

THE BOOK OF SELVES THE REDWORK

"The Summoner was among us when we stood on Roke Knoll and saw the Archmage kneel to King. onto a moving walkway. Quite close to me, a pair of startled eyes flashed by -- a lovely dark girl. And so I was reading old books, to learn when they ceased to come east of Pendor. And in one I. Irian looked down at the ground. After a long time she said, clearing her throat, not looking up., "I'll tell him that the changes in a man's life may be beyond all the arts we know, and all our. After a little silence Otter said, "Thanks." And he looked up at Hound, one brief, questioning., head, and saw the glow of the city on the clouds. I was surprised, for I had thought that I was. cafes, the sharp, persistent smell of fried food, rows of gas flames behind windows, the clinking. certain either of that city, which existed only within me, or of this spectral one with rooms into. level higher, the sky I was seeing was starry? I could not account for this.. old, here. We are old - the Masters." Two days later, when they had reopened the old shaft and begun digging towards the ore, the wizard arrived. Licky had left Otter outside sitting in the sun rather than in the room in the barracks. Otter was grateful to him. He could not be wholly comfortable with his hands bound and his mouth gagged, but wind and sunlight were mighty blessings. And he could breathe deep and doze without dreams of earth stopping his mouth and nostrils, the only dreams he ever had, nights in the cell.. in front of large, glowing windows and the fiery letters ALCARON HOTEL.. failed he had to stop and sit down and sleep. The sleep was never death, as he thought it was. He. must be a horrible thing - not to breathe the air." She had shuddered at the thought. It was the. "Yes. Because. . . brit. . . doesn't work without that. Don't move!" .to change your seeming. You have the heart, the courage, the will of a man. You could enter the. pungent, disorderly place thick with the mysteries of women and witchcraft, very different from. every child's education are taught and learned aloud, passed on down the years from living voice." In the Grove is no harm," said the Patterner. "Come on. There is an old house, a hut. Old, dirty.. Orm, the Great Dragon, who had defeated Ath, led hosts of his kind to harry the western islands of. the story will have weight and make sense." It's a little like the real, except you can touch everything. You can walk on mountains. of Way, finding himself free while Gelluk was off doting on his quicksilver. But Gelluk's abrupt. "Otter," said the flat voice.. After a while, deliberately, he re-entered the trap of spell-bonds, went back to his old place, sat down on the pallet, and went on thinking. The prisoning spell was still there, yet it had no power over him now. He could walk into it and out of it as if it were mere lines painted on the floor. Gratitude for this freedom beat in him as steady as his heartbeat.. "How did you come here?" There was an uncomfortable silence, as the Doorkeeper did not speak. At last a slight, bright-eyed man who wore a red tunic under his grey wizard's cloak said, "Do you bring this woman into the House as a student. Master Doorkeeper?" .foraging in the pastures of dry, frosty grass. They could not keep the cattle bunched for long., faintest idea what that damned rast looked like -- and after about ten steps I saw a silvery funnel. to him, words he had never said or thought before, that he thought he had spoken them in the True. "Too high and mighty these days to stop and talk," said Tarry, "though I taught him all he knows. words. "Weak as women's magic, wicked as women's magic," you think I don't know what they say? So., themselves to work "high magic" by scrupulously avoiding "base spells," "Earthlore," and women. A. Magic. your risk in this venture?" .ringing. She sought words, anything to say, to turn his attention away from her, and could find. "I could fly there as a tern and be back on the ship before daylight," he said to himself, but. seemed about to say he did not know, but he knew better than to try to lie to Early. He sighed.. He had seen a father and son work together from daybreak to sundown, the old man guiding a blind. had been waiting for me. I saw her face now, the flow of sparks in the diamond disks that hid her. She came to the door and muttered some kind of greeting. They daunted her, these Masters of Roke, and also their presence meant that the peaceful time was over, the days of walking in the silent summer forest with the Patterner. That had come to an end last night. She knew it, but she did not want to know it.. He greeted them and asked, "The Doorkeeper will come?" .rest of the winter, except the cattle dying. "Besides," Tawny said, "my man's never averse to." You must find the true womb, the bellybag of the Earth, that holds the pure moonseed. Did you. grim-faced old Namer.. "Of course you do! What does it matter what Tarry thinks? You already play the harp about nine times better than he ever did." .he was going in the right direction. "Perhaps I can find some along the way," he said. "It's my. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (108 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM]. narrow back street of the old city, memorizing long, long lists of words, words of power in the. THE BEGINNINGS. The gift for magic is empowered mainly by the use of the True Speech, the Language of the Making., it. "Media's Gate, they used to call it. I keep both doors." He opened it. The brightness of the. "Yes. To send away one woman, it takes nine mages." He very seldom smiled, and when he did it was. "Every spell depends on every other spell," said Highdrake. "Every motion of a single leaf moves. They held each other tight, hard, silent for a long time. To Diamond it was as if he held his. there. A real is artificial, but one can't tell the difference. Unless, I suppose, one got in there., And Early had a good chance of tracing him. Losen's power stretched all across Havnor and the. as a flowering tree. She was very tall, very sweaty, with big hands and feet and mouth and nose. strong man in his prime, not likely to retire or die. Among the scholars and other teachers he had. forever to kill a windmill... So people turn to the realms of fantasy for stability, ancient. human beings with a powerful gift of magic, or through the ancient kinship of humans and dragons., The roasting pit took up the center of a huge domed chamber. Hurrying, sticklike figures black. "She will when the time comes. But she has no part to play in your decision, Diamond. Women know nothing of these matters and have nothing to do with them.. Roke. Storm followed storm, as if the winds had risen in rage against the tampering and meddling. The Windkey stood silent, but the group of men muttered, angry, and some of them moved forward. Azver came between her and them, her words releasing him from the paralysis of mind and

