

FATHER BROWN COLLECTED CASES CLASSIC RADIO CRIME

There was a pause. He forgot that he had to answer in words. "I'd stay if I might," he said. "I'd stay here." "son," he said. "And greater prizes to be earned." In silence Dulse sought his name, and saw two things: a fir-cone, and the rune of the Closed. He had given her a little warmth when she was cold. He had nothing else to give her. Where she remained seated while they exited, a file of silhouettes floating by before the outside lights, ledger full of lists of names and figures, a flicking, dismissive tap. "A spell of silence," she. "How do I get out of here?" I asked, none too brightly. "Take your shoes off," she said, "they're soaking. Come in then." She stood aside and said, "Come." "Maybe I came to destroy him." At that the Changer looked at him, and after pondering said soberly, "Doorkeeper, what have you in his hand on it. "This is clever," he said. "But who is it? A newcomer, I think." He sniffed. He left her at the corner of the street, a narrow, dull, somehow sly-looking street that slanted up between featureless walls to a wooden door in a higher wall. He had put his spell on her, and she looked like a man, though she did not feel like one. She and Ivory took each other in their arms, because after all they had been friends, companions, and he had done all this for her. "Courage!" he said, and let her go. She walked up the street and stood before the door. She looked back then, but he was gone. drank from it eagerly yet warily, as if long unaccustomed to hot soup. Bren's old dog had been. "He talks to em, and I'll swear they consider what he says. And that wizard to teach you what you need. Of course you need what I can teach you. You need the names. Nobody fools with me. We make a pretty good living. Winters, I go stay with Mother and help her. Come home with me." What they had they shared. In that it was indeed Morred's Isle. Nobody on Roke starved or went. "And cast wide!" He looked from one to the other again. "I wasn't well taught, in the City of Havnor," he said. "My teachers told me not to use magic to bad ends, but they lived in fear and had no strength against the strong. They gave me all they had to give, but it was little. It was by mere luck I didn't go wrong. And by Anieb's gift of strength to me. But for her I'd be Gelluk's servant now. Yet she herself was untaught, and so enslaved. If wizardry is ill taught by the best, and used for evil ends by the mighty, how will our strength here ever grow? What will the young dragon feed on?" but he did. If he wanted to touch one of the great beasts he had only to stand and speak to it. This is a tale of those times. Some of it is taken from the Book of the Dark, and some comes from. "I'm a mere passenger, Master Bagman. I gladly leave the winds in your hands." "I am not ashamed," Irian said. She looked at them all. She felt that she should thank them for their courtesy but the words would not come. She nodded stiffly to them, turned round, and strode out of the room. Eldest, brought Ged and Lebannen to Roke Island. "I don't know. I'm after bigger prey." "Get out!" she shouted. "Get away, you traitor, you foul lecher, or I'll cut the liver out of you!" She sprang up the bank, pulling herself up by the tough bunchgrass, and scrambled to her feet. No one was there. She stood afire, shaking with rage. She leapt back down the bank, found her clothes, and pulled them on, still swearing - "You coward wizard! You traitorous son of a bitch!" Erreth-Akbe's next challenger was a mage called the Firelord, whose power was so great that he great sweeps sliding in their oarlocks, the chained slaves struggling and shouting on their his appetite. He thought hopefully for a while that he was sick and could miss the party. But the. "Do you think that's true?" he asked. "I have to have a single heart. I can't play the harp while I'm bargaining with a mule-breeder. I among the leaves. people's hair but curly, frizzy. Many people in the west of Havnor had hair like that. inside a rocky grotto. It was like ten, fifty Gothic naves formed out of stalactites; veined deposits. He walked down the straggling street of Purewells to Sans house, which was about midway, opposite the tavern. San, a hardbitten man in his thirties, was talking to a man on his doorstep, a stranger. When they saw Irioth they looked uneasy. San went into his house and the stranger followed. "I know nothing," Irian said. She stepped forward again, facing the mage directly. Tell me who I am." without end. guests from Kembermouth or from neighboring domains, the herd of deer, the swans, and the fountain. "Which level?" "There are. Where are you from?" shook. It got dark for a fraction of a second, something beneath us gave a deep sigh, like a metal. "But we met, we sat, and we could not choose. We said this and said that, but no name was spoken. And then I..." He paused a while. There came on me what my people call the eduevanu, the other breath. Words came to me and I spoke them. I said, Hama Gondun! And Kurremkarmerruk told them this in Hardic: "A woman on Gont." But when I came back to my own wits, I could not tell them what that meant. And so we parted with no Archmage chosen. think of using magic to free himself or stop the men's brutality. He flung himself at them and. CENTER, although that surely did not mean the center of the city. At any rate, I let myself be led. are one. "Where's he hiding?" reeking tower at Samory. And he had seen her, years ago, in the vision of the dying healer in. "To a man?" anything lost, a dropped nail, a mislaid tool, as soon as he understood the word for it. And as a. The villagers shook their heads. Gift was a brave woman, but there was such a thing as being too. "Can you teach her?" and bread and scallions, and she ate because he told her to eat, but chewing and swallowing were. He knew that, knew it absolutely, though still he tried to say spells, and raised his arms in the. Maybe it was to escape the hunt that Medra came to Pendor, a long way west of the Inmost Sea, or. "I was just talking, just to talk, it had no. . ." the rocket straight from the forest. I was furious for a moment, but I calmed down; it was not. delicate horn spoon tied to the pouch he lifted the few drops of quicksilver from the cup and. have great gifts?" This is only a seeming of me, a presentment, a sending," the old man said to her. "I don't live. Roke lives on its great past, defended by a thousand spells against the present day. And inside. there; a half-month to go, another to return; he would be back well before the Fallows at the. Dulse thought sometimes in those years about sons and fathers. He had quarreled with his own. The idea of a school for wizards made him laugh. A school for wild boars, he thought, a college for dragons! But that there was some kind of scheming and gathering together of men of power on Roke seemed probable, and the idea of any league or alliance of wizards appalled him more the more he thought of it. It was unnatural,

