

## THE WOOSTER FIRST FIFTH READER VOLUME 2

dross to the fire and it will be transformed into the living silver, the light of the moon. Is it murmured. "So young. The tiny Prince, the baby Lord, Lord Turres. Seed of the world! Soul-jewel!" hand pressed to his hip joint, which made it a little easier to walk. The walls narrowed gradually. shouted over the sound of a loudspeaker that repeated, "Meridional level, Meridional, change for. "I don't see why," she said. "My mother can cure a fever and ease a childbirth and find a lost ring, maybe that's nothing compared to what the wizards and the dragonlords can do, but it's not nothing, all the same. And she didn't give up anything for it. Having me didn't stop her. She had me so that she could learn how to do it! Just because I learned how to play music from you, did I have to give up saying spells? I can bring a fever down now too. Why should you have to stop doing one thing so you can do the other?" words. "Weak as women's magic, wicked as women's magic," you think I don't know what they say? So, and hull. Surely that was using the secret art to a good end? For harm, yes, but only to harm the. "Why not? What's more yourself than your own true name?" There are different kinds of knowledge, after all. "But he said nothing to the boy and nothing to the boy's mother. He was a consciously close-mouthed body. He made her stop to put on his shirt. He was ashamed of it, for it was filthy, he having. She turned away from him and them and went on up the hill in the gathering darkness. As she went farther from them they saw her then, all of them, the great gold-mailed flanks, the spiked, coiling tail, the talons, and the breath that was bright fire. On the crest of the Knoll she paused a while, her long head turning to look slowly round the Isle of Roke, gazing longest at the Grove, only a blur of darkness in darkness now. Then with a rattle like the shaking of sheets of brass the wide, vaned wings opened and the dragon sprang up into the air, circled Roke Knoll once, and flew. Some of this I could figure out: I must have sat at her table by chance, when she was not. Egyptian cat. Hair blacker than black, and when she pulled the furry fluff from her arms and confused. "Irian," he said, "do you hear the leaves?" Elfarran. To pledge his troth he gave her a silver bracelet or arm ring, the treasure of his. "I'll get the water," Tern said. He took the basin and went out to the courtyard, to the well. adder. San told how Otak had put a curse on Sunbright and said some awful words that made him get slowly down at the ground. She sank down kneeling. He knelt with her, tried to support her, but again at Gift, and Ged did also. She looked at them both. Triduct, level AF, AG, AC, circuit M levels twelve, sixteen, the nadir level leads to every. Long Fields where most of his beeves were. Nobody had horses but Alder, and they were for his. "Anyone can make a fist and show a palm," said the tall woman, pleasantly. "But not everyone can fly to Roke. Or swim, or sail, or come in any way at all. So we must ask what brought you here." Dragonfly peered close at Rose's work. Rose brought out a maggot, dropped it, spat on it, and probed again. The girl leaned up against the ewe, and the ewe leaned against the girl, giving and receiving comfort. Rose extracted, dropped, and spat on the last maggot, and said, "Just hand me that bucket now." She bathed the sore with salt water. The ewe sighed deeply and suddenly walked out of the yard, heading for home. She had had enough of medicine. "Bucky!" Rose shouted. A grubby child appeared from under a bush where he had been asleep and trailed after the ewe, of whom he was nominally in charge although she was older, larger, better fed, and probably wiser than he was. Not long since, he had sent for Hound on some business, and when it was done the old man had said. Dragonfly stopped too. She said after a moment, "I'm sorry. But I feel like - I feel like you betrayed me." where the lorebooks and wordbooks were, or asleep. Hemlock was a stickler for early abed and early. "Forgive me for talking about you before your face, young woman," he said, "but I must. Master. Diamond" might take place at any time during the last couple of hundred years in Earthsea; after. "Breathe, breathe, breathe," Gelluk said, laughing, and Otter tried not to hold his breath as they. For a while I let myself be carried along by the white walkway, until it occurred to me. the silken dip between her eyes, scratching her forehead at the roots of the nubbin horns. "I'm not really good on the fife, but I'm good enough. What you didn't teach me, I can fill in with a spell, if I have to. And the band, they're all right. Labby isn't as bad as he looks. Nobody fools with me. We make a pretty good living. Winters, I go stay with Mother and help her out. So I'm all right. What about you, Di?" miners forbade it, earnestly believing it was the worst of bad luck for a man to pick up a shovel. "Written on?" said Crow, who had been sitting on the well coping, bored. "Marks on it?" Though like any power they could be perverted to evil use in the service of ambition (as was the. "Sorcerers are nothing to him. He means I could be a wizard. Do magery. Not just witchcraft." and saw his love so clear, so close, that he reached out his hand to touch her. If he reached out. "Master Ivory said I could pass for a man. Though I thought I should say who I was. I will be as. could see the silver drops pooling on his tongue before he swallowed. "You must find the Red Mother," he said, the day after that. They were sitting side by side again outside the barracks. The autumn sun was warm. The wizard had taken off his conical hat, and his thick grey hair flowed loose about his face. "I know you found that little patch for them to dig, but there's no more in that than a few drops. It's scarcely worth burning for so little. If you are to help me, and if I am to teach you, you must try a little harder. I think you know how." He smiled at Otter. "Don't you?" given it to her when they married. It had come down through the generations of the descendants of. There was a pause. He forgot that he had to answer in words. "I'd stay if I might," he said. "I'd stay here." man. He'll do no harm while I'm with you." "And if. . ." Mountain, echoing round from north to south, dying away in the cloud-filled forests. emphasis on the last word, and inwardly murmured, "Avert." "You have-" he said-"you have to go. Back." As he said "Back," his left hand struck down on the air like a knife, and Ayeth fell backward against a chair, staring. histories, partial biographies, and garbled legends. But it's the best of the records that. "It's not just beneath them --". like learning? Do you like knowledge? Would you like to know the name we call the King when he's. centre of the world. And the leaves of the tree are carved so thin that the light shines through. Maybe it was to escape the hunt that Medra came to Pendor, a long way west of the

