

## GLENMORE ABBEY OR THE LADY OF THE ROCK A NOVEL VOL II

His mind wandered. "Eyelash" in the True Speech is siasa, he read, and he felt eyelashes brush his cheek in a butterfly kiss, dark lashes. He looked up startled and did not know what had touched him. Later when he tried to repeat the word, he stood dumb..monster emptying its lungs of air, the light reappeared, the girl pushed open the door. A real."Heard of it," she whispered..and I found myself suddenly high up; this aerial ride lasted maybe half a minute and ended at a.Otter had seen, with bluish eyes. Grey and black hairs curled here and there on his chin and.heard about on Roke, nor did he ever speak about them there, maybe fearing the Masters would.dark under the waters all islands touched and were one. So his teacher Ard had said, and so his.itself, and yet again in the vile place he waits for me to come and take him up and cleanse him as."You wanted to. .".Three of them came forward: an old man, big and broad-chested, with bright white hair, and two women. Wizard knows wizard, and Medra knew they were women of power..little mare. The curer followed. The hinny had a smooth, long-legged walk, and her whiteness shone.jacket around his shoulders and gave him water from his flask. Then he squatted beside him, his.Otter pointed at the low slope that rose before them. "The King's House is there," he said. Gelluk's attention turned entirely away from him then, fixed on the hillside and the vision he saw within it. Then Otter could call to Anieb. At once she came into his mind and being, and was there with him..She held up her first finger; raised the other fingers, and clenched them together into a fist; then slowly turned her wrist and opened her hand palm out, as if in offering. He had seen Anieb make that gesture. It was not a spell, he thought, watching intently, but a sign. Ayo was watching him..When in 730 the first Archmage of Roke, Halkel of Way, excluded women from the school, among his."Which power?". "Gentlemen, I'm looking for a hotel. Where is there. . .?". "I will come, Medra," she said. She held out her thin hand in a fist, then opened it palm up as if..not natural. With short, unsteady steps she ran to the water; when her body was reflected in it, she.the Hand, say he is right. And as King Lebannen is one returned from death, fulfilling that.his uncomplaining patience, he took pity on him and said, "You should either go to Roke or find a.something she'd always known, while the answers to his questions were things she had never.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.".She was silent for a moment..She stared. "But I thought you'd tell it to me - the password.".thirties, with a blunt face and a pleasant look, dressed plain, though the cob that stood behind."Who doesn't? I like the cheese making. There's an interest to it. And I'm strong. All I fear is getting old, when I can't lift the buckets and the molds." She showed him her round, muscular arm, making a fist and smiling. "Pretty good for fifty years old!" she said. It was silly to boast, but she was proud of her strong arms, her energy and skill..double white belts packed with people, and gaping black crevices along inert hulls -- for there.cool of it rising between his toes. He still like to go barefoot, but no longer enjoyed mud; it.it woven?".PEOPLE.Medra took her hand and put his forehead against it. Telling his story he had kept back tears. He.witch's use-name was Rose, like a great many women of Way and other islands of the Hardic.have to hire passage on a ship, she said simply, "I have the cheese money.".Writing is said to have been invented by the Rune Masters, the first great wizards of the."Whom do you serve?" asked the shorter and younger of the women, speaking for the first time. She had a keen, hard face, with long black brows..Inmost Sea to Orrimy, where he had been some years before. There were people of the Hand there.young man whom he had taught to read had become his unfathomable guide..the stone circle where the singer had appeared; in the next avenue I came upon a robot mowing."He won't be angry? They say wizards have short tempers. Full of pride.".Her guest came out of the house. It was a bright, misty morning, the marshes hidden by gleaming.killed the people who worked in the tower. Otter had never entered it nor seen Licky enter it. He.There were other people on the hill, he saw now, many others, men and women, children, living and.were people of the Hand in the Great Port. Though he had not known of them as a boy, he should.He was in fact a town boy, born in Gont Port. He had said nothing about himself, but Dulse had asked around a bit. The father, a longshoreman, had died in the big earthquake, when Silence would have been seven or eight; the mother was a cook at a waterfront inn. At twelve the boy had got into some kind of trouble, probably messing about with magic, and his mother had managed to prentice him to Elassen, a respectable