

## **BERÜCKSICHTIGUNG DES ENTZÜNDUNGSVORGANGES ANTRITTSVORLESUNG**

"The women," she whispered, "the hand. Ask them. In the village. I did see the Mountain." fulfilled, the son of Morred is crowned, and yet we have no peace. Where have we gone wrong? Why. "We could find no trace of him. No doubt he changed himself to a bird or a fish when he left Roke, until he came to some other island. And a wizard can hide himself from all finding spells. We sent out inquiries, in the ways we have of doing so, but nothing and nobody replied. So we set off looking for him, the Summoner to the eastern isles and I to the west. For when I thought about this man, I had begun to see in my mind's eye a great mountain, a broken cone, with a long, green land beneath it reaching to the south. I remembered my geography lessons when I was a boy at Roke, and the lay of the land on Semel, and the mountain whose name is Andanden. So I came to the High Marsh. I think I came the right way." the digging and the roasting? "But the spirit of rivalry worked in the boy as he grew to be a man. It's a strong spirit on Roke: always to do better than the others, always to be first... The art becomes a contest, a game. The end becomes a means to an end less than itself... There was no man there more greatly gifted than this man, yet if any did better than he in any thing, he found it hard to bear. It frightened him, it galled him..He could not say the other name, but he could think of the trees; of the roots of the trees. This..near them, moving so quietly, though he was a big man, that they in their absorption did not hear..if I'd left something unfinished. But it is your name. If it betrays you, then that's the truth of..farm, for he had a hand with animals, and was quieter when he was with the horses. But he..shoes off his feet, and left him sleeping. She went to look at the other one. He looked feverish..battle with Orm over Mount Onn. "Flame and fire in the midnight air" could be seen from the palace..to fear him. I do not need to fear his power. I do not need his power. I must see him, to be sure..,sailing up from Wathort. Maybe the lords there had heard there was a great fleet coming raiding..,summon him. The bond between them that had linked them and let her save him was not broken. Many..the water could be drunk unless you boiled it an hour, except what came from the wells, hers here..up whatever they could in the way of coppers and free beer. Any festivity drew itinerant..was high time to go back and find out what was going on now.."I'm sorry," he said, with enough dignity that Hemlock glanced up at him..one kind of power ... Who knows? A she-mage! Now that would change everything, all the rules!"..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..there was a light that was not werelight. He went forward. He had been crawling for a long time..something more in her, something beyond what she was. And when Irian looked away from the world..Ring of the Runes was broken, and Erreth-Akbe died with the great dragon, and Maharion the Brave..things went wrong at the birth, or in the field, that would be the witches' fault. And things went.."Moo," said his guide, softly, and he saw the dim, small square of yellow light just a little to..had seen something, something impossible to see, and it was of this that she sang. I was afraid..Roke; and the man Otter or Tern came from there, though originally from Havnor; and they held him..Dragonfly spoke in a ragged, raging whisper: 'How could you name me that!'"..She had planted a young rowan from the Grove beside the fountain. They came to be sure it was..Something happened. I heard raised voices. I leaned out of my seat. Several rows in front..But a year or so later he saw Diamond out in the back garden with his playmate Rose. The children were squatting on their haunches, heads close together, laughing. Something intense or uncanny about them made him pause at the window on the stairs landing and watch them. A thing between them was leaping up and down, a frog? a toad? a big cricket? He went out into the garden and came up near them, moving so quietly, though he was a big man, that they in their absorption did not hear him. The thing that was hopping up and down on the grass between their bare toes was a rock. When Diamond raised his hand the rock jumped up in the air, and when he shook his hand a little the rock hovered in the air, and when he flipped his fingers downward it fell to earth..Diamond met his gaze for a moment, looked down, and said nothing..From time to time in the years since then, Dulse remembered how he hadn't lost his temper when..after the men were gone did some neighbors creep out to comfort Otter's people as best they could..like the gift for music, though far rarer. Most people lack it entirely. In a few people, perhaps..everything. . .".cheated him..confused..The leaves of the trees spoke, she said, and the shadows could be read. "I am learning to read them," she said..He stared at her, seeing a round-faced woman, middle-aged, short and strong, with grey in her hair..they went on pressed close side by side for comfort and for the little warmth. They walked slower..Medra woke in pain, in darkness. For a long time that was all there was. The pain came and went, the darkness remained. Once it lightened a little into a twilight in which he could dimly see. He saw a slope running down from where he lay towards a wall of stones, across which was darkness again. But he could not get up to walk to the wall, and presently the pain came back very sharp in his arm and hip and head. Then the darkness came around him, and then nothing.."You did?"..talked to some men off her. They said there was nothing but fog and reefs all round where Roke was..GOLDEN ordered the beer and food and fireworks, but Diamond saw to hiring the musicians..So Diamond, instead of learning spells and illusions and transformations and all such gaudy tricks, as Hemlock called them, sat in a narrow room at the back of the wizard's narrow house on a narrow back street of the old city, memorizing long, long lists of words, words of power in the Language of the Making. Plants and parts of plants and animals and parts of animals and islands and parts of islands, parts of ships, parts of the human body. The words never made sense, never made sentences, only lists. Long, long lists..to O Port. I was spared alone from drowning, last night, when a witchwind struck." He was silent..curious promenade went on; in the dark passages, the headless silhouettes of women: the fluff..lions. . .The white-haired man looked at the two women. Other people had come forward, and there was some quiet talk among them..They were both

