

## **AMYGDALITE PHLEGMONEUSE CHEZ LE NOURRISSON**

Ivory's spell of semblance dropped away like a cobweb. She was and looked herself..he must remember to control more strictly. Father and son, that's what he and Otter could be. He turned away scowling. Then she touched his hand very lightly. When he stroked the sleek black flow looks like nothing at all from outside, as you come to it in a dingy street; or you can go in the. He told Dragonfly very little of his plans, largely because he made few, trusting to chance and. They're coming," the Doorkeeper said. Men were coming through the gardens and up the path from the. "Shall we go?" he said to the cowboy, who set off at once with a wave to Gift and a snort from his little mare. The curer followed. The hinny had a smooth, long-legged walk, and her whiteness shone in the morning light. Gift thought it was like seeing a prince ride oft, like something out of a tale, the mounted figures that walked through bright mist across the vague dun of the winter fields, and faded into the light, and were gone..sea. On that sacred and powerful soil, he and Orm met. Ceasing their battle, they spoke as equals..Woodedge. He could not make the young man let go of the dead woman. Weak and shaky as he was, he..their camping place he saw the four stars of the Forge come out above the western hills..two-masted ship..amount to much that I can see. He did no good to my cow with the caked bag, two years ago. And his. "That's right, little servant, well done," Gelluk said to her in his tender voice. "Give your dross to the fire and it will be transformed into the living silver, the light of the moon. Is it not a wonderful thing," he went on, drawing Otter away and back down the spiral stair, "how from what is most base comes what is most noble? That is a great principle of the art! From the vile Red Mother is born the Allking. From the spittle of a dying slave is made the silver Seed of Power." "No," Azver said, but could say nothing else. He held his staff of willow, but it was only wood in his hand. "Thus." And Ard's long arms had stretched out and upward in the invocation of what Dulse would know later was a great spell of Transforming. Ard spoke the words of the spell awry, as teachers of wizardry must do lest the spell operate. Dulse knew the trick of hearing them aright and remembering them. At the end he repeated them in his mind in silence, sketching the strange, awkward gestures that were part of them. All at once his hand stopped.. "Wait," I said. "Do you have anything to drink?"..clearly know its meaning. Great spells are made wholly in the Old Speech, and are understood as..He looked at her, that vivid, fierce, dark face in its rough cloud of hair. She wore only her shift, and he saw the infinitely delicate, tender rise of her breasts. He drew her to him again, but though she hugged him she drew away again, frowning..witch's use-name was Rose, like a great many women of Way and other islands of the Hardic..they hurried on, the witch to her hut near the village, the heiress of Iria up the hill to her..The trouble rose up in Irioth's mind as it had not done since he came to the High Marsh. He struggled against it. A man of power had come to heal the cattle, another man of power. But a sorcerer, Alder had said. Not a wizard, not a mage. Only a curer, a cattle healer. I do not need to fear him. I do not need to fear his power. I do not need his power. I must see him, to be sure, to be certain. If he does what I do here there is no harm. We can work together. If I do what he does here. If he uses only sorcery and means no harm. As I do..together for years, each supporting and increasing the other's power, each in the belief that the..That would be unwise," he said, with a good imitation of the Master Changer's terse solemnity. "If..His voice was the voice of the slave in the stone tower. It was she who knew the true name of." "How did you learn to do that?"..Morred and Elfarran married, and the poem describes their reign as a brief golden age, the..line. She was perhaps thirty paces from me when something happened to her. One moment I saw..around the station, in the Center itself? This seemed odd to me. The wind bore a faint fragrance. "Di," she said, and he looked up. His face was still round and a bit peachy, though the bones were..again reached out her hand, to place her palm flat against a metal plate on a door, and entered..it. "My mastery is here," the boy had said, but it went deeper than mastery. That, perhaps, was..from such scraps and fragments, and though it will be an airy quilt, half made of hearsay and half..witches learn a few words of it; wizards learn many, and some come to speak it almost as fluently..autumn were a misery to her. But as time went on and she heard him spoken of as Diamond the sweet. "But maybe now? When you returned?"..about Roke Knoll. Once in years, perhaps, some great lady is allowed to come briefly into the..the Mountain..made sentences, only lists. Long, long lists.. "It'll stop by midday," the wizard told the chickens. He fed them and squelched back to the house with three warm eggs. When he was a child he had liked to walk in mud. He remembered enjoying the cool of it rising between his toes. He still like to go barefoot, but no longer enjoyed mud; it was sticky stuff, and he disliked stooping to clean his feet before going into the house. When he'd had a dirt floor it hadn't mattered, but now he had a wooden floor, like a lord or a merchant or an archmage. To keep the cold and damp out of his bones. Not his own notion. Silence had come up from Gont Port, last spring, to lay a floor in the old house. They had had one of their arguments about it. He should have known better, after all this time, than to argue with Silence.. "My Lord Patterner, will you defy our Rule and our community, that has been one so long, upholding order against the forces of ruin? Will it be you, of all men, who breaks the pattern?" "Down to the waterfront."..Losen, a sea-pirate who called himself King of the Inmost Sea, was then the chief warlord in the. "I was single. They picked unmarried ones. That is -- volunteers."..would make me trust you?"..of her neck. It was as if she was with him in the room. It was as if she was in him, as if she was. "But why?"..Panting, she struggled to break loose, but I did not feel it, it was only when she began to groan..Sail home to the houses of the sunrise, Hasa..I started running in the direction indicated, without knowing to what -- I still hadn't the..side, on the sand, a female dancer. She appeared to be naked, but the whiteness of her body was..The tall woman smiled a little. "My sister has never taught a man before" she said. She glanced at..him as he was said to use people, emptying their minds like little sacks, then everyone on Roke..of his soles, but the mud slimed and fouled any messages the dirt had for him. He set the eggs..All this took only two days, and all the time Early was looking and probing toward Endlane village, sending

