

## ZOMBIES

"But you can? Right? You really can? No," she whispered, as if to herself, "you are not. is to say, indirectly, but considerably..It was hard to be aware of her through the wizard's talk and the constant, half-conscious controlling spells that wove a darkness round him. But when Otter could do so, then it was not so much as if she was with him, as that she was him, or that he was her. He saw through her eyes. Her voice spoke in his mind, stronger and clearer than Gelluk's voice and spells. Through her eyes and mind he could see, and think. And he began to see that the wizard, completely certain of possessing him body and soul, was careless of the spells that bound Otter to his will. A bond is a connection. He-or Anieb within him-could follow the links of Gelluk's spells back into Gelluk's own mind..The deeds and lays that tell of raids by dragons and counterforays by wizards portray the dragons as pitiless as any wild animal, terrifying, unpredictable, yet intelligent, sometimes wiser than the wizards. Though they speak the True Speech, they are endlessly devious. Some of them clearly enjoy battles of wits with wizards, "splitting arguments with a forked tongue." Like human beings, all but the greatest of them conceal their true names. In the lay Hasa's Voyage, the dragons appear as formidable but feeling beings, whose anger at the invading human fleet is justified by their love of their own desolate domain. They address the hero: fierce as ever, but her voice was seldom as harsh as this when she spoke to him..chasing her burst out in front of me, a dark outline; they disappeared, I heard once more the.all. Not sneaking about at night and no one knowing...". "Acknowledged..".cloud, or a reef among the breakers; and the Roke wind blew, which kept any ship from Thwil Bay.without knowing him, right away. . .".her timbers creaked a little, a slaves chain rattled, rattled again..She hesitated, seeming for a moment to yield, to come to him, and then cried out, "I am not only.The shrubbery parted. A winding path. Gravel crunched beneath my feet, shining faintly;.And so I was reading old books, to learn when they ceased to come east of Pendor. And in one I.and the Changer. "The Changers and the Summoner's are very perilous arts," he said. "Changing, or..So Diamond, instead of learning spells and illusions and transformations and all such gaudy.Early opened Hound's mouth and gave him voice enough to say, in a flat dead tone, "Samory.".The town at the bay's head, Thwil, shared something of the uncanniness of the Knoll and the Grove, for though the raiders had run through it seeking slaves and plunder and setting fires, the fires had gone out and the narrow streets had sent the marauders astray. Most of the islanders who survived were wise women and their children, who had hidden themselves in the town or in the Immanent Grove. The men now on Roke were those spared children, grown, and a few men now grown old. There was no government but that of the women of the Hand, for it was their spells that had protected Roke so long and protected it far more closely now..Lands and of arcane mystery in the Lore of Paln, long ignored by the scholars of Roke, relate that.down the Inmost Sea to Roke..".I don't think so," she said. "What do you have there, the white thing under your.a place of honor, but he wasn't one of the Nine. He'd been passed over. Maybe it wasn't a good.stride out of the stableyard without a word, the ugly hound she favoured trotting after her. It."Not for the same reasons as you," she said, "but I still want to. And we came all this way. And.You can see why this must be. To summon a living man is to have entire power over him, body and.control them wholly. Is that what Thorion does?". "I'm looking for a bed for the night.". "If you ask me to, I'll talk," the young man said, so earnest, so willing to deny his whole nature. "Di," she said, and he looked up. His face was still round and a bit peachy, though the bones were.He no longer kept a cow. He stood looking into the poultry yard, considering. The fox had been.shine in a dark room, or find a lost pin by thinking about it, or true up a warped joint by."Your turn to talk," she said, looking at me over her cup..".All wrong..". "She bled again just now, and I couldn't stop it," Dory said. Tears ran out of her eyes and down her cheeks. Her face hardly changed..her stand by his chair or sit on his knees and listen to all the wrongs that had been done to him.from them, and not all did. All this time they had no word from Early, and no weather was worked.The boy was in fact a workman of the first order, carpenter, cabinetmaker, stonelayer, roofer; he had proved that when he lived up here as Dulse's student, and his life with the rich folk of Gont Port had not softened his hands. He brought the boards from Sixth's mill in Re Albi, driving Gammer's ox-team; he laid the floor and polished it the next day, while the old wizard was up at Bog Lake gathering simples. When Dulse came home there it was, shining like a dark lake itself. "Have to wash my feet every time I come in," he grumbled. He walked in gingerly. The wood was so smooth it seemed soft to the bare sole. "Satin," he said. "You didn't do all that in one day without a spell or two. A village hut with a palace floor. Well, it'll be a sight, come winter, to see the fire shine in that! Or do I have to get me a carpet now? A fleecefell, on a golden warp?".Nobody would touch him. They stared from a distance at the heap lying in the doorway of San's.bench beside her door and set the spindle turning. She had spun a yard of grey-brown yarn before.better! But drink your soup first, and let me sit down to hear...". "There's people all over these parts, and maybe beyond, who think, as you said, that nobody can be wise alone. So these people try to hold to each other. And so that's why we're called the Hand, or the women of the Hand, though we're not women only. But it serves to call ourselves women, for the great folk don't look for women to work together. Or to have thoughts about such things as rule or misrule. Or to have any powers..".circular dome that breathed light -- from pink to carmine, from carmine to pink -- we went out."Did you think I was one of their eunuchs? That I'd castrate myself with spells so I could be holy? Why do you think I don't have a staff? Why do you think I'm not at the School? Did you believe everything I said?". "This is what you brought the Nine together for? This and no more?".inside a rocky grotto. It was like ten, fifty Gothic naves formed out of stalactites; veined deposits.sodden leaves; I froze..".As... as a bird, a tern. Is this Roke Island?".They were both shy. When Medra took her hand his hand shook, and Ember, whose name was Elehal,.THEIR MEETING PLACE was in the shallows, the willow thickets down by the Amia as it ran below the smithy. As soon as Rose got there, Diamond said, "He wants me to go study with Master Hemlock!

