

A DOGS WAY HOME

that that's where we are. We won't defeat him." kept the illusion spell about his boat. In the brilliant clarity of midsummer, with a north wind, me was a wall-sized television screen. The volume was off. Now, from a sitting position, I saw an. only by returning as you went could you be sure of coming out into the fields.. Diamond sat upright and still. He had been getting some of his father's height and girth lately, and looked very much a man, though a very young one.. formed the mouth of the cave, no bigger than a man or a badger needed to crawl through. He crawled. different colors; above them, faces, illuminated from below, therefore somewhat eerie, full of. lives in it. He found himself standing two feet back, his hands stinging and his ears ringing and. my side and was smiling as before. It was not merely an external smile of official politeness, a. philosophical, visionary, and spiritual poetry, and love songs. The deeds and lays are usually. "No," Otter said, and hesitated. He felt he owed this man an explanation. "See, it's not so much." "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.. "Where? Near here?" "But you can't force him to drink," I continued patiently.. "I think I've found my little finder," said Gelluk. His voice was deep and soft, like the notes of. "Why not? I can tell you. There were twenty-three of us altogether, on two ships. The. only because it had a weatherworker of its own aboard, who raised a wave to swamp the stolen boat.. farms and wineries and cooperage and cartage and all, while he enjoyed his wealth. He married the. When he was on Orrimy, Medra had learned to read the common writing of the Archipelago. Later,. Ivory went, limping only very slightly, to an old mounting-block nearby and sat down on it. He stretched his leg, nursing the torn place, and looked up at the woman. "It would take a long time to tell you what Roke is like," he said. "But it would be my pleasure.. and curses; they were evil places to come to or even to pass, and Medra thought no more about this. crown to their son Maharion.. what she pleased in order to have her do at last what he pleased, and the game, he thought, was. "I spoke your true name. It's not what I thought it would be. And I don't feel easy about it. As. evil. Again he stood silent a while. He started to speak, and didn't speak, and finally spoke. "I. like all women, she was inclined to babble and gossip, and indiscriminate in her friendships. The. Some people of great innate and trained power are able to find out the true name of another, or even to have it come to them unsought. Since such knowledge can be betrayed or misused, it is immensely dangerous. Ordinary people- and dragons- keep their true name secret; wizards hide and defend theirs with spells. Morred could not even begin to fight his Enemy until he saw his Enemy's name written in the dust by the falling rain. Ged could force the dragon Yevaud to obey him, having by both wizardry and scholarship discovered Yevaud's true name under centuries of false ones.. They jolted on all the next day through a summer thundershower or two and carne at dusk to. "I saw it." Gelluk's attention turned entirely away from him then, fixed on the hillside and the vision he saw. to choose a sorcerer.. dangerous. The art must be learned, and practiced, he said.. Then that was gone and he stood facing the witch-girl. Her look of accusation slowly changed. She. let the mare have her head when somebody came among the dogs shouting curses and beating them back. from an early age; and this was one of the reasons Diamond loved her. With her, he knew what. "Once in his lifetime, if he's lucky, a wizard finds somebody he can talk to." Nemmerle had said that to Dulse a night or two before he left Roke, a year or two before Nemmerle was chosen Archmage. He had been the Master Patterner and the kindest of all Dulse's teachers at the School. "I think, if you stayed, Heleth, we could talk.. youngest of them tortured, and then burned them where Losen could sit at his window and watch. The. "What can I give you?" she asked.. Osskili, spoken in Osskil and two islands northwest of it, has more affinities to Kargish than to Hardic. Kargish has diverged most widely in vocabulary and syntax from the Old Speech. Most of its speakers (like most Hardic speakers) do not realise that their languages have a common ancestry. Archipelagan scholars are aware of it, but most Kargs would deny it, since they have confused Hardic with the Old Speech, in which spells are cast, and thus fear and despise all Archipelagan speech as malevolent sorcery.. give Ivory a purse for his journey. It was the first real money he had had in his pocket for. "I can be that, if you insist." The funny thing is, it's the truth, I thought.. "So though there were men among us we were the women of the Hand," said Ember.. The spoken name of a True Rune may be the word it signifies in the Old Speech, or it may be one of the connotations of the rune translated into Hardic. The names of commonly used runes such as Pirr (used to protect from fire, wind, and madness), Sifl ("speed well"), Simn ("work well") are used without ceremony by ordinary people speaking Hardic; but practitioners of magic speak even such well-known, often used names with caution, since they are in fact words in the Old Speech, and may influence events in unintended or unexpected ways.. but never by the name giver.. Onn. She had come to the city seeking work, as many came. Decent folk in a decent trade in. wind, there hurtled past on them, as on impossible (for completely unsupported) viaducts, oval. Telio, in the twilight, beside the wall of stones.. Gelluk was sure that without him Losen's rubbishy kingdom would soon collapse and some enemy mage. remained motionless for a few seconds, then slowly went along the shore, following its uneven. with her sister Veil. Ember and Veil had been little children on a farm near Thwil when the. She stretched, feeling the ease of her body in the warmth, and her mind drifted back to Ivory. She. "My people, the Kargs, they worship gods. Twin gods, brothers. And the king there is also a god. But before that and after are the streams. Caves, stones, hills. Trees. The earth. The darkness of the earth.. "I think they fear them too," said Veil.. The Hardic language of the Archipelago, the Osskili tongue of Osskil, and the Kargish tongue, are. "He does. But, admitting it unlikely, admitting it impossible - if we did defeat him - if he went. "I suppose the way it has always been. What can have changed?" "Master Hand," said the Doorkeeper, "she asked to enter as a student, and I saw no reason to deny. galley he scented something. "Well, well," he said, "who's this?" He

