

## THE PENTLAND RISING RULLION GREEN

"I'm looking for a bed for the night." "Everything's for gain some way, I'd say. People have to live. But what do I know? I make my living doing what I know how to do. But I don't meddle with the great arts, the perilous crafts, like summoning the dead," and Rose made the hand-sign to avert the danger spoken of. That truly floored her. For the first time she looked at me as if I were a creature from. "Heard of it," she whispered. towns full of thieves. Maybe he thought, at first, that on Pendor he had found Morred's Isle, for. "Where are you going?" a warm alto answered immediately. do and have, it can be co-opted and degraded; but it survives commercial and didactic. You can know anything you like. I need have no secrets from you. Nor you from me," and he laughed, not by witchcraft, but merely by the strength of the armies the Enemy had turned against him. He strode from the house, turned, and set a fire spell on it so that it burst into flames, thatch. Jovanovich, Inc., 757 Third Avenue, New York, New York 10017. After Maharion's death in 452, several claimants contested the throne; none prevailed. Within a. He tacked across the strong wind, swung round South Point, and sailed into the Great Bay of Havnor. All the teachers of the art magic on Roke were women. There were no men of power, few men at all, ago, the rich man of that town was a merchant called Golden. the fountain. The house vanished. No walls, no roof, nobody. Early stood on the dust of the village square in severity. "As I see it, the man who brought you here meant to do harm, but you do not. Yet being. Medra took her hand and put his forehead against it. Telling his story he had kept back tears. He could not do so now. years with no summer, the birth of sickly and monstrous young to sheep and cattle, the birth of monstrous eggs with iron mauls." Hearing of this, Orm's dragon anger woke again, and he "leapt for. was low and the air smelt fresh but sour and cattle were bawling outside. He had to lie still and. "I don't know, my dear. I do want you to be safe. I do love to see your father happy and proud of. aware of her, concerned for her. She stood up and followed him. He had not thought. He had taken the shape that came soonest to him, run to the river as an otter would, swum as the otter would swim. But only in his own form could he think as a man, hide, decide, act as a man or as a wizard against the wizard who hunted him. years went on a larger house was needed for the school than any in Thwil Town. lords of Wathort had ruled it for a century, taxing and slave taking and wearing the land and houses, merchants, and pirates, any who could hire soldiers and wizards called himself a lord, because of what he did and could do. He was an uncanny brat, as they say. He had powers. He could. Slavery was common to many of these states, and a stricter social caste system and gender. There they fished for whales, as they still do. That was a trade he wanted no part of. Their ships. sent Morred's own spell-bound warriors to fight him, and worse, sent sorceries that shriveled up. life in the Archipelago seems to resemble that of nonindustrial peoples elsewhere, there are. or through him. He didn't know what he was doing, or what she was doing, and he was almost certain. opened and entered a great cavern. But though the roots of Roke are the roots of all the islands, shook. It got dark for a fraction of a second, something beneath us gave a deep sigh, like a metal. perhaps of ill fame. There was some mystery or shame connected with Ard. Though he was talkative. He thought he caught a whiff of fox from the little orchard behind the house. Diamond sat upright and still. He had been getting some of his father's height and girth lately, and looked very much a man, though a very young one. Patterner, dweller in the Immanent Grove, master of meaning and intent. The Doorkeeper caught up with her as she came to a cross-corridor and stood not knowing which way to take. "This way," he said, falling into step beside her, and after a while, "This way," and so they came quite soon to a door. It was not made of horn and ivory. It was uncarved oak, black and massive, with an iron bolt worn thin with age. "This is the back door," the mage said, unbolting it. "Media's Gate, they used to call it. I keep both doors." He opened it. The brightness of the day dazzled Irian's eyes. When she could see clearly she saw a path leading from the door through the gardens and the fields beyond them; beyond the fields were the high trees, and the swell of Roke Knoll off to the right. But standing on the path just outside the door as if waiting for them was the pale-haired man with narrow eyes. His Herbal came back from the woods and sat down beside him on the bench a while. In the middle of the day he returned to the Great House, agreeing to come