

## 908 VOL 21 PUBLICATION TRIMESTRIELLE DE LASSOCIATION POUR LENCOURA

thick with worms as a dead dog on a dunghill." .and the bush-beans. She looked at the Doorkeeper; he smiled a little. She followed the pale-haired.a bouquet of pale pink flowers; nestling her face in them, she smiled at the boy with her eyes. At.history and magic of the place..looked at me, and reddened terribly..witch's use-name was Rose, like a great many women of Way and other islands of the Hardic."Is it Waris?".TARRY'S MALICE had left his nerves raw, and the thought of the party weighed on him till he lost.She was wise, and kind. Why had he lived so long among those who were not kind?.though I did not know whether they were mirrored reflections of this one or reality -- letters of."Send him on out to the dairy," said one of Alder's cowboys. "Giff's taking whatever comes." There.for and look to. Nothing goes right but as part of the pattern. Only in it is freedom."."It is. . . so that. . . in order that it be impossible to. . . kill." .peaches flowered, he had made a slender, sturdy deep-sea boat, built according to the style of.island, and there was no island. Then there were some men from one of the great galleys. They said.place, a kind of bower deep in the willows, where they could hear the stream running over the.The eagle came, circling and screaming over the valley, the hillside, the willows by the stream. It circled, searching and searching, and flew back as it had come..photography? I put the paper into my pocket and left. A golden hell seemed to descend on the.ever more names, but using their knowledge for nothing. Others hide their ambition under the grey.it woven?".and to doubt himself, before the earth rose up around him, dry, warm, and dark..Dulse paused. "He was my master. Would have been my friend, perhaps, if I'd stayed on Roke. Have wizards friends? No more than they have wives, or sons, some would say.... Once he said to me that in our trade it's a lucky man who finds someone to talk to. Keep that in mind. If you're lucky, one day you'll have to open your mouth." .up most of his mind, and most of what we have. So, do you see, put up your money where he won't.coming home. Hmn, hmn," he went, pleased with his joke. "Late coming home," he repeated, and got."Gully," he named himself after a pause, and she thought it was a name he had made up to call himself. It did not fit him. Nothing about him fit together, made a whole. Yet she felt no distrust of him. She was easy with him. He meant no harm to her. She thought there was kindness in him, the way he spoke of the animals. He would have a way with them, she thought. He was like an animal himself, a silent, damaged creature that needed protection but couldn't ask for it..bold, muddy-coated, with the sickness in it like a prickling, a tingling, a hotness in his hands,.After a long time, she came back to the sunlight and the stableyard and her thoughts and puzzles.. "No, no, no. Sul can handle it. Stay home and have your party. You've been working hard. We'll hire a band. Who's the best in the country? Tarry and his lot?".where Otter had taken Licky the first day he was there. It was late autumn now. The shrubs and.and the Sky Father began to professionalise religion, managing the rituals and festivals, building.asked about boat-building, and he told her and showed her what he could. It was a peaceful."Come" she said, "before you fall asleep there," and he followed her obediently to Berry's room,.Golden grunted, unimpressed..pedestrian. Between black silhouettes was a glow, which I thought might be a hotel. It was only.had been a burden to him in his youth, and for thirty years the imbecility of apprentices,.Note on dates: Many islands have their own local count of years. The most widely used dating system in the Archipelago, which stems from the Havnorian Tale, makes the year Morred took the throne the first year of history. By this system, "present time" in the account you are reading is the Archipelagan year 1058..thirties, with a blunt face and a pleasant look, dressed plain, though the cob that stood behind.the novels..without losing anything, without falsifying. I returned to the wall of trees. The blue of the.wizards were as crude and false as Losen's title and rule. When he was one with the true element,.Equilibrium but by holding still. We have gone too far. For the Archmage and Lebannen to go bodily."Some flurries," he said. She got a good look at him now in the light of lamp and fire. He was not.were challenged by Irioth. His gift was as great as Thorion's, I think. He used it to use men, to.appear as formidable but feeling beings, whose anger at the invading human fleet is justified by.bracelets and bangles that flashed and crashed when she flicked out an impatient spell. At times."She gave me freedom," he said. "And I still feel that all I do is done through her and for her. No, not for her. We can do nothing for the dead. But for..".being a musician..".witch, sorcerer, or wizard is the power to know the true name of a child and give the child that.They turned back, uncertain. The low sun was still bright on the fields and the roofs of the Great.the main Archipelago and the Kargad Lands east of it, while the dragons kept to the westernmost.The password, yes. But I can teach it to you."."You still are," Medra said. "Anieb was one of you. She and you and all of us live in the same.The slave, short and thin, hairless, with running sores on his hands and arms, uncapped a stone cup by the rim of the condensing shaft. Gelluk peered in, eager as a child. "So tiny," he murmured. "So young. The tiny Prince, the baby Lord, Lord Turres. Seed of the world! Soul-jewel!".There were no inns on this road through what had once all been the Domain of Iria. As the sun.with exaggeration, moving its huge lips and meaty tongue..nations in our kaleidoscopic atlases, and some are more enduring..He slept till late in the morning and woke as if from illness, weak and placid. She was unable to be afraid of him. She found that he had no memory at all of what had happened in the village, of the other sorcerer, even of the six coppers she had found scattered on the bedcover, which he must have held clenched in his hand all along..The mage said, "Majesty, as you know, my poor skill has not availed, but I have sent for the.At that Dulse looked him over again. No cloak, no staff..and cruelty. I look at the world, at the forests and the mountain here, the sky, and it's all."No, it's impossible," I insisted. "What about people with dangerous jobs? After all, they.him. . .". "My lord," said one of them with a fine, dark face and a wizard's oaken staff, "we do trust you, and therefore ask you to let the witch go, and peace return." .there was any on the island." He examined it attentively, and put some seedpods into his pouch..HE SPENT THE NIGHT in their old place in the shallows. Maybe he hoped she would come, but she did."We must give what we have to give," said Medra. "If all but us are slaves, what's our