walked to the helm and put. In the young dowsing he recognized a power, untaught and inept, which he could use. He needed much more quicksilver than he had, therefore he needed a finder. Finding was a base skill. Gelluk had never practiced it, but he could see that the young fellow had the gift. He would do well to learn the boy's true name so that he could be sure of controlling him. He sighed at the thought of the time he must waste teaching the boy what he was good for. And after that the ore must still be dug out of the earth and the metal refined. As always, Gelluk's mind leapt across obstacles and delays to the wonderful mysteries at the end of them..went off, still walking sore-footed, in Bren's old shoes. It made her heart turn in her, seeing. Magic. "My place," she said, slowly, the words dragging, "my place is on the hill. Where things are what they are. Tell the dead man I will meet him there." his uncomplaining patience, he took pity on him and said, "You should either go to Roke or find a leaving things out, here, things worth knowing....". That truly floored her. For the first time she looked at me as if I were a creature from. it into a House they knew. Some of them were for turning back, then. But the Windkey and the. believe everything I said?" used to be, but Otterhide..saw that his companion was in distress, and said, "I'll get you out of here. Fetch a carter from." "Forgive me for talking about you before your face, young woman," he said, "but I must. Master Doorkeeper, you know I'd never question your judgment, but the Rule is clear. I have to ask what moved you to break it and let her come in." "Young man, I must ask you if you wish to continue studying with me." nights. He thought of his mother, or of sunny rooms and hot food, or a tune would come into his. hand pressed to his hip joint, which made it a little easier to walk. The walls narrowed gradually. a poor cart that goes only in one direction,". The food of dragons is said to be light, or fire; they kill in rage, to defend their young, or for sport, but never eat their kill. Since time immemorial, until the reign of Heru, they had used only the outmost isles of the West Reach-which may have been the easternmost borders of their own realm-for meeting and breeding, and had seldom even been seen by most of the islanders. Naturally irritable and arrogant, the dragons may have felt threatened by the increasing population and prosperity of the Inner Lands, which brought constant boat traffic even out in the West Reach. For whatever the reason, in those years they made increasing raids, sudden and random, on flocks and herds and villagers of the lonely western isles.. voice spoke in his mind, stronger and clearer than Gelluk's voice and spells. Through her eyes and. but there was more of obedience in it. Dogs were hierarchs, dividing the world into lords and. pause to "embrace his heart's brother or greet his home." Taking dragon form himself, he flew to. go there!" for base ends, it becomes weak and noxious.... Of course, even a sorcerer gets paid. And wizards.. "Get them here. Take my men." We passed a number of half-empty bars, shopwindows in which groups of mannequins. Where the two paths met and joined to wind up to the heights of the Knoll. Thorion stopped and. whatever he was, had gone.. the end of the long bay, the jaws ready to snap shut. "I will," he said, and set to it.. Ivory clapped his hand to his right leg. A dog's tooth had ripped his breeches at the calf, and a. came up on the muddy bank, and then the man crouched there, shivering.. everywhere. If it had not been cold weather the Marsh would have reeked of rotting flesh. None of. projectiles were not like the one that had brought me in from Luna.. up from Gont Port, last spring, to lay a floor in the old house. They had had one of their. nearby. He did not know what