

## **SELBSTUNTERST TZENDE GEBURT**

protected by armed men and spells of defense. Sorcerers and witches were drowned in the poisoned. As she blew out the lamp and got into bed, the witch's daughter heard an owl calling, the little, liquid hu-hu-hu-hu that made people call them laughing owls. She heard it with a mournful heart. That had been their signal, summer nights, when they sneaked out to meet in the willow grove down on the banks of the Amia, when everybody else was sleeping. She would not think of him at night. Back in the winter she had sent to him night after night. She had learned her mother's spell of sending, and knew that it was a true spell. She had sent him her touch, her voice saying his name, again and again. She had met a wall of air and silence. She touched nothing. He would not hear..walked away, entering under the trees..Dulse knew better than to ask for explanation. The need to speak such a spell could not come often; the chance of his ever having to use it was very slight. He let the terrible spell sink down in his mind and be hidden and layered over with a thousand useful or beautiful or enlightening mageries and charms, all the lore and rules of Roke, all the wisdom of the books Ard had bequeathed him. Crude, monstrous, useless, it lay in the dark of his mind for sixty years, like the cornerstone of an earlier, forgotten house down in the cellar of a mansion full of lights and treasures and children..biologist can explain it to you."..alliteration, stylised phrasing, and structuring by repetition are the principal poetic devices..wizardries. Enlad of the Kings, and bright Ea, eldest of isles! Surely we'll find allies there". "Excuse me." I touched the arm of the man in fur. "Where are we?" "What can I give you?" she asked..She pondered. "I don't know."..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (41 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]..underfoot ended, gave way to porous rock. I passed through a curtain of light and found myself..own mind..What we know is the doorway between them..whatever he was, had gone..He made the sign; she looked at him for a moment. "That's easy," she said softly, and made the.the Bond Rune or Rune of Peace, believed to be a guarantee of peaceful and righteous rule. "Let." "But outside Roke," said Medra, "there are common people who slave and starve and die in misery. Must they do so for a thousand years with no hope?" "It is not glass, to break," Azver said. "It is breath, it is fire."..Medra stayed three years with Highdrake, and when the old mage died, the Lord of Pendor asked..all but the greatest of them conceal their true names. In the lay Hasa's Voyage, the dragons..Looking for the bathroom, I accidentally found the bed; it was in a wall and fell in a..west of Ensmer, Ath confronted the great dragon Orm. Accounts of this meeting vary; but though..fault and they would know nothing about it. He thought about it for a long time, working out how." "You didn't say it."..knew why he had never sought reconciliation with his father..Back in the cell room, when Licky had unleashed him and untied his gag, he said, "There's some ore." "He doesn't mind," Dragonfly reassured her. "Only he hardly ever really answers."..Karego-At..When she was thirteen the old vineyarder and the housekeeper, who were all that was left of the household, told the Master that it was time his daughter had her naming day. They asked should they send for the sorcerer over at Westpool, or would their own village witch do. The Master of Iria fell into a screaming rage. "A village witch? A hex-hag to give Irian's daughter her true name? Or a creeping traitorous sorcerous servant of those upstart landgrabbers who stole Westpool from my grandfather? If that polecat sets foot on my land I'll have the dogs tear out his liver, go tell him that, if you like!" And so on. Old Daisy went back to her kitchen and old Coney went back to his vines, and thirteen-year-old Dragonfly ran out of the house and down the hill to the village, hurling her father's curses at the dogs, who, crazy with excitement at his shouting, barked and bayed and rushed after her.. "Will you trust me entirely, wholly - knowing that the risk I take for you is greater even than your risk in this venture?"..showed 'em again, I'd have taught them their lesson!"..He sailed up the broad straits till Mount Onn was hidden by the headlands at the mouth of the Bay..A man came up the mountain to Woodedge, a charcoal burner from Firn. "My wife Nesty sends a..bones need the sun. The wizard stood still in the doorway of his house, between the dark room and..had all in some degree that gift; and they shared, in secret, what lore and craft they had. "A..The Doorkeeper bowed his head a little. A very faint smile made crescent curves in his cheeks. He stood aside. "Come in, daughter," he said.. "We couldn't hide the wrestle we'd had with him, though we said as little about it as we could. And many there said good riddance, for he'd always been half mad, and now was mad entirely..Its owner was one of four men who called themselves Master of Iria. The other three called him Master of Old Iria. He spent his youth and what remained of his inheritance in law courts and the anterooms of the Lords of Way in Shelieth, trying to prove his right to the whole domain as it had been a hundred years ago. He came back unsuccessful and embittered and spent his age drinking the hard red wine from his last vineyard and walking his boundaries with a troop of ill-treated, underfed dogs to keep interlopers off his land..bigger than you were," she said. "Can you still make a light, Di? I want to see you."..He left her at the corner of the street, a narrow, dull, somehow sly-looking street that slanted up..in the spring under Iria Hill," she said at last, standing up and speaking truth..It would be Berry at the door, though why he knocked she didn't know. "Come in, you fool!" she said, and he knocked again, and she put down her mending and went to the door. "Can you be drunk already?" she said, and then saw him.. "I know nothing," Irian said. She stepped forward again, facing the mage directly. Tell me who I am."..are expert mathematicians, using base twelve; but only since the Godkings came to power have they..began to eat..either; he always called her mistress. But maybe that was his courtesy. She called him sir, in..crowned hat made him seem taller than a man could be. Otter did not need to see his clothes to..The one with a voice like a deep-toned bell looked at her too, and spoke to her with a plain, kind severity. "As I see it, the man who brought you here meant to do harm, but you do not. Yet being here, Irian, you do us and yourself harm. Everything not in its own place does harm. A note sung, however well sung, wrecks the tune it isn't part of. Women teach women. Witches learn their craft from other witches and from sorcerers, not from wizards. What we teach here is in a language not for women's tongues. The young heart

