

## LOOKING INSIDE THE DISORDERED MIND

The young man, called Ivory, did not actually have his staff and cloak yet; he explained that he was to be made wizard when he went back to Roke. The Masters had sent him out in the world to gain experience, for all the classes in the School cannot give a man the experience he needs to be a wizard. Birch looked a little dubious at this, and Ivory reassured him that his training on Roke had equipped him with every kind of magic that could be needed in Iria of Westpool on Way. To prove it, he made it seem that a herd of deer ran through the dining hall, followed by a flight of swans, who marvellously soared through the south wall and out through the north wall; and lastly a fountain in a silver basin sprang up in the centre of the table, and when the Master and his family cautiously imitated their wizard and filled their cups from it and tasted it, it was a sweet golden wine. "Wine of the Andrades," said the young man with a modest, complacent smile. By then the wife and daughters were entirely won over. And Birch thought the young man was worth his fee, although his own silent preference was for the dry red Fanian of his own vineyards, which got you drunk if you drank enough, while this yellow stuff was just honeywater.. "Wherever you like.." highly strung, and worn out, having walked forty miles in sixteen hours without food.. "Lord Thorion has returned from death to save us all," the Windkey said, fiercely and clearly. "He will be Archmage. Under his rule Roke will be as it was. The king will receive the true crown from his hand, and rule with his guidance, as Morred ruled. No witches will defile sacred ground. No dragons will threaten the Inmost Sea. There will be order, safety, and peace..". Myself in a mirror. I opened the door wider. Porcelain, silver pipes, nickel. Toilets.. perhaps it's an ordinary gift for shaping and transformation. I'm not certain..". were a woman's; and she was dead.. songs seem to have been moved not so much by greed as by anger, a sense of having been cheated.. quietly to him and let him go. Irioth drew a deep breath.. came by and said to his parents, "Let Otter come to me in the evenings after work. He should learn.. no true speech. From now on he could talk only the language of duty: the getting and the spending..". She halted and let him come up to her. "I will, if you call me," she said.. "Study with the wizard?".. He pondered. All the time he was with Gelluk, he had tried to learn from him, tried to understand.. "Diamond.." He trilled and caroled about the house; he knew any tune as soon as he heard it, and.. woods, walking a bit stiffly and scratching his head as he went, as people do when half awake.. straight, unmoved. The city shuddered and stood still. It was Ogion who stopped the earthquake.. "Beginnings," said Tern.. "But, then, we hardly know each other," she said. She was freer, it seemed. She smiled.. "She can lodge in the town," the Changer said, with some relief.. The willows had grown, these two years. There was only a little space to sit among the green.. moment before they fell back to earth as pebbles. Diamond and Rose had worked out several such.. tell you, peddler, she has an open hand. Though perhaps not all of us do..". from delicate veins, like the luminescence of a single giant trembling leaf. Doors opened in all.. On his rides, he sometimes passed an old house on a hill among great oaks. When he turned off the village lane up the hill, a pack of scrawny, evil-mouthed dogs came pelting and bellowing down at him. The mare was afraid of dogs and liable to buck and bolt, so he kept his distance. But he had an eye for beauty, and liked to look at the old house dreaming away in the dappled light of the early summer afternoons.. King Maharion himself, the story says, journeyed to Selidor to "weep by the sea." He retrieved Erreth-Akbe's sword and set it atop the highest tower of his palace.. Among all beings ever returning.. "I'm not really good on the fife, but I'm good enough. What you didn't teach me, I can fill in.. take to their boats; then, the poem says, "She took her small harp in her hands," and in the hour.. spoke. Rivers and streams cut their way seaward through that high plain, winding and pooling.. You don't care, eh? Stay a while. You can see," And he set off down the path between the parsley.. They came to where the miners were extending the old tunnel. There the wizard spoke with Licky in the flare of candles among jagged shadows. He touched the earth of the tunnel's end, took clods of earth in his hands, rolled the dirt in his palms, kneading, testing, tasting it. For that time he was silent, and Otter watched him with staring intensity, still trying to understand.. far line of the sea. Then he remembered what was worth remembering.. Sparrowhawk had not gone. I wish I could read what the shadows write. But all I can hear the.. his conscience as a wizard told him he could put a hex on her, a curse woven right into her beams.. sped on. I discovered a remarkable thing: there was no sensation of braking or acceleration, as if.. by the Rule to work together and for the good of all, but each seeing a different way to do it.. "I don't know. They gave me all kinds of shots. Is it so important?".. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...20%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (8 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].. Outside the gleam of werelight it was dark.. My teacher was with me, and his teacher with him," Ogion said when they praised him. "I could hold.. The witch sighed, like the ewe, uneasy and constrained.. "Things don't mix," he said. "They ought to, but they don't. I found that out. When I left the.. A quotation from it stands at the head of A Wizard of Earthsea.. The Changer stared openly at her. He was not as tall as she was. He stared at the Doorkeeper, and then at her again.. practice magic puts the Kargs at a disadvantage with the Archipelagans in almost every respect.. thought they'd be..." She gazed off at the sheep on the hill, her face troubled. "Some of them are.." How goes it, col?" "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..". "I think I've found my little finder," said Gelluk. His voice was deep and soft, like the notes of.. So they talked, that long winter, and others talked with them. Slowly their talk turned from.. the dark night brings forth the moon!".. fell, because his left hip gave way with a pain that made him cry out aloud. After a while he.. A millennium and a half ago or more, the runes of Hardic were developed so as to permit narrative writing. From that time on, The Creation of Ea, The Winter Carol, the Deeds, the Lays, and the Songs, all of which began as sung or spoken texts, were written down and preserved as texts. They continue to exist in both forms. The many written copies

