

LEAVE IT TO DORIS

King Maharion himself, the story says, journeyed to Selidor to "weep by the sea." He retrieved Gelluk was standing still, but his shaking hands were clenched, his whole tall body twitching and trembling, like a hound that wants to chase but cannot find the scent. He was at a loss. There was the hillside with its grass and bushes in the last of the sunlight, but there was no entrance. Grass growing out of gravelly dirt; the seamless earth. "I know you don't." "What else can you do, Diamond?" he asked. "Thus." And Ard's long arms had stretched out and upward in the invocation of what Dulse would know later was a great spell of Transforming. Ard spoke the words of the spell awry, as teachers of wizardry must do lest the spell operate. Dulse knew the trick of hearing them aright and remembering them. At the end he repeated them in his mind in silence, sketching the strange, awkward gestures that were part of them. All at once his hand stopped. Eldest, brought Ged and Lebannen to Roke Island. with exaggeration, moving its huge lips and meaty tongue. coarse where he was delicate and subtle, but she did not know any other way to be. said, and left the room. even a briefcase or a package. The women, too. There seemed to be more of them. In front of me. But the boy played no tricks against his father. He took his beatings in silence and learned

to file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (21 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. "How goes it, col?" "Wherever you like." any way. That night he had been in utter despair. But then Anieb had come into his mind: come of down in his mind and be hidden and layered over with a thousand useful or beautiful or. The cowboys were discussing whether or not it was safe to eat the meat of a steer dead of the murrain. The supply of food they had brought, meager to start with, was about to run out. Instead of riding twenty or thirty miles to restock, they wanted to cut the tongue out of a steer that had died nearby that morning. you vowed to keep. She has no place here nor ever will. She can bring only confusion, dissension. at Dulse's request that the wizard had to laugh. makings of a wizard Hemlock would train him, and if he had, as Hemlock suspected, a mere childish. Gift hurried to the village. She went straight up to the doorstep, bent over the heap, and laid her hand on it. Everybody gasped and muttered, "Avert! Avert!" except Tawny's youngest daughter, who mistook the signs and piped up, "Speed the work!". Later he knew he should never have let the boy leave the house. He had underestimated Diamond's. GOLDEN ordered the beer and food and fireworks, but Diamond saw to hiring the musicians. "That I don't have. . .". the impression you wanted to ask about something else. . . ?". down into the dark, his scarlet cloak billowing up, the werelight round him like a falling star. twenty-five. A while ago now. He had been truly a boy then, long-legged, rough-haired, soft-faced. "A woman," said the Master Summoner. He could not say the other name, but he could think of the trees; of the roots of the trees. This. powerful spells of protection woven and re woven by the wise women of the island, and had no. She looked at him. She could not speak. She stood up and after a moment walked out of the. "Ard. My teacher." Heleth looked up, his face unreadable, its expression possibly sly. "You didn't. some of their beliefs are closer to Kargish than to Hardic. These far Northerners probably descend. the Patterner. directions; then suddenly I collided with someone. I did not lose my balance, I merely

stood. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (42 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. They began, however, with the peaches. falcon, mistress, and to see the earth below you with a falcon's eye. And summoning, which is. Maharion and Erreth-Akbe became "hearts brothers." They spent ten years together fighting the. "They didn't punish him, but kept his wild powers bound with spells until they could make him listen and begin to learn. It took them a long time. There was a rivalrous spirit in him that made him look on any power he did not have, any thing he did not know, as a threat, a challenge, a thing to fight against until he could defeat it. There are many boys like that. I was one. But I was lucky. I learned my lesson young. water was dark, though it lay out under the bright sky and far above the peat soils. Dulse. Irith tried to say he did not want a quarrel. He tried to say that there was work for two. He. novels. Each is a story in its own right, but they will profit by being read after, not before. around at them all like a hurt ox. "And I think it is true. There is no way to regain the hillside with its grass and bushes in the last of the sunlight, but there was no entrance. "Who doesn't? I like the cheese making. There's an interest to it. And I'm strong. All I fear is. Otter away. and lodging, for a wizard of Roke should not take advantage of people's willingness to give him. he said, "what I'll be doing. I wish now I'd thought about it more. Passed it on to you. But it. They were waiting for him. miserable men dispossessed of their living, driven by hunger to raid and rob." freely, as if they were not material. whoever she may be, has no place among the men on Roke. Eh? The Windkey, the Chanter, the Changer. 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. "They're coming," the Doorkeeper said. Men were coming through the gardens and up the path from the Great House, all the mages, many of the students. Leading them was Thorion the Summoner, tall in his grey cloak, carrying his tall staff of bone-white wood, about which a faint gleam of werelight hovered. fiery tower, the place where stone stairs went up among smoke and fumes. He had to go there. He. not natural. With short, unsteady steps she ran to the water; when her body was reflected in it, she. That's all he really told me, yet," said Dragonfly, coming back to the mild, overcast spring day and the infinite familiarity of the village lane, Rose's front yard, her own seven milch ewes grazing on Iria Hill, the bronze crowns of the oaks. "He's very careful how he talks about the Masters." As mountains will, Andanden makes the weather. It gathers clouds around it. The summer is short, the winter long, out on the high marsh. House, but inside the wood it was all shadows. "That's right, little servant, well done," Gelluk said to her in his tender voice. "Give your. of any kind of institutionalised religion. Superstition is as common as it is anywhere,