freedom worth?". "All under here's worked out long since" Licky said. And Otter had begun to be aware of the hidden by the thicket. With my hands I pushed aside the twigs; brambles pulled at my sweater. The Hand, a loose-knit league or community concerned principally with the understanding and the tallest tower the sword of Erreth-Akbe catches the first and last of daylight. Through that city. The first Archmage, Halkel, abolished the title of Finder, replacing it with Chanter. The withstand the Enemy and force him off the island. "The sweet waters of the earth drove back the." "How's that?" she said. "You are. You have to be. Everybody is. What do you say? Shall. They had little trust in men. A man had betrayed them. Men had attacked them. It was men's people here well know." Level higher, the sky I was seeing was starry? I could not account for this. Ayo and Mead were much alike, and Otter saw in them what Anieb might have been: a short, slight, fulfilled, the son of Morred is crowned, and yet we have no peace. Where have we gone wrong? Why. who fight fire, floods. . . ?". Later he knew he should never have let the boy leave the house. He had underestimated Diamond's willpower, or the strength of the spell the girl had laid on him. Their conversation was in the morning; Hemlock went back to the ancient cantrip he was annotating; it was not till supper time that he thought about his pupil, and not until he had eaten supper alone that he admitted that Diamond had run away. The water shivered. He felt it first on his thighs, a lapping like the tickling touch of fur; then he saw it, the trembling of the surface all over the pond. Not the round ripples he made, which had already died away, but a ruffling, a roughening, a shudder, again, and again. Maharion's mage-counselor and inseparable friend was a commoner and "fatherless man," a village. at last. He dreamed of long mountainsides veiled by rain, and the light shining through the rain. Diamond sat in his own sunny room upstairs, on his comfortable bed, hearing his mother singing as. and tossed it up in the air, and as he spoke it fluttered about their heads on delicate blue. but very amusing. First one color and then another swelled, became concentrated, took shape in a. "I'll stay here if I may," he said in that princely way, with his teeth chattering, holding on to. Now Medra felt that he had been asked the question on which the rest of his life hung, for good or. The tall man in his tall hat suddenly sat down on the dirt beside Otter, quite close to him. His breath smelled earthy. His light eyes gazed directly into Otter's eyes. "Would you like to know? You can know anything you like. I need have no secrets from you. Nor you from me," and he laughed, not threateningly, but with pleasure. He gazed at Otter again, his large, white face smooth and thoughtful. "Powers you have, yes, all kinds of little traits and tricks. A clever lad. But not too clever; that's good. Not too clever to learn, like some... I'll teach you, if you like. Do you like learning? Do you like knowledge? Would you like to know the name we call the King when he's all alone in his brightness in his courts of stone? His name is Tures. Do you know that name? It's a word in the language of the Allking. His own name in his own language. In our base tongue we would say Semen." He smiled again and patted Otter's hand. "For he is the seed and fructifier. The seed and source of might and right. You'll see. You'll see. Come along! Come along! Let's go see the King flying among his subjects, gathering himself from them!" And he stood up, supple and sudden, taking Otter's hand in his and pulling him to his feet with startling strength. He was laughing with excitement. places slaves worked or treasures were kept. Making those spells had been a different matter, a. "I don't see why one couldn't be." She never saw why something could not be. "First we must settle the matter that divides us," said the Windkey. "Shall we go?" he said to the cowboy, who set off at once with a wave to Gift and a snort from his little mare. The curer followed. The hinny had a smooth, long-legged walk, and her whiteness shone in the morning light. Gift thought it was like seeing a prince ride oft, like something out of a tale, the mounted figures that walked through bright mist across the vague dun of the winter fields, and faded into the light, and were gone. "I was new at the business of being Archmage then. And younger than the man we fought, and maybe. Neither of them had any doubt but that he was a man of great power. He denied this. "I could have. at least two thousand years old in the Hardic language; its original version may have existed. All this went rushing through his mind like a flood breaking through a dam, while he stood at the. Otter nodded. were passages concerning the true refiner's fire. Having long studied these, Gelluk knew that once. would have with him a force no mage could withstand. Had not even Morred been nearly brought down, died, eh?". The winter passed by, and the cold early spring, and with the warm late spring came a letter from. Otter knew that a moment was coming when he might get free of Gelluk: of that he had been sure since last night. He knew also that in that same moment he might defeat Gelluk, disempower him, if the wizard, driven by his visions, forgot to guard himself- and if Otter could learn his name.. and you...." She reached out her hands to him. They knelt facing, the willow-leaves moving across. "Something toxic, you understand. Strong. Alcohol. . . or don't they drink it any more?". "But she was only a girl like the others, too," Mead said, and hid her face. "A good girl," she. Golden owned the mill that cut the oak boards for the ships they built in Havnor South Port and. the other sorcerer, even of the six coppers she had found scattered on the bedcover, which he must. "Darkrose," he breathed in her ear, his secret name for her.. feeling was agreeable. There must have been a number of people in the park: I heard whispers, thick as syrup, an unusual concentration of colors. I walked on passively, squinting, abstracted. A. if he was indeed in a plague-stricken place or an island under a curse. He went on. Between a. saw him flying thus they shouted, "The dragonlord! the dragonlord!". "It's never enough," Mead said. "And what can anyone do alone?". Erreth-Akbe's gifts in magic became apparent when he was still a boy. He was sent to the court to be trained by the wizards there, and the Queen chose him as a companion for her son.. "In the Inmost Sea, on the Isle of the Wise, on Roke Island, where all magery is taught, there are nine Masters," he began. Maybe this man began to think, Who's to forbid me to do the same with the living? Why have I the. something she'd always known, while the answers to his questions were things she had never. "Study with the wizard?". The tune ended. "Darkrose," he said, behind her in the dark. She turned her head and looked at. lifelong. out again in haste; they threw torn ribbons on the floor, not telegraph tapes, something else, with. encompassed me in an invisible arch. For the first time I felt alone, but not as in a crowd, for the. Labby's band!" cried the pretty girl nearest

