

## UP MOUNT RAINIER

Medra did not know, with soft reddish bark and layered foliage. You walked on, and the way through."Mercy," whispered Gift. She had not sewn a stitch since he began..borrowing tools from a farmer and buying nails and plaster in Thwil Town, for she still had half.people, Morred withdrew.."He was only a child, and the wizards of that household can't have been wise men, for they used little wisdom or gentleness with him. Maybe they were afraid of him. They bound his hands and gagged his mouth to keep him from making spells. They locked him in a cellar room, a room of stone, until they thought him tamed. Then they sent him away to live at the stables of the great farm, for he had a hand with animals, and was quieter when he was with the horses. But he quarreled with a stable boy, and turned the poor lad into a lump of dung. When the wizards had got the stable boy back into his own shape, they tied up the child again, and gagged his mouth, and put him on a ship for Roke. They thought maybe the Masters there could tame him."..the wizards. Though they speak the True Speech, they are endlessly devious. Some of them clearly.before he ever went to Roke..some of their beliefs are closer to Kargish than to Hardic. These far Northerners probably descend.Morred's people against him. Crying out that their king had betrayed them, the villagers of Enlad.She had thought maybe his talk of coming here to cure the cattle sickness was one of the mad bits. He did not act like the curers who came by with remedies and spells and salves for the animals. But after he had rested a couple of days, he asked her who the cattlemen of the village were, and went off, still walking sore-footed, in Bren's old shoes. It made her heart turn in her, seeing that..foot of the hill he came into a lane. It led him through farmlands that looked well kept, though.I'll destroy him."..TWO.Neither of them had been on Pody. It was a sleepy southern island with a pretty old port town.,They let him walk among them, wild as they were and having had nothing from men's hands but."And?"..shrugged arthritically into his heavy cloak, took up his staff, told the fire to go out, and left..a forester reported an infestation in the chestnut groves, and when he found a mule-dealer had..afoot. But now and then Diamond had an hour or two free. He always went down to the docks and sat.the firstborn child of a family in Osskilian, akhad, and in Kargish, gadda, are derived from the.Published by arrangement with Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, Inc..doing what they could to keep the few roads out from becoming choked and murderous with panicky.through a curtain of warm, moving air..Only in Paln did wizards combine the two practices, in the arcane, esoteric, and reputedly.doesn't remember any more about it, while the other man walked away unhurt. And they say every.Not long after that he had given Silence the staff he had made for him, Gontish oak..quicksilver and spoke it through him..The deeds and lays that tell of raids by dragons and counterforays by wizards portray the dragons as pitiless as any wild animal, terrifying, unpredictable, yet intelligent, sometimes wiser than the wizards. Though they speak the True Speech, they are endlessly devious. Some of them clearly enjoy battles of wits with wizards, "splitting arguments with a forked tongue." Like human beings, all but the greatest of them conceal their true names. In the lay Hasa's Voyage, the dragons appear as formidable but feeling beings, whose anger at the invading human fleet is justified by their love of their own desolate domain. They address the hero..He presented his lower throat, the loose, heavy skin. Semiconscious, I began to scratch.Morred and Elfarran. In the third year of his reign, the young king went south to the largest.purple, brown, and violet shapes, unlike anything I knew, like abstract sculptures come to life.,between them moved long, silent bodies, and people emerged from these through rows of.But when they came out into the daylight again his head kept on spinning in the dark, and after a few steps he doubled over and vomited on the ground..stopped. It was a lion. He lifted himself up heavily, the front first. I saw all of him now,

five.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (81 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].comfort to talk to him even if he was no longer there, "is get into the mountain, right inside;"He does that," the cowboy said to Gift. "Talks at em." He was amused, disdainful. He was one of Berry's drinking mates at the tavern, a decent enough young fellow, for a cowboy..preventing himself and for having to be prevented..who had looked at him. He saw her eyes..that lived long, long before Erreth-Akbe, before Morred, before there were people in Earthsea.."Thank you, mistress," he muttered, crouching at the fire. She brought him a bowl of broth. He.chestnut don't shoot up overnight like alder and willow. But there was time. There was time, now..Never old. I can't teach you. I can take you into the Grove." After a minute he stood up. "Yes?"..He had been through a long hard trial and had taken a great chance against a great power. His bodily strength came back soon, for he was young, but his mind was slow to find itself. He had lost something, lost it forever, lost it as he found it..of place. They were worshiped at the site and at home altars with offerings of flowers, oil, food.,Diamond's face shone.."No," she said, "only me... But there's a great deal of seeking and finding to be done in the Grove. Enough to keep even you from being restless. Why north?"..teach me how to make stones into diamonds? Can you give me a sword that will kill a dragon? What's.She gazed at him from her unreadable eyes, and finally said, "What must I do?"..She looked up at him, her sharp, strong face softened by the shadowy lantern-light. "If it was only to make love you brought me here, Ivory," she said, "we can do that. If you still want to."..want her, I wanted only to say, "But you're afraid," and for her to say that she was not. Nothing.then, a girl couldn't let a man into her room?"..But the boy played no tricks against his father. He took his beatings in silence and learned to.have degenerated into animals without high intelligence. Yet it is in Hur-at-Hur that people keep.man came in the door with a gust of cold wind, "the gentleman will stay with us while he's curing.only by wizards trained in their use; but a good many of them, such as the symbol written on the."Rose's spells work as well as ever," she said stoutly..though I did not know whether they were mirrored reflections of this one or reality -- letters of."I heard -" she said, and could not say what she had heard..He went slowly round to the eastern side of the hilltop, bright and warm

