

## **RAVES REPLY TO A LETTER PUBLISHED IN THE NEWS PAPERS BY THE CHEVALIER**

had caught him watching his mind. Gelluk stared at him a while with that curious half-keen, half-.all, a love story can happen at any time, anywhere. "On the High Marsh" is a story from the brief. These legends are best preserved in Hur-at-Hur, the easternmost of the Kargad Lands, where dragons have degenerated into animals without high intelligence. Yet it is in Hur-at-Hur that people keep the most vivid conviction of the original kinship of human and dragon kind. And with these tales of ancient times come stories of recent days about dragons who take human form, humans who take dragon form, beings who are in fact both human and dragon. bubbles, the blue set to work, angelic, modest, collected, but somehow sanctimonious, as if. "I think we might go south again," Tern said, steering for the open channel. "Towards Pody." "Hmn," Hound went, a short, grunting laugh. "You find what you look for, don't you? Like me." He saw that his companion was in distress, and said, "I'll get you out of here. Fetch a carter from the village down there, when I've got my breath. Listen. Don't fret. I haven't hunted you all these years to give you to Early. The way I gave you to Gelluk. I was sorry for that. I thought about it. What I said to you about men of a craft sticking together. And who we work for. Couldn't see that I had much choice about that. But having done you a disfavor, I thought if I came across you again I'd do you a favor, if I could. As one finder to the other, see?" the trees. "Stay tonight. You will?" went down to the dogs and the horses and the cattle, and swore to them that she would be loyal to. was confined, as thousands of human voices and sounds -- meaningless to me, meaningful to. doorstep. She withdrew noiselessly into the house. In a little while she saw him going back to his. Havnor. village. He still would not let her go, holding the rain-wet, stiffened body against him as if to. Ayo and Mead were much alike, and Otter saw in them what Anieb might have been: a short, slight, I beg your pardon." "You ought to have your proper name day, your feast and dancing, like any young 'un," the witch said. "It's at daybreak a name should be given. And then there ought to be music and feasting and all. Not sneaking about at night and no one knowing..." a collateral line of the House of Enlad, inheriting the throne from a cousin; his forebears were. What am I going to do?" Hardic. Kargish has diverged most widely in vocabulary and syntax from the Old Speech. Most of its. "Later? It varies. To some. . . you always give brit." tongue?" "She's going there, to the wall, and I can't go with her," she said. "She's going alone and I can't go with her- Can't you go there?" She broke away from Rush, looking again at Tern. "You can go there!" It was no use trying to impress her; all she said was, "Ships don't trade much to Roke, do they?" expression. For a moment I contemplated my own face -- what was this, three-dimensional. left the Book of Names with a woman in the Ninety Isles for safekeeping." gossip. 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.. "I learned about this from Ard," he said, and paused again.. not so far as she, for he was lame.. "Why are we wasting time here?" he demanded, as Tern let the bucket down into the well. "Are you." Your fear. Did you think I would attack you, or what? But that's ridiculous!" west of Ensmer, Ath confronted the great dragon Orm. Accounts of this meeting vary; but though. The head of the giant rolled its eyes, reeled, looked at me as if it were having great fun.. "Often. Seeing only boys and men, day after day, in the Great House and all the precincts of the School. Knowing that the townswomen are spell-bound from so much as setting foot on the fields about Roke Knoll. Once in years, perhaps, some great lady is allowed to come briefly into the outer courts. . . Why is it so? Are all women incapable of understanding? Or is it that the Masters fear them, fear to be corrupted - no, but fear that to admit women might change the rule they cling to - the ... purity of that rule." It's a word in the language of the Allking. His own name in his own language. In our base tongue. "The watermetal," Otter said.. "Beautiful, you are beautiful," he told her, breathing her grassy breath, leaning against her. "Is it a long way from where you live, sir?" she asked.. of us having a lodger. Not that it's your fault." go quickly, but she went steadily, her eyes fixed on the faint cart track they followed, till the. Azver nodded, in silence.. "A little gift," Diamond said indistinctly. "Enough for tricks." "Ard. My teacher." Heleth looked up, his face unreadable, its expression possibly sly. "You didn't know that? No, I suppose I never mentioned it. But it doesn't make much difference, after all. Since we none of us have any sex, us wizards, do we? What matters is whose house we live in. It seems we may have left out a good deal worth knowing. This kind of thing- There! There again-" But seeing no slope or stair downward as he came to the lip of the broken roof of the cavern, he. boys his own age, his own sort, from the respectable families of Glade. Tuly insisted on calling. story of how Erreth-Akbe lost the Ring of Peace, and the new songs and the King's Tale about how. They needed no persuasion. They rode off leaving everything behind, their blankets, the tent, the iron pot. "How do we get all that back to the village?" he asked the hinny. She looked after the two ponies and said what hinnies say. "Aaawww!" she said. She would miss the ponies.. impurities fester and run free from their sores. And then when they're burned clean at last they. had not said anything for a week or so, a cold, wet week of autumn. He said, "You might keep some. what had become of their power. They didn't know.. "I may be able to help the beasts." change: authors and wizards are not always to be trusted: nobody can explain a dragon.. preventing himself and for having to be prevented.. "Your leaves and shadows tell you nothing?" structure that I recognized; I was still in the station, in another place within the same gigantic hall. sport, but never eat their kill. Since time immemorial, until the reign of Heru, they had used. They needed no persuasion. They rode off leaving everything behind, their blankets, the tent, the. worn it all these weeks. She let him pull it over her head and then walked right on. She could not. the Archipelagan year 1058.. think; he could not remember. "Stay with me," he said, and did not know who he spoke to. He was. "Just enough to keep going on, eh?" everything. . ".for?" Imagination like all living things lives now, and it lives with, from, on true change. Like all we. "How do you do that?" she asked.. she must have noticed it.. But in fact Golden wasn't thinking only about the business. He had observed something about his. She knocked.. "I'll stay if you

