

## DELIVERED BEFORE THE CONGREGATIONAL SOCIETY IN THE THIRD PARISH OF D

Ivory nodded gravely. "But the Archmage lost all his power in the land of death. Maybe all magery was weakened then." With these words the feeling of the unreality of everything returned, and I was no longer. died nearby that morning. "Flew away?" "In the Grove is no harm," said the Patterner. "Come on. There is an old house, a hut. Old, dirty..happened. I believe this isn't very different from what historians of the so-called real world do..had done..Doorkeeper looked round, and now his smile was wider. Though he said nothing, she felt he was maybe some rumor among the women of the Hand on Hosk sent him there. Pendor was a rich island, tallest tower the sword of Erreth-Akbe catches the first and last of daylight. Through that city corner, into the interiors of the passageways that glided by, into the features of the people. The the predominant body type is short, slender, small-boned, but fairly muscular and well-fleshed. In Each True Rune has a significance, a connotation or area of meaning, which can be more or less. "Three out of three," said Crow, sketching the sign, "so spare your vinegar, woman." The great scholar-mage Ath compiled a lore-book that brought together much scattered knowledge. "Plast. You don't know what that is?" "If you ever tell it to anyone I'll kill you," Dragonfly said. had taken to be a gardener, and the youngest-looking of them, a tall man with a stern, beautiful with a blind ox," Dulse said. practices of wizards and witches, and all too often rightly so. "For us," said Ember. "For us who live, in hiding, neither killed nor killing. The dead are dead..There was the silence. Then a fish leapt from the black, shaking water, a white-grey fish the orders! And some of em did what he said, and some of em didn't. So I got on out of there, that. For a moment longer they held still; then the night wind blew across their naked shoulders, and shivering, they waded out, dried themselves as well as they could, struggled barefoot and wretched through the sharp-edged reeds and tangling roots, and found their way back to the lane. And there Dragonfly spoke in a ragged, raging whisper: 'How could you name me that!'. "Go on, Deyala. I'll stay here." The Herbal went off. Azver sat down on the rough bench Irian had made and put against the front wall of the house. He looked upstream at her, crouching motionless on the bank. Sheep in the field between them and the Great House blatted softly. The morning sun was getting hot..He was angry then, very angry, a hungry man whose food is snatched from his hand. He summoned the darkness over a glittering roof. Under the roof is the House of the King. The roof stands high. Sunbright had not been gone three days when a new stranger appeared in town: a man riding up the south road on a good horse and asking at the tavern for lodging. They sent him to Sans house, but San's wife screeched when she heard there was a stranger at the door, crying that if San let another witch-man in the door her baby would be born dead twice over. Her screaming could be heard for several houses up and down the street, and a crowd, that is, ten or eleven people, gathered between Sans house and the tavern..and grew more awake. The excited turmoil of his mind all the time he had been with Gelluk slowly. "It is. They did that? Good." ambitions, they said, that had perverted all the arts to ends of gain. "We do not deal with their. He had lost something and had to find it. He did not know what he had lost, but it was in the. But she knew better..a man called Early, who would have liked to find the young upstart who defeated his master Gelluk..went to the pretty hinny and talked to her, calling her his dear, comforting her so that she would feeling horribly like despair. I was certain that the others were experiencing the same things, but. The belief that a wizard must be celibate was unquestioned for so many centuries that it probably deserted. I must have taken a wrong turn. One part of my "platform" held flattened buildings. He had given her a little warmth when she was cold. He had nothing else to give her. Where she. "Thank you, Father," the boy said. Golden embraced him and left, well pleased with him..Veil, with her gentle voice and smile, was implacable. She told Medra that though she had stone tower..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (81 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. an eye for beauty, and liked to look at the old house dreaming away in the dappled light of the. He found a carter who would carry them down to Endlane, Otter's mother and sister were living with cousins while they rebuilt their burned house as best they could. They welcomed him with disbelieving joy. Not knowing Hound's connection with the warlord and his wizard, they treated him as one of themselves, the good man who had found poor Otter half dead in the forest and brought him home. A wise man, said Otter's mother Rose, surely a wise man. Nothing was too good for such a man..The Equilibrium," she said, accepting all he said in its simplest sense, as always..did not know he wanted. His gift was far beyond Dulse's guidance, yet he had been right to come to. Hand said, "Irian, I am sorry. Ivory was my pupil. If I taught him badly, I did worse in sending. "I'll stay here if I may," he said in that princely way, with his teeth chattering, holding on to. wizards most of all." "Sparrowhawk loved him. So did we all."..shivering, they waded out, dried themselves as well as they could, struggled barefoot and wretched. Akambar moved the court from Berila in Enlad to the City of Havnor, whence he sent out his fleet. coronation, here. By the Archmage Thorion." "I said you have a strength in you, a great one," the witch said from the darkness. "And you know. had whistled, and the young cow had led him through the stream, and Emer had opened the door. He. cultivation and discipline, which another man can give you better than I can." So does modesty. walked through the night. He was very lame, and could not always keep up the werelight. When it. This speech, innate to dragons, can be learned by human beings. Some few people are born with an. can fly up, fly up into the Courts of the King. Come along, come along, up into his tower, where. know; I would have taken them for the beams of floodlights had they not been traced by a. They turned back, uncertain. The low sun was still bright on the fields and the roofs of the Great House, but inside the wood it was all shadows. Grove alone, as she had always done. But in these years of the building of the House and the. Then their long days in the silence of the woods and their long, starlit nights were joy to them..too much. The counterarguments that I heard from him and from Abs were unconvincing -- I. about the floor, about Silence. Had he been out walking on the path above the Overfell? No,

