

ISLAND REALM

were reclining, all facing the same way. I went down to the water's edge and saw, on the other. "Just a minute while I finish this," and then turning saw a stranger and nearly dropped the pan. "Can I know the secret?" he asked after a while. "So we must follow her?" the Herbal asked. He stopped before an oak door. Instead of knocking he sketched a little sign or rune on it with. Tern left late that year on his journey. He had with him a boy of fifteen, Mote, a promising. Golden did not praise the boy, not wanting to making him self-conscious or vain about what might be a passing, childish gift, like his sweet treble voice. There was too much fuss already made over that. master any longer, he could not in conscience command him. "You have a true gift, Essiri," he. mountain, he thought of the Mages of Roke, the masters of the art magic, the professors of mystery. Dragonfly waited. "It's the power, like I said. It comes just so." Rose stopped her spinning and. But she knew better. Licky walked him out early every morning, and often they wandered about till late afternoon. Licky was silent and patient. makings of a wizard Hemlock would train him, and if he had, as Hemlock suspected, a mere childish. He saw the lines of the spells that held him, heavy cords of darkness, a tangled maze of lines all about him. There was a way out of the knot, if he turned around so, and then so, and parted the lines with his hands, so; and he was free. her mind, not him, not anything. But she was there bodily with him, and he felt her presence as. He glanced at her. His dark eyes were large, deep, opaque like a horse's eyes, unreadable. "Oh, they'll come for the glory," said the harper, a lean, long-jawed, wall-eyed fellow of forty. "Maybe you'll have a go with us yourself, then? You had a hand for it, before you took to making money. And the voice not bad, if you'd worked on it." .file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (71 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. withstand the Enemy and force him off the island. "The sweet waters of the earth drove back the. The donkey leaned its head hard against his hand so that he would go on scratching the place just. than be murdered in this hole. of the tribes, city-states, and small kingdoms that made up Kargish society for millennia. "Go in?" the boy Dulse had whispered. Their popularity ran ahead of them. It was known that they would trade for books, if the books. learned or had discovered for himself. The book convinced him that all of them were only shadows. "No," he said, taking no offense, perhaps not understanding, "Of course it wasn't. I beg your pardon," she said. He got up in the icy morning while they still slept rolled in their blankets. He knew where the. larger than she was, enormously larger. She could reach out one finger and destroy him. He stood. his mother, brought by a carter. Diamond read it and took it to Master Hemlock, saying, "My mother. "Are you hurt too?". benches, barrels of oil breaking loose and thundering over one another-pulled her over and held. moment, and then turned aside and ran lightly down a long, steep slope into darkness. His Herbal came back from the woods and sat down beside him on the bench a while. In the middle of. He went on showing his wares and joking with the women and children. Nobody bought anything. They gazed at the trinkets as if they were treasures. He let them gaze and finger all they would; indeed he let one of the children filch a little mirror of polished brass, seeing it vanish under the ragged shirt and saying nothing. At last he said he must go on, and the children drifted away as he folded up his pack. "There was no place for him among the Masters, since a new Master Summoner had been chosen, a. "Did you talk at all to Master Hemlock?". old Lowbough of Easthill hadn't got it, and now he and Diamond could develop it as it ought to be. "Ah." Presently he said, "The Master Summoner is not old." And she got a sidelong look from those. "Your fear. Did you think I would attack you, or what? But that's ridiculous!". wise alone. So these people try to hold to each other. And so that's why we're called the Hand, or. and said gently, confidentially, "I'm sure you can find the great lode.". now. From the very first moment I was invariably behind in everything that went on, and the. mica. With a sharp rending crack the glittering stone split apart. Under it was darkness. other eye looked a little off to the side. Sometimes Dragonfly thought the cast was in Rose's left. light?" But he could not. He crawled in the dark till the sound of water was loud and the rocks. "My mother was born in Endlane, round by Faliern Forest," Otter said. "Do you know that town?". "Which level?". softly in the tops of tall trees, on beyond the gardens. the boys I had studying at the Tower left.". She had no wish to explore for herself. The peacefulness of the place called for stillness, watching, listening; and she knew how tricky the paths were, and that the Grove was, as the Patterner put it, "bigger inside than outside'. She sat down in a patch of sun-dappled shade and watched the shadows of the leaves play across the ground. The oakmast was deep; though she had never seen wild swine in the wood, she saw their tracks here. For a moment she caught the scent of a fox. Her thoughts moved as quietly and easily as the breeze moved in the warm light. he managed to speak. immediately fell asleep in the artificial light of the windowless room, for what I had at first taken. Some people of great innate and trained power are able to find out the true name of another, or even to have it come to them unsought. Since such knowledge can be betrayed or misused, it is immensely dangerous. Ordinary people-and dragons-keep their true name secret; wizards hide and defend theirs with spells. Morred could not even begin to fight his Enemy until he saw his Enemy's name written in the dust by the falling rain. Ged could force the dragon Yevaud to obey him, having by both wizardry and scholarship discovered Yevaud's true name under centuries of false ones. touched the metallic blue of her dress. With him were a violist, a tabor-player, and Rose, who played fife. Their first tune was a stumpy, fast and brilliant, too fast for some of the dancers. Diamond and his partner stayed in, and people cheered and clapped them when they finished the dance, sweating and panting. "Beer!" Diamond cried, and was carried off in a swirl of young men and women, all laughing and chattering. There were other people on the hill, he saw now, many others, men and women, children, living and spirits of the dead; many, many of them. He was terrified of them and cowered, trying to make a spell that would hide him from them all. Great Port. but Irioth spoke. grew out of the wall at every step; the touch of a finger, and something would fall into their. and his feet ached with the icy damp of

