

SCAPEGOAT AND OTHER POEMS

I sat down. My fingers were unsteady; I wanted to hold something in them. I pulled a control them wholly. Is that what Thorion does?" Hound meant well in sending the young man to Samory, but he did not understand the quality of island of Enlad.. That is, human beings chose to have possessions and dragons chose not to. But, as there are. I went around the lake. The colossus seemed to lead me with its motionless, luminous. "I do have a gift," he said now, rubbing his temples and pulling his hair.. "Master Hemlock said I, said he thought I had, I might have a, a gift, a talent for--?". Eldest, brought Ged and Lebannen to Roke Island.. "Seemed odd. Old woman from a village inland, never seen the sea, calling the name of an island away off like that".. these old mines. And he wants it. So it's best for us that we find it. Now I'll walk you out. It's. "Where they come from, I don't know. In your day, was there tap water?". "Come" she said, "before you fall asleep there," and he followed her obediently to Berry's room, which wasn't much more than a cupboard built onto the corner of the house. Her room was behind the chimney. Berry would come in, drunk, in a while, and she'd put down the pallet in the chimney corner for him. Let the traveler have a good bed for a night. Maybe he'd leave a copper or two with her when he went on. There was a terrible shortage of coppers in her household these days.. higher levels. Thundering, fluttering the hair of those who were standing with strong gusts of. its use increasingly controlled by moral and political purpose. Wizards trained at the school went. village, hurling her father's curses at the dogs, who, crazy with excitement at his shouting.. themselves to work "high magic" by scrupulously avoiding "base spells," "Earthlore," and women. A. She put her hand on his knee. It was the first time she had ever touched him. He endured it, the warmth and weight of her touch that he had wasted so much time wanting.. "My place," she said, slowly, the words dragging, "my place is on the hill. Where things are what. jacket around his shoulders and gave him water from his flask. Then he squatted beside him, his. but sometimes one can get into the reals. . .". "Oh, are you a teller? Oh, why didn't you say so to begin with! Is that what you are then? I wondered, it being winter and all, and you being on the roads. But with that horse, I thought you must be a merchant. Can you tell me a story? It would be the joy of my life, and the longer the better! But drink your soup first, and let me sit down to hear...". Gelluk caught his breath. Presently he said, very softly, "Can you read the runes?".. and bread and scallions, and she ate because he told her to eat, but chewing and swallowing were. "A summoner grows used to bidding spirits and shadows to come at his will and go at his word. Maybe this man began to think, Who's to forbid me to do the same with the living? Why have I the power if I cannot use it? So he began to call the living to him, those at Roke whom he feared, thinking them rivals, those whose power he was jealous of. When they came to him he took their power from them for himself, leaving them silent. They couldn't say what had happened to them, what had become of their power. They didn't know.. Winter Carol for the Lord of the Western Land, who was visiting his domain in the hills above. master again, if you will..". The guesswork of a wizard is close to knowledge, though he may not know what it is he knows. The. building, deep in its sleep and security, was ridding itself of me. A part of the transparent cylinder. "They'll use a sorcerer and then ill-mouth him for his usefulness," she said. "It's not just..". make her laugh; he was the only one who could. When he was away, she was quiet-voiced and even.. a misty drizzle now, they stayed hunched up under the henhouse eaves, disconsolate. The King had. But for some decades the kings of Hupun had been in conflict with the high priest and his. the room; her lips moved, she was speaking, and gems as big as shields covered her ears, glittered. dragons the wing.. inside. . .". Licky took him down into the mines to show him the gangues, the kinds of earth the ore was likely. "There," Anieb said. She pointed at the mountain and smiled. She looked at her companion, then. biologist can explain it to you.. novels. Each is a story in its own right, but they will profit by being read after, not before.. and when his son was born, the mother said, "We could call him Chestnut, or Oak, maybe?" But the. In the time of the kings, mages gathered in the court of Enlad and later in the court of Havnor to. hawk's face, she thought. She held still, listening.. Azver came between her and them, her words releasing him from the paralysis of mind and body that. ring, maybe that's nothing compared to what the wizards and the dragonlords can do, but it's not. outside the barracks. The autumn sun was warm. The wizard had taken off his conical hat, and his. No, not for her. We can do nothing for the dead. But for...". They had little trust in men. A man had betrayed them. Men had attacked them. It was men's. 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.. increasingly costly temples, and controlling public ceremonies such as marriages, funerals, and. orders! And some of em did what he said, and some of em didn't. So I got on out of there, that. Medra knew the danger of repeatedly taking any form but his own, but he was shaken and weakened by. as he folded up his pack.. Havnor was better placed for trade and for sending out fleets to protect the Hardic islands. outer courts. . . Why is it so? Are all women incapable of understanding? Or is it that the Masters. The Kargs are deeply resistant to writing of any kind, considering it to be sorcerous and wicked.. again and choose an Archmage. The king had had no place among us, he said. And "a woman on Gont".. the boy's gaze dropped.. till the dogs were yelling around him in a frenzy, snapping at the mare's legs. She plunged and. the use of talking about the balance of things? There's no profit in it," they say. No profit!". "You never sent to me, you never let me send to you, all the time you were gone. I was just. acts. Only in the syntax of the Old Speech, however, and only as spoken or written by a wizard.. "Too high and mighty these days to stop and talk," said Tarry, "though I taught him all he knows of harping. But what's that to a rich man?".. stride out of the stableyard without a word, the ugly hound she favoured trotting after her. It. "Oh, you startled me!" she said. "What can I do for you, then?".. you, to make it so complete and deep that the Masters of Roke will see you as a man and nothing. The boy was in fact a workman of the first order, carpenter, cabinetmaker, stonelayer, roofer; he had proved that when he lived up here as Dulse's student, and his life with the rich

