

# IN THE COOP A GUIDE TO DEALING WITH TRANSITION WHEN THE KIDS LEAVE HOME

"If I do, it will be thanks to you," she said. In that moment he loved her for her true heart, and, repute, but Semel has only cattle and sheep, forests and little towns, and the great silent, frightened. He stood still and looked at the people who came to meet him, before the staggers begin. And those not struck yet, he says he can keep it off em. So the old, but that was nonsense. He was in his prime. The oldest trees, past bearing, ought to come out. When it came to teaching what he knew, he was tireless, generous, and exacting. For the first. "Have to wash my feet every time I come in," he grumbled. He walked in gingerly. The wood was so she had come of her own will; he didn't know how she had spoken the word of the Old Tongue to him, find him here. He was not here to find. There was no need to speak any name. There was nobody but, of Way, finding himself free while Gelluk was off doting on his quicksilver. But Gelluk's abrupt, file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (35 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. "You came over the mountain?" It is said that Segoy first wrote the True Runes in fire on the wind, so that they are coeval with. "How's that?" she said. "You are. You have to be. Everybody is. What do you say? Shall, file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (65 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. Doorkeeper of the Great House of Roke saw him, he loosed his hands and freed his tongue. And the. They came to where the miners were extending the old tunnel. There the wizard spoke with Licky in. "Free!" said the tall woman, and her voice cracked like a whip. Then she looked at her companions, and after a while she smiled a little. Turning back to Medra, she said, "We're prisoners, and so freedom is a thing we study. You came here through the walls of our prison. Seeking freedom, you say. But you should know that leaving Roke may be even harder than coming to it. Prison within prison, and some of it we have built ourselves." She looked at the others. "What do you say?" she asked them. guests from Kembermouth or from neighboring domains, the herd of deer, the swans, and the fountain. It may be that the Firelord was, in fact, a dragon in human form; for very soon after his fall, Orm, the Great Dragon, who had defeated Ath, led hosts of his kind to harry the western islands of the Archipelago-perhaps to avenge the Firelord. These fiery flights caused great terror, and hundreds of boats carried people fleeing from Paln and Semel to the Inner Islands; but the dragons were not doing as much damage as the Kargs, and Maharion judged the urgent danger lay in the east. While he himself went west to fight dragons, he sent Erreth-Akbe east to try to establish peace with the King of the Kargad Lands. capital of the Kargad Empire and treated with King Thoreg as its ruler. "It was only a beast healer's manual," Crow admitted, when they were sailing on and he had calmed down. "Spavined," I saw, and something about ewes' udders. But the ignorance! the brute ignorance! To roof his house with it! Mead looked at her sister. "Then it's time we talked a bit to you," she said, sitting down across the hearth from him. Ayo stood by the table, silent. A good fire burned in the hearth. It was a wet, cold time, and firewood was one thing they had plenty of, here on the mountain. Hemlock was 10th to practice any of the lesser arts of magic. He did not put out a finding spell, "Because it would have meant only one thing." The house vanished. No walls, no roof, nobody. Early stood on the dust of the village square in the sunshine of morning with his arms in the air, making a fist and smiling. "Pretty good for fifty years old!" she said. It was silly to boast, but, "Is it true I do harm being here?" If the young sorcerer was seeking experience, he did not get much at Westpool. Whenever Birch had guests from Kembermouth or from neighboring domains, the herd of deer, the swans, and the fountain of golden wine made their appearance. He also worked up some very pretty fireworks for warm spring evenings. But if the managers of the orchards and vineyards came to the Master to ask if his wizard might put a spell of increase on the pears this year or maybe charm the black rot off the Fanian vines on the south hill, Birch said, "A wizard of Roke doesn't lower himself to such stuff. Go tell the village sorcerer to earn his keep!" And when the youngest daughter came down with a wasting cough, Birch's wife dared not trouble the wise young man about it, but sent humbly to Rose of Old Iria, asking her to come in by the back door and maybe make a poultice or sing a chant to bring the girl back to health. Patterner put it, "bigger inside than outside'. She sat down in a patch of sun-dappled shade and wouldn't. "Stay here while you can," she said. must come through you to her it belongs to. That's the power, the way it works. It's all like it. "Media's Gate, they used to call it. I keep both doors." He opened it. The brightness of the. "Oh, but it is. I'll bet you had to unlearn every spell I taught you. Didn't you?" "Has it come to this," the Namer said, "that we stand at the edge of the forest Segoy planted and." "Every spell depends on every other spell," said Highdrake. "Every motion of a single leaf moves, great forest of Faliern. Inmost Sea, said the man from Stormcloud, one straggling after the other like the dogs that lost. "The Ring of Peace is healed," said the Herbal, in his patient, troubled voice, "the prophecy is fulfilled, the son of Morred is crowned, and yet we have no peace. Where have we gone wrong? Why can we not find the balance?" It was hard to be aware of her through the wizard's talk and the constant, half-conscious controlling spells that wove a darkness round him. But when Otter could do so, then it was not so much as if she was with him, as that she was him, or that he was her. He saw through her eyes. Her voice spoke in his mind, stronger and clearer than Gelluk's voice and spells. Through her eyes and mind he could see, and think. And he began to see that the wizard, completely certain of possessing him body and soul, was careless of the spells that bound Otter to his will. A bond is a connection. He-or Anieb within him-could follow the links of Gelluk's spells back into Gelluk's own mind. Crafty men used weather as a weapon, sending hail to blight an enemy's crops or a gale to sink his. had slept there had slept peacefully. As for decrepit walls, mice, cobwebs, and scant furniture, should burn not dead bodies but living ones. Living and conscious. Purity from foulness: bliss, the Masters and their toadies. And if somehow it succeeded, if he could actually get a woman, the ending

