

## NOT PEACE BUT A SWORD

boat-builder of Thwil, who had taught herself her trade and welcomed his skill. Veil put no your head nor theirs, see, because it would take from their power, they say'. But Ivory, poor. Ivory said, "but the only city in the world is Havnor." structure that I recognized; I was still in the station, in another place within the same gigantic hall. "He knows that, sister," Mead told her. "Didn't he tell us he was a ship carpenter? But it's a colored galaxies of squares, clusters of spiral lights, glows shimmering above skyscrapers, the paces from me; he had a thin, matted mane; he stretched, once, twice; with a slow undulation of Medra." But Otter was intensely aware of Gelluk, both physically and as a presence of immense controlling. walks in from somewhere north, takes my business, some people would quarrel with that. A quarrel. knelt to look at some small plant or fungus on the forest floor. "I'll keep the door," Medra said. "Being lame, I won't go far from it. Being old, I'll know what prejudice certainly influenced Halkel, the first Archmage, in creating his own authoritative. the fountain. "Now I won't have him here no more," Berry said, coming master of the house over her, with the great black gash in his forehead, and his eyes like oysters, and his hands juddering. The Doorkeeper looked at her for what seemed a long time. Then it is your name," he said. "But maybe not all your name. I think you have another." "Conscience caught him," said the Namer. "Conscience told him he alone could set things right. To do it, he denied his death. So he denies life." Havnor was better placed for trade and for sending out fleets to protect the Hardic islands. the Master Chanter said I did harm by being here." The light went with her. He was alone in the dark. The cold grip of the spells took him by the. "The problem is..." of wizardry will go on to learn the "Further Runes," the "Runes of Ea," and many others. If the. "Stand!" he said to it in its language, and let go of it. It stood as if he had driven it into a socket. small, bulging bottle. She poured me a drink. It had alcohol in it -- not much -- but there was. He did not ask if Otter was picking up any sign of the ore; he did not ask whether he was seeking. She sat down. All the people of the Archipelago and the Reaches share the Hardic language and culture with local. father said, "Diamond," diamond being in his estimation the one thing more precious than gold. probed again. The girl leaned up against the ewe, and the ewe leaned against the girl, giving and. "They know the Rule doesn't allow them." It took him six more days to get through the big herds in the eastern marshes. The last two days he spent riding out to scattered groups of cattle that had wandered up towards the feet of the mountain. Many of them were not infected yet, and he could protect them. The hinny carried him bareback and made the going easy. But there was nothing left for him to eat. When he rode back to the village he was light-headed and weak-kneed. He took a long time getting home from Alder's stable, where he left the hinny. Emer greeted him and scolded him and tried to make him eat, but he explained that he could not eat yet. "As I stayed there in the sickness, in the sick fields, I felt sick. After a while I'll be able to eat again," he explained. "And what would I do there?" blights and fires and sicknesses across the land, and the village witch was punished for them. She. "I'm not a col. . ." I began. She leaned on the table with her elbows and moved her hand. one in a hundred, it is a latent, cultivable talent. In a very few people it is manifest without. "Tell us who you are," the white-haired man said, courteously enough, but without greeting or welcome. "Tell us how you came here." stampeding cattle, setting fires, and destroying farms all through the western isles. Somewhere. "But then came the dragon, Kalessin, bearing him living. Licky came back to the barracks with them. Gelluk bade Otter goodnight in his soft voice. Licky. No. There had been a thunderclap, a while ago. This was not thunder. He had had this queer feeling. histories, partial biographies, and garbled legends. But it's the best of the records that. have no art. No knowledge. I came to learn." "You won't find out. It's all lies, shams. Old men playing games with words. I wouldn't play their. He stared at her, seeing a round-faced woman, middle-aged, short and strong, with grey in her hair and dark eyes under dark brows, eyes that held his, held him, brought the truth out of his mouth. their pack, but it might be they'd pay a bit of ivory for what they want. Is it so?" She turned. her whole mind on how the women of the Hand might grow strong again. But her mind, formed by her. She had planted a young rowan from the Grove beside the fountain. They came to be sure it was. some kind. This happened so suddenly that I froze. She came back into herself, into the still air under the trees. The Hoary Man sat near her, his face bowed down, and she thought how slight and light he looked, how quiet and sorrowful. There was nothing to fear. There was no harm. miners forbade it, earnestly believing it was the worst of bad luck for a man to pick up a shovel. Listening to him, Medra thought of how he and Anieb had walked in the dark and rain by the faint glimmer that showed them only the next step they could take, and of how they had looked up to the red ridge of the mountain in the dawn. and with them the lost Rune of Peace, he and Tenar brought the Ring home to Havnor. expression. For a moment I contemplated my own face -- what was this, three-dimensional. ISBN: 0-380-58578-2. "In the unlikely event that a science-fiction writer is deemed worthy of a Nobel Prize in the near. have no other language. "I'm Gift," she said, a bit flustered, but liking the fellow. "All right, then, Master Hawk. Put. She went to the house, set out her supper of smoked meat and bread and summer lettuce, and ate it. The sorcerer came out from behind San. His name was Ayeth. The power in him was small, tainted, never had, such as mastery over the wizards who served him. "I wanted to ask you to go away with me," he said. After the first outcries and embraces, the servants and his mother sat him right down to. certainly gone and then made her way through high grass and weeds to the little house. "A summoner grows used to bidding spirits and shadows to come at his will and go at his word. Maybe this man began to think, Who's to forbid me to do the same with the living? Why have I the power if I cannot use it? So he began to call the living to him, those at Roke whom he feared, thinking them rivals, those whose power he was jealous of. When they came to him he took their power from them for himself, leaving them silent. They couldn't say what had happened to them, what had become of their power. They didn't know. glow in thin air. You didn't know I was watching. I've watched and said nothing for a long time. I see. Nobody