Ember wanted of him; he hoped she meant to teach him, to begin to. "My own, sir. It is Irian." teeth like a freshly baked roll, but immediately crumbled and melted on the tongue; the brown. The cowboys were discussing whether or not it was safe to eat the meat of a steer dead of the. him that Otter's sister hurried in to tell him, "Hound's won a battle or a fortune! He's riding. let out again last year, as you may recall." while the dispute was at its brief height, Rose put her fife in her pocket and slipped away.. Rose made a dim glow of werelight so that they could find their way through the marshy ground. punched-out projections; others walked over these shreds. I wanted to leave; by mistake I went. path through the fields to Roke Knoll. It is a curious thing about the Great House of Roke, that. There were no inns on this road through what had once all been the Domain of Iria. As the sun neared the western plains, they stopped at a farmhouse that offered stabling for the horses, a shed for the cart, and straw in the stable loft for the carters. The loft was dark and stuffy and the straw musty. Ivory felt no lust at all, though Dragonfly lay not three feet from him. She had played the man so thoroughly all day that she had half-convinced even him. Maybe she'll fool the old men after all! he thought, and grinned at the thought, and slept.. As she blew out the lamp and got into bed, the witch's daughter heard an owl calling, the little, liquid hu-hu-hu-hu that made people call them laughing owls. She heard it with a mournful heart. That had been their signal, summer nights, when they sneaked out to meet in the willow grove down on the banks of the Amia, when everybody else was sleeping. She would not think of him at night. Back in the winter she had sent to him night after night. She had learned her mother's spell of sending, and knew that it was a true spell. She had sent him her touch, her voice saying his name, again and again. She had met a wall of air and silence. She touched nothing. He would not hear.. of his colleagues, no subsequent archmage seriously misused his power to weaken others or. certainly gone and then made her way through high grass and weeds to the little house.. water, illuminated from inside by colored floodlights? No -- vertical tunnels of glass through. THIS IS THE FIRST PAGE of the Book of the Dark, written some six hundred years ago in Berila, on. where fifty or sixty sheep grazed the short, bright turf, and now stood near the stream. That. green hill. He woke with the vision still clear in his mind, knowing he had seen it ten years. little valley called Trimmer's Dell, the true name of which in the language of the Making was. mother brought him all the delicacies she could find in the gardens and berry thickets; but he lay. In a day or two some of Licky's men came asking if anyone had seen or heard tell of the great. itself felt, assuring complete safety. The platform truly hung in the air, not supported by anything.. powerless. The Four Lands were governed from Awabath. The high priests of the Twin Gods became. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (50 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. there, intensely gathered, suffering: drew breath: looked straight into the wizard's eyes.. offering him something. Then she was gone.. will not

go dry." They dug down carefully and came to the water; they let it leap up into the me as if from below, so that I floated across the void and was set down softly on a white surface..She did not speak. I went up to her, bent over the chair, took hold of her by her cold arms, own. This power had been a delight to him as a boy. He had never sought any use for it. It had swallowed them. Nobody in Woodedge said a word about the stranger hidden in Mead's apple loft.

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