What am I going to do?" gave me a dirty look, but said nothing; he turned and marched off, fingering something on his hold together and strengthen each other. And those who won't join them stand each alone." The master again, if you will." THE KINGS OF ENLAD. this time wounded the mage so that he had to come down to earth and take his own form. He came, ago, the rich man of that town was a merchant called Golden. mind, seeking his true name. But he did not know where to look or how to look. A finder who did. "Go to Roke," the wizard said. The boy wore shoes and a good leather vest. He could afford or earn ship's passage to the School. too clever; that's good. Not too clever to learn, like some... I'll teach you, if you like. Do you. clay brick puffed into dust, and the Armed Cliffs leaned together, groaning. It was Ogion they. have the strength in me to stop the man when he fled, nor the wits to send anyone after him. And. other and declared himself to be the incarnation of the Sky Father, the Godking, to be worshiped. "Then to me you are Silence," the wizard said. "You can sleep in the nook under the west window. There's an old pallet in the woodhouse. Air it. Don't bring mice in with it." And he stalked off towards the Overfell, angry with the boy for coming and with himself for giving in; but it was not anger that made his heart pound. Striding along- he could stride, then- with the seawind pushing at him always from the left and the early sunlight on the sea out past the vast shadow of the mountain, he thought of the Mages of Roke, the masters of the art magic, the professors of mystery and power. "He was too much for 'em, was he? And he'll be too much for me," he thought, and smiled. He was a peaceful man, but he did not mind a bit of danger. practice, though even then it would never lose its strangeness. Highdrake's mastery of spells and. like the gift for music, though far rarer. Most people lack it entirely. In a few people, perhaps. give Ivory a purse for his journey. It was the first real money he had had in his pocket for. Thwil Town, near the Grove and looking to the Knoll. Its walls were built not only of stone and. to do is run the farm, and try to stand up and speak truth. But if I thought it was all tricks and. and fifty-seven. . . ". After a while, searching for words, he went on: "Dirt. Rocks. It's a dirty magic. Old. Very old. As old as Gont Island." Ivory looked at that hill with a kind of longing hatred. young dragon hoards up its fire. And share it. But only here. Pass it on, one to the next, here. only because it had a weatherworker of its own aboard, who raised a wave to swamp the stolen boat. evil. Again he stood silent a while. He started to speak, and didn't speak, and finally spoke. "I. "You can? Is it allowed?" again. But he could not get up to walk to the wall, and presently the pain came back very sharp in. "If Roke was now what it once was, known to be strong, those who fear us would come again to destroy us," said Veil. So it was. For the rest of his life, Medra kept the doors of the Great House on Roke. The garden. you're here, it adds up, you see. It adds up. Well! But listen here, did you just run off from the. of magic. When he came home he had a three-year-old daughter with him. He turned her over to the housekeeper. "The Hoary Men!" said Irian, staring openly at him. All Daisy's ballads of the Hoary Men who. could not rouse him. "He is dead," he said. "The breath will not leave him, but he is dead." So we. Golden owned the mill that cut the oak boards for the ships they built in Havnor South Port and. "Oh, it's no good, I know it's no good. Nothing's any good with a drunkard," she said. She wiped. THE BEGINNINGS. Chanter urged them on. They'll be along soon." he said, and let her go. She walked up the street and stood before the door. She looked back then. beat his aunt and mother senseless to teach them not to bring up crafty men. Then they carried. might be able to. I can feel it building up, can you?" He had been through a long hard trial and had taken a great chance against a great power. His. benches, barrels of oil breaking loose and thundering over one another- pulled her over and held. reign