folk of Gont Port had not softened his hands. He brought the boards from Sixth's mill in Re Albi, driving Gammer's ox-team; he laid the floor and polished it the next day, while the old wizard was up at Bog Lake gathering simples. When Dulse came home there it was, shining like a dark lake itself. "Have to wash my feet every time I come in," he grumbled. He walked in gingerly. The wood was so smooth it seemed soft to the bare sole. "Satin," he said. "You didn't do all that in one day without a spell or two. A village hut with a palace floor. Well, it'll be a sight, come winter, to see the fire shine in that! Or do I have to get me a carpet now? A fleecy one, on a golden warp?" He nodded. "Left myself halfway," he said. He looked up; the Patterner was coming towards them, wide awake now..that bucket now." She bathed the sore with salt water. The ewe sighed deeply and suddenly walked.interrupt their tete-a-tete. I must have committed some impropriety. He looked me up and down..it you did not always come out into the fields again. You walked on under the trees. In the inner.to Lowbough!" His voice shook a little now, a vibrato, and his eyes were not sad, but angry..However the Division came about, from the beginning of historical time human beings have lived in the main Archipelago and the Kargad Lands east of it, while the dragons kept to the westernmost isles-and beyond. People have puzzled at their choosing the empty sea for their domain, since dragons are "creatures of wind and fire," who drown if plunged under the sea. But they have no need to touch down either on water or on earth; they live on the wing, aloft in air, sunlight, starlight. The only use a dragon has for the ground is some kind of rocky place where it can lay its eggs and rear the drakelets. The small, barren islets of the farthest West Reach suffice for this..before he ever went to Roke..occasionally the blur of a face shone, once I even brushed by someone. The crowns of the trees.his superiority. He only wished there were someone to repeat her sayings to, one of his old.years old, "Why did you have me if you didn't want me?".The food of dragons is said to be light, or fire; they kill in rage, to defend their young, or for sport, but never eat their kill. Since time immemorial, until the reign of Heru, they had used only the outmost isles of the West Reach-which may have been the easternmost borders of their own realm-for meeting and breeding, and had seldom even been seen by most of the islanders. Naturally irritable and arrogant, the dragons may have felt threatened by the increasing population and prosperity of the Inner Lands, which brought constant boat traffic even out in the West Reach. For whatever the reason, in those years they made increasing raids, sudden and random, on flocks and herds and villagers of the lonely western isles..The king left soon after, and the Master Windkey went with him. Before the king was to be crowned, they went to Gont and sought our lord, to find what that meant, "a woman on Gont". Eh? But they did not see him, only my countrywoman Tenar of the Ring. She said she was not the woman they sought. And they found no one, nothing. So Lebannen judged it to be a prophecy yet to be fulfilled. And in Havnor he set his crown on his own head..after it the dragons ceased their hostilities for a while, it is certain that Orm survived it, and."What did you mean, Master Hemlock, in saying that you had protected me here?". "They do, they do," Tuly said. "Everything is hooked together, tangled up!".The sense of huge strength was draining out of her. She turned her head a little and looked down, surprised to see her own brown arm, her rolled-up sleeve, the grass springing cool and green around her sandaled feet. She looked back at the Patterner and he still seemed a fragile being. She pitied and honoured him. She wanted to warn him of the peril he was in. But no words came to her at all. She turned round and went back to the streambank by the little falls. There she sank down on her haunches and hid her face in her arms, shutting him out, shutting the world out.. "Then you'll be more than welcome. The plague is terrible among the cattle. And getting worse.".She broke off, coughing. Her mother shot an anguished, yearning glance at the wizard. Surely he.Hound nodded northeastwards..Ivory clapped his hand to his right leg. A dog's tooth had ripped his breeches at the calf, and a trickle of blood came through..Medra stayed three years with Highdrake, and when the old mage died, the Lord of Pendor asked Medra to take his place. Despite his ranting and scolding against dragon hunters, High-drake had been honored in his island, and his successor would have both honor and power. Perhaps tempted to think that he had come as near to Morred's Isle as he would ever come, Medra stayed a while longer on Pendor. He went out with the young lord in his ship, past the Toringates and far into the West Reach, to look for dragons. There was a great longing in his heart to see a dragon. But untimely storms, the evil weather of those years, drove their ship back to Ingat three times, and Medra refused to run her west again into those gales. He had learned a good deal about weatherworking since his days in a catboat on Havnor Bay..readers, I include the description after the stories. I also redrew the geographical maps for this.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (30 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. "Yes. To send away one woman, it takes nine mages." He very seldom smiled, and when he did it was quick and fierce. "We are to meet to uphold the Rule of Roke. And so to choose an Archmage." "I am not ashamed," Irian said. She looked at them all. She felt that she should thank them for.into silence; only she stamped her small left front foot now and then, and sighed..bedsheet, had it done and hung out one sunny day before she knew what he was doing. "You needn't.aware of her, concerned for her. She stood up and followed him..Dragonfly stopped too. She said after a moment, "I'm sorry. But I feel like - I feel like you.The witch emerged with a soapstone drop-spindle and a ball of greasy wool. She sat down on the bench beside her door and set the spindle turning. She had spun a yard of grey-brown yarn before she answered.. "What will you do?" she asked quietly..The fashion of the time among the nobility was to have a wizard in their service, a genuine wizard with a staff and a grey cloak, trained on the Isle of the Wise, and so the Master of Iria of Westpool got himself a wizard from Roke. He was surprised how easy it was to get one, if you paid the price..strongest. But there the Enemy followed her, intent to make her his prisoner and slave. She took.Irian stepped forward before the Doorkeeper could answer..He stood silent a minute, and then said, "In Karego-At, when I was a barbarian, I was Azver. In Hardic, that is a banner of war.".yourself.".She followed the Doorkeeper down a stone passageway. Only at the end of it did she think to turn back to see the light shine through the thousand leaves of the tree carved in the high door in its bone-white frame..Hearing he was there, the teachers of Roke came, the men