the marsh paths..alliteration, stylised phrasing, and structuring by repetition are the principal poetic devices..In the confusion of Otter's mind, he was only dimly aware that they were going now towards the.In all his flood of talk the only word Gelluk had spoken in the Old Tongue, the language of which wizards' spells were made, was the word tures. He had said it meant semen. Otter's own gift of magery had recognized that meaning as the true one. Gelluk had said the word also meant quicksilver, and Otter knew he was wrong..sternness, quick and tender as the first flame of a catching fire..At first he was overwhelmed with fierce fantasies of power and revenge: he would free the slaves,..furiously. She was kneeling at the horse's leg, looking up at Ivory who was looking down at her.Trusting the messenger, Morred entered the trap. He barely escaped with his life. The Enemy pursued him from the east to the west of Enlad in a trail of ruin. On the Plains of Enlad, meeting the companions who had stayed loyal to him, most of them sailors who had brought their ships to Enlad to aid him, Morred turned and gave battle. The Enemy would not confront him directly, but sent Morred's own spell-bound warriors to fight him, and worse, sent sorceries that shriveled up the bodies of his men till they "living, seemed the black thirst-dead of the desert." To spare his people, Morred withdrew..more powerful mage than any Early had met, and that he would return to Roke as fast as he could,.the roar of the rain on the sea, lessening as the freak wind passed on eastward. Through it one.such things. But his father raged at him for his "shortcuts," even struck him once on the mouth.he said, "You work very hard.".her over, the deck vertical to the sea, till a huge storm wave struck and swamped her and

she.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (77 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].At first he had thought Diamond had a knack such as many children had and then lost, a stray spark."Healers," their guide said. "Is she ill again, Dory?". "A mage called Highdrake told me that when Ath stayed in Pendor, he told a wizard there that he'd.wizard's house, though he knew the beauty and the power that lay in them, he could let go, let.was a high hill above it. As they came nearer, he took dragon form and soared up high above his."It's a little like the real, except you can touch everything. You can walk on mountains.I started toward her. She raised her hands..The dragons offered no threat during this period, and the Kargs had withdrawn into their own internal quarrels, but the disintegration of the society of the Archipelago worsened as the years went on. Moral and intellectual continuity lay only in the knowledge and teaching of The Creation and the other myths and hero-stories, and in the preservation of crafts and skills: among them the art magic used for right ends..surface on which we stood close together began to move upward and I saw below, in the distance,.Weary, evil dreams of suffocation came to him, but took no hold on him. He breathed deep. He slept at last. He dreamed of long mountainsides veiled by rain, and the light shining through the rain. He dreamed of clouds passing over the shores of islands, and a high, round, green hill that stood in mist and sunlight at the end of the sea..give birth to her master. That is why, to give him birth, she must be burned alive.".into the Great Treasury of the Tombs of Atuan. (There Ged found it, and rejoining the two halves.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (22 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].The gift for magic is empowered mainly by the use of the True Speech, the Language of the Making, in which the name of a thing is the thing..in magic. Since the Kargs did not practice wizardry as the Hardic peoples understood it, Intathin."Yes. Of course.".fast. So, there. We can be easy.".He stepped down from the doorstep onto the dirt so that he could feel the ground with the nerves.toward me; they had to separate to let me through. I was buffeted. Without realizing it, I stepped.Havens, Maharion spoke a prophecy: "He shall inherit my throne who has crossed the dark land.followed her at a distance till they came to the inmost part of the Grove where all the trees were.With him were a violist, a tabor-player, and Rose, who played fife. Their first tune was a stumpy,. "It's never enough," Mead said. "And what can anyone do alone?".back home and a lot of things had changed. Sex. Money. Transit. Violence. There's no more.The conversation had trailed off somehow. It seemed to me that the girl was beginning to.the weather was settled so mild, they had put up the mast and big square sail. The ship drifted.how to do it. And she had no share in their wisdom, no part in their decisions. She drew away from."Thank you, mistress," he muttered, crouching at the fire. She brought him a bowl of broth. He drank from it eagerly yet warily, as if long unaccustomed to hot soup..Maybe she'll destroy herself through our hands, in the end. But not through yours. False king,

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