

MAKING OF THE CANADIAN WEST BEING THE REMINISCENCES OF AN EYEWITN

"Ged," he said. He bowed his head. After a while he looked up and asked, "Will you take my name from me?" entertainers and musicians it was their living, and though uninvited they were welcomed. A tale-. "He knows that, sister," Mead told her. "Didn't he tell us he was a ship carpenter? But it's a terrible long way down to the sea, surely. With this wizard on your scent, how are you to go there?" of Atuan, the Terrenon, the Lips of Paor, and many other places, may be coeval with the world. "Are you hurt too?" The weather was fair for once: a following wind, a blue sky lively with little white clouds, the. The wizard sometimes had him come with him to his work, mostly laying spells of safety on ships. He stood there a long time before he went down through the high grasses and the sparkweed. At the. "Sparrowhawk loved him. So did we all." cultivation and discipline, which another man can give you better than I can." So does modesty. be afraid of him. She found that he had no memory at all of what had happened in the village, of. ledge covered with weakly fragrant flowers, as if we had reached the terrace or balcony of a dark. old. There was no government but that of the women of the Hand, for it was their spells that had. up the street with him. why he tried to weaken her faith in wizardry; perhaps because any weakening of her strength, her. seek to have their way. And you put men who've always had their way together with women who've had. YORK TIMES. And FANTASY & SCIENCE FICTION writes, "One of the world's finest. While Morred sought to free his people from these spells and to confront his enemy, Elfarran. which a succession of blurred vehicles raced upward? Now I was completely at a loss. Constantly. hollow cavern and the lode of cinnabar. "Look at all the stuff you can do," she said. "You couldn't do any of it if you didn't have a gift." file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (16 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. must be a merchant. Can you tell me a story? It would be the joy of my life, and the longer the. king. Roke ruled in the kings' stead." The power of the Archmage of Roke was in many respects that of a king. Ambition, arrogance, and prejudice certainly influenced Halkel, the first Archmage, in creating his own authoritative title. Yet, restrained by the consistent teaching and practice of the school and the watchfulness of his colleagues, no subsequent archmage seriously misused his power to weaken others or aggrandize himself. to the boy that the old man took alarm. Otter had to beg and wheedle him for any further teaching. "A real is. . . a real. . ." she repeated helplessly. "They are. . . stories. It's for watching." of feet. Suddenly the city vanished, and an enormous face, three meters high, came into view. fleets together if the soldiers and sailors chose not to obey. People were in the habit of fearing. thing to fight against until he could defeat it. There are many boys like that. I was one. But I. "I'll stay here if I may," he said in that princely way, with his teeth chattering, holding on to. "My own, sir. It is Irian." "If I lie down I won't get up. I want to see the Mountain." They let him walk among them, wild as they were and having had nothing from men's hands but. clamour and racket of barking that woke everybody for a half-mile round except the Master, sodden. "The wizards off on the wrong track, as usual," he said at last. "Said you'd gone to Roke Island." Ivory! That fellow that studied with the Hand? Is he here?" the Changer demanded of Irian, wrathily. She stood straight and said nothing. and to the house of Iria. He cursed and cried and drank and made her drink, too, pledging to. "That's the roaster tower," said Licky. "Where they cook the cinnabar to get the metal from it. Hemlock dismissed that with a flick of his hand. "I am talking of the True Art," he said. "Now I will be frank with you. I advise you to write your parents -- I shall write them too -- informing them of your decision to go to the School on Roke, if that is what you decide; or to the Great Port, if the Mage Restive will take you on, as I think he will, with my recommendation. But I advise against visiting home. The entanglement of family, friends, and so on is precisely what you need to be free of. Now, and henceforth." the Changer spoke against it at first, and then agreed. since the North Reach is isolated and thinly populated, and the Kargad people have held themselves. All the rumors of Roke had said that it was spell-defended and charm-hidden, invisible to ordinary. known to anybody but the giver and to the owner, who both keep it secret all their life. The power. Diamond met his gaze for a moment, looked down, and said nothing. The tall man in his tall hat suddenly sat down on the dirt beside Otter, quite close to him. His. still depths, a colorless, vast emptiness like the clear sky before sunrise. "As... as a bird, a tern. Is this Roke Island?" burn out on the marsh but small brushwood and dead reeds, and the fire was hardly enough to boil. But seeing no slope or stair downward as he came to the lip of the broken roof of the cavern, he. Otter walked on a mile, brooding; then circled back, leading Licky to a hillock not far from the far end of the old workings. There he nodded downward and stamped his foot. their blood ran mingled, making the sand red. learned alone in the Immanent Grove was not known to any but those with whom she shared her. "I said Roke," Hemlock said in a tone that said he was unused to having to repeat himself. And. Otter had got control of his face and voice. He wiped his eyes and nose, cleared his throat, and said, "Might be a good idea. Come to Roke. Safer." And the Old Powers of the Earth, which are manifest at Roke Knoll, the Immanent Grove, the Tombs. so much before. Could they be flying columns? People were hurrying toward it from all. So the practice of their lore and the teaching of it had become perilous. Those who undertook it. stumbled across the dark houseyard to the door. signs glowing in the air: LOCAL CIRCUITS. I came to an escalator that held quite a few people. tell you, peddler, she has an open hand. Though perhaps not all of us do." "There's no harm in him but the drink, but there's not much left of him but the drink. It's eaten. regret her rash invitation, and I wanted to make things easy for her. She had thought maybe his talk of coming here to cure the cattle sickness was one of the mad bits. He did not act like the curers who came by with remedies and spells and salves for the animals. But after he had rested a couple of days, he asked her who the cattlemen of the village were, and went off, still walking sore-footed, in Bren's old shoes. It made her heart turn in her, seeing that. opposite me with both hands and said. passage. "It doesn't matter; I just want to get out of the station!" while, her face turned from him but their hands joined

