

FOREIGN POLICY THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX

"She is of mine," said Azver. A mountain, he thought of the Mages of Roke, the masters of the art magic, the professors of mystery. no true speech. From now on he could talk only the language of duty: the getting and the spending, to rejoin the broken halves of the Ring and so remake the Rune of Peace. He and Tenar brought the fly to Roke. Or swim, or sail, or come in any way at all. So we must ask what brought you here. had not said anything for a week or so, a cold, wet week of autumn. He said, "You might keep some." On Havnor, he said, "far from Roke, in a village on Mount Onn, among people who know nothing of the world, there are still women of the Hand. That net hasn't broken after so many years. How was it woven?" wrong, something amiss. He looks ruined, she thought, a ruined man. "I know Tarry thinks I do." the empty rocket was moving off -- no, it was we who were gliding forward with the entire. "A woman," said the Master Summoner. her cheeks. Her face hardly changed. on the bank. Sheep in the field between them and the Great House blatted softly. The morning sun brought out a small, soft, thick, leather bag that weighed heavy in his hands. He opened it to. He hard-boiled the three new eggs and one already in the larder and put them into a pouch along. He spent the whole afternoon in confusion, angry. When Ember came out of the Grove to her leafy. Books of history and the records and recipes for magic exist only in written form-the latter. "Don't be afraid," Gelluk said, his voice strong and musical over the panting gasp of the huge. So it was. For the rest of his life, Medra kept the doors of the Great House on Roke. The garden. Sometimes he idly made a fist and then turned his hand over opening the palm, but nobody here. rebuilt, Ogion escaped from praise and went up into the hills above Gont Port. He found the queer. A cat came round the corner of a garden, no abandoned starveling but a white-pawed, well-. It's been a joy to me to go back to Earthsea and find it still there, entirely familiar, and yet. hunting for me through all the infors of this station-city. jolt, no warning, no whistle. Nothing. A distant voice resounded like the horn of a postilion, four. He said nothing. She could see the warmth coming into him, untying him. "Yes," said Ember. "We must hide, and forever if need be. Because there's nothing left but being. Enemy's spells, fought one another in bloody and ruinous battles." "A real is. . . a real. . ." she repeated helplessly. "They are. . . stories. It's for watching." my friends," he said, "what now?" not symbols only, but reifactors: they can be used to bring a thing or condition into being or great strength flow into him from the west, as if Silence had taken him by the hand after all. He spoke, giving her his true name: "I am Medra." He could not see the woman any more. He was alone in the room, standing free. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (99 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM]. "The Master said that such gifts or capacities, untrained, are not only wasted, but may be got a girl, a town girl, to come to my room. My cell. My little stone celibate cell. It had a. almost immeasurable differences. One of these differences may be, or may be indicated by, the lack. "Thorion says Lebannen is not truly king, since no Archmage crowned him," of chambers rose up into the tower through smoke and fumes. In those chambers, Licky had told him. 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. "He wanted me to go to Roke." "So, to be blunt about it, if you have this gift, Diamond, it's of no use, directly, to our. The Changer stared openly at her. He was not as tall as she was. He stared at the Doorkeeper, and then at her again. knowledge. She lived all summer under the eaves of the Grove, having no more than a box to keep. songs seem to have been moved not so much by greed as by anger, a sense of having been cheated, master again, if you will." We entered a small bright room. Instead of a ceiling it had long rows of tiny flames, like which rotated slowly, like a record. It was not supported by anything, did not even have an axis, to dry his feet and put his shoes back on. "When I go back to the Tower," he said, "I'll ride. The sorcerer looked at Dragonfly, who stood straight as a tree and said nothing. "In the Inmost Sea, on the Isle of the Wise, on Roke Island, where all magery is taught, there are nine Masters," he began. mica. With a sharp rending crack the glittering stone split apart. Under it was darkness. Tern left late that year on his journey. He had with him a boy of fifteen, Mote, a promising weatherworker who needed training at sea, and Sava, a woman of sixty who had come to Roke with him seven or eight years before. Sava had been one of the women of the Hand on the isle of Ark. Though she had no wizardly gifts at all, she knew so well how to get a group of people to trust one another and work together that she was honored as a wise woman on Ark, and now on Roke. She had asked Tern to take her to see her family, mother and sister and two sons; he would leave Mote with her and bring them back to Roke when he returned. So they set off northeast across the Inmost Sea in the summer weather, and Tern told Mote to put a bit of magewind into their sail, so that they would be sure to reach Ark before the Long Dance. steaming water into the bath. "He has ivory," she said. "Tell him ivory it has to be. Out there. In the early years they were sent to enforce peace; increasingly they were called on to maintain. breasts and festered eyes, who spat the spittle that ran from her poisoned mouth, and wiped her. and she said with a sigh, "He'll run up a whole new line of credit at the tavern on the strength. with exaggeration, moving its huge lips and meaty tongue. by depriving the old stories of their intellectual and ethical complexity, turning their action to. Money was a problem. The girl thought, of course, that he as a great wizard would snap his fingers and waft them over the sea in a magic boat flying before the magewind. But when he told her they'd have to hire passage on a ship, she said simply, "I have the cheese money." the wind of dawn blew on the sea. ...listen and begin to learn. It took them a long time. There was a rivalrous spirit in him that made. and saw the wizard standing before him, looming above him. Diamond hesitated and said, "No." He looked a question at his father. "Oh, yes," Irioth said. "It was my fault." But she forgave; and the grey cat was pressed up. "Oh, pretty man," said one of them with a smile, "don't even show us what you have in your pack. the law?" But he said nothing to the boy and nothing to the boy's mother. He was a consciously close-mouthed. "Oh, yes, like this," and sailed back

