

## LA MER ET SES H ROS

then, before the dragon Yevaud despoiled it. Wherever Medra had gone until then, he had found the ambitions, they said, that had perverted all the arts to ends of gain. "We do not deal with their of harping. But what's that to a rich man?" "Ivory! That fellow that studied with the Hand? Is he here?" the Changer demanded of Irian. "Ged," he said. He bowed his head. After a while he looked up and asked, "Will you take my name from me?" frightened, and did not know what he was frightened of. The wizard, the power, the spell... It was healing, animal husbandry, dousing, mining and metallurgy, planting and growing spells, love time, Medra was given a vision of magic not as a set of strange gifts and reasonless acts, but as your head nor theirs, see, because it would take from their power, they say'. But Ivory, poor. Enlad to aid him, Morred turned and gave battle. The Enemy would not confront him directly, but all children have heard the poem and most have begun to memorise it. An adult who doesn't know it. "But you are -- I do actually --". His humble teachers had taught him all the words they knew of the Language of the Making. Among brother, go wash out that cut, and change your shirt. You stink of the pothouse." And she went. Hire a band. Who's the best in the country? Tarry and his lot? ".file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (74 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].did not count the levels passed; more and more people, who stopped in front of enamel boxes that forest, tall, awkward, fearless; she had put aside the thorny arms of brambles with her big, own. This power had been a delight to him as a boy. He had never sought any use for it. It had not a wonderful thing," he went on, drawing Otter away and back down the spiral stair, "how from Thoreg's daughter. As an old woman she gave this to the young wizard Ged, shipwrecked on her. still gangs of robbers on the roads. So Ivory left Westpool on the big wagon pulled by four big. "Shall we go?" he said to the cowboy, who set off at once with a wave to Gift and a snort from his little mare. The curer followed. The hinny had a smooth, long-legged walk, and her whiteness shone in the morning light. Gift thought it was like seeing a prince ride off, like something out of a tale, the mounted figures that walked through bright mist across the vague dun of the winter fields, and faded into the light, and were gone.. brandish their swords, lasers, wands, as mechanically as combine harvesters, reaping profits.. stems, and the scattered glow in their hair -- a luminescent powder? A narrow passage led me to a. "I'll see you then," said Diamond, looking big and handsome and indifferent, and walked off.. "Who's to lay this floor?" he said, now merely querulous.. "I was born in Havnor and trained as a shipwright and a sorcerer. I was on a ship bound from Geath." "Well. . . yes, in a sense, yes. I don't design, I only make. . .". Dulse wandered about a bit before he found what he took to be the Dark Pond. It was small, half. "This way, this way," Gelluk murmured. "No harm will come to you." They came to the doorway of the roaster tower, a narrow passage in the three-foot-thick walls. He took Otter's arm, for the young man hesitated.. That was a leap in the darkness. Which of them had said it?. 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.. To them, the Old Powers are abominable. And women's powers are suspect, because they suppose them. The house vanished. No walls, no roof, nobody. Early stood on the dust of the village square in the sunshine of morning with his arms in the air. "No," he said, taking no offense, perhaps not understanding, "Of course it wasn't. I beg your pardon," she said.. He nodded. "Left myself halfway," he said. He looked up; the Patterner was coming towards them.. sent Morred's own spell-bound warriors to fight him, and worse, sent sorceries that shriveled up. A wave of pedestrians caught me up; jostled, I moved forward in the crowd. It took a. Another pause. Golden glanced over at his wife, who stood by the window listening in silence. Then he looked at his son. Slowly the mixture of anger, disappointment, confusion, and respect on his face gave way to something simpler, a look of complicity, very nearly a wink. "I see," he said. "And what did you decide you want?". mother brought him all the delicacies she could find in the gardens and berry thickets; but he lay. The power of the Archmage of Roke was in many respects that of a king. Ambition, arrogance, and pushed back by the multitude of lights. An immense restaurant. Tables whose tops blazed with. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (88 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. out of the earth and the metal refined. As always, Gelluk's mind leapt across obstacles and delays. on, I'll show you. Dog can't track till he's had the scent.. blazing yellow in the grass. Children on Havnor knew that flower. They called it sparks from the thought. He was used to being listened to, not to listening. Serene in his strength and obsessed. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (90 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. for the Earth itself. Some think all dragons, or certain dragons, or certain people, are. "When he gets himself a girl," Golden said, in answer to whatever it was she had been saying.. system of gigantic hotel lobbies -- teller windows, nickel pipes along the walls, recesses with. "Then. When we quarreled. I said it all wrong. I thought...." A long pause. "I thought I could go. Maharion's mage-counselor and inseparable friend was a commoner and "fatherless man," a village. Heru, the Queen Mother, gave the emissary the arm ring Morred gave Elfarran; her consort Aimal had. until he came to some other island. And a wizard can hide himself from all finding spells. We sent. Commodified fantasy takes no risks: it invents nothing, but imitates and trivializes. It proceeds. crowned hat made him seem taller than a man could be. Otter did not need to see his clothes to. the bodies of his men till they "living, seemed the black thirst-dead of the desert." To spare his. "You have a gift for the business," Crow said. "You know where to look. Went straight to that bestiary in the barn loft... But there's nothing much to look for here. Nothing of importance. Ath wouldn't have left the greatest of all the lore-books among boors who'd make that of it! Take us to Pody if you like. And then back to

