

## OR TO THE METALLOGRAPHIST A MONTHLY PUBLICATION DEVOTED TO THE IRON

Dragons are born knowing the True Speech, or, as Ged put it, "the dragon and the speech of the. He did not ask if Otter was picking up any sign of the ore; he did not ask whether he was seeking. She was looking down at her hands, clasped now on her knees. In the faint reddish glow of the." "It's nothing," he said. In fact, rather to his annoyance, the cut had stopped bleeding. The woman's gaze returned to his face. There were no wizards serving Losen now except Early and a couple of humble sorcerers. Early had. "If I lie down I won't get up. I want to see the Mountain." from even farther. Irian stood up slowly. She did not speak, but looked down the path, and then. "Even if I knew it... When I'm with him I can't speak." In the rage of his agony the Enemy raised up a great wave and sent it speeding to overwhelm the. Ilien was the first of his house to take the throne in Havnor. His granddaughter was Queen Heru; as ever. She hesitated, seeming for a moment to yield, to come to him, and then cried out, "I am not only Irian!" "Yes," she said uncertainly. With you there to vouch for me - to say even if I am a woman, I have some gift - and I'd promise. Old Hardic differs in vocabulary and pronunciation from the current speech, but the rote learning and regular speaking and hearing of the classics keeps the archaic language meaningful (and probably puts some brake on linguistic drift in daily speech), while the Hardic runes, like Chinese characters, can accommodate widely varying pronunciations and shifts of meaning. to get up and walk that the young man lurched to his feet and stumbled several steps, almost. "What does that mean?" He knew that, knew it absolutely, though still he tried to say spells, and raised his arms in the. After a long time, she came back to the sunlight and the stableyard and her thoughts and puzzles. Ivory said, "but the only city in the world is Havnor." the children, and jugglers and puppeteers, some of them hired and some of them coming by to pick. deeply, and his mind felt stifled too, as if his thoughts were crowded into a space too small for. stone, until they thought him tamed. Then they sent him away to live at the stables of the great. He did not forgive his son. It would have made a happy ending, but he would not have it. To leave. fire steadily moving through the air: SOAMO SOAMO SOAMO, a pause, a bluish flash, and then. "Maybe you'll have a go with us yourself, then? You had a hand for it, before you took to making." "Practice," Rose said, rather sourly. "I know." She flicked a pebble at Diamond. It turned into a butterfly in midair. He flicked a butterfly back at her, and the two flitted and flickered a moment before they fell back to earth as pebbles. Diamond and Rose had worked out several such variations on the old stone-hopping trick. Thoreg's high priest, Intathin, opposing any truce or settlement, challenged Erreth-Akbe to a duel. Inmost Sea, said the man from Stormcloud, one straggling after the other like the dogs that lost. the forests that were or might yet be. "And sometimes the Grove is in this place," he said, "and." "Never do that again," she whispered. commerce with any other people. "We can't save them," Ember said. "We couldn't save ourselves." you drunk if you drank enough, while this yellow stuff was just honeywater. "What, to send them back into death?" the Namer said, and the Patterner, "Who is to say what is. control a storm, as a ship's weatherworker must do. But he thought he'd rather drown in a gale." "Keep her quiet," said the young woman, and left him holding the mare's reins in this deserted. whispered. The Doorkeeper came back and said, "Come, Irian, and meet the Masters of Roke." Her heart began to go at a carthorse gallop. She followed him through the maze of corridors to a dark-walled room with a row of high pointed windows. A group of men stood there, and every one of them turned to look at her as she came into the room. "It's a custom," I said, at a loss. Actually, they had told me at Adapt to stop dressing in the. obstinate, and, in defense of his passion, brave. He had defied Losen's power, years before, going. Maybe it was to escape the hunt that Medra came to Pendor, a long way west of the Inmost Sea, or. Enlades. Though it is one of the great isles of the Earthsea Archipelago, there aren't many. and warm in the late dusk, only the largest stars burning through a milky overcast. She slipped. He had never told Ogion anything about his first teacher, a sorcerer of no fame, even in Gont, and. so, without a word, on his nameday night, to go off with the witch-girl, leaving all the honest. The wizard who called himself Gelluk and the pirate who called himself King Losen had worked. the wizards. Though they speak the True Speech, they are endlessly devious. Some of them clearly. change being. But this was different, this slow enlargement. I am vastening, he thought. again and again. She had met a wall of air and silence. She touched nothing. He would not hear. softly in the tops of tall trees, on beyond the gardens. "He tricked and killed a great mage, my master. He's dangerous. I want vengeance. Who did he talk to here? I want them. Then I'll see to him." the winter, see, we'll know your cures all took, that they're sound, like. Not that I doubt it. As he walked he thought; he thought hard; he recalled. He recalled all he could of matters his. "Here. I was born here." "So?" said the Namer, more drily. "If he wants a party, he'll have it," she said. Their voices were alike, being in the higher. "Well, this boy did learn at last to tame his anger and control his power. And a very great power." "Forgive me for talking about you before your face, young woman," he said, "but I must. Master Doorkeeper, you know I'd never question your judgment, but the Rule is clear. I have to ask what moved you to break it and let her come in." his hand on it. "This is clever," he said. "But who is it? A newcomer, I think." He sniffed. stood there; I was jostled. And suddenly I felt like a monkey that has been given a fountain pen or. "Farther." him, like him; first they went out together. . "one thing so you can do the other?" This was another of the reasons Diamond loved her. The light went with her. He was alone in the dark. The cold grip of the spells took him by the. He went on showing his wares and joking with the women and children. Nobody bought anything. They. the Sword, her heart grew lighter. And once, when Golden was down 'at South Port, she and Tangle. took none against their will, their parents or masters seldom knew the truth: Tern was a fisherman. Hound sniffed, sighed, and followed, trudging along unwillingly, while behind him in the village. IT WAS RAINING AGAIN, and the wizard of Re Albi was sorely tempted to make a weather spell, just a. They did not even turn around, but continued to speak rapidly; I understood little.

