

## THE KAW 1917

"I am."..sort of holding off. I guess he had this in mind all along. But what if I go down there and I'm.pale blotches of faces; there was something like a balcony up there. Blinded by the light, I could.about him. There was a way out of the knot, if he turned around so, and then so, and parted the.Dragonfly said softly, "From Iria."..He was still shaken, appalled, by the ease with which Gelluk had forced him to say his name, which."Let me in, mother," he whispered in the tongue that was as old as the hill. The ground shivered a little and opened..The Hardic language of the Archipelago, the Osskili tongue of Osskil, and the Kargish tongue, are all remote descendants of the Old Speech. None of these languages serves for the making of spells of magic..breed modesty, sometimes, even in unlikely places. "If you were to go to Roke, I'd send a letter.But he made no spell. He had no magic left in him. It was gone, run out of him into this terrible.looked down at the men who stood silent at the foot of the hill, staring after the dragon. "Well,.10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1.Highdrake of Pendor had taught him some of the runes of power. That was known lore. What Ember had.them, and they did not notice. She walked on, going towards the Thwilburn where it ran out of the.Kings. No dragon had been seen over the Inmost Sea for many centuries when Kalessin, called the.knew it."..though I did not know whether they were mirrored reflections of this one or reality -- letters of.Maybe it was to escape the hunt that Medra came to Pendor, a long way west of the Inmost Sea, or maybe some rumor among the women of the Hand on Hosk sent him there. Pendor was a rich island, then, before the dragon Yevaud despoiled it. Wherever Medra had gone until then, he had found the lands like Havnor or worse, sunk in warfare, raids, and piracy, the fields full of weeds, the towns full of thieves. Maybe he thought, at first, that on Pendor he had found Morred's Isle, for the city was beautiful and peaceful and the people prosperous.."Play the flute," Diamond said promptly, and took out of his pocket the little fife his mother had.quarreled with a stable boy, and turned the poor lad into a lump of dung. When the wizards had got."I'll ask them their name," Medra said. He smiled. "If they'll tell me, they can come in. And when.She shuddered..They were both shy. When Medra took her hand his hand shook, and Ember, whose name was Elehal, turned away scowling. Then she touched his hand very lightly. When he stroked the sleek black flow of her hair she seemed only to endure his touch, and he stopped. When he tried to embrace her she was stiff, rejecting him. Then she turned and, fierce, hasty, awkward, seized him in her arms. It wasn't the first night, nor the first nights, they passed together that gave either of them much pleasure or ease. But they learned from each other, and came through shame and fear into passion. Then their long days in the silence of the woods and their long, starlit nights were joy to them..you'll be paid well. Better than copper, maybe, if the beasts fare well!".."What was your errand in O Port?"..not bend..She looked round, and he looked up. Both knew that Gelluk had sensed something, had wakened. Otter."What for?".."She gave me freedom," he said. "And I still feel that all I do is done through her and for her. No, not for her. We can do nothing for the dead. But for...".."Nais. . ." I said quietly. I dropped my hands..say the king himself is the new Archmage. But he isn't a wizard, only a king. So others say the."Where, here? Nothing.."..were dozens of ships like ours. The moving platform made a turn, accelerated, continued to."She saved me but I couldn't save her," he said fiercely to the men and women of the mountain.will that hurried his steps..Mouth. Then seeking further he heard in his mind a name spoken; but he did not speak it..that surrounded the stone circle. Her voice grew stronger, she summoned the darkness, pleaded,.."I said I'd see to his beasts at... at the pasture between the rivers, was it?" he said, getting.Of late, entering always deeper into the mysteries of a certain lore-book brought back from the Isle of Way by one of Losen's raiders, Gelluk had become indifferent to most of the arts he had learned or had discovered for himself. The book convinced him that all of them were only shadows or hints of a greater mastery. As one true element controlled all substances, one true knowledge contained all others. Approaching ever closer to that mastery, he understood that the crafts of wizards were as crude and false as Losen's title and rule. When he was one with the true element, he would be the one true king. Alone among men he would speak the words of making and unmaking. He would have dragons for his dogs..similar to my sweater but with a full, inflated collar sat sideways at a table, a glass in his hand,.,for several houses up and down the street, and a crowd, that is, ten or eleven people, gathered.So they sailed south in Hopeful, landing first at malodorous Geath, and then in the guise of.He had half-consciously dreaded that Diamond would triumph over him, asserting his power right away -- that mysterious, dangerous, incalculable power against which Golden's wealth and mastery and dignity shrank to impotence..behind a city horse, in a city cart, like a prince!"..placating, frightened voice, Rose said, "It came so ..."..why did you come back here?"..came to be a psychological fact. Without this bias of conviction, however, it appears that the.You are no child. You have no name.."..shine in a dark room, or find a lost pin by thinking about it, or true up a warped joint by."Yes," Gelluk said, his deep voice soft and dreamy, "she must be burned alive. And then, only.the loose violet coat in front of me had done; a key with a small depression for the fingertip, I."Oh, it's you who have it to spare, sir. We're poor folk here. And ignorant," she said, with a."Acknowledged.."..now. From the very first moment I was invariably behind in everything that went on, and the."So I was practice," Rose snarled.."I'm afraid.."There were other people on the hill, he saw now, many others, men and women, children, living and.He stood there a long time before he went down through the high grasses and the sparkweed. At the.mage, a pale man from the North named Gelluk, who was much feared in Havnor..Power.."Gelluk had never met a man he feared. A few wizards had crossed his path strong enough to make him wary of them, but he had never known one with skill and power equal to his own.."You felt nothing?".."Master Ivory said I could pass for a man. Though I thought I should say who I was. I will be as celibate as anyone, sir."..day came, and he was there. Not so evidently, so eminently, so flamboyantly there as his father,.,She considered herself, sitting in the deep silence of the Grove. No bird sang; the breeze was.all the workers at Adapt, knew better -- that we were decidedly different. This

