

## **ORIIYA GRABOVOGO O BOGE PRINCIPY MYSHLENIYA OBESPECHIVAYUTHIE VEC**

yourself." because they were Gontish matters, truths of Gont. They were not written even in Ard's lore-books.,He had turned up on Dulse's doorstep a few years ago. Well, no, twenty years ago it must be, or twenty-five. A while ago now. He had been truly a boy then, long-legged, rough-haired, soft-faced, with a set mouth and clear eyes. "What do you want?" the wizard had asked, knowing what he wanted, what they all wanted, and keeping his eyes from those clear eyes. He was a good teacher, the best on Gont, he knew that. But he was tired of teaching, and didn't want another prentice underfoot, and sensed danger.."Avert!" Irian blurted out, making the sign to prevent word from becoming deed. None of the men.wide enough. When she waded a knee-deep stream, he held on to her tail. She scrambled up the low.,anything much but speed and direction and the sweet taste of river water and the sweet power of.and forgot about her. When he was drunk sometimes he remembered her. If he could find her, he made.Licky walked him out early every morning, and often they wandered about till late afternoon. Licky was silent and patient..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..know. . .".round his neck..all the eastern sky he saw the foam and spittle run scarlet from her mouth. Sometimes she clutched.important..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.."I hope so," said Tuly..He named the Masters, Hand and Herbal, Summoner and Patterner, Windkey and Chanter, and the Namer, and the Changer. "The Changers and the Summoner's are very perilous arts," he said. "Changing, or transformation, you maybe know of, mistress. Even a common sorcerer may know how to work illusion changes, turning one thing into another thing for a little while, or taking on a semblance not his own. Have you seen that? ".As he walked he thought; he thought hard; he recalled. He recalled all he could of matters his teacher had spoken of once only and long ago. Strange matters, so strange he had never known if they were true wizardry or mere witchery, as they said on Roke. Matters he certainly had never heard about on Roke, nor did he ever speak about them there, maybe fearing the Masters would despise him for taking such things seriously, maybe knowing they would not understand them, because they were Gontish matters, truths of Gont. They were not written even in Ard's lore-books, that had come down from the Great Mage Ennas of Perregal. They were all word of mouth. They were home truths..night. Below lay the darkness, vast, formless, and unexpected; only far, very far away, at its.He changed his shape, he changed his name..On the island of Ark, and in Orrimy on Hosk, and down among the Ninety Isles, there are tales about a man who came seeking for a land where people remembered the justice of the kings and the honor of wizards, and he called that land Morred's Isle. There's no knowing if these stories are about Medra, since he went under many names, seldom if ever calling himself Otter any more. Gelluk's fall had not brought Losen down. The pirate king had other wizards in his pay, among them a man called Early, who would have liked to find the young upstart who defeated his master Gelluk. And Early had a good chance of tracing him. Losen's power stretched all across Havnor and the north of the Inmost Sea, growing with the years; and the Hound's nose was as keen as ever.."But the spirit of rivalry worked in the boy as he grew to be a man. It's a strong spirit on Roke: always to do better than the others, always to be first... The art becomes a contest, a game. The end becomes a means to an end less than itself... There was no man there more greatly gifted than this man, yet if any did better than he in any thing, he found it hard to bear. It frightened him, it galled him..acts. Only in the syntax of the Old Speech, however, and only as spoken or written by a wizard,."That would be only what the women of the Hand call it, keeping its meaning from the wizards and.memory, which is a form of imagination. The event is real now, but once it's then, its continuing.and, straining my eyes, I could see the tiers and horizontal terraces of the giant. It came to me in a.We were in something like a huge entrance hall or corridor, wide, almost unlit -- only the.bald. Her joints were swollen knobs in her bone-thin limbs. She looked up once at Otter, moving."If you wish..".She looked at him and at the Doorkeeper and said nothing..the islets and rocks where the dragons raised their young, killing many broods, "crushing.his face. "And if you're not, you'd better dowse all the same. That way you'll stay above ground."I'd say," she said, her voice thin and reedy, speaking to the curer, "that if Alder's beeves stay.The old wizard stood there. He recollected all he knew of the names of Gont, and after a while he saw where Yaved was. It was the place where the ridges parted, just inland from Gont Port; the hinge of the headlands above the city; the place of the fault. An earthquake centered there could shake the city down, bring avalanche and tidal wave, close the cliffs of the bay together like hands clapping. Dulse shivered, shuddered all over like the water of the pool..wanted a private compartment. I wondered if they had told her. My seat unfolded without a.out into the rain to feed the chickens.."Nobody loves a sorcerer," said the Archmage. "Well, Irioth! Did I come all this way for you in.stay here..".larger than she was, enormously larger. She could reach out one finger and destroy him. He stood.with a blind ox," Dulse said..those they hired were in truth slaves, having only their masters to safeguard them from rival.The history of the Four Lands is mostly legendary, concerning local struggles and accommodations.She looked at him. She could not speak. She stood up and after a moment walked out of the.labyrinth, the deepest pits filled with unmoving water. "Never was much silver, and the.You can know anything you like. I need have no secrets from you. Nor you from me," and he laughed,.They went there together and stayed till the winter came. In the year that followed, they built a little house near the edge of the Thwilburn that runs out of the Grove, and lived there in the summers..Crow was delighted to get a water-stained bestiary from the time of Akambar in return for five silver buttons, a pearl-hiked knife, and a square of Lorbanery silk. He sat in Hopeful and crooned over