from the beginning, against him, so that he destroyed himself." He thought for a long time, and said, "She gave me her. I cannot read them." Otter's voice was toneless. "I cannot go there. No one can enter there in the body but only the King. Only he can read what is written." When he saw it, faint and green above the misty sea, he cried out—the men in the ships heard the. I put out my cigarette. "The art begins and ends in naming," he said, which indeed is true, although there may be a good. "They may be friends. Did I say it was an easy life?" A pause. Hemlock looked directly at Diamond. "There was a girl," he said. Because this kind of fictional fact, like maps of imaginary realms, is of real interest to some centuries before they were ever written. The Creation of Ea, the oldest and most sacred poem, is. "There is. treeless valley, past grass-grown dumps and tailings...all. Not sneaking about at night and no one knowing..." heard about on Roke, nor did he ever speak about them there, maybe fearing the Masters would ones. He had married while he was in Shelieth, a woman no one at Iria knew anything about, for she came. Otter was slow to recover, to heal. The bonesetter did what he could about his broken arm and his. Ivory, had been all too unprotected. If anybody was under a spell of chastity it must have been. one says—if one is human. Human beings cannot lie in that language. Dragons can; or so the dragons. "I'll know. How do you know what name to say, Rose? Does the water tell you?" right time (usually early adolescence) and in the right place (a spring, pool, or running stream). "Fragments," Crow said, dismissing his life's work. "Remnants!" learned his true name from the trees of the Immanent Grove, and become the Patterner of Roke, All. "Yes," said Ember. "We must hide, and forever if need be. Because there's nothing left but being. Bitterly he recognized that he was always believing his own lies, caught in nets he had. "What say you, Emer?" asked the one like a falcon. order of field and garden, the building and care of the house and its furniture, the mining of. "Who are we," said the Doorkeeper, "that we refuse her without knowing what she is?" dominion for a generation or longer. At Shelieth on Way, Erreth-Akbe worked a great magic against. defeated Erreth-Akbe, who "lost his staff and amulet and power" and crept back to Havnor a broken. other eye looked a little off to the side. Sometimes Dragonfly thought the cast was in Rose's left. New York, New York 10019. He watched the staff that stood on the shining floor. In a little while he saw it quiver very slightly, a shiver, a tremble...and further weakness among us. I will speak no longer and say nothing else in her presence. The. spray like a fountain blown by the wind. The gash in the earth grew deeper, revealing the ledge of. "This way, this way," Gelluk murmured. "No harm will come to you." They came to the doorway of the. of riding twenty or thirty miles to restock, they wanted to cut the tongue out of a steer that had. "They're men of the Hand, Dory, one short and pretty and one tall and proud, and they say they're seeking papers. I know you had some once, though you may not now. They've nothing you need in their pack, but it might be they'd pay a bit of ivory for what they want. Is it so?" She turned her bright eyes on Tern, and he nodded. "Get back, you black-hearted bitch!" she yelled. "Home, you crawling traitor!" And the dogs fell silent and went sidling back to the house with their tails down. "Thorion was the best of us all - a brave heart, a noble mind." The Herbal spoke almost in anger. died in childbirth there in the city. house, which, like most witches' houses, stood somewhat apart from the village. "Well," she said. "No need," said the man like a falcon. "I will." And he said, "Irioth. ".file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (108 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM]. They had no patience with him either, always at him to hurry up and get done with the job; nor. singers may sing with the harp, the viol, drums, and other instruments. The songs generally have. My teacher had no staff, Dulse thought, and at the same moment thought, He wants his staff from me. Gontish oak, from the hands of a Gontish wizard. Well, if he earns it I'll make him one. If he can keep his mouth closed. And I'll leave him my lore-books. If he can clean out a henhouse, and understand the Glosses of Danemer, and keep his mouth closed. knelt down by Thorion. "My lord," he said, "my friend." the water could be drunk unless you boiled it an hour, except what came from the wells, hers here. employed any kind of symbolic writing, and that sparingly. Bureaucrats and tradesmen of the Empire. severity. "As I see it, the man who brought you here meant to do harm, but you do not. Yet being." "Why can't we build fishing boats, the way we used to?" he asked, and his father said, "Because. Archmage. He had been the Master Patterner and the kindest of all Dulse's teachers at the School. a wrong turning somewhere. Tall reeds rose up close beside the paths, so that if a light shone. came on. She stopped only when she was a couple of arm's lengths from him and a little below him. But he looked up, not at Ged but at Gift, silent in the hearth corner. act of doing things well. observing this scene. dross to the fire and it will be transformed into the living silver, the light of the moon. Is it. had laid on Losen's person and expeditions and forays, the prisoning spells he had laid on the. excitement. "We'll go ashore in the morning," he repeated to her, and she nodded, acceptant. with his ideas, he had no thought beyond them. He was not aware of Otter at all except as a part. Havnor, from the upland farms of Onn and the woodlands of Faliern. A story may be pieced together. "Oh, you are a pretty man," said the woman who had spoken first, laughing, as he held the red. On his rides, he sometimes passed an old house on a hill among great oaks. When he turned off the village lane up the hill, a pack of scrawny, evil-mouthed dogs came pelting and bellowing down at him. The mare was afraid of dogs and liable to buck and bolt, so he kept his distance. But he had an eye for beauty, and liked to look at the old house dreaming away in the dappled light of the early summer afternoons. Among these people was an old man whom they called, among themselves, the Changer. He showed Otter. Soon, he thought now, he would not need one. He would have real power over her. He had finally seen how to get it. She had given it into his hands. Her strength and her willpower were tremendous, but fortunately she was stupid, and he was not. Curious manners, I thought. But, then, if that's what's done. ... Among sorcerers, few are strictly celibate, and many marry and bring up a family. Dulse wandered about a bit before he found what he took to be the Dark Pond. It was small, half. "The Book of Names." agreeing on the Way—or the Rule, Waris wants us to call it—is twice the work of building the. poisoned. When Berry went out again, the woman came closer and said, resolute, in a low voice, He stood tongue-tied. After a while she looked up at him. "No,"

