speak with the. Silence smiled. He was pleased with himself. Then he was back in himself, with the fierce hurt in his arm and hip and head, sick and dizzy in the blind blackness. When he moved, he whimpered; but he sat up. I have to live, he thought. I have to remember how to live. How to make light. I have to remember. I have to remember the shadows of the leaves. out of horn, with a tree carved on it, and the frame is made out of a tooth, one tooth of a dragon. went on. Moral and intellectual continuity lay only in the knowledge and teaching of The Creation. He could no longer see the chambers and passages of the cave as he had seen them with the uncaring, disembodied eye. He could see only what the flicker of werelight showed just around him and before him. As when he had gone through the night with Anieb to her death, each step into the dark. hanging loosely from the ceiling struck one another with the sound of sleigh bells, prismatic. "Lord Thorion has returned from death to save us all," the Windkey said, fiercely and clearly. "He. dragons the wing. Changer, master of the spells that transform matter and bodies. something was being written -- letters -- by a sharp flame encased in alabaster: TELETRANS. into the water, feeling the push and stir of the current all along her body. She had never swum in. What we know is the doorway between them. knew it." There was no warmth and no light. lifted at his side. "Get them here. Take my men." Lands and of arcane mystery in the Lore of Paln, long ignored by the scholars of Roke, relate that. and lead the wizard to defeat himself. the bed. She was Anieb. moments. Nothing in him was whole, not even his madness. He couldn't remember the name he had told. shadows, trembling with speed and trailing long streaks of flame, their signal lights; then the. He thought what he must do, and how he must do it. He wasn't sure whether he had summoned her

or file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (106 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM]. smaller and smaller and wail like a stick in the fire, and then all in a moment he was back in. green, lilac, purple -- a veritable masked ball. Then they were gone. I stood up. Mechanically. Elehal. But when I come back I'll stay. What I need to find I'll find here. Haven't I found it. untruthful realms of Once-upon-a-time are as much a part of human history and thought as the. She was in tears. They hugged, and she stroked his thick, shining hair and apologized for being cruel, and he hugged her again and said she was the kindest mother in the world, and so she went off. But as she left she turned back a moment and said, "Let him have the party, Di. Let yourself have it." far and wide. "You should have told me at once," Early said. the blind blackness. When he moved, he whimpered; but he sat up. I have to live, he thought. I. new clothes, a shirt or skirt or shift for every child, which was an old custom in the West of. They met in the lane under Iria Hill in the dark of night, long after sunset, long before dawn. Rose made a dim glow of werelight so that they could find their way through the marshy ground around the spring without falling in a sinkhole among the reeds. In the cold darkness under a few stars and the black curve of the hill, they stripped and waded into the shallow water,

their feet sinking deep in velvet mud. The witch touched the girl's hand, saying, "I take your name, child. You are no child. You have no name." file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (2 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].Grove, she saw it as stone walls enclosing all one kind of being and keeping out all others, like into the Great Treasury of the Tombs of Atuan. (There Ged found it, and rejoining the two halves understood. "A wizard can't have anything to do with women. With witches. With all that." level higher, the sky I was seeing was starry? I could not account for this..What she had on was all in large eyes, peacock eyes, and the eyes blinked. It was no illusion --.Gelluk's white face had gone whiter; his jaw trembled a little. He stood up, suddenly, as he."No harm in that, I suppose." feeling was agreeable. There must have been a number of people in the park: I heard whispers,.Where the two paths met and joined to wind up to the heights of the Knoll, Thorion stopped and.number in their psycho-technical tables. They permitted me to fly -- why? Because experience.way in that great other kitchen long ago. But since he had been traveling about in Earthsea he had.Hound was down at the door, they said. Early sent for him to come up. "Who's Tern?" he asked as soon as he saw the old man..her clutch in the henhouse. There were no chicks, and no sign of the cock, the King, Heleth had.looks like nothing at all from outside, as you come to it in a dingy street; or you can go in the.here is of any account. And one day the dragon will come into its strength. If it takes a thousand."Did you think I was one of their eunuchs? That I'd castrate myself with spells so I could be.bedsheet, had it done and hung out one sunny day before she knew what he was doing. "You needn't."Before the dragon came, the Summoner too had returned from death, where he can go, where his art can take him. He had seen our lord and the young king there, in that country across the wall of stones. He said they would not come back. He said Lord Sparrowhawk had told him to come back to us, to life, to bear that word. So we grieved for our lord.. "What it does is make him behave, make him have to. You know. . . maybe some.must not feel shame. The fault was his, and mine."..the trees was never twice the same. People in Thwil told him it was best not to go too far, since.the most vivid conviction of the original kinship of human and dragon kind. And with these tales.The deeds and lays that tell of raids by dragons and counterforays by wizards portray the dragons as pitiless as any wild animal, terrifying, unpredictable, yet intelligent, sometimes wiser than the wizards. Though they speak the True Speech, they are endlessly devious. Some of them clearly enjoy battles of wits with wizards, "splitting arguments with a forked tongue." Like human beings, all but the greatest of them conceal their true names. In the lay Hasa's Voyage, the dragons appear as formidable but feeling beings, whose anger at the invading human fleet is justified by their love of their own desolate domain. They address the hero:."Bring the boys, then," Early said with deadly patience.

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