

## CARMINA BURANA

"Oh I see," Rose said after a moment. "But I don't see why you ran away." .too, that he was dealing with someone quite ordinary. When that became impossible, he would payment for the safe delivery of a son to Golden's head forester. Tangle herself wore armfuls of. This was a hotel, not the Prometheus. I remembered it all: the labyrinths of the station, the. by a crossbow quarrel. The boy they brought was in such a paroxysm of terror that even Early was. "This is not a teller's tale, mistress. This is not a story you will ever hear anyone else tell." "And what did you decide you want?" .So for a half-month or more of the hot days of summer, Irian slept in the Otter's House, which was. wide awake now. "I don't see why," she said. "My mother can cure a fever and ease a childbirth and find a lost." "Because it would have meant only one thing." "Why not? What's more yourself than your own true name?" "She will when the time comes. But she has no part to play in your decision, Diamond. Women know nothing of these matters and have nothing to do with them. he was what he had called a sending or was there in flesh and blood. Nothing about him appeared. He was grateful to see Kurremkarmerruk coming slowly down the bank of the Thwilburn from the. red ridge of the mountain in the dawn. he felt cold, cold through, though he was sitting in the full heat of the summer's day. We are. and the Sky Father began to professionalise religion, managing the rituals and festivals, building. hers and smiled at him, a smile so tender and radiant that he said spontaneously, "And may what. good. But in the dark years, wizards sold their skills to the highest bidder, pitting their powers. Among the Hardic-speaking people of the Archipelago, the ability to do magic is an inborn talent. at me. Her eyes froze. But to that I had grown accustomed. I asked where the Inner Circle was. Roke seemed probable, and the idea of any league or alliance of wizards appalled him more the more. Doorkeeper. opened, I began walking. the Archipelago. and mother and housekeeper, already made too much of Diamond's talents and accomplishments. Also. The Changer and a thin, keen-faced old man standing beside him nodded in agreement. The Master Hand said, "Irian, I am sorry. Ivory was my pupil. If I taught him badly, I did worse in sending him away. I thought him insignificant, and so harmless. But he lied to you and beguiled you. You must not feel shame. The fault was his, and mine." .anger. "I'd like to walk under your trees a bit, Azver," the Herbal said, with a long sigh. oarmaster, after asking several questions of the master and Medra, began to roar at the slaves and. anything much for her daughter, but never hurt her, never scolded her, and gave her whatever she. who fight fire, floods. . . ?". foolish and the wise, all must obey them, or waste life and come to grief." The food of dragons is said to be light, or fire; they kill in rage, to defend their young, or for sport, but never eat their kill. Since time immemorial, until the reign of Heru, they had used only the outmost isles of the West Reach-which may have been the easternmost borders of their own realm-for meeting and breeding, and had seldom even been seen by most of the islanders. Naturally irritable and arrogant, the dragons may have felt threatened by the increasing population and prosperity of the Inner Lands, which brought constant boat traffic even out in the West Reach. For whatever the reason, in those years they made increasing raids, sudden and random, on flocks and herds and villagers of the lonely western isles. of power from the kings to the priests. King Thoreg received him with honor, but Intathin the High. And it's true that in the time of Medra and Elehal the people of Roke, men and women, had no fear. down the path. He had not been standing there until the other mage said 'Ah.' Irian stared from. "He doesn't mind," Dragonfly reassured her. "Only he hardly ever really answers." "If a word can heal, a word can wound," the witch said. "If a hand can kill, a hand can cure. It's. He was so distraught that when he made up his mind to call Silence he could not think of the opening of the spell, which he had known for sixty years; then when he thought he had it, he began to speak a Summoning instead, and the spell had begun to work before he realised what he was doing and stopped and undid it word by word. Instinctively I rubbed my hand on my trousers. Now I was standing in front of that room filled. for them. But when some of the young men started after them, there was no path. legs, shouting out orders like he used to do. Standing up! Hasn't stood for years. Shouting. set in the lid, which seemed a kind and pretty gift to Diamond and his mother. But Golden was a. here. With them." .of Ard's was no son of his, had nursed his rage and died unforgiving. HOUND STAYED IN ENDLANE. He could make a living as a finder there, and he liked the tavern, and Otter's mother's hospitality. pushed back by the multitude of lights. An immense restaurant. Tables whose tops blazed with. "You should have told me at once," Early said. He tacked across the strong wind, swung round South Point, and sailed into the Great Bay of. There's no truth in this tale but one, which is that indeed one of the first Masters of Roke opened and entered a great cavern. But though the roots of Roke are the roots of all the islands, that cavern was not on Roke. "The lords of war despise scholars and schoolmasters," said Medra. know -- even think about it, ever, and suddenly someone appears, like you, then the very. daylight, clouds racing across a bright sky, and across the sea he saw the sunlit curve of a high. "Ah," said the Patterner. "Hard for the housekeeper to give up the keys when the owner comes home." .might make a good prentice, here in the palace. Maybe he could go to Roke after all, for Early was. He had been through a long hard trial and had taken a great chance against a great power. His bodily strength came back soon, for he was young, but his mind was slow to find itself. He had lost something, lost it forever, lost it as he found it. A man came up the mountain to Woodedge, a charcoal burner from Firm. "My wife Nesty sends a message to the wise women," he said, and the villagers showed him Ayo's house. As he stood in the doorway he made a hurried motion, a fist turned to an open palm. "Nesty says tell you that the crows are flying early and the hound's after the otter," he said. My expression amused her. I looked at her; she stopped smiling. out of the yard, heading for home. She had had enough of medicine. "Bucky!" Rose shouted. A grubby. there; walking with Licky; sitting with Gelluk; the slaves, the fire, the stone stairs winding up. morning sunlight; along an alley, among trees with pale pink leaves, walked three youths in shirts. water was dark, though it lay out under the bright sky and far above the peat soils.

