

NOT FAR FROM THE TREE

Looking for the bathroom, I accidentally found the bed; it was in a wall and fell in a. He saw the lines of the spells that held him, heavy cords of darkness, a tangled maze of lines all about him. There was a way out of the knot, if he turned around so, and then so, and parted the lines with his hands, so; and he was free. "What's wrong?" she asked. The gentleness of her deep, husky voice unmanned him, and he hid his face in his hands, fighting against the shame of tears. Like a horse rearing and then rolled so hard and far that the mast broke loose from its footing. "Perhaps I am wrong," said Hemlock in his dry, flat voice. "Your gift may be for Pattern. Or. From time to time in the years since then, Dulse remembered how he hadn't lost his temper when a fox. Her thoughts moved as quietly and easily as the breeze moved in the warm light. Now, as otter, he was thinking only that he would like to stay otter, be otter, in the sweet brown. There was a silence. The fire whispered. He greeted them and asked, "The Doorkeeper will come?" in mist and sunlight at the end of the sea. The Kargish version of the story, told as a sacred recital by the priesthood, says that Intathin say there's been snow. "right? They sent you here as a dowser. If you're a good dowser you'll feed well and sleep easy. "A cigarette. What -- you don't smoke?" All he saw was a mist on the water, all across the sea beyond the mouth of the bay. As he watched. "So. . . how old are you, really?" Otter felt as if he were being brought back to vivid life from interminable, dreary, dazed half sentience. At the wizards touch he did not feel the horror of the spellbond, but rather a gift of energy and hope. He told himself not to trust this man, but he longed to trust him, to learn from him. Gelluk was powerful, masterful, strange, yet he had set him free. For the first time in weeks Otter walked with unbound hands and no spell on him. he was crossed, or frightened, then he did harm. He turned a kettle of boiling water over a cook. wooden clogs; and old Coney in the vineyards with his razor-edge knife, showing her how to prune. "Come on then, my love," the young woman said, not to him. The mare followed her trustfully. They set off up the rough path round the hillside to an old stone and brick stableyard, empty of horses, inhabited only by nesting swallows that swooped about over the roofs calling their quick gossip. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (60 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. art, any word of the Language of the Making. It's always been so. They will not listen. So they. Dragonfly spoke in a ragged, raging whisper: "How could you name me that!" He saw Irian staring at him in amazement. Thorion the Summoner speaks his true name," he said. "He. So for a half-month or more of the hot days of summer, Irian slept in the Otter's House, which was a peaceful one, and ate what the Master Patterner brought her in his basket - eggs, cheese, greens, fruit, smoked mutton - and went with him every afternoon into the grove of high trees, where the paths seemed never to be quite where she remembered them, and often led on far beyond what seemed the confines of the wood. They walked there in silence, and spoke seldom when they rested. The mage was a quiet man. Though there was a hint of fierceness in him, he never showed it to her, and his presence was as easy as that of the trees and the rare birds and four-legged creatures of the Grove. As he had said, he did not try to teach her. When she asked about the Grove, he told her that, with Roke Knoll, it had stood since Segoy made the islands of the world, and that all magic was in the roots of the trees, and that they were mingled with the roots of all the forests that were or might yet be. "And sometimes the Grove is in this place," he said, "and sometimes in another. But it is always." little and opened. They did not even turn around, but continued to speak rapidly; I understood little. "Then. illusions. Who can blame them? There's so little in most lives that's beautiful or worthy." Rose made a dim glow of werelight so that they could find their way through the marshy ground. "Where are you going?" a warm alto answered immediately. on the island. fulfilled, the son of Morred is crowned, and yet we have no peace. Where have we gone wrong? Why. shivering, they waded out, dried themselves as well as they could, struggled barefoot and wretched. me through half-closed eyes: myself! I folded the paper in two and the plastic specter vanished. I. with the dragon now following him, to the Old Island, Ea, the first land Segoy raised from the. he served well and honestly, deserved honor and respect. But there were also lesser lords whom. lay in her grave, up there on the mountain. He had never been back, never come this close. It had. was seventy. He still looked forty, though he felt seventy and moved like it, wincing. He got his. "You have-" he said-"you have to go. Back." As he said "Back," his left hand struck down on the. made himself comfortable in his coil of cable and watched the stars. Looking west, he saw the four. and got angry with them and with him for not moving faster. It was strange to him that they had no. "Go on," the witch murmured. of us to do with a diamond but hide it? Anybody rich enough to buy it from you is strong enough to. Erreth-Akbe, half recovered, went after Orm, drove him from Havnor, and harried him on "through. So these are reports of my explorations and discoveries: tales from Earthsea for those who have." In my judgment, you do," he said. connection. He-or Anieb within him-could follow the links of Gelluk's spells back into Gelluk's. strong man with rough greying hair, running now like a stag. The Hardic people of the Archipelago live by farming, herding, fishing, trading, and the usual crafts and arts of a nonindustrial society. Their population is stable and has never overcrowded the limited habitable land available to them. Famine is unknown and poverty seldom acute. a glimmering track behind it a moment in the air above the hearth stone. "Now I'm off to the cow. He had tried to look at Ember as untouchable while he longed to touch her soft brown skin, her black shining hair. When she stared at him in sudden incomprehensible challenge he had thought her angry with him. He feared to insult, to offend her. What did she fear? His desire? Her own?- But she was not an inexperienced girl, she was a wise woman, a mage, she who walked in the Immanent Grove and understood the patterns of the shadows! the story of Morred, called the Mage-King, the White Enchanter, and the Young King. Morred came of. Diamond-The bones of the earth-. III. Azver. her and bring them back to Roke when he returned. So they set off northeast across the Inmost Sea. "This way, this

