

## UM AMOR VIKING

running his hands over the wood and talking to it, that he couldn't see why they made a fuss over. "Don't come near me!". IN THE YEARS after Diamond left home, Golden made more money than he had ever done before. All his. "I'm not really good on the fife, but I'm good enough. What you didn't teach me, I can fill in with a spell, if I have to. And the band, they're all right. Labby isn't as bad as he looks. Nobody fools with me. We make a pretty good living. Winters, I go stay with Mother and help her out. So I'm all right. What about you, Di?". "But you're right, Herbal, we're out of balance," said Kurremkarmerruk, his voice hard and harsh. "When and where did we begin to go too far? What have we forgotten, turned our back on, overlooked?". Language of the Making. Plants and parts of plants and animals and parts of animals and islands. He knew that, knew it absolutely, though still he tried to say spells, and raised his arms in the. Rose was muttering a rote spell, but it was her hands and her little short sharp knife that did. looked like a man, though she did not feel like one. She and Ivory took each other in their arms. For a half millennium or longer, men ambitious to work the great spells of magery bound themselves to absolute chastity, enforced by self-cast spells. At the school on Roke, the students lived under this spell of chastity from the time they entered the Great House and, if they became wizards, for the rest of their lives. Darkrose would come to his mind only when he was down at the docks, staring out at the water of. So that my mind could move about among the years and centuries without getting things all out of. in Gont Port, and Dulse had sent Silence down instead, and there he had stayed. However the Division came about, from the beginning of historical time human beings have lived in the main Archipelago and the Kargad Lands east of it, while the dragons kept to the westernmost isles-and beyond. People have puzzled at their choosing the empty sea for their domain, since dragons are "creatures of wind and fire," who drown if plunged under the sea. But they have no need to touch down either on water or on earth; they live on the wing, aloft in air, sunlight, starlight. The only use a dragon has for the ground is some kind of rocky place where it can lay its eggs and rear the drakelets. The small, barren islets of the farthest West Reach suffice for this. "You can. Oh, you can!". four mages stood on the path. SEASON AT THE TRANSSVAAL STADIUM. She kept his hand and led him in. He was always a little reluctant to enter the witch's house, a pungent, disorderly place thick with the mysteries of women and witchcraft, very different from his own clean comfortable home, even more different from the cold austerity of the wizard's house. He shivered like a horse as he stood there, too tall for the herb-festooned rafters. He was very highly strung, and worn out, having walked forty miles in sixteen hours without food. joke. I had had enough of his direct approach and joviality. If asked about it (or so, at least, I. He no longer kept a cow. He stood looking into the poultry yard, considering. The fox had been visiting the orchard lately. But the birds would have to forage if he stayed away. They must take their chances, like everyone else. He opened their gate a little. Though the rain was no more than a misty drizzle now, they stayed hunched up under the henhouse eaves, disconsolate. The King had not crowed once this morning. I looked at her. She was quite serious. Well, yes, how was she to know? I shrugged. to himself, as a man of craft and learning should. He spent his days riding about the countryside. payment for the safe delivery of a son to Golden's head forester. Tangle herself wore armfuls of. "My name's myself. True. But what's a name, then? It's what another calls me. If there was no. result had not been the melting eagerness it had produced in girls he had used it on in Havnor and. Equilibrium but by holding still. We have gone too far. For the Archmage and Lebannen to go bodily. seeking and finding people for the school on Roke-children and young people, mostly, who had a. "Is it?" he said. He said nothing. In fact he was at a loss. If he had known it would be this easy, he could have had her name and with it the power to make her do whatever he wanted, days ago, weeks ago, with a mere pretence at this crazy scheme - without giving up his salary and his precarious respectability, without this sea voyage, without having to go all the way to Roke for it! For he saw the whole plan now was folly. There was no way he could disguise her that would fool the Doorkeeper for a moment. All his notions of humiliating the Masters as they had humiliated him were moonshine. Obsessed with tricking the girl, he had fallen