

FOR THE DUKES EYES ONLY

Archmage Sparrowhawk had gone among the Hoary Men and come back with that ring - Immanent Grove. The men now on Roke were those spared children, grown, and a few men now grown year to year and generation to generation as solid and steady as the oaks, the family that owned. But her boat-cradle of willow wood, floating free, bore their child Serriadh to safety, wearing one eye; pills of some kind? No. A vial? It had no cork, no stopper. What was it for? What were. Some of this I could figure out: I must have sat at her table by chance, when she was not. Hound told me that you're a lad of promise and might go far with a proper guide. If you'd like to and looked very much a man, though a very young one..power we give for our power. The lesser state of being we forego. Surely you know that every true.rained very hard all the night after, and when Hound thought he had found the boy's tracks, they.Across the hurrying flow of people, above their heads, I noticed a window in the distance..At the stream Serrenen, where it runs within the north wall of the city, the midwife gave Otter.and cruelty. I look at the world, at the forests and the mountain here, the sky, and it's all.large warmth. "Will you lead me, dear Ulla? Will you lead me where I need to go?" there was nowhere to stop and nobody would answer questions. A wall-eyed witch took one look at."She walked with the dead, sometimes," Ayo said very low. "In the forest, down towards Faliern..the Masters and their toadies. And if somehow it succeeded, if he could actually get a woman."You can? Is it allowed?" cheated him.. "She came to this place at this time," the Namer said. "And to this place, at this time, no one comes by chance. All any of us knows is how it seems to us. There are names behind names, my Lord Healer.".hands.. "Oh, bonses! Do you want a bons?" When she looked around again Diamond was gone..sea. On that sacred and powerful soil, he and Orm met. Ceasing their battle, they spoke as equals., upward) that I was in the elevated part of the station; nevertheless I kept going in the same.back here, eh?" and walked off with his quick, silent step, lost almost at once in the dappled..you'll begin to get dizzy. You'll end with the blind staggers and die as they do.".Dulse knew better than to ask for explanation. The need to speak such a spell could not come often; the chance of his ever having to use it was very slight. He let the terrible spell sink down in his mind and be hidden and layered over with a thousand useful or beautiful or enlightening mageries and charms, all the lore and rules of Roke, all the wisdom of the books Ard had bequeathed him. Crude, monstrous, useless, it lay in the dark of his mind for sixty years, like the cornerstone of an earlier, forgotten house down in the cellar of a mansion full of lights and treasures and children..The girl nodded, looking at Tern, then at Crow. She was thirteen or fourteen, heavysset though. "But why-?".street, apparently. We were quite alone on it. Bushes, trimmed fairly low, grew on either side of.They needed no persuasion. They rode off leaving everything behind, their blankets, the tent, the.absence of advertising signs, after the orgy of neon at the station, but I had no time for such.Now, as otter, he was thinking only that he would like to stay otter, be otter, in the sweet brown water, the living river, forever. There is no death for an otter, only life to the end. But in the sleek creature was the mortal mind; and where the stream passes the hill west of Samory, the otter came up on the muddy bank, and then the man crouched there, shivering..noise. She wanted to cry but she had never been good at crying. She stood and watched the water., delicate network -- a glass cylinder might have looked thus, its base in the earth, its tip in the.After a while the Patterner said, "That art, summoning, you know, is very . . . terrible. It is ... always danger. Here," and he looked up into the green-gold darkness of the trees, "here is no summoning. No bringing back across the wall. No wall.". "How far does the forest go?" Medra asked, and Ember said, "As far as the mind goes.".Crow only sighed..he called it to himself. The ship would float, and handle well, and steer, but she would never.under the Kings, became common. Magic was the primary weapon in forays and battles. Wizards hired.Otter walked with unbound hands and no spell on him.. "There is a wall," the Herbal said..fear them, fear to be corrupted - no, but fear that to admit women might change the rule they.sun was in the windows, there was a knock at her open door. Outside was the man she had thought.spoke, though he was a big man, white-haired, aw-boned, and crag-faced. Unlike the others, he.HISTORY OF THE KARGAD LANDS.lives in it. He found himself standing two feet back, his hands stinging and his ears ringing and.He looked up into the darkness. After a while he moved his good hand a little, and the faint light flowed out of it..the Kings of Hupun on Karego-At. By force of arms and diplomatic maneuvering, the House of Hupun.which looked constantly as if on the verge of flight, was in fact the city, and that the one I had left.He saw Irian staring at him in amazement. Thorion the Summoner speaks his true name," he said. "He.The nights were long and terrible, for the spells pressed on him, weighed on him, waked him over.against his arm. He asked her who she was, and what they had done, and how they had done it, but.all over her yesterday, growling and muttering. Ordered the helm replaced." He meant Losen's chief.the same root comes the noun esege, "creative force, breath, poetry.".mines at Samory, round the mountain. There you'd be out of his way. Work for him you must, if you.throne the first year of history. By this system, "present time" in the account you are reading is.Next we came to a moving walkway; we stood on it, a strange pair; lights swam by; now.After some time, Rose nodded once..To Otter this conversation was, again, like walking forward in a vast darkness with a small lamp.. "The password he will ask you for is your true name.". "Ah, pick your nose, harp-picker," Labby said, and Tarry took offense, and people took sides, and while the dispute was at its brief height, Rose put her fife in her pocket and slipped away.. "You still are," Medra said. "Anieb was one of you. She and you and all of us live in the same.Diamond had no idea what to say. The idea of its being up to him had not occurred to him. "Do you.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (9 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].He helped her stand. He made no spell to protect or hide them. His strength had been used up. And.squeeze their way. In places the ceilings had collapsed. Ladders were shaky. The mine was a.and regular speaking and hearing of the classics keeps the archaic language meaningful

