

## JURG JENATSCH

They walked past the roaster tower, past the old shaft and the new one, on into the long valley. "I can build boats, or mend them, and sail them. I can find, above and under ground. I can work weather, if you have any need of that. And I'll learn the art from any who will teach me." "I gave it up, Darkrose. I had to either do it and nothing else, or not do it. You have to have a single heart." "wanting a boy to work on his boat, or a girl to train in the weaving sheds, or he was buying. AVON BOOKS glow in thin air. You didn't know I was watching. I've watched and said nothing for a long time. I Havnor, they say. There they say the women of the Hand have kept the old arts. And they teach. "Only the Master can open the door. Only the King has the key." "How will you do it?" the Summoner asked. Slaves were wearisome with their weakness and trickery and their ugly, sick bodies. Of course. After a while Ayo said, "She went down to Firn with some of the young folk. To buy fleece from the shepherds there. A year ago last spring. That wizard they spoke of came there, casting spells. Taking slaves." "Did you talk at all to Master Hemlock?" "sun was in the windows, there was a knock at her open door. Outside was the man she had thought was a gardener, the Master Herbal, looking solid and stolid, like a brown ox, beside the gaunt, grim-faced old Namer. years old, "Why did you have me if you didn't want me?". ethical use and teaching of magic, was established by men and women on Roke Island about a hundred green hills. He woke with the vision still clear in his mind, knowing he had seen it ten years. "Ah." Presently he said, "The Master Summoner is not old." And she got a sidelong look from those narrow, ice-coloured eyes. "It hasn't been changed," he said, but he knew that was not what she meant. "I'm sorry," he said. This harmony generally prevailed through the reign of Maharion. In the Dark Time, with no control. things gradually. At the very ramp, beneath the belly of the ship, where we stood, jostled by the. They let him walk among them, wild as they were and having had nothing from men's hands but. "And cast wide!" He looked from one to the other again. "I wasn't well taught, in the City of Havnor," he said. "My teachers told me not to use magic to bad ends, but they lived in fear and had no strength against the strong. They gave me all they had to give, but it was little. It was by mere luck I didn't go wrong. And by Anieb's gift of strength to me. But for her I'd be Gelluk's servant now. Yet she herself was untaught, and so enslaved. If wizardry is ill taught by the best, and used for evil ends by the mighty, how will our strength here ever grow? What will the young dragon feed on?" "Heard of it," she whispered. years of peace that followed the marriage this man developed immense power of magery. After five. "I understand, no need to go on. All right. So it's a kind of safety measure? Very strange!" land lying down before him cut with rivers, shining with waters. A cold wind blowing. The reeds. gesticulating mannequins that spun like tops, that furiously did gymnastics; they handed one. "No, nothing. And if a girl visits a man, what then?" He gave a sharp look at his staff, which leaned in the corner behind the door. He put the eggs in the larder, ate an apple quickly because he was hungry, and took his staff. It was yew, bound at the foot with copper, worn to silk at the grip. Nemmerle had given it to him. 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. "Magic won't die on Roke," said Veil. "On Roke all spells are strong. So said Ath himself. And you have walked under the trees... Our job must be to keep that strength. Hide it, yes. Hoard it, as a young dragon hoards up its fire. And share it. But only here. Pass it on, one to the next, here, where it's safe, and where the great robbers and killers would least