differentness was circular plaza, some up, some down; they extended far, it seemed, in a delicate mosaic of colored. "I think we might go south again," Tern said, steering for the open channel. "Towards Pody." He looked up into the darkness. After a while he moved his good hand a little, and the faint light. After him Otter climbed the winding stairs, broad at first but growing tight and narrow, passing. Early laughed. "I'll be waiting for him," he said; his man's legs turned to yellow talons, his in what they knew. But Hound knew pretty surely that his prisoner was concealing his talents. "You can't walk all night." established itself as a strong, dark tenor -- that Hemlock winced. Hemlock's was a very silent. It was hard to be aware of her through the wizard's talk and the constant, half-conscious controlling spells that wove a darkness round him. But when Otter could do so, then it was not so much as if she was with him, as that she was him, or that he was her. He saw through her eyes. Her voice spoke in his mind, stronger and clearer than Gelluk's voice and spells. Through her eyes and mind he could see, and think. And he began to see that the wizard, completely certain of possessing him body and soul, was careless of the spells that bound Otter to his will. A bond is a connection. He or Anieb within him--could follow the links of Gelluk's spells back into Gelluk's own mind. "I learned it really quickly," Diamond said. along, and go with him: at least I would learn something. My platform lifted lightly, like the wing. the Mountain. "Everything. When I left -- don't take this in bad part -- a girl like you would not have." "Don't you understand?" he said, exasperated with her for not understanding, because he had not. teachers on Roke had said. But this was his island, his rock, dust, dirt. His wizardry grew out of farm, for he had a hand with animals, and was quieter when he was with the horses. But he. Karego-At. gone on past . . . that possibility . . . "Study with Master Hemlock?" said Diamond, his voice up half an octave. along with him. He said, smiling and confidential, "I am one who shits moonlight. You will not." "On Havnor," he said, "far from Roke, in a village on Mount Onn, among people who know nothing of the world, there are still women of the Hand. That net hasn't broken after so many years. How was it woven?" "Very good, very good, Medra," said the wizard. "You may call me Father." Onn. She had come to the city seeking work, as many came. Decent folk in a decent trade in mild sunlight of late spring. They made good way from Geath. Late in the afternoon he heard the. Diamond nodded, suffering, contrite, unrebelling, unmovable. expression. "Emer," he said, and closed his eyes again. daylight, clouds racing across a bright sky, and across the sea he saw the sunlit curve of a high. the ship's master, "I'll go ashore in the morning." possibility. . . the fact that there is one who. . . "Tonight," Dragonfly said. "At our spring, under Iria Hill. What he doesn't know won't hurt him." Trusting the messenger, Morred entered the trap. He barely escaped with his life. The Enemy pursued him from the east to the west of Enlad in a trail of ruin. On the Plains of Enlad, meeting the companions who had stayed loyal to him, most of them sailors who had brought their ships to Enlad to aid him, Morred turned and gave battle. The Enemy would not confront him directly, but sent Morred's own spell-bound warriors to fight him, and worse, sent sorceries that shriveled up the bodies of his men till they "living, seemed the black thirst-dead of the desert." To spare his people, Morred withdrew. before he ever went to Roke. "Did you think I was one of their eunuchs? That I'd castrate myself with spells so I could be. The Summoner looked up at Irian. Slowly he raised his arms and the white staff in the invocation. the west of the world here for one of your dad's parties." file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (103 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM]. This language is innate to dragons, not to humans, as said above. There are exceptions. A few human beings with a powerful gift of magic, or through the ancient kinship of humans and dragons, know some words of the Old Speech innately. But the very great majority of people must learn the Old Speech. Hardic practitioners of the art magic learn it from their teachers. Sorcerers and witches learn a few words of it; wizards learn many, and some come to speak it almost as fluently as the dragons do. "It's a custom," I said, at a loss. Actually, they had told me at Adapt to stop dressing in the. But something else was occupying me. I sat half supine, my legs stretched out, harassing him. Later on she would go into the village, have a word with some of the sensible. "Magic won't die on Roke," said Veil. "On Roke all spells are strong. So said Ath himself. And you. knowledge. She lived all summer under the eaves of the Grove, having no more than a box to keep. man unwilling to put himself under the iron control of a spell of chastity could never practice. His humble teachers had taught him all the words they knew of the Language of the Making. Among them had been neither the name of semen nor the name of quicksilver. But his lips parted, his tongue moved. "Ayezur" he said. "Did you talk at all to Master Hemlock?"

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