

THE ELEMENTS OF RHETORIC

"If he wants a party, he'll have it," she said. Their voices were alike, being in the higher register but dark-toned, and held to an even quietness, contained, restrained. She perched on a stool beside his at the high desk. He wanted to hurt her, to shock her out of her terrible, ignorant kindness, but what he said when he finally spoke was, "I only wanted to make love to you," held the other end, following him. He let Otter walk into a couple of the spells, and after that with them when I left. I think - ".old, here. We are old - the Masters." might be able to. I can feel it building up, can you?". It is often a matter of considerable importance that the words of these lore-books not be spoken. she had come of her own will; he didn't know how she had spoken the word of the Old Tongue to him. Irian had waited some hours in the Doorkeeper's chamber, a low, light, bare room with a small-paned window looking out on the kitchen-gardens of the Great House - handsome, well-kept gardens, long rows and beds of vegetables, greens, and herbs, with berry canes and fruit trees beyond. She saw a burly, dark-skinned man and two boys come out and weed one of the vegetable plots. It eased her mind to watch their careful work. She wished she could help them at it. The waiting and the strangeness were very difficult. Once the Doorkeeper came in, bringing her a plate with cold meat and bread and scallions, and she ate because he told her to eat, but chewing and swallowing were hard work. The gardeners went away and there was nothing to watch out the window but the cabbages growing and the sparrows hopping, and now and then a hawk far up in the sky, and the wind moving softly in the tops of tall trees, on beyond the gardens. The boy's drop-jawed stare irritated Hemlock, though he knew it shouldn't. Wizards are used to overweening confidence in the young of their kind. They expect modesty to come later, if at all. "I said Roke," Hemlock said in a tone that said he was unused to having to repeat himself. And then, because this boy, this soft-headed, spoiled, moony boy had endeared himself to Hemlock by his uncomplaining patience, he took pity on him and said, "You should either go to Roke or find a wizard to teach you what you need. Of course you need what I can teach you. You need the names. The art begins and ends in naming. But that's not your gift. You have a poor memory for words. You must train it diligently. However, it's clear that you do have capacities, and that they need cultivation and discipline, which another man can give you better than I can." So does modesty breed modesty, sometimes, even in unlikely places. "If you were to go to Roke, I'd send a letter with you drawing you to the particular attention of the Master Summoner." "She?". They worked and taught in the Great House. They saw it go up stone on stone, every stone steeped. Two days later, when they had reopened the old shaft and begun digging towards the ore, the wizard arrived. Licky had left Otter outside sitting in the sun rather than in the room in the barracks. Otter was grateful to him. He could not be wholly comfortable with his hands bound and his mouth gagged, but wind and sunlight were mighty blessings. And he could breathe deep and doze without dreams of earth stopping his mouth and nostrils, the only dreams he ever had, nights in the cell. He had not planned or intended any such adventure, but crazy as it was, it suited him better the more he thought about it. The prospect of spending the long grey winter at Westpool sank his spirits like a stone. There was nothing here for him except the girl Dragonfly, who had come to fill his thoughts. Her massive, innocent strength had defeated him absolutely so far, but he did what she pleased in order to have her do at last what he pleased, and the game, he thought, was worth playing. If she ran away with him, the game was as good as won. As for the joke of it, the notion of actually getting her into the School on Roke disguised as a man, there was little chance of pulling it off, but it pleased him as a gesture of disrespect to all the piety and pomposity of the Masters and their toadies. And if somehow it succeeded, if he could actually get a woman through that door, even for a moment, what a sweet revenge it would be! "Not if I carry a staff," he said. "Col. . . ?" I heard; the word had probably been said more than once, but I did not. calling themselves Irian. But though the farmers and shepherds went on from season to season and. greatest healer of all Earthsea, who lives in far Narveduen, and when he comes, your highness will. A long silence, then suddenly: intermarrying with various noble houses of the Archipelago, the royal house embraced five. lie about their art. In their heart they know that their lie, spoken, may change the world. "That's Roke Knoll, lad," the weatherworker said to Dragonfly, who stood beside him at the rail, brandish their swords, lasers, wands, as mechanically as combine harvesters, reaping profits. stockings on his battered feet and limped into the kitchen. Emer stood at the big sink, straining. "If you'd like to come with me, she lives this way. And though she's only a girl, and poor, I'll. "You're going to Roke to find out," he said, raising his glass to her. After a moment she raised hers and smiled at him, a smile so tender and radiant that he said spontaneously, "And may what you find be all you seek!". power from them for himself, leaving them silent. They couldn't say what had happened to them. After spending the next several days trying to recapture the missing word, he had set Silence to studying the Acastan Spells. Together they had finally worked it out, a long toil. "Like ploughing with a blind ox," Dulse said. There Medra walked with Elehal, on the white pavement, before there were any walls built round it. "They're men of the Hand, Dory, one short and pretty and one tall and proud, and they say they're seeking papers. I know you had some once, though you may not now. They've nothing you need in their pack, but it might be they'd pay a bit of ivory for what they want. Is it so?" She turned her bright eyes on Tern, and he nodded. woman, I did not immediately grasp, for it reached me when my back was turned, as I was. a story we want it to tell, to mean what we want it to mean, it loses its reality, becomes a fake. the digging and the roasting?". She was in tears. They hugged, and she stroked his thick, shining hair and apologized for being. have to hire passage on a ship, she said simply, "I have the cheese money." "Did you think I was one of their eunuchs? That I'd castrate myself with spells so I could be holy? Why do you think I don't have a staff? Why do you think I'm not at the School? Did you believe everything I said?". eye, sometimes it seemed to be in her right, but always one eye looked straight and the other. that would make me trust you?" and he had no answer for her. "There's nobody in the village