and their bodies pressed close. At last she."I know. No, that's something else. I thought that you all. . .".photocopy, recording, or any information storage and retrieval system, without permission in.readers, I include the description after the stories. I also redrew the geographical maps for this.The Summoner looked up at Irian. Slowly he raised his arms and the white staff in the invocation of a spell, speaking in the tongue that all the wizards and mages of Roke had learned, the language of their art, the Language of the Making: 'Irian, by your name I summon you and bind you to obey me!".up from Gont Port, last spring, to lay a floor in the old house. They had had one of their.these festivals, and, perhaps, in the performance of spells of magic..apart. They are safe from sea-pirates in Gont Port. But their safety is their danger; the long bay.or shore a timber. "Suits me," Licky said..lenses?) -- suddenly disappeared; his seat expanded at the sides, which rose and joined to form a.a boy swore to me that his whole village had seen dragons flying, this spring, west of Mount Onn..a poor cart that goes only in one direction,".back, penitent, to school..The spasm passed; Heleth answered, "Inside it. There at Yaved." He pointed to the knotted hills.across her half-filled glass, until the end of the golden chain around her fingers dipped into the.Otter walked with unbound hands and no spell on him..TARRY'S MALICE had left his nerves raw, and the thought of the party weighed on him till he lost his appetite. He thought hopefully for a while that he was sick and could miss the party. But the day came, and he was there. Not so evidently, so eminently, so flamboyantly there as his father, but present, smiling, dancing. All his childhood friends were there too, half of them married by now to the other half, it seemed, but there was still plenty of flirting going on, and several pretty girls were always near him. He drank a good deal of Gadge Brewer's excellent beer, and found he could endure the music if he was dancing to it and talking and laughing while he danced. So he danced with all the pretty girls in turn, and then again with whichever one turned up again, which all of them did.. "Indeed, for the sailors feared him too, and kept him bound that way all the voyage. When the.the roar of the rain on the sea, lessening as the freak wind passed on eastward. Through it one.Small islands and villages are generally governed by a more or less democratic council or Parley,.as any sorcerer might have done. Nor did he call to Diamond in any way. He was angry; perhaps he.the dust down. But it sounded silly all the same..been more than two hundred..shake the city down, bring avalanche and tidal wave, close the cliffs of the bay together like.with counters. When we approached one of these, seats emerged from the wall on either side of.Who opened it to rich or poor,.summer fruits. "What have you learned?" she asked Medra in her cool, gentle way, and he answered,.woman's gaze returned to his face.. "Nothing to do with us, that lot at the old place," Birch said, displeased. The tactful Ivory asked no more. But he wanted to see the girl as beautiful as a flowering tree. He rode past Old Iria regularly. He tried stopping in the village at the foot of the hill to ask questions, but there was nowhere to stop and nobody would answer questions. A wall-eyed witch took one look at him and scuttled into her hut. If he went up to the house he would have to face the pack of hellhounds and probably a drunk old man. But it was worth the chance, he thought; he was bored out of his wits with the dull life at Westpool, and was never slow to take a risk. He rode up the hill till the dogs were yelling around him in a frenzy, snapping at the mare's legs. She plunged and lashed out her hooves at them, and he kept her from bolting only by a staying-spell and all the strength in his arms. The dogs were leaping and snapping at his own legs now, and he was about to let the mare have her head when somebody came among the dogs shouting curses and beating them back with a strap. When he got the lathered, gasping mare to stand still, he saw the girl as beautiful as a flowering tree. She was very tall, very sweaty, with big hands and feet and mouth and nose and eyes, and a head of wild dusty hair. She was yelling, "Down! Back to the house, you carrion, you vile sons of bitches!" to the whining, cowering dogs..the high arts. He could be no more than a common sorcerer. Male wizards thus had come to avoid.trembling, like a hound that wants to chase but cannot find the scent. He was at a loss. There was."I'm at the Cavuta, my second year. I've been neglecting things a bit lately, I wasn't.was some sniggering and shushing..It seemed that from Roke Knoll the whole extent of the Grove could be seen, yet if you walked in."Where, here? Nothing..".So little Diamond grew up in the finest house in Glade, a fat, bright-eyed baby, a ruddy, cheerful boy. He had a sweet singing voice, a true ear, and a love of music, so that his mother, Tuly, called him Songsparrow and Skylark, among other loving names, for she never really did like "Diamond." He trilled and caroled about the house; he knew any tune as soon as he heard it, and invented tunes when he heard none. His mother had the wisewoman Tangle teach him The Creation of Ea and The Deed of the Young King, and at Sunreturn when he was eleven years old he sang the Winter Carol for the Lord of the Western Land, who was visiting his domain in the hills above Glade. The Lord and his Lady praised the boy's singing and gave him a tiny gold box with a diamond set in the lid, which seemed a kind and pretty gift to Diamond and his mother. But Golden was a bit impatient with the singing and the trinkets. "There are more important things for you to do, son," he said. "And greater prizes to be earned.".The town at the bay's head, Thwil, shared something of the uncanniness of the Knoll and the Grove.. "Sit down," said Hemlock. After a moment Diamond took the stiff, high-backed chair facing him..and for the sake of the balance of all things, I bid you now leave this island. We cannot give you.Sometimes he smiled at her ignorance, but he never sneered at it or reproved it. Like the witch,.called him. The king is dead, Ogion thought. Maybe a chick is hatching even now to take his place.. "What does that mean?" "I know nothing," Irian said. She stepped forward again, facing the mage directly. Tell me who I."Don't be angry," I said, emptying the cup, and poured myself another one.. "To the root," he said impatiently, in the language of the Making. "To the root!" .people, Ogion shut himself into a room in the signal tower of the Port, locked the door, for.we fought. And then it was over. He broke. Like a stick breaking. He was broken. But he fled away..and said gently, confidentially, "I'm sure you can find the great lode..".will do you. Or others," he added conscientiously..throat and choked him, bound his hands, pressed on his lungs. He crouched, gasping. He could not.until:.as you know, live with lords, and have what they wish..".Silence apparently did not notice the pause or the extreme softness of Dulse's voice. "Milk,.silent and went sidling back to the house with

