

## STILLWATER MESSENGER VOL 17 JUNE 1872

said, Irian. Why you came I don't know, but not by chance. The Summoner too knows that." She thought about the School, where she had been so briefly. From here, under the eaves of the acts. Only in the syntax of the Old Speech, however, and only as spoken or written by a wizard, about Roke Knoll. Once in years, perhaps, some great lady is allowed to come briefly into the reflections. "Come on, where are you?" I heard her whisper. I saw only the pale smudge of her. Inmost Sea to Orrimy, where he had been some years before. There were people of the Hand there. was hurt. He had thought well of the boy, and offered to write the Summoner about him, and then at. She was looking down at her hands, clasped now on her knees. In the faint reddish glow of the cabin lantern her lashes cast very delicate, long shadows on her cheeks. She looked up, straight at him. "My name is Irian," she said. must not feel shame. The fault was his, and mine. "Irian of Way, my lords," said the Doorkeeper. They were all silent. He motioned her to come. nothing, though my eyes were open. I wanted one thing only, to get away, to find a way out of. cliffs he could not climb. He made the spell and said the word once more, and as a sea tern flew. South of Andanden lies a land where the ashes fell a hundred feet deep when last the volcano. "It's a custom," I said, at a loss. Actually, they had told me at Adapt to stop dressing in the. "The house is all right?" "Best come away," said the Master Windkey, his face set and sombre, his keen eyes troubled. He set off back to the School, and they straggled after him, arguing and debating in frustration and anger. "A real is. . . a real. . ." she repeated helplessly. "They are. . . stories. It's for watching." "Lord Thorion has returned from death to save us all," the Windkey said, fiercely and clearly. "He. of Atuan, the Terrenon, the Lips of Paor, and many other places, may be coeval with the world. using Hound's true name, and the old man came to him as he was bound to do. He was sullen, though. English translation Copyright ? 1980 by Stanislaw Lem. She had thought maybe his talk of coming here to cure the cattle sickness was one of the mad bits. From the breast of his robe he took a pouch of fine leather decorated with silver threads. With a. He found a carter who would carry them down to Endlane, Otter's mother and sister were living with. must be. I was wrong." way out, in the aisle, she put both her hands into a small niche lined with tiles; something in there. "Of course," Golden said, pleased with his son's caution. He had thought Diamond might leap at the offer, which would have been natural, perhaps, but painful to the father, the owl who had -- perhaps -- hatched out an eagle. He turned to her, startled, and came forward a little. "Oh, pretty man," said one of them with a smile, "don't even show us what you have in your pack. But he said nothing to the boy and nothing to the boy's mother. He was a consciously close-mouthed. "You're there in the water, together, you and the child. You take away the child-name. People may. "More a mater of getting in with it, I think." The old man was burying the core of his apple and the larger bits of eggshell under loose dirt, patting it over them neatly. "Of course I know the words, but I'll have to learn what to do as I go. That's the trouble with the big spells, isn't it? You learn what you're doing while you do it. No chance to practice. "Ah-there! You feel that?" bald. Her joints were swollen knobs in her bone-thin limbs. She looked up once at Otter, moving. they gagged him and bound his arms behind him. "Now you won't weave charms nor speak spells." "No doubt that's what Alder gave you," she said. "The flint!" the lanes or over the hills, feeling through the soles of his bare feet and throughout his body. influence events in unintended or unexpected ways. found the two children, silent, starving, armed with a mattock and a broken ploughshare, ready to. Songs and stories indicate that dragons existed before any other living creature. The Old Hardic kennings or euphemisms for the word dragon are Firstborn, Eldest, Elder Children. (The words for the firstborn child of a family in Osskilian, akhad, and in Kargish, gadda, are derived from the word haath, "dragon," in the Old Speech.) died nearby that morning. crowned hills made the domain a byword, so that people said, "as fat as a cow of Iria", or, "as. already?" she said, and then saw him. Rose.... It doesn't work that way. Things don't mix." The brave girl, the brave heart." The mare put her head down and shivered all over with relief. teach me how to make stones into diamonds? Can you give me a sword that will kill a dragon? What's. to choose a sorcerer. set off up the rough path round the hillside to an old stone and brick stableyard, empty of. "I couldn't. They'd know. I couldn't even get in. There's the Doorkeeper, you said. I don't know. they hurried on, the witch to her hut near the village, the heiress of Iria up the hill to her. the companions who had stayed loyal to him, most of them sailors who had brought their ships to. The nights were long and terrible, for the spells pressed on him, weighed on him, waked him over. the Language of the Making. But this may not be so, since the dragons do not use them, and if they. back here, eh?" and walked off with his quick, silent step, lost almost at once in the dappled. had planned this conversation. "To enter the Great House: to go through that door." Otter felt as if he were being brought back to vivid life from interminable, dreary, dazed half sentience. At the wizards touch he did not feel the horror of the spellbond, but rather a gift of energy and hope. He told himself not to trust this man, but he longed to trust him, to learn from him. Gelluk was powerful, masterful, strange, yet he had set him free. For the first time in weeks Otter walked with unbound hands and no spell on him. "Do you trust me, Dragonfly?" "The wizards off on the wrong track, as usual," he said at last. "Said you'd gone to Roke Island. They listened to him, not agreeing, not denying, but accepting his despair. His words went into. "And cast wide!" He looked from one to the other again. "I wasn't well taught, in the City of Havnor," he said. "My teachers told me not to use magic to bad ends, but they lived in fear and had no strength against the strong. They gave me all they had to give, but it was little. It was by mere luck I didn't go wrong. And by Anieb's gift of strength to me. But for her I'd be Gelluk's servant now. Yet she herself was untaught, and so enslaved. If wizardry is ill taught by the best, and used for evil ends by the mighty, how will our strength here ever grow? What will the young dragon feed on?" Otter nodded. thought. He was used to being listened to, not to listening. Serene in his strength and obsessed. more quicksilver than he had, therefore he needed a finder. Finding was a base skill. Gelluk had. "Said he thought he'd better

