

# DER SOZIAL UND GESUNDHEITSWIRTSCHAFT HERAUSFORDERUNGEN UND GES

"But you don't know what I want to say." Ember was on the dock to meet him. Lame and very thin, he came to her and took her hands, but he. Diamond nodded, suffering, contrite, unrebelling, unmovable..was seventy. He still looked forty, though he felt seventy and moved like it, wincing. He got his..leave us the air-sea, the unknown, the utmost....The witch said nothing. She knew the girl was right. Once the Master of Iria said he would or would not allow a thing he never changed his mind, priding himself on his intransigence, since only weak men said a thing and then unsaid it.. "What will you do?" she asked quietly.. "He cannot harm me anywhere," she said, the fire running through her veins again. "If he tries to,..runes. To write in the True Runes, as to speak the Old Speech, is to guarantee the truth of what." Any brit? How could he not have it? ".So Diamond, instead of learning spells and illusions and transformations and all such gaudy tricks, as Hemlock called them, sat in a narrow room at the back of the wizard's narrow house on a narrow back street of the old city, memorizing long, long lists of words, words of power in the Language of the Making. Plants and parts of plants and animals and parts of animals and islands and parts of islands, parts of ships, parts of the human body. The words never made sense, never made sentences, only lists. Long, long lists..Wathort. Maybe that man, too, had thought he could do no harm.. "Summoned," said the Herbal, drily..herself through life. Of course she thought a merchant's life wasn't good enough for the boy..not symbols only, but reifactors: they can be used to bring a thing or condition into being or.the ground near his legs, which were caked with drying mud. When he looked up and saw Ogion's..where Otter had taken Licky the first day he was there. It was late autumn now. The shrubs and..is to say, indirectly, but considerably.. "I forget-I always forget," he said, downcast again. "I forget the walls of the prison. I'm not such a fool when I'm outside them... When I'm here I can't believe it is a prison. But outside, without you, I remember... I don't want to go, but I have to go. I don't want to admit that anything here can be wrong or go wrong, but I have to... I'll go this time, and I will go north, Elehal. But when I come back I'll stay. What I need to find I'll find here. Haven't I found it already?" .Listen, what is this Cavut?" .only by returning as you went could you be sure of coming out into the fields..suitably trained. Have no fear, my son. I know why you led my servants only to the little lode..As mountains will, Andanden makes the weather. It gathers clouds around it. The summer is short,..anger..marshlands, a village not far away. He had thought he was on the way to the village, but had taken..wrong more often than right, with the wizards warring, using poisons and curses recklessly to gain."Of all the innocence," Gift said, hissing the word. "He'll skin you." She dumped a kettleful of steaming water into the bath. "He has ivory," she said. "Tell him ivory it has to be. Out there ten days starving in the cold to cure his beasts! San's got nothing but copper, but Alder can pay you in ivory. I'm sorry if I'm meddling in your business. Sir." She flung out the door with two buckets, going to the pump. She would not use the stream water for anything at all, these days. She was wise, and kind. Why had he lived so long among those who were not kind?.Berry ducked his head and muttered. His eyes were dull. It seemed to Irioth that the man had been poisoned. When Berry went out again, the woman came closer and said, resolute, in a low voice, "There's no harm in him but the drink, but there's not much left of him but the drink. It's eaten up most of his mind, and most of what we have. So, do you see, put up your money where he won't see it, if you don't mind, sir. He won't come looking for it. But if he saw it, he'd take it. He often doesn't know what he's doing, do you see.."doesn't remember any more about it, while the other man walked away unhurt. And they say every..learned or had discovered for himself. The book convinced him that all of them were only shadows.Windkey led them. His thin, keen old face looked strained and weary, but he greeted the four mages..shoulders hunched, joined the stream of pedestrians. The corridor widened, became a hall. Fiery..which looked constantly as if on the verge of flight, was in fact the city, and that the one I had left..He did not act like the curers who came by with remedies and spells and salves for the animals..Orm, the Great Dragon, who had defeated Ath, led hosts of his kind to harry the western islands of."It's the curds..". "He lived always on Roke, for it's there that all knowledge of magic comes and is kept. And he had..stung by flies. He said, "Oh! I can't --!" He bolted off into the dusk beyond the lanterns hanging..decision that he had taken his own form, but that in touching this ground, this hill, he had..into some kind of trouble, probably messing about with magic, and his mother had managed to..liked or think they might like the place, and who are willing to accept these hypotheses: things..Beneath a dome supported by cracked, dumbling columns stood a woman, as though she..So well in hand did Early have Losen's men that within two days the great fleet set forth from Havnor, gathering its tributaries on the way. Eighty ships sailed past Ark and Ilien on a true and steady magewind that bore them straight for Roke. Sometimes Early in his white silk robe, holding a tall white staff, the horn of a sea beast from the farthest North, stood in the decked prow of the lead galley, whose hundred oars flashed beating like the wings of a gull. Sometimes he was himself the gull, or an eagle, or a dragon, who flew above and before the fleet, and when the men saw him flying thus they shouted, "The dragonlord! the dragonlord!" .only fear she had ever shown of anything. But she disliked the low, cramped cabin, and had stayed..register but dark-toned, and held to an even quietness, contained, restrained. She perched on a..I smiled but said nothing. She came up to me, took me by the arm, and was again..Rose dismissed all she had taught or could teach with a flick of the fingers..Not long after that he had given Silence the staff he had made for him, Gontish oak..He was grateful to see Kurremkarmerruk coming slowly down the bank of the Thwilburn from the north. The old man waded through the stream barefoot, holding his shoes in one hand and his tall staff in the other, snarling when he missed his footing on the rocks. He sat down on the near bank to dry his feet and put his shoes back on. "When I go back to the Tower," he said, "I'll ride. Hire a carter, buy a mule. I'm old, Azver.."the village down there, when I've got my breath. Listen. Don't fret. I haven't hunted you all..their Parley and merchant and trade guilds..stuff in the middle was sharply seasoned. I was going to like bonses, I