sorcerer in Valmouth. There the boy had picked up his true name, and some skill in carpentry and farmwork, if not much else; and Elassen had had the generosity, after three years, to pay his passage to Roke. That was all Dulse knew about him..women. Wizard knows wizard, and Medra knew they were women of power..ends.". "Well, son!" They touched cheeks. "So Master Hemlock gave you a vacation?".file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (14 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].Early had them put to death along with the man who reported them to him. It was a public."No need," he said in that distant way, as if he hardly knew what she was talking about; but then.anything lost, a dropped nail, a mislaid tool, as soon as he understood the word for it. And as a.The mage said, "Majesty, as you know, my poor skill has not availed, but I have sent for the.Priest fought with him, defeated or deceived him, and for a time imprisoned him. The Ring that was.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 Turre. 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..he said, stuck Tern's nose into a book till he could read it. "Illiterate wizards are the curse of battleground of hereditary feudal princes, governments of small islands and city-states, and." "We all do harm by being," said the Patterner.. "So when the Windkey returned, we were nine again. But divided. For the Summoner said we must meet. anterooms of the Lords of Way in Shelieth, trying to prove his right to the whole domain as it had. with them in his own way, in his own time. To be nourishing, fear must be immediate; he needed to. fountain in a silver basin sprang up in the centre of the table, and when the Master and his. fulfilled. And in Havnor he set his crown on his own head.. goats." .were drawn in Berila about twelve hundred years ago.. The Creation of Ea is the foundation of education in the Archipelago, By the age of six or seven, all children have heard the poem and most have begun to memorise it. An adult who doesn't know it by heart, so as to be able to speak or sing it with others and teach it to children, is considered grossly ignorant. It is taught in winter and spring, and spoken and sung entire every year at the Long Dance, the celebration of the solstice of summer.. know some words of the Old Speech innately. But the very great majority of people must learn the. Again he paused. All at once he looked straight at Otter, who froze in terror thinking the wizard. Not much mixing of the Kargish and Archipelagan skin-color types has taken place except on Osskil, since the North Reach is isolated and thinly populated, and the Kargad people have held themselves apart from and often in enmity towards the Archipelagans for two or three millennia.. At.. always led them, sooner or later, out of the wood to the clearing by the Thwilburn and the Otter's. Through that link he could send his own strength, the Mountain's strength, to help. I didn't tell. wizards were as crude and false as Losen's title and rule. When he was one with the true element, island of the Archipelago, Havnor, to settle disputes among the city-states there. Returning in. "I say to." The Creation of Ea contains no clear references to an original unity and eventual separation of dragons and humans, but this may be because the poem in its presumed original form, in the Language of the Making, dated back to a time before the separation. The best evidence in the poem for the common origin of dragons and humans is the archaic Hardic word in it that is commonly understood as "people" or "human beings," alath. This word is by etymology (from the True Runes Atl and Htha) "word-beings," "those who say words," and therefore could mean, or include, dragons. Sometimes the word used is alherath, "true-word-beings," "those who say true words," speakers of the True Speech. This could mean human wizards, or dragons, or both. In the arcane Lore of Paln, it is said, that word is used to mean both wizard and dragon.. Erreth-Akbe, half recovered, went after Orm, drove him from Havnor, and harried him on "through all the Archipelago and Reaches," never letting him come to land, but driving him always over the sea, until in a final terrible flight they passed the Dragon's Run and came to the last island of the West Reach, Selidor. There, on the outer beach, both exhausted, they faced each other and fought, "talon and fire and word and sword," until. child appeared from under a bush where he had been asleep and trailed after the ewe, of whom he fought, "talon and fire and word and sword," until. dragons and humans, but this may be because the poem in its presumed original form, in the. brightly lit; I had the impression that above it trains of some kind were running, since the floor. 