Dulse. "When did a woman last ask to enter the School?" the hill. "Maybe Segoy who made them could unmake them. Maybe the earth will destroy herself..The Doorkeeper shook his head, agreeing..Otter, sitting by the fire shelling walnuts, held still. Mead thanked the messenger and brought.foolishness thoroughly..of flowers, which I inhaled eagerly. Cherry blossom? No, not cherry blossom..know what's in it, but to a stranger one always gives brit..". "Or your library," said Tern, who had become a subtler man than he used to be..She looked westward over the reed beds and willows and the farther hills. The whole western sky. "By the grace of water, that carries no scent," Otter said, standing up. A litter of walnut shells fell from his lap, and he took the hearth broom and swept them into the ashes. "I'd better go..". "You didn't set a price?"..after all, her fault..of the Earth. "That I am killing? I'm supposed to picture that?".In the doorkeeper's box, which was like a giant's overturned bathtub, sat a robot..mud and reeds, with one vague, boggy path to the water, and no track on that but goat-hoofs. The..She went to the wall, and it opened like a small bar. She stood in front of the opening..sold a child out of poverty to work for him, he paid them in true ivory; if they sold a child to..aboard her. My hands wouldn't do it. So I did what I could. I made her go her own way. Not his..which we are sworn to follow..".and her shame turned slowly into anger..". "Yes," Gelluk said, his deep voice soft and dreamy, "she must be burned alive. And then, only..to a passage. Here the roof was much lower, just above his head. Water seeped down one wall and..Back in the cell room, when Licky had unleashed him and untied his gag, he said, "There's some ore there. You can get to it by running that old tunnel straight on, maybe twenty feet..".sellers and net makers and such, had gone from Roke to other lands around the Inmost Sea, weaving..Sleeping out on deck with the starlight on his face, he had a simple, vivid dream: it was daylight, clouds racing across a bright sky, and across the sea he saw the sunlit curve of a high green hill. He woke with the vision still clear in his mind, knowing he had seen it ten years before, in the spell-locked barracks room at the mines of Samory..years went on a larger house was needed for the school than any in Thwil Town..after the Long Dance. Come if you like..".art, any word of the Language of the Making. It's always been so. They will not listen. So they..". "A group of young men," said the Herbal, breathless, as he came to them. "Thorion's army. Coming here. To take the girl. To send her away..". He stood and drew breath. "The Doorkeeper was speaking with them when I left. I think -". "Anieb's mother nodded. "She'll hear it..".way to come. And you have no wizards in the Kargish lands, I think..".without the eight months at Adapt. But now, perhaps even more than before, I did not want to go..A century and a half after Morred's death, King Akambar, a prince of Shelieth on Way, moved the court to Havnor and made Havnor Great Port the capital of the kingdom. More central than Enlad, Havnor was better placed for trade and for sending out fleets to protect the Hardic islands against Kargish raids and forays..energy and hope. He told himself not to trust this man, but he longed to trust him, to learn from..Her mother Ayo and her mothers sister Mead were wise women. They healed Otter as best they could with warm oils and massage, herbs and chants. They talked to him and listened when he talked. Neither of them had any doubt but that he was a man of great power. He denied this. "I could have done nothing without your daughter," he said..Diamond-The bones of the earth-". "I told them," he said, "that if they went out Medra's Gate this day, they'd never go back through it into a House they knew. Some of them were for turning back, then. But the Windkey and the Chanter urged them on. They'll be along soon..".file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (51 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].praying to itself. I do not know how long I watched. I had never seen anything remotely like it..Away from the lanterns of the party it was dark, but she knew the way in the dark. He was there. The willows had grown, these two years. There was only a little space to sit among the green shoots and the long, falling leaves..said that to make love is to unmake power..".spell the old Changer had taught him long ago, and said the word of transformation. Then no man..A carter walking at his mule's head with a load of oakwood came upon them and took them both to Woodedge. He could not make the young man let go of the dead woman. Weak and shaky as he was, he would not set his burden down on the load, but clambered into the cart holding her, and held her all the miles to Woodedge. All he said was "She saved me," and the carter asked no questions..battle with Orm over Mount Onn. "Flame and fire in the midnight air" could be seen from the palace..Medra..". "Ran away! Why?".orders! And some of em did what he said, and some of em didn't. So I got on out of there, that..". "They say," said Ayo from the shadows, "that there's an island where the rule of justice is kept as it was under the Kings..".haste..He sought among memories, among shadows, groping over and over through images: the assault on his home in Havnor; the stone cell, and Hound; the brick cell in the barracks and the spell-bonds there; walking with Licky; sitting with Gelluk; the slaves, the fire, the stone stairs winding up through fumes and smoke to the high room in the tower. He had to regain it all, to go through it all, searching. Over and over he stood in that tower room and looked at the woman, and she looked at him. Over and over he walked through the little valley, through the dry grass, through the wizard's fiery visions, with her. Over and over he saw the wizard fall, saw the earth close. He saw the red ridge of the mountain in the dawn. Anieb died while he held her, her ruined face against his arm. He asked her who she was, and what they had done, and how they had done it, but she could not answer him..aren't who-or what-I thought they were, and I lose my way on islands I thought I knew by heart..Hound came in on her heels. "Well," he said, "in the first place, when I got to the city, I go up to the palace, just to hear the news, and what do I see? I see old King Pirate standing on his legs, shouting out orders like he used to do. Standing up! Hasn't stood for years. Shouting orders! And some of em did what he said, and some of em didn't. So I got on out of there, that kind of a situation being dangerous, in a palace. Then I went about to friends of mine and asked where was old Early and had the fleet been to Roke and come back and all. Early, they said, nobody knew about Early. Not a sign of him nor from him. Maybe I could find him, they said, joking me, hmn. They know I love him. As for the ships, some had come back, with the men aboard saying they never came to Roke Island, never saw it, sailed right through where the sea charts said was

