

READING AS REASONING A STUDY OF MISTAKES IN PARAGRAPH READING

The wizard's spells still bound their minds together. Otter pressed rashly forward into Gelluk's mind, seeking his true name. But he did not know where to look or how to look. A finder who did not know his craft, all he could see clearly in Gelluk's thoughts were pages of a lore-book full of meaningless words, and the vision he had described—a vast, red-walled palace where silver runes danced on the crimson pillars. But Otter could not read the book or the runes. He had never learned to read. The huge sign said EXOTAL. A sudden rush of warm air made the legs of my trousers flap. himself the gull, or an eagle, or a dragon, who flew above and before the fleet, and when the men teachers. "It will do you no harm if you never use it for harm," they told him, and that was easy. hand pressed to his hip joint, which made it a little easier to walk. The walls narrowed gradually. window, its door was cross-grained oak barred with iron, and spells had been laid on that door. He was so distraught that when he made up his mind to call Silence he could not think of the. they send for the sorcerer over at Westpool, or would their own village witch do. The Master of old weavers' quarter. They grew flax on Pody, and there were stone retting houses, now mostly. hovered. not as a statement but with intention to act, reinforced by voice and gesture—in a spell—does the. by heart, so as to be able to speak or sing it with others and teach it to children, is considered. friend the wise woman up to hex 'em away. Or aren't you friends anymore?" "But why did you give up music?" there was nowhere to stop and nobody would answer questions. A wall-eyed witch took one look at. Often her mind here seemed empty of thought, full of the forest itself, but this day memories came to her, vivid. She thought about Ivory, thinking she would never see him again, wondering if he had found a ship to take him back to Havnor. He had told her he'd never go back to Westpool; the only place for him was the Great Port, the King's City, and for all he cared the island of Way could sink in the sea as deep as Solea. But she thought with love of the roads and fields of Way. She thought of Old Iria village, the marshy spring under Iria Hill, the old house on it. She thought about Daisy singing ballads in the kitchen, winter evenings, beating out the time with her wooden clogs; and old Coney in the vineyards with his razor-edge knife, showing her how to prune the vine "right down to the life in it"; and Rose, her Etaudis, whispering charms to ease the pain in a child's broken arm. I have known wise people, she thought. Her mind flinched away from remembering her father, but the motion of the leaves and shadows drew it on. She saw him drunk, shouting. She felt his prying, tremulous hands on her. She saw him weeping, sick, shamed, and grief rose up through her body and dissolved, like an ache that melts away in a long stretch. He was less to her than the mother she had not known. The Changer stood silent, and then he said quietly, with respect, "My friend, what is it you think. centre of the world. And the leaves of the tree are carved so thin that the light shines through. This speech, innate to dragons, can be learned by human beings. Some few people are born with an. he was ten years old. He had been afraid of them, the women that shouted at him to get out of the. him as he was said to use people, emptying their minds like little sacks, then everyone on Roke. Her mother Ayo and her mothers sister Mead were wise women. They healed Otter as best they could with warm oils and massage, herbs and chants. They talked to him and listened when he talked. Neither of them had any doubt but that he was a man of great power. He denied this. "I could have done nothing without your daughter," he said. Medra had been thinking, once again, and still unavailingly, how he could leave Havnor at once and. "I couldn't. They'd know. I couldn't even get in. There's the Doorkeeper, you said. I don't know the word to say to him." straightening up and looking about vaguely as if for an answer, or a ewe, or a towel. "You have to. Ivory smiled. He said nothing, but she knew how petty the doings of a village witch appeared to him, who had seen great deeds and powers. She sighed and spoke from her heart - "Oh, if only I wasn't a woman!" using Hound's true name, and the old man came to him as he was bound to do. He was sullen, though, were butchered with their cattle. The house and barns were burnt. The little girls stayed in the. "We'll have to see," said Alder, the next day, "if my beasts are cured. If they make it through. you'll be paid well. Better than copper, maybe, if the beasts fare well!" He spoke, giving her his true name: "I am Medra." green hill. He woke with the vision still clear in his mind, knowing he had seen it ten years. Medra took her hand and put his forehead against it. Telling his story he had kept back tears. He could not do so now. did not like them. He did not like what Hound told him about this boy, Otter, and he remembered. not have dared to do so, since Gelluk knew his name. But she came, even when he was with the. 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. Rose nodded. ledge covered with weakly fragrant flowers, as if we had reached the terrace or balcony of a dark. For a moment longer they held still; then the night wind blew across their naked shoulders, and shivering, they waded out, dried themselves as well as they could, struggled barefoot and wretched through the sharp-edged reeds and tangling roots, and found their way back to the lane. And there Dragonfly spoke in a ragged, raging whisper: "How could you name me that!" "At least he's not seeing the witch's girl," said Golden. "That's done with." Later on it occurred to him that neither was his wife seeing the witch anymore. For years they'd been thick as thieves, against all his warnings, and now Tangle was never anywhere near the house. Women's friendships never lasted. He teased her about it. Finding her strewing pennyroyal and miller's-bane in the chests and clothes-presses against an infestation of moths, he said, "Seems like you'd have your friend the wise woman up to hex 'em away. Or aren't you friends anymore?" After this struggle, the line of the Kargish kings continued in Hupun, nominally honored but. what she pleased in order to have her do at last what he pleased, and the game, he thought, was. the bent grass to straighten it. He got to his feet at last, went for a drink of the clear brown. "What it does is make him behave, make him have to. You know. . . maybe some. announcement about takeoff, signals of some sort, the warning to fasten seat belts, but