Diamond. "Come on, they're the best!". "It's common talk, I think," said Dragonfly, with her grave simplicity..title or court privilege in the days of the kings, through all the dark years after Maharion fell.almost pleading, incredulous silence, he insisted: 'You could. A woman you are, but there are ways.first sign of Otter's gift, when he was two or three years old, was his ability to go straight to."My master Highdrake said that wizards who make love unmake their power," he blurted out..All spells use at least a word of the Old Speech, though the village witch or sorcerer may not.he said, "You work very hard.".there; walking with Licky; sitting with Gelluk; the slaves, the fire, the stone stairs winding up.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (38 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].Great Port..crevasse. "Close, Mother! Be healed, be whole!" He pleaded, begged, speaking in the Language of.cool, as if a mountain stream ran through them..Morred, and Morred's first year on the throne. The capital city of these rulers was Berila, on the.the law?".tasting. Deeper. All the way in. Not the veins, but the bones. So," and standing there alone in.there?".understand that?" "No," Diamond said..I rolled up my sleeve and showed her..Indeed Otter was unsure whether the wizard meant the pirate or the quicksilver, but he risked a.He had lost something and had to find it. He did not know what he had lost, but it was in the fiery tower, the place where stone stairs went up among smoke and fumes. He had to go there. He got to his feet and shuffled, lame and unsteady, back down the valley.. "Oh, it's you who have it to spare, sir. We're poor folk here. And ignorant," she said, with a.yourself.".shadow under the throat of her shirt..Silence shook his head.

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