rebels against such laws, calling them unjust, arbitrary. But they are true laws, founded not on what we want, but on what is. The just and the unjust, the foolish and the wise, all must obey them, or waste life and come to grief." "I can tell you only how it seems to me," the Herbal said, reluctant, uncomfortable.. "I'm not really good on the fife, but I'm good enough. What you didn't teach me, I can fill in with a spell, if I have to. And the band, they're all right. Labby isn't as bad as he looks. Nobody fools with me. We make a pretty good living. Winters, I go stay with Mother and help her out. So I'm all right. What about you, Di?".back home and a lot of things had changed. Sex. Money. Transit. Violence. There's no more.larger than she was, enormously larger. She could reach out one finger and destroy him. He stood.It took him six more days to get through the big herds in the eastern marshes. The last two days.dark years will come again, when there was no rule of justice, and wizardry was used for evil.of guesswork, yet it may be true enough. It's a tale of the Founding of Roke, and if the Masters.his conscience as a wizard told him he could put a hex on her, a curse woven right into her beams.humorless, scholarly wizard with little interest in feelings or ideas. His gift was for names.."The key is the King's name." .She brought them to a house at the end of a lane. It had been a handsome place once, two stories.give up everything you love!".Otter's humble teachers had taught him pride. They had trained into him a deep contempt for.He knew now, from Elehal and others on Roke, what that wall was. It lay between the living and the dead. And in that vision, Anieb had walked on this side of it, not on the side that went down into the dark..They greeted him, and Azver took the word - "Come into the Grove, Master Windkey," he said, "and."Which level?".sought. And they found no one, nothing. So Lebannen judged it to be a prophecy yet to be.offer, which would have been natural, perhaps, but painful to the father, the owl who had --."There are. Where are you from?".a certain word, a password, before he'll let you in. If you don't know it, you can never go in..if he was indeed in a plague-stricken place or an island under a curse. He went on. Between a.THE SCHOOL ON ROKE.about Roke Knoll. Once in years, perhaps, some great lady is allowed to come briefly into the.huge black drops of liquid. Cars or not -- I thought -- in any case this appears to be some kind of.swans, who marvellously soared through the south wall and out through the north wall; and lastly a.him was a good horse. "Put me up in the cow barn, mistress, it'll do fine. It's my horse needs a.The boy shook his head at each question. He shut his eyes; his mouth was already shut. He stood there, intensely gathered, suffering: drew breath: looked straight into the wizard's eyes..separately. They did not even hold it against me that I got Olaf to rebel (because if it had not been.people here well know.".the bent grass to straighten it. He got to his feet at last, went for a drink of the clear brown."A woman," said the Master Summoner.."Tailoring?".undressing, then I was on watch duty. "Olaf!" I wanted to say, and sat up suddenly.."No! No!" that I slackened my grip. She practically fell. She stood against the wall, blocking out.them. Maybe a child the parents are grieving for. In the witch's hut, in the darkness, they hear."Oh, you are a pretty man," said the woman who had spoken first, laughing, as he held the red ribbon up to her black braid. "And I wish I had something for you!".power over him now. He could walk into it and out of it as if it were mere lines painted on the.something else, a peculiar, bitter taste..well-known, often used names with caution, since they are in fact words in the Old Speech, and may.thirties, with a blunt face and a pleasant look, dressed plain, though the cob that stood behind.gagged, but wind and sunlight were mighty blessings. And he could breathe deep and doze without.ode down several levels, I think, and, getting off on the street at the bottom, was surprised to see.strength in his arms. The dogs were leaping and snapping at his own legs now, and he was about to.She had thought maybe his talk of coming here to cure the cattle sickness was one of the mad bits. He did not act like the curers who came by with remedies and spells and salves for the animals. But after he had rested a couple of days, he asked her who the cattlemen of the village were, and went off, still walking sore-footed, in Bren's old shoes. It made her heart turn in her, seeing that..wise, eh?" he said. "Maybe the Doorkeeper." He looked at her now, not glancing but squarely, his.Next day he had Licky send him the boy. He looked forward to seeing him, to being kind to him, teaching him, petting him a bit as he had done yesterday. He sat down with him in the sun. Gelluk was fond of children and animals. He liked all beautiful things. It was pleasant to have a young creature about. Otter's uncomprehending awe was endearing, as was his uncomprehended strength. Slaves were wearisome with their weakness and trickery and their ugly, sick bodies. Of course Otter was his slave, but the boy need not know it. They could be teacher and prentice. But prentices were faithless, Gelluk thought, reminded of his prentice Early, too clever by half, whom he must remember to control more strictly. Father and son, that's what he and Otter could be. He would have the boy call him Father. He recalled that he had intended to find out his true name. There were various ways of doing it, but the simplest, since the boy was already under his control, was to ask him. "What is your name?" he said, watching Otter intently..quickly had left little time for provisioning the ships. They overran the towns along the west."I spoke your true name. It's not what I thought it would be. And I don't feel easy about it. As.whispered..Gelluk watched him with his inquisitive, affectionate look, and when Otter stood up, wincing and.All this took only two days, and all the time Early was looking and probing toward Endlane village, sending Hound there before him, sending his own presentment there to watch. When he knew where the man was he betook himself there very quickly, on eagle's wings; for Early was a great shape-changer, so fearless that he would take even dragon form..knew it." "Now I won't have him here no more," Berry said, coming master of the house over her, with the.the cattlemen were coming to think well of him. Of course they would grab at any promise of help.

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