the antique descriptions of harikki and otak and icebear. But Tern went ashore on every isle, showing his wares in the kitchens of the housewives and the sleepy taverns where the old men sat. Sometimes he idly made a fist and then turned his hand over opening the palm, but nobody here returned the sign..long solitudes among the trees, always sought form and clarity, and she said, "How can we teach you safe. To keep you with the mule-breeders, and the nut-pickers, and these." She struck the.Only in Palm did wizards combine the two practices, in the arcane, esoteric, and reputedly.Back in the cell room, when Licky had unleashed him and untied his gag, he said, "There's some ore.reason."..sank. All the shouting and screaming of men's voices was suddenly silent. There was no noise

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AM].true as he said it. Perhaps he wanted to spite them. Perhaps he wanted to get rid of them..Among all beings ever returning,..metallic fabrics of the women's dresses flared up in sudden flames. I walked, oblivious, and.LITERATURE AND THE.announcement about takeoff, signals of some sort, the warning to fasten seat belts, but nothing.That was no doubt Kalessin taking Ged home, multiplied by sailors making a good story better. But.silent and went sidling back to the house with their tails down..Rose was muttering a rote spell, but it was her hands and her little short sharp knife that did most of the work. The ewe bore the digging knife patiently, her opaque, amber, slotted eyes gazing into silence; only she stamped her small left front foot now and then, and sighed..change being. But this was different, this slow enlargement. I am vastening, he thought..Morred, and Morred's first year on the throne. The capital city of these rulers was Berila, on the.shepherds there. A year ago last spring. That wizard they spoke of came there, casting spells..Ivory clapped his hand to his right leg. A dog's tooth had ripped his breeches at the calf, and a."Send him on out to the dairy," said one of Alder's cowboys. "Gift's taking whatever comes." There.The Kargs are deeply resistant to writing of any kind, considering it to be sorcerous and wicked. They keep complex accounts and records in weavings of different colors and weights of yarn, and are expert mathematicians, using base twelve; but only since the Godkings came to power have they employed any kind of symbolic writing, and that sparingly. Bureaucrats and tradesmen of the Empire adapted the Hardic runes to Kargish, with some simplifications and additions, for purposes of business and diplomacy. But Kargish priests never learn writing; and many Kargs still write every Hardic rune with a light stroke through it, to cancel out the sorcery that lurks in it.. "This way, this way," Gelluk murmured. "No harm will come to you." They came to the doorway of the roaster tower, a narrow passage in the three-foot-thick walls. He took Otter's arm, for the young man hesitated..he explained that he could not eat yet. "As I stayed there in the sickness, in the sick fields, I.Medra had been thinking, once again, and still unavailingly, how he could leave Havnor at once and.with a set mouth and clear eyes. "What do you want?" the wizard had asked, knowing what he wanted,.Ayo and Mead were much alike, and Otter saw in them what Anieb might have been: a short, slight.. "Get the sail down," Medra said, peremptory. The master yawned and cursed and began to shout.forest, tall, awkward, fearless; she had put aside the thorny arms of brambles with her big.. "So what brought you here?" the Changer asked, stern, but not hiding his curiosity..flowed out of it..for a man it's only one thing ever. But I miss hearing you sing.. "Bring the boys, then," Early said with deadly patience..During the voyage, however, he talked several times with Dragonfly, which made Ivory a bit uneasy. Her ignorance and trustfulness could endanger her and therefore him. What did she and the bagman talk about? he asked, and she answered, "What is to become of us..". "I was just talking, just to talk, it had no. . .".while the dispute was at its brief height, Rose put her fife in her pocket and slipped away..wide awake now..Some people of great innate and trained power are able to find out the true name of another, or even to have it come to them unsought. Since such knowledge can be betrayed or misused, it is immensely dangerous. Ordinary people-and dragons-keep their true name secret; wizards hide and defend theirs with spells. Morred could not even begin to fight his Enemy until he saw his Enemy's name written in the dust by the falling rain. Ged could force the dragon Yevaud to obey him, having by both wizardry and scholarship discovered Yevaud's true name under centuries of false ones..clerks; maybe these were offices for currency exchange, or a post office. I walked on. I was now."I guess he did. Another curer came up this way, a fellow that's been by here before. Doesn't amount to much that I can see. He did no good to my cow with the caked bag, two years ago. And his balm's just pig fat, I'd swear. Well, so, he says to Otak, you're taking my business. And maybe Otak says the same back. And they lose their tempers, and they did some black spells, maybe. I guess Otak did. But he did no harm to the man at all, but fell down in a swoon himself. And now he doesn't remember any more about it, while the other man walked away unhurt. And they say every beast he touched is standing yet, and hale. Ten days he spent out there in the wind and the rain, touching the beasts and healing them. And you know what the cattleman gave him? Six pennies! Can you wonder he was a little rageous? But I don't say..." She checked herself and then went on, "I don't say he's not a bit strange, sometimes. The way witches and sorcerers are, I guess. Maybe they have to be, dealing with such powers and evils as they do. But he is a true man, and kind..". "How goes it, col?".They said little, seeming to consult and assent among themselves almost in silence. At last the shorter woman looked with her fierce eyes at Medra. "Stay if you will," she said..and saw his love so clear, so close, that he reached out his hand to touch her. If he reached out."I didn't understand," Irioth said, "about the others. That they are other. We are all other. We.about him. She hadn't seen a king when she first saw him, as with the other one..".She took bird form. Osprey, they said. Didn't expect that from a girl so young. Gone before they.long rows and beds of vegetables, greens, and herbs, with berry canes and fruit trees beyond. She.paces from me; he had a thin, matted mane; he stretched, once, twice; with a slow undulation of.the other people doing? Putting the things in their pockets. The sign on the dispenser: LARGAN. I.He took the word with a visible shock, but did not deny it..nodded. "But I couldn't do it. I'm a shipbuilder. I can't build a ship to sink. With the men.habit established over many years, an old instinct, that told me that at a certain moment we were."I'm at the

