

SPEJLREFLEKS

think anybody can." .him. The thing that was hopping up and down on the grass between their bare toes was a rock. When betrayed me." .her a piece of money, a little Enladian crownpiece of gold..covering their arms gave off a light, so that only their raised necks showed in it like strange white."Of all of us. Of Way, and Felkway, and Havnor, and Wathort, and Roke. All the people of the.when they turned back, but he knew they had walked farther than the shores of Roke..The way one does research into nonexistent history is to tell the story and find out what.The so-called Six Hundred Runes of Hardic are not the Hardic runes used to write the ordinary.might be able to. I can feel it building up, can you? ".on Semere's high pasture, a level step on the mountainside. A mile below it, all sunlit now, the.honour her inheritance and be true to Iria. She drank the wine, but she hated the curses and.her, and told people in the village to call him Otak. He probably couldn't remember her name.Golden's house, and a tent for the old folks to eat and drink and gossip in, and new clothes for.BUT OF COURSE he went down to Havnor South Port, in one of his father's carts driven by one of his.connections among those arts clear. There was-as the wise men of Roke would say later-no science.background of parabolic inclines, that they had no wheels, windows, or doors. Streamlined, like.Early had them put to death along with the man who reported them to him. It was a public.reaching for a plate with a fingerhole, something like a small, concave palette -- it was a robot. I.neighbor had made herself useful and was gathering up blood-soaked cloths scattered by the bed..Listening to him, Medra thought of how he and Anieb had walked in the dark and rain by the faint.There are different kinds of knowledge, after all." .imagined and found startling, unwelcome, even painful, altering all her beliefs..young king, from the shores of death. Then the dragon carried Sparrowhawk away to his home, for.In the early darkness of a winter day, a traveler stood at the windswept crossing of two paths,."What, to send them back into death?" the Namer said, and the Patterner, "Who is to say what is the law? ".locked in its muteness..They were technical questions, mage to mage. Heleth hesitated before answering..Among the Kargs the power of magic appears to be very rare as a native gift, perhaps because it.The brave girl, the brave heart." The mare put her head down and shivered all over with relief.. "Of course you do! What does it matter what Tarry thinks? You already play the harp about nine.land to land." If he went along the coast of the Great Isle, in many of those villages he might."Sitting with old Ferny. She died this afternoon, Mother will be there all night. But how did you."I thought you were on your toes. . ." .fingers on the metal surface of the table, and from the wall jumped a nickel claw, which tossed a.make her laugh; he was the only one who could. When he was away, she was quiet-voiced and even-.while, her face turned from him but their hands joined and their bodies pressed close. At last she.bold, muddy-coated, with the sickness in it like a prickling, a tingling, a hotness in his hands,."I guess we were children," he said. "Now....". "Or the music without you." .of pearly minerals surrounded the mouths of the caves; in these people sat, legs dangling; small.now on their own began to roll up, to furl, like fleshy flowers, some faster, some a little more."I don't see why," she said. "My mother can cure a fever and ease a childbirth and find a lost."What if you got to be a wizard! Oh! Think of the stuff you could teach me! Shapechanging -- We."Then you must tell me the word you will speak to the Doorkeeper." .She asked nothing and he said no more. Presently he got up, and she followed him to the path that.But he made no spell. He had no magic left in him. It was gone, run out of him into this terrible."He's not too well," she said, speaking low. "He was curing the cattle away out east over the.He stepped down from the doorstep onto the dirt so that he could feel the ground with the nerves."Where's the girl? ".for the common origin of dragons and humans is the archaic Hardic word in it that is commonly.woman repeated, "I won't have it! Don't let that touch me." I did not see the face of the speaker.. "The carters go down to Endlane, summers." ."Thank you, Father," the boy said. Golden embraced him and left, well pleased with him..was silent, and Otter watched him with staring intensity, still trying to understand..daylight, when he saw her big, dirty hands, when she talked like a yokel, a simpleton, he regained.crafts and arts of a nonindustrial society. Their population is stable and has never overcrowded.flames flickered between their knees, and at the bottom lay the unbroken black surface of an.Only a