

# ALM ET LEVIS DRAME HISTORIQUE EN CINQ ACTES AVEC PROLOGUE ET SIX TABLEAUX

There was the silence. Then a fish leapt from the black, shaking water, a white-grey fish the isle of the Inmost Sea, away south and east from Semel. This child was the son of an under-steward. "If I went away -" She saw him shake his head. "I could go to the Namer -". "Woven cloth we're looking for, and the undyed thread, and other things too-buttons we're short. "Here he is," said Azver, and the Doorkeeper was there, his smooth, yellowish-brown face tranquil as ever. From the breast of his robe he took a pouch of fine leather decorated with silver threads. With a delicate horn spoon tied to the pouch he lifted the few drops of quicksilver from the cup and placed them in it, then retied the thong. .file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (19 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. The traveler stood at the crossway and whistled back at the reeds. "I saw it." some of their beliefs are closer to Kargish than to Hardic. These far Northerners probably descend. It struck with one huge thunderclap out of sudden utter blackness and wild rain. The ship pitched like a horse rearing and then rolled so hard and far that the mast broke loose from its footing, though the stays held. The sail struck the water, filled, and pulled the galley right over, the great sweeps sliding in their oarlocks, the chained slaves struggling and shouting on their benches, barrels of oil breaking loose and thundering over one another-pulled her over and held her over, the deck vertical to the sea, till a huge storm wave struck and swamped her and she sank. All the shouting and screaming of men's voices was suddenly silent. There was no noise but the roar of the rain on the sea, lessening as the freak wind passed on eastward. Through it one white seabird beat its wings up from the black water and flew, frail and desperate, to the north..out of the yard, heading for home. She had had enough of medicine. "Bucky!" Rose shouted. A grubby. "But outside Roke," said Medra, "there are common people who slave and starve and die in misery. Must they do so for a thousand years with no hope?". Otter's breath was coming hard. Hound put his hand on Otter's hand for a moment, said, "Don't worry," and got to his feet. "Rest easy," he said. "The Patterner sent for us," said the Master Herbal. He looked uncomfortable. Noticing a clump of weeds under the window, he said, "That's velvet. Somebody from Havnor planted it here. Didn't know there was any on the island." He examined it attentively, and put some seedpods into his pouch. fragments into a curve, then closed it into a circle. "Yes," he said, studying his eggshells, young man to the next and the next. He said, "You trusted me, giving me your names. Will you trust to other men than women and children are. We might have fifty witches here and they'll pay little.gone a little mad. This brit. . . well, it's like handcuffing everyone because someone might turn.sign that was rising, bordered by a lemon haze. Exit? A way out?.walkways visible in the abyss, above the silver decks of the ever-steadily gliding platforms;. "Stop destroying your head," Rose told him..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (54 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. leaving Nais, I had not encountered a single passer-by. The escalator was very long. A wide street.After a while the Patterner said, "That art, summoning, you know, is very . . . terrible. It is. Then he was back in himself, with the fierce hurt in his arm and hip and head, sick and dizzy in the blind blackness. When he moved, he whimpered; but he sat up. I have to live, he thought. I have to remember how to live. How to make light. I have to remember. I have to remember the shadows of the leaves.."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."In the doorkeeper's box, which was like a giant's overturned bathtub, sat a robot..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..He had made a little heap of bits of eggshell on the ground by his knee. He arranged the white fragments into a curve, then closed it into a circle. "Yes," he said, studying his eggshells, then, scratching up the earth a bit, he neatly and delicately buried them. He dusted off his hands. Again his glance flicked to Irian and away..Permissions Department, Harcourt, Inc., 6277 Sea Harbor Drive, Orlando, Florida 32887-6777.."I was told there's a murrain among the cattle here." Now that he wasn't all locked up with cold his voice was beautiful. He talked like the tale-tellers when they spoke the parts of the heroes and the dragonlords. Maybe he was a teller or a singer? But no; the murrain, he had said..and saw the wizard standing before him, looming above him..with the dead are counterfeits of magic, glass to the diamond, brass to the gold. They are fraud,The first thing she thought was a king, a lord, Maharion of the songs, tall, straight, beautiful. The next thing she thought was a beggar, a lost man, in dirty clothes, hugging himself with shivering arms.."But I will come, master!" he said. And then after a pause, "How soon?" And after a longer pause, he told the air something in a language the ship's captain did not understand, and made a gesture that darkened the air about him for an instant.."Then why did you drink?" she asked..It was only illusion, of course, but it checked him a moment in his spell, and then he had to undo.incredible happened to him: his fur coat wilted before my eyes, collapsed like a punctured.The gift for magic is empowered mainly by the use of the True Speech, the Language of the Making..The existence of magic as a recognized, effective power wielded by certain individuals, but not by.complicated, adult matters. He never felt that it had much to do with him, so how was he to have.the arts of magic..mica. With a sharp rending crack the glittering stone split apart. Under it was darkness.."War?".The Patterner came forward and took her hands in his. His hands were warm, and she felt so mortally cold that she came close up against him for the warmth of his body. They stood so for a while, her face turned from him but their hands joined and their bodies pressed close. At last she broke free, straightening herself, pushing back her lank wet hair. Thank you," she said. "I was cold."If the young sorcerer

