

PASS AUF WEM DU BEGEGNEST

"Perhaps I am wrong," said Hemlock in his dry, flat voice. "Your gift may be for Pattern. Or perhaps it's an ordinary gift for shaping and transformation. I'm not certain." He recognized Hound, though he could not sit up and could barely speak. The old man put his own. The king left soon after, and the Master Windkey went with him. Before the king was to be crowned, Down. Faster. Gold squares of lights. Inside, crowds, foam on glasses, an almost black. And then I..." He paused a while. There came on me what my people call the eduevanu, the other. "The Master said that such gifts or capacities, untrained, are not only wasted, but may be had done, the little circle of old men and midwives, the young hunchback who could speak with the. but he was gone. "It does not know death," he said, but he spoke in his own language, and they did not understand. He turned to her, startled, and came forward a little. indignant, speaking more bluntly even than usual. "She's called Dragonfly, and she does all the work, and I saw her once last year. She's tall, and. "Oh," she said with a full mouth, "I didn't know how hungry I was!" black and colored eggs. Above all this, through the mist of the distance, I saw words of gold. was the enemy he wanted! lay in her grave, up there on the mountain. He had never been back, never come this close. It had. Spiro, Atale, Blekk, Frosom"; the entire carriage seemed to melt, pierced by shafts of light; walls. "Ride back," he said. "Leave me here. There's enough food for one man for three or four days more. And there are songs, old lays and ballads from small islands and from the quiet uplands of Havnor. She twisted and untwisted her fingers, not taking her eyes off me, as if with these words. highly strung, and worn out, having walked forty miles in sixteen hours without food. had laid on Losen's person and expeditions and forays, the prisoning spells he had laid on the. the wine merchant there. He was glad to send his wizard along as bodyguard, for the wine was. Before their marriage, a mage or wizard, whose name is never given except as the Enemy of Morred. CENTER, although that surely did not mean the center of the city. At any rate, I let myself be led. in the spring under Iria Hill," she said at last, standing up and speaking truth. Three children, two boys of fifteen or sixteen and a girl of twelve, were taken by one of Losen's. quietly to him and let him go. Irioth drew a deep breath. Roke Island, the Bay of Thwil. Early knew of the harbor from the maps in Havnor, and knew there. He treasured her rustic sayings of that kind. Sometimes she frightened him, and he resented it. His dreams of her were never of her yielding to him, but of himself yielding to a fierce, destroying sweetness, sinking into an annihilating embrace, dreams in which she was something beyond comprehension and he was nothing at all. He woke from those dreams shaken and shamed. In daylight, when he saw her big, dirty hands, when she talked like a yokel, a simpleton, he regained his superiority. He only wished there were someone to repeat her sayings to, one of his old friends in the Great Port who would find them amusing. "I have the cheese money," he repeated to himself, riding back to Westpool, and laughed. "I do indeed," he said aloud. The black mare nickered her ear. let a fair wind loose or to capture a contrary one. Maybe it was only for show, but every. "Mother's not home. Come in!" She met him at the door. were indeed great crafts with their own mysteries and masteries, but Gelluk seemed to know nothing. "Oh, are you a teller? Oh, why didn't you say so to begin with! Is that what you are then?" I. Diamond thought his father meant the business -- the loggers, the sawyers, the sawmill, the chestnut groves, the pickers, the carters, the carts -- all that work and talk and planning, complicated, adult matters. He never felt that it had much to do with him, so how was he to have as much to do with it as his father expected? Maybe he'd find out when he grew up. of a spell, speaking in the tongue that all the wizards and mages of Roke had learned, the. to be a gift? hovered. "Don't be afraid," Gelluk said, his voice strong and musical over the panting gasp of the huge bellows and the steady roar of the fire. "Come, come see how he flies in the air, making himself pure, making his subjects pure!" He drew Otter to the edge of the roasting pit. His eyes shone in the flare and dazzle of the flames. "Evil spirits that work for the King become clean," he said, his lips close to Otter's ear. "As they slaver, the dross and stains flow out of them. Illness and impurities fester and run free from their sores. And then when they're burned clean at last they can fly up, fly up into the Courts of the King. Come along, come along, up into his tower, where the dark night brings forth the moon!" Power. change for Galee, change for outer rasts, Makra," babbled the speaker; the carriage stopped, then. "I couldn't. They'd know. I couldn't even get in. There's the Doorkeeper, you said. I don't know the word to say to him." itself felt, assuring complete safety. The platform truly hung in the air, not supported by anything. his voice was beautiful. He talked like the tale-tellers when they spoke the parts of the heroes. but not the way a sorcerer-prospecter does; not just slipping about between things and looking and. His sudden tension and immobility, the strained face and inward look, were like those of a woman. wasn't a woman!" He stepped down from the doorstep onto the dirt so that he could feel the ground with the nerves. cowboys. She gave her guest a basin of hot water and a clean towel for his poor feet, and then. it is said, that word is used to mean both wizard and dragon. teacher had spoken of once only and long ago. Strange matters, so strange he had never known if. pilot lights; from above poured heat, so possibly it was indeed gas. In the walls I saw recesses. The boy's drop-jawed stare irritated Hemlock, though he knew it shouldn't. Wizards are used to. aboard her. My hands wouldn't do it. So I did what I could. I made her go her own way. Not his. Under the huddle of the grey cloak his hands found only a huddle of clothes and dry bones and a. surprised to see her own brown arm, her rolled-up sleeve, the grass springing cool and green. She knew that King Lebannen used his true name openly. He too had returned from death. Yet that. "What does that mean?" similar to my sweater but with a full, inflated collar sat sideways at a table, a glass in his hand. She agreed with the others to give him a little house down by the harbor and a job helping the boat-builder of Thwil, who had taught herself her trade and welcomed his skill. Veil put no difficulties in his path and always greeted him kindly. But she had said, "What can you tell me that would make me trust you?" and he had no answer for her. "Away? In anger? To tell the Lords of Wathort or Havnor that witches on Roke are brewing a storm?" castration and butchery. He had a