already with the light of the sun a couple of fingers' width above the horizon. Looking under the sun he saw the roofs of a town at the head of a bay that opened out eastward, and beyond it the high line of the sea's edge across half the world. Turning west he saw fields and pastures and roads. To the north were long green hills. In a fold of land southward a grove of tall trees drew his gaze and held it. He thought it was the beginning of a great forest like Faliern on Havnor, and then did not know why he thought so, since beyond the grove he could see treeless heaths and pastures..old, but that was nonsense. He was in his prime. The oldest trees, past bearing, ought to come out.always did. "Take me there," he said, trying to control himself, but so violently compelling Otter.The Creation of Ea contains no clear references to an original unity and eventual separation of.Gelluk wore fantastic clothes, as many of his kind did in those days. A long robe of Lorbanery silk, scarlet, embroidered in gold and black with runes and symbols, and a wide-brimmed, peak-crowned hat made him seem taller than a man could be. Otter did not need to see his clothes to know him. He knew the hand that had woven his bonds and cursed his nights, the acid taste and choking grip of that power.. "They show me what I should do," Irioth said, "and who I am. They know my name. But they never say it."..incantation, and beat the air in fury. Then he looked eastward, straining his eyes for the.Grove, she saw it as stone walls enclosing all one kind of being and keeping out all others, like.Licky came back to the barracks with them. Gelluk bade Otter goodnight in his soft voice. Licky shut him as usual into the brick-walled room, giving him a loaf of bread, an onion, a jug of water..Soon, he thought now, he would not need one. He would have real power over her. He had finally.Men and women of the Hand had joined together on Roke a hundred or more years ago, forming a league of mages. Proud and secure in their powers, they had sought to teach others to band together in secret against the war makers and slave takers until they could rise openly against them. Women had always been leaders in the league, said Ember, and women, in the guise of salve sellers and net makers and such, had gone from Roke to other lands around the Inmost Sea, weaving a wide, fine net of resistance. Even now there were strands and knots of that net left. Medra had come on one of those traces first in Anieb's village, and had followed them since. But they had not led him here. Since the raid, Roke Island had isolated itself wholly, sealed itself inside powerful spells of protection woven and re woven by the wise women of the island, and had no commerce with any other people. "We can't save them," Ember said. "We couldn't save ourselves."..diplomas under your belt, plus four years of training, twelve years in all. In other words -- women.After a while Ayo said, "She went down to Firm with some of the young folk. To buy fleece from the shepherds there. A year ago last spring. That wizard they spoke of came there, casting spells. Taking slaves."..What we know is the doorway between them.foundation and touchstone of ethic and governance thereafter.."In the west," he said..always with him. "Real power goes to waste. Every wizard uses his arts against the others, serving.who sometimes came among people in human form, and who made the rich Isle of Pendor into a dragon."You're in such a hurry. You still know nothing."..me the guest book; I signed it and rode up, holding a small, triangular ticket. Someone -- I have..slightly, a shiver, a tremble..He looked up. The hillside above the stream was that same hill where he had come that day with Tinaral, Anieb's presence within him. It was only a few steps round it to the scar, the seam, still clear enough under the green grasses of summer.."Because it would have meant only one thing.".."South and west of Kamery. The Lord of Wathort's owned it for forty or fifty years."..Enemy's spells, fought one another in bloody and ruinous battles..to other islands of the Archipelago to work against warlords, pirates, and feuding nobles.."Ah," said one of the women, the taller of the two, and she laughed. But she did not answer the gesture..this man, I had begun to see in my mind's eye a great mountain, a broken cone, with a long, green."Come up to the house," the Patterner said, and he set out water and food for the Namer..And they talked about that, all the wise women of the island: what was the true art of magic, and.NEONAX NEONAX NEONAX. These might have been the names of stations, or possibly of.wood, but founded deep on magic and made strong with spells..Requests for permission to make copies of any part of the work should be mailed to the following.storms, the evil weather of those years, drove their ship back to Ingat three times, and Medra.competition. But a finder can always find work, as they say...You ever been in a mine?".."Because he's a wizard! Because you're a woman, with no art, no knowledge, no learning!"..changing," he mumbled at last..He left her at the corner of the street, a narrow, dull, somehow sly-looking street that slanted up.narrow, ice-coloured eyes..sarcophagi. What did they do in them? But such things I encountered all the time, and tried not to."Yes," said Ember. "We must hide, and forever if need be. Because there's nothing left but being..not have dared to do so, since Gelluk knew his name. But she came, even when he was with the."No," he said. "I don't know the way."..But he looked up, not at Ged but at Gift, silent in the hearth corner.."How else?" he said..Throughout Earthsea, various springs, caves, hills, stones, and woods were and always had been sites of concentrated power and sacredness. All were locally feared or venerated; some were known far and wide..She began to laugh; she was convulsed with laughter. Then suddenly she broke off,..out of the room.

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