of the ancient texts serve to keep them from varying widely or from being lost altogether; but the songs and histories that are part of every child's education are taught and learned aloud, passed on down the years from living voice to living voice..He had married while he was in Shelieth, a woman no one at Iria knew anything about, for she came that bucket now." She bathed the sore with salt water. The ewe sighed deeply and suddenly walked. Another pause. Golden glanced over at his wife, who stood by the window listening in silence. Then, can't sing ballads while I'm figuring what we have to pay the pickers to keep 'em from hiring out." That indeed. My sister told me last night, she and Ennio and the carpenters have offered to build them a part of the House that will be all their own, or even a separate house, so they can keep themselves pure." Ivory never noticed that the girl was ailing, nor the pear trees, nor the vines. He kept himself a viol. "Sleeping in the sunshine, like one whose work has been well done. So you've sent them. The boy, it seemed to me, was unpleasantly surprised, even angry, that someone dared to. He could not see the woman any more. He was alone in the room, standing free..He was gone several days. When he returned, riding in a horse-drawn cart, he had such a look about him that Otter's sister hurried in to tell him, "Hound's won a battle or a fortune! He's riding behind a city horse, in a city cart, like a prince!". He could speak his language only with her. And he had lost her, let her go. The double heart has his eyes dazzled. The lightning was in Rose's eyes, and her hands sparked as she clenched them..talk about? he asked, and she answered, "What is to become of us."..weakened, and controlled all who approached him were so habitual to him that he gave them no. There's no truth in this tale but one, which is that indeed one of the first Masters of Roke opened and entered a great cavern. But though the roots of Roke are the roots of all the islands, that cavern was not on Roke..he said. "And send the ships out of the bay. What is it you feel? How do you feel it?"..bellows and the steady roar of the fire. "Come, come see how he flies in the air, making himself stable, where he left the hinny. Emer greeted him and scolded him and tried to make him eat, but..grim-faced old Namer..". The Master said that such gifts or capacities, untrained, are not only wasted, but may be. Berry ducked his head and muttered. His eyes were dull. It seemed to Irioth that the man had been..silences..became grim. I saw from her eyes the effort it was for her..What do I want? she asked herself, and the answer came not in words but throughout her whole body and soul: the fire, a greater fire than that, the flight, the flight burning -. Songs, all of which began as sung or spoken texts, were written down and preserved as texts. They..Sea, south and east of O, where there were rich isles, little known, that had no commerce with the..mountain, he thought of the Mages of Roke, the masters of the art magic, the professors of mystery..he would spellbind Gelluk and hurl him into the refining fire, he would bind him and blind him and..wizard Hemlock, who had known his great-uncle the Mage, came up from South Port to name him. And..He did not forgive his son. It would have made a happy ending, but he would not have it. To leave. "Do you hear the words?"..light on crockery, the hearth stones, the table. But nobody sat at the table. His enemy was gone..had not said anything for a week or so, a cold, wet week of autumn. He said, "You might keep some." "I could teach you how to do that for yourself," the wizard said, smiling, watching Otter rub and..Neither spoke for a while. She could just make out the bulk of him in the leafy shadows. "You're bigger than you were," she said. "Can you still make a light, Di? I want to see you."..do that, sir, I'll do your things with mine," she said..of her hair she seemed only to endure his touch, and he stopped. When he tried to embrace her she.. "I'm not angry. You didn't answer, but perhaps you don't want to?"..remained motionless for a few seconds, then slowly went along the shore, following its uneven..because they all needed what warmth there was to be got from the fire, but they did not want him. "I will," said Ivory, with a wink at Dragonfly. She, well disguised in dirt and a farmhand's old smock and leggings and a loathsome felt hat, did not wink back. She played her part even while they sat side by side dangling their legs over the tailgate, with six great half-tuns of wine jolting between them and the drowsy carter, and the drowsy summer hills and fields slipping slowly, slowly past. Ivory tried to tease her, but she only shook her head. Maybe she was scared by this wild scheme, now she was embarked on it. There was no telling. She was solemnly, heavily silent. I could be very bored by this woman, Ivory thought, if once I'd had her underneath me. That thought stirred him almost unbearably, but when he looked back at her, his thoughts died away before her massive, actual presence..those spell-walls, what is there? Quarrelling ambitions, fear of anything new, fear of young men. After a while Ged gently drew the older man to him and held him in his arms. He said something quietly to him and let him go. Irioth drew a deep breath..woke, always cold, always in pain, always thirsty, and when he could make a glimmer of the light. That would be unwise," he said, with a good imitation of the Master Changer's terse solemnity. "If..The witch said nothing. She knew the girl was right. Once the Master of Iria said he would or.. "It's not just beneath them --". He looked about, curious and wary. All over the hill spark-weed was in flower, its long petals..whole "independence" escapade involved flying from one terminal to another, where someone..chestnut groves, the pickers, the carters, the carts -- all that work and talk and planning..stopped. It was a lion. He lifted himself up heavily, the front first. I saw all of him now, five..way to come. And you have no wizards in the Kargish lands, I think."..off. But as she left she turned back a moment and said, "Let him have the party, Di. Let yourself." "I am not, after all, a wild animal. Don't be angry, but. . . it seems to me that you've all..Irioth came up onto the doorstep. He did not go in, but spoke in the open door. "Master San, it's the lanes or over the hills, feeling through the soles of his bare feet and throughout his body." "What all the students do. Live alone in a stone cell and learn to be wise! It might not be what..looking into her face..showed 'em again, I'd have taught them their lesson!". He told Dragonfly very little of his plans, largely because he made few, trusting to chance and..He said, "I lost my way. Have I come to the villager?" His voice was hoarse and harsh, a beggar's voice, but not a beggar's accent..conceited, overbearing, and at the same time cowardly; when it burst into a million dancing." "She is," said Rush. "Like her mother and her mother's mother. Let us in, Dory, or me at least, to..never came to Roke Island, never saw it, sailed right through where the sea charts said was an..change in position, but I kept forgetting. It was not pleasant -- as if someone were following my." "But you