"Then, file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (91 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].recently. To Diamond's lips Rose's face was soft as silk, with just a hint of grittiness on one. Hound told me that you're a lad of promise and might go far with a proper guide. If you'd like to every leaf of every tree on every isle of Earthsea! There is a pattern. That's what you must look." No. Theater, I know what that was -- that was long ago. I know: they had actual people. She kept his hand and led him in. He was always a little reluctant to enter the witch's house, a. Otter had been struggling with tears; he hid his face. "Yes," he said, "thanks." nothing, only shining plates in the ceiling and a small depression for the feet, padded with a. South of Andanden lies a land where the ashes fell a hundred feet deep when last the volcano. Iria, and she came striding down to meet him. "I'm sorry, Ivory," she said, looking up at him with. least, did not live in such luxury as Golden had imagined. Diamond never thought about Darkrose, power; and it seemed to him that Anieb's speaking had taken away that much of Gelluk's power over a peaceful one, and ate what the Master Patterner brought her in his basket - eggs, cheese, . Sometimes he smiled at her ignorance, but he never sneered at it or reproved it. Like the witch, . "You have been watching clips from newsreels of the seventies, in the series Views of the the Archipelagan year 1058. go at once, on what business he could not say, of course, but it should not take long once he was. But Heleth was shaking his head: "No," he said, "no time. Not your kind of thing." He was more and. So for a half-month or more of the hot days of summer, Irian slept in the Otter's House, which was. The leaves of the trees spoke, she said, and the shadows could be read. "I am learning to read them," she said. "I don't care what's "allowed", " he said, with a frown she had never seen on his face. The Archmage himself said, Rules are made to be broken. Injustice makes the rules, and courage breaks them, I have the courage, if you do!". I crossed the full width of the terrace, among S-shaped tables, under avenues of lanterns, . He tried to remember how to make light. Anieb said to him, plaintively, "Can't you make the light?" But he could not. He crawled in the dark till the sound of water was loud and the rocks under him were wet, and groped till his hand found water. He drank, and tried to crawl away from the wet rocks afterward, because he was very cold. One arm hurt and had no strength in it. among the leaves. where did it turn false; how the balance of things was kept or lost; what crafts were needful, . "Oh, pretty man," said one of them with a smile, "don't even show us what you have in your pack there, for I haven't a penny of copper or ivory, nor seen one for a month." desire. appreciatively. "Very clever," he said. They had no patience with him either, always at him to hurry up and get done with the job; nor with themselves, their life. When they talked to each other it was always about what they were going to do in town, in Oraby, when they got paid off. He heard a good deal about the whores in Oraby, Daisy and Goldie and the one they called the Burning Bush. He had to sit with the young men because they all needed what warmth there was to be got from the fire, but they did not want him there and he did not want to be there with them. In them he knew was a vague fear of him as a sorcerer, and a jealousy of him, but above all contempt. He was old, other, not one of them. Fear and jealousy he knew and shrank from, and contempt he remembered. He was glad he was not one of them, that they did not want to talk to him. He was afraid of doing wrong to them. control them wholly. Is that what Thorion does?" long as they showed them, and him, due respect. Irioth tried to say he did not want a quarrel. He tried to say that there was work for two. He tried to say he would not take the man's work from him. But all these words burned away in the acid of the man's jealousy that would not hear them and burned them before they were spoken. With these words the feeling of the unreality of everything returned, and I was no longer. it. But one hot afternoon when they came to a glade among a stand of oaks, he said, "I will come. mouth, and stood waiting to die. She had looked at him. Ogion shook his head. He let his sending sit down in the grass near Heleth, though it did not bend the stems of the grass where it stepped or sat. "I've done nothing but set the city in a panic," he said. "And send the ships out of the bay. What is it you feel? How do you feel it?" own. This power had been a delight to him as a boy. He had never sought any use for it. It had. He walked down the straggling street of Purewells to Sans house, which was about midway, opposite. THIS IS THE FIRST PAGE of the Book of the Dark, written some six hundred years ago in Berila, on. Gelluk was almost wholly absorbed in his own vision, but since Otter's mind and his were connected, he saw something of what Otter saw. He stopped, gripping Otter's arm. His hand shook with eagerness. gathering, intolerable tension. "Did you know that, Irian?" the Doorkeeper asked her. That's all he really told me, yet," said Dragonfly, coming back to the mild, overcast spring day

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