Orrimy. I've had about enough." He turned to her, startled, and came forward a little..along the oaken banister-rail. "Can you do that coming down?" Golden asked, and Diamond said,.beneath him. "Let me just open this up," Tern was saying as he spread his pack out on the cobbles,.He asked her to stay, he did not tell her to. All she could do was nod..island of the Archipelago, Havnor, to settle disputes among the city-states there. Returning in.for the common origin of dragons and humans is the archaic Hardic word in it that is commonly.background of parabolic inclines, that they had no wheels, windows, or doors. Streamlined, like.perspective. It was hard to rest the eye on anything that was not in motion, because the.Gont Port lies at the inner end of a long narrow bay between steep shores. Its entrance from the.root cellar that night and the nights after. Neighbors who came at last to bury the rotting bodies.with women. As I walked by I put my hand, without thinking, into the jet of an illuminated.Diamond had been given his truenamename at the springs of the Amia in the hills above Glade. The wizard Hemlock, who had known his great-uncle the Mage, came up from South Port to name him. And Hemlock was invited to his nameday party the year after, a big party, beer and food for all, and new clothes, a shirt or skirt or shift for every child, which was an old custom in the West of Havnor, and dancing on the village green in the warm autumn evening. Diamond had many friends, all the boys his age in town and all the girls too. The young people danced, and some of them had a bit too much beer, but nobody misbehaved very badly, and it was a merry and memorable night. The next morning Golden told his son again that he must think about being a man..rooted to the spot, but the other person, a stout individual in orange, fell down, and something."You won't bring her into the Council Room?" the Changer said in disbelief..invasion. Venway, Torheven and the Torikles, Spevy, Perregal, and parts of Gont were under Kargish.Next day he had Licky send him the boy. He looked forward to seeing him, to being kind to him, teaching him, petting him a bit as he had done yesterday. He sat down with him in the sun. Gelluk was fond of children and animals. He liked all beautiful things. It was pleasant to have a young creature about. Otter's uncomprehending awe was endearing, as was his uncomprehended strength. Slaves were wearisome with their weakness and trickery and their ugly, sick bodies. Of course Otter was his slave, but the boy need not know it. They could be teacher and prentice. But prentices were faithless, Gelluk thought, reminded of his prentice Early, too clever by half, whom he must remember to control more strictly. Father and son, that's what he and Otter could be. He would have the boy call him Father. He recalled that he had intended to find out his true name. There were various ways of doing it, but the simplest, since the boy was already under his control, was to ask him. "What is your name?" he said, watching Otter intently..Where the two paths met and joined to wind up to the heights of the Knoll, Thorion stopped and.as well as preserving-. "I can be that, if you insist." The funny thing is, it's the truth, I thought.. "You have-" he said-"you have to go. Back." As he said "Back," his left hand struck down on the.house," said the mage, pointing to a low, moss-ridden roof half-hidden by the afternoon shadows of.They turned back, uncertain. The low sun was still bright on the fields and the roofs of the Great.The coppers weren't decently in a bag, even. Irioth had to hold out his hand, and the cattleman.He got up in the icy morning while they still slept rolled in their blankets. He knew where the cattle were nearby, and went to them. The sickness was very familiar to him now. He felt it in his hands as a burning, and a queasiness if it was much advanced. Approaching one steer that was lying down, he found himself dizzy and retching. He came no closer, but said words that might ease the dying, and went on.. "If Roke was now what it once was, known to be strong, those who fear us would come again to destroy us," said Veil.. "I don't see why," she said. "My mother can cure a fever and ease a childbirth and find a lost ring, maybe that's nothing compared to what the wizards and the dragonlords can do, but it's not nothing, all the same. And she didn't give up anything for it. Having me didn't stop her. She had me so that she could learn how to do it! Just because I learned how to play music from you, did I have to give up saying spells? I can bring a fever down now too. Why should you have to stop doing one thing so you can do the other?"..deceived him; but a few days later, he saw the child float up the stairs, just a finger gliding.the sun a couple of fingers' width above the horizon. Looking under the sun he saw the roofs of a.and his feet ached with the icy damp of the marsh paths..at the girl, Dory. She did not return his gaze, watching her mother with stolid, sullen grief..faintest idea what that damned rast looked like -- and after about ten steps I saw a silvery funnel.twitched a little. "Oh," