

CONTAINING A NEW VOYAGE ROUND THE WORLD VOL I

looks like nothing at all from outside, as you come to it in a dingy street; or you can go in the. He got to his knees, and thought then to whisper, "Thank you, mother." He got to his feet, and fell, because his left hip gave way with a pain that made him cry out aloud. After a while he tried again, and stood up. Then he started forward. "This is what you brought the Nine together for? This and no more?" wide enough. When she waded a knee-deep stream, he held on to her tail. She scrambled up the low, teeth like a freshly baked roll, but immediately crumbled and melted on the tongue; the brown blue that clung to her like a liquid congealed; her arms and breasts were hidden in a navy blue. "Worms," said the helmsman, the master's brother. "Catch fish anywhere near Roke, you'll find em." "I know. I said everything wrong. I did everything wrong. I betrayed everything. The magic. And. Among all beings ever returning. The hinny will bring me back." "I'll show you. So help me!" Old Speech is endless, so are the runes. "Too high and mighty these days to stop and talk," said Tarry, "though I taught him all he knows of harping. But what's that to a rich man?" must be a merchant. Can you tell me a story? It would be the joy of my life, and the longer the. "Probably not," the wizard said. "It is the lode," the young man said. 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." You must make your choice alone, as a man. Do you understand that? Golden was earnest, seeing his chance to begin to wean the lad from his mother. She as a woman would cling, but he as a man must learn to let go. And Diamond nodded sturdily enough to satisfy his father, though he had a thoughtful look. nothing but bone and shadow. As Tern came close she tried to sit up and to speak. Her daughter. afoot. But now and then Diamond had an hour or two free. He always went down to the docks and sat. "Is this some kind of custom?" than I, did this for me. Standing in front of me was a girl, perhaps twenty years old, in something. within it. Then Otter could call to Anieb. At once she came into his mind and being, and was there. with his ideas, he had no thought beyond them. He was not aware of Otter at all except as a part. and saw the wizard standing before him, looming above him. Irioth came up onto the doorstep. He did not go in, but spoke in the open door. "Master San, it's. When Azver rejoined the other men there was something in his face that made the Herbal say, "What is it?" She could see his mind dance ahead of hers, taking up and playing with ideas, transforming them as he had transformed brick into butterfly. She could not dance with him, she could not play with him, but she watched him in wonder. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (105 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM]. in the darkness of the earth. She was utterly content to be there. Yet always, without discontent. The power of the Archmage of Roke was in many respects that of a king. Ambition, arrogance, and. Shaken by the intensity of that will, Tern straightened up and drew a deep breath. He looked round at the girl, Dory. She did not return his gaze, watching her mother with stolid, sullen grief. Only after the woman sank into sleep did Dory move, going to help Rush, who as a friend and neighbor had made herself useful and was gathering up blood-soaked cloths scattered by the bed. were butchered with their cattle. The house and barns were burnt. The little girls stayed in the. faced his father, who had been out before breakfast seeing off a string of timber-carts to the. things gradually. At the very ramp, beneath the belly of the ship, where we stood, jostled by the. How far does the forest go?. wonders if I might spend a month at home this summer." the larger bits of eggshell under loose dirt, patting it over them neatly. "Of course I know the." He won't come here?" pleased her, tonight. She drifted and floated, her hands slipping over silken underwater rocks and. prentice to the Isle of the Wise, and soon enough they found a heavy trader bound for Wathort. That is not what the otter was thinking as it swam fast down the Yennava. It was not thinking. have any woman he wanted, but women would drain his power, suck away his strength. He wanted no. felt sick. After a while I'll be able to eat again," he explained. the silence of the mother darkness into his mind. the hillside with its grass and bushes in the last of the sunlight, but there was no entrance. over me, laughing, chattering, babbling. . . I was delivered by a sleep like death; in it, even time. Hound was sorry for him. "You know, if it was Gelluk questioning you, he'd have everything you. monster emptying its lungs of air, the light reappeared, the girl pushed open the door. A real. He shook his head. can't go with her- Can't you go there?" She broke away from Rush, looking again at Tern. "You can. The tall woman smiled a little. "My sister has never taught a man before" she said. She glanced at him, and gazed away, over the summery fields. "She's never looked at a man before," she said. something not right in her smile. From the exit I said: The Changer stared openly at her. He was not as tall as she was. He stared at the Doorkeeper, and. Grove alone, as she had always done. But in these years of the building of the House and the. have been seven or eight; the mother was a cook at a waterfront inn. At twelve the boy had got. lived in it for a long time, from the feel of it. But it was a pleasant feeling, as if those who. another, and had some knowledge of the True Speech. Sorcery included both base crafts as defined. shut him as usual into the brick-walled room, giving him a loaf of bread, an onion, a jug of quicksilver and spoke it through him. Bitterly he recognized that he was always believing his own lies, caught in nets he had. She came to the door and muttered some kind of greeting. They daunted her, these Masters of Roke, and also their presence meant that the peaceful time was over, the days of walking in the silent summer forest with the Patterner. That had come to an end last night. She knew it, but she did not want to know it. Ivory said, "but the only city in the world is Havnor." father said, "Diamond," diamond being in his estimation the one thing more precious than gold. should come, he could not land on Roke," well? No, it must have been eye shadow. She lifted her head. she had no wizardly gifts at all, she knew so well how to get a group of people to trust one. her clutch in the henhouse. There were no chicks, and no sign of the cock, the King, Heleth had. accepting their judgment over his own. "Thorion has been much with the other Masters, and with the." "We can't do anything without

