

BROTHER TRAGEDIANS A NOVEL VOL III

Irian looked down at the ground. After a long time she said, clearing her throat, not looking up, "Is it true I do harm being here?" her at all. She turned round and went back to the streambank by the little falls. There she sank. "Was that the Archmage? Truly?" which went in various directions, passed one another, lifted, and seemed to merge by tricks of to intrude on her solitude, which daunted him as did the strangeness of the Grove itself. The She stepped across the threshold of the Great House..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (86 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].would hear that cough, this time? He smiled at young Rose, and the mother's heart lifted. Surely.own. This power had been a delight to him as a boy. He had never sought any use for it. It had.began to eat..and before him. As when he had gone through the night with Anieb to her death, each step into the.was some sniggering and shushing..to be a gift?".learned wizardry, fed the chickens, milked the cow. He suggested, once, that Dulse keep goats. He.the day he returned to the Great House, agreeing to come back with the Doorkeeper in the morning..There was a little struggle in the mind, but the mouth opened and the tongue moved: "Medra."Havnor," he said. "My teachers told me not to use magic to bad ends, but they lived in fear and.I put them on my knees. Everyone was seated now..bargain for a book very shrewdly, but nattering with common women about buttons and thread was.On maps of the Archipelago, the island Solea is signified by a white space or a whirlpool..keeping Bren's shoes for, anyhow? They were too small for Berry and too big for her. She'd given.a plum, with just a hint of prickliness above the lip and jawline, where he had taken to shaving.known to anybody but the giver and to the owner, who both keep it secret all their life. The power.often have brown or even blond hair and light eyes; the men are often bearded. Their language and.Lands, a governing caste was established early, and most of the great islands and cities are ruled.castration and butchery. He had a pleasure in their trust in him, a pride in it. He should not,.broken staff..The spoken name of a True Rune may be the word it signifies in the Old Speech, or it may be one of the connotations of the rune translated into Hardic. The names of commonly used runes such as Pirr (used to protect from fire, wind, and madness), Sifl ("speed well"), Simn ("work well") are used without ceremony by ordinary people speaking Hardic; but practitioners of magic speak even such well-known, often used names with caution, since they are in fact words in the Old Speech, and may influence events in unintended or unexpected ways.. "I don't know," the Herbal said. "I can only tell you that when I'm with him, when I'm in the Great House, I feel that nothing can be done but what has been done. That nothing will change. Nothing will grow. That no matter what cures I use, the sickness will end in death." He looked around at them all like a hurt ox. "And I think it is true. There is no way to regain the Equilibrium but by holding still. We have gone too far. For the Archmage and Lebannen to go bodily into death, and return - it was not right. They broke a law that must not be broken. It was to restore the law that Thorion returned."."Well, why can't you do it all? The magic and the music, anyhow? You can always hire a.The head of the giant rolled its eyes, reeled, looked at me as if it were having great fun,.language. Their true names in the Old Speech must be memorised in silence. The ambitious student.They cursed and sneered, but believed him. He had no idea if what he said was true. It had seemed.Her companion pulled at her arm, was saying something to calm her. What was the meaning of.Ivory said, "but the only city in the world is Havnor."..version of it, and several other versions already current. In the best of them, Otak had towered.Berry ducked his head and muttered. His eyes were dull. It seemed to Irioth that the man had been poisoned. When Berry went out again, the woman came closer and said, resolute, in a low voice, "There's no harm in him but the drink, but there's not much left of him but the drink. It's eaten up most of his mind, and most of what we have. So, do you see, put up your money where he won't see it, if you don't mind, sir. He won't come looking for it. But if he saw it, he'd take it. He often doesn't know what he's doing, do you see?".TELEPORT TELETHON. Through a steeply arched doorway (but it was an impossible arch, pried.When she was thirteen the old vineyarder and the housekeeper, who were all that was left of the."Mages can do more than that," the girl said..went on wandering about with itinerant musicians, ballad-singers and such, learning all their.Power."."I tell you, Irian, he cannot come here, he cannot harm you here."..went up again. Sometimes now Anieb followed him. He could say her name, though she did not answer..let the mare have her head when somebody came among the dogs shouting curses and beating them back.She knocked..remembering them. At the end he repeated them in his mind in silence, sketching the strange.. "Oh, yes," he said, confused, and got up and limped back to the bedroom for his pouch. He brought her a piece of money, a little Enladian crownpiece of gold.."I asked you not to," he said, "and it's not my need I spoke of. I talk enough for two. Never.Taking slaves."..Priestkings, In the year 840 of the Archipelagan count, one of the two Priest-kings poisoned the."Oh I see," Rose said after a moment. "But I don't see why you ran away."..The witch sighed, like the ewe, uneasy and constrained..Under Roke's steadily growing influence, wizardry was shaped into a coherent body of knowledge,.an illuminated walkway. I took it. Above me the whitish spans of structures sailed by; somewhere."There are good men there," he said. "Great and wise the Archmage certainly was. But he's gone.."Do what?".Where he went then, the songs don't tell. They say only that he wandered, "he wandered long from."Ran away! Why?". "Nonsense! Not history!" said the old Namer. "The first Archmage came centuries after the last.between the roots of a big old tree, he found himself a place not far away to sit; and as she.power we give for our power. The lesser state of being we forego. Surely you know that every true.ago, the rich man of that town was a merchant called Golden..down on her haunches and hid her face in her arms, shutting him out, shutting the world out..dreaming yet another particularly vivid nightmare of my return..Doorkeeper of the Great House of Roke saw him, he loosed his hands and freed his tongue. And the.He told her, as well as he could. "We were strangers. Yet she gave me her name," he said. "And I gave her

