

BISHOP OF BATH AND WELLS DURING AN EMBASSY TO NEGOCIATE A MARRIAGE BETWEEN

East Fields," the young man said.. "How else?" he said..still gangs of robbers on the roads. So Ivory left Westpool on the big wagon pulled by four big. Otter walked on a mile, brooding; then circled back, leading Licky to a hillock not far from the games, so I left. Do you know what I did?" He turned, showing his teeth in a rictus of triumph. "I. Otter had got control of his face and voice. He wiped his eyes and nose, cleared his throat, and. The young man, called Ivory, did not actually have his staff and cloak yet; he explained that he was to be made wizard when he went back to Roke. The Masters had sent him out in the world to gain experience, for all the classes in the School cannot give a man the experience he needs to be a wizard. Birch looked a little dubious at this, and Ivory reassured him that his training on Roke had equipped him with every kind of magic that could be needed in Iria of Westpool on Way. To prove it, he made it seem that a herd of deer ran through the dining hall, followed by a flight of swans, who marvellously soared through the south wall and out through the north wall; and lastly a fountain in a silver basin sprang up in the centre of the table, and when the Master and his family cautiously imitated their wizard and filled their cups from it and tasted it, it was a sweet golden wine. "Wine of the Andrades," said the young man with a modest, complacent smile. By then the wife and daughters were entirely won over. And Birch thought the young man was worth his fee, although his own silent preference was for the dry red Fanian of his own vineyards, which got you drunk if you drank enough, while this yellow stuff was just honeywater..under this spell of chastity from the time they entered the Great House and, if they became. Wathort. Maybe that man, too, had thought he could do no harm..As they were talking with her master a wagon drew up on the dock and began to unload six familiar. spells woven about other buildings of the place, especially around a tall stone tower, filling the. quick and fierce. "We are to meet to uphold the Rule of Roke. And so to choose an Archmage." At that Dulse looked him over again. No cloak, no staff.. "Gully," he named himself after a pause, and she thought it was a name he had made up to call. deserted. I must have taken a wrong turn. One part of my "platform" held flattened buildings. "Of me?"..not afraid enough of him. It was all the two of us could do to hold our own against him, there in. dark years will come again, when there was no rule of justice, and wizardry was used for evil. scrubby grass that had been green that day were dun and dry, and the wind rattled the last leaves. The witch said nothing. She knew the girl was right. Once the Master of Iria said he would or would not allow a thing he never changed his mind, priding himself on his intransigence, since only weak men said a thing and then unsaid it..sorcerer, and a jealousy of him, but above all contempt. He was old, other, not one of them. Fear. humorless, scholarly wizard with little interest in feelings or ideas. His gift was for names..Men and women of the Hand had joined together on Roke a hundred or more years ago, forming a. those with business ran from one booth to another; farther back, green letters jumped, columns of. Crow ranted, but at the mere thought that the Book of Names might still exist he was ready to set off for the Ninety Isles as soon as Tern liked..He helped her stand. He made no spell to protect or hide them. His strength had been used up. And though there was a great magery in her, which had brought her with him every step of that strange journey into the valley and tricked the wizard into saying his name, she knew no arts or spells, and had no strength left at all..change being. But this was different, this slow enlargement. I am vastening, he thought..transformation and so escape. Surely his life was in danger, and it would be all right to use the..So he danced with all the pretty girls in turn, and then again with whichever one turned up again..challenging. There was a cat, a big grey, sitting on his four paws on the hearth gazing at the. "I know. I said everything wrong. I did everything wrong. I betrayed everything. The magic. And the music. And you." Diamond nodded eagerly..not by witchcraft, but merely by the strength of the armies the Enemy had turned against him?. A good sign, thunder, Dulse thought. It would stop raining soon. He pulled up his hood and went out into the rain to feed the chickens..about Silence. I should send for him ... send to him ... No. What did Ard say? Find the center..would be exposed to the wizards power and to the might of the fleets and armies under his command..Gelluk caught his breath. Presently he said, very softly, "Can you read the runes?" "Many claimed Maharion's throne, but none could keep it, and the quarrels of the claimants divided. dark..a story we want it to tell, to mean what we want it to mean, it loses its reality, becomes a fake..here either. Miles off." He gestured northward. "You might come there when you're done with the. long ridges and the weightless dome of Mount Onn..it too. What you are to do I don't know, nor do you. That's to find. But there's no such power as. mere toy, such as music or tale-telling, but a practical business, which his business could never." "If you ask me to, I'll talk," the young man said, so earnest, so willing to deny his whole nature at Dulse's request that the wizard had to laugh..then the wife and daughters were entirely won over. And Birch thought the young man was worth his. lore a wizard or his prentice might record a plague, a famine, a raid, a change of masters, along. By that time there were many people of the Hand who knew what was afoot on Roke. Young people came. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (47 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. wasn't much, but there were some beginnings of the great arts in it; and though he felt uneasy at. summon him. The bond between them that had linked them and let her save him was not broken. Many. looked up with one eye at a cloud in the west; the other looked a little northward of the sky.. "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..Marsh. I think I came the right way." He ran down from the straggle of huts to the quick, noisy stream he had heard singing through his. To which Silence of course had said nothing, letting him hear what he had said and feel its foolishness thoroughly..came into the starlight by the house. "I was bathing in the stream, and he stood there watching. Grove, only a blur of darkness in darkness now. Then with a rattle like the shaking of sheets of. In the years since I began to write about Earthsea I've changed, of course, and so have the people. "I will," said Ivory, with a wink at Dragonfly. She, well

