

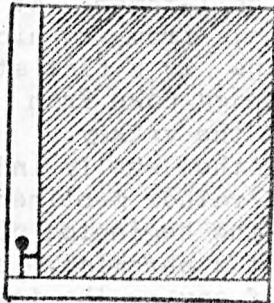
sets down his magical bells from the mountains, and plays his family's own traditional tune:-

Hear the whisper, whisper, whisper,
That lost and far-off whisper,
And remember, member, member,
The whisper of Glocken's bell.

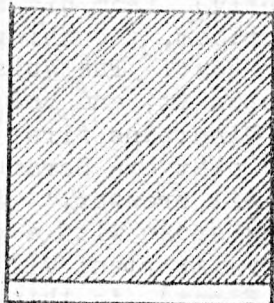
The villagers then realise that the heroes have come home again. As for the Diggers, Glocken agrees to bring the bells once a year beyond the mountains and play for them.

'The Whisper of Glocken' is published by Bodley Head at 90p.

Rosie Turner



Hobbit attacking
an oliphaunt.



Oliphaunt
retaliating.

A WIZARD OF EARTHSEA by Ursula Le Guin

This is a book for children set in a heroic fantasy world. You may recall another such, called 'The Hobbit'. This is the best since. As you see, I'm comitted, so now I have to convince you.

Earthsea is a world of islands, thousands of them, surrounded by apparently boundless ocean. It has wizards, dragons, Empires, pirates, in fact everything that a proper fantasy should have. And super maps too - never could resist maps.

Puffin 25p in UK, Ace Special in USA. A second novel set in the same world, 'The Tombs of Atuan', is now out in hardback in the USA. Mrs Le Guin has also written several SF novels, one of which 'Left Hand of Darkness' has won several awards.

I'll start you off with the first two paragraphs, how's that:

'The island of Gont, a single mountain that lifts its peak a mile above the storm-racked NNrtheast Sea, is a land famous for wizards. From the towns in its high valleys and the ports on its dark narrow bays many a Gontishman has gone forth to serve the Lords of the Archipelago in their cities as wizard or mage, or, looking for adventure, to wander working magic from isle to isle of all Earthsea.

Of these some say the greatest, and surely the greatest voyager, was the man called Sparrowhawk, who in his day became both dragonlord and Archmage. His life is told of in the Deed of Ged and in many songs, but this is a tale of the time before his fame, before the songs were made.'

- Hartley Patterson.