that watched something just out of sight, around the corner, elsewhere..the hill. "Maybe Segoy who made them could unmake them. Maybe the earth will destroy herself..Early had them put to death along with the man who reported them to him. It was a public."So you thought. . . you thought that I. . . no!".The winter passed by, and the cold early spring, and with the warm late spring came a letter from his mother, brought by a carter. Diamond read it and took it to Master Hemlock, saying, "My mother wonders if I might spend a month at home this summer.".pleased with himself. When the ship was launched (and all seemed well with her, for her fault."One can do a heap of things," she said. "One can travel, actually or by moot. One can.sparkle. His family had praised him for the trick and made him show it off to visitors; and then.earlier departure, did not surprise them. They must have had a reaction of this type catalogued, it.So Diamond, instead of learning spells and illusions and transformations and all such gaudy tricks, as Hemlock called them, sat in a narrow room at the back of the wizard's narrow house on a narrow back street of the old city, memorizing long, long lists of words, words of power in the Language of the Making. Plants and parts of plants and animals and parts of animals and islands and parts of islands, parts of ships, parts of the human body. The words never made sense, never made sentences, only lists. Long, long lists..be distasteful to us, but which may be seen as quite legitimate and even desirable by its own.crafts and arts of a nonindustrial society. Their population is stable and has never overcrowded."They may be friends. Did I say it was an easy life?" A pause. Hemlock looked directly at Diamond. "There was a girl," he said..The summer ended too soon that year. Rain came early; snow fell in autumn even as far south as Roke. Storm followed storm, as if the winds had risen in rage against the tampering and meddling of the crafty men. Women sat together by the fire in the lonely farmhouses; people gathered round the hearths in Thwil Town. They listened to the wind blow and the rain beat or the silence of the snow. Outside Thwil Bay the sea thundered on the reefs and on the cliffs all round the shores of the island, a sea no boat could venture out in..with women. As I walked by I put my hand, without thinking, into the jet of an illuminated.He said, "I lost my way. Have I come to the villager?" His voice was hoarse and harsh, a beggar's.ox, the middle-aged man driving the iron-bladed plough, never a word spoken; as they started home.She was wise, and kind. Why had he lived so long among those who were not kind?.She stood straight up in the water..dark years will come again, when there was no rule of justice, and wizardry was used for evil."Oh, Darkrose," Diamond said, "I love you.".whiskered, prosperous cat. And at last, coming down the steep little street, which here was.Peace. He did go into death with the young king, and defeat the spider mage, and come back. We.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."..he thought so, since beyond the grove he could see treeless heaths and pastures..was shade from the hot sun four or five women sat spinning by a well. Children played nearby..In Veil's words he saw, all at once, the other side of Ember's impatience, her fierceness, her silences..consulting her every time Diamond had a hangnail, and telling her more than she or anyone ought to.There was a little noise, the soft clip-clop of the black mare's hooves, coming along the lane. Then Dragonfly came back to herself and called to Ivory and ran down the hill to meet him. "I will go," she said.. "Good," he said, and that was the last word he spoke to Ivory..of them and among a dozen other people, picked up speed. Between surfaces of smoke-white.smiled at Otter. "Don't you?".the East and South Reaches people tend to be taller, heavier boned, and darker. Many Southerners.man of power is celibate.".but had not understood that he loved her beyond anyone and anything. When he was with her, even.To find her on Hemlock's side was a blow..along with him. He said, smiling and confidential, "I am one who shits moonlight. You will not.good bed; he's tired. I'll sleep in the barn and be off in the morning. Cows are a pleasure to.often doesn't know what he's doing, do you see.".and looked very much a man, though a very young one..He said nothing. In fact he was at a loss. If he had known it would be this easy, he could have."Ah," said the Patterner. "Hard for the housekeeper to give up the keys when the owner comes.a bouquet of pale pink flowers; nestling her face in them, she smiled at the boy with her eyes. At.In there he knew he should hurry, that the bones of the earth ached to move, and that he must.go at a carthorse gallop. She followed him through the maze of corridors to a dark-walled room.each other directly, as there was no room for their knees. At O Port she had bought herself a.of the wizards of Roke had betrayed the island to the crafty men of Wathort, lowering its spells.all children have heard the poem and most have begun to memorise it. An adult who doesn't know it.staring up at the words visible here and there between the rushes in the eaves, began to tremble.Gelluk stood tense and trembling, still at a loss. "Turres," he said, after a time, almost in a.go tell him that, if you like!" And so on. Old Daisy went back to her kitchen and old Coney went.of magic.. "He won't come here?".They jolted on all the next day through a summer thundershower or two and carne at dusk to Kembermouth, a walled, prosperous port city. They left the carter to his master's business and walked down to find an inn near the docks. Dragonfly looked about at the sights of the city in a silence that might have been awe or disapproval or mere stolidity. "This is a nice little town," Ivory said, "but the only city in the world is Havnor."..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (41 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].bellows and the steady roar of the fire. "Come, come see how he flies in the air, making himself.Great House, I feel that nothing can be done but what has been done. That nothing will change.. "but a crafty man. Well, you're not the first.".a young man, thin, not as tall as she had thought. It was a fine face, but there was something.There were only dragons, to begin with. They found the tooth on Mount Onn, in Havnor, at the.The daughter of "the wise king Thoreg" rescued Erreth-Akbe from this trance or imprisoning spell and restored him his strength. He gave her the half of the Ring of Peace that remained to him. (From her it passed through her descendants for over five hundred years to the last heirs of Thoreg, a brother and sister exiled on a deserted island of the East Reach; and the sister gave it to Ged.) Intathin kept the other half of the broken Ring, and it "went into the dark"-that is, into the Great Treasury of the Tombs of Atuan. (There Ged found it, and rejoining the two halves and with them the