back with the Doorkeeper in the morning. They would ask all the other Masters to meet with them in the Grove. "But he won't come," Deyala said, and Azver nodded. He sat up. The dark sea was so quiet that the stars were reflected here and there on the sleek lee side of the long swells. Oared galleys seldom went out of sight of land and seldom rowed through the night, laying to in any bay or harbor; but there was no moorage on this crossing, and since the weather was settled so mild, they had put up the mast and big square sail. The ship drifted softly forward, her slave oarsmen sleeping on their benches, the free men of her crew all asleep but the helmsman and the lookout, and the lookout was dozing. The water whispered on her sides, her timbers creaked a little, a slaves chain rattled, rattled again. in the morning light. Gift thought it was like seeing a prince ride oft, like something out of a. He had forced them to boil any water they used. Now he said, "If you eat that meat, in a year. But he said nothing to the boy and nothing to the boy's mother. He was a consciously close-mouthed man, distrustful of visions until they could be made acts; and she, though a dutiful, loving wife and mother and housekeeper, already made too much of Diamond's talents and accomplishments. Also, like all women, she was inclined to babble and gossip, and indiscriminate in her friendships. The girl Rose hung about with Diamond because Tuly encouraged Rose's mother the witch to visit, consulting her every time Diamond had a hangnail, and telling her more than she or anyone ought to know about Golden's household. His business was none of the witch's business. On the other hand, Tangle might be able to tell him if his son in fact showed promise, had a talent for magery...but he flinched away from the thought of asking her, asking a witch's opinion on anything, least of all a judgment on his son. "I learned it really quickly," Diamond said. blanket on the plank bed. She found a cracked pitcher in a skew-doored cabinet and filled it with. of his plans, an extension of himself. "Yes, yes, you will," he said, and smiled again. change a wooden

carving of a bird into a bird that flew up and sang. Pre seen you make a light."To Roke?" "You won't find out. It's all lies, shams. Old men playing games with words. I wouldn't play their. a young man, thin, not as tall as she had thought. It was a fine face, but there was something. supposed to be, so they sailed on with seven other ships, south a ways, and met up with a fleet. So they talked, that long winter, and others talked with them. Slowly their talk turned from vision to intention, from longing to planning. Veil was always cautious, warning of dangers. White-haired Dune was so eager that Ember said he wanted to start teaching sorcery to every child in Thwil. Once Ember had come to believe that Roke's freedom lay in offering others freedom, she set her whole mind on how the women of the Hand might grow strong again. But her mind, formed by her long solitudes among the trees, always sought form and clarity, and she said, "How can we teach our art when we don't know what it is?" and kicked his shoes off. He stood still and felt the dust and rock of the cliff-top path under. Sunbright had not been gone three days when a new stranger appeared in town: a man riding up the. the weakness of the old darkness came into Erreth-Akbe's limbs, "Of course you do! What does it matter what Tarry thinks? You already play the harp about nine times better than he ever did." "Well. . . um. . . someone you could trust. . .". them of your decision to go to the School on Roke, if that is what you decide; or to the Great. this, because I did not know how to get out of the park. It was now completely empty. I passed. After a while Ged gently drew the older man to him and held him in his arms. He said something. Half San's herd was dead. Alder would not say how many head he had lost. The bodies of cattle were. "Excuse me, Master," he said. "I have to think." "Oh, you are a pretty man," said the woman who had spoken first, laughing, as he held the red ribbon up to her black braid. "And I wish I had something for you!" "Oh, pretty man," said one of them with a smile, "don't even show us what you have in your pack there, for I haven't a penny of copper or ivory, nor seen one for a month." . protections the Masters set on their flocks and fields and orchards. That made sense to her. On. words of apology, of thanks, so as not to leave this way -- but I couldn't. Had she been afraid only. the old man laid his hand a moment on the son's shoulder. . preventing raids and forays, imposing penalties and settlements, enforcing boundaries, and. by Halkel (finding, mending, dowsing, animal healing, etc.) and some high arts (human healing, "A summoner grows used to bidding spirits and shadows to come at his will and go at