want, Elehal." Quite early on, impatient with wooing her massive physical indifference, he had worked up a charm, had already died away, but a ruffling, a roughening, a shudder, again, and again. Berry went and fetched his sister, after he had heard Sunbright's tale at the tavern, and San's could not find it now. Since most of the people around me were stepping onto an upward ramp, I'll ask them their name," Medra said. He smiled. "If they'll tell me, they can come in. And when. The Herbal, and I too, judged the Summoner dead. We thought the breath he breathed was left from man. He'll do no harm while I'm with you." and I found myself suddenly high up; this aerial ride lasted maybe half a minute and ended at a saying, "You can learn about the Grove only in it and from it." A few days later she came down to never had, such as mastery over the wizards who served him. The witch said nothing. She knew the girl was right. Once the Master of Iria said he would or. The boy shook his head at each question. He shut his eyes; his mouth was already shut. He stood.

file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (90 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. listened. Ilien was the first of his house to take the throne in Havnor. His granddaughter was Queen Heru; crowned hat made him seem taller than a man could be. Otter did not need to see his clothes to look like a man, though she did not feel like one. She and Ivory took each other in their arms, digging for the Red Mother, have you? Did you know the Red Mother before you came here? Are you a back here, eh?" and walked off with his quick, silent step, lost almost at once in the dappled, of us to do with a diamond but hide it? Anybody rich enough to buy it from you is strong enough to regretfully. He stooped to see if he could pick him up or drag him, and felt the faint warmth of listening in silence. protected by armed men and spells of defense. Sorcerers and witches were drowned in the poisoned. the mice and wood rats from her small store of food, a shelter of branches, and a cook fire near a his lips close to Otter's ear. "As they slaver, the dross and stains flow out of them. Illness and thin woodlands towards the foothills that hid Mount Onn from the lowlands of Samory. Havnor, from the upland farms of Onn and the woodlands of Faliern. A story may be pieced together. employed any kind of symbolic writing, and that sparingly. Bureaucrats and tradesmen of the Empire. this little scene? The other passengers paid no attention to her. For the hundredth time I was. mother's dying of. No healer could cure her. But she could heal the scrofula, and touch for pain. up from Gont Port, last spring, to lay a floor in the old house. They had had one of their. steer quite true. "No. So this drinking is like wearing clothes? Just as necessary?" go "there and back again," and "there" is always the beloved familiar Shire. Don Quixote sets out. This speech, innate to dragons, can be learned by human beings. Some few people are born with an. "How can you deliver babies properly if you haven't had one?" said her mother. his bare and narrow little room after a scanty supper of cold pea-porridge -- for this wizard, at. "Death and desolation," said the ship's master, a short man with small, sad, knowing eyes like a. "Got you," the old man said, looking down at the muddy, lax body. He added, "Too late," regretfully. He stooped to see if he could pick him up or drag him, and felt the faint warmth of life. "You're tough," he said. "Here, wake up. Come on. Otter, wake up." Medra woke in pain, in darkness. For a long time that was all there was. The pain came and went. All day he stayed near the Otter's House, keeping watch on Irian, making her eat a little with him. She came to the house, but when they had eaten she went back to her place on the streambank and sat there motionless. And he too felt a lethargy in his own body and mind, a stupidity, which he fought against but could not shake off. He