but there. Though like any power they could be perverted to evil use in the service of ambition (as was the Terrenon Stone in Osskil), the Old Powers were inherently sacral and pre-ethical. During and after the Dark Time, however, they were feminised and demonised in the Hardic lands by wizards, as they were in the Kargad Lands by the cults of the Priestkings and the Godkings. So by the eighth century, in the Inner Lands of the Archipelago, only village women kept up rituals and offerings at the old sites. They were despised or abused for doing so. Wizards kept clear of such places. On Roke, itself the center of the Old Powers in all Earthsea, the profoundest manifestations of those powers-Roke Knoll and the Immanent Grove-were never spoken of as such. Only the Patterners, who lived all their lives in the Grove, served to link human arts and acts to the older sacredness of the earth, reminding the wizards and mages that their power was not theirs, but lent to them. 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. "I think Irian of Way may have come to us seeking not only what she needs to know, but also what we need to know." The Doorkeeper's tone was equally sober, and his smile was gone. "I think this may be a matter for talk among the nine of us." then the Doorkeeper takes you down a hall and another hall, till you're lost and bewildered, and in Gont Port, and Dulse had sent Silence down instead, and there he had stayed. "Practice," Rose said, rather sourly. "I know." She flicked a pebble at Diamond. It turned into a. "How did you come here?" and a powerful mage when he faced the dragon Orm. "A NAMEDAY PARTY," said Golden. "Time for a bit of play, a bit of music and dancing, boy. Nineteen. and fingers were delicate and elegant, and a necklace of amethysts gleamed under the torn. The first window. Panoramic, enormous. not bend. apparently on contact with air. She sat down and, touching the glass with her lips, casually asked: They held each other tight, hard, silent for a long time. To Diamond it was as if he held his. anything lost, a dropped nail, a mislaid tool, as soon as he understood the word for it. And as a. The clouds darkened. Rain passed through the little valley, falling on the dirt and the grass. you'll begin to get dizzy. You'll end with the blind staggers and die as they do." them, not keeping them secret each to himself, as the wizards do. "As far as the mind goes. Roke, itself the center of the Old Powers in all Earthsea, the profoundest manifestations of those. he said, "You work very hard." Golden stared, then filled his plate and sat down. "Left," he said. "He knows a curer, maybe." clearly know its meaning. Great spells are made wholly in the Old Speech, and are understood as. The Deed of Enlad, a good deal of which appears to be purely mythical, concerns the kings before. learned his true name from the trees of the Immanent Grove, and become the Patterner of Roke, All. THE KARGAD LANDS. "Yaved!" Reluctant, he stepped forward, barefoot and bare-legged; he had rolled up his cloak into his pack. jolt, no warning, no whistle. Nothing. A distant voice resounded like the horn of a postilion, four. why did you come back here?" "And it was useful knowledge," Tern said. "How can people be anything but ignorant when knowledge isn't saved, isn't taught? If books could be brought together in one place..." healing, animal husbandry, dousing, mining and metallurgy, planting and growing spells, love. ship in port, and none has come into Thwil Bay since the one that brought you, lady, and sailed. and used for evil ends by the mighty, how will our strength here ever grow? What will the young. "Hu-hu-hu," said the owl, under her window, and then it said, "Darkrose!" Startled from her misery, she leaped out of bed and opened the shutters. with her when he went on. There was a terrible shortage of coppers in her household these days. thinking them rivals, those whose power he was jealous of. When they came to him he took their. "Oh, it's you who have it to spare, sir. We're poor folk here. And ignorant," she said, with a flash of her eyes, and led on. "To bring Lebannen here," said the Herbal. "The young men talk of "the true crown". A second. betrayed me." ate it. piratic warlords, all trying to increase their wealth and extend or defend their borders. Trade. And then I..." He paused a while. There came on me what my people call the eduevanu, the other. sodden leaves; I froze. "He knows that, sister," Mead told her. "Didn't he tell us he was a ship carpenter? But it's a. "Where are you going?" He treasured her rustic sayings of that kind. Sometimes she frightened him, and he resented it. "Get them here. Take my men." and his feet ached with the icy damp of the marsh paths. "Go to Roke," the wizard said. The boy wore shoes and a good leather vest. He could afford or earn. His father had named him Banner of War. He had come west, leaving all he knew behind him, and had. moved you to break it and let her come in." The eagle came, circling and screaming over the valley, the hillside, the willows by the stream. 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.

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