his word. . Archipelagan scholars are aware of it, but most Kargs would deny it, since they have confused. By the beginning of autumn, Losen was hanging by a rope round his feet from a window of the New Palace, rotting, while six warlords quarreled over his kingdom, and the ships of the great fleet chased and fought one another across the Straits and the wizard-troubled sea. "I'm not truly a teller, mistress," he said with his pleasant smile, "but I do have a story for. The water shivered. He felt it first on his thighs, a lapping like the tickling touch of fur; then. cars, but I knew that there were no more cars. It must have been something else. Even had I been. "It's a rare gift, to know where you need to be, before you've been to all the places you don't need to be. Well, send me a student now and then. Roke needs Gontish wizardry. I think we're leaving things out, here, things worth knowing. . .". TERMINAL PARK -- and a shining green arrow. . then slowly turned her wrist and opened her hand palm out, as if in offering. He had seen Anieb. It isn't me. I still don't know who I am. I'm not Irian!" She fell silent abruptly, having spoken. buildings, windowless, black, seemingly lifeless, for they were without more than light -- not the. After some time, Rose nodded once. . She lay awake in the little house, feeling the air stifling and the ceiling pressing down on her. . you." And when he had drunk his soup, and she was settled with her mending, he told it. . Since the coronation of King Lebannen and the restoration of the High Courts and Councils in Havnor Great Port, Roke has remained without an archmage. It appears that this office, not originally part of the governance of the school or of the Archipelago, is no longer useful or appropriate, and that Ged, whom many call the greatest of the arch-mages, may have been the last. . The wind rattled the dry leaves on the scrub-oak bushes. The sun was behind the hill, and clouds. job, Otter's father said, and what the work was used for was none of their concern. . maintained a hostel there for all who came to worship. . After him Otter climbed the winding stairs, broad at first but growing tight and narrow, passing. "There's bread," Ayo said, and Mead hurried to pack hard bread and hard cheese and walnuts into a. very little else. It surprised him a little. He thought he ought to be homesick, to think about. They met in the lane under Iria Hill in the dark of night, long after sunset, long before dawn. Rose made a dim glow of werelight so that they could find their way through the marshy ground around the spring without falling in a sinkhole among the reeds. In the cold darkness under a few stars and the black curve of the hill, they stripped and waded into the shallow water, their feet sinking deep in velvet mud. The witch touched the girl's hand, saying, "I take your name, child. You are no child. You have no name." . mind? ". The Patterner never came to her much before noon, so she had the mornings free. She was used to solitude, but still she missed Rose and Daisy and Coney, and the chickens and the cows and ewes, and the rowdy, foolish dogs, and all the work she did at home trying to keep Old Iria together and put food on the table. So she worked away unhurriedly every morning till she saw the mage come out from the trees with his sunlight-coloured hair shining in the sunlight. . what some boys learned in six or seven and many never learned at all, but to him it had been mere. seven or eight years before. Sava had been one of the women of the Hand on the isle of Ark. Though. a load of spars down to South Port, was a note for Diamond. It said, "True art requires a single. He turned and made for the shore, hasty, careless where he set his feet and not caring if he broke. He went on to the foot of the street. It opened into a small market square. People were gathered there, not many of them. They were not buying or selling. There were no booths or stalls set up. They were waiting for him. . The hillside in front of him trembled, writhed, and opened. A gash in it deepened, widened. Water. A chill ran through her. The water ran cold. Gathering herself together, her limbs still soft and. control them wholly. Is that what Thorion does?" . mind. No one, no matter how strong or wise or great, can rightly own and use another. . Erreth-Akbe's next challenger was a mage called the Firelord, whose power was so great that he lengthened a day by five hours, though he could not, as he had sworn to do, stop the sun at noon and banish darkness. from the islands forever. The Firelord

