

## THE EXILE BOOK OF YIDDISH WOMEN WRITERS

violence, their actors to dolls, and their truth-telling to sentimental platitude. Heroes. Then they were all gone, and he stood alone on the hill, shaken and wondering. "I have seen the queens and kings of Earthsea," he thought, "and they are only the grass that grows on this hill." "My father," he began, and stopped, and gave a kind of laugh. "They don't go together," he said. "Lost with Ath when he went into the west," Crow said. "If you ask me to, I'll talk," the young man said, so earnest, so willing to deny his whole nature at Dulse's request that the wizard had to laugh. They let him walk among them, wild as they were and having had nothing from men's hands but castration and butchery. He had a pleasure in their trust in him, a pride in it. He should not, but he did. If he wanted to touch one of the great beasts he had only to stand and speak to it a little while in the language of those who do not speak. "Ulla," he said, naming them. "Ellu. Ellua." They stood, big, indifferent; sometimes one looked at him for a long time. Sometimes one came to him with its easy, loose, majestic tread, and breathed into his open palm. All those that came to him he could cure. He laid his hands on them, on the stiff-haired, hot flanks and neck, and sent the healing into his hands with the words of power spoken over and over. After a while the beast would give a shake, or toss its head a bit, or step on. And he would drop his hands and stand there, drained and blank, for a while. Then there would be another one, big, curious, shyly bold, muddy-coated, with the sickness in it like a prickling, a tingling, a hotness in his hands, a dizziness. "Ellu," he would say, and walk to the beast and lay his hands upon it until they felt cool, as if a mountain stream ran through them. In the summer weather, and Tern told Mote to put a bit of magewind into their sail, so that they. What he found on Roke was both less and more than the hope and rumor he had sought so long. Roke. In Veil's words he saw, all at once, the other side of Ember's impatience, her fierceness, her silences. Understand that? "No," Diamond said. Trusting the messenger, Morred entered the trap. He barely escaped with his life. The Enemy pursued him from the east to the west of Enlad in a trail of ruin. On the Plains of Enlad, meeting the companions who had stayed loyal to him, most of them sailors who had brought their ships to Enlad to aid him, Morred turned and gave battle. The Enemy would not confront him directly, but sent Morred's own spell-bound warriors to fight him, and worse, sent sorceries that shriveled up the bodies of his men till they "living, seemed the black thirst-dead of the desert." To spare his people, Morred withdrew. "If I stayed a month, if I stayed the winter, would that use it up? I should have a place to stay, without front walls. Approaching them, I found low, dimly lit cubicles, in which stood rows of. Then, before the dragon Yevaud despoiled it. Wherever Medra had gone until then, he had found the. "You might keep some goats," Silence said. When he saw Diamond come down the stairs without touching the stairs, he thought his eyes had deceived him; but a few days later, he saw the child float up the stairs, just a finger gliding along the oaken banister-rail. "Can you do that coming down?" Golden asked, and Diamond said. "That's Roke Knoll, lad," the weatherworker said to Dragonfly, who stood beside him at the rail, "We're coming into Thwil Bay now. Where there's no wind but the wind they want." appropriate, and that Ged, whom many call the greatest of the arch-mages, may have been the last. place, a kind of bower deep in the willows, where they could hear the stream running over the. "Azver," she said. "Thank you." Anthil had the half of the broken Ring brought by Erreth-Akbe, which had descended to her from. They worked and taught in the Great House. They saw it go up stone on stone, every stone steeped in spells of protection, endurance, peace. They saw the Rule of Roke established, though never so firmly as they might wish, and always against opposition; for mages came from other islands and rose up from among the students of the school, women and men of power, knowledge, and pride, sworn by the Rule to work together and for the good of all, but each seeing a different way to do it. fire steadily moving through the air: SOAMO SOAMO SOAMO, a pause, a bluish flash, and then. they were dragons. "Licky did not take him into the roaster tower, but back to the barracks. From a locked room he. not see much; enough, however, to realize what a terrible fool I had made of myself. I fled as if. employed any kind of symbolic writing, and that sparingly. Bureaucrats and tradesmen of the Empire. bigger than you were," she said. "Can you still make a light, Di? I want to see you." He stopped before an oak door. Instead of knocking he sketched a little sign or rune on it with the top of his staff, a light staff of some greyish wood. The door opened as a resonant voice behind it said, "Come in!" Heleth's mattress and blanket in the sun to air. "I'll stay here a while," he thought. "It's a. "Tell them-tell them I was wrong," Irioth said. "Tell them I did wrong. Tell Thorion-" He halted. The next day she said, "I'm going to sit under the trees." Not sure what was expected of him, he. If he dies I die. from the wayside and asked the carter for a lift. "I don't know you," the carter said, lifting his spoke in the Making. ". tell you, peddler, she has an open hand. Though perhaps not all of us do." or with this girl; he spent too much already, and neither of them would help him get anywhere in it? You learn what you're doing while you do it. No chance to practice. "Ah-there! You feel that?" . went up again. Sometimes now Anieb followed him. He could say her name, though she did not answer. DRAGONS. without you, I remember... I don't want to go, but I have to go. I don't want to admit that. there; walking with Licky; sitting with Gelluk; the slaves, the fire, the stone stairs winding up. sharp, but she was pretty. If it were not for those scarlet nostrils. . . She held on to me tightly with. Maybe it was to escape the hunt that Medra came to Pendor, a long way west of the Inmost Sea, or. "Thorion was the best of us all - a brave heart, a noble mind." The Herbal spoke almost in anger. "Sparrowhawk loved him. So did we all." "You already know it. You gave it to Flag. She gave it to you. Trust." . hatches; it was as if monsters, chrome-plated fish, were depositing, at regular intervals, their. think I ought to?" he asked at last. A long silence. that bush into the seeming of a tree," he said, and promptly Otter did so. Illusion came so easy. they went to Gont and sought our lord, to find what that meant, "a woman on Gont". Eh? But they. He stood silent in the doorway. She sat on the stone floor near the crucible, her thin body. She followed the Doorkeeper down a stone passageway. Only at the end of it did she think to turn back to see the light shine through the

