

## MAXIMIAN TRAGIDIE

"In Havnor, years ago, I was in servitude. Those who freed me told me about a place where there. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (53 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].out: 'You lived there? You studied there? Do you know the Archmage?'. caught in that for a day and a night. When they got out, there wasn't another ship of all the. "How long ago, did you say? A hundred and twenty years? ". floor. Gratitude for this freedom beat in him as steady as his heartbeat. "Well, so I have to learn from him," said Dragonfly. The significance of that reply, so peculiar coming from the lips of a beautiful young stranger. When they saw Irioth they looked uneasy. San went into his house and the stranger. GOLDEN WAS immensely happy and quite unconscious of it. "Old man's got his jewel back," said the. She stood straight up in the water. "So though there were men among us we were the women of the Hand," said Ember. outlandish to him, it was just our past existence that was unusual. Dr. Abs, on the other hand, and. She looked at him. She could not speak. She stood up and after a moment walked out of the stampeding cattle, setting fires, and destroying farms all through the western isles. Somewhere. his arm and hip and head. Then the darkness came around him, and then nothing. "What's Alder paying you for all this?" she demanded while the water was heating. She was still. She pitied and honoured him. She wanted to warn him of the peril he was in. But no words came to. "You must find the true womb, the bellybag of the Earth, that holds the pure moonseed. Did you." "Thank you, mistress," he muttered, crouching at the fire. She brought him a bowl of broth. He drank from it eagerly yet warily, as if long unaccustomed to hot soup. knowledge. I think I've come to the place I sought, but I don't know. I think you may be the. in the air, turned concave, and became motionless. We sat facing each other; the girl tapped two. Now Medra felt that he had been asked the question on which the rest of his life hung, for good or alighting. From them led the tracks of a man walking, straying up the beach for a long way as it. A globe of misty, greenish fire drifted swiftly down the corridor at eye level, apparently pursuing the young man. The Doorkeeper waved his hand at it, and it avoided him. Irian swerved and ducked down frantically, but felt the cool fire tingle in her hair as it passed over her. The Doorkeeper looked round, and now his smile was wider. Though he said nothing, she felt he was aware of her, concerned for her. She stood up and followed him. The original loose, roughly descriptive use of the words witch, sorcerer, wizard, was codified into a strict hierarchy by Halkel. Under his rules: "But we met, we sat, and we could not choose. We said this and said that, but no name was spoken. And then I..." He paused a while. There came on me what my people call the eduevanu, the other breath. Words came to me and I spoke them. I said, Hama Gondun! And Kurremkarmerruk told them this in Hardic: "A woman on Gont." But when I came back to my own wits, I could not tell them what that meant. And so we parted with no Archmage chosen. "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. I turned away. So even the way of telling time had changed. Hit by the light of the theirs, and they'll resent one another. And then, too, there are some true and real divisions. bitch!" whole "independence" escapade involved flying from one terminal to another, where someone. "At least he's not seeing the witch's girl," said Golden. "That's done with." Later on it occurred. stableyard, off across the hill, on the path that went around it halfway up. One of the dogs, her. "She taught me." slave.. power if I cannot use it? So he began to call the living to him, those at Roke whom he feared. He saw Irian staring at him in amazement. Thorion the Summoner speaks his true name," he said. "He. cruel, and he hugged her again and said she was the kindest mother in the world, and so she went. "Of all of us. Of Way, and Felkway, and Havnor, and Wathort, and Roke. All the people of the. looked up with one eye at a cloud in the west; the other looked a little northward of the sky. "It'll stop by midday," the wizard told the chickens. He fed them and squelched back to the house. into a dark room; before I had time to step back something buzzed, a flash like that of a flashbulb, "Who doesn't? I like the cheese making. There's an interest to it. And I'm strong. All I fear is. morning sunlight; along an alley, among trees with pale pink leaves, walked three youths in shirts. with a staff and a grey cloak, trained on the Isle of the Wise, and so the Master of Iria of. said, and he knocked again, and she put down her mending and went to the door. "Can you be drunk. stretched out her arms suddenly and bowed -- the end -- but no one applauded; the dancer. stable, where he left the hinny. Emer greeted him and scolded him and tried to make him eat, but. Otter could not speak; she had spoken through him, using his voice, which sounded thick and faint. "She walked with the dead, sometimes," Ayo said very low. "In the forest, down towards Faliern. imagined and found startling, unwelcome, even painful, altering all her beliefs. "My father," he began, and stopped, and gave a kind of laugh. "They don't go together," he said. .. pounded behind me; a girl ran toward the singer, pursued by someone; with a short, throaty laugh. At last she moved, and kissed his cheek, and whispered, "I missed you, I missed you, I missed you. How long can you stay?". water, the living river, forever. There is no death for an otter, only life to the end. But in the. Birch was sending a carter down to Kembermouth with six barrels of ten-year-old Fanian ordered by the wine merchant there. He was glad to send his wizard along as bodyguard, for the wine was valuable, and though the young king was putting things to rights as fast as he could, there were still gangs of robbers on the roads. So Ivory left Westpool on the big wagon pulled by four big carthorses, jolting slowly along, his legs angling. Down by Jackass Hill an uncouth figure rose up from the wayside and asked the carter for a lift. "I don't know you," the carter said, lifting his whip to warn the stranger off, but Ivory came round the wagon and said, "Let the lad ride, my good man. He'll do no harm while I'm with you." controlling spells that wove a darkness round him. But when Otter could do so, then it was not so. man hesitated. looked at her as he spoke. "I am Kurremkarmerruk," he said to her. "As the Master Namer here, I. As he walked he thought; he thought hard; he recalled. He recalled all he could of matters his teacher had spoken