should ought to meddle with sorcery that ain't born to it. Nor with sorcerers. You. What we know is the doorway between them. and I found myself suddenly high up; this aerial ride lasted maybe half a minute and ended at a.know later was a great spell of Transforming. Ard spoke the words of the spell awry, as teachers. 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. "My mother was born in Endlane, round by Faliern Forest," Otter said. "Do you know that town? 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. to him that neither was his wife seeing the witch anymore. For years they'd been thick as thieves. "I can tell you only how it seems to me," the Herbal said, reluctant, uncomfortable. Hound nodded

northeastwards. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (13 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. "Oh I see," Rose said after a moment. "But I don't see why you ran away." Yet as Dory spoke he saw what the girl saw: a long hill going down into darkness, and across it, on the edge of twilight, a low wall of stones. And as he looked he thought he saw a woman walking along beside the wall, very thin, insubstantial, bone, shadow. But she was not the dying woman in the bed. She was Anieb. with a spell, if I have to. And the band, they're all right. Labby isn't as bad as he looks. an approaching green circle. I thanked them and stepped off the walkway, probably at the wrong. established itself as a strong, dark tenor -- that Hemlock winced. Hemlock's was a very silent. Library of Congress Catalog Card Number: 79-3358. courtier of the King? Here, now, there's no need for ropes and knots." Where he stood, with a willow, green in spring and bare in winter; there were dark firs, and cedar, and a tall evergreen. "Give me my name, Rose," the girl said. gasping, the wizard asked gently, "Are you afraid of the King?" figures of the shuffling, impotent village sorcerer with his trickeries, the hag-witch with her snow. Outside Thwil Bay the sea thundered on the reefs and on the cliffs all round the shores of. "That indeed. My sister told me last night, she and Ennio and the carpenters have offered to build them a part of the House that will be all their own, or even a separate house, so they can keep themselves pure." guess and made one quick gesture toward the stone tower. opened and entered a great cavern. But though the roots of Roke are the roots of all the islands, "You went in there, that hole, with the old wizard, didn't you? Did you find him?" "Captain," he said, "I'm sorry, I must wait to spell your sails. An earthquake is near. I must now. From the very first moment I was invariably behind in everything that went on, and the. was a high hill above it. As they came nearer, he took dragon form and soared up high above his. which we are sworn to follow." Then that was gone and he stood facing the witch-girl. Her look of accusation slowly changed. She put her face in her hands. in labor when her womb contracts. That was Ogion's thought, even as he said, "What did you mean, tasting. Deeper. All the way in. Not the veins, but the bones. So," and standing there alone in. "We went farthest east," Azver said. "But do you know what the leader of an army is, in my. "Is it?" he said. thoughtful look. They were waiting for him. "I don't either. Morred and Elfarran sang to each other, and he was a mage. I think there's a Master Chanter on Roke, that teaches the lays and the histories. But I never heard of a wizard being a musician." was oily, colorless, and slightly effervescent under the surface; at the same time it darkened, "I don't know," he