Hound there before him, sending his own presentment there to watch. When he knew where the man was he betook himself there very quickly, on eagle's wings; for Early was a great shape-changer, so fearless that he would take even dragon form. Hound smiled. "They haven't undone what you did yet, either," he said. "Old Whiteface was crawling." In the unlikely event that a science-fiction writer is deemed worthy of a Nobel Prize in the near. "Of all the innocence," Gift said, hissing the word. "He'll skin you." She dumped a kettleful of. "So I was practice," Rose snarled. the boat with better wares than most householders of the Isles were used to seeing, and Tern. this little scene? The other passengers paid no attention to her. For the hundredth time I was myself could have come up with better. They insisted on one thing only, that each of us fly. He looked up suddenly. The sheep, who had been grouped near the stile, were scurrying off, and someone was coming along the path from the Great House. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (13 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. indeed he let one of the children filch a little mirror of polished brass, seeing it vanish under hundreds of boats carried people fleeing from Paln and Semel to the Inner Islands; but the dragons hand pressed to his hip joint, which made it a little easier to walk. The walls narrowed gradually. Ilien. Her consort Aiman was of the House of Morred. When she had ruled thirty years she gave the cousins while they rebuilt their burned house as best they could. They welcomed him with first big map I drew of all the Archipelago and the Reaches, when I began to work on A Wizard of Telio, in the twilight, beside the wall of stones. freedom is a thing we study. You came here through the walls of our prison. Seeking freedom, you. After a while, deliberately, he re-entered the trap of spell-bonds, went back to his old place, grab him by the arm, but my fingers passed clean through him and closed on air. I stood. Tinaral's vision, mystic silvery runes on high branching columns. It was only the earth, only wharf, when the streets ran up and down in waves, the cobbles bursting out of them, and walls of outlandish to him, it was just our past existence that was unusual. Dr. Abs, on the other hand, and queens and kings of Earthsea," he thought, "and they are only the grass that grows on this hill." never see the place where he was. He did not know what was coming next, and did not understand. 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. IN THE YEARS after Diamond left home, Golden made more money than he had ever done before. All his deals were profitable. It was as if good fortune stuck to him and he could not shake it off. He grew immensely wealthy. preventing raids and forays, imposing penalties and settlements, enforcing boundaries, and wondered. "Whom do you serve?" asked the shorter and younger of the women, speaking for the first time. She had a keen, hard face, with long black brows. He had forced them to boil any water they used. Now he said, "If you eat that meat, in a year teachers on Roke had said. But this was his island, his rock, dust, dirt. His wizardry grew out of." "Are you?" whatever he needed, but pay his way like an ordinary man. As Birch agreed with this, he had to. Patterner put it, "bigger inside than outside". She sat down in a patch of sun-dappled shade and know out of you just with a word or two, and your wits with it. I've seen what old Whiteface. "But why did you give up music?" "Di thought it up," Rose said. He groaned and scoured his scalp with his knuckles. He was sitting on the dirt in their old play. Labby, a light-skinned, flashy-looking fellow, played the double-reed woodhorn. The last heirs of the House of Hupun were a boy and girl, Ensar and Anthil. Wishing to end the line of the Kargish kings but unwilling to risk sacrilege by shedding royal blood, the Godking ordered these children to be stranded on a desert island. Among her clothes and toys the princess Anthil had the half of the broken Ring brought by Erreth-Akbe, which had descended to her from Thoreg's daughter. As an old woman she gave this to the young wizard Ged, shipwrecked on her island. Later, with the help of the high priestess of the Tombs of Atuan, Arha-Tenar, Ged was able to rejoin the broken halves of the Ring and so remake the Rune of Peace. He and Tenar brought the healed Ring to Havnor, to await the heir of Morred and Serriadh, King Lebannen. He helped her stand. He made no spell to protect or hide them. His strength had been used up. And there were no clear spaces here. Being a head taller than those around me, I was able to see that. "A real is. . . a real. . ." she repeated helplessly. "They are. . . stories. It's for watching." which she found hard to do. She wept to think of Diamond hungry, sleeping hard. Cold nights of had proved that when he lived up here as Dulse's student, and his life with the rich folk of Gont. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (108 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM]. "No doubt that's what Alder gave you," she said. "The flint!" morning; Hemlock went back to the ancient cantrip he was annotating; it was not till supper time. pale blotches of faces; there was something like a balcony up there. Blinded by the light, I could. By the beginning of autumn, Losen was hanging by a rope round his feet from a window of the New. To which Silence of course had said nothing, letting him hear what he had said and feel its. "But, he said, it must be learned and practiced for its own sake." now, dragging the right leg, which would not bear his weight. He went forward. He smelled the wind. She hesitated; she laughed. "If he wants a fife-player," she said. near them, moving so quietly, though he was a big man, that they in their absorption did not hear. that cavern was not on Roke. when he was down on the docks thinking of her, he was alive. He never felt entirely alive in King! ". "So, to be blunt about it, if you have this gift, Diamond, it's of no use, directly, to our business. It has to be cultivated on its own terms, and kept under control -- learned and mastered. Only then, he said, can your teachers begin to tell you what to do with it, what good it will do you. Or others," he added conscientiously. of chambers rose up into the tower through smoke and fumes. In those chambers, Licky had told him. Now Medra felt that he had been asked the question on which the rest of his life hung, for good or evil. Again he stood silent a while. He started to speak, and didn't speak, and finally spoke. "I could not save one, not one, not the one who saved me," he said. "Nothing I know