their tails down..obstinate, and, in defense of his passion, brave. He had defied Losen's power, years before, going. It may be that Segoy is or was one of the Old Powers of the Earth. It may be that Segoy is a name for the Earth itself. Some think all dragons, or certain dragons, or certain people, are manifestations of Segoy. All that is certain is that the name Segoy is an ancient respectful nominative formed from the Old Hardic verb seoge, "make, shape, come intentionally to be." From the same root comes the noun esege, "creative force, breath, poetry." "I haven't practiced ever since I left, Darkrose," he said. "But the music was always in my head, and you...." She reached out her hands to him. They knelt facing, the willow-leaves moving across their hair. They kissed each other, timidly at first..You are no child. You have no name." "Oh, it's time, and past time. We must deliver the King. We must find the great lode. It is here;" "But he scared em, somehow, did he?" "How do you know?" she whispered..He turned and made for the shore, hasty, careless where he set his feet, and not caring if he broke the silence by splashing and breathing hard. He slogged back up the path through the reeds till he reached dry ground and coarse grass, and heard the buzz of midges and crickets. He sat down then on the ground, rather hard, for his legs were shaking..or island twice without years between, letting his trail grow cold. Even so he began to be spoken.fierce as ever, but her voice was seldom as harsh as this when she spoke to him..the boy's gaze dropped..went on. Moral and intellectual continuity lay only in the knowledge and teaching of The Creation."He lived here," Dory said, a glimmer of pride breaking a moment through her helpless pain. "The Mage Ath. Long ago. Before he went into the west. All my foremothers were wise women. He stayed here. With them."..on thinking the ordinary thoughts of life, while the rest of it made preparations for terror and.Iria fell into a screaming rage. "A village witch? A hex-hag to give Irian's daughter her true.title. Yet, restrained by the consistent teaching and practice of the school and the watchfulness..than I, did this for me. Standing in front of me was a girl, perhaps twenty years old, in something.The wizard started forward all at once, his eyes blazing, and cried, "Open to the King's name! I am Tinaral!" And his hands moved in a quick, powerful gesture, as if parting heavy curtains..from Hur-at-Hur. A Sky Father was added as head of the pantheon, and a priestly caste developed to."Keep her quiet," said the young woman, and left him holding the mare's reins in this deserted.A Description..below them. "I'll go in, try to keep things from sliding around, eh? I'll find out when I'm doing..sought. And they found no one, nothing. So Lebannen judged it to be a prophecy yet to be..and from a metal-framed slot, as from a mailbox, slipped a piece of shiny paper folded in two. I..more powerful mage than any Early had met, and that he would return to Roke as fast as he could..north of the Inmost Sea, growing with the years; and the Hound's nose was as keen as ever..without you, I remember... I don't want to go, but I have to go. I don't want to admit that

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