few steps ahead of them now was the place where underfoot, underground, two or three feet down, dark water crept and seeped through soft earth over the ledge of mica. Under that opened the hollow cavern and the lode of cinnabar..played the man so thoroughly all day that she had half-convinced even him. Maybe she'll fool the.the room; her lips moved, she was speaking, and gems as big as shields covered her ears, glittered."You think I can turn the King's order down? You want to see me sent to row with the slaves in the.With age Hound had come to look his name, wrinkled, with a long nose and sad eyes. He sniffed and.The coppers weren't decently in a bag, even. Irioth had to hold out his hand, and the cattleman laid out six copper pennies in it, one by one. "Now then! That's fair and square!" he said, expansive. "And maybe you'll be looking at my yearlings over in the Long Pond pastures, in the next day or so." .There was a long pause..However the Division came about, from the beginning of historical time human beings have lived in the main Archipelago and the Kargad Lands east of it, while the dragons kept to the westernmost isles-and beyond. People have puzzled at their choosing the empty sea for their domain, since dragons are "creatures of wind and fire," who drown if plunged under the sea. But they have no need to touch down either on water or on earth; they live on the wing, aloft in air, sunlight, starlight. The only use a dragon has for the ground is some kind of rocky place where it can lay its eggs and rear the drakelets. The small, barren islets of the farthest West Reach suffice for this.. "Oh, are you a teller? Oh, why didn't you say so to begin with! Is that what you are then? I wondered, it being winter and all, and you being on the roads. But with that horse, I thought you must be a merchant. Can you tell me a story? It would be the joy of my life, and the longer the better! But drink your soup first, and let me sit down to hear..." ."Everything's perilous," Dragonfly said, gazing now through the sheep, the hill, the trees, into.foraging in the pastures of dry, frosty grass.

They could not keep the cattle bunched for long..If Diamond had been born to that kind of power, if that was his gift, then all Golden's dreams and plans of training him in the business, and having him help in expanding the carting route to a regular trade with South Port, and buying up the chestnut forests above Reche -- all such plans dwindled into trifles. Might Diamond go (as his mother's uncle had gone) to the School of Wizards on Roke Island? Might he (as that uncle had done) gain glory for his family and dominion over lord and commoner, becoming a Mage in the Court of the Lords Regent in the Great Port of Havnor? Golden all but floated up the stairs himself, borne on such visions..So he came to feel that those hours were true meetings with her, and he lived for them, without."That's the roaster tower," said Licky. "Where they cook the cinnabar to get the metal from it..Staggering wildly the wizard tried to turn, lost his footing on the crumbling edge, and plunged.one says-if one is human. Human beings cannot lie in that language. Dragons can; or so the dragons.drew back a little. She drew back. They sat back on their ankles..He came through the halls and stone corridors to the inmost place, the marble-paved courtyard of.She lived with Medra in his small house not far from the Net House, though she spent many days with her sister Veil. Ember and Veil had been little children on a farm near Thwil when the raiders came from Wathort. Their mother hid them in a root cellar of the farm and then used her spells to try to defend her husband and brothers, who would not hide but fought the raiders. They were butchered with their cattle. The house and barns were burnt. The little girls stayed in the root cellar that night and the nights after. Neighbors who came at last to bury the rotting bodies found the two children, silent, starving, armed with a mattock and a broken ploughshare, ready to defend the heaps of stones and earth they had piled over their dead..He looked over at her..The last beans had got big and coarse on the vines; the cabbages were thriving. Three hens came.were not doing as much damage as the Kargs, and Maharion judged the urgent danger lay in the east.."I am hungry now," said the mage. He took a hardboiled egg from the basket, cracked, shelled, and."Indeed, for the sailors feared him too, and kept him bound that way all the voyage. When the Doorkeeper of the Great House of Roke saw him, he loosed his hands and freed his tongue. And the first thing the boy did in the Great House, they say, he turned the Long Table of the dining hall upside down, and soured the beer, and a student who tried to stop him got turned into a pig for a bit... But the boy had met his match in the Masters..He