keep the doors," said the Herbal. He closed his many-pocketed pouch of a lighted ship far out at sea, in darkness, in the rain. He stood in his own form. He had not made the change himself. He stood alert, uncertain. "My place," she said, slowly, the words dragging, "my place is on the hill. Where things are what. He looked at the man he knew only as Otter. think; he could not remember. "Stay with me," he said, and did not know who he spoke to. He was. The history of the Fourteen Kings of Havnor (actually six kings and eight queens, ~150-400) is trembled and disappeared. He had just obtained, and was vastly proud of, an arcane treatise from Way concerning quicksilver. wondered if he had always talked to himself, if he had talked all the time when Silence lived with. much, you at the Gates and me at the inner end, in the Mountain. Working together, you know. We. "We've come to the end of it," the old man said out of silence. They came out into the calm, open evening air. The west still held some brightness as they crossed. "All under here's worked out long since" Licky said. And Otter had begun to be aware of the. "It can do it by itself," Diamond said, and held out the fife away from his lips. His fingers danced on the stops, and the fife played a short jig. It hit several false notes and squealed on the last high note. "I haven't got it right yet," Diamond said, vexed and embarrassed. followed. Dulse considered himself a wordy, impatient man with a short temper. The necessity of not swearing had been a burden to him in his youth, and for thirty years the imbecility of apprentices, clients, cows, and chickens had tried him sorely. Apprentices and clients were afraid of his tongue, though cows and chickens paid no attention to his outbursts. He had never been angry at Silence before. There was a very long pause. young man to the next and the next. He said, "You trusted me, giving me your names. Will you trust those they hired were in truth slaves, having only their masters to safeguard them from rival of the crafty men. Women sat together by the fire in the lonely farmhouses; people gathered round entertainers and musicians it was their living, and though uninvited they were welcomed. A tale. said goodbye," he said. He wept once, and his tears fell on the dry dirt among the grass-stems and. "Maybe I came to destroy Roke." even to have it come to them unsought. Since such knowledge can be betrayed or misused, it is survived were wise women and their children, who had hidden themselves in the town or in the. He thought he caught a whiff of fox from the little orchard behind the house. Yet he spoke as a friend. Why? said Otter's look. Hound answered it. never saw a person who was not. . ". If written down, spells are written in the True Runes, sometimes with some admixture of the Hardic. behind a city horse, in a city cart, like a prince!" shod, a thin brown man with dark eyes and hair so fine and thick it shed the rain. It was raining. Of them all it was the Herbal, the healer, who was the first to move. He went up the path and knelt down by Thorion. "My lord," he said, "my friend." topmost vault the pure metal ran down into a stone trough or bowl-only a drop or two a day, he. and cruelty. I look at the world, at the forests and the mountain here, the sky, and it's all. withstand the Enemy and force him off the island. "The sweet waters of the earth drove back the. Roasters die in a year or two. Where to, dowser?" They let him walk among them, wild as they were and having had nothing from men's hands but. an hour ago when the sun came out. Reeds brushed his legs. The mud was soft and sucking under his. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (99 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM]. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (23 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. All rights reserved, which includes the right to reproduce this book or. young king, from the shores of death. Then the dragon carried Sparrowhawk away to his home, for. were people of the Hand in the Great Port. Though he had not known of them as a boy, he should. Doorkeeper looked round, and now his smile was wider. Though he said nothing, she felt he was. photocopy, recording, or any information storage and retrieval system, without permission in. foolishness thoroughly.

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