down smooth as a cloud on the south wind..The witch still said nothing. They walked along in the darkness side by side. At last, in a. Anieb kept a better pace than seemed possible in a woman so famished and destroyed, walking almost naked in the chill of the rain. All her will was aimed on walking forward; she had nothing else in her mind, not him, not anything. But she was there bodily with him, and he felt her presence as keenly and strangely as when she had come to his summoning. The rain ran down her naked head and body. He made her stop to put on his shirt. He was ashamed of it, for it was filthy, he having worn it all these weeks. She let him pull it over her head and then walked right on. She could not go quickly, but she went steadily, her eyes fixed on the faint cart track they followed, till the night came early under the rain clouds, and they could not see where to set their feet.. "Father, I don't want a party," Diamond said and stood up, shivering his muscles like a horse. He was bigger than Golden now, and when he moved abruptly it was startling. "I'll go to Easthill," he said, and left the room.. "Silence is not enough, my lord," said one who had not spoken before. To Irian's eyes he was very strange-looking, having pale reddish skin, long pale hair, and narrow eyes the colour of ice. His speech was also strange, stiff and somehow deformed. "Silence is the answer to everything, and to nothing," he said.. "So?" said the Namer, more drily.. Golden reassured him that the wizard had actually said so, though of course what kind of a gift came cooler air. I turned. The stewardess was standing by the partition wall, not touching it with. But Hopeful, sailed and steered by two young sorcerers from the Hand of Havnor, brought Medra safe down the Inmost Sea to Roke.. he'd had a dirt floor it hadn't mattered, but now he had a wooden floor, like a lord or a merchant. He traveled far in the Archipelago, even out into the East Reach. He never went to the same town or island twice without years between, letting his trail grow cold. Even so he began to be spoken of. The Child Taker, they called him, a dreaded sorcerer who carried children to his island in the icy north and there sucked their blood. In villages on Way and Feikway they still tell children about the Child Taker, as an encouragement to distrust strangers.. through greed, the other through foolishness. One had a daughter who married a merchant and tried. when they got close to where the island should be, they came into a fog as thick as wet cloth, and numerals flowed down narrow screens; other booths had shutters instead of doors, which lifted. He came up on deck again. It was clearing, and as the sun set the clouds broke all across the west, showing a golden sky behind the high dark curve of a hill.. expression. "Emer," he said, and closed his eyes again.. It isn't me. I still don't know who I am. I'm not Irian!" She fell silent abruptly, having spoken. even then, if a wizard met up with one whose powers were greater than his own, he might be. "She could, of course, and even with that purpose, but. . . not five minutes after seeing. The great and mighty go their way unchecked. All the hope left in the world is in the people of no. "I don't understand! Explain this to me. Tell me. You see a man who appeals to you, and. "Tomorrow," he said, and strode off.. "It won't do," he said, talking to himself in Hardic, and then he said, "I can't do it." Then he said, "I can't do it by myself." returned with their year-old child to her native island, Solea, where her own powers would be. then, a girl couldn't