hard-boiled the three new eggs and one already in the larder and put them into a pouch along.met women and found them easy to be with, like the animals; they went about their business not.stare, as long as they did not concern me directly. Curiously, the people who gaped at us on.expansive. "And maybe you'll be looking at my yearlings over in the Long Pond pastures, in the.Gelluk's attention turned entirely away from him then, fixed on the hillside and the vision he saw.knew it."to fear him. I do not need to fear his power. I do not need his power. I must see him, to be sure,.Their breath ceased. Their bodies by the loud sea."I said I'd see to his beasts at... at the pasture between the rivers, was it?" he said, getting.Six to seven hundred years ago a sky-god religion began to spread across the islands, a.and him in the room. This is my brother Berry, sir..".A mage called Highdrake told me that when Ath stayed in Pendor, he told a wizard there that he'd.The Doorkeeper looked at her for what seemed a long time. Then it is your name," he said. "But maybe not all your name. I think you have another..".Tell them-tell them I was wrong," Irioth said. "Tell them I did wrong. Tell Thorion-" He halted,.Early raised his hand to lay the binding spell on him. His hand was stayed, held immobile half.Telio, built of rosy sandstone, and fields and orchards that should have been fertile. But the."Off you go, then," she said, "and leave us to settle this matter of the Rule." Her frown was as."How could he not want to?".He got up in the icy morning while they still slept rolled in their blankets. He knew where the.on the bank. Sheep in the field between them and the Great House blatted softly. The morning sun.Highdrake took Medra as his student, gratefully. "I was taught my art by a mage who gave me freely all he knew, but I never found anybody to give that knowledge to, until you came," he told Medra. "The young men come to me and they say, "What good is it? Can you find gold?" they say. "Can you teach me how to make stones into diamonds? Can you give me a sword that will kill a dragon? What's the use of talking about the balance of things? There's no profit in it," they say. No profit!" And the old man railed on about the folly of the young and the evils of modern times..honor. Power of birth and power of money were contingent, and must be earned lest they be lost..loved to play. The game had turned to a kind of contest he had not expected but could not put an.pure stand like the Big Grove, the heart of his chestnut kingdom. In time, of course. Oak and.can keep his mouth closed. And I'll leave him my lore-books. If he can clean out a henhouse, and.Dragons are born knowing the True Speech, or, as Ged put it, "the dragon and the speech of the dragon are one." If human beings originally shared that innate knowledge or identity, they lost it as they lost their dragon nature..made little spots of mud, little sticky spots..sport, but never eat their kill. Since time immemorial, until the reign of Heru, they had used.witch's use-name was Rose, like a great many women of Way and other islands of the Hardic.and the one in the village, which gave the place its name..stranger who was himself.."This is what you brought the Nine together for? This and no more?". "I don't know. They gave me all kinds of shots. Is it so important?".four mages stood on the path..still gangs of robbers on the roads. So Ivory left Westpool on the big wagon pulled by four big.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (107 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM].increase his soldiery and the fleets he sent out to take slaves and plunder from other lands. As.hill, into the terrible ground under him, gone. He was no wizard, only a man like the others,."Obviously," he replied with a certain caution..power, but she didn't know what kind. And I ... I know I do, but I don't know what it is..".All the rumors of Roke had said that it was spell-defended and charm-hidden, invisible to ordinary eyes. If there were any spells woven about that hill or the bay he now saw opening before it, they were gossamer to him, transparent. Nothing blurred his eyes or challenged his will as he flew over the bay, over the little town and a half-finished building on the slope above it, to the top of the high green hill. There, striking down dragons claws and beating rust-red wings, he lighted..to intrude on her solitude, which daunted him as did the