Cavuta, my second year. I've been neglecting things a bit lately, I wasn't iron pot. "How do we get all that back to the village?" he asked the hinny. She looked after the. Roke seemed probable, and the idea of any league or alliance of wizards appalled him more the more. principalities: the House of Enlad, the oldest, tracing direct descent from Morred and Serriadh; and used for evil ends by the mighty, how will our strength here ever grow? What will the young. inside a rocky grotto. It was like ten, fifty Gothic naves formed out of stalactites; veined deposits. Neither of them had been on Pody. It was a sleepy southern island with a pretty old port town, harm. Only truth. "before, in the spell-locked barracks room at the mines of Samory.. He was half asleep, sitting on the ground in the shade by the barracks, the smell of the logs stacked by the roaster tower bringing him a memory of the work yards at home, the fragrance of new wood as the plane ran down the silky oak board. Some noise or movement roused him. He looked up and saw the wizard standing before him, looming above him.. After Maharion's death in 452, several claimants contested the throne; none prevailed. Within a. for dragons! But that there was some kind of scheming and gathering together of men of power on. smiled, and the Herbal belatedly made the same gesture.. He asked her, rather timidly, to tell him what the Immanent Grove was, for when he had asked. "You take care," the witch said, grim. "Everything's perilous, right enough, and meddling with wizards most of all." by this wild scheme, now she was embarked on it. There was no telling. She was solemnly, heavily. until. THE ISLAND OF SEMEL lies north and west across the Pelnish Sea from Havnor, south and west of the Enlades. Though it is one of the great isles of the Earthsea Archipelago, there aren't many stories from Semel. Enlad has its glorious history, and Havnor its wealth, and Paln its ill repute, but Semel has only cattle and sheep, forests and little towns, and the great silent volcano called Andanden standing over all.. him, and gazed away, over the summery fields. "She's never looked at a man before," she said.. of the Great Bay of Havnor, a man stood up on the muddy sand: a man poorly dressed and poorly. then lit up, as if by a momentary dawn. Farther on, long, low silhouettes sailed past, much like. "Has it come to this," the Namer said, "that we stand at the edge of the forest Segoy planted and talk of how to destroy one another?".. again and choose an Archmage. The king had had no place among us, he said. And "a woman on Gont",.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (64 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. must be shown! And we'll show them, you and I. We'll teach them. You must have courage, Dragonfly.. Listening to him, Medra thought of how he and Anieb had walked in the dark and rain by the faint. flashed a sign: HERE HAHahaha. It disappeared. I went toward it. Again the HERE HAHahaha lit up. Otter could not speak; she had spoken through him, using his voice, which sounded thick and faint.. The early kings and queens of Enlad, among whose names are Lar Ashal, Dohun, Enashen, Timan, and. terrible long way down to the sea, surely. With this wizard on your scent, how are you to go. was the kingdom of the roots of the trees. How far does the forest go? As far as forests go. As. "It's nothing," he said. In fact, rather to his annoyance, the cut had stopped bleeding. The. something inside me kept repeating: So even time has changed. That somehow did me in. I saw. know that? No, I suppose I never mentioned it. But it doesn't make much difference, after all.. say there's been snow.".. doubt in the back room; he paid them no attention. "Hound," he thought. He spoke the summoning,

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