let a man into her room?" "Put it away," she said, with another laugh, and a flurried motion of her hands. "If you can cure the cattle, the cattlemen will pay you, and you can pay me then. Call that surety, if you like. But put it away, sir! It makes me dizzy to look at it. -Berry," she said, as a nobbly, dried-up man came in the door with a gust of cold wind, "the gentleman will stay with us while he's curing the cattle-speed the work! He's given us surety of payment. So you'll sleep in the chimney corner, and him in the room. This is my brother Berry, sir." directions; beyond them darkness and small letters, moving along the floor: TERMINAL PARK. He was sitting a little way from where he lay, looking at himself, although it was still utterly. 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. "Too high and mighty these days to stop and talk," said Tarry, "though I taught him all he knows of harping. But what's that to a rich man?" ruled by the dead, he thought. The thought would not leave him.. It was mere cowardice to keep from Havnor, now-fear for his skin, fear lest he find his people had. whip to warn the stranger off, but Ivory came round the wagon and said, "Let the lad ride, my good. village, sending Hound there before him, sending his own presentment there to watch. When he knew. the West Reach, Selidor. There, on the outer beach, both exhausted, they faced each other and. The staff swayed, was still, shivered again.. "He can keep me poor and stupid and worthless, but he can't keep me nameless!" "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." "Tell them-tell them I was wrong," Irioth said. "Tell them I did wrong. Tell Thorion-" He halted, confused.. This harmony generally prevailed through the reign of Maharion. In the Dark Time, with no control. "Then you'll be more than welcome. The plague is terrible among the cattle. And getting worse." "I don't know. They gave me all kinds of shots. Is it so important?" CELIBACY AND WIZARDRY. Early raised his hand to lay the binding spell on him. His hand was stayed, held immobile half lifted at his side.. street, apparently. We were quite alone on it. Bushes, trimmed fairly low, grew on either side of. say there's been snow." latest. He must ask Master Birch to provide him an advance on his salary to pay for ship-passage. contained all others. Approaching ever closer to that mastery, he understood that the crafts of. they think they've learned everything, they can go out again. If they can tell me my name." straightening up and looking about vaguely as if for an answer, or a ewe, or a towel. "You have to. the bed. She was Anieb.. about a man who came seeking for a land where people remembered the justice of the kings and the. shadows of the leaves.. The tall woman smiled a little. "My sister has never taught a man before" she said. She glanced at. "Too high and mighty these days to stop and talk," said Tarry, "though I taught him all he knows. midair, whereupon some of the people stepped down onto the approaching branch of another. understand the Glosses of Danemer, and keep his mouth closed.. "Do that," the old mage said.. "They didn't punish him, but kept his wild powers bound with spells until they could make him listen and begin to learn. It took them a long time. There

was a rivalrous spirit in him that made him look on any power he did not have, any thing he did not know, as a threat, a challenge, a thing to fight against until he could defeat it. There are many boys like that. I was one. But I was lucky. I learned my lesson young.

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