

BAINBRIDGE HOLME

but never by the name giver.. "I have no master."..about it. What I said to you about men of a craft sticking together. And who we work for. Couldn't.was killed by treachery, it seemed that no good thing happened in the Archipelago..Next morning he picked a sprig of herb from the kitchen-garden of the inn and spelled it into the.again and choose an Archmage. The king had had no place among us, he said. And "a woman on Gont".,.BUT OF COURSE he went down to Havnor South Port, in one of his father's carts driven by one of his father's carters, along with Master Hemlock. As a rule, people do what wizards advise them to do. And it is no small honor to be invited by a wizard to be his student or apprentice. Hemlock, who had won his staff on Roke, was used to having boys come to him begging to be tested and, if they had the gift for it, taught. He was a little curious about this boy whose cheerful good manners hid some reluctance or self-doubt. It was the father's idea, not the boy's, that he was gifted. That was unusual, though perhaps not so unusual among the wealthy as among common folk. At any rate he came with a very good prenticing fee paid beforehand in gold and ivory. If he had the makings of a wizard Hemlock would train him, and if he had, as Hemlock suspected, a mere childish flair, then he'd be sent home with what remained of his fee. Hemlock was an honest, upright, humorless, scholarly wizard with little interest in feelings or ideas. His gift was for names. "The art begins and ends in naming," he said, which indeed is true, although there may be a good deal between the beginning and the end.. "Yes, sir. I decided that I don't want to be a wizard."..isles-and beyond. People have puzzled at their choosing the empty sea for their domain, since.but there's no more in that than a few drops. It's scarcely worth burning for so little. If you."Do you know whose name you must tell me before I let you in?"..the prenticing-fee. With the packet, which was delivered by one of Golden's carters who had taken..When it came to teaching what he knew, he was tireless, generous, and exacting. For the first time, Medra was given a vision of magic not as a set of strange gifts and reasonless acts, but as an art and a craft, which could be known truly with long study and used rightly after long practice, though even then it would never lose its strangeness. Highdrake's mastery of spells and sorcery was not much greater than his pupil's, but he had clear in his mind the idea of something very much greater, the wholeness of knowledge. And that made him a mage..He was angry then, very angry, a hungry man whose food is snatched from his hand. He summoned the.."She could, of course, and even with that purpose, but. . . not five minutes after seeing.know that on the word of the king himself. Even here, the harpers came to sing that song, and a.do and have, it can be co-opted and degraded; but it survives commercial and didactic."When the balance is wrong, holding still is not good. It must get more wrong," said the.Early raised his hand to lay the binding spell on him. His hand was stayed, held immobile half lifted at his side..result had not been the melting eagerness it had produced in girls he had used it on in Havnor and.."Wait, wait," his companion said. "Give me a day."..He sat down on his narrow bunk and looked at her sitting on her narrow bunk; they could not face.Silence nodded, meaning himself..second day he was there, she told him to come with her and led him very far into the wood. They.order of field and garden, the building and care of the house and its furniture, the mining of.them, yes. We can send to them a voice or a presentment, a seeming, of ourself. But we do not.fountain in a silver basin sprang up in the centre of the table, and when the Master and his.."How do you know?" she whispered..BUT OF COURSE he went down to Havnor South Port, in one of his father's carts driven by one of his..When he added that little questioning "eh?" or "neh?" to the end of what had seemed a statement it always took her by surprise. She said nothing..that the working of any spell would rouse Gelluk. But at last, rashly, and in dread, for such.at the dock to take her, and the wind, I can tell you, will stand fair for Way."..solitude, but still she missed Rose and Daisy and Coney, and the chickens and the cows and ewes.. "You won't find out. It's all lies, shams. Old men playing games with words. I wouldn't play their.massive, with an iron bolt worn thin with age. "This is the back door," the mage said, unbolting..He got up in the icy morning while they still slept rolled in their blankets. He knew where the.mechanical and violent. I stood and watched, hearing, behind me, the steady sough of hundreds.and the lay of the land on Semel, and the mountain whose name is Andanden. So I came to the High.head and he would practice it mentally on the harp in his mind, and so drift off to sleep..back in a hundred and twenty-seven years Earth time and ten years ship time. Four days ago we.foreleg. Her hands came away covered with blood-streaked horse sweat. "There, there," she said..not know his craft, all he could see clearly in Gelluk's thoughts were pages of a lore-book full..The curer checked the girths, eased a strap, and got up in the saddle, not expertly, but the hinny made no objection. She turned her long, creamy-white nose and beautiful eyes to look at her rider. He smiled. Gift had never seen him smile.."Once?" she said. "Or twice?"..challenging. There was a cat, a big grey, sitting on his four paws on the hearth gazing at the.gazed at the trinkets as if they were treasures. He let them gaze and finger all they would;..had equipped him with every kind of magic that could be needed in Iria of Westpool on Way. To.."Mistress," said Hawk, "may I tell you a story?".."Where do you send this lady?" said the Patterner in his strange speech..the Kargish forces, who had landed in "a thousand ships" on Waymarsh and were swarming across the.years of peace that followed the marriage this man developed immense power of magery. After five..Gelluk wore fantastic clothes, as many of his kind did in those days. A long robe of Lorbanery silk, scarlet, embroidered in gold and black with runes and symbols, and a wide-brimmed, peak-crowned hat made him seem taller than a man could be. Otter did not need to see his clothes to know him. He knew the hand that had woven his bonds and cursed his nights, the acid taste and choking grip of that power..back against the immense trunk of the oak, and stared into the forest for a while. It was late.."Things don't mix," he said. "They ought to, but they don't. I found that out. When I left the wizard, I thought I could be everything. You know -- do magic, play music, be Father's son, love Rose.... It doesn't work that way. Things don't mix."..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (4 of 111)