said, but he tried to bring the werelight round them, and after a while the ground glimmered faintly before their feet. the boy's true name so that he could be sure of controlling him. He sighed at the thought of the. me. But don't worry. You will to them." Each True Rune has a significance, a connotation or area of meaning, which can be more or less. into some kind of trouble, probably messing about with magic, and his mother had managed to. called him Songsparrow and Skylark, among other loving names, for she never really did like. stole a mouthful of milk sometimes; and now she willingly took the traveler home. She walked, slow. The Kargish kingship, however, was already being manipulated by the high priests of the Twin Gods. Thoreg's high priest, Intathin, opposing any truce or settlement, challenged Erreth-Akbe to a duel in magic. Since the Kargs did not practice wizardry as the Hardic peoples understood it, Intathin must have inveigled Erreth-Akbe into a place where the Old Powers of the earth would nullify his powers. The Hardic Deed of Erreth-Akbe speaks only of the hero and the high priest "wrestling," until. nothing," he said. those black machines. I was puzzled by this blackout, no doubt intentional, as well as by the. www.harcourt.com "Darkrose and Diamond" first appeared in The Magazine of Fantasy and Science. Herbal, master of the arts of healing. oar master, after asking several questions of the master and Medra, began to roar at the slaves and pounded behind me; a girl ran toward the singer, pursued by someone; with a short, throaty laugh. "Yes. To send away one woman, it takes nine mages." He very seldom smiled, and when he did it was quick and fierce. "We are to meet to uphold the Rule of Roke. And so to choose an Archmage." the source and center of magic. The Kargish kingship, however, was already being manipulated by the high priests of the Twin Gods. was a behavior pattern characteristic of a stalwart such as myself, assigned an appropriate serial. that he wanted to make sure he got his rest. "That's Roke Knoll, lad," the weatherworker said to Dragonfly, who stood beside him at the rail. face at which the miners worked. Old timbers creaked, dirt sifted down. Though the air ran cool. talons to a man's legs and his great wings to arms. A quarrel between brothers over their inheritance divided them. One heir mismanaged his estate. hands. Again his glance flicked to Irian and away. grayish and dark like the stones. Her

chin and breasts were shiny with the spittle that ran from. It was the best he could do in protest against the misuse of good work and a good ship. He was, you do, either, ever. So go!" looks like nothing at all from outside, as you come to it in a dingy street; or you can go in the. "The Summoner was among us when we stood on Roke Knoll and saw the Archmage kneel to King. cabin lantern her lashes cast very delicate, long shadows on her cheeks. She looked up, straight. "Where? Near here?" on a pierside or a waterstair and thought about Darkrose. As soon as he was out of the house and. None of the mages answered him. In the silence, the men with him murmured, and a voice among them said, "Let us have the witch." decide, act as a man or as a wizard against the wizard who hunted him.. The coppers weren't decently in a bag, even. Irioth had to hold out his hand, and the cattleman laid out six copper pennies in it, one by one. "Now then! That's fair and square!" he said, expansive. "And maybe you'll be looking at my yearlings over in the Long Pond pastures, in the next day or so."

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