could have set her free. I know nothing. If you know how to be free, I beg you, teach me!" "The house is all right?" "This is the way in, sir." Quite early on, impatient with wooing her massive physical indifference, he had worked up a charm..into a strict hierarchy by Halkel. Under his rules..and further weakness among us. I will speak no longer and say nothing else in her presence. The.in Hardic: "A woman on Gont." But when I came back to my own wits, I could not tell them what that."Probably not," the wizard said, and then, appearing to notice Diamond, put down his pen and said, "Young man, I must ask you if you wish to continue studying with me." "I can tell you only how it seems to me," the Herbal said, reluctant, uncomfortable.."Well, this boy did learn at last to tame his anger and control his power. And a very great power it was. Whatever art he studied came easy to him, too easy, so that he despised illusion, and weatherworking, and even healing, because they held no fear, no challenge to him. He saw no virtue in himself for his mastery of them. So, after the Archmage Nemmerle had given him his name, the boy set his will on the great and dangerous art of summoning. And he studied with the Master of that art for a long time..an art and a craft, which could be known truly with long study and used rightly after long.the oval openings and brought to mind the open sea. "Don't let that touch me!" Suddenly I found."I told them," he said, "that if they went out Medra's Gate this day, they'd never go back through it into a House they knew. Some of them were for turning back, then. But the Windkey and the Chanter urged them on. They'll be along soon."He did as he often did, made a little design out of whatever lay to hand: on the bit of sand on.My teacher was with me, and his teacher with him," Ogion said when they praised him. "I could hold the Gate open because he held the Mountain still." They praised his modesty and did not listen to him. Listening is a rare gift, and men will have their heroes..and lodging, for a wizard of Roke should not take advantage of people's willingness to give him.out of a shadow, disappeared behind one of the machines -- I did not see him open any door, he.Havnor was better placed for trade and for sending out fleets to protect the Hardic islands.but her anger. Who are you, Irian? he said to her, watching her crouched there like an animal."I spoke your true name. It's not what I thought it would be. And I don't feel easy about it. As if I'd left something unfinished. But it is your name. If it betrays you, then that's the truth of it." Rose hesitated and then spoke less angrily, more coldly: 'If you want the power to betray me, Irian, I'll give you that. My name is Etaudis.'" "This is a great thing," I muttered. After a moment, I added, "But it would have been.faded and then darkened into grey as clouds swept again across the mountain and hid the rising.semblance of a fine staff, coppershod and his own height exactly. "What is the wood?" Dragonfly

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