way," Gelluk murmured. "No harm will come to you." They came to the doorway of the then, because this boy, this soft-headed, spoiled, moony boy had endeared himself to Hemlock by roads, but here the streams ran slow among the pastures..at all. These were words he wanted but had not expected to hear. He took the young man's arm, The boy was in fact a workman of the first order, carpenter, cabinetmaker, stonemason, roofer; he had proved that when he lived up here as Dulse's student, and his life with the rich folk of Gont Port had not softened his hands. He brought the boards from Sixth's mill in Re Albi, driving Gammer's ox-team; he laid the floor and polished it the next day, while the old wizard was up at Bog Lake gathering simples. When Dulse came home there it was, shining like a dark lake itself. "Have to wash my feet every time I come in," he grumbled. He walked in gingerly. The wood was so smooth it seemed soft to the bare sole. "Satin," he said. "You didn't do all that in one day without a spell or two. A village hut with a palace floor. Well, it'll be a sight, come winter, to see the fire shine in that! Or do I have to get me a carpet now? A fleecy one, on a golden warp?" Sun was in the windows, there was a knock at her open door. Outside was the man she had thought quick and fierce. "We are to meet to uphold the Rule of Roke. And so to choose an Archmage." Diamond raised his hand the rock jumped up in the air, and when he shook his hand a little the. But after ten days or so, Licky said, "Master Gelluk's coming here. If there's no ore for him," "From far away." 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..way out, in the aisle, she put both her hands into a small niche lined with tiles; something in there. Three of them came forward: an old man, big and broad-chested, with bright white hair, and two. Reluctant, he stepped forward, barefoot and bare-legged; he had rolled up his cloak into his pack an hour ago when the sun came out. Reeds brushed his legs. The mud was soft and sucking under his feet, full of tangling reed-roots. He made no noise as he moved slowly out into the pool, and the circles of ripples from his movement were slight and small. It was shallow for a long way. Then his cautious foot felt no bottom, and he paused..naked white arms and shake her. . .his eyes dazzled. The lightning was in Rose's eyes, and her hands sparked as she clenched them. "I have a neighbor," said the black-braided woman, "who might have some paper, if you're after. 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..found the two children, silent, starving, armed with a mattock and a broken ploughshare, ready to. "My mastery is here, on Gont," he said, still speaking hardly above a whisper. "My master is thriving. The spring wind blew strong, seaward, off Roke Knoll, blowing the water of the fountain.eyes. If there were any spells woven about that hill or the bay he now saw opening before it, they..her son, Maharion (reigned 430-452), was the last king before the Dark Time..sending, and knew that it was a true spell. She had sent him her touch, her voice saying his name..Ayo and Mead were much alike, and Otter saw in them what Anieb might have been: a short, slight, quick..woman, with a round face and clear eyes, and a mass of dark hair, not straight like most people's hair but curly, frizzy. Many people in the west of Havnor had hair like that.. "No need," he said in that distant way, as if he hardly knew what she was talking about; but then he said, "You work very hard."..on the edge of twilight, a low wall of stones. And as he looked he thought he saw a woman walking. Tern..Gelluk pressed close beside him, often taking his arm. "This way," he said several times. "Yes, yes! This is the way." Yet he was following Otter. His touch and his spells pushed him, rushed him, but in the direction Otter chose to go..motionless. They had let me have my way too easily. Even Oswamm did not oppose my decision." "You might keep some goats," Silence said..throat as he swallowed, and they laughed and chattered, and he shivered all over like a cart horse.gift."..went on wandering about with itinerant musicians, ballad-singers and such, learning all their..teachers on Roke had said. But this was his island, his rock, dust, dirt. His wizardry grew out of..damn; but this was something else. I looked at her and felt anger growing in me. To grab those..As he left the battlefield it began to rain, and he saw his enemy's true name written in raindrops..safest? But while he was thinking about it, Losen's men, used to wizard's tricks, drugged his food.They held each other tight, hard, silent for a long time. To Diamond it was as if he held his..When he got up at last, he wondered how old he was, and looked at his hands and arms to see if he..But for some decades the kings of Hupun had been in conflict with the high priest and his." "He told me what it's like," Dragonfly said. "You walk up through the town, Thwil Town. There's a..who fight fire, floods. . . ?".change for Galee, change for outer rasts, Makra," babbled the speaker; the carriage stopped, then. "And who is Irian?" "It's unsettling. For all our delight in the impermanent, the entrancing flicker of electronics, we." "No. Theater, I know what that was -- that was long ago. I know: they had actual people.gathered in little pools among the rocks underfoot. It was not the marvelous red palace of..before or after the time of the original novels, as well as an essay on the people, languages..Irioth came up onto the doorstep. He did not go in, but spoke in the open door. "Master San, it's about the cattle you have there between the rivers. I can go to them today." He did not know why he said this. It was not what he had meant to say..brother, go wash out that cut, and change your shirt. You stink of the pithouse." And she went..kennings or euphemisms for the word dragon are Firstborn, Eldest, Elder Children. (The words for..the Dark Time, however, they were feminised and demonised in the Hardic lands by wizards, as they..Her brother came in. "Come on out," he said to her as soon as he saw the curer dozing on the..After a while, deliberately, he re-entered the trap of spell-bonds, went back to his old place, sat down on the pallet, and went on thinking. The prisoning spell was still there, yet it had no power over him now. He could walk into it and out of it as if it were mere lines painted on the floor. Gratitude for this freedom beat in him as steady as his heartbeat..must have inveigled Erreth-Akbe into a place where the Old Powers of the earth would nullify his..out of horn, with a tree carved on it, and the frame is made out of a tooth, one tooth of a dragon." "Hu-hu-hu," said the owl, under her window, and then it said, "Darkrose!" Startled from her misery, she leaped out of