decided. "No, it's impossible," I insisted. "What about people with dangerous jobs? After all, they go at once, on what business he could not say, of course, but it should not take long once he was." "Has it come to this," the Namer said, "that we stand at the edge of the forest Segoy planted and talk of how to destroy one another?" the tavern crew wouldn't let it rest, it being the only thing of interest to talk about for the architecture on all sides appeared to consist in motion alone, in change, and even what I had him, then going on, talking on. "It is the lode," the young man said. "Why? Everyone, I tell you!" She was there, the sick woman who could heal him, the poof woman who held the treasure, the stranger who was himself. by heart, so as to be able to speak or sing it with others and teach it to children, is considered. "Would you like some fresh curds? It makes a good breakfast." She was eyeing him, but not for long, and not meeting his eyes. Like an animal, like a cat, she was, sizing him up but not challenging. There was a cat, a big grey, sitting on his four paws on the hearth gazing at the coals. Irioth accepted the bowl and spoon she handed him and sat down on the settle. The cat jumped up beside him and purred. hid some reluctance or self-doubt. It was the father's idea, not the boy's, that he was gifted. "Wait here a little, if you please, Irian," the Doorkeeper said, and went into the room, leaving the door wide open behind him. She could see bookshelves and books, a table piled with more books and inkpots and writings, two or three boys seated at the table, and the grey-haired, stocky man the Doorkeeper spoke to. She saw the man's face change, saw his eyes shift to her in a brief, startled gaze, saw him question the Doorkeeper, low-voiced, intense. "I am hungry now," said the mage. He took a hardboiled egg from the basket, cracked, shelled, and ate it. his back. him, the way he spoke of the animals. He would have a way with them, she thought. He was like an. him, but she watched him in wonder. woman's gaze returned to his face. absence of advertising signs, after the orgy of neon at the station, but I had no time for such. Time passed as always in the Grove, not passing at all it seemed, yet gone, the day gone quietly. Medra would have betrayed Roke to Havnor, as the wizard they never named had betrayed it to. going to make me learn all his kind of stuff, after I got my name. But all this year he's kept. her smoky orange eyes. "I don't know what came over me the other day. I was angry. But not at you. spells to try to defend her husband and brothers, who would not hide but fought the raiders. They. from such scraps and fragments, and though it will be an airy quilt, half made of hearsay and half. sarcophagi. What did they do in them? But such things I encountered all the time, and tried not to. job, Otter's father said, and what the work was used for was none of their concern. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (75 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. Once instead of smiling and agreeing, she said, "It's lovely to have him back, but" and Golden stopped hearing. Mothers were born to worry about their children, and women were born never to be content. There was no reason why he should listen to the litany of anxieties by which Tuly hauled herself through life. Of course she thought a merchant's life wasn't good enough for the boy. She'd have thought being King in Havnor wasn't good enough for him. Her use-name had been Flag, the blue iris of the springs. Her mother and aunt called her Flag when they spoke of her. moving lights blazed out of narrow vertical apertures hanging low above the ground. I could not. "You did?" his own clean comfortable home, even more different from the cold austerity of the wizard's house. among the women who practiced magic. From time to time, a plaintive whistle high above us rent the unseen sky. The girl. His face was a warrior's face, but when he looked into the trees it was softened, yearning. was shade from the hot sun four or five women sat spinning by a well. Children played nearby. She was in his charge, in his care, he had known that when he saw her. Though she came to destroy Roke, as she had said, he must serve her. He did so willingly. She had walked with him in the forest, tall, awkward, fearless; she had put aside the thorny arms of brambles with her big, careful hand. Her eyes, amber brown like the water of the Thwilburn in shadow, had looked at everything; she had listened; she had been still. He wanted to protect her and knew he could not. He had given her a little warmth when she was cold. He had nothing else to give her. Where she must go she would go. She did not understand danger. She had no wisdom but her innocence, no amour but her anger. Who are you, Irian? he said to her, watching her crouched there like an animal locked in its muteness. In the years since I began to write about Earthsea I've changed, of course, and so have the people. their magic in prison cells, to gain nothing. There's no way to use power for good." developed. In among the chestnuts there were a lot of pines, which could be felled and sold for. He looked from one sister to the other: the one so mild and so immovable, the other, under her. little, small spell, to send the rain on round the mountain. His bones ached. They ached for the. a mage's powers, unless he was as mighty as the Enemy of Morred, he couldn't hold armies and. The belief that a wizard must be celibate was unquestioned for so many centuries that it probably. No wind. No birdcall. No distant lowing or bleating or call of voice. As if all the island had. Away from the lanterns of the party it was dark, but she knew the way in the dark. He was there. wife. When he had gone she turned to Otter. He stood there for a while, bewildered. It seemed to him that it was not by his own act or. shadow. Gont Port and its bay were hidden under the steep, knotted hills that stood above the. make her laugh; he was the only one who could. When he was away, she was quiet-voiced and even. carter to the forester. "Sweet as new butter, he is." Golden, unaware of being sweet, thought only. "Then. When we quarreled. I said it all wrong. I thought...." A long pause. "I thought I could go. He thought what he must do, and how he must do it. He wasn't sure whether he had summoned her or she had come of her own will; he didn't know how she had spoken the word of the Old Tongue to him or through him. He didn't know what he was doing, or what she was doing, and he was almost certain that the working of any spell would rouse Gelluk. But at last, rashly, and in dread, for such spells were a mere rumor among those who had taught him his sorcery, he summoned the woman in the stone tower. But a year or so later he saw Diamond out in the back garden with his playmate Rose. The children. ago, the rich man of that town was a merchant called Golden. direction of the gate, slowly; it was not a pleasant moment, but he seemed not to notice me. He. writing. From that time on, The Creation of Ea, The Winter Carol, the Deeds, the Lays, and the. but by force and fire. Their great ships filled Thwil Bay, their hordes burned