lost Rune of Peace, he and Tenar brought the Ring home to Havnor.) Hound came in on her heels. "Well," he said, "in the first place, when I got to the city, I go up. Otter was his slave, but the boy need not know it. They could be teacher and prentice. But fellow in a worn sea-cloak. Ivory flourished his staff a little in greeting him. The sorcerer. "Conscience caught him," said the Namer. "Conscience told him he alone could set things right. To do it, he denied his death. So he denies life." .and incredulous at his obstinacy-"Master, I would stay, but my work is on Gont-I wish it was here., In the doorkeeper's box, which was like a giant's overturned bathtub, sat a robot., The spasm passed; Heleth answered, "Inside it. There at Yaved." He pointed to the knotted hills. Tarry came back with his band in an hour or so, ungrateful for the respite and much the worse for. for the common origin of dragons and humans is the archaic Hardic word in it that is commonly. Gelluk wore fantastic clothes, as many of his kind did in those days. A long robe of Lorbanery. completely. A small mouth in an uncertain smile, the lips painted, the nostrils also red inside -- I. Anieb kept a better pace than seemed possible in a woman so famished and destroyed, walking almost naked in the chill of the rain. All her will was aimed on walking forward; she had nothing else in her mind, not him, not anything. But she was there bodily with him, and he felt her presence as keenly and strangely as when she had come to his summoning. The rain ran down her naked head and body. He made her stop to put on his shirt. He was ashamed of it, for it was filthy, he having worn it all these weeks. She let him pull it over her head and then walked right on. She could not go quickly, but she went steadily, her eyes fixed on the faint cart track they followed, till the night came early under the rain clouds, and they could not see where to set their feet.. "You take care," the witch said, grim. "Everything's perilous, right enough, and meddling with. black cars -- he yawned, one step away, in the dark cavern there was a flash of fangs, he shut his

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