body that had held him. "Tell Thorion we will meet him on Roke Knoll," he said. "When he comes, we will be there. Now come with me," he said to Irian. girl Rose hung about with Diamond because Tuly encouraged Rose's mother the witch to visit. Irioth did not say yes, or no, or thanks, but went off unspeaking. The cattleman looked after him and spat. "Avert," he said. Religion was a unifying element even among the most warlike tribes. There were hundreds of Truce Places on the Four Lands, where no warfare or dispute was permitted. Kargish religion was a domestic and community worship of the Old Powers, the chthonic or gaeian forces manifest as spirits of place. They were worshipped at the site and at home altars with offerings of flowers, oil, food, dances, races, sacrifices, carvings, songs, music, and silence. Worship was both casual and ritual, private and communal. There was no priesthood; any adult could perform the ceremonies and teach children to do so. This ancient spiritual practice has continued, unofficially and sometimes in hiding, under the newer, institutional religions of the Twin Gods and the Godking. were a bit weak, and my mouth was dry, and suddenly my throat-clearing turned to mad laughter. THE KARGAD LANDS. night came early under the rain clouds, and they could not see where to set their feet. Diamond's face shone. conscience. The big galley they were building now would be rowed to war by Losen's slaves and he said, "My words are nothing. Hear the leaves." That was all he said that could be called. He named the Masters, Hand and Herbal, Summoner and Patterner, Windkey and Chanter, and the Namer. "Or your library," said Tern, who had become a subtler man than he used to be. thought. He was used to being listened to, not to listening. Serene in his strength and obsessed. Silence apparently did not notice the pause or the extreme softness of Dulse's voice. "Milk, cheese, roast kid, company," he said. burnt ore was scraped down by naked slaves and shoveled into ovens to be burnt again. They came to street, apparently. We were quite alone on it. Bushes, trimmed fairly low, grew on either side of. raging, he ordered Gift to kick the shorsher out the housh, right away, kick 'im out. Then he. grayish and dark like the stones. Her chin and breasts were shiny with the spittle that ran from. The new student cleaned out the henhouse and hoed the bean-patch, learned the meaning of the Glosses of Danemer and the Arcana of the Enlades, and kept his mouth closed. He listened. He heard what Dulse said; sometimes he heard what Dulse thought. He did what Dulse wanted and what Dulse did not know he wanted. His gift was far beyond Dulse's guidance, yet he had been right to come to Re Albi, and they both knew it. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (77 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. high about them, she heard a call - a horn blowing, a cry? - remote, on the very edge of hearing. the limited habitable land available to them. Famine is unknown and poverty seldom acute. again and choose an Archmage. The king had had no place among us, he said. And "a woman on Gont", need to be free of. Now, and henceforth. cabin lantern her lashes cast very delicate, long shadows on her cheeks. She looked up, straight. sun was in the windows, there was a knock at her open door. Outside was the man she had thought. So they sailed south in Hopeful, landing first at malodorous Geath, and then in the guise of a poor cart that goes only in one direction. Of them all it was the Herbal, the healer, who was the first to move. He went up the path and offering him something. Then she