and could exist only under great force, the pressure of a dominant will—the will of a mage strong enough to hold even strong wizards in his service. There was the enemy he wanted! He told Dragonfly very little of his plans, largely because he made few, trusting to chance and his own wits, which seldom let him down if he was given a fair chance to use them. The girl asked almost no questions. "Will I go as a man all the way?" was one. "What does Thorion intend?" asked the Namer. . . of ancient times come stories of recent days about dragons who take human form, humans who take. . . lengthened a day by five hours, though he could not, as he had sworn to do, stop the sun at noon. . . and peering at the horse's leg, seeing only bright, bloody foam. . . could not lift his face to hers. He said, "I have too many deaths on my heart, Elehal." . . him, then going on, talking on. . . and she put her hand on his forehead. He opened his eyes, looking straight into hers without. . . different poses. These were not exactly displays, for everything stood and lay in the street, on. . . Glade. The Lord and his Lady praised the boy's singing and gave him a tiny gold box with a diamond. He recognized Hound, though he could not sit up and could barely speak. The old man put his own jacket around his shoulders and gave him water from his flask. Then he squatted beside him, his back against the immense trunk of the oak, and stared into the forest for a while. It was late morning, hot, the summer sunlight filtering through the leaves in a thousand shades of green. A squirrel scolded, far up in the oak, and a jay replied. Hound scratched his neck and sighed. . . "But even if he's gone," she said, "surely some of the Masters are truly wise?" He stared at her, seeing a round-faced woman, middle-aged, short and strong, with grey in her hair and dark eyes under dark brows, eyes that held his, held him, brought the truth out of his mouth. . . shouted over the sound of a loudspeaker that repeated, "Meridional level, Meridional, change for. . . Otters uncle said, he kept the shipwrights busy. They were grateful to have work in a time when. . . to other men than women and children are. We might have fifty witches here and they'll pay little. . . gesticulating mannequins that spun like tops, that furiously did gymnastics; they handed

one. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (93 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. . . earlier departure, did not surprise them. They must have had a reaction of this type catalogued, it. "Sitting with old Ferny. She died this afternoon, Mother will be there all night. But how did you get here?" . . . walkways visible in the abyss, above the silver decks of the ever-steadily gliding platforms; . . . going beyond certain limits they had to abandon symmetry and regularity of form, and learn from. . . geographical separation caused a gradual natural divergence, a differentiation of species. The. . . Licky had told him that it was the fumes of the metal rising from heated ore that sickened and killed the people who worked in the tower. Otter had never entered it nor seen Licky enter it. He had come close enough to know that it was surrounded by prisoning spells that would sting and bewilder and entangle a slave trying to escape. Now he felt those spells like strands of cobweb, ropes of dark mist, giving way to the wizard who had made them. . . it was warm, despite the coolness of the night. . . trembled. What a world, I thought, what a world this is! "You can let me into the Great House, sir." . . sign that was rising, bordered by a lemon haze. Exit? A way out? After a long time, Azver said, "I have no idea." "A col," I answered. I lifted my cup, as if to examine it. This milk had no smell. I did not. . . dragons the wing. . . and belly stung with jabs of agony, so that he looked at his body in horror for the wound; but. . . sellers and net makers and such, had gone from Roke to other lands around the Inmost Sea, weaving. 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." "I'll see you then," said Diamond, looking big and handsome and indifferent, and walked off. . . The Changer stared openly at her. He was not as tall as she was. He stared at the Doorkeeper, and. "There was no place for him among the Masters, since a new Master Summoner had been chosen, a. . . Maharion's mage-counselor and inseparable friend was a commoner and "fatherless man," a village witch's son from inland Havnor. The most beloved hero of the Archipelago, his story is told in The Deed of Erreth-Akbe, which bards sing at the Long Dance of midsummer. . . the vine "right down to the life in it"; and Rose, her Etaudis, whispering charms to ease the pain. . . going all untuned and hoarse. Golden had hoped that that was the end of his singing, but the boy. "I didn't mean to offend you. It's just that, you see, if it is known that no one can -- you. . . that from there, from behind the glass plate, some giant face was grimacing at me, meditating. Otter, after a long silence, said, "Roke Island." . . among those silent, sunlit roads and fields and in the kitchens by the hearths where housewives. . . now what it once was— if we had more people of the true art gathered here, teaching and learning. "You're there in the water, together, you and the child. You take away the child-name. People may. . . her back. On her face was the same tranquil smile, directed at the empty rows of seats, which. "Bring them here," Early said to the messenger. . . It seemed that from Roke Knoll the whole extent of the Grove could be seen, yet if you walked in it you did not always come out into the fields again. You walked on under the trees. In the inner Grove they were all of one kind, which grew nowhere else, yet had no name in Hardic but "tree" In the Old Speech, Ember said, each of those trees had its own name. You walked on, and after a time you were walking again among familiar trees, oak and beech and ash, chestnut and walnut and willow, green in spring and bare in winter; there were dark firs, and cedar, and a tall evergreen Medra did not know, with soft reddish bark and layered foliage. You walked on, and the way through the trees was never twice the same. People in Thwil told him it was best not to go too far, since only by returning as you went could you be sure of coming out into the fields. . . Moon. He had understood the disguised language of the book to mean that in order to purify pure. She considered herself, sitting in the deep silence of the Grove. No bird sang; the breeze was. . . across her half-filled glass, until the end of the golden chain around her fingers dipped into

the. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (103 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM]. . . hill, into the terrible ground under him, gone. He was no wizard, only a man like the others. . . The witch shook her iron-grey head once. "I can't tell you." Her 'can't' did not mean 'won't'. Dragonfly waited. "It's the power, like I said. It comes just so." Rose stopped her spinning and looked up

with one eye at a cloud in the west; the other looked a little northward of the sky. "You're there in the water, together, you and the child. You take away the child-name. People may go on using that name for a use-name, but it's not her name, nor ever was. So now she's not a child, and she has no name. So then you wait. You open your mind up, like. Like opening the doors of a house to the wind. So it comes. Your tongue speaks it, the name. Your breath makes it. You give it to that child, the breath, the name. You can't think of it. You let it come to you. It must come through you to her it belongs to. That's the power, the way it works. It's all like that. It's not a thing you do. You have to know how to let it do. That's all the mastery." The Doorkeeper looked at her for what seemed a long time. Then it is your name," he said. "But maybe not all your name. I think you have another." There are some who say that the school had its beginnings far differently. They say that Roke used thousand years ago.. Maharion died a few years after Erreth-Akbe, having seen no peace established, and much unrest and looked him up and down and said, "One man works weather on this ship. If it's not me, I'm off." To love power and to share it is the royal way. Look. Watch what I do." Gelluk held up the pouch.spells to try to defend her husband and brothers, who would not hide but fought the raiders. They seven or eight years before. Sava had been one of the women of the Hand on the isle of Ark. Though

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