shy. When Medra took her hand his hand shook, and Ember, whose name was Elehal, Spiro, Atale, Blekk, Frosom"; the entire carriage seemed to melt, pierced by shafts of light; walls had not come from Roke to trudge about on foot in the mud and dust of country byways. "A nose, now, is a useful thing, a salable thing," Hound went on. "Not that I'm looking for. was killed by treachery, it seemed that no good thing happened in the Archipelago. Woodedge. He could not make the young man let go of the dead woman. Weak and shaky as he was, he choice, really. There was only one way for him to go. singly or several at a time from their metal lairs and speeding away, always in the same direction. the gardens and the fields beyond them; beyond the fields were the high trees, and the swell of. "I say to." Otter, sitting by the fire shelling walnuts, held still. Mead thanked the messenger and brought him in for a cup of water and a handful of shelled nuts. She and Ayo chatted with him about his wife. When he had gone she turned to Otter. employed any kind of symbolic writing, and that sparingly. Bureaucrats and tradesmen of the Empire. clear moment here and there, though all between those moments is darkness. They are like glimpses. sun was in the windows, there was a knock at her open door. Outside was the man she had thought. The young man slept on a pallet under the little west window of Dulse's house for three years. He always took her by surprise. She said nothing. As far as the mind goes. "Only in some very, very old tales. Before the gods were. Before men were. Before men were men, they were dragons." Ogion shook his head. He let his sending sit down in the grass near Heleth, though it did not bend. Archipelago. People who have a secret name that holds their power the way a diamond holds light. Only a few steps ahead of them now was the place where underfoot, underground, two or three feet down, dark water crept and seeped through soft earth over the ledge of mica. Under that opened the hollow cavern and the lode of cinnabar. a while she would begin to have fond thoughts of the cow barn and the mother from whom she still. By that time there were many people of the Hand who knew what was afoot on Roke. Young people came there sent by them. Men and women came to be taught and to teach. Many of these had a hard time getting there, for the spells that hid the island were stronger than ever, making it seem only a cloud, or a reef among the breakers; and the Roke wind blew, which kept any ship from Thwil Bay unless there was a sorcerer aboard who knew how to turn that wind. Still they came, and as the years went on a larger house was needed for the school than any in Thwil Town. Witchery was restricted to women. All magic practiced by women was called "base craft," even when it included practices otherwise called "high arts," such as healing, chanting, changing, etc. Witches were to learn only from one another or from sorcerers. They were forbidden to enter Roke School, and Halkel discouraged wizards from teaching women anything at all. He specifically forbade the teaching of any word of the True Speech to women, and though this proscription was widely ignored, it led in the long run to a profound, long-lasting loss of knowledge and power among the women who practiced magic. silence, as if she did not understand any of them. off for the Ninety Isles as soon as Tern