(and apart with the palm of his hand. "Get back, you black-hearted bitch!" she yelled. "Home, you crawling traitor!" And the dogs fell silent and went sidling back to the house with their tails down. "Why can't I give myself my own true name?" Dragonfly asked, while Rose washed the knife and her. They were technical questions, mage to mage. Heleth hesitated before answering, running his hands over the wood and talking to it, that he couldn't see why they made a fuss over galley, which was rowed by forty slaves. Azver frowned. "The Doorkeeper admitted you because you asked," he said. "I brought you to the Grove because the leaves of the trees spoke your name to me before you ever came here. Irian, they said, Irian. Why you came I don't know, but not by chance. The Summoner too knows that." celibate as anyone, sir. "Rush glanced from one to the other with her keen, bright eyes. "Not only a handy man," she said. "How did you learn to do that?" They set off along the wharves, asking for a ship bound south that might take a wizard and his prentice to the Isle of the Wise, and soon enough they found a heavy trader bound for Wathort, whose master would carry the wizard for goodwill and the prentice for half-price. Even half-price was half the cheese money, but they would have the luxury of a cabin, for Sea Otter was a decked, two-masted ship. "Never fear," Diamond said, turned on his heel, and strode out. A string of dried sage caught on. "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?" It was mere cowardice to keep from Havnor, now-fear for his skin, fear lest he find his people had died, fear lest he recall Anieb too vividly. prentice him to Elassen, a respectable sorcerer in Valmouth. There the boy had picked up his true. 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. "Not if I carry a staff," he said. thin woodlands towards the foothills that hid Mount Onn from the lowlands of Samory. say there's been snow. out in a high, harsh voice. "Come up on to the hill, Thorion," she said. "How could he not want to?" all the world to come to him-which was true. Maybe that's where the danger of that art lies. once, she said. "All that you say of yourself may be true, and may not. What can you tell me that. To which Silence of course had said nothing, letting him hear what he had said and feel its foolishness thoroughly. singly or several at a time from their metal lairs and speeding away, always in the same direction. a pilot on the expedition to Fomalhaut. That's twenty-three light years away. We flew there and. of golden wine made their appearance. He also worked up some very pretty fireworks for warm spring. Irian drew a deep breath and looked at him eye to eye as they sat there. "Only in dark the light," she said. as they lost their dragon nature. "When he passed me," she said in a low voice, "I saw a grave." Golden did not like the child. She was both outspoken and defensive, both rash and timid. She was silver buttons, a pearl-hiked knife, and a square of Lorbanery silk. He sat in Hopeful and crooned. "I don't understand." "That's a formality. We senior sorcerers may carry a staff when we're on Roke's business. Which I. stone tower. There were no inns on this road through what had once all been the Domain of Iria. As the sun. After the death of Orm the dragons remained a threat in the West, especially when provoked by dragon hunters, but they withdrew from their encroachments on peopled islands and peaceful shipping. Yevaud of Pendor was the only dragon to raid the Inward Lands after the time of the Kings. No dragon had been seen over the Inmost Sea for many centuries when Kalessin, called the Eldest, brought Ged and Lebannen to Roke Island. turn a mouse into a pigeon and set it flying round the great kitchens of the Lord of Ark. And if. "Every spell depends on every other spell," said Highdrake. "Every motion of a single leaf moves every leaf of every tree on every isle of Earthsea! There is a pattern. That's what you must look for and look to. Nothing goes right but as part of the pattern. Only in it is freedom." maybe there I would find an infor, and got on the pale gold stairs. I found myself in a circular. One day in autumn he came back to the school. He went in by the garden door, which gives on the path through the fields to Roke Knoll. It is a curious thing about the Great House of Roke, that it has no portal or grand entryway at all. You can enter by what they call the back door, which, though it is made of horn and framed in dragons tooth and carved with the Thousand-Leaved Tree, looks like nothing at all from outside, as you come to it in a dingy street; or you can go in the garden door, plain oak with an iron bolt. But there is no front door. "What do you think?" appropriate, and that Ged, whom many call the greatest of the arch-mages, may have been the last. rested. The mage was a quiet man. Though there was a hint of fierceness in him, he never showed it. She knew that King Lebannen used his true name openly. He too had returned from death. Yet that house than the men of the Marsh. He was easy to talk with, and she told him about the curer, since Queen Heru, called the Eagle, inherited the throne from her father, Denggema of the House of Ilien. Her consort Aiman was of the House of Morred. When she had ruled thirty years she gave the crown to their son Maharion. "It won't do," he said, talking to himself in Hardic, and then he said, "I can't do it." Then he said, "I can't do it by myself." and power. "He was too much for 'em, was he? And he'll be too much for me," he thought, and Ivory departed. He did not return for two days. On the third day he rode experimentally past Old Iria, and she came striding down to meet him. "I'm sorry, Ivory," she said, looking up at him with her smoky orange eyes. "I don't know what came over me the other day. I was angry. But not at you. I beg your pardon." shepherds there. A year ago last spring. That wizard they spoke of came there, casting spells. "What brit? Ah, the milk? What of it?" know what it was. away -- that mysterious, dangerous, incalculable power against which Golden's wealth and mastery. untaught knowledge of at least some words of the Language of the Making. The teaching of it is the. He stepped down from the doorstep onto the dirt so that he could feel the ground with the nerves of his soles, but the mud slimed and fouled any messages the dirt had for him. He set the eggs down on the doorstep, sat down beside them, cleaned his feet with rainwater from the pot by the step, wiped them dry with the rag that hung on the handle of the

pot, picked up the eggs, stood up slowly, and went into his house..insignificance. These were brave, wise men, seeking to save what they loved, but they did not know.one day you'll have to open your mouth."

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