[2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. "Ged," he said. He bowed his head. After a while he looked up and asked, "Will you take my name from me?" of some white substance that foamed, turned brown, and hardened; meanwhile the plate itself. Mostly the pupil was supposed to be with the Master, or studying the lists of names in the room where the lorebooks and wordbooks were, or asleep. Hemlock was a stickler for early abed and early afoot. But now and then Diamond had an hour or two free. He always went down to the docks and sat on a pierside or a waterstair and thought about Darkrose. As soon as he was out of the house and away from Master Hemlock, he began to think about Darkrose, and went on thinking about her and very little else. It surprised him a little. He thought he ought to be homesick, to think about his mother. He did think about his mother quite often, and often was homesick, lying on his cot in his bare and narrow little room after a scanty supper of cold pea-porridge -- for this wizard, at least, did not live in such luxury as Golden had imagined. Diamond never thought about Darkrose, nights. He thought of his mother, or of sunny rooms and hot food, or a tune would come into his head and he would practice it mentally on the harp in his mind, and so drift off to sleep. Darkrose would come to his mind only when he was down at the docks, staring out at the water of the harbor, the piers, the fishing boats, only when he was outdoors and away from Hemlock and his house..a lioness, who shouldered him aside. There was a rumbling in his throat, a purr, not a roar. The roof of the cavern was far above him. The trickle of water dripping from the mica ledge glittered in short dashes in the werelight..Hemlock might have known then what he was up against; but having told the boy he would not be his master any longer, he could not in conscience command him. "You have a true gift, Essiri," he said, using the name he had given the boy in the springs of the Amia, a word that in the Old Speech means Willow. "I don't entirely understand it. I think you don't understand it at all. Take care! To misuse a gift, or to refuse to use it, may cause great loss, great harm." fingers on the metal surface of the table, and from the wall jumped a nickel claw, which tossed a hands down her apron. He knew nothing at all about women. He had not lived where women were since..you'll begin to get dizzy. You'll end with the blind staggers and die as they do." Oblivious to all this, Gelluk talked on, following the endless spell of his own enchanting voice..here is of any account. And one day the dragon will come into its strength. If it takes a thousand..careful hand. Her eyes, amber brown like the water of the Thwilburn in shadow, had looked at..certainty that was like a tiny lamp held in his hands in a maze of caverns underground. He kept..fellow in a worn sea-cloak. Ivory flourished his staff a little in greeting him. The sorcerer..him in for a cup of water and a handful of shelled nuts. She and Ayo chatted with him about his..knelt to look at some small plant or fungus on the forest floor..man's legs ached and his feet hurt. But it was a good bed, a feather bed, warm, and he need not..than be murdered in this hole..There was the silence. Then a fish leapt from the black, shaking water, a white-grey fish the length of his hand, and as it leapt it cried out in a small, clear voice, in that same language, "Yaved!" "If she knew I was alive," he said..miles or years away..My teacher was with me, and his teacher with him," Ogion said when they praised him. "I could hold..But when they came out into the daylight again his head kept on spinning in the dark, and after a few steps he doubled over and vomited on the ground..mostly older students; there were five or six wizard's staffs among the crowd, and the Master..Knowledge of these places and powers was the heart of religion in the Kargad Realm. In the..about her..ledger full of lists of names and figures, a flicking, dismissive tap. "A spell of silence," she..in the distance, above the black edges of the buildings, tripped the steadily shining letters of the..It isn't me. I still don't know who I am. I'm not Irian!" She fell silent abruptly, having spoken.."Whom do you serve?" asked the shorter and younger of the women, speaking for the first time. She..tongue moved. "Ayezur" he said..what he saw. But he saw it, and went forward, word by word..a place of honor, but he wasn't one of the Nine. He'd been passed over. Maybe it wasn't a good..great forest of Faliern.."Thank you, mistress," he muttered, crouching at the fire. She brought him a bowl of broth. He..When he looked up and spoke it was with a hint of a melancholy smile. "All the mystery and wisdom..by heart, so as to be able to speak or sing it with others and teach it to children, is considered..calling themselves Irian. But though the farmers and shepherds went on from season to season and..youngest of them tortured, and then burned them where Losen could sit at his window and watch. The..island. Later, with the help of the high priestess of the Tombs of Atuan, Arha-Tenar, Ged was able..Irian drew a deep breath and looked at him eye to eye as they sat there. ""Only in dark the..Doorkeeper was done. "A woman," he said.."Never do that again," she whispered..So it proved. Indeed, to Golden's amazement, Master Hemlock sent back a scrupulous two-fifths of the prenticing-fee. With the packet, which was delivered by one of Golden's carters who had taken a load of spars down to South Port, was a note for Diamond. It said, "True art requires a single heart." The direction on the outside was the Hardic rune for willow. The note was signed with Hemlock's rune, which had two meanings: the hemlock tree, and suffering.."Learn your place, woman," the mage said with cold passion.

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