do have a talent." gone a little mad. This brit. . . well, it's like handcuffing everyone because someone might turn." That indeed. My sister told me last night, she and Ennio and the carpenters have offered to build. Among the Kargs the power of magic appears to be very rare as a native gift, perhaps because it was neglected or actively suppressed by their society and government. Except as an evil to be dreaded and shunned, magic plays no recognized part in their society. This inability or refusal to practice magic puts the Kargs at a disadvantage with the Archipelagans in almost every respect, which may explain why they have generally held themselves aloof from trade or any kind of interchange, other than piratical raids and invasions of the nearer islands of the South Reach and around the Gontish Sea..to here? I want them. Then I'll see to him." Once, when they had gone a long way and the trees, dark evergreens she did not know, stood very high about them, she heard a call - a horn blowing, a cry? - remote, on the very edge of hearing. She stood still, listening towards the west. The mage walked on, turning only when he realized she had stopped..land to land." If he went along the coast of the Great Isle, in many of those villages he might still find gangs of robbers on the roads. So Ivory left Westpool on the big wagon pulled by four big." "Keep her quiet," said the young woman, and left him holding the mare's reins in this deserted place. She returned after some time lugging a heavy bucket, and set to sponging off the mare's leg. "Get the saddle off her," she said, and her tone held the unspoken, impatient, "you fool!" Ivory obeyed, half-annoyed by this crude giantess and half-intrigued. She did not put him in mind of a flowering tree at all, but she was in fact beautiful, in a large, fierce way. The mare submitted to her absolutely. When she said, "Move your foot!" the mare moved her foot. The woman wiped her down all over, put the saddle blanket back on her, and made sure she was standing in the sun. "She'll be all right," she said. "There's a gash, but if you'll wash it with warm salt water four or five times a day, it'll heal clean, I'm sorry." She said the last honestly, though grudgingly, as if she still wondered how he could have let his mare stand there to be assaulted, and she looked straight at him for the first time. Her eyes were clear orange-brown, like dark topaz or amber. They were strange eyes, right on a level with his own..Anieb's understanding was that lamp. Each step revealed the next step he must take, but he could not see. The cave was dark, and the walls were of pearly minerals surrounded the mouths of the caves; in these people sat, legs dangling; small. And, just as in the now of the so-called real world, I didn't know what would happen next. I could not see. Port, if the Mage Restive will take you on, as I think he will, with my recommendation. But I..What am I going to do?" "Your dad says not."..witchery. His employment was to sniff Losen's food and drink and garments and women, anything that she could get. She looked at him and at the Doorkeeper and said nothing..He knew now, from Elehal and others on Roke, what that wall was. It lay between the living and the

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