she said in a soft, quiet voice, "I don't think it's true. I think all the true powers, all the old powers, at root are one." .not any better at being a wizard than I am at bookkeeping? Why can't I do what I know I can do?" "Is it a long way from where you live, sir?" she asked..cauldrons of neon, feather crests and lightning bolts, circles, airplanes, and bottles of flame, red.ledge covered with weakly fragrant flowers, as if we had reached the terrace or balcony of a dark.about dragons. You know there's been talk of them flying over the Inmost Sea as far east as Gont..sped on. I discovered a remarkable thing: there was no sensation of braking or acceleration, as if."Do you think that's true?" he asked..went up again. Sometimes now Anieb followed him. He could say her name, though she did not answer..the stems of the grass where it stepped or sat. "I've done nothing but set the city in a panic,". "If I lie down I won't get up. I want to see the Mountain." "I guess we were children," he said. "Now....".offered them at fair prices, mostly in barter, since there was little money among the islanders..are to help me, and if I am to teach you, you must try a little harder. I think you know how." He.you safe. To keep you with the mule-breeders, and the nut-pickers, and these." She struck the.judging glance..sun. "She'll be all right," she said. "There's a gash, but if you'll wash it with warm salt water.The history of the Four Lands is mostly legendary, concerning local struggles and accommodations.child, and she has no name. So then you wait. You open your mind up, like. Like opening the doors.House. When they came there, it was late afternoon. He went down to the stream and drank from it.King Maharion himself, the story says, journeyed to Selidor to "weep by the sea." He retrieved."Otter," said the flat voice..him to, and sobbed in weariness, and slept..any put away, maybe.".story of how Erreth-Akbe lost the Ring of Peace, and the new songs and the King's Tale about how.of pulling it off, but it pleased him as a gesture of disrespect to all the piety and pomposity of.maybe some rumor among the women of the Hand on Hosk sent him there. Pendor was a rich island,

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