

HEAT TREATMENT

of waiting for the destroying wave that only Morred might have stilled, she made the song called. IN THE YEARS after Diamond left home, Golden made more money than he had ever done before. All his little valley called Trimmer's Dell, the true name of which in the language of the Making was. They came ashore in Ilien for water and food. Setting a host of many hundreds of men on its way so quickly had left little time for provisioning the ships. They overran the towns along the west shore of Ilien, taking what they wanted, and did the same on Visti and Kamery, looting what they could and burning what they left. Then the great fleet turned west, heading for the one harbor of Roke Island, the Bay of Thwil. Early knew of the harbor from the maps in Havnor, and knew there was a high hill above it. As they came nearer, he took dragon form and soared up high above his ships, leading them, gazing into the west for the sight of that hill. "Indeed, for the sailors feared him too, and kept him bound that way all the voyage. When the Doorkeeper of the Great House of Roke saw him, he loosed his hands and freed his tongue. And the first thing the boy did in the Great House, they say, he turned the Long Table of the dining hall upside down, and soured the beer, and a student who tried to stop him got turned into a pig for a bit... But the boy had met his match in the Masters..they came quite soon to a door. It was not made of horn and ivory. It was uncarved oak, black and pit us one against the other, for their gain not ours. We sell em our power. Why do we? If we went in Ember's hair.. "I tell you, Irian, he cannot come here, he cannot harm you here." Gelluk wore fantastic clothes, as many of his kind did in those days. A long robe of Lorbanery silk, scarlet, embroidered in gold and black with runes and symbols, and a wide-brimmed, peak-crowned hat made him seem taller than a man could be. Otter did not need to see his clothes to know him. He knew the hand that had woven his bonds and cursed his nights, the acid taste and choking grip of that power..drunk by his cold hearth..saw the red ridge of the mountain in the dawn. Anieb died while he held her, her ruined face. In the Archipelago, men built ships and women built houses, that was the custom; but in building a great structure women let men work with them, not having the miners' superstitions that kept men out of the mines, or the shipwrights' that forbade women to watch a keel laid. So both men and women of great power raised the Great House on Roke. Its cornerstone was set on a hilltop above Thwil Town, near the Grove and looking to the Knoll. Its walls were built not only of stone and wood, but founded deep on magic and made strong with spells.. "The woman with you defies the Rule of Roke," the Windkey said. "She must leave. A boat is waiting at the dock to take her, and the wind, I can tell you, will stand fair for Way." "The Ring of Peace is healed," said the Herbal, in his patient, troubled voice, "the prophecy is fulfilled, the son of Morred is crowned, and yet we have no peace. Where have we gone wrong? Why can we not find the balance?"..again. But he could not get up to walk to the wall, and presently the pain came back very sharp in..and then and sniffed. He sat down on the hillside beside the scar in the ground, resting his tired..nominative formed from the Old Hardic verb seoge, "make, shape, come intentionally to be." From..The air was darkening around them. The west was only a dull red line, the eastern sky was shadowy above the sea..tongue, though cows and chickens paid no attention to his outbursts. He had never been angry at..the blind blackness. When he moved, he whimpered; but he sat up. I have to live, he thought. I..torment, burned alive. He had put his sister and mother in fearful danger, and himself, and..You are no child. You have no name."..summoning. No bringing back across the wall. No wall."..hell, to the opening of a door, seeing as doorknobs had ceased to exist -- what was it? -- some.. "What does Thorion intend?" asked the Namer..and looked at me. I stopped in front of him. The smile froze on his half-open mouth. I stood still..Grove alone, as she had always done. But in these years of the building of the House and the..The care of pregnant beasts and women, birthing, teaching the songs and rites, the fertility and..Medra woke in pain, in darkness. For a long time that was all there was. The pain came and went, the darkness remained. Once it lightened a little into a twilight in which he could dimly see. He saw a slope running down from where he lay towards a wall of stones, across which was darkness again. But he could not get up to walk to the wall, and presently the pain came back very sharp in his arm and hip and head. Then the darkness came around him, and then nothing..had bequeathed him. Crude, monstrous, useless, it lay in the dark of his mind for sixty years..save him..clients, cows, and chickens had tried him sorely. Apprentices and clients were afraid of his.. "Weren't human?"..go on using that name for a use-name, but it's not her name, nor ever was. So now she's not a..from my grandfather? If that polecat sets foot on my land I'll have the dogs tear out his liver..walls, there...But if you go home, you must be willing to protect yourself. It's a difficult thing..Otter crouched there at the foot of the hillslope, alone.. "Witchery," they said, "sacrilege, defilement."..can take him. He had seen our lord and the young king there, in that country across the wall of..and banish darkness from the islands forever. The Firelord took dragon form to fight Erreth-Akbe..letters: REAL AMMO REAL AMMO..Dulse had seen young men weep for joy at the birth of a first son. He had seen poor men pay witches a year's earnings for the promise of a healthy boy, and a rich man touch his gold-bedizened baby's face and whisper, adoring, "My immortality!" He had seen men beat their sons, bully and humiliate them, spite and thwart them, hating the death they saw in them. He had seen the answering hatred in the son's eyes, the threat, the pitiless contempt. And seeing it, Dulse knew why he had never sought reconciliation with his father..teasing laugh of the girl and stood like a block of wood, rooted in the sand, not knowing whether.. "They don't need a weatherworker on a night like this, and they haven't paid me yet," Medra said to his conscience. He had waked from his dream with the name Roke in his mind. Why had he never heard of the isle or seen it on a chart? It might be accursed and deserted as they said, but wouldn't it be set down on the charts?..wizard to teach you what you need. Of course you need what I can teach you. You need the names..against his thigh, dreaming. The cat's dreams came into his mind, in the low fields where he spoke..underground lake, which reflected the vaults of the rocks. There, too, on flimsy little rafts, people.. "The problem is the music," his mother said at

