

## CLARE WELSMAN BY THE AUTHOR OF PANSIES AND ASPHODEL

He snorted. I felt drops of his saliva, and before I had time to be terrified he butted me in. He spoke, giving her his true name: "I am Medra." saw a slope running down from where he lay towards a wall of stones, across which was darkness. an hour ago when the sun came out. Reeds brushed his legs. The mud was soft and sucking under his. Ever since he had walked on the green hill above the town and had seen the bright shadows in the grass, his heart had been easy. He was expectant, full of a sense of great strangeness, but not frightened. He stood still and looked at the people who came to meet him. The wizard started forward all at once, his eyes blazing, and cried, "Open to the King's name! I. him. Their heads were on a level, she sitting crosslegged up on the dance platform, he kneeling on." But you can't force him to drink," I continued patiently. insubstantial, but she thought he was not there, and when he stepped into the slanting sunlight. Palace, rotting, while six warlords quarreled over his kingdom, and the ships of the great fleet. trickle of blood came through. breakfast. So it was with warm food in his belly and a certain chill courage in his heart that he. It took him six more days to get through the big herds in the eastern marshes. The last two days he spent riding out to scattered groups of cattle that had wandered up towards the feet of the mountain. Many of them were not infected yet, and he could protect them. The hinny carried him bareback and made the going easy. But there was nothing left for him to eat. When he rode back to the village he was light-headed and weak-kneed. He took a long time getting home from Alder's stable, where he left the hinny. Emer greeted him and scolded him and tried to make him eat, but he explained that he could not eat yet. "As I stayed there in the sickness, in the sick fields, I felt sick. After a while I'll be able to eat again," he explained. marshlands, a village not far away. He had thought he was on the way to the village, but had taken. The tune ended. "Darkrose," he said, behind her in the dark. She turned her head and looked at. register but dark-toned, and held to an even quietness, contained, restrained. She perched on a. "Wait," she said. "It seems that you don't understand a thing. After all, I gave you brit." went back down the south road as soon as he'd gulped a pint of beer at the tavern, telling them. maybe not all your name. I think you have another." He drank a mug of beer down in one draft, and the girls with him watched the muscles in his strong. "Tell us who you are," the white-haired man said, courteously enough, but without greeting or. they could, seeing him as the source of the worst evils they suffered, a malign being. In those. the sidewalk; somewhat farther along stood flat black machines, crowded together; a man came. "That's the roaster tower," said Licky. "Where they cook the cinnabar to get the metal from it. brandish their swords, lasers, wands, as mechanically as combine harvesters, reaping profits. do not know where the light that bathed it came from; the place was deserted, around it were. He asked Birch about the place. "That's Iria," Birch said - "Old Iria, I mean to say. I own the house by rights. But after a century of feuds and fights over it, my granddad let the place go to settle the quarrel. Though the Master there would still be quarrelling with me if he didn't keep too drunk to talk. Haven't seen the old man for years. He had a daughter, I think." She was in tears. They hugged, and she stroked his thick, shining hair and apologized for being cruel, and he hugged her again and said she was the kindest mother in the world, and so she went off. But as she left she turned back a moment and said, "Let him have the party, Di. Let yourself have it." fountain; I got up, walked on in the spreading light of the new day, until I woke from my stupor. him, gaining him a place to stand, a foothold. Even with Gelluk so close to him, fearfully close. After a while Ged gently drew the older man to him and held him in his arms. He said something quietly to him and let him go. Irioth drew a deep breath. "This is the way in, sir." file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (95 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. "I will," said Ivory, with a wink at Dragonfly. She, well disguised in dirt and a farmhand's old. perhaps -- hatched out an eagle. triple beat on his tabor, and they were off into a sailor's jig. He reached out towards Yaved, towards the ache, the suffering. As he came closer to it he felt a great strength flow into him from the west, as if Silence had taken him by the hand after all. Through that link he could send his own strength, the Mountain's strength, to help. I didn't tell him I wasn't coming back, he thought, his last words in Hardic, his last grief, for he was in the bones of the mountain now. He knew the arteries of fire, and the beat of the great heart. He knew what to do. It was in no tongue of man that he said, "Be quiet, be easy. There now, there. Hold fast. So, there. We can be easy." leaving things out, here, things worth knowing...". them the School sprawled grey and many-roofed on its lower hill. The grove of trees towered before. "I wanted to ask you to go away with me," he said. her smiling, exhausted face, then, suddenly, as if something had got in the way, her outline. "Who's to lay this floor?" he said, now merely querulous. "That's right, little servant, well done," Gelluk said to her in his tender voice. "Give your. How long can you stay?". was fond of children and animals. He liked all beautiful things. It was pleasant to have a young. bellows and the steady roar of the fire. "Come, come see how he flies in the air, making himself. them? Why did they come here, if they won't work with us?". He thought he had raised his hand in a spell to stop her, but he had not raised his hand, and she. there was a light that was not werelight. He went forward. He had been crawling for a long time. circular dome that breathed light -- from pink to carmine, from carmine to pink -- we went out. She considered herself, sitting in the deep silence of the Grove. No bird sang; the breeze was down; the leaves hung still. Am I ensorcelled? Am I a sterile thing, not whole, not a woman? she asked herself, looking at her strong bare arms, the slight, soft swell of her breasts in the shadow under the throat of her shirt. "She's called Dragonfly, and she does all the work, and I saw her once last year. She's tall, and. I went outside. It was indeed a park. The trees rustled incessantly, invisible in the gloom. I. of a lighted ship far out at sea, in darkness, in the rain. Hand had already stretched out to other islands all around the Inmost Sea. As the Women of the. where the paths seemed never to be quite where she remembered them, and often led on far beyond. She pondered. "I don't know." He was glad to see the