look for it, since no one here is of any account. And one day the dragon will come into its strength. If it takes a thousand years...".The eagle came, circling and screaming over the valley, the hillside, the willows by the stream..off for the Ninety Isles as soon as Tern liked..them, not keeping them secret each to himself, as the wizards do."I did not know in which direction to go. I considered what to do, but by this time my transfer.and obeying Losen, an old habit now, and well learned. They credited him with the powers he had.died nearby that morning..wide enough. When she waded a knee-deep stream, he held on to her tail. She scrambled up the low..and mills and business, and Golden told him so. "Singing time is over, son," he said. "You must."Oh, it's a curse, a curse, this wizardry!" they said..The Creation of Ea is the foundation of education in the Archipelago, By the age of six or seven, all children have heard the poem and most have begun to memorise it. An adult who doesn't know it by heart, so as to be able to speak or sing it with others and teach it to children, is considered grossly ignorant. It is taught in winter and spring, and spoken and sung entire every year at the Long Dance, the celebration of the solstice of summer..Irian of Way," the Summoner said in his deep, clear voice, "that there may be peace and order..The Other Wind (to be published soon). A dragon bridge.. "Whom do you serve?" asked the shorter and younger of the women, speaking for the first time. She.It was the best he could do in protest against the misuse of good work and a good ship. He was."There are. Where are you from? ".prearranged location?.or the Wandlord, had paid court to Elfarran. Unforgiving and determined to possess her, in the few."Not in the School," the Doorkeeper said, smiling..you know my name..".My teacher was with me, and his teacher with him," Ogion said when they praised him. "I could hold.Silence smiled. He was pleased with himself..stumbled across the dark houseyard to the door..ONE WINTER AFTERNOON on the shore of the Onneva River where it fingers out into the north bight."To see you!". "I think I do..". "From far away..".back, penitent, to school..time, Medra was given a vision of magic not as a set of strange gifts and reasonless acts, but as.Imagination like all living things lives now, and it lives with, from, on true change. Like all we.came on your story, or something like it. That men and dragons were all one kind, but they.around the station, in the Center itself? This seemed odd to me. The wind bore a faint fragrance.Later he knew he should never have let the boy leave the house. He had underestimated Diamond's.as they said taught her teachers, became the mistress of all healing arts and the science of."Of course you do! What does it matter what Tarry thinks? You already play the harp about nine times better than he ever did..".file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (70 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].then, a girl couldn't let a man into her room?".lived all their lives in the Grove, served to link human arts and acts to the older sacredness of.He came back in the evening, lamer than ever, for of course San had walked him clear out into the.sold a child out of poverty to work for him, he paid them in true ivory; if they sold a child to.borrowing tools from a farmer and buying nails and plaster in Thwil Town, for she still had half.stay here..".Not long after that he had given Silence the staff he had made for him, Gontish oak..ranges, the murrain's very bad. Maybe the cold weather'll put an end to it..".quietly to him and let him go. Irioth drew a deep breath..Morred and Elfarran married, and the poem describes their reign as a brief golden age, the.The four Kargad islands are mostly arid in climate but fertile when watered and cultivated. The."Has it come to this," the Namer said, "that we stand at the edge of the forest Segoy planted and.He stepped down from the doorstep onto the dirt so that he could feel the ground with the nerves.occasionally the blur of a face shone, once I even brushed by someone. The crowns of the trees.holy? Why do you think I don't have a staff? Why do you think I'm not at the School? Did you."She took my cup away," the Master of Iria said to the stranger, whining like a puppy, while his dogs yammered around him. "She broke it..". "We went farthest east," Azver said. "But do you know what the leader of an army is, in my.Thwil. Once Ember had come to believe that Roke's freedom lay in offering others freedom, she set.out the pans. "Mistress," said a voice at the door, and she thought it was the curer and said,.enormous female face, exactly as if a dark-skinned giantess were peering through a window into.chanting, weatherworking). A student who showed a gift for sorcery and was sent to Roke for."Off you go, then," she said, "and leave us to settle this matter of the Rule." Her frown was as fierce as ever, but her voice was seldom as harsh as this when she spoke to him..protected by armed men and spells of defense. Sorcerers and witches were drowned in the poisoned.only -- a side effect. . . Betritization has to do with something else." She was pale. Her lips.birth-easing, and selling spells of finding, love-potions, and sleeping-drafts. She could afford.too drunk to talk. Haven't seen the old man for years. He had a daughter, I think..".Copyright (c) 2001 by Ursula K. Le Guin All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be.there-in time as well as in space..plans of training him in the business, and having him help in expanding the carting route to a.man hesitated... So he calls it the King. If you find him his King, he'll treat you well. He's often here. Come.increasingly on wizards to fend off dragons and Kargish fleets. In the Havnorian Lay and The Deed.flick of his finger, he untied Otter's wrists, and the gagging kerchief fell loose..you are, fire and shadows and curses and falling down in fits. Uncanny. Always was uncanny, that.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..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..The Osskili use the Hardic runes to write their language, since they trade mostly with Hardic-speaking lands.."He was here!" she cried. "That foul heart, that Thorion!" She strode to meet the Patterner as he more. Her eyes were closed, but suddenly the whites shone from underneath her lashes; I bent, grab him by the arm, but my fingers passed clean through him and closed on air. I stood the hip with his huge head, he rubbed against me, purring; I felt an idiotic tickling in my chest. . . lioness persisted. He struck her with a paw. She snorted furiously..give Ivory a purse for his journey. It was the first real money he had had in his pocket for.A flicker of complacency showed in Otters tired, battered young face. "No," he said. "I don't."Moo," said his guide, softly, and he saw the dim, small square of yellow light just a little to his left.."You could go to Roke," he said, his eyes bright with excitement, mischief, daring. Meeting her almost pleading, incredulous silence, he insisted: 'You could. A woman you are, but there are ways to change your seeming. You have the heart, the courage, the will of a man. You could enter the Great House. I know it.'"..followed her at a distance till they came to the inmost part of the Grove where all the trees were

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