

## ELMERS COLOURS

"Every spell depends on every other spell," said Highdrake. "Every motion of a single leaf moves. clamour and racket of barking that woke everybody for a half-mile round except the Master, sodden. often; the chance of his ever having to use it was very slight. He let the terrible spell sink. The Herbal, and I too, judged the Summoner dead. We thought the breath he breathed was left from. anything much but speed and direction and the sweet taste of river water and the sweet power of. grew darker. The girl then folded it -- it was not a plate at all -- into the shape of a pancake and. watching, listening; and she knew how tricky the paths were, and that the Grove was, as the. I took nothing with me, not even a coat. Unnecessary, they said. They let me keep my. "Why didn't you come to me first?" Dulse had demanded. "And then Roke, to put a polish on it?" .told you. Sir. ". "Yes," said Ember. "We must hide, and forever if need be. Because there's nothing left but being killed and killing, beyond these shores. You say it, and I believe it. ". me -- aircraft, probably, because now and then they veered up or down, spiraling into space, so. He finished his soup, and she took the bowl. She sat down in her place, the stool by the oil lamp. She looked at me almost with pity. But I was stubborn. .ruled by the dead, he thought. The thought would not leave him. .It was true. He knew her name: Irian. It was like a coal of fire, a burning ember in his mind. His thought could not hold it. His knowledge could not use it. His tongue could not say it. .He met there a mage, an old man called Highdrake, whose true name has been lost. When Highdrake heard the tale of Morred's Isle he smiled and looked sad and shook his head. "Not here," he said. "Not this. The Lords of Pendor are good men. They remember the kings. They don't seek war or plunder. But they send their sons west dragon hunting. In sport. As if the dragons of the West Reach were ducks or geese for the killing! No good will come of that. ". the arts of magic. .The young man, called Ivory, did not actually have his staff and cloak yet; he explained that he. They came out into the calm, open evening air. The west still held some brightness as they crossed. your head nor theirs, see, because it would take from their power, they say'. But Ivory, poor. After a little silence Otter said, "Thanks." And he looked up at Hound, one brief, questioning, .agreeing on the Way-or the Rule, Waris wants us to call it-is twice the work of building the. lifetime of keen observation into the fourteen years that were all she was going to have for it. .file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (22 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. "What, to send them back into death?" the Namer said, and the Patterner, "Who is to say what is. It may be that the Firelord was, in fact, a dragon in human form; for very soon after his fall, .He did not forgive his son. It would have made a happy ending, but he would not have it. To leave so, without a word, on his nameday night, to go off with the witch-girl, leaving all the honest work undone, to be a vagrant musician, a harper twanging and singing and grinning for pennies -- there was nothing but shame and pain and anger in it for Golden. So he had his tragedy. ". "Ach, it's a witch's den," Crow said, at the whiff of herbs and aromatic smoke, and he stepped. "Why can't I give myself my own true name?" Dragonfly asked, while Rose washed the knife and her. the firstborn child of a family in Osskilian, akhad, and in Kargish, gadda, are derived from the. under the Kings, became common. Magic was the primary weapon in forays and battles. Wizards hired. "She took bird form. Osprey, they said. Didn't expect that from a girl so young. Gone before they. to him, Havnor lies between us. He heard her say, Al! the true powers, all the old powers, at root. THEIR MEETING PLACE was in the shallows, the willow thickets down by the Amia as it ran below the. where the lorebooks and wordbooks were, or asleep. Hemlock was a stickler for early abed and early. She said nothing, but breathed very warm in his ear, and he moaned. His hands clenched hers. He. it. "My mastery is here," the boy had said, but it went deeper than mastery. That, perhaps, was. Otter looked from one to the other. Clearly they had told him their own greatest secret and their. "Then I'll carry the cheeses to Oraby," she said, "and sell em there. In the name of honor, .his bare and narrow little room after a scanty supper of cold pea-porridge -- for this wizard, at. reeking tower at Samory. And he had seen her, years ago, in the vision of the dying healer in. Sunbright had not been gone three days when a new stranger appeared in town: a man riding up the south road on a good horse and asking at the tavern for lodging. They sent him to Sans house, but San's wife screeched when she heard there was a stranger at the door, crying that if San let another witch-man in the door her baby would be born dead twice over. Her screaming could be heard for several houses up and down the street, and a crowd, that is, ten or eleven people, gathered between Sans house and the tavern. .And they study there just to get richer. Or to get power. ". The next day she said, "I'm going to sit under the trees." Not sure what was expected of him, he followed her at a distance till they came to the inmost part of the Grove where all the trees were of the same kind, nameless yet each with its own name. When she sat down on the soft leaf mold between the roots of a big old tree, he found himself a place not far away to sit; and as she watched and listened and was still, he watched and listened and was still. So they did for several days. Then one morning, in rebellious mood, he stayed by the stream while Ember walked into the Grove. She did not look back. .bulging pearly square when something was pressed. In the bathroom there was no tub or sink, .there, be nice," I said. He couldn't be real -- a phantom, like the singer, like the ones down by the. After another long time she said, "Maybe I can learn it here, sir. ". The one with a voice like a deep-toned bell looked at her too, and spoke to her with a plain, kind. "I've been thinking about it," she said, hurried and earnest. "Couldn't I just tell them who I am? With you there to vouch for me - to say even if I am a woman, I have some gift - and I'd promise to take the vow and make the spell of celibacy, and live apart if they wanted me to - ". Next day he had Licky send him the boy. He looked forward to seeing him, to being kind to him, .knowledge. She lived all summer under the eaves of the Grove, having no more than a box to keep. thrown away. Like slaves' lives. Nobody can be free alone. Not even a mage. All of them working. him as he was said to use people, emptying their minds like little sacks, then everyone on Roke. training. "I do have a gift," he said now, rubbing his temples and pulling

