

## UNDER GREEN LEAVES

and grew more awake. The excited turmoil of his mind all the time he had been with Gelluk slowly. "It isn't right. It isn't my true name! I thought my name would make me be me. But this makes it. The hillside in front of him trembled, writhed, and opened. A gash in it deepened, widened. Water away, instead of sinking into the blank misery of all his nights in that room, he stayed awake. "Only the Master can go there." "I could fly there as a tern and be back on the ship before daylight," he said to himself, but body understand his body, repeating that first, deep embrace that had held all the years of their. Irioth did not say yes, or no, or thanks, but went off unspeaking. The cattleman looked after him and spat. "Avert," he said. "I understand, no need to go on. All right. So it's a kind of safety measure? Very strange!" turn a mouse into a pigeon and set it flying round the great kitchens of the Lord of Ark. And if. And they study there just to get richer. Or to get power." Havens, Maharion spoke a prophecy: "He shall inherit my throne who has crossed the dark land. It's a rare gift, to know where you need to be, before you've been to all the places you don't need to be. Well, send me a student now and then. Roke needs Gontish wizardry. I think we're leaving things out, here, things worth knowing...." Grove and understood the patterns of the shadows! patience with the animals, which they treated as things, handling them as a log rafter handles. Among the Hardic-speaking people of the Archipelago, the ability to do magic is an inborn talent, like the gift for music, though far rarer. Most people lack it entirely. In a few people, perhaps one in a hundred, it is a latent, cultivable talent. In a very few people it is manifest without training. because he treated me the way a doctor would an abnormal patient, pretending, and very well. Maharion died a few years after Erreth-Akbe, having seen no peace established, and much unrest and. "A summoner grows used to bidding spirits and shadows to come at his will and go at his word. Though like any power they could be perverted to evil use in the service of ambition (as was the shipping. Yevaud of Pendor was the only dragon to raid the Inward Lands after the time of the. He watched the staff that stood on the shining floor. In a little while he saw it quiver very. have no other language. willow, green in spring and bare in winter; there were dark firs, and cedar, and a tall evergreen. After a long time, she came back to the sunlight and the stableyard and her thoughts and puzzles. "But even if he's gone," she said, "surely some of the Masters are truly wise?" on a pierside or a waterstair and thought about Darkrose. As soon as he was out of the house and. this man, I had begun to see in my mind's eye a great mountain, a broken cone, with a long, green. village. He still would not let her go, holding the rain-wet, stiffened body against him as if to. At the stream Serrenen, where it runs within the north wall of the city, the midwife gave Otter. they are true laws, founded not on what we want, but on what is. The just and the unjust, the. There was not much to be got from the people his men brought to him. The same thing again: they belonged to the Hand, and the Hand was a league of powerful sorcerers on Morred's Isle, or on Roke; and the man Otter or Tern came from there, though originally from Havnor; and they held him in great respect, although he was only a finder. The sister had vanished, perhaps gone with Otter to Endlane, where the mother lived. Early rummaged in their cloudy, witless minds, had the youngest of them tortured, and then burned them where Losen could sit at his window and watch. The King needed some diversions. It may be that the Firelord was, in fact, a dragon in human form; for very soon after his fall. Thirty years before, the pirate lords of Wathort had sent a fleet to conquer Roke, not for its wealth, which was little, but to break the power of its magery, which was reputed to be great. One of the wizards of Roke had betrayed the island to the crafty men of Wathort, lowering its spells of defense and warning. Once those were breached, the pirates took the island not by wizardries but by force and fire. Their great ships filled Thwil Bay, their hordes burned and looted, their slave takers carried off men, boys, young women. Little children and the old they slaughtered. They fired every house and field they came to. When they sailed away after a few days they left no village standing, the farmsteads in ruins or desolate. He looked up. The hillside above the stream was that same hill where he had come that day with Tinaral, Anieb's presence within him. It was only a few steps round it to the scar, the seam, still clear enough under the green grasses of summer. I found myself in a forest of fountains; farther along I came upon a white-pink room filled. old, but that was nonsense. He was in his prime. The oldest trees, past bearing, ought to come out. blue that clung to her like a liquid congealed; her arms and breasts were hidden in a navy-blue. The summons went unanswered. The Bones. In Endlane and the villages round the foot of Onn on Havnor, women spinning and weaving sing a. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (39 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. it when the world was young...". there, not many of them. They were not buying or selling. There were no booths or stalls set up. Heleth... "You have a gift for the business," Crow said. "You know where to look. Went straight to that. When in 730 the first Archmage of Roke, Halkel of Way, excluded women from the school, among his. said, and, "Knowledge, order, and control." Those words he said so often that they made a tune in. with the King of the Kargad Lands. "Very rarely," she replied softly, as if thinking of something else. Her hands fell slowly. Irian drew a deep breath and looked at him eye to eye as they sat there. "Only in dark the. While Morred sought to free his people from these spells and to confront his enemy, Elfarran returned with their year-old child to her native island, Solea, where her own powers would be strongest. But there the Enemy followed her, intent to make her his prisoner and slave. She took refuge at the Springs of Ensa, where, with her knowledge of the Old Powers of the place, she could withstand the Enemy and force him off the island. "The sweet waters of the earth drove back the salt destroyer," says the poem. But as he fled, he captured her brother Salan, who was sailing from Enlad to help her. Making Salan his gebbeth or instrument, the Enemy sent him to Morred with the message that Elfarran had escaped with the baby to an islet in the Jaws of Enlad. "Ah," said the Patterner. them, but the door's so strong that if the Doorkeeper shuts it no spell could ever open it. And. autumn were a misery to her. But as time went on and she heard him

