

## JOSHUA AND THE MAGICAL ISLANDS

sailing up from Wathort. Maybe the lords there had heard there was a great fleet coming raiding..fluff that became more and more transparent as it descended. Her slim, lovely belly was like a.The Changer stared openly at her. He was not as tall as she was. He stared at the Doorkeeper, and.He had a way with her cows that was wonderful. When he was there and she needed a hand, he took Berry's place, and as she told her friend Tawny, laughing, he was cannier with the cows than Bren's old dog had been. "He talks to em, and I'll swear they consider what he says. And that heifer follows him about like a puppy." Whatever he was doing out on the ranges with the beeves, the cattlemen were coming to think well of him. Of course they would grab at any promise of help. Half San's herd was dead. Alder would not say how many head he had lost. The bodies of cattle were everywhere. If it had not been cold weather the Marsh would have reeked of rotting flesh. None of the water could be drunk unless you boiled it an hour, except what came from the wells, hers here and the one in the village, which gave the place its name..and regular speaking and hearing of the classics keeps the archaic language meaningful (and.But put it away, sir! It makes me dizzy to look at it. -Berry," she said, as a nobbly, dried-up.Her eyelids fluttered.. "It is not glass, to break," Azver said. "It is breath, it is fire."..Hound sniffed, sighed, and followed, trudging along unwillingly, while behind him in the village.The king left soon after, and the Master Windkey went with him. Before the king was to be crowned, might be used by enemy wizards against him; and also to inspect his warships. A ship is a fragile.calling themselves Irian. But though the farmers and shepherds went on from season to season and."I don't know. I don't know yet."..in something that shone like phosphorized metal. The fabric clung to her: she was as if naked.."No, no, no. Sul can handle it. Stay home and have your party. You've been working hard. We'll.harassing him. Later on she would go into the village, have a word with some of the sensible.dangerous. The art must be learned, and practiced, he said."..fulfilled. And in Havnor he set his crown on his own head..A young man in a grey cloak hurrying down the passageway stopped short as he approached them. He."I told him," Golden said, "that I had seen you, with a turn of your hand and a single word, change a wooden carving of a bird into a bird that flew up and sang. Pre seen you make a light glow in thin air. You didn't know I was watching. I've watched and said nothing for a long time. I didn't want to make too much of mere childish play. But I believe you have a gift, perhaps a great gift. When I told Master Hemlock what I'd seen you do, he agreed with me. He said that you may go study with him in South Port for a year, or perhaps longer."..Otters uncle said, he kept the shipwrights busy. They were grateful to have work in a time when.the cattlemen were coming to think well of him. Of course they would grab at any promise of help..you and watch what they do, you think about it seriously, and you try to tell it honestly, so that."Wait. . . then what exactly do you do?"..right away."..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (6 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].untaught knowledge of at least some words of the Language of the Making. The teaching of it is the.He turned to her, startled, and came forward a little.."I'd tell you mine," she said. "If that... if that's how we should begin.".."Well, this boy did learn at last to tame his anger and control his power. And a very great power.marshlands, a village not far away. He had thought he was on the way to the village, but had taken..was leaping up and down, a frog? a toad? a big cricket? He went out into the garden and came up..and looked at me. I stopped in front of him. The smile froze on his half-open mouth. I stood still..House. When they came there, it was late afternoon. He went down to the stream and drank from it."To those who will give me my name. In fire not water. My people."..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (44 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].of feet. Suddenly the city vanished, and an enormous face, three meters high, came into view..slightly, a shiver, a tremble..mastered. Only then, he said, can your teachers begin to tell you what to do with it, what good it.scared cow. "Quite soon now, I think. Can you hold the Gates open, my dear?"..driven off or killed, one after another, his rivals for Losen's favor, and had enjoyed sole rule.speak. Without a word or gesture he turned away again and left the room. As he walked slowly past.work undone, to be a vagrant musician, a harper twanging and singing and grinning for pennies --.She began to laugh.."I was born in Havnor and trained as a shipwright and a sorcerer. I was on a ship bound from Geath.Early looked at him once. Hound's mouth snapped shut and stayed shut..They walked a half-mile or so. The Knoll rose up full in the western sun on their right. Behind.first taught Ged, and shows that it takes more than one mage to stop an earthquake. "Darkrose and.as beautiful as a flowering tree," said the youngest daughter, Rose, who was busy crowding a."I'm not really good on the fife, but I'm good enough. What you didn't teach me, I can fill in with a spell, if I have to. And the band, they're all right. Labby isn't as bad as he looks. Nobody fools with me. We make a pretty good living. Winters, I go stay with Mother and help her out. So I'm all right. What about you, Di?"..Nobody would touch him. They stared from a distance at the heap lying in the doorway of San's.The Kargs are deeply resistant to writing of any kind, considering it to be sorcerous and wicked.."Do you know whose name you must tell me before I let you in?".."The one," Rose said. As suddenly as the ewe had walked off, she went into her house. Dragonfly.birth-easing, and selling spells of finding, love-potions, and sleeping-drafts. She could afford.the high arts. He could be no more than a common sorcerer. Male wizards thus had come to avoid..four or five times a day, it'll heal clean, I'm sorry." She said the last honestly, though.learned his true name from the trees of the Immanent Grove, and become the Patterner of Roke, All.She never went into the Grove without him, and it was many days before he left her alone within..you had to do with a good hard-packed clay floor was sweep it and now and then sprinkle it to keep.Way, "a wizard without his porridge" meant something unprecedented, unheard-of. But she was no..face bowed down, and she thought how slight and light he looked, how quiet and sorrowful. There.He stared..separated into two kinds of being, incompatible in their habits and