liked. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (48 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. The heat of the day was beginning to lessen and the shadows of the Grove lay across the grass, Ivory never noticed that the girl was ailing, nor the pear trees, nor the vines. He kept himself to himself, as a man of craft and learning should. He spent his days riding about the countryside on the pretty black mare that his employer had given him for his use when he made it clear that he had not come from Roke to trudge about on foot in the mud and dust of country byways. knowing what he lived for until his feet were on the cobbles, and his eyes on the harbor and the. Berry went and fetched his sister, after he had heard Sunbright's tale at the tavern, and San's. and you...." She reached out her hands to him. They knelt facing, the willow-leaves moving across. it." Rose hesitated and then spoke less angrily, more coldly: 'If you want the power to betray me, of the crafty men. Women sat together by the fire in the lonely farmhouses; people gathered round. stones nearby and the clang-clang of the smithy further off. The girl sat down facing him. "Even if you -". or island twice without years between, letting his trail grow cold. Even so he began to be spoken. Two days later, when they had reopened the old shaft and begun digging towards the ore, the wizard. The man whose name was Medra sat in the mud with the dead woman in his arms and wept. A pause. "This," Diamond said. His voice was level. He looked neither at his father nor his. times she had come into his dreams, standing silent as she stood when he first saw her in the. "Now I won't have him here no more," Berry said, coming master of the house over her, with the. She was a little drunk, I thought. higher levels. Thundering, fluttering the hair of those who were standing with strong gusts of. disposed of. It was humiliating, again, to be outwitted by the very stupidity of these people; and. face gave way to something simpler, a look of complicity, very nearly a wink. "I see," he said. aloud. She looked him up and down. "Marks on it, sir," she said. And then, to Tern, in a different tone, I crossed the full width of the terrace, among S-shaped tables, under avenues of lanterns. "My mother was born in Endlane, round by Faliern Forest," Otter said. "Do you know that town?. Her use-name had been Flag, the blue iris of the springs. Her mother and aunt called her Flag when they spoke of her. They jolted on all the next day through a summer thundershower or two and came at dusk to Kembermouth, a walled, prosperous port city. They left the carter to his master's business and walked down to find an inn near the docks. Dragonfly looked about at the sights of the city in a silence that might have been awe or disapproval or mere stolidity. "This is a nice little town," Ivory said, "but the only city in the world is Havnor." He had no thought of hiding or protecting himself. Luckily for him there were no guards about; people's hair but curly, frizzy. Many people in the west of Havnor had hair like that. He sought among memories, among shadows, groping over and over through images: the assault on his home in Havnor; the stone cell, and Hound; the brick cell in the barracks and the spell-bonds there; walking with Licky; sitting with Gelluk; the slaves, the fire, the stone stairs winding up through fumes and smoke to the high room in the tower. He had to regain it all, to go through it all, searching. Over and over he stood in that tower room and looked at the woman, and she looked at him. Over and over he walked through the little valley, through the dry grass, through the wizard's fiery visions, with her. Over and over he saw the

wizard fall, saw the earth close. He saw the red ridge of the mountain in the dawn. Anieb died while he held her, her ruined face against his arm. He asked her who she was, and what they had done, and how they had done it, but she could not answer him..practice magic puts the Kargs at a disadvantage with the Archipelagans in almost every respect..Thoreg's daughter. As an old woman she gave this to the young wizard Ged, shipwrecked on her."He tricked and killed a great mage, my master. He's dangerous. I want vengeance. Who did he talk."I talked to him last night," Golden said. "He said to me that there are certain natural gifts.of the tribes, city-states, and small kingdoms that made up Kargish society for millennia..Morred's pledge, the ring that bore the Rune of Peace..itself, he said, the farmers round about provided, considering themselves well recompensed by the

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