

THROUGH OLD ROSE GLASSES AND OTHER STORIES

The four Kargad islands are mostly arid in climate but fertile when watered and cultivated. The give it to that child, the breath, the name. You can't think of it. You let it come to you. It all the world to come to him-which was true. Maybe that's where the danger of that art lies..own. This power had been a delight to him as a boy. He had never sought any use for it. It had..She sat on a while by the Thwilburn. She was troubled by what he had told her and by her thoughts."More a mater of getting in with it, I think." The old man was burying the core of his apple and..Tagtar, gradually increased their sway till they proclaimed themselves rulers of Earthsea. Their..foraging in the pastures of dry, frosty grass. They could not keep the cattle bunched for long.. "He wanted me to go to the College on Roke to study with the Master Summoner. He was going to send me there. I decided not to go." "I'm all right," she said..He got up in the icy morning while they still slept rolled in their blankets. He knew where the cattle were nearby, and went to them. The sickness was very familiar to him now. He felt it in his hands as a burning, and a queasiness if it was much advanced. Approaching one steer that was lying down, he found himself dizzy and retching. He came no closer, but said words that might ease the dying, and went on..worked and talked and sang the songs, The Winter Carol and The Deed of the Young King. And they..Next day he had Licky send him the boy. He looked forward to seeing him, to being kind to him, teaching him, petting him a bit as he had done yesterday. He sat down with him in the sun. Gelluk was fond of children and animals. He liked all beautiful things. It was pleasant to have a young creature about. Otter's uncomprehending awe was endearing, as was his uncomprehended strength. Slaves were wearisome with their weakness and trickery and their ugly, sick bodies. Of course Otter was his slave, but the boy need not know it. They could be teacher and prentice. But prentices were faithless, Gelluk thought, reminded of his prentice Early, too clever by half, whom he must remember to control more strictly. Father and son, that's what he and Otter could be. He would have the boy call him Father. He recalled that he had intended to find out his true name. There were various ways of doing it, but the simplest, since the boy was already under his control, was to ask him. "What is your name?" he said, watching Otter intently..He stood there for a while, bewildered. It seemed to him that it was not by his own act or decision that he had taken his own form, but that in touching this ground, this hill, he had become himself. A magic greater than his own prevailed here..He could eat only in the cell, where they took his gag off. Bread and onions were what they gave..arms and snug about the hips, was talking with a blonde girl who had her back against the bowl."Nais. . how is it. . . ?" I stammered. "You take a complete stranger and. . ." He pondered. All the time he was with Gelluk, he had tried to learn from him, tried to understand..street, apparently. We were quite alone on it. Bushes, trimmed fairly low, grew on either side of..Golden owned the mill that cut the oak boards for the ships they built in Havnor South Port and..to O Port. I was spared alone from drowning, last night, when a witchwind struck." He was silent..them, not keeping them secret each to himself, as the wizards do." "We have to let them go," he said..She looked at him. She could not speak. She stood up and after a moment walked out of the stableyard, off across the hill, on the path that went around it halfway up. One of the dogs, her favorite, a big, ugly, heavy-headed hound, followed her. She stopped on the slope above the marshy spring where Rose had named her ten years ago. She stood there; the dog sat down beside her and looked up at her face. No thought was clear in her mind, but words repeated themselves: I could go to Roke and find out who I am..Ivory went, limping only very slightly, to an old mounting-block nearby and sat down on it. He..changes: turning one thing into another thing for a little while, or taking on a semblance not his."You didn't say it."..she went about the house. He held the wizard's letter and reread the message and the two runes..there, be nice," I said. He couldn't be real -- a phantom, like the singer, like the ones down by the."So what brought you here?" the Changer asked, stern, but not hiding his curiosity..round his neck..was leaping up and down, a frog? a toad? a big cricket? He went out into the garden and came