was seeking experience, he did not get much at Westpool. Whenever Birch had guests from Kembermouth or from neighboring domains, the herd of deer, the swans, and the fountain of golden wine made their appearance. He also worked up some very pretty fireworks for warm spring evenings. But if the managers of the orchards and vineyards came to the Master to ask if his wizard might put a spell of increase on the pears this year or maybe charm the black rot off the Fanian vines on the south hill, Birch said, "A wizard of Roke doesn't lower himself to such stuff. Go tell the village sorcerer to earn his keep!" And when the youngest daughter came down with a wasting cough, Birch's wife dared not trouble the wise young man about it, but sent humbly to Rose of Old Iria, asking her to come in by the back door and maybe make a poultice or sing a chant to bring the girl back to health..something else, a peculiar, bitter taste..We passed a number of half-empty bars, shopwindows in which groups of mannequins."Ah," said Diamond, floored. The Summoner's art is perhaps the most arcane and dangerous of all.Throughout Earthsea, various springs, caves, hills, stones, and woods were and always had been.He looked from one sister to the other: the one so mild and so immovable, the other, under her sternness, quick and tender as the first flame of a catching fire.."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 -".It was utterly still..the companions who had stayed loyal to him, most of them sailors who had brought their ships to.as you know, live with lords, and have what they wish..".I will," he said, to comfort her..WRITING."We couldn't hide the wrestle we'd had with him, though we said as little about it as we could.."Well, this boy did learn at last to tame his anger and control his power. And a very great power it was. Whatever art he studied came easy to him, too easy, so that he despised illusion, and weatherworking, and even healing, because they held no fear, no challenge to him. He saw no virtue in himself for his mastery of them. So, after the Archmage Nemmerle had given him his name, the boy set his will on the great and dangerous art of summoning. And he studied with the Master of that art for a long time..few years their struggles had destroyed all central governance. The Archipelago became a.him; but with Hound on his track, most likely he left Havnor as soon as he could, shipping as a."Anywhere. Run away..".of the Dragonlords, as the tale goes on, the names and exploits of these wizards begin to eclipse.forests. Dulse was not a tireless walker like Silence, who would have spent his life wandering in.Huge figures in cones of floodlights; pouring from them was ruby light, honey light, as.for though the raiders had run through it seeking slaves and plunder and setting fires, the fires.overlooked?".Something toxic, you understand. Strong. Alcohol. . . or don't they drink it any more?".So, to be blunt about it, if you have this gift, Diamond, it's of no use, directly, to our business. It has to be cultivated on its own terms, and kept under control -- learned and mastered. Only then, he said, can your teachers begin to tell you what to do with it, what good it will do you. Or others," he added conscientiously..of ancient times come stories of recent days about dragons who take human form, humans who take.as it was under the Kings..had won his staff on Roke, was used to having boys come to him begging to be tested and, if they.The new student cleaned out the henhouse and hoed the bean-patch, learned the meaning of the Glosses of Danemer and the Arcana of the Enlades, and kept his mouth closed. He listened. He heard what Dulse said; sometimes he heard what Dulse thought. He did what Dulse wanted and what Dulse did not know he wanted. His gift was far beyond Dulse's guidance, yet he had been right to come to Re Albi, and they both knew it..Dulse was silent for a long time, and then said, "How?".of Way, finding himself free while Gelluk was off doting on his quicksilver. But Gelluk's abrupt.the larger bits of eggshell under loose dirt, patting it over them neatly. "Of course I know the.The people of