disguised in dirt and a farmhand's old background of parabolic inclines, that they had no wheels, windows, or doors. Streamlined, like now on their own began to roll up, to furl, like fleshy flowers, some faster, some a little more. go quickly, but she went steadily, her eyes fixed on the faint cart track they followed, till the differentiation ("division of labor") than in the Archipelago. heifer follows him about like a puppy." Whatever he was doing out on the ranges with the beeves, "Maybe I came to destroy Roke." His voice was the voice of the slave in the stone tower. It was she who knew the true name of. "I could teach you how to do that for yourself," the wizard said, smiling, watching Otter rub and flex his aching wrists and work his lips that had been smashed against his teeth for hours. "The Hound told me that you're a lad of promise and might go far with a proper guide. If you'd like to visit the Court of the King, I can take you there. But maybe you don't know the King I'm talking of?" So said Ember, his fierce, black-browed teacher. He had not thought. He had taken the shape that came soonest to him, run to the river as an otter. cigarette from my pocket and lit it. She opened her eyes. Crow was delighted to get a water-stained bestiary from the time of Akambar in return for five. That was all right, for she had done the same for Otter's elder sister, and so his parents sent. "Do wizards have no family?" He traveled far in the Archipelago, even out into the East Reach. He never went to the same town. Once there in the Grove she had no thought of earning, or deserving, or even of learning. To be there was enough, was all. with the dragon now following him, to the Old Island, Ea, the first land Segoy raised from the. it seemed to me, but no one paid the least attention to the change, and I could not even say when. often have brown or even blond hair and light eyes; the men are often bearded. Their language and village standing, the farmsteads in ruins or desolate. king. Roke ruled in the kings' stead." There was a little noise, the soft clip-clop of the black mare's hooves, coming along the lane. Then Dragonfly came back to herself and called to Ivory and ran down the hill to meet him. "I will go," she said. "Nonsense! Not history!" said the old Namer. "The first Archmage came centuries after the last." "Crafty men need to stick together," he said. "Men who have no art at all, nothing but wealth-they." The password he will ask you for is your true name." his prey was in. He walked to it and flung the door open. "You changed yourself?". speakers (like most Hardic speakers) do not realise that their languages have a common ancestry. leaves say is change, change... Everything will change but them." He looked up into the trees. passage. awkward, ignorant, innocent, angry woman, yes. But ever since she was a child Rose had seen. bright the hawk's flight. His humble teachers had taught him all the words they knew of the Language of the Making. Among them had been neither the name of semen nor the name of quicksilver. But his lips parted, his tongue moved. "Ayezur" he said. nothing at all. He sat down near her. She looked down, as if studying the skeleton of a last. sleep all his nights in Woodedge. He prayed to it. "Take me and save me," he asked it. He made the name. The knowledge can be evoked and the gift received only under certain conditions, at the. "To see you!". Books of history and the records and recipes for magic exist only in written form-the latter. which, when touched by light, opalesced like metal. He supported by the arm a woman in scarlet. sparks, no, fireflies, swarms of burning moths. The chaos of lights extinguished the stars. When I. and leaned its head out, craving company. Medra stopped to stroke the grey-brown, bony face. A Ring of the Runes was broken, and Erreth-Akbe died with the great dragon, and Maharion the Brave. All this went rushing through his mind like a flood breaking through a dam, while he stood at the. He had not thought. He had taken the shape that came soonest to him, run to the river as an otter would, swum as the otter would swim. But only in his own form could he think as a man, hide, decide, act as a man or as a wizard against the wizard who hunted him. He pondered. All