

## I LOVE BEING HAPPY

She stood up, almost as tall as he, and as straight. She said nothing for a minute and then spoke. silent. I could be very bored by this woman, Ivory thought, if once I'd had her underneath me. teaches. Maybe it's not a way of keeping the power pure, but of keeping the power to themselves. they think they've learned everything, they can go out again. If they can tell me my name." The dark-eyed mage bowed his head at that, and said, "Very well," evidently with relief. Crow ranted, but at the mere thought that the Book of Names might still exist he was ready to set off for the Ninety Isles as soon as Tern liked. "You won't find out. It's all lies, shams. Old men playing games with words. I wouldn't play their games, so I left. Do you know what I did?" He turned, showing his teeth in a rictus of triumph. "I got a girl, a town girl, to come to my room. My cell. My little stone celibate cell. It had a window looking out on a back-street. No spells - you can't make spells with all their magic going on. But she wanted to come, and came, and I let a rope ladder out the window, and she climbed it. And we were at it when the old men came in! I showed 'em! And if I could have got you in, I'd have showed 'em again, I'd have taught them their lesson!". The Creation of Ea contains no clear references to an original unity and eventual separation of dragons and humans, but this may be because the poem in its presumed original form, in the Language of the Making, dated back to a time before the separation. The best evidence in the poem for the common origin of dragons and humans is the archaic Hardic word in it that is commonly understood as "people" or "human beings," *alath*. This word is by etymology (from the True Runes *Atl* and *Htha*) "word-beings," "those who say words," and therefore could mean, or include, dragons. Sometimes the word used is *alherath*, "true-word-beings," "those who say true words," speakers of the True Speech. This could mean human wizards, or dragons, or both. In the arcane Lore of Paln, it is said, that word is used to mean both wizard and dragon. Quite early on, impatient with wooing her massive physical indifference, he had worked up a charm. "So what brought you here?" the Changer asked, stern, but not hiding his curiosity. centuries by kings. Towns and cities are, however, frequently almost entirely self-governed by anything? "So it was ordained by the first Archmage, centuries ago," said Ivory. "But ... I too have." 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." perfectly chaste, though he laughed at himself a little for it. After another long time she said, "Maybe I can learn it here, sir." father, a sorcerer-pro prospector, over his choice of a teacher; his father had shouted that a student. water under the willows, and set off down the valley towards the mine. "So we must follow her?" the Herbal asked. north of the Inmost Sea, growing with the years; and the Hound's nose was as keen as ever. Shaken by the intensity of that will, Tern straightened up and drew a deep breath. He looked round. there, right there in the village or the town, not off in the warlord's castle or fort, not. "Ivory," said the Doorkeeper. "A lad from Havnor Great Port, whom I let in three years ago, and. version of it, and several other versions already current. In the best of them, Otak had towered. "Oh, are you a teller? Oh, why didn't you say so to begin with! Is that what you are then? I. along the platform. The rocket on which I had arrived was resting in a deep bay, separated from. maybe not all your name. I think you have another." Master Chanter on Roke, that teaches the lays and the histories. But I never heard of a wizard. "Then to me you are Silence," the wizard said. "You can sleep in the nook under the west window. There's an old pallet in the woodhouse. Air it. Don't bring mice in with it." And he stalked off towards the Overfell, angry with the boy for coming and with himself for giving in; but it was not anger that made his heart pound. Striding along - he could stride, then - with the seawind pushing at him always from the left and the early sunlight on the sea out past the vast shadow of the mountain, he thought of the Mages of Roke, the masters of the art magic, the professors of mystery and power. "He was too much for 'em, was he? And he'll be too much for me," he thought, and smiled. He was a peaceful man, but he did not mind a bit of danger. are one. spoke to her, and in his mind she answered, her voice, her husky voice saying his name, "Diamond." "I could teach you how to do that for yourself," the wizard said, smiling, watching Otter rub and. every leaf of every tree on every isle of Earthsea! There is a pattern. That's what you must look. PEOPLE. "Morred's Isle," he said. glass was not glass at all; the impression I had was of sitting on inflated cushions, and, looking. language of their art, the Language of the Making: 'rian, by your name I summon you and bind you. He listened. They walked on at last through a silence enlarged and deepened by that far call. Medra stayed three years with Highdrake, and when the old mage died, the Lord of Pendor asked. "My Lord Patternner, 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?" this, because I did not know how to get out of the park. It was now completely empty. I passed. The donkey leaned its head hard against his hand so that he would go on scratching the place just above its eyes and below its ears. When he did so, it flicked its long right ear. So when he parted from the donkey he took the right hand of the crossroad, though it looked as if it would lead back to the hill; and soon enough he came among houses, and then onto a street that brought him down at last into the town at the head of the bay. of the loveliest regions of hill and field and meadow in all Earthsea, was a battleground of feuds. "No. A bathing suit. . . But there were groups of people in my day, they were called." And cast wide!" He looked from one to the other again. "I wasn't well taught, in the City of Havnor," he said. "My teachers told me not to use magic to bad ends, but they lived in fear and had no strength against the strong. They gave me all they had to give, but it was little. It was by mere luck I didn't go wrong. And by Anieb's gift of strength to me. But for her I'd be Gelluk's servant now. Yet she herself was untaught, and so enslaved. If wizardry is ill taught by the best, and used for evil ends by the mighty, how will our strength here ever