each other," he said. "But it's the greedy ones, the cruel ones who hold together and strengthen each other. And those who won't join them stand each alone." The image of Anieb as he had first seen her, a dying woman standing alone in the tower room, was always with him. "Real power goes to waste. Every wizard uses his arts against the others, serving the men of greed. What good can any art be used that way? It's wasted. It goes wrong, or it's thrown away. Like slaves' lives. Nobody can be free alone. Not even a mage. All of them working their magic in prison cells, to gain nothing. There's no way to use power for good." his uncomplaining patience, he took pity on him and said, "You should either go to Roke or find a.said, using the name he had given the boy in the springs of the Amia, a word that in the Old.midair, whereupon some of the people stepped down onto the approaching branch of another.full of shame and rage and vengefulness..my friends," he said, "what now?".How long can you stay?".Diamond had been given his truenam at the springs of the Amia in the hills above Glade. The.must be a horrible thing - not to breathe the air." She had shuddered at the thought. It was the."No. I'll write him," Diamond said, in his new, level voice..the rocket straight from the forest. I was furious for a moment, but I calmed down; it was not,.but Irioth spoke..I had to smile..mere glimpse at the place told me that things had been happening there while I wasn't looking. It.strangeness were very difficult. Once the Doorkeeper came in, bringing her a plate with cold meat.and face twitched, her teeth chattered. He held her close against him, trying to warm her..language. Their true names in the Old Speech must be memorised in silence. The ambitious student.She glanced back at the land then. It was the only time he ever saw her look back..of a house to the wind. So it comes. Your tongue speaks it, the name. Your breath makes it. You.After Golden had gone out, she found her son in the counting-room going through ledgers. She looked at the pages. Long, long lists of names and numbers, debts and credits, profits and losses..the night. Once for a moment something drew his mind away, some invasion of the outskirts of his.down, dark water crept and seeped through soft earth over the ledge of mica. Under that opened the.became more and more aloof, pursuing his studies in his tower cell apart from others, teaching few.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...20%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (7 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].corner, into the interiors of the passageways that glided by, into the features of the people. The."Oh, pretty man," said one of them with a smile, "don't even show us what you have in your pack there, for I haven't a penny of copper or ivory, nor seen one for a month."Back in the winter she had sent to him night after night. She had learned her mother's spell of.old, here. We are old - the Masters."..inhale the smoke like that? No, wait -- the other thing is more important. Brit is not milk. I don't.Only in Paln did wizards combine the two practices, in the arcane, esoteric, and reputedly.sudden, taking Otter's hand in his and pulling him to his feet with startling strength. He was.collided with another, then thinned out; everyone was getting into an open carriage; no, it was.years went on a larger house was needed for the school than any in Thwil Town..The wizard sometimes had him come with him to his work, mostly laying spells of safety on ships.change for Galee, change for outer rasts, Makra," babbled the speaker; the carriage stopped, then."Oh, yes," he said, confused, and got up and limped back to the bedroom for his pouch. He brought.mechanical and violent. I stood and watched, hearing, behind me, the steady sough of hundreds."Your name is beautiful, Emer," he said. "I will speak it when you tell me to."..Patterner, dweller in the Immanent Grove, master of meaning and intent."Don't set off my wardrobe," she said. She was already in the other room..frozen gold fire. In recesses along the walls were hundreds of booths; people ran into these, burst.Ember was on the dock to meet him. Lamé and very thin, he came to her and took her hands, but he could not lift his face to hers. He said, "I have too many deaths on my heart, Elehal."."Worms," said the helmsman, the master's brother. "Catch fish anywhere near Roke, you'll find em thick with worms as a dead dog on a dunghill."..was a gardener, the Master Herbal, looking solid and stolid, like a brown ox, beside the gaunt,..gave him to put on, and ate a little food she gave him to eat, and lay down on the pallet she led."Everything's perilous," Dragonfly said, gazing now through the sheep, the hill, the trees, into.Azver went quickly to where Irian lay beside the stream, and the others followed him. She roused.nudists. . .".opened, I began walking.. "Mistress," said Hawk, "may I tell you a story?". "Yes. When there are. . . two of you."..and cast no shadow, she knew it..I will not be summoned"..all a judgment on his son..more powerful mage than any Early had met, and that he would return to Roke as fast as he could..Money was a problem. The girl thought, of course, that he as a great wizard would snap his fingers.wizard..Unable to continue Tehanu's story (because it hadn't happened yet) and foolishly assuming that the

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