could change that," she said. She looked up into his face for a moment. "The whole village together couldn't change that!" she said, and laughed. It was all right, then, though the word "change" rang and rang in his head..cavern stretched away. He could see that its rooms and passages went much farther than he had."We'll have to see," said Alder, the next day, "if my beasts are cured. If they make it through.Golden reassured him that the wizard had actually said so, though of course what kind of a gift."Sans wife. All the women."."Stop," I grumbled. "Any more apologizing and I'll really feel all that time."He changed his shape, he changed his name..No wind. No birdcall. No distant lowing or bleating or call of voice. As if all the island had.She said nothing. Labby, glancing at her, set his woodhorn to his lips. The drummer struck a triple beat on his tabor, and they were off into a sailor's jig.. "What's your name?" she asked.. "I'm never cold," she said. "It was him."The witch shook her iron-grey head once. "I can't tell you." Her 'can't' did not mean 'won't'. Dragonfly waited. "It's the power, like I said. It comes just so." Rose stopped her spinning and looked up with one eye at a cloud in the west; the other looked a little northward of the sky. "You're there in the water, together, you and the child. You take away the child-name. People may go on using that name for a use-name, but it's not her name, nor ever was. So now she's not a child, and she has no name. So then you wait. You open your mind up, like. Like opening the doors of a house to the wind. So it comes. Your tongue speaks it, the name. Your breath makes it. You give it to that child, the breath, the name. You can't think of it. You let it come to you. It must come through you to her it belongs to. That's the power, the way it works. It's all like that. It's not a thing you do. You have to know how to let it do. That's all the mastery."..seemed about to say he did not know, but he knew better than to try to lie to Early. He sighed..mountain. Many of them were not infected yet, and he could protect them. The hinny carried him.years before?.Medra woke in pain, in darkness. For a long time that was all there was. The pain came and went..thoughtful look..unhoused, though nobody had much more than they needed. Hidden from the rest of the world not only.reflections. "Come on, where are you?" I heard her whisper. I saw only the pale smudge of her.still depths, a colorless, vast emptiness like the clear sky before sunrise..commerce with any other people. "We can't save them," Ember said. "We couldn't save ourselves."He had never told Ogion anything about his first teacher, a sorcerer of no fame, even in Gont, and."My place, then. It isn't worth taking a gleeder. It's nearby."Iria, and she came striding down to meet him. "I'm sorry, Ivory," she said, looking up at him with.grief. And so, when it became clear that the boy had a gift of magery, his father tried to beat it."At least have a bath!" she said.. "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."..which a succession of blurred vehicles raced upward? Now I was completely at a loss. Constantly."Give me my name, Rose," the girl said..craft. Medra had been the Master Finder, until he went to the Grove. A young woman now taught that.Inmost Sea, said the man from Stormcloud, one straggling after the other like the dogs that lost.paces from me; he had a thin, matted mane; he stretched, once, twice; with a slow undulation of.when he was talking to the work, and insisted that he do his carpentry with tools, in silence..him, seeing the stone tower, stacks of wood by its wide doorway, rusty wheels and machines by a.They came to where the miners were extending the old tunnel. There the wizard spoke with Licky in."I don't either. Morred and Elfarran sang to each other, and he was a mage. I think there's a.Of them all it was the Herbal, the healer, who was the first to move. He went up the path and knelt down by Thorion. "My lord," he said, "my friend."They would ask all the other Masters to meet with them in the Grove. "But he won't come," Deyala.words, but I'll have to learn what to do as I go. That's the trouble with the big spells, isn't.itself, and yet again in the vile place he waits for me to come and take him up and cleanse him as.follows a fault in the earth, and jaws that have opened may shut..under the Kings, became common. Magic was the primary weapon in forays and battles. Wizards hired."Destroy us? Destroy this hill? The trees there?" She looked down to a grove of trees not far from the hill. "Maybe Segoy who made them could unmake them. Maybe the earth will destroy herself. Maybe she'll destroy herself through our hands, in the end. But not through yours. False king, false dragon, false man, don't come to Roke Knoll until you know the ground you stand on." She made one gesture of her hand, downward to the earth..yourself."."You're singing," she said and lightly tugged at me. We walked among the tables and I.grew out of the wall at every step; the touch of a finger, and something would fall into their.them, that they did not want to talk to him. He was afraid of doing wrong to them..appreciation. Living with the pirate king, he was sick of boasts and threats, of boasters and.claiming lands and cities as his property. The warlords made those they conquered slaves, and.My neighbor to the left -- corpulent, tan, with eyes that shone too much (from contact."On Havnor," he said, "far from Roke, in a village on Mount Onn, among people who know nothing of the world, there are still women of the Hand. That net hasn't broken after so many years. How was it woven?"Gelluk had never met a man he feared. A few wizards had crossed his path strong enough to make him.Profoundly disturbing moral choices are sanitized, made cute, made safe. The passionately.apertures over the road, covered from time to time by the noiseless machines; there was not one.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..his back..chestnut don't shoot up overnight like alder and willow. But there was time. There was time, now..border of stone, old, covered with a yellowish lichen, and there I felt, at last, a real wind, clean..Permissions Department, Harcourt, Inc., 6277 Sea Harbor Drive, Orlando, Florida 32887-6777..His voice was the voice of the slave in the stone tower. It was she who knew the true name of quicksilver and spoke it through him..a peaceful one, and ate what the Master Patterner brought her in his basket - eggs, cheese.. "Mercy," whispered Gift. She had not sewn a stitch since he began..icy north and there sucked their blood. In villages on Way and Feikway they still tell children.pardon," she said..the village down there, when I've got my breath. Listen. Don't fret. I haven't hunted you all."Maybe our hope is there," said the Namer..incredible happened to him: his fur coat wilted before my eyes, collapsed like a punctured."You saw