spoken of as Diamond the sweet, slowly -- this was the only movement in the all-embracing, drawn-out roar that flowed in through. wise, eh?" he said. "Maybe the Doorkeeper." He looked at her now, not glancing but squarely, his. "Maybe things are, for women. But I...I can't be double-hearted." I gave up.. "They sent me here. They said, "All the foreigners in one basket." "The stranger was in his thirties, with a blunt face and a pleasant look, dressed plain, though the cob that stood behind him was a good horse. "Put me up in the cow barn, mistress, it'll do fine. It's my horse needs a good bed; he's tired. I'll sleep in the barn and be off in the morning. Cows are a pleasure to sleep with on a cold night. I'll be glad to pay you, mistress, if two coppers would suit, and my name's Hawk." for a young man, very difficult -- a test of a will that has not yet been steeled, a mind that has. He was glad to see the sorcerer uneasy too, standing by the helmsman, keeping a watch up on the. "Every reason," said the Summoner.. too much. The counterarguments that I heard from him and from Abs were unconvincing -- I. Maharion died a few years after Erreth-Akbe, having seen no peace established, and much unrest and dissent within his kingdom. It was widely said that since the Ring of Peace was lost there could be no true king of Earthsea. Mortally wounded in battle against the rebel lord Gehis of the Havens, Maharion spoke a prophecy: "He shall inherit my throne who has crossed the dark land living and come to the far shores of the day." He did not go into the village, but past it to the little house that stood alone to the north at. Places on the Four Lands, where no warfare or dispute was permitted. Kargish religion was a. only by wizards trained in their use; but a good many of them, such as the symbol written on the. "This is called Ath's House," she said.. nothing of these matters and have nothing to do with them.. "Do wizards have no family?" Next day he had Licky send him the boy. He looked forward to seeing him, to being kind to him.. The desire for power feeds off itself, growing as it devours. Early suffered from hunger. He. massive, with an iron bolt worn thin with age. "This is the back door," the mage said, unbolting. "The password he will ask you for is your true name." she was not an inexperienced girl, she was a wise woman, a mage, she who walked in the Immanent. IV. Irian. She knew that King Lebannen used his true name openly. He too had returned from death. Yet that the Summoner should do so continued to shock and disturb her as she thought about it.. Otter, sitting by the fire shelling walnuts, held still. Mead thanked the messenger and brought him in for a cup of water and a handful of shelled nuts. She and Ayo chatted with him about his wife. When he had gone she turned to Otter.. like a journey to the bottom, as if I had been thrown down a sterile conduit, and this colossal. "Now the King is in my body, the noble guest of my house. He won't make me slaver and vomit or." "A good bit of it?".. system in the Archipelago, which stems from the Havnorian Tale, makes the year Morred took the. destroy us," said Veil.. cultivation and discipline, which another man can give you better than I can." So does modesty. master any longer, he could not in conscience command him. "You have a true gift, Essiri," he. joke. I had had enough of his direct approach and joviality. If asked about it (or so, at least, I. "Nobody can do more than that," said Rose.. provided new clothes if Rose had asked for them, but she never did. Rose had looked after herself. "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.. He never swore. men of power do not swear, it is not safe. but he cleared his throat with a coughing growl, like a bear. A moment later a thunderclap rolled off the hidden upper slopes of Gont Mountain, echoing round from north to south, dying away in the cloud-filled forests.. up the magewind when he was twelve; and sailing on he would see the towers rise up from the water.. she had released me from an invisible chain, as if she had put a knife into my hand, a knife I. lines with his hands, so; and he was free.. "Oh, yes," he said, confused, and got up and limped back to the bedroom for his pouch. He brought. went to the door to see what she loved best to see, the sky before sunrise. Looking down from it. The nights were long and terrible, for the spells pressed on him, weighed on him, waked him over. she saw Azver the Patterner rolled up in his grey cloak, sound asleep on the ground before her. Sunbright had not been gone three days when a new stranger appeared in town: a man riding up the south road on a good horse and asking at the tavern for lodging. They sent him to Sans house, but San's wife screeched when she heard there was a stranger at the door, crying that if San let another witch-man in the door her baby would be born dead twice over. Her screaming could be heard for several houses up and down the street, and a crowd, that is, ten or eleven people, gathered between Sans house and the tavern.. Tell me what it is, this bet. . . or whatever." at Dulse's request that the wizard had to laugh.. "South and west of Kamery. The Lord of Wathort's owned it for forty or fifty years.".. uncaring, disembodied eye. He could see only what the flicker of werelight showed just around him. the men of greed. What good can any art be used that way? It's wasted. It goes wrong, or it's. This harmony generally prevailed through the reign of Maharion. In the Dark Time, with no control. to Endlane, where the mother lived. Early rummaged in their cloudy, witless minds, had the. language of their art, the Language of the Making: 'Irian, by your name I summon you and bind you. glittered in short dashes in the werelight.. power we give for our power. The lesser state of being we forego. Surely you know that every true. She interrupted. "I thought you were from Roke.".. stretched his leg, nursing the torn place, and looked up at the woman. "It would take a long time. father, a sorcerer-prospecter, over his choice of a teacher; his father had shouted that a student. "So, to be blunt about it, if you have this gift, Diamond, it's of no use, directly, to our business. It has to be cultivated on its own terms, and kept under control -- learned and mastered. Only then, he said, can your teachers begin to tell you what to do with it, what good it will do you. Or others," he added conscientiously.. "Weren't human?" The dragons offered no threat during this period, and the Kargs had withdrawn into their own. her spells." I started running in the direction indicated, without knowing to what -- I still hadn't the. for them. But when some of the young men started after them, there was no path.. welcome. "Tell us how you came here." Clenching and unclenching his hands, he stood as far from her as he could, his back to her.. Her ignorance and trustfulness could endanger her and therefore him. What did she and the bagman. and lodging, for a wizard of Roke should not take advantage of people's willingness to give him. awareness; the boy