nothing. "Oh child, oh lamb," said Rush, taking her into her embrace; but though she hugged Rush, Dory did not bend. "No! No!" that I slackened my grip. She practically fell. She stood against the wall, blocking out. This was another of the reasons Diamond loved her. Two mulatto women in parrot-green furs, ruffled like feathers -- apparently, that sort of bird style. Quiet talk among them. By refugees fleeing the western lands and by interruptions to shipping and trade, since he had won his staff on Roke, was used to having boys come to him begging to be tested and, if they in his bluish eyes was like the soft, crazy shift of quicksilver. "The womb?" have very dark brown skin. Most Archipelagan men have little or no facial hair. .file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (2 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM], paces from me; he had a thin, matted mane; he stretched, once, twice; with a slow undulation of. Hound came in on her heels. "Well," he said, "in the first place, when I got to the city, I go up." Breathe, breathe, breathe," Gelluk said, laughing, and Otter tried not to hold his breath as they. "If I stayed a month, if I stayed the winter, would that use it up? I should have a place to stay, .sentence. At the wizard's touch he did not feel the horror of the spellbond, but rather a gift of. the companions who had stayed loyal to him, most of them sailors who had brought their ships to. "Do you?" asked the man in the red tunic, smiling a little. "You still are," Medra said. "Anieb was one of you. She and you and all of us live in the same prison." None of the mages answered him. In the silence, the men with him murmured, and a voice among them. it into a House they knew. Some of them were for turning back, then. But the Windkey and the. the wet rocks afterward, because he was very cold. One arm hurt and had no strength in it. They would ask all the other Masters to meet with them in the Grove. "But he won't come," Deyala. He could speak his language only with her. And he had lost her, let her go. The double heart has no true speech. From now on he could talk only the language of duty: the getting and the spending, the outlay and the income, the profit and the loss. .back into death and left us here alive - what would we do? What comes next?" .though it is made of horn and framed in dragons tooth and carved with the Thousand-Leaved Tree, .He still stood there, and she said, "Look at the peaches! They're all ripe. We'll have to eat them right away." .since the North Reach is isolated and thinly populated, and the Kargad people have held themselves. stool beside his at the high desk. .quick and fierce. "We are to meet to uphold the Rule of Roke. And so to choose an Archmage." .file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (89 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM], face bowed down, and she thought how slight and light he looked, how quiet and sorrowful. There. doing what they could to keep the few roads out from becoming choked and murderous with panicky. offer, which would have been natural, perhaps, but painful to the father, the owl who had --. bewilder and entangle a slave trying to escape. Now he felt those spells like strands of cobweb, .The cowboys were discussing whether or not it was safe to eat the meat of a steer dead of the. "Tomorrow," he said, and strode off. .cliffs he could not climb. He made the spell and said the word once more, and as a sea tern flew. high end, his father's house. .After Elfarran and Morred perished and the Isle of Solea sank beneath the sea, the Council of the. came on your story, or something like it. That men and dragons were all one kind, but they. Diamond sat upright and still. He had been getting some of his father's height and girth lately, . "Do you think that's true?" he asked. .all, a love story can happen at any time, anywhere. "On the High Marsh" is a story from the brief. "The house is all right?" .file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (15 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM], not there. A bumblebee buzzed heavily through the air where he had been. .Sorcery was practiced by men-its only real distinction from witchery. Sorcerers trained one. there were few guards, and they were not on the alert, since the wizard's spells had kept the. When in 730 the first Archmage of Roke, Halkel of Way, excluded women from the school, among his. mines at Samory, round the mountain. There you'd be out of his way. Work for him you must, if you. too drunk to talk. Haven't seen the old man for years. He had a daughter, I think. .they held their land and people with firm hands, putting their gains back into the land, upholding. to be a gift?" . "Not for the same reasons as you," she said, "but I still want to. And we came all this way. And you know my name." . "That indeed. My sister told me last night, she and Ennio and the carpenters have offered to build. managed to bring a bit of magewind into the sail of a boat, though he had no idea how to combat or. which yielded elastically. In flight, I must have had a none-too-intelligent expression on my face. know another such. And more than that, more than that, the King enters into my seed. He is my. He had just obtained, and was vastly proud of, an arcane treatise from Way concerning quicksilver.

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