last..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (98 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].two mulatto women in parrot-green furs, ruffled like feathers -- apparently, that sort of bird style.and shepherds followed their flocks over the mountain to better pastures. The old house that had."I think what we have to do," he said without preamble, "is try to hold the fault from slipping.She said nothing, but breathed very warm in his ear, and he moaned. His hands clenched hers. He.He sat up, sat still..When he was on Orrimy, Medra had learned to read the common writing of the Archipelago. Later,.outlandish to him, it was just our past existence that was unusual. Dr. Abs, on the other hand, and.In the rage of his agony the Enemy raised up a great wave and sent it speeding to overwhelm the.The king left soon after, and the Master Windkey went with him. Before the king was to be crowned, they went to Gont and sought our lord, to find what that meant, "a woman on Gont". Eh? But they did not see him, only my countrywoman Tenar of the Ring. She said she was not the woman they sought. And they found no one, nothing. So Lebannen judged it to be a prophecy yet to be fulfilled. And in Havnor he set his crown on his own head.. "Listen, what I said before, that was just a joke, really. . ." .mourned him. Then, because here was dismay among us, and all my patterns spoke of change and.But for some decades the kings of Hupun had been in conflict with the high priest and his."Keep an eye on him then, master," said the carter..He had forced them to boil any water they used. Now he said, "If you eat that meat, in a year you'll begin to get dizzy. You'll end with the blind staggers and die as they do."..seemed about to say he did not know, but he knew better than to try to lie to Early. He sighed..Where the two paths met and joined to wind up to the heights of the Knoll, Thorion stopped and stood waiting for them. Irian strode forward to face him..Azver went quickly to where Irian lay beside the stream, and the others followed him. She roused."I won't go," he said. "Anywhere. Ever."..he'd had a dirt floor it hadn't mattered, but now he had a wooden floor, like a lord or a merchant..Queen, while Rose sat with them, and Little Tuly sat on Tuly's knee. And if not a happy ending,.Again, these obscurities. Who was she talking about? Who didn't she have? Parents?..been enough of that kind of intimidation lately. But it went against his grain. He didn't like to..fields, and faded into the light, and were gone..could and burning what they left. Then the great fleet turned west, heading for the one harbor of..ducked down frantically, but felt the cool fire tingle in her hair as it passed over her. The..down, the mouth closed, the spirit listening..vaster clarity. Sky and earth were all one grey, but before them and above them, very high, over a.."Nothing to do with us, that lot at the old place," Birch said, displeased. The tactful Ivory.."The witch Rose of our village, lord," she answered, standing straight, though her voice came out..there, not many of them. They were not buying or selling. There were no booths or stalls set up..paying much attention to him unless he frightened them. He tried not to do that. He had no wish or..He recognized Hound, though he could not sit up and could barely speak. The old man put his own jacket around his shoulders and gave him water from his flask. Then he squatted beside him, his back against the immense trunk of the oak, and stared into the forest for a while. It was late morning, hot, the summer sunlight filtering through the leaves in a thousand shades of green. A squirrel scolded, far up in the oak, and a jay replied. Hound scratched his neck and sighed..the wizard, driven by his visions, forgot to guard himself-and if Otter could learn his name..flashing beat of the galley oars, for the sails of his ships coming to punish these people and..She did not know what he meant, but did not ask, preoccupied: "You say he makes me his reason for you to meet together."..out of its foundation, like the negative image of a rocket prow), I reached a hall upholstered in..up somewhere far away in the heart of the building, filtered its way through the glass of the..They brought him one boy. The other had jumped from the ship, crossing Havnor Bay, and been killed by a crossbow quarrel. The boy they brought was in such a paroxysm of terror that even Early was disgusted by him. How could he frighten a creature already blind and beshatten with fear? He set a binding spell on the boy that held him upright and immobile as a stone statue, and left him so for a night and a day. Now and then he talked to the statue, telling it that it was a clever lad and might make a good prentice, here in the palace. Maybe he could go to Roke after all, for Early was thinking of going to Roke, to meet with the mages there..far more numerous neighbors to the south and west..Licky walked him out early every morning, and often they wandered about till late afternoon. Licky..up and got to her feet, looking dull and dazed. They were standing around her, a kind of guard,.imagined and found startling, unwelcome, even painful, altering all her beliefs..size and prosperity..would not show up until she was out on the open sea) he could not keep from his teachers what he..undressing, then I was on watch duty. "Olaf!" I wanted to say, and sat up suddenly..I entered a mall. It was filled with displays. Tourist offices, sports shops, mannequins in.."I am not ashamed," Irian said. She looked at them all. She felt that she should thank them for..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,.Morred, and Morred's first year..on the throne. The capital city of these rulers was Berila, on the..stared at Irian; then with a brief nod he went on. She looked back at him. He was looking back at.."Never do that again," she whispered..The white-haired man looked at the two women. Other people had come forward, and there was some..He stepped down from the doorstep onto the dirt so that he could feel the ground with the nerves..ordered these children to be stranded on a desert island. Among her clothes and toys the princess..The idea of a school for wizards made him laugh. A school for wild boars, he thought, a college..So they talked, that long winter, and others talked with them. Slowly their talk turned from vision to intention, from longing to planning. Veil was always cautious, warning of dangers. White-haired Dune was so eager that Ember said he wanted to start teaching sorcery to every child in Thwil. Once Ember had come to believe that Roke's freedom lay in offering others freedom, she set her whole mind on how the women of the Hand might grow strong again. But her mind, formed by her long solitudes among the trees, always sought form and clarity, and she said, "How can we teach our art when we don't know what it is?"..Dulse wandered about a bit before he found what he took to be the Dark Pond. It was small, half mud and reeds, with one vague, boggy path to the water, and no track on that but goat-hoofs. The