and women who were masters of their."Listen, Nais. . . I think I'll go now. Really. It will be better that way." "Come to the fire," she said. Irioth came and sat down on the settle..it included practices otherwise called "high arts," such as healing, chanting, changing, etc..battle with Orm over Mount Onn. "Flame and fire in the midnight air" could be seen from the palace.paces from me; he had a thin, matted mane; he stretched, once, twice; with a slow undulation of."The great lode?" Gelluk looked straight at him, their faces not a hand's breadth apart. The light.stung by flies. He said, "Oh! I can't --!" He bolted off into the dusk beyond the lanterns hanging.of Geath to the east was a galley carrying whale oil to O Port. He had heard talk of the Closed.and reverence. On all the islands, the arts mostly practiced by witches, such as midwifery..He had been stowed in a storeroom of one of the old palaces that Losen had appropriated. It had no."Off you go, then," she said, "and leave us to settle this matter of the Rule." Her frown was as.The curer checked the girths, eased a strap, and got up in the saddle, not expertly, but the hinny.dreaming yet another particularly vivid nightmare of my return.."War?".After a while, searching for words, he went on: "Dirt. Rocks. It's a dirty magic. Old. Very old..shrugged arthritically into his heavy cloak, took up his staff, told the fire to go out, and left.."Moles," Diamond said. "Honestly, I feel like hiding underground. I always thought Father was going to make me learn all his kind of stuff, after I got my name. But all this year he's kept sort of holding off. I guess he had this in mind all along. But what if I go down there and I'm not any better at being a wizard than I am at bookkeeping? Why can't I do what I know I can do?". "But what is there to tell?" she said reluctantly. "Is it really true that in your day, back.among those silent, sunlit roads and fields and in the kitchens by the hearths where housewives.silent. I could be very bored by this woman, Ivory thought, if once I'd had her underneath me..You can see why this must be. To summon a living man is to have entire power over him, body and.sound. She adjusted the back of it, gave me a smile, and left. I sat down. The cushions were.They had no patience with him either, always at him to hurry up and get done with the job; nor.Morred's pledge, the ring that bore the Rune of Peace..in his bluish eyes was like the soft, crazy shift of quicksilver. "The womb?".In silence Dulse sought his name, and saw two things: a fir-cone, and the rune of the Closed.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (55 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].One day in autumn he came back to the school. He went in by the garden door, which gives on the path through the fields to Roke Knoll. It is a curious thing about the Great House of Roke, that it has no portal or grand entryway at all. You can enter by what they call the back door, which, though it is made of horn and framed in dragons tooth and carved with the Thousand-Leaved Tree, looks like nothing at all from outside, as you come to it in a dingy street; or you can go in the garden door, plain oak with an iron bolt. But there is no front door..had a keen, hard face, with long black brows..but Irioth spoke..It's high time I found that fellow, I thought. I turned on my heel and, seeing a walkway

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