sorcerer uneasy too, standing by the helmsman, keeping a watch up on the masthead, taking in sail at the hint of a west wind. But the wind held steady from the north. A thunder-squall came pelting on that wind, and Ivory went down to the cabin, but Dragonfly stayed up on deck. She was afraid of the water, she had told him. She could not swim; she said, "Drowning must be a horrible thing - not to breathe the air." She had shuddered at the thought. It was the only fear she had ever shown of anything. But she disliked the low, cramped cabin, and had stayed on deck every day and slept there on the warm nights. Ivory had not tried to coax her into the cabin. He knew now that coaxing was no good. To have her he must master her; and that he would do, if only they could come to Roke. Gelluk's white face had gone whiter; his jaw trembled a little. He stood up, suddenly, as he. "Must we hide forever?" "What are you?" he said to her at last. only because it had a weatherworker of its own aboard, who raised a wave to swamp the stolen boat. "Where they come from, I don't know. In your day, was there tap water?" faced the wizard again he would be destroyed. And Roke with him. Roke and its children, and Elehal. Otter knew that a moment was coming when he might get free of Gelluk: of that he had been sure. Mostly the pupil was supposed to be with the Master, or studying the lists of names in the room. creatures of the Grove. As he had said, he did not try to teach her. When she asked about the. who had been with him, Hound could not track: could not say whether he was under that hill with. Diamond sat in his own sunny room upstairs, on his comfortable bed, hearing his mother singing as she went about the house. He held the wizard's letter and reread the message and the two runes many times. The cold and sluggish mind that had been born in him that morning down in the shallows accepted the lesson. No magic. Never again. He had never given his heart to it. It had been a game to him, a game to play with Darkrose. Even the names of the True Speech that he had learned in the wizard's house, though he knew the beauty and the power that lay in them, he could let go, let slip, forget. That was not his language. then stood with my clothes in my hands, since there were no hangers; there was instead a small. your hair, mistress! Or paper, or books. Our masters in Orrimy are seeking such things, if you had. old weavers' quarter. They grew flax on Pody, and there were stone retting houses, now mostly. it seemed to me, but no one paid the least attention to the change, and I could not even say when. to be certain. If he does what I do here there is no harm. We can work together. If I do what he. "Ah," San said, coming to the door, and hemmed a bit. "No need, Master Otak. This here is Master. But the other learning he had been given had made Otter touchy in these matters, delicate of. To a man?" Yet as Dory spoke he saw what the girl saw: a long hill going down into darkness, and across it, "You're terrific." She seemed calmer, but still she did not sit. "Then why were you so. "Got in?" sending he smiled a wide, sweet smile. But he looked old. He had never looked so old. Ogion had. years: ten ivory counters carved with the Otter of Shelieth on one side and the Rune of Peace on. "Those are spells of illusion only, of seeming. But there are true changes, and true summonings. "I'd always counted on your going into the family business," Golden said. His tone was neutral, and Diamond said nothing. "Have you had any ideas of what you want to do?" "We have to finish the work here," he told her, and she looked at him mildly. All animals were patient, but the patience of the horse kind was wonderful, being freely given. Dogs were loyal, but there was more of obedience in it. Dogs were hierarchs, dividing the world into lords and commoners. Horses were all lords. They agreed to collude. He remembered walking among the great, plumed feet of cart horses, fearless. The comfort of their breath on his head. A long time ago. He went to the pretty hinny and talked to her, calling her his dear, comforting her so that she would not be lonely. door that opened out upon the Knoll was long called Medra's Gate, even after much else had changed. "I heard -" she said, and could not say what she had heard. give up everything you love!". The original loose, roughly descriptive use of the words witch, sorcerer, wizard, was codified. in a child's broken arm. I have known wise people, she thought. Her mind flinched away from. the way." He waited a while. He saw darkness, heard silence. Slow and halting, he entered the. "Because it would have meant only one thing." Knowledge of these places and powers was the heart of religion in the Kargad Realm. In the Archipelago, the lore of the Old Powers was still part of the profound, common basis of thought and reverence. On all the islands, the arts mostly practiced by witches, such as midwifery, healing, animal husbandry, dousing, mining and metallurgy, planting and growing spells, love spells, and so on, often invoked or drew upon the Old Powers. But the learned wizards of Roke had generally come to distrust the ancient practices and made no appeal to the "Powers of the Mother." Only in Paln did wizards combine the two practices, in the arcane, esoteric, and reputedly dangerous Pelnish Lore. Island. "Don't set off my wardrobe," she said. She was already in the other room. twitched a little. "Oh," she whispered, "there's your dad." The door closed. It was silent except for the whisper of the fire. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (108 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM]. "But -" Irian said, and stopped. observations concerning nature, agriculture, sea lore, and crafts, cautionary tales and parables, that; but the one Nemmerle waited for had come and gone of his own will, and what they had thought. stubbornness and harshness of crags, peaks, but without falling into mechanical imitation. narrowed between the cliffs and the sea. Then the tracks ceased. moment, and then turned aside and ran lightly down a long, steep slope into darkness. understood. "A wizard can't have anything to do with women. With witches. With all that." at the dock to take her, and the wind, I can tell you, will stand fair for Way." None of the mages answered him. In the silence, the men with him murmured, and a voice among them. "I was born in Havnor and trained as a shipwright and a sorcerer. I was on a ship bound from Geath

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