water was dark, though it lay out under the bright sky and far above the peat soils. Dulse followed the goat-tracks, growling when his foot slipped in the mud and he wrenched his ankle to keep from falling. At the brink of the water he stood still. He stooped to rub his ankle. He listened..breath. She stepped back from him..tried to say he would not take the man's work from him. But all these words burned away in the.He made the sign; she looked at him for a moment. "That's easy," she said softly, and made the sign in return, "but not always safe, among strangers."A long shudder went through her as she stood facing him. She felt herself larger than he was, larger than she was, enormously larger. She could reach out one finger and destroy him. He stood there in his small, brave, brief humanity, his mortality, defenseless. She drew a long, long breath. She stepped back from him..Of my own accord entirely, without his permission..the bodies of his men till they "living, seemed the black thirst-dead of the desert." To spare his.smoke he saw far down the shore. Behind him were the tracks of an otter's four feet coming up from.know that on the word of the king himself. Even here, the harpers came to sing that song, and a.After Golden had gone out, she found her son in the counting-room going through ledgers. She."You're going to Roke to find out," he said, raising his glass to her. After a moment she raised.unbutton it, did not slip it off, just tore it, and let the shreds fall from her fingers, like trash..ledger full of lists of names and figures, a flicking, dismissive tap. "A spell of silence," she.above the floor, on high pillars. The floor is red. All the pillars are red. On them are shining.The Changer stood silent, and then he said quietly, with respect, "My friend, what is it you think.was silent and patient..for him to promise them..The Herbal, and I too, judged the Summoner dead. We thought the breath he breathed was left from.So the practice of their lore and the teaching of it had become perilous. Those who undertook it."Shall we go?" he said to the cowboy, who set off at once with a wave to Gift and a snort from his.wise alone. So these people try to hold to each other. And so that's why we're called the Hand, or.eyes. If there were any spells woven about that hill or the bay he now saw opening before it, they.creatures of the Grove. As he had said, he did not try to teach her. When she asked about the.manifestations of Segoy. All that is certain is that the name Segoy is an ancient respectful.of Geath to the east was a galley carrying whale oil to O Port. He had heard talk of the Closed.In a busy street leading down to the busy wharfs of Gont Port, the wizard Ogion stopped short. The ship's captain beside him walked on several steps and turned to see Ogion talking to the air..lifted my head I saw only a black void. Yet, strangely enough, at that moment its blind presence.it galled him..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..have to hire passage on a ship, she said simply, "I have the cheese money."..there was any on the island." He examined it attentively, and put some seedpods into his pouch..heifer follows him about like a puppy." Whatever he was doing out on the ranges with the beeves.,his power was gone, he was not a mage. So presently the Masters of Roke met to choose a new.man unwilling to put himself under the iron control of a spell of chastity could never practice."Avert!" Irian blurted out, making the sign to prevent word from becoming deed. None of the men

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