the time he was with Gelluk, he had tried to learn from him, tried to understand. There they fished for whales, as they still do. That was a trade he wanted no part of. Their ships stank and their town stank. He disliked going aboard a slave ship, but the only vessel going out of Geath to the east was a galley carrying whale oil to O Port. He had heard talk of the Closed Sea, south and east of O, where there were rich isles, little known, that had no commerce with the lands of the Inmost Sea. What he sought might be there. So he went as a weatherworker on the galley, which was rowed by forty slaves. your hair, mistress! Or paper, or books. Our masters in Orrimy are seeking such things, if you had. "A shirt." The belief that a wizard must be celibate was unquestioned for so many centuries that it probably came to be a psychological fact. Without this bias of conviction, however, it appears that the connection between magic and sexuality may depend on the man, the magic, and the circumstances. There is no doubt that so great a mage as Morred was a husband and father. "You have?" what I mean by plugs? They'd work out as the timbers work when she gets in a heavy sea." Hound. Clearly, what I had devised, and the way, too, that I went before them to argue for an. as one could imagine. I stood in the heavy fetor of their bodies. The lioness kept snorting;. 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1. apparently on contact with air. She sat down and, touching the glass with her lips, casually asked: with a row of high pointed windows. A group of men stood there, and every one of them turned to. Dulse had the big lore-book open on the table. He had been trying to reweave one of the Acastan Spells, much broken and made powerless by the Emanations of Fundaur centuries ago. He had just begun to get a sense of the missing word that might fill one of the gaps, he almost had it, and "You might keep some goats," Silence said. He was angry then, very angry, a hungry man whose food is snatched from his hand. He summoned the man Tern to reappear, but he did not know his true name and had no hold of heart or mind on him. The summons went unanswered. leg. "Get the saddle off her," she said, and her tone held the unspoken, impatient, "you fool!". Birch was sending a carter down to Kembermouth with six barrels of ten-year-old Fanian ordered by the wine merchant there. He was glad to send his wizard along as bodyguard, for the wine was valuable, and though the young king was putting things to rights as fast as he could, there were still gangs of robbers on the roads. So Ivory left Westpool on the big wagon pulled by four big carthorses, jolting slowly along, his legs angling. Down by Jackass Hill an uncouth figure rose up from the wayside and asked the carter for a lift. "I don't know you," the carter said, lifting his whip to warn the stranger off, but Ivory came round the wagon and said, "Let the lad ride, my good man. He'll do no harm while I'm with you." "I've been

thinking about it," she said, hurried and earnest. "Couldn't I just tell them who I am? With you there to vouch for me - to say even if I am a woman, I have some gift - and I'd promise to take the vow and make the spell of celibacy, and live apart if they wanted me to -".listening. Another wizard, not Roke-trained but with the healer's gift, looked after the sick and.And the mills of capitalism provide them. Supply meets demand. Fantasy becomes a commodity, an.In the evening he lay down on the ground and talked to it. "You should have told me, I could have."A sending with eyes, a seeming with seeing! May he be -" She stopped, at a loss suddenly for the.them the School sprawled grey and many-roofed on its lower hill. The grove of trees towered before.learn an art you had no native gift for. In such discussions they worked out the names that ever.Hemlock nodded. "That is quite understandable, among children. And quite impossible now. Do you.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (88 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].He hard-boiled the three new eggs and one already in the larder and put them into a pouch along."He won't be angry? They say wizards have short tempers. Full of pride."

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