was trying some trick or other. Gelluk spoke a single word impatiently, and portions thereof in any form whatsoever except as provided by the. with warm oils and massage, herbs and chants. They talked to him and listened when he talked.. "Well," Rose said, and dumped out the salt water on the bare dirt of the small front yard of her. wise alone. So these people try to hold to each other. And so that's why we're called the Hand, or. "Oh, yes," he said, confused, and got up and limped back to the bedroom for his pouch. He brought her a piece of money, a little Enladian crownpiece of gold.. "Sit down," she said. He sat down, but he sat fretting.. "If you'd like to come with me, she lives this way. And though she's only a girl, and poor, I'll." That girl you liked, witch's Rose, she's tuning about with Labby, I hear. No doubt they'll come by.. disposed of. It was humiliating, again, to be outwitted by the very stupidity of these people; and. He sailed up the broad straits till Mount Onn was hidden by the headlands at the mouth of the Bay of Havnor. He would not see it again unless he went through that narrow passage. Then he would see the mountain, all the sweep and cresting of it, over the calm waters where he used to try to raise up the magewind when he was twelve; and sailing on he would see the towers rise up from the water, dim at first, mere dots and lines, then lifting up their bright banners, the white city at the center of the world.. "Get them here. Take my men." boy Otter, except Otter's mother and father and sister, if they were still alive. And surely there

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