his hair..caution, locking them away to keep them harmless or giving them to a wizard in his hire to do with.to a platform at least a kilometer long from which a spindle-shaped craft was just departing..dragon feed on?"..as beautiful as a flowering tree," said the youngest daughter, Rose, who was busy crowding a."To Roke?" She stared. "To Roke, Di? Then you really do have the gift --you could be a sorcerer?"..it when the world was young..."..He could not say the other name, but he could think of the trees; of the roots of the trees. This.known. He saw it with the same uncaring interest with which he saw Tinaral's body and his own.political center of the country. Erreth-Akbe's visit seems to have coincided with the final shift."To bring Lebannen here," said the Herbal. "The young men talk of "the true crown". A second coronation, here. By the Archmage Thorion."..mica. Not far away lay another huddled heap, rotted red silk, long hair, bones. Beyond it the."They didn't punish him, but kept his wild powers bound with spells until they could make him listen and begin to learn. It took them a long time. There was a rivalrous spirit in him that made him look on any power he did not have, any thing he did not know, as a threat, a challenge, a thing to fight against until he could defeat it. There are many boys like that. I was one. But I was lucky. I learned my lesson young..he could. Another, the old Stormcloud, used to be Losen's own ship, came in while I was there. I.spells woven about other buildings of the place, especially around a tall stone tower, filling the.The brave girl, the brave heart." The mare put her head down and shivered all over with relief..time to time, and then shut his eyes.."You saw it? You saw that?" She clenched her hands, imagining that flight..He looked from one sister to the other: the one so mild and so immovable, the other, under her sternness, quick and tender as the first flame of a catching fire..Gelluk wore fantastic clothes, as many of his kind did in those days. A long robe of Lorbanery.darkness over a glittering roof. Under the roof is the House of the King. The roof stands high."No," Irioth said. "Sans herd was going down fast when I left. I'm needed there."..and sheep went down to drink or to cross over. They had come through the stile from a pasture.changes, turning one thing into another thing for a little while, or taking on a semblance not his.shaped flowers nodding in the wind of morning..She was in his charge, in his care, he had known that when he saw her. Though she came to destroy.back to his vines, and thirteen-year-old Dragonfly ran out of the house and down the hill to the.village standing, the farmsteads in ruins or desolate..I also wanted information on various things that had happened back then, before Ged and Tenar were.the pirates. To them no doubt it would bear some other name."..soul! But they put men where we put the world. And so they hold that a true wizard must be a man..That was unusual, though perhaps not so unusual among the wealthy as among common folk. At any.to walk blindly forward through this darkness, in the rustling brash. Had I imagined it thus, ten.which wasn't much more than a cupboard built onto the corner of the house. Her room was behind the.can't go with her- Can't you go there?" She broke away from Rush, looking again at Tern. "You can.destroyed. And if a wizard let down his guard among the common folk, they too might destroy him if.little mare. The curer followed. The hinny had a smooth, long-legged walk, and her whiteness shone."She's called Dragonfly, and she does all the work, and I saw her once last year. She's tall, and as beautiful as a flowering tree," said the youngest daughter, Rose, who was busy crowding a lifetime of keen observation into the fourteen years that were all she was going to have for it. She broke off, coughing. Her mother shot an anguished, yearning glance at the wizard. Surely he would hear that cough, this time? He smiled at young Rose, and the mother's heart lifted. Surely he wouldn't smile so if Rose's cough was anything serious?.lashed out her hooves at them, and he kept her from bolting only by a staying-spell and all the.which she found hard to do. She wept to think of Diamond hungry, sleeping hard. Cold nights of.wizardry was an honored art, conferring status and power, while witchery was an unclean and."I have a favor to ask you," I said as calmly as I could. "You must explain to me. . .".School. Knowing that the townswomen are spell-bound from so much as setting foot on the fields.Maharion's mage-counselor and inseparable friend was a commoner and "fatherless man," a village.in Havnor. They flew north, Erreth-Akbe in pursuit. Over the sea near Taon, Orm turned again and.knew why he had never sought reconciliation with his father..capital of the Kargad Empire and treated with King Thoreg as its ruler..was half the cheese money, but they would have the luxury of a cabin, for Sea Otter was a decked,.Havnor, gathering its tributaries on the way. Eighty ships sailed past Ark and Ilien on a true and.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (45 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].by refugees fleeing the western lands and by interruptions to shipping and trade, since the.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."..were indeed great crafts with their own mysteries and masteries, but Gelluk seemed to know nothing."You could have taught me! You never would!"..the children, and jugglers and puppeteers, some of them hired and some of them coming by to pick.of the throat quiver at the effort, cheeks glistening, the whole face moving to an inaudible.on the banks of the Amia, when everybody else was sleeping. She would not think of him at night..good. But in the dark years, wizards sold their skills to the highest bidder, pitting their powers.Printed on narrow sands under granite cliffs, in the first light, were the tracks of a bird alighting. From them led the tracks of a man walking, straying up the beach for a long way as it narrowed between the cliffs and the sea. Then the tracks ceased..sloping sky-blue arrow upward; without any particular sensation, my body passed through two.to him, "Did you ever hear of Roke Island?"..beat his aunt and mother senseless to teach them not to bring up crafty men. Then they carried.THE KINGS OF HAVNOR.She started to say something, and did not say it..enemy, he had one such group investigated. They turned out to be a lot of old women, midwives.."She took my cup away," the Master of Iria said to the stranger, whining like a puppy, while his.He knew that, knew it absolutely, though still he tried to say spells, and raised his arms in the."Once in his lifetime, if he's lucky, a wizard finds somebody he can talk to." Nemmerle had said

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