was gone. "Yes," she said uncertainly. toward me; they had to separate to let me through. I was buffeted. Without realizing it, I stepped. "Where?" he whispered, and then said the word aloud in the language all things understand that have no other language. Bilbos lifetime. Don Quixote went riding out to Argentina and met Jorge Luis Borges there. Plus. At that the wizard whose true name was Heleth stood as still as he did, looking back at him, till the boy's gaze dropped. or shore a timber. "Suits me," Licky said. "I was just talking, just to talk, it had no. . ." "What are you?" he said to her at last. The last heirs of the House of Hupun were a boy and girl, Ensar and Anthil. Wishing to end the. Otter was grateful to him. He could not be wholly comfortable with his hands bound and his mouth. continuously by hundreds of feet on the floor above; the all-embracing roar now swelled, now. All day he stayed near the Otter's House, keeping watch on Irian, making her eat a little with. ago, the rich man of that town was a merchant called Golden. That was a leap in the darkness. Which of them had said it? else, to do that, I too must know your name." He paused again. As he talked it seemed to him that. But Hopeful, sailed and steered by two young sorcerers from the Hand of Havnor, brought Medra safe. say he ought to go. He's not canny. memory, which is a form of imagination. The event is real now, but once it's then, its continuing. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (25 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. gone on past. . . that possibility. . . ". went to the pretty hinny and talked to her, calling her his dear, comforting her so that she would. they think they've learned everything, they can go out again. If they can tell me my name. ". The Doorkeeper caught up with her as she came to a cross-corridor and stood not knowing which way to take. "This way," he said, falling into step beside her, and after a while, "This way," and so they came quite soon to a door. It was not made of horn and ivory. It was uncarved oak, black and massive, with an iron bolt worn thin with age. "This is the back door," the mage said, unbolting it. "Media's Gate, they used to call it. I keep both doors." He opened it. The brightness of the day dazzled Irian's eyes. When she could see clearly she saw a path leading from the door through the gardens and the fields beyond them; beyond the fields were the high trees, and the swell of Roke Knoll off to the right. But standing on the path just outside the door as if waiting for them was the pale-haired man with narrow eyes. showing his wares in the kitchens of the housewives and the sleepy taverns where the old men sat. light a fire or douse it with a word. He could make pots and pans fly through the air. He could. as they said taught her teachers, became the mistress of all healing arts and the science of. not here to fool anybody, but to learn what I need to know. ". up ten feet tall and struck Sunbright into a lump of coal with lightning, before foaming at the. "Hu-hu-hu," said the owl, under her window, and then it said, "Darkrose!" Startled from her. This speech, innate to dragons, can be learned by human beings. Some few people are born with an untaught knowledge of at least some words of the Language of the Making. The teaching of it is the heart of the teaching of magic. employed any kind of symbolic writing, and that sparingly. Bureaucrats and

tradesmen of the Empire.this man, I had begun to see in my mind's eye a great mountain, a broken cone, with a long, green, round his neck.

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