into the trap he laid for her. Bitterly he recognized that he was always believing his own lies, caught in nets he had elaborately woven. Having made a fool of himself on Roke, he had come back to do it all over again. A great, desolate anger swelled up in him. There was no good, no good in anything. "And you asked me, What can you tell me that could make me trust you?". into the Great Treasury of the Tombs of Atuan. (There Ged found it, and rejoining the two halves. gossip. moments. Nothing in him was whole, not even his madness. He couldn't remember the name he had told. Tales from Earthsea/Ursula K. Le Guin. -1st ed. p. cm. Contents: The finder-Darkrose and. Irian was studying the Namer covertly but equally attentively, trying to see if she could tell if he was what he had called a sending or was there in flesh and blood. Nothing about him appeared insubstantial, but she thought he was not there, and when he stepped into the slanting sunlight and cast no shadow, she knew it. healing, animal husbandry, dousing, mining and metallurgy, planting and growing spells, love. "Oh child, oh lamb," said Rush, taking her into her embrace; but though she hugged Rush, Dory did not bend. as pitiless as any wild animal, terrifying, unpredictable, yet intelligent, sometimes wiser than. leaving things out, here, things worth knowing....". Roke lives on its great past, defended by a thousand spells against the present day. And inside. know. In the distance the surrounding space kept being pierced by streaks of vehicles unknown to. Silence nodded, acceptant as always. came to him he could cure. He laid his hands on them, on the stiff-haired, hot flanks and neck, beautifully styled, semitransparent, with long, delicate arms. Without asking a thing, it passed. As the dim light that came into the room from chinks in the mortar of the bricked-up window died away, instead of sinking into the blank misery of all his nights in that room, he stayed awake, and grew more awake. The excited turmoil of his mind all the time he had been with Gelluk slowly quieted. From it something rose, coming close, coming clear, the image he had seen down in the mine,

shadowy yet distinct: the slave in the high vault of the tower, that woman with empty breasts and festered eyes, who spat the spittle that ran from her poisoned mouth, and wiped her mouth, and stood waiting to die. She had looked at him..The voices of the mages talking were like the voices of the stream running. The stream said its.your hair, mistress! Or paper, or books. Our masters in Orrimy are seeking such things, if you had."He's the Master here.". "If I went away -" She saw him shake his head. "I could go to the Namer -".He was so distraught that when he made up his mind to call Silence he could not think of the opening of the spell, which he had known for sixty years; then when he thought he had it, he began to speak a Summoning instead, and the spell had begun to work before he realised what he was doing and stopped and undid it word by word..up ten feet tall and struck Sunbright into a lump of coal with lightning, before foaming at the..She nodded, with an anxious face..Hemlock was 10th to practice any of the lesser arts of magic. He did not put out a finding spell, as any sorcerer might have done. Nor did he call to Diamond in any way. He was angry; perhaps he was hurt. He had thought well of the boy, and offered to write the Summoner about him, and then at the first test of character Diamond had broken. "Glass," the wizard muttered. At least this weakness proved he was not dangerous. Some talents were best not left to run wild, but there was no harm in this fellow, no malice. No ambition. "No spine," said Hemlock to the silence of the house. "Let him crawl home to his mother.". "I'm sorry," he said, with enough dignity that Hemlock glanced up at him..chests and clothes-presses against an infestation of moths, he said, "Seems like you'd have your.and his feet ached with the icy damp of the marsh paths..Golden was born to deal with commerce and wealth, each in his place; and each, noble or common, if."No, thank you..listless with the heat, scrawny, staring without much interest at the strangers. Tern had walked.obey, your majesty." He summoned his wizards, and the mage Early came, bowing low. "Make me walk!". "You could go to Roke," the wizard said..Otter walked on a mile, brooding; then circled back, leading Licky to a hillock not far from the.next morning Golden told his son again that he must think about being a man..And they study there just to get richer. Or to get power..Inmost Sea to Orrimy, where he had been some years before. There were people of the Hand there.the Houses of Shelieth, Ea, and Havnor; and lastly the House of Ilien. Prince Gemal Seaborn of.them. Maybe a child the parents are grieving for. In the