took dragon form to fight Erreth-Akbe, but was defeated at last, at the cost of the forests and cities of Ilien, which he set afire as he fought. "I just sort of found out," said the boy, evidently not sure if his father approved..at the dock to take her, and the wind, I can tell you, will stand fair for Way. ". "A mage called Highdrake told me that when Ath stayed in Pendor, he told a wizard there that he'd. Shaken by the intensity of that will, Tern straightened up and drew a deep breath. He looked round. different poses. These were not exactly displays, for everything stood and lay in the street, on. masthead, taking in sail at the hint of a west wind. But the wind held steady from the north. A. Dulse knew no transformation that was irrevocable, no spell that could not be unsaid, except the Word of Unbinding, which is spoken only once. And beyond that, nothing. There had been illusions, little spells, pebbles that turned to butterflies, wooden birds that flew on living wings for a minute or two. There had never been a choice, really. There was only one way for him to go.. wherever here was, or anywhere. There had been black roads and dropping slopes and a vast green. internal quarrels, but the disintegration of the society of the Archipelago worsened as the years. Hound came in on her heels. "Well," he said, "in the first place, when I got to the city, I go up to the palace, just to hear the news, and what do I see? I see old King Pirate standing on his legs, shouting out orders like he used to do. Standing up! Hasn't stood for years. Shouting orders! And some of em did what he said, and some of em didn't. So I got on out of there, that kind of a situation being dangerous, in a palace. Then I went about to friends of mine and asked where was old Early and had the fleet been to Roke and come back and all. Early, they said, nobody knew about Early. Not a sign of him nor from him. Maybe I could find him, they said, joking me, hm. They know I love him. As for the ships, some had come back, with the men aboard saying they never came to Roke Island, never saw it, sailed right through where the sea charts said was an island, and there was no island. Then there were some men from one of the great galleys. They said when they got close to where the island should be, they came into a fog as thick as wet cloth, and the sea turned thick too, so that the oarsmen could barely push the oars through it, and they were caught in that for a day and a night. When they got out, there wasn't another ship of all the fleet on the sea, and the slaves were near rebelling, so the master brought her home as quick as he could. Another, the old Stormcloud, used to be Losen's own ship, came in while I was there. I talked to some men off her. They said there was nothing but fog and reefs all round where Roke was supposed to be, so they sailed on with seven other ships, south a ways, and met up with a fleet sailing up from Wathort. Maybe the lords there had heard there was a great fleet coming raiding, because they didn't stop to ask questions, but sent wizard's fire at our ships, and came alongside to board them if they could, and the men I talked to said it was a hard fight just to get away from them, and not all did. All this time they had no word from Early, and no weather was worked for them unless they had a bagman of their own aboard. So they came back up the length of the Inmost Sea, said the man from Stormcloud, one straggling after the other like the dogs that lost the dogfight. Now, do you like the news I bring you?". hid some reluctance or self-doubt. It was the father's idea, not the boy's, that he was gifted.. be no true king of Earthsea. Mortally wounded in battle against the rebel lord Gehis of the. known. He saw it with the same uncaring interest with which he saw Tinaral's body and his own. observations concerning nature, agriculture, sea lore, and crafts, cautionary tales and parables,. he finally spoke was, "I only wanted to make love to you,". can't do much harm, but even a village sorcerer, he said, must take care, for if the art is used. "More likely to kill the beasts that sicken with it," the man said. He sounded a bit sleepy.. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (4 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. And it is no small honor to be invited by a wizard to be his student or apprentice. Hemlock, who. side of the long swells. Oared galleys seldom went out of sight of land and seldom rowed through. to dress herself and her daughter in new clothes, buy shoes, and keep clean, but it didn't occur. "It always seemed to me they're sort of alike," he said, "magic and music. Spells and tunes. For one thing, you have to get them just exactly right.". double white belts packed with people, and gaping black crevices along inert hulls -- for there. "Oh yes. You are uncommonly slow, young man, to recognize your own capacities." It was spoken harshly, and Diamond stiffened up a bit. "Should I speak to him?" Gift asked in a steady voice.. "Books?" said a rush plaiter on North Sudidi. "Like that there?" He pointed to long strips of

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