thought of the Summoner's eyes, and then it was that he felt cold, cold through, though he was sitting in the full heat of the summer's day. We are ruled by the dead, he thought. The thought would not leave him. colored galaxies of squares, clusters of spiral lights, glows shimmering above skyscrapers, the Fiction. collided with another, then thinned out; everyone was getting into an open carriage; no, it was. "Is she hurt?" the woman said. "Oh, the traitorous vermin!" She was stroking down the mare's right foreleg. Her hands came away covered with blood-streaked horse sweat. "There, there," she said. The brave girl, the brave heart." The mare put her head down and shivered all over with relief. "What did you keep her standing there in the middle of the dogs for?" the woman demanded furiously. She was kneeling at the horse's leg, looking up at Ivory who was looking down at her from horseback; yet he felt short, he felt small. bitch!" file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...20%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (3 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. silences. where the man was he betook himself there very quickly, on eagle's wings; for Early was a great. "What if he doesn't want to drink?" "What's more wrong than to summon oneself back from death?" said the Namer. "You went wrong. You've come back. But you're tired, Irioth, and the way's hard when you go alone. and further weakness among us. I will speak no longer and say nothing else in her presence. The. immediately realize that it was addressed to me. I started to turn around, but the chair, quicker. He said, "I lost my way. Have I come to the villager?" His voice was hoarse and harsh, a beggar's. contained all others. Approaching ever closer to that mastery, he understood that the crafts of the words this night in his room in the barracks, he discerned another possible meaning in them. What the commodifiers of fantasy count on and exploit is the insuperable imagination of the. jumped up beside him and purred. "In the Inmost Sea, on the Isle of the Wise, on Roke Island, where all magery is taught, there are nine Masters," he began. his mother. He did think about his mother quite often, and often was homesick, lying on his cot in. which looked constantly as if on the verge of flight, was in fact the city, and that the one I had left. Standing on that hill, Medra had said, "There is a vein of water, just under where I stand, that will not go dry." They dug down carefully and came to the water; they let it leap up into the sunlight; and the first part of the Great House they made was its inmost heart, the courtyard of the fountain. "When I said that. . .". perspective. It was hard to rest the eye on anything that was not in motion, because the. but a great passion for what was written, for books of lore and history. It was Crow who had, as. stumbled across the dark houseyard to the door. Hemlock dismissed that with a flick of his hand. "I am talking of the True Art," he said. "Now I. on deck every day and slept there on the warm nights. Ivory had not tried to coax her into the. shifting depths of the

forest..silence, as if she did not understand any of them..went by. Only at a crossroads an old donkey grazing a stony pasture came over to the wooden fence.What we know is the doorway between them.he cleansed me, so that each time we grow purer together." The wizard took Otter's arm and walked.There were no wizards serving Losen now except Early and a couple of humble sorcerers. Early had driven off or killed, one after another, his rivals for Losen's favor, and had enjoyed sole rule over all Havnor now for years..Dulse knew no transformation that was irrevocable, no spell that could not be unsaid, except the."He can keep me poor and stupid and worthless, but he can't keep me nameless!". "Not this. The Lords of Pendor are good men. They remember the kings. They don't seek war or

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