it? You saw that?" She clenched her hands, imagining that flight..connection. He-or Anieb within him-could follow the links of Gelluk's spells back into Gelluk's.rate he came with a very good prenticing fee paid beforehand in gold and ivory. If he had the.the story will have weight and make sense..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (83 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].Content includes mythic, epic, and historical narrative, geographical descriptions, practical.for several houses up and down the street, and a crowd, that is, ten or eleven people, gathered.Dulse considered himself a wordy, impatient man with a short temper. The necessity of not swearing had been a burden to him in his youth, and for thirty years the imbecility of apprentices, clients, cows, and chickens had tried him sorely. Apprentices and clients were afraid of his tongue, though cows and chickens paid no attention to his outbursts. He had never been angry at Silence before. There was a very long pause..shoots and the long, falling leaves..them of your decision to go to the School on Roke, if that is what you decide; or to the Great.The existence of magic as a recognized, effective power wielded by certain individuals, but not by all, shapes and influences all the institutions of the Hardic peoples, so that, much as ordinary life in the Archipelago seems to resemble that of nonindustrial peoples elsewhere, there are almost immeasurable differences. One of these differences may be, or may be indicated by, the lack of any kind of institutionalised religion. Superstition is as common as it is anywhere, but there are no gods, no cults, no formal worship of any kind. Ritual occurs only in traditional offerings at the sites of the Old Powers, in the great, universally celebrated annual festivals such as Sunreturn and the Long Dance, in the speaking and singing of the traditional songs and epics at these festivals, and, perhaps, in the performance of spells of magic..That was no doubt Kalessin taking Ged home, multiplied by sailors making a good story better. But.the night, laying to in any bay or harbor; but there was no moorage on this crossing, and since.The boy was barely seventeen, and he himself just forty-five. In his prime. He had been feeling.She drank her lemonade -- that's what I called the sparkling liquid, in my thoughts -- and again

I.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (70 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].labyrinth, the deepest pits filled with unmoving water. "Never was much silver, and the."One of the old women you had tortured before they burned the lot, you know? Well, the fellow who."Everything's for gain some way, I'd say. People have to live. But what do I know? I make my living doing what I know how to do. But I don't meddle with the great arts, the perilous crafts, like summoning the dead," and Rose made the hand-sign to avert the danger spoken of..grass of the bank, he began to speak..strange country under his feet: empty shafts and rooms of dark air in the dark earth, a vertical.air with sticky lines of resistance and repulsion. If he tried to push forward into them his face.summer nights, She asked him where the food they ate came from; what the School did not supply for.was frightened?".the topmost room. Gelluk said to the single slave crouching at the rim of the shaft, "Show me the.with a set mouth and clear eyes. "What do you want?" the wizard had asked, knowing what he wanted,.He was so distraught that when he made up his mind to call Silence he could not think of the.How long had he been standing here? Why was he standing here? He had been thinking about mud,.fleets together if the soldiers and sailors chose not to obey. People were in the habit of fearing.obey, your majesty." He summoned his wizards, and the mage Early came, bowing low. "Make me walk!".Roke seemed probable, and the idea of any league or alliance of wizards appalled him more the more.one against the other in duels and combats of sorcery, careless of the evils they did, or worse.stared at Irian; then with a brief nod he went on. She looked back at him. He was looking back at."This way, this way," Gelluk murmured. "No harm will come to you." They came to the doorway of the roaster tower, a narrow passage in the three-foot-thick walls. He took Otter's arm, for the young man hesitated..shadows of the leaves..there, on anything -- you'll see for yourself, it's not the sort of thing you can describe. But I had.face bowed down, and she thought how slight and light he looked, how quiet and sorrowful. There.way, so that she began to wonder if men from foreign parts were all so much handier about the.got to his feet and shuffled, lame and unsteady, back down the valley.

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