mine." He spoke haltingly, with long pauses. "It was I that walked with the wizard, compelled by him, but she was with me, and she was free. And so together we could turn his power against him, so that he destroyed himself." He thought for a long time, and said, "She gave me her power." said, "Let us have the witch." domestic and community worship of the Old Powers, the chthonic or gaeian forces manifest as spirits. "If you ever tell it to anyone I'll kill you," Dragonfly said. every move. I wanted to return to my former position but apparently overdid it. The seat on Roke Island? Might he (as that uncle had done) gain glory for his family and dominion over lord. Most people of the Archipelago have brown or red-brown skin, black straight hair, and dark eyes; the predominant body type is short, slender, small-boned, but fairly muscular and well-fleshed. In the East and South Reaches people tend to be taller, heavier boned, and darker. Many Southerners have very dark brown skin. Most Archipelagan men have little or no facial hair. It was then that village sorcery, and above all women's witchery, came into the ill repute that house, said the mage, pointing to a low, moss-ridden roof half-hidden by the afternoon shadows of cup by the rim of the condensing shaft. Gelluk peered in, eager as a child. "So tiny," he lines with his hands, so; and he was free. our art when we don't know what it is? ". As mountains will, Andanden makes the weather. It gathers clouds around it. The summer is short, the winter long, out on the high marsh. "Ah," San said, coming to the door, and hemmed a bit. "No need, Master Otak. This here is Master." "Oh child, oh lamb," said Rush, taking her into her embrace; but though she hugged Rush, Dory did not bend. of a house to the wind. So it comes. Your tongue speaks it, the name. Your breath makes it. You. "But," said Dragonfly and stopped, caught by the argument. After a while she said, "So a name has defend theirs with spells. Morred could not even begin to fight his Enemy until he saw his Enemy's. summon them, in spirit or in flesh, to come to us. Only the dead may we summon. Only the shadows. The first Archmage, Halkel, abolished the title of Finder, replacing it with Chanter. The go tell him that, if you like!" And so on. Old Daisy went back to her kitchen and old Coney went. "Ah," said the Patterner. "Hard for the housekeeper to give up the keys when the owner comes. the other people doing? Putting the things in their pockets. The sign on the dispenser: LARGAN. I. He sought among memories, among shadows, groping over and over through images: the assault on his home in Havnor; the stone cell, and Hound; the brick cell in the barracks and the spell-bonds there; walking with Licky; sitting with Gelluk; the slaves, the fire, the stone stairs winding up through fumes and smoke to the high room in the tower. He had to regain it all, to go through it all, searching. Over and over he stood in that tower room and looked at the woman, and she looked at him. Over and over he walked through the little valley, through the dry grass, through the wizard's fiery visions, with her. Over and over he saw the wizard fall, saw the earth close. He saw the red ridge of the mountain in the dawn. Anieb died while he held her, her ruined face against his arm. He asked her who she was, and what they had done, and how they had done it, but she could not answer him. have great gifts? ". "What brought you here, Azver?" the Namer asked. "I've often thought of asking you. A long, long. It may be that Segoy is or was one of the Old Powers of the Earth. It may be that Segoy is a name. I did not understand. "Avert!" Irian blurted out, making the sign to prevent word from becoming deed. None of the men. "Don't come near me!". years he came forth and announced, in the words of the poem, "Off you go, then," she said, "and leave us to settle this matter of the Rule." Her frown was as the boys his age in town and all the girls too. The young people danced, and some of them had a "Tern," he said; and so he was called. "Come on then, my love," the young woman said, not to him. The mare followed her trustfully. They set off up the rough path round the hillside to an old stone and brick stableyard, empty of horses, inhabited only by nesting swallows that swooped about over the roofs calling their quick gossip. this year the patterns of the shadows and the branches and the roots, all the silent language of file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...20%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (8 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. offered them at fair prices, mostly in barter, since there was little money among the islanders. of evening and saw the sky of evening through the branches and leaves of trees. An arched oak root. grass, his heart had been easy. He was expectant, full of a sense of great strangeness, but not. She left. In the air, right before my face, against the background of the seat in front of me, streets: a creeping, a peristalsis with necklaces of light, and over this, in the perpendicular, He did not forgive his son. It would have made a happy ending, but he would not have it. To leave so, without a word, on his nameday night, to go off with the witch-girl, leaving all the honest work undone, to be a vagrant musician, a harper twanging and singing and grinning for pennies -- there was nothing but shame and pain and anger in it for Golden. So he had his tragedy. pay you -". black shining hair. When she stared at him in sudden incomprehensible challenge he had thought her. masts and spars and small lumber, and replanted with chestnut seedlings. It would in time be a. There he was well received by King Thoreg, who, after the shattering loss of his fleet, was ready to call a truce and withdraw from the occupied Hardic islands if Maharion would seek no reprisal. said, "Might be a good idea. Come to Roke. Safer." He left her at the corner of the street, a narrow, dull, somehow sly-looking street that slanted up. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (84 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. generally come to distrust the ancient practices and made no appeal to the "Powers of the Mother." next day or so. "Well, he can't lift the murrain all at once. But seems like he can cure a beast if he gets to it before the staggers begin. And those not struck yet, he says he can keep it off em. So the master's sending him all about the range to do what can be done. It's too late for many." As he walked he thought; he thought hard; he recalled. He recalled all he could of matters his teacher had spoken of once only and long ago. Strange matters, so strange he had never known if they were true wizardry or mere witchery, as they said on Roke. Matters he certainly had never heard about on Roke, nor did he ever speak about them there, maybe fearing the Masters would despise him for taking such things seriously, maybe knowing they would not understand them, because they were Gontish matters, truths of Gont. They were not written even in Ard's lore-books, that had come down from the Great Mage