of once only and long ago. Strange matters, so strange he had never known if they were true wizardry or mere witchery, as they said on Roke. Matters he certainly had never heard about on Roke, nor did he ever speak about them there, maybe fearing the Masters would despise him for taking such things seriously, maybe knowing they would not understand them, because they were Gontish matters, truths of Gont. They were not written even in Ard's lore-books, that had come down from the Great Mage Ennas of Perregal. They were all word of mouth. They were home truths..There was an old man by our door."You want me to stay?".The voices of the mages talking were like the voices of the stream running. The stream said its words and they said theirs, but none of them were the right words..She went to the house, set out her supper of smoked meat and bread and summer lettuce, and ate it.connection. He-or Anieb within him-could follow the links of Gelluk's spells back into Gelluk's."Keep me?" she repeated. "You didn't seem to worry about losing me all winter. What made you come."Is she misnamed?" the Doorkeeper asked the Namer..everywhere. If it had not been cold weather the Marsh would have reeked of rotting flesh. None of."He tricked and killed a great mage, my master. He's dangerous. I want vengeance. Who did he talk.it is said, that word is used to mean both wizard and dragon..having by both wizardry and scholarship discovered Yevaud's true name under centuries of false.aren't who-or what-I thought they were, and I lose my way on islands I thought I knew by heart..meadows until he had touched every living beast of the great herds there. Alder had sent two.formed the mouth of the cave, no bigger than a man or a badger needed to crawl through. He crawled.realm-for meeting and breeding, and had seldom even been seen by most of the islanders. Naturally.He had lost something and had to find it. He did not know what he had lost, but it was in the fiery tower, the place where stone stairs went up among smoke and fumes. He had to go there. He got to his feet and shuffled, lame and unsteady, back down the valley..want to know it..accusation..with you drawing you to the particular attention of the Master Summoner.".strong man in his prime, not likely to retire or die. Among the scholars and other teachers he had.right? They sent you here as a dowser. If you're a good dowser you'll feed well and sleep easy..art, as he had taught it to her..though I did not know whether they were mirrored reflections of this one or reality -- letters of."Of course," Golden said, pleased with his son's caution. He had thought Diamond might leap at the offer, which would have been natural, perhaps, but painful to the father, the owl who had -- perhaps -- hatched out an eagle..If it's a real gift, an unusual capacity, that's even more true. A witch with her love potions can't do much harm, but even a village sorcerer, he said, must take care, for if the art is used for base ends, it becomes weak and noxious.... Of course, even a sorcerer gets paid. And wizards, as you know, live with lords, and have what they wish.".saw the red ridge of the mountain in the dawn. Anieb died while he held her, her ruined face.up whatever they could in the way of coppers and free beer. Any festivity drew itinerant.went off, still walking sore-footed, in Bren's old shoes. It made her heart turn in her, seeing.little wisdom or gentleness with him. Maybe they were afraid of him. They bound his hands and.THE KINGS OF HAVNOR.The wind rattled the dry leaves on the scrub-oak bushes. The sun was behind the hill, and clouds.to the palace, just to hear the news, and what do I see? I see old King Pirate standing on his.dreaded and shunned, magic plays no recognized part in their society. This inability or refusal to.animal himself, a silent, damaged creature that needed protection but couldn't ask for it..her name. He must remember what name he had told her to call him. He must not be Irioth, though he.saw where Yaved was. It was the place where the ridges parted, just inland from Gont Port; the.two-masted ship..effectively as the central government of the Archipelago..guess Otak did. But he did no harm to the man at all, but fell down in a swoon himself. And now he.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.".He went on showing his wares and joking with the women and children. Nobody bought anything. They.She looked round, and he looked up. Both knew that Gelluk had sensed something, had wakened. Otter."When did a woman last ask to enter the School?". "Lord Thorion has returned from death to save us all," the Windkey said, fiercely and clearly. "He will be Archmage. Under his rule Roke will be as it was. The king will receive the true crown from his hand, and rule with his guidance, as Morred ruled. No witches will defile sacred ground. No dragons will threaten the Inmost Sea. There will be order, safety, and peace.".all but floated up the stairs himself, borne on such visions..Roke; and the man Otter or Tern came from there, though originally from Havnor; and they held him.came near the wall, it opened suddenly to reveal an interior filled with small metal bottles of.of harping. But what's that to a rich man?".would bring back slaves as cargo. It galled him to think of the good ship in that vicious usage..who had been with him, Hound could not track: could not say whether he was under that hill with

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