witch's hut, in the darkness, they hear.on the bushes. To their left a little stream ran low among willow thickets. Mild sunlight and long."She walked with the dead, sometimes," Ayo said very low. "In the forest, down towards Faliern. She knew the old powers, those my grandmother told me of, the powers of the earth. They were strong there, she said..". "Tell me what you'll be doing-".then, scratching up the earth a bit, he neatly and delicately buried them. He dusted off his.Diamond nodded eagerly..their hair. They kissed each other, timidly at first..He stopped in front of her. She felt herself blush, her face and throat burning, dizzy, her ears ringing. She sought words, anything to say, to turn his attention away from her, and could find nothing at all. He sat down near her. She looked down, as if studying the skeleton of a last-year's leaf by her hand..Among the Hardic-speaking people of the Archipelago, the ability to do magic is an inborn talent, like the gift for music, though far rarer. Most people lack it entirely. In a few people, perhaps one in a hundred, it is a latent, cultivable talent. In a very few people it is manifest without training..The dragons offered no threat during this period, and the Kargs had withdrawn into their own.He strode from the house, turned, and set a fire spell on it so that it burst into flames, thatch and walls and every window spouting fire. Women ran out of it screaming. They had been hiding no doubt in the back room; he paid them no attention. "Hound," he thought. He spoke the summoning, using Hound's true name, and the old man came to him as he was bound to do. He was sullen, though, and said, "I was in the tavern, down the way there, you could have said my use-name and I'd have come.".not any better at being a wizard than I am at bookkeeping? Why can't I do what I know I can do?".name? Or a creeping traitorous sorcerous servant of those upstart landgrabbers who stole Westpool."Oh," she said with a full mouth, "I didn't know how hungry I was!".foot of the hill he came into a lane. It led him through farmlands that looked well kept, though.his hand on it. "This is clever," he said. "But who is it? A newcomer, I think." He sniffed.lisped:.He tacked across the strong wind, swung round South Point, and sailed into the Great Bay of Havnor..gift of magic, and sometimes grown men or women. Most of the children were poor, and though he.if I'd left something unfinished. But it is your name. If it betrays you, then that's the truth of.He said, "I lost my way. Have I come to the villager?" His voice was hoarse and harsh, a beggar's.not come, and he soon slept in sheer weariness. He woke in the first, cold light. He sat up and.He was glad to see the sorcerer uneasy too, standing by the helmsman, keeping a watch up on the.Oraby, Daisy and Goldie and the one they called the Burning Bush. He had to sit with the young men.He went slowly round to the eastern side of the hilltop, bright and warm already with the light of."Even if I argued for you. They won't listen. The Rule of Roke forbids women to be taught any high art, any word of the Language of the Making. It's always been so. They will not listen. So they must be shown! And we'll show them, you and I. We'll teach them. You must have courage, Dragonfly. You must not weaken, and not think, "Oh, if I just beg them to let me in, they can't refuse me." They can, and will. And if you reveal yourself, they will punish you. And me." He put a ponderous emphasis on the last word, and inwardly murmured, "Avert..".times she had come into his dreams, standing silent as she stood when he first saw her in the."Thank you, mistress," he muttered, crouching at the fire. She brought him a bowl of broth. He drank from it eagerly yet warily, as if long unaccustomed to hot soup..He was mad, and she didn't know what possessed her to let him stay, yet she could not fear him or.and she said with a sigh, "He'll run up a whole new line of credit at the tavern on the strength.expression. "Emer," he said, and closed his eyes again..dispersed, then joined again into streams, so that a luminous blood seemed to course within the.see it, if you don't mind, sir. He won't come looking for it. But if he saw it, he'd take it. He."This is what you brought the Nine together for? This and no more?". "Now I won't have him here no more," Berry said, coming master of the house over her, with the great black gash in his forehead, and his eyes like oysters, and his hands juddering.. "Oh, Darkrose," Diamond said, "I love you..". "We have to finish the work here,"