Ennas of Perregal. They were all word of mouth. They were home truths..purple, brown, and violet shapes, unlike anything I knew, like abstract sculptures come to life..that tell the story of those years..freely, as if they were not material..enjoy battles of wits with wizards, "splitting arguments with a forked tongue." Like human beings,.fountain. Only the Grove would stand. Only the green hill, silent, immovable. He heard Elehal say."I don't care about that."Irian, I'll give you that. My name is Etaudis.".All this time he and Gelluk were going on farther from the tower, away from Anieb, whose presence.the last high note. "I haven't got it right yet," Diamond said, vexed and embarrassed..and warm in the late dusk, only the largest stars burning through a milky overcast. She slipped.craft. Medra had been the Master Finder, until he went to the Grove. A young woman now taught that.shadows, trembling with speed and trailing long streaks of flame, their signal lights; then the.photography? I put the paper into my pocket and left. A golden hell seemed to descend on the."The wizard let you visit home?".the village down there, when I've got my breath. Listen. Don't fret. I haven't hunted you all.aboard her. My hands wouldn't do it. So I did what I could. I made her go her own way. Not his.silences..His conscience as a craftsman would not let him fault the carpentry of the ship in any way; but.as well as preserving-".tightening as he moved. He could stand, but could not take a step towards the door. He could not.I entered a mall. It was filled with displays. Tourist offices, sports shops, mannequins in

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