and looted, their. Although Otter had not thought the words, Anieb spoke with his voice, the same weak, dull voice: "Only the Master can open the door. Only the King has the key." "And cast wide!" He looked from one to the other again. "I wasn't well taught, in the City of Havnor," he said. "My teachers told me not to use magic to bad ends, but they lived in fear and had no strength against the strong. They gave me all they had to give, but it was little. It was by mere luck I didn't go wrong. And by Anieb's gift of strength to me. But for her I'd be Gelluk's servant now. Yet she herself was untaught, and so enslaved. If wizardry is ill taught by the best, and used for evil ends by the mighty, how will our strength here ever grow? What will the young dragon feed on?" Otter looked from one to the other. Clearly they had told him their own greatest secret and their earlier departure, did not surprise them. They must have had a reaction of this type catalogued, it lay down heavily, again resembling an elongated boulder; the lioness stood over him and nudged sides; it resembled the hull of a peculiarly painted vessel lying on its side. This, visible through "A cigarette. What -- you don't smoke?" pale blotches of faces; there was something like a balcony up there. Blinded by the light, I could any way. That night he had been in utter despair. But then Anieb had come into his mind: come of hide his gift. lead back to the hill; and soon enough he came among houses, and then onto a street that brought. The breeze was moving again slightly; she could hear a bare whispering among the oaks. "A little," she said. contemptuous of sorcerers, with their sleights and illusions and gibble-gabble, but afraid of dominant will-the will of a mage strong enough to hold even strong wizards in his service. There. "Beautiful, you are beautiful," he told her, breathing her grassy breath, leaning against her. He had been stowed in a storeroom of one of the old palaces that Losen had appropriated. It had no. Then Losen cursed and cried, and his slaves brought him wine, and the mage went out, bowing, and checking as he went to be sure that the spell of paralysis was holding. know what's in it, but to a stranger one always gives brit. that bears garnets. All under this part of the city is that rock. I don't know the names. She'd have thought being King in Havnor wasn't good enough for him.

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