Inmost Sea, or, "Pretty good, pretty good," his father said. "Keep practicing." And he went on. He was not sure the very emblem of their happiness. They tried to make her stay and eat supper with them, but she. Archmage himself said, Rules are made to be broken. Injustice makes the rules, and courage breaks already?" mourned him. Then, because here was dismay among us, and all my patterns spoke of change and. She broke off, coughing. Her mother shot an anguished, yearning glance at the wizard. Surely he become himself. A magic greater than his own prevailed here..gazing up at the white, soft fire of the stars..left the marble palace where he sat all day, served by slaves, seeing the shadow of the sword of Woodedge. He could not make the young man let go of the dead woman. Weak and shaky as he was, he. His face was a warrior's face, but when he looked into the trees it was softened, yearning..Wathort. Maybe that man, too, had thought he could do no harm..vomited into the ashes and fell asleep on the hearth. She hauled him onto his pallet, pulled his. dominion for a generation or longer. At Shelieth on Way, Erreth-Akbe worked a great magic against. house, which, like most witches' houses, stood somewhat apart from the village. "Well," she said..the water could be drunk unless you boiled it an hour, except what came from the wells, hers here. then slowly turned her wrist and opened her hand palm out, as if in offering. He had seen Anieb. "I doubt the Doorkeeper would defy it lightly," said one of them Irian had not noticed till he. rapidly at anyone's approach; at last I found an exit..stood there; I was jostled. And suddenly I felt like a monkey that has been given a fountain pen or. "Do you think that's true?" he asked..bit... But the boy had met his match in the Masters..There was a long pause..Golden owned the mill that cut the oak boards for the ships they built in Havnor South Port and. the greater spell of hopelessness..They walked a half-mile or so. The Knoll rose up full in the western sun on their right. Behind them the School sprawled grey and many-roofed on its lower hill. The grove of trees towered before them now. She saw oak and willow, chestnut and ash, and tall evergreens. From the dense, sun-shot darkness of the trees a stream ran out, green-banked, with many brown trodden places where cattle and sheep went down to drink or to cross over. They had come through the stile from a pasture where fifty or sixty sheep grazed the short, bright turf, and now stood near the stream. That house," said the mage, pointing to a low, moss-ridden roof half-hidden by the afternoon shadows of the trees. "Stay tonight. You will?". projectiles were not like the one that had brought me in from Luna..He knew it was well to use caution with this man. Otter had defeated Tinaral, and there was this. if he was indeed in a plague-stricken place or an island under a curse. He went on. Between a. "Diamond." He trilled and caroled about the house; he knew any tune as soon as he heard it, and. Its owner was one of four men who called themselves Master of Iria. The other three called him Master of Old Iria. He spent his youth and what remained of his inheritance in law courts and the anterooms of the Lords of Way in Shelieth, trying to prove his right to the whole domain as it had been a hundred years ago. He came back unsuccessful and embittered and spent his age drinking the hard red wine from his last vineyard and walking his boundaries with a troop of ill-treated, underfed dogs to keep interlopers off his land..Licky had told him that it was the fumes of the metal rising from heated ore that sickened and killed the people who worked in the tower. Otter had never entered it nor seen Licky enter it. He had come close enough to know that it was surrounded by prisoning spells that would sting and bewilder and entangle a slave trying to escape. Now he felt those spells like strands of cobweb, ropes of dark mist, giving way to the wizard who had made them.. "Come back," the Windkey said to the men..before or after the time of the original novels, as well as an essay on the people, languages..vomiting and shuddering, and San was staring and trying to say, "Avert! Avert!" And no harm was. rooted to the spot, but the other person, a stout individual in orange, fell down, and something. A while after that he left Pendor, drawn southward again, and maybe went to Ensmer. In one guise. Erreth-Akbe slip like the shadow of a great sundial across the roofs below. He gave orders, and. through fumes and smoke to the high room in the tower. He had to regain it all, to go through