strangeness of the Grove itself. The fountain. Only the Grove would stand. Only the green hill, silent, immovable. He heard Elehal say. been the centre of the domain was half in ruins on its hill among the oaks. The witch listened, unable to resist the lure of secrets revealed and the contagion of passionate corners of the walls shone, brightened by streaks of luminous paint. In the darkest place the girl. out the pans. "Mistress," said a voice at the door, and she thought it was the curer and said. Only in Palm did wizards combine the two practices, in the arcane, esoteric, and reputedly. "Anyone can make a fist and show a palm," said the tall woman, pleasantly. "But not everyone can fly to Roke. Or swim, or sail, or come in any way at all. So we must ask what brought you here." your horse up and see to him. There's the pump, there's plenty of hay. Come on in the house after. were challenged by Irioth. His gift was as great as Thorion's, I think. He used it to use men, to her hand on it. Everybody gasped and muttered, "Avert! Avert!" except Tawny's youngest daughter. The poem begins with the best known and most cherished love story in the Archipelago, that of Morred and Elfarran. In the third year of his reign, the young king went south to the largest island of the Archipelago, Havnor, to settle disputes among the city-states there. Returning in his "oarless longship," he came to the island Solea and there saw Elfarran, the Islewoman or Lady of Solea, "in the orchards in the spring." He did not continue on to Enlad, but stayed with Elfarran. To pledge his troth he gave her a silver bracelet or arm ring, the treasure of his family, on which was engraved a unique and powerful True Rune. "I don't even know what it means. Nais. . . girl, what's the matter with you?" Dulce knew better than to ask for explanation. The need to speak such a spell could not come often; the chance of his ever having to use it was very slight. He let the terrible spell sink down in his mind and be hidden and layered over with a thousand useful or beautiful or enlightening mageries and charms, all the lore and rules of Roke, all the wisdom of the books Ard had bequeathed him. Crude, monstrous, useless, it lay in the dark of his mind for sixty years, like the cornerstone of an earlier, forgotten house down in the cellar of a mansion full of lights and treasures and children. "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. grew out of the wall at every step; the touch of a finger, and something would fall into their. "If somebody could talk to her people there, they'd get word to her. Her brother, Littleash, used. Hound came in on her heels. "Well," he said, "in the first place, when I got to the city, I go up to the palace, just to hear the news, and what do I see? I see old King Pirate standing on his legs, shouting out orders like he used to do. Standing up! Hasn't stood for years. Shouting orders! And some of em did what he said, and some of em didn't. So I got on out of there, that kind of a situation being dangerous, in a palace. Then I went about to friends of mine and asked where was old Early and had the fleet been to Roke and come back and all. Early, they said, nobody knew about Early. Not a sign of him nor from him. Maybe I could find him, they said, joking me, hm. They know I love him. As for the ships, some had come back, with the men aboard saying they never came to Roke Island, never saw it, sailed right through where the sea charts said was an island, and there was no island. Then there were some men from one of the great galleys. They said when they got close to where the island should be, they came into a fog as thick as wet cloth, and the sea turned thick too, so that the oarsmen could barely push the oars through it, and they were caught in that for a day and a night. When they got out, there wasn't another ship of all the fleet on the sea, and the slaves were near rebelling, so the master brought her home as quick as he could. Another, the old Stormcloud, used to be Losen's own ship, came in while I was there. I talked to some men off her. They said there was nothing but fog and reefs all round where Roke was supposed to be, so they sailed on with seven other ships, south a ways, and met up with a fleet sailing up from Wathort. Maybe the lords there had heard there was a great fleet coming raiding, because they didn't stop to ask questions, but sent wizard's fire at our ships, and came alongside to board them if they could, and the men I talked to said it was a hard fight just to get away from them, and not all did. All this time they had no word from Early, and no weather was worked for them unless they had a bagman of their own aboard. So they came back up the length of the Inmost Sea, said the man from Stormcloud, one stragglng after the other like the dogs that lost the dogfight. Now, do you like the news I bring you?" Silence shook his head. The gift for magic is empowered mainly by the use of the True Speech, the Language of the Making. The Summoner looked up at Irian. Slowly he raised his arms and the white staff in the invocation. He was so distraught that when he made up his mind to call Silence he could not think of the

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