up.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (77 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. "The Cavuta?" she corrected me. "It's. . . a sort of school, plasting; nothing great in itself..Gelluk was used to hearing people say the words he had put in their mouths, if they said anything..alighting. From them led the tracks of a man walking, straying up the beach for a long way as it."Oh yes. You are uncommonly slow, young man, to recognize your own capacities." It was spoken harshly, and Diamond stiffened up a bit..No matter how this adventure was going to end, I had found myself a guide, and I thought -- this."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."..come on one of those traces first in Anieb's village, and had followed them since. But they had..After the first outcries and embraces, the servants and his mother sat him right down to..his mother, brought by a carter. Diamond read it and took it to Master Hemlock, saying, "My mother..seemed about to say he did not know, but he knew better than to try to lie to Early. He sighed..Dulse had seen young men weep for joy at the birth of a first son. He had seen poor men pay witches a year's earnings for the promise of a healthy boy, and a rich man touch his gold-bedizened baby's face and whisper, adoring, "My immortality!" He had seen men beat their sons, bully and humiliate them, spite and thwart them, hating the death they saw in them. He had seen the answering hatred in the son's eyes, the threat, the pitiless contempt. And seeing it, Dulse knew why he had never sought reconciliation with his father..out of a shadow, disappeared behind one of the machines -- I did not see him open any door, he..getting old, when I can't lift the buckets and the molds." She showed him her round, muscular arm.. "My Lord Patterner, will you defy our Rule and our community, that has been one so long, upholding..Irian looked down at the ground. After a long time she said, clearing her throat, not looking up..other, higher tiers and levels. Suddenly a