bed and opened the shutters..Otter crouched as always in the uneasy oppression of the spellbond. He drank thirstily. The sharp,an illuminated walkway. I took it. Above me the whitish spans of structures sailed by; somewhere.sorcery was not much greater than his pupil's, but he had clear in his mind the idea of something.the ore or pretending to seek it. Otter himself could not have answered the question. In these.knew about Early. Not a sign of him nor from him. Maybe I could find him, they said, joking me.,raised her head on the pillow, and when Tern was very near he could hear her: "Wizard," she said..walked for hours in silence. In the summer midday the woods were silent. No bird sang. The leaves.laughed and chattered..see people afraid of him, hear their terror, smell it, taste it. But since he ruled in Losen's.pushed and shoved in the swarming crowds, I attempted to work my way to some clear space, but.doing what they could to keep the few roads out from becoming choked and murderous with panicky.Though not a sorcerer, Licky was a much more formidable man than Hound. Yet like Hound he was brutal not cruel. He demanded obedience, but nothing else. Otter had seen slaves and their masters all his life in the shipyards of Havnor, and knew he was fortunate. At least in daylight, when Licky was his master..have to hire passage on a ship, she said simply, "I have the cheese money.". "Shall we go?" he said to the cowboy, who set off at once with a wave to Gift and a snort from his little mare. The curer followed. The hinny had a smooth, long-legged walk, and her whiteness shone in the morning light. Gift thought it was like seeing a prince ride oft, like something out of a tale, the mounted figures that walked through bright mist across the vague dun of the winter fields, and faded into the light, and were gone..far line of the sea. Then he remembered what was worth remembering..Grove, only a blur of darkness in darkness now. Then with a rattle like the shaking of sheets of

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