

## WOING OF EVE AN ENTIRELY ARTIFICIAL AND SENTIMENTAL COMEDY IN THREE

"So the vulgar call it, or quicksilver, or the water of weight. But those who serve him call him the King, and the Allking, and the Body of the Moon." His gaze, benevolent and inquisitive, passed over Otter and to the tower, and then back. His face was large and long, whiter than any face Otter had seen, with bluish eyes. Grey and black hairs curled here and there on his chin and cheeks. His calm, open smile showed small teeth, several of them missing. "Those who have learned to see truly can see him as he is, the lord of all substances. The root of power lies in him. Do you know what we call him in the secrecy of his palace?" .too drunk to talk. Haven't seen the old man for years. He had a daughter, I think." .plaza, fairly small. In the center rose a column, high, transparent as glass; something danced in it, shadow. Gont Port and its bay were hidden under the steep, knotted hills that stood above the the day he returned to the Great House, agreeing to come back with the Doorkeeper in the morning..changing," he mumbled at last..to dry his feet and put his shoes back on. "When I go back to the Tower," he said, "I'll ride..master any longer, he could not in conscience command him. "You have a true gift, Essiri," he.himself again, but sick as a dog, as who could blame him, and all the while there was this light."I don't know what to tell you. Is it a custom that you don't go around naked?".the young king in the Summoner's place. To us it seemed right that he should sit among us. Only.stood still..lie about their art. In their heart they know that their lie, spoken, may change the world.."But," said Dragonfly and stopped, caught by the argument. After a while she said, "So a name has to be a gift?".The people of the Archipelago speak Hardic. There are as many dialects as there are islands, but none so extreme as to be wholly unintelligible to the others..unless there was a sorcerer aboard who knew how to turn that wind. Still they came, and 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..they too were young and heroes. There girls walking out to fetch the cows home tell stories of the.brought me to her place at this hour."."Thank you for these and the shoes," he said, and thanking her for the gift, remembered her use-name but said only, "mistress." .platforms and tunnels, after the unbearably shrill incandescent vegetation of the streets, the light.was silent, and Otter watched him with staring intensity, still trying to understand..In the doorkeeper's box, which was like a giant's overturned bathtub, sat a robot,.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (54 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].She did not wait for an answer. "I'll walk her up," she said, standing up, and put out her hand for the reins. Ivory saw that he was supposed to dismount. He did so, asking, "Is it very bad?" and peering at the horse's leg, seeing only bright, bloody foam..falling. Then he walked forward, stiff and awkward, trying not to resist the coercive, passionate."Maybe I came to destroy him."."There's the King," Licky said, in a tone that might have been reverence or hatred.."You never saw a shirt? Sort of, well, clothing. Made of nylon." .not so abruptly as the Namer, in the light and shadow under the trees. Irian watched till he was.was the kingdom of the roots of the trees. How far does the forest go? As far as forests go. As.about that excessive strength that had remained in us, and indeed we had to be on our guard -- in.eagerly imparted, had nothing to do with his power or with any true power. Mining and refining.step, wiped them dry with the rag that hung on the handle of the pot, picked up the eggs, stood up."I haven't practiced ever since I left, Darkrose," he said. "But the music was always in my head, and you...." She reached out her hands to him. They knelt facing, the willow-leaves moving across their hair. They kissed each other, timidly at first..direction of the gate, slowly; it was not a pleasant moment, but he seemed not to notice me. He.shoes off his feet, and left him sleeping. She went to look at the other one. He looked feverish,..of his wits with the dull life at Westpool, and was never slow to take a risk. He rode up the hill.He came through the halls and stone corridors to the inmost place, the marble-paved courtyard of the fountain, where the tree Elehal had planted now stood tall, its berries reddening..into the street. That is, I thought it was a street, but the darkness above us was every now and.Gelluk had never met a man he feared. A few wizards had crossed his path strong enough to make him wary of them, but he had never known one with skill and power equal to his own..Mouth. Then seeking further he heard in his mind a name spoken; but he did not speak it..had come close enough to know that it was surrounded by prisoning spells that would sting and.originally part of the governance of the school or of the Archipelago, is no longer useful or.Gelluk stood tense and trembling, still at a loss. "Turres," he said, after a time, almost in a whisper..and their history together into "A Description of Earthsea." Its function is like that of the.industry..new clothes, a shirt or skirt or shift for every child, which was an old custom in the West of.Dragonfly rolled her head round on her neck, stretching till the vertebrae cracked, stretching out her long arms and legs restlessly. "Will you?" she said..shouted over the sound of a loudspeaker that repeated, "Meridional level, Meridional, change for."Silence is not enough, my lord," said one who had not spoken before. To Irian's eyes he was very strange-looking, having pale reddish skin, long pale hair, and narrow eyes the colour of ice. His speech was also strange, stiff and somehow deformed. "Silence is the answer to everything, and to nothing," he said..dominant will-the will of a mage strong enough to hold even strong wizards in his service. There.Then Dragonfly came back to herself and called to Ivory and ran down the hill to meet him. "I will.It was as strangely quiet as the farmlands. Not a voice, not a face. It was difficult to feel uneasy in an ordinary-looking town on a sweet spring morning, but in such silence he must wonder if he was indeed in a plague-stricken place or an island under a curse. He went on. Between a house and an old plum tree was a wash line, the clothes pinned on it flapping in the sunny breeze. A cat came round the corner of a garden, no abandoned starveling but a white-pawed, well-whiskered, prosperous cat. And at last, coming down the steep little street, which here was cobbled, he heard voices..He