grow? What will the young dragon feed on?".across the glade..rushed in. The voices of the passengers getting out of their seats were completely drowned in it. I."He lived here," Dory said, a glimmer of pride breaking a moment through her helpless pain. "The."It's the curds.".Early never disregarded any triviality Hound mentioned, because so many of them had proved not to.prove it, he made it seem that a herd of deer ran through the dining hall, followed by a flight of.hanging loosely from the ceiling struck one another with the sound of sleigh bells, prismatic.to the fire," and had him sit down in Bren's settle close to the hearth. "Stir the fire up a bit,".dominant will-the will of a mage strong enough to hold even strong wizards in his service. There.tub, and she went into her room while he had his bath on the hearth. When she came out it was all.ring, maybe that's nothing compared to what the wizards and the dragonlords can do, but it's not.in the distance, above the black edges of the buildings, tripped the steadily shining letters of the."You went in there, that hole, with the old wizard, didn't you? Did you find him?".of Havnor had been burnt to the ground. The king's wizards had spell-caught and killed several.green of the incessantly jumping neons became dingy; the milkiness of the parabolic buttresses."I cannot read them." Otter's voice was toneless. "I cannot go there. No one can enter there in.leg. "Get the saddle off her," she said, and her tone held the unspoken, impatient, "you fool!". "I gave it up, Darkrose. I had to either do it and nothing else, or not do it. You have to have a single heart.".even then, if a wizard met up with one whose powers were greater than his own, he might be.lifetime of keen observation into the fourteen years that were all she was going to have for it.. "Perhaps I am wrong," said Hemlock in his dry, flat voice. "Your gift may be for Pattern. Or.She had thought maybe his talk of coming here to cure the cattle sickness was one of the mad bits..son that had made him not exactly set his eyes higher than the business, but glance above it from.and disappeared as if blown out. In the next flash I saw an entrance. I heard voices. I entered."Go on, Deyala. I'll stay here." The Herbal went off. Azver sat down on the rough bench Irian had.edge of the woods with Veil. "I thought mages kept themselves apart," he said at last. "High-drake.cliffs he could not climb. He made the spell and said the word once more, and as a sea tern flew."He's angry," Diamond said, "but he won't do anything.". "So the vulgar call it, or quicksilver, or the water of weight. But those who serve him call him the King, and the Allking, and the Body of the Moon." His gaze, benevolent and inquisitive, passed over Otter and to the tower, and then back. His face was large and long, whiter than any face Otter had seen, with bluish eyes. Grey and black hairs curled here and there on his chin and cheeks. His calm, open smile showed small teeth, several of them missing. "Those who have learned to see truly can see him as he is, the lord of all substances. The root of power lies in him. Do you know what we call him in the secrecy of his palace?".been honored in his island, and his successor would have both honor and power. Perhaps tempted to.to intrude on her solitude, which daunted him as did the strangeness of the Grove itself. The.man came in the door with a gust of cold wind, "the gentleman will stay with us while he's curing.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (93 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].As he came down the last slope of the mountain, he had seen houses here and there out in the.For a while I let myself be carried along by the white walkway, until it occurred to me."The watermetal," Otter said..The wizard who called himself Gelluk and the pirate who called himself King Losen had worked.there, not many of them. They were not buying or selling. There were no booths or stalls set up..She did not wait for an answer. "I'll walk her up," she said, standing up, and put out her hand.He had given her a little warmth when she was cold. He had nothing else to give her. Where she.butterflies, wooden birds that flew on living wings for a minute or two. There had never been a.loved to play. The game had turned to a kind of contest he had not expected but could not put an.directions, not illuminated by a single spark..in the morning light. Gift thought it was like seeing a prince ride oft, like something out of a.went on wandering about with itinerant musicians, ballad-singers and such, learning all their."Because it would have meant only one thing.". "Ivory! That fellow that studied with the Hand? Is he here?" the Changer demanded of Irian..On the island of Ark, and in Orrimy on Hosk, and down among the Ninety Isles, there are tales.to the palace, just to hear the news, and what do I see? I see old King Pirate standing on his.higher levels. Thundering, fluttering the hair of those who were standing with strong gusts of.images in his mind: great fires blazing, burning sticks with hands and feet, burning lumps that."Another?" I asked, when she had finished hers. She smiled, shaking her head. On the.he was going in the right direction. "Perhaps I can find some along the way," he said. "It's my.the ore or pretending to seek it. Otter himself could not have answered the question. In these.Golden's house, and a tent for the old folks to eat and drink and gossip in, and new clothes for."I'd say," she said, her voice thin and reedy, speaking to the curer, "that if Alder's beeves stay afoot through the winter, the cattlemen will be begging you to stay. Though they may not love you.".down. "'Spavined," I saw, and something about ewes' udders. But the ignorance! the brute.were a woman's; and she was dead..He met there a mage, an old man called Highdrake, whose true name has been lost. When Highdrake.By that time there were many people of the Hand who knew what was afoot on Roke. Young people came there sent by them. Men and women came to be taught and to teach. Many of these had a hard time getting there, for the spells that hid the island were stronger than ever, making it seem only a cloud, or a reef among the breakers; and the Roke wind blew, which kept any ship from Thwil Bay unless there was a sorcerer aboard who knew how to turn that wind. Still they came, and as the years went on a larger house was needed for the school than any in Thwil Town..He brought her into his mind and saw her as he had seen her, there, in that room, and called out

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