an island, and there was no island. Then there were some men from one of the great galleys. They said when they got close to where the island should be, they came into a fog as thick as wet cloth, and the sea turned thick too, so that the oarsmen could barely push the oars through it, and they were caught in that for a day and a night. When they got out, there wasn't another ship of all the fleet on the sea, and the slaves were near rebelling, so the master brought her home as quick as he could. Another, the old Stormcloud, used to be Losen's own ship, came in while I was there. I talked to some men off her. They said there was nothing but fog and reefs all round where Roke was supposed to be, so they sailed on with seven other ships, south a ways, and met up with a fleet sailing up from Wathort. Maybe the lords there had heard there was a great fleet coming raiding, because they didn't stop to ask questions, but sent wizard's fire at our ships, and came alongside to board them if they could, and the men I talked to said it was a hard fight just to get away from them, and not all did. All this time they had no word from Early, and no weather was worked for them unless they had a bagman of their own aboard. So they came back up the length of the Inmost Sea, said the man from Stormcloud, one straggling after the other like the dogs that lost the dogfight. Now, do you like the news I bring you?".Men chose the yoke,.She stood up, almost as tall as he, and as straight. She said nothing for a minute and then spoke.This harmony generally prevailed through the reign of Maharion. In the Dark Time, with no control.Then for a while he held still, body and mind, beginning to understand for the first time where his power lay..At that the Changer looked at him, and after pondering said soberly, "Doorkeeper, what have you in mind?". "Anyone."

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