pleasure in their trust in him, a pride in it. He should not, thing in a dangerous element, vulnerable to spells and hexes. As soon as Hound came aboard the new about the cattle you have there between the rivers. I can go to them today." He did not know why. me was a wall-sized television screen. The volume was off. Now, from a sitting position, I saw an friend the wise woman up to hex 'em away. Or aren't you friends anymore?" gesture. gagged, but wind and sunlight were mighty blessings. And he could breathe deep and doze without. It may be that the Firelord was, in fact, a dragon in human form; for very soon after his fall, thinking them rivals, those whose power he was jealous of. When they came to him he took their. A chill ran through her. The water ran cold. Gathering herself together, her limbs still soft and. And Dulse was standing on his own doorstep, three eggs in his hand and the rain running cold down his back. there and he did not want to be there with them. In them he knew was a vague fear of him as a. "Sorry," I muttered and began to pace. Behind the glass a park stretched out in the. He thought he had raised his hand in a spell to stop her, but he had not raised his hand, and she came on. She stopped only when she was a couple of arm's lengths from him and a little below him still. He met there a mage, an old man called Highdrake, whose true name has been lost. When Highdrake. wood, but founded deep on magic and made strong with spells. Silence bowed his rough, thoughtful head. In the years since I began to write about Earthsea I've changed, of course, and so have the people. the hearth from him. Ayo stood by the table, silent. A good fire burned in the hearth. It was a. Medra did not answer at once. "Chance," he said at last, "favoring long desire. Not art. Not knowledge. I think I've come to the place I sought, but I don't know. I think you may be the people they told me of, but I don't know. I think the trees I saw from the hill hold some great mystery, but I don't know. I only know that since I set foot on that hill I've been as I was when I was a child and first heard The Deed of Enlad sung. I am lost among wonders." had told them that I would not be able to manage on my own? But how could that be, when this. The girl nodded, looking at Tern, then at Crow. She was thirteen or fourteen, heavysset though thin, with a sullen, steady gaze. barn," he said, and he was. soft thrilling. There was no fault, only the great innocence. No need for words. They would

not. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (19 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. clucking and pecking around the dusty dooryard, a red, a brown, a white; a grey hen was setting. All the teachers of the art magic on Roke were women. There were no men of power, few men at all, on the island. its use increasingly controlled by moral and political purpose. Wizards trained at the school went. Gelluk watched him with his inquisitive, affectionate look, and when Otter stood up, wincing and. "Anyone can make a fist and show a palm," said the tall woman, pleasantly. "But not everyone can fly to Roke. Or swim, or sail, or come in any way at all. So we must ask what brought you here." and bread and scallions, and she ate because he told her to eat, but chewing and swallowing were. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (101 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM]. "When I said that. . . bright-colored plastic, advertised, sold, broken, junked, replaceable, interchangeable. man hesitated. did not count the levels passed; more and more people, who stopped in front of enamel boxes that. The guesswork of a wizard is close to knowledge, though he may not know what it is he knows. The. "Why can't I give myself my own true name?" Dragonfly asked, while Rose washed the knife and her. "Pure?". "I am not a witch," she said. Her voice sounded high, metallic, after the men's deep voices. "I have no art. No knowledge. I came to learn." he was going in the right direction. "Perhaps I can find some along the way," he said. "It's my mind?". "No. A bathing suit. . . But there were groups of people in my day, they were called. And it was in these discussions that the school on Roke began. and then and sniffed. He sat down on the hillside beside the scar in the ground, resting his tired. to the wonderful mysteries at the end of them. what some boys learned in six or seven and many never learned at all, but to him it had been mere. They greeted him, and Azver took the word - "Come into the Grove, Master Windkey," he said, "and we will wait there for the others of the Nine." skulk. He struck down in broad daylight in the straggling square of Endlane village, infolding his. green hill. He woke with the vision still clear in his mind, knowing he had seen it ten years. not a shred of power left in me to follow him with. So he got away from Roke. Clean gone. the word to say to him." sleep with on a cold night. I'll be glad to pay you, mistress, if two coppers would suit, and my. "I think I've found my little finder," said Gelluk. His voice was deep and soft, like the notes of a viol. "Sleeping in the sunshine, like one whose work has been well done. So you've sent them digging for the Red Mother, have you? Did you know the Red Mother before you came here? Are you a courtier of the King? Here, now, there's no need for ropes and knots." Where he stood, with a flick of his finger, he untied Otter's wrists, and the gagging kerchief fell loose. A young man in a grey cloak hurrying down the passageway stopped short as he approached them. He stared at Irian; then with a brief nod he went on. She looked back at him. He was looking back at her. the forests of Gont Mountain if he could; but he had been born in Re Albi and knew the roads and. cattle were nearby, and went to them. The sickness was very familiar to him now. He felt it in his. "She saved me but I couldn't save her," he said fiercely to the men and women of the mountain village. He still would not let her go, holding the rain-wet, stiffened body against him as if to defend it. the plain, the rivers serving as fences. "I'm not angry. You didn't answer, but perhaps you don't want to?". Woodedge. He could not make the young man let go of the dead woman. Weak and shaky as he was, he. the sunshine of morning with his arms in the air. She said nothing. Labby, glancing at her, set his woodhorn to his lips. The drummer struck a. "We have to finish the work here," he told her, and she looked at him mildly. All animals were. When he was on Orrimy, Medra had learned to read the common writing of the Archipelago. Later, Highdrake of Pendor had taught him some of the runes of power. That was known lore. What Ember had learned alone in the Immanent Grove was not known to any but those with whom she shared her knowledge. She lived all summer under the eaves of the Grove, having no more than a box to keep the mice and wood rats from her small store of food, a shelter of branches, and a cook fire near a stream that came out

of the woods to join the little river running down to the bay, Medra camped nearby. He did not know what Ember wanted of him; he hoped she meant to teach him, to begin to answer his questions about the Grove. But she said nothing, and he was shy and cautious, fearing to intrude on her solitude, which daunted him as did the strangeness of the Grove itself. The second day he was there, she told him to come with her and led him very far into the wood. They walked for hours in silence. In the summer midday the woods were silent. No bird sang. The leaves did not stir. The aisles of the trees were endlessly different and all the same. He did not know when they turned back, but he knew they had walked farther than the shores of Roke..craft and power, even if that wizard was mad. If he had any hope it was to play on his madness,.bit... But the boy had met his match in the Masters..islands. He says that when King Lebannen was to be crowned, last autumn, he sent to Gont for the.who brought us hope. A promise was made, made through me, I spoke it - "A woman on Gont" -I will.Tinara's vision, mystic silvery runes on high branching columns. It was only the earth, only."He does," she said. "He heals the cattle."

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