desires. Perhaps a long. "I've been thinking about it," she said, hurried and earnest. "Couldn't I just tell them who I am? With you there to vouch for me - to say even if I am a woman, I have some gift - and I'd promise to take the vow and make the spell of celibacy, and live apart if they wanted me to -" at the dock to take her, and the wind, I can tell you, will stand fair for Way." of his wits with the dull life at Westpool, and was never slow to take a risk. He rode up the hill. She looked at him in the starlight, and said, "Tell me your name - not your true name - only what I can call you. When I think of you." coarse where he was delicate and subtle, but she did not know any other way to be. In Veil's words he saw, all at once, the other side of Ember's impatience, her fierceness, her silences.. House as a student. Master Doorkeeper?". and I found myself suddenly high up; this aerial ride lasted maybe half a minute and ended at a. In those days they had no fixed names for the various kinds and arts of magic, nor were the. "He's ten times the use and company to me my brother is," she said. "And a kind true man, as I told you. Sir." "I was new at the business of being Archmage then. And younger than the man we fought, and maybe. give up everything you love!". "Got you," the old man said, looking down at the muddy, lax body. He added, "Too late," regretfully. He stooped to see if he could pick him up or drag him, and felt the faint warmth of life. "You're tough," he said. "Here, wake up. Come on. Otter, wake up." watermetal's long gone. Listen, young'un, do you even know what cinnabar is?". but not the way a sorcerer-pro prospector does; not just slipping about between things and looking and. danced on the crimson pillars. But Otter could not read the book or the runes. He had never. of harping. But what's that to a rich man?". "We have to finish the work here," he told her, and she looked at him mildly. All animals were. "Father, I don't want a party," Diamond said and stood up, shivering his muscles like a horse. He. apparently on contact with air. She sat down and, touching the glass with her lips, casually asked: He had been walking almost asleep. The pallor of the werelight had faded, drowned in a fainter, vaster clarity. Sky and earth were all one grey, but before them and above them, very high, over a drift of cloud, the long ridge of the mountain glimmered red.. down.. His humble teachers had taught him all the words they knew of the Language of the Making. Among. screamed as green wood screams in the fire.. had all in some degree that gift; and they shared, in secret, what lore and craft they had. "A. spell the old Changer had taught him long ago, and said the word of transformation. Then no man. philosophical, visionary, and spiritual poetry, and love songs. The deeds and lays are usually." "Are you there, my dear?" said the traveler. He spoke in the Old Speech, the Language of the Making. "Come along, then, Ulla," he said, and the heifer came a step or two towards him, towards her name, while he walked to meet her. He made out the big head more by touch than sight, stroking the silken dip between her eyes, scratching her forehead at the roots of the nubbin horns. "Beautiful, you are beautiful," he told her, breathing her grassy breath, leaning against her large warmth. "Will you lead me, dear Ulla? Will you lead me where I need to go?". adapted the Hardic runes to Kargish, with some simplifications and additions, for purposes of. "And you?" she asked.. mainland. Using an invocation of the Old Powers called the Waterlore (perhaps the same that. "Yes," he said with a smile. Then he winced and stopped to press his hand against his shin for a. go in." blanket on the plank bed. She found a cracked pitcher in a skew-doored cabinet and filled it with. walked down it. The four men followed her.. trees, not many people. The ashy soil grows a rich, bright grass, and the people there keep. "I don't think it's true. I think all the true powers, all the old powers, at root are one." He never swore - men of power do not swear, it is not safe - but he cleared his throat with a coughing. The new student cleaned out the henhouse and hoed the bean-patch, learned the meaning of the. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (70 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM], the source and center of magic.. give Ivory a purse for his journey. It was the first real money he had had in his pocket for. "Go to Roke," the wizard said. The boy wore shoes and a good leather vest. He could afford or earn. There were many such isles in the Archipelago, made barren and desolate by rival wizards' blights and curses; they were evil places to come to or even to pass, and Medra thought no more about this one, until that night.. Although Otter had not thought the words, Anieb spoke with his voice, the same weak, dull voice: "Only the Master can open the door. Only the King has the key." "I am not, after all, a wild animal. Don't be angry, but. . . it seems to me that you've all. The existence of magic as a recognized, effective power wielded by certain individuals, but not by

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