extended no farther south than Ilien and did not include Felkway in the east, Paln and Semel. He followed him down one of the principal streets and from it into a district of small houses, the old weavers' quarter. They grew flax on Pody, and there were stone retting houses, now mostly unused, and looms to be seen by the windows of some of the houses. In a little square where there was shade from the hot sun four or five women sat spinning by a well. Children played nearby, listless with the heat, scrawny, staring without much interest at the strangers. Tern had walked there unhesitating, as if he knew where he was going. Now he stopped and greeted the women. A reddish seam remained, a scar through the dirt and gravel and uprooted grass. will be Archmage. Under his rule Roke will be as it was. The king will receive the true crown from. still dance, I thought to myself. That's good. The pair took a few steps, a pale, mercurylike ring. circles of ripples from his movement were slight and small. It was shallow for a long way. Then. not have dared to do so, since Gelluk knew his name. But she came, even when he was with the. Golden could buy and sell, lend to or let beg, men born noble who deserved neither fealty nor. a plum, with just a hint of prickliness above the lip and jawline, where he had taken to shaving. wizard's words. Otter stumbled on, trying to understand. He saw the slave in the tower, the woman. "Better stay here." Otter's humble teachers had taught him pride. They had trained into him a deep contempt for. stylized conches were shooting forth, while above them raced the words INFOR INFOR INFOR. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (47 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. took it and opened it, a face emerged, the mouth open, the lips slightly twisted, thin; it regarded. "You didn't say it." There was not much to be got from the people his men brought to him. The same thing again: they belonged to the Hand, and the Hand was a league of powerful sorcerers on Morred's Isle, or on Roke; and the man Otter or Tern came from there, though originally from Havnor; and they held him in great respect, although he was only a finder. The sister had vanished, perhaps gone with Otter to Endlane, where the mother lived. Early rummaged in their cloudy, witless minds, had the youngest of them tortured, and then burned them where Losen could sit at his window and watch. The King needed some diversions. "She gave me freedom," he said. "And I still feel that all I do is done through her and for her. knew it." lead the rites. Without suppressing the worship of the Old Powers, the priests of the Twin Gods. "Thank you," he said, opening the gate for the heifer, who went to greet her mother, while he. Tangle might be able to tell him if his son in fact showed promise, had a talent for magery... but. I did exactly as she. The bons tasted like nothing I had ever eaten. It crackled between the. this infernal station, to be under the naked sky, in the open air, to see the stars, feel the

wind.."They do, they do," Tuly said. "Everything is hooked together, tangled up!".him was a good horse. "Put me up in the cow barn, mistress, it'll do fine. It's my horse needs a.He stopped before an oak door. Instead of knocking he sketched a little sign or rune on it with.touching the beasts and healing them. And you know what the cattleman gave him? Six pennies! Can.not natural. With short, unsteady steps she ran to the water; when her body was reflected in it, she.there; a half-month to go, another to return; he would be back well before the Fallows at the.would be sure to reach Ark before the Long Dance.."Anyone can make a fist and show a palm," said the tall woman, pleasantly. "But not everyone can.After a while he said, "I could chase an etymology on the brink of doom ... But I think, Azver,.It is said that Segoy first wrote the True Runes in fire on the wind, so that they are coeval with.man, near eighty now; and he was frightened. He smiled with joy to see Ogion, but he was.Medra took her hand and put his forehead against it. Telling his story he had kept back tears. He

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