heavy purple glare, as though an atomic fire had flared. horses, inhabited only by nesting swallows that swooped about over the roofs calling their quick fault and they would know nothing about it. He thought about it for a long time, working out how. No wind. No birdcall. No distant lowing or bleating or call of voice. As if all the island had woman near him. He craved an enemy: an opponent worth destroying. "Your leaves and shadows tell you nothing?" against the house wall, and Azver on the doorstep. Medra bowed his head, standing there. "Anieb," he said, "can you come back this far? I don't know. indignant, speaking more bluntly even than usual. "Play the flute," Diamond said promptly, and took out of his pocket the little fife his mother had. had said it last night to a heifer or a woman. He knew his true name but it was no good here. He slept there, on the ground. At sunrise he got up and walked by the high road over to Re Albi. He did not go into the village, but past it to the little house that stood alone to the north at the beginning of the Overfell. The door of the house stood open. Growing old, Elehal wearied of the passions and questions of the school and was drawn more and. pouch, lifted it to his lips, and drank its contents. He opened his smiling mouth so that Otter. felt sick. After a while I'll be able to eat again," he explained. sculpture in breathing metal. At her ears she had something shining, so large that it covered them. of Solea, "in the orchards in the spring." He did not continue on to Enlad, but stayed with. Her father's ancestors had owned a wide, rich domain on the wide, rich island of Way. Claiming no. passengers to Roke. And facing the west Ivory felt a little hollow at the pit of his stomach, for. He laid his hands on the seam of earth, but there was no power in them. islands. He says that when King Lebannen was to be crowned, last autumn, he sent to Gont for the. that sweater had been and how little it had in common with the fingers of a woman. Beneath a. runes. To write in the True Runes, as to speak the Old Speech, is to guarantee the truth of what. "As... as a bird, a tern. Is this Roke Island?" A chill ran through her. The water ran cold. Gathering herself together, her limbs still soft and loose, she looked up and saw on the bank above her the black figure of a man. Dulse had seen young men weep for joy at the birth of a first son. He had seen poor men pay. "How could he not want to?" connection between magic and sexuality may depend on the man, the magic, and the circumstances. expression. For a moment I contemplated my own face -- what was this, three-dimensional. She drank her lemonade -- that's what I called the sparkling liquid, in my thoughts -- and again I. happened. I believe this isn't very different from what historians of the so-called real world do. Diamond glanced at Rose. The girl turned her head away, looking down. The last heirs of the House of Hupun were a boy and girl, Ensar and Anthil. Wishing to end the. if he was indeed in a plague-stricken place or an island under a curse. He went on. Between a. it cry, or laugh... "strong in her fear and willful in her vileness. She holds him back and hides him deep, fearing to. stretched out her arms suddenly and bowed -- the end -- but no one applauded; the dancer. holy? Why do you think I don't have a staff? Why do you think I'm not at the School? Did you. "I can take her to those who can." garden door, plain oak with an iron bolt. But there is no front door. They set off along the wharves, asking for a ship bound south that might take a wizard and his prentice to the Isle of the Wise, and soon enough they found a heavy trader bound for Wathort, whose master would carry the wizard for goodwill and the prentice for half-price. Even half-price was half the cheese money, but they would have the luxury of a cabin, for Sea Otter was a decked, two-masted ship. AVON BOOKS. back here, eh?" and walked off with his quick, silent step, lost almost at once in the dappled. "No need," he said in that distant way, as if he hardly knew what she was talking about; but then. fearlessly into the raw wound in the earth, a white light playing around his hands and his head. sodden leaves; I froze. only transparent, as if molded in glass, even the seats were like glass, though soft. Without. and the last line of the first stanza. "The rast from Merid would be better," said the woman. All the eyes of her dress seemed. "And what did you decide you want?" all alone in his brightness in his courts of stone? His name is Turre. Do you know that name? Otter was silent a while. Then he said in a low voice, "Clay, and gravel, and under that the rock. with women, only women. It did not appear to me to be a powder room, but I had no way of. aware of her, concerned for her. She stood up and followed him. There were many such isles in the Archipelago, made barren and desolate by rival wizards' blights and curses; they were evil places to come to or even to pass, and Medra thought no more about this one, until that night. "It is. They did that? Good." English translation Copyright ? 1980 by Stanislaw Lem. The school was founded in about 650, as described above. The Nine Masters or master-teachers of Roke were originally. "If the Grove were cut, all wizardry would fail. The roots of those trees are the roots of. woman, I did not immediately grasp, for it reached me when my back was turned, as I was. raiding ships even as far as the Inmost Sea. Of the fourteen Kings of Havnor the last was. know; I would have taken them for the beams of floodlights had they not been traced by a. Gammer's ox-team; he laid the floor and polished it the next day, while the old wizard was up at. set off up the rough path round the hillside to an old stone and brick stableyard, empty of. go "there and back again," and "there" is always the beloved familiar Shire. Don Quixote sets out. cheated him. better. He knew that magic itself resists untruth. Conjuring, sleight of hand, and false commerce. "My father," he began, and stopped, and gave a kind of laugh. "They don't go together," he said. "The money and the music." into silence; only she stamped her small left front foot now and then, and sighed. into which he had put the few drops of quicksilver. His eye always on Otter's eye, he unsealed the. The slave, short and thin, hairless, with running sores on his hands and arms, uncapped a stone cup by the rim of the condensing shaft. Gelluk peered in, eager as a child. "So tiny," he murmured. "So young. The tiny Prince, the baby Lord, Lord Turre. Seed of the world! Soul-jewel!" "What did you want, Diamond?" do that, sir, I'll do your things with mine," she said. was high time to go back and find out what was going on now. flowers. I put my hand to my nostrils. It smelled like a thousand scented soaps at once. shipping. Yevaud of Pendor was the only dragon to raid the Inward Lands after the time of the. 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." "Only in some very, very old tales. Before the gods were. Before men were. Before men were men, they were dragons." they sat side by side dangling their legs over the tailgate, with

six great half-tuns of wine. He looked up suddenly. The sheep, who had been grouped near the stile, were scurrying off, and someone was coming along the path from the Great House..to practice and lead to no good thing..You don't care, eh? Stay a while. You can see," And he set off down the path between the parsley. "Stay."

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