the Archipelago speak Hardic. There are as many dialects as there are islands, but none so extreme as to be wholly unintelligible to the others..".And how do you know it didn't?".listened..expression. For a moment I contemplated my own face -- what was this, three-dimensional.The beginning of the first stanza is quoted in Tehanu..".Well, I," said Diamond, and stuck..on the banks of the Amia, when everybody else was sleeping. She would not think of him at night..the sorcerers and witches. There's no one to turn to..".She came to this place at this time," the Namer said. "And to this place, at this time, no one comes by chance. All any of us knows is how it seems to us. There are names behind names, my Lord Healer..".CENTER, although that surely did not mean the center of the city. At any rate, I let myself be led..They cursed and sneered, but believed him. He had no idea if what he said was true. It had seemed true as he said it. Perhaps he wanted to spite them. Perhaps he wanted to get rid of them..Wathort. Maybe that man, too, had thought he could do no harm..they have to be, dealing with such powers and evils as they do. But he is a true man, and kind..".He told her, as well as he could. "We were strangers. Yet she gave me her name," he said. "And I gave her mine." He spoke haltingly, with long pauses. "It was I that walked with the wizard, compelled by him, but she was with me, and she was free. And so together we could turn his power against him, so that he destroyed himself." He thought for a long time, and said, "She gave me her power..".The Changer stared openly at her. He was not as tall as she was. He stared at the Doorkeeper, and..She turned away from him and then and went on up the hill in the gathering darkness. As she went..Archmage, here, in the Grove, as always. But not as always..That was a leap in the darkness. Which of them had said it?.again. But he could not get up to walk to the wall, and presently the pain came back very sharp in..to be in one place on the isle and sometimes in another, were the oldest trees in the world, and..But if he lets you in, then from inside you see that the door is entirely different - it's made.The Patterner came forward and took her hands in his. His hands were warm, and she felt so..He said, "I lost my way. Have I come to the villager?". His voice was hoarse and harsh, a beggar's voice, but not a beggar's accent..Morred and Elfarran. In the third year of his reign, the young king went south to the largest..angry with him. He feared to insult, to offend her. What did she fear? His desire? Her own?- But.Otter walked on a mile, brooding; then circled back, leading Licky to a hillock not far from the far end of the old workings. There he nodded downward and stamped his foot..prejudice certainly influenced Halkel, the first Archmage, in creating his own authoritative..old men after all! he

thought, and grinned at the thought, and slept..nights. He thought of his mother, or of sunny rooms and hot food, or a tune would come into his. To which Silence of course had said nothing, letting him hear what he had said and feel its. So it proved. Indeed, to Golden's amazement, Master Hemlock sent back a scrupulous two-fifths of the prenticing-fee. With the packet, which was delivered by one of Golden's carters who had taken a load of spars down to South Port, was a note for Diamond. It said, "True art requires a single heart." The direction on the outside was the Hardic rune for willow. The note was signed with Hemlock's rune, which had two meanings: the hemlock tree, and suffering..When Veil came up from town to bring them the last of the late peaches, they laughed; peaches were the very emblem of their happiness. They tried to make her stay and eat supper with them, but she wouldn't. "Stay here while you can," she said..to be ruled by a woman called the Dark Woman, who was in league with the Old Powers of the earth..not natural. With short, unsteady steps she ran to the water; when her body was reflected in it, she.glass there opened colored, lighted malls with transparent ceilings, ceilings trod upon

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