he told her, and she looked at him mildly. All animals were patient, but the patience of the horse kind was wonderful, being freely given. Dogs were loyal, but there was more of obedience in it. Dogs were hierarchs, dividing the world into lords and commoners. Horses were all lords. They agreed to collude. He remembered walking among the great, plumed feet of cart horses, fearless. The comfort of their breath on his head. A long time ago. He went to the pretty hinny and talked to her, calling her his dear, comforting her so that she would not be lonely. Golden owned the mill that cut the oak boards for the ships they built in Havnor South Port and Havnor Great Port; he owned the biggest chestnut groves; he owned the carts and hired the carters that carried the timber and the chestnuts over the hills to be sold. He did very well from trees, and when his son was born, the mother said, "We could call him Chestnut, or Oak, maybe?" But the father said, "Diamond," diamond being in his estimation the one thing more precious than gold. After the Long Dance. Come if you like." me. Gontish oak, from the hands of a Gontish wizard. Well, if he earns it I'll make him one. If he was some sniggering and shushing. in something that shone like phosphorized metal. The fabric clung to her: she was as if naked. heart of the teaching of magic. then it was not really what she had wanted to know, but she wanted to know more. He was patient. "And a good thing too!" Golden said roundly. "What's become of that daughter of hers, then? Went with a gold pulse in the walls, as though underneath the mercury mask of the walls the noble. The poem begins with the best known and most cherished love story in the Archipelago, that of Morred and Elfarran. In the third year of his reign, the young king went south to the largest island of the Archipelago, Havnor, to settle disputes among the city-states there. Returning in his "oarless longship," he came to the island Solea and there saw Elfarran, the Islewoman or Lady of Solea, "in the orchards in the spring." He did not continue on to Enlad, but stayed with Elfarran. To pledge his troth he gave her a silver bracelet or arm ring, the treasure of his family, on which was engraved a unique and powerful True Rune. a girl, and a year younger than Diamond, and a witch's daughter. He wished his son would play with. His head hurt again, and he whimpered and shivered, trying to draw himself together for warmth. There was no warmth and no light. strongest. But there the Enemy followed her, intent to make her his prisoner and slave. She took thoughts settled down and began to run clearer, he knew that he could not defeat a wizard of great. Though he seldom left the city, Early prided himself on his knowledge of all the Archipelago. weatherworker had a bag, a great long sack or a little pouch. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (87 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. undertaking; but as Lao Tzu says, wise people march along with the baggage wagons. Nothing happened, and he had time to regret the sunlight and the seawind, and to doubt the spell, and to doubt himself, before the earth rose up around him, dry, warm, and dark. It took him six more days to get through the big herds in the eastern marshes. The last two days. raised her head on the pillow, and when Tern was very near he could hear her: "Wizard," she said. some spell of his own art that we did not understand, like the spell snakes know that keeps their. out, past the Armed Cliffs! Good luck to you." And he turned and ran back up the street, a tall. told you. Sir." as they said taught her teachers, became the mistress of all healing arts and the science of. led him deeper into the marshes. His Ulla was given to jumping fences, but after she had wandered. "He drinks because he drinks," she said. "With some, that's all it is. I'll be in the dairy, now. It is said that Segoy first wrote the True Runes in fire on the wind, so that they are coeval with the Language of the Making. But this may not be so, since the dragons do not use them, and if they recognise them, do not admit it." Oh, yes," Irioth said. "It was my fault." But she forgave; and the grey cat was pressed up against his thigh, dreaming. The cat's dreams came into his mind, in the low fields where he spoke with the animals, the dusky places. The cat leapt there, and then there was milk, and the deep soft thrilling. There was no fault, only the great innocence. No need for words. They would not find him here. He was not here to find. There was no need to speak any name. There was nobody but her, and the cat dreaming, and the fire flickering. He had come over the dead mountain on black roads, but here the streams ran slow among the pastures. The next level was done in dark bronze veined with gold exclamation points. Fluid joinings of. At first he had thought Diamond had a knack such as many children had and then lost, a stray spark. there. Now come with me," he said to Irian. round his neck.

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