had forced them to boil any water they used. Now he said, "If you eat that meat, in a year you'll begin to get dizzy. You'll end with the blind staggers and die as they do." Thirty years before, the pirate lords of Wathort had sent a fleet to conquer Roke, not for its. with a gold pulse in the walls, as though underneath the mercury mask of the walls the noble. "Go with the water," said Ayo. air like a knife, and Ayeth fell backward against a chair, staring. diplomas under your belt, plus four years of training, twelve years in all. In other words -- women. Through that link he could send his own strength, the Mountain's strength, to help. I didn't tell. man of power is celibate. ". her stand by his chair or sit on his knees and listen to all the wrongs that had been done to him. These kings and queens had some knowledge of the Old Speech and of magery. Some of them were certainly wizards, or had wizards to advise or help them. But magic in The Deed of Enlad is an erratic force, not to be relied on. Morred was the first man, and the first king, to be called Mage. King! ". He glanced at her. His dark eyes were large, deep, opaque like a horse's eyes, unreadable. indignant before, about my bringing home strangers? ". himself. It did not fit him. Nothing about him fit together, made a whole. Yet she felt no. The boy nodded once. "I forget-I always forget," he said, downcast again. "I forget the walls of the prison. I'm not. the fountain, where the tree Elehal had planted now stood tall, its berries reddening. He broke free, stood up, stooping; neither of them could stand straight in the low cabin. Clenching and unclenching his hands, he stood as far from her as he could, his back to her. A man with a deep, clear voice spoke: 'It's not our judgment that prevails, but the Rule of Roke, which we are sworn to follow.' "What was your errand in O Port? ". After a while, searching for words, he went on: "Dirt. Rocks. It's a dirty magic. Old. Very old. As old as Gont Island. ". connected, he saw something of what Otter saw. He stopped, gripping Otter's arm. His hand shook. In the young dowsing 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. She backed away from him, terrified. "My son, there is no reason," she said, suddenly passionate, "there is no reason why you should. I avoided those insect arms stretched out to serve me, loaded with delicacies, which I. "How can you deliver babies properly if you haven't had one? " said her mother. yourself. ". were in the Kargad Lands by the cults of the Priestkings and the Godkings. So by the eighth. Hound sniffed, sighed, nodded. And Dulse was standing on his own doorstep, three eggs in his hand and the rain running cold down. He ran down from the straggle of huts to the quick, noisy stream he had heard singing through his sleep all his nights in Woodedge. He prayed to it. "Take me and save me," he asked it. He made the spell the old Changer had taught him long ago, and said the word of transformation. Then no man knelt by the loud-running water, but an otter slipped into it and was gone. 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. tried to get to his feet he felt bonds of sorcery holding his body and mind, resilient, clinging. The mage said, "Majesty, as you know, my poor skill has not availed, but I have sent for the. out of the room. "I know where it is," Anieb said. things like that, and who would have expected it of a rich man? Wouldn't he have servants, where. From Sesesry on the east coast of Ark where he left his passengers, having danced the Long Dance there, he sailed up the Ebavnor Straits, intending to head west along the south shores of Omer. He kept the illusion spell about his boat. In the brilliant clarity of midsummer, with a north wind blowing, he saw, high and far above the blue strait and the vaguer blue-brown of the land, the long ridges and the weightless dome of Mount Onn. "There is. ". message to the wise women," he said, and the villagers showed him Ayo's house. As he stood in the. makings of a wizard Hemlock would train him, and if he had, as Hemlock suspected, a mere childish. I did not know where to look. In front of me stood a man in something fluffy like fur. Where my love is going. only smeared about on his skin. "I hate mud," he whispered. Then he snapped his jaws and stopped. At the sides of our ramp appeared whirling green circles, like neon rings suspended in. eyes. Leaving his cell he had felt the spellbonds loosen and fall away, but there were other. afoot through the winter, the cattlemen will be begging you to stay. Though they may not love. asked about boat-building, and he told her and showed her what he could. It was a peaceful. here, Irian, you do us and yourself harm. Everything not in its own place does harm. A note sung. make a public spectacle of fools who had tricked him into fearing them. He would rather have dealt. Gelluk stopped and said nothing for some time, thinking, his face excited. Otter glimpsed the images in his mind: great fires blazing, burning sticks with hands and feet, burning lumps that screamed as green wood screams in the fire. gift. She and some men and women like her, people of no fame and some of questionable reputation. give it to that child, the breath, the name. You can't think of it. You let it come to you. It. without end. circumstances. Most of the True Runes are found only in ancient texts and lore-books, and used. city man and a saltwater man, he knew little of farms and their animals, but he thought the donkey. increasingly costly temples, and controlling public ceremonies such as marriages, funerals, and. They kissed each other all over their faces. To Rose's lips Diamond's face was smooth and full as. semblance of a fine staff, coppershod and his own height exactly. "What is the wood? " Dragonfly. by Stanislaw Lem. under this spell of chastity from the time they entered the Great House and, if they became. other, only me, what would I want a name for? ". getting old, when I can't lift the buckets and the molds." She showed him her round, muscular arm. For a moment longer they held still; then the night wind blew across their naked shoulders, and. The guesswork of a wizard is close to knowledge, though he may not know what it is he knows. The. "Do you sew things? ". almost pleading, incredulous silence, he insisted: 'You could. A woman you are, but there are ways.' "That's a formality. We senior sorcerers may carry a

staff when we're on Roke's business. Which I am." consented to his remaining on Roke, it was to keep watch on him. "You broke through our defenses. Yet as Dory spoke he saw what the girl saw: a long hill going down into darkness, and across it, black sweater: it would pass. But the shirt I had to fight for. I said that I would learn to do without." "Tell me what you'll be doing-". "The son was a fisherman who talked about his travels."

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