thousand leaves of the tree carved in the high door in its bone-white frame..He found a carter who would carry them down to Endlane, Otter's mother and sister were living with..tried again, and stood up. Then he started forward.. "You can let me into the Great House, sir." "How else?" he said..... always danger. Here," and he looked up into the green-gold darkness of the trees, "here is no.you!" She sprang up the bank, pulling herself up by the tough bunchgrass, and scrambled to her. "Look at that," said the woman. "He's not friendly with most folk." .images in his mind: great fires blazing, burning sticks with hands and feet, burning lumps that..it seemed to me, but no one paid the least attention to the change, and I could not even say when."The Ring of Peace is healed," said the Herbal, in his patient, troubled voice, "the prophecy is fulfilled, the son of Morred is crowned, and yet we have no peace. Where have we gone wrong? Why can we not find the balance?"..will be yours," he said, with an open laugh, so that Losen stared at him in a kind of horror..This harmony generally prevailed through the reign of Maharion. In the Dark Time, with no control..After Maharion's death in 452, several claimants contested the throne; none prevailed. Within a..said nothing, a non-rhetorical answer..Irian drew a deep breath and looked at him eye to eye as they sat there. ""Only in dark the light,"" she said..in the distance, above the black edges of the buildings, tripped the steadily shining letters of the."He won't," said Irioth..animal himself, a silent, damaged creature that needed protection but couldn't ask for it..met women and found them easy to be with, like the animals; they went about their business not."You have a gift for the business," Crow said. "You know where to look. Went straight to that..staring straight ahead. His chin shone and his chest was wet with spittle leaking from his lips..Azver frowned. "The Doorkeeper admitted you because you asked," he said. "I brought you to the..lives in it. He found himself standing two feet back, his hands stinging and his ears ringing and..The witch said nothing. She knew the girl was right. Once the Master of Iria said he would or would not allow a thing he never changed his mind, priding himself on his intransigence, since only weak men said a thing and then unsaid it..foolishness thoroughly..volcano called Andanden standing over all..men seeking work found only beggary, and rats ran in the courts of Maharion. They did an honest."Master Hemlock said I, said he thought I had, I might have a, a gift, a talent for--?"..Of late, entering always deeper into the mysteries of a certain lore-book brought back from

the.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (26 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]."Col. . . ?" I heard; the word had probably been said more than once, but I did not.those of the kings..To Otter this conversation was, again, like walking forward in a vast darkness with a small lamp..None of the mages answered him. In the silence, the men with him murmured, and a voice among them said, "Let us have the witch."..patience with the animals, which they treated as things, handling them as a log rafter handles..In the time of the kings, mages gathered in the court of Enlad and later in the court of Havnor to."Has it come to this," the Namer said, "that we stand at the edge of the forest Segoy planted and talk of how to destroy one another?"..aboard her. My hands wouldn't do it. So I did what I could. I made her go her own way. Not his..Changer's face remained stern, but he blinked, and after a little thought said, "I'm sure - yes -..alliteration, stylised phrasing, and structuring by repetition are the principal poetic devices..They went on through darkness, seeing only the track before them in the dim silvery glow of..signs glowing in the air: LOCAL CIRCUITS. I came to an escalator that held quite a few people..Tarry came back with his band in an hour or so, ungrateful for the respite and much the worse for."But he scared em, somehow, did he?"..he could. Another, the old Stormcloud, used to be Losen's own ship, came in while I was there. I..from an early age; and this was one of the reasons Diamond loved her. With her, he knew what..side of the long swells. Oared galleys seldom went out of sight of land and seldom rowed through..not any better at being a wizard than I am at bookkeeping? Why can't I do what I know I can do?"..He wanted to hurt her, to shock her out of her terrible, ignorant kindness, but what he said when..stool beside his at the high desk..Licky had told him that it was the fumes of the metal rising from heated ore that sickened and killed the people who worked in the tower. Otter had never entered it nor seen Licky enter it. He had come close enough to know that it was surrounded by imprisoning spells that would sting and bewilder and entangle a slave trying to escape. Now he felt those spells like strands of cobweb, ropes of dark mist, giving way to the wizard who had made them..timid daughter of the younger brother of the Lord of Wayfirth, and took infinite pleasure in."You saw it? You saw that?" She clenched her hands, imagining that flight.."Don't set off my wardrobe," she said. She was already in the other room..nearest was open. I looked in. A large, broad-shouldered man looked in from the opposite side..She could see his mind dance ahead of hers, taking up and playing with ideas, transforming them as.."You talk in a strange way. Where are you from?"..Who found his way to work his will..long, and not meeting his eyes. Like an animal, like a cat, she was, sizing him up but not..Ivory's spell of semblance dropped away like a cobweb. She was and looked herself.

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