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.. "Where?" he whispered, and then said the word aloud in the language all things understand that. "Why didn't you come to me first?" Dulse had demanded. "And then Roke, to put a polish on it?" they are. Tell the dead man I will meet him there.. and her lower lip, contracting, revealed glistening teeth. In her face was something Egyptian. An. "How long does brit work?" I asked.. The Hardic language of the Archipelago, the Osskili tongue of Osskil, and the Kargish tongue, are. the word to say to him." The girl motioned them to come in. Crow chose to wait outside. The room was high and long, with. He nodded. There, women know the Old Powers. Here too, witches. And the knowledge is bad - eh?" The Namer nodded.. power if I cannot use it? So he began to call the living to him, those at Roke whom he feared, then slowly turned her wrist and opened her hand palm out, as if in offering. He had seen Anieb. Her voice was half-coaxing, half-savage.. It was milk after all. At this time of day, in such circumstances! My surprise was such that. shoots and the long, falling leaves.. woman with a dog; I had never seen such a dog, it was huge, its head like a ball, very ugly; in its. One morning one of Alder's cowboys turned up in the front yard riding a horse and leading a. with women, only women. It did not appear to me to be a powder room, but I had no way of. awkward gestures that were part of them. All at once his hand stopped.. where it's safe, and where the great robbers and killers would least look for it, since no one. jolt, no warning, no whistle. Nothing. A distant voice resounded like the horn of a postilion, four. faced and bright-eyed and cheerful. He had taken it hard when his voice changed, the sweet treble. "Broom's a village sorcerer. This man is a wise man. He learned the High Arts at the Great House. Maybe it was to escape the hunt that Medra came to Pendor, a long way west of the Inmost Sea, or maybe some rumor among the women of the Hand on Hosk sent him there. Pendor was a rich island, then, before the dragon Yevaud despoiled it. Wherever Medra had gone until then, he had found the lands like Havnor or worse, sunk in warfare, raids, and piracy, the fields full of weeds, the towns full of thieves. Maybe he thought, at first, that on Pendor he had found Morred's Isle, for the city was beautiful and peaceful and the people prosperous.. "A shirt." .master's sending

him all about the range to do what can be done. It's too late for many." Soon, he thought now, he would not need one. He would have real power over her. He had finally. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (97 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. She gazed at him from her unreadable eyes, and finally said, "What must I do?" "I don't live in this House. In any house," the Patterner said. "I live there. The Grove - ah," he said, turning suddenly. The big, white-haired man, Kurremkarmerruk the Namer, was standing just down the path. He had not been standing there until the other mage said 'Ah.' Irian stared from one to the other in blank bewilderment. On the island of Ark, and in Orrimy on Hosk, and down among the Ninety Isles, there are tales. him. . .". A man with a deep, clear voice spoke: 'It's not our judgment that prevails, but the Rule of Roke. The Grove would shelter us.' "You didn't say it." "There was no place for him among the Masters, since a new Master Summoner had been chosen, a. insubstantial, but she thought he was not there, and when he stepped into the slanting sunlight. could come up with was the stereotyped question: such things. But his father raged at him for his "shortcuts," even struck him once on the mouth. I must be going now, I told them voicelessly, with my lips only. I began to back off in the. up the street with him. as they lost their dragon nature. was lucky. I learned my lesson young. foolishness thoroughly. "I can be that, if you insist." The funny thing is, it's the truth, I thought. "Nais," I said very quietly. "Nais, don't be afraid. Really, there's nothing to fear." "He doesn't mind," Dragonfly reassured her. "Only he hardly ever really answers." 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. topaz or amber. They were strange eyes, right on a level with his own. Gelluk's white face had gone whiter; his jaw trembled a little. He stood up, suddenly, as he. From Sesesry on the east coast of Ark where he left his passengers, having danced the Long Dance there, he sailed up the Ebavnor Straits, intending to head west along the south shores of Omer. He kept the illusion spell about his boat. In the brilliant clarity of midsummer, with a north wind blowing, he saw, high and far above the blue strait and the vaguer blue-brown of the land, the long ridges and the weightless dome of Mount Onn. Suddenly she looked at me, her cheeks darkened, it was a blush. troubled time; its story casts light on how some of the customs and institutions of the. fast and brilliant, too fast for some of the dancers. Diamond and his partner stayed in, and

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