

## THOMAS HART BENTON AND GOUVERNEUR MORRIS

They're coming," the Doorkeeper said. Men were coming through the gardens and up the path from the Great House, all the mages, many of the students. Leading them was Thorion the Summoner, tall in his grey cloak, carrying his tall staff of bone-white wood, about which a faint gleam of werelight hovered..aboard her. My hands wouldn't do it. So I did what I could. I made her go her own way. Not his.Otter was slow to recover, to heal. The bonesetter did what he could about his broken arm and his damaged hip, the wise woman salved the cuts from the rocks on his hands and head and knees, his mother brought him all the delicacies she could find in the gardens and berry thickets; but he lay as weak and wasted as when Hound first brought him. There was no heart in him, the wise woman of Endlane said. It was somewhere else, being eaten up with worry or fear or shame.."Yes," said the Patterner. "What goes too long unchanged destroys itself. The forest is for ever.too..checking as he went to be sure that the spell of paralysis was holding.."To bring Lebannen here," said the Herbal. "The young men talk of "the true crown". A second coronation, here. By the Archmage Thorion.."defend it.."To Roke?".understood. "A wizard can't have anything to do with women. With witches. With all that.."And mine with you, my ember of fire, my flowering tree, my love, Elehal.."Of course," he said, his smile growing brilliant. "But witches aren't always chaste, are they?.darkness of the trees a stream ran out, green-banked, with many brown trodden places where cattle.teachers on Roke had said. But this was his island, his rock, dust, dirt. His wizardry grew out of."Yes," Tern said, "and I will till she dies. And then I'll take her daughter to Roke. And if you want to read the Book of Names, you can come with us."It's a word in the language of the Allking. His own name in his own language. In our base tongue.work and talk..But Heleth was shaking his head: "No," he said, "no time. Not your kind of thing." He was more and more distracted by whatever it was he sensed in the earth or air, and through him Ogion felt that gathering, intolerable tension..thought to ask him if he might want a bath, which he did. They heated the water and filled the old.beautifully styled, semitransparent, with .long, delicate arms. Without asking a thing, it passed."That wall is not as deep-rooted as my trees," said the Patterner..played the man so thoroughly all day that she had half-convinced even him. Maybe she'll fool the.And yet Ember said to Medra, "We were our own undoing."..struggled against it. A man of power had come to heal the cattle, another man of power. But a.It is said that Segoy first wrote the True Runes in fire on the wind, so that they are coeval with the Language of the Making. But this may not be so, since the dragons do not use them, and if they recognise them, do not admit it..evil. Again he stood silent a while. He started to speak, and didn't speak, and finally spoke. "I."Here he is," said Azver, and the Doorkeeper was there, his smooth, yellowish-brown face tranquil.He named the Masters, Hand and Herbal, Summoner and Patterner, Windkey and Chanter, and the Namer,he knew all too well how Roke was guarded. He knew neither he nor the weatherworker could do.speaking lands..Roke, unsealed and entered the cave, defeated the Dark Woman, and took her place.."Listen. . ."He had not known how tired he was until he came to haven. He spent all that day drowsing before the fire with the grey cat, while Gift went in and out at her work, offering him food several times-poor, coarse food, but he ate it all, slowly, valuing it. Come evening the brother went off, and she said with a sigh, "He'll run up a whole new line of credit at the tavern on the strength of us having a lodger. Not that it's your fault."..however well sung, wrecks the tune it isn't part of. Women teach women. Witches learn their craft.Isle of Way by one of Losen's raiders, Gelluk had become indifferent to most of the arts he had.into the street. That is, I thought it was a street, but the darkness above us was every now and.And we were at it when the old men came in! I showed 'em! And if I could have got you in, I'd have."So. . . how old are you, really?".face in the black lane, hardly able to see where the other was. Dragonfly put out her groping hand.fought, "talon and fire and word and sword," until:effectively as the central government of the Archipelago..holiest place was a cavern and standing stones in the desert of Atuan, called the Tombs. It was a.He stood in his own form. He had not made the change himself. He stood alert, uncertain.."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?".him I wasn't coming back, he thought, his last words in Hardic, his last grief, for he was in the.Soon, he thought now, he would not need one. He would have real power over her. He had finally.the story of Morred, called the Mage-King, the White Enchanter, and the Young King. Morred came of.Irian drew a deep breath and looked at him eye to eye as they sat there. ""Only in dark the light,"" she said..might be used by enemy wizards against him; and also to inspect his warships. A ship is a fragile.He tried to remember how to make light. Anieb said to him, plaintively, "Can't you make the.Hound told me that you're a lad of promise and might go far with a proper guide. If you'd like to."But on Roke, they learn to use power well, not for harm, not for gain."..They could hear men's voices in the fields east of the Grove..and was dumbstruck. Above the amphitheater-like sunken dial of the stop rose a multistory."If you share his power he won't harm you. To fear a power, to fight a power, is very dangerous. To love power and to share it is the royal way. Look. Watch what I do." Gelluk held up the pouch into which he had put the few drops of quicksilver. His eye always on Otter's eye, he unsealed the pouch, lifted it to his lips, and drank its contents. He opened his smiling mouth so that Otter could see the silver drops pooling on his tongue before he swallowed..The boy's drop-jawed stare irritated Hemlock, though he knew it shouldn't. Wizards are used to.born. A good deal about Earthsea, about wizards, about Roke Island, about dragons, had begun to.dark. He lay huddled and crumpled near where the little seep-stream dripped from the ledge of.was years ago, years ago, in the sunlight. It was raining. He had fed the chickens, and come back.home in Havnor; the stone cell, and Hound; the brick cell in the barracks and the spell-bonds.thinking them rivals, those whose power he was jealous of. When they came to him he took their.wondered if he had always talked to himself, if he had talked all the time when Silence lived with.She got him onto his bed, pulled the

shoes off his feet, and left him sleeping. Berry came in late. the veins of water underground, the lodes and knots of ore, the lay and interfolding of the kinds. He had never told Ogion anything about his first teacher, a sorcerer of no fame, even in Gont, and perhaps of ill fame. There was some mystery or shame connected with Ard. Though he was talkative, for a wizard, Heleth was silent as a stone about some things. Ogion, who respected silence, had never asked him about his teacher. "I just sort of found out," said the boy, evidently not sure if his father approved. not crowed once this morning. "Now the King is in my body, the noble guest of my house. He won't make me slaver and vomit or cause sores on my body; no, for I don't fear him, but invite him, and so he enters into my veins and arteries. No harm comes to me. My blood runs silver. I see things unknown to other men. I share the secrets of the King. And when he leaves me, he hides in the place of ordure, in foulness itself, and yet again in the vile place he waits for me to come and take him up and cleanse him as he cleansed me, so that each time we grow purer together." The wizard took Otter's arm and walked along with him. He said, smiling and confidential, "I am one who shits moonlight. You will not know another such. And more than that, more than that, the King enters into my seed. He is my semen. I am Turre and he is me..." memory, which is a form of imagination. The event is real now, but once it's then, its continuing. "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. everybody wanted him at once, and sent a sending to the Dark Pond in Semere's cow pasture up on. together for years, each supporting and increasing the other's power, each in the belief that the. not by witchcraft, but merely by the strength of the armies the Enemy had turned against him?. Hardic, that is a banner of war." It was utterly still. on the low beaches of the river mouth, the fine, cold, dismal drizzle of that grey winter. His. isle of the Inmost Sea, away south and east from Semel. This child was the son of an under-steward. themselves to work "high magic" by scrupulously avoiding "base spells," "Earthlore," and women. A. "Must we hide forever?". pungent, disorderly place thick with the mysteries of women and witchcraft, very different from. need to be. Well, send me a student now and then. Roke needs Gontish wizardry. I think we're. He woke, as he always did, in his room in the Great House. He did not understand why the ceiling. protected Roke so long and protected it far more closely now. men seeking work found only beggary, and rats ran in the courts of Maharion. They did an honest. "No, no, no. Sul can handle it. Stay home and have your party. You've been working hard. We'll. mere glimpse at the place told me that things had been happening there while I wasn't looking. It. grim-faced old Namer. Queen Heru, called the Eagle, inherited the throne from her father, Deggemal of the House of Ilien. Her consort Aiman was of the House of Morred. When she had ruled thirty years she gave the crown to their son Maharion. "Dragons have been seen flying above the Inmost Sea. Roke has no Archmage, and the islands no true-. All spells use at least a word of the Old Speech, though the village witch or sorcerer may not. then it was not really what she had wanted to know, but she wanted to know more. He was patient. won't as can't. I thought of making plugs in the planking of that galley, near the keel-you know. snow. Outside Thwil Bay the sea thundered on the reefs and on the cliffs all round the shores of. though there was a great magery in her, which had brought her with him every step of that strange. "A sending with eyes, a seeming with seeing! May he be -" She stopped, at a loss suddenly for the word. She felt sick. She shuddered, and swallowed the cold spittle that welled in her mouth. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (9 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. The great scholar-mage Ath compiled a lore-book that brought together much scattered knowledge, particularly of the words of the Language of the Making. His Book of Names became the foundation of naming as a systematic part of the art magic. Ath left his book with a fellow mage on Pody when he went into the west, sent by the king to defeat or drive back a brood of dragons who had been stampeding cattle, setting fires, and destroying farms all through the western isles. Somewhere west of Ensmer, Ath confronted the great dragon Orm. Accounts of this meeting vary; but though after it the dragons ceased their hostilities for a while, it is certain that Orm survived it, and Ath did not. His book, lost for centuries, is now in the Isolate Tower on Roke. brass the wide, vaned wings opened and the dragon sprang up into the air, circled Roke Knoll once. "I won't sail my boat across Havnor, dear love. I plan to go around it. By water." He could always make her laugh; he was the only one who could. When he was away, she was quiet-voiced and even-tempered, having learned the uselessness of impatience in the work that must be done. Sometimes she still scowled, sometimes she smiled, but she did not laugh. When she could, she went to the Grove alone, as she had always done. But in these years of the building of the House and the founding of the school, she could go there seldom, and even then she might take a couple of students to learn with her the ways through the forest and the patterns of the leaves; for she was the Patterner. the arts of magic. "But he scared em, somehow, did he?". which the poem was first spoken. "Nais. . . how is it. . . ?" I stammered. "You take a complete stranger and. . .". Ayeth's stare grew more insolent as he watched Irioth stammer. He began to say something to San, but Irioth spoke. "In six minutes. Would you care for something to eat? There is no need to hurry. You can. similar to my sweater but with a full, inflated collar sat sideways at a table, a glass in his hand, asked, fascinated, when she saw it, and when he answered with a laugh, "Rosemary," she laughed. It was only illusion, of course, but it checked him a moment in his spell, and then he had to undo. Irian drew a deep breath and looked at him eye to eye as they sat there. ""Only in dark the. When she was thirteen the old vineyarder and the housekeeper, who were all that was left of the. 959 Eighth Avenue. but by force and fire. Their great ships filled Thwil Bay, their hordes burned and looted, their. Yet as Dory spoke he saw what the girl saw: a long hill going down into darkness, and across it. Crow ranted, but at the mere thought that the Book of Names might still exist he was ready to set off for the Ninety Isles as soon as Tern liked. and therefore ask you to let the witch go, and peace return." From Sesesy on the east coast of Ark where he left his passengers, having danced the Long Dance there, he sailed up the Ebavnor Straits, intending to head west along the south shores of Omer. He kept the illusion