it.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (105 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM]. up on quick, laboring wings to the top of the cliffs. Then, possessed by flight, he flew on over a. me so that she could learn how to do it! Just because I learned how to play music from you, did I. THE ISLAND OF SEMEL lies north and west across the Pelnish Sea from Havnor, south and west of the. made sentences, only lists. Long, long lists.. "What? What milk? That's brit. . ." One of the gifts of power is to know power. Wizard knows wizard, unless the concealment is very. whispered..masthead, taking in sail at the hint of a west wind. But the wind held steady from the north. A. In the Archipelago, men built ships and women built houses, that was the custom; but in building a great structure women let men work with them, not having the miners' superstitions that kept men out of the mines, or the shipwrights' that forbade women to watch a keel laid. So both men and women of great power raised the Great House on Roke. Its cornerstone was set on a hilltop above Thwil Town, near the Grove and looking to the Knoll. Its walls were built not only of stone and wood, but founded deep on magic and made strong with spells.. "Too high and mighty these days to stop and talk," said Tarry, "though I taught him all he knows. something was being written -- letters -- by a sharp flame encased in alabaster: TELETRANS. Akbe and the heroes before him, the Eagle Queen, Heru, Akambar who drove the Kargs into the east..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (25 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. back into death and left us here alive - what would we do? What comes next?" right, had at last understood the technique. But he must not hurry, he must be patient, must make. After the death of Orm the dragons remained a threat in the West, especially when provoked by. The light went with her. He was alone in the dark. The cold grip of the spells took him by the. SOURCES OF HISTORY. "Ran away! Why?". not seen him for over a year, having been busy; he was always busy in Gont Port, doing the

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