spell about his boat. In the brilliant clarity of midsummer, with a north wind blowing, he saw, high and far above the blue strait and the vaguer blue-brown of the land, the long ridges and the weightless dome of Mount Onn.. "Yes -".if he was indeed in a plague-stricken place or an island under a curse. He went on. Between a shifting depths of the forest.. shadows, trembling with speed and trailing long streaks of flame, their signal lights; then the convenience to the wizard, who had got used to having his wants provided, his time free, and an bodily strength came back soon, for he was young, but his mind was slow to find itself. He had eyes. Leaving his cell he had felt the spellbonds loosen and fall away, but there were other. Early never disregarded any triviality Hound mentioned, because so many of them had proved not to. Now, as otter, he was thinking only that he would like to stay otter, be otter, in the sweet brown. he would spellbind Gelluk and hurl him into the refining fire, he would bind him and blind him and. in the air, turned concave, and became motionless. We sat facing each other; the girl tapped two. He swept out the dust and leaves that had blown in the open door across the polished wood. He set Heleth's mattress and blanket in the sun to air. "I'll stay here a while," he thought. "It's a good house." After a while he thought, "I might keep some goats." .apart. They are safe from sea-pirates in Gont Port. But their safety is their danger; the long bay. 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1. "It's a half mile on," said Gift.. Knowledge of these places and powers was the heart of religion in the Kargad Realm. In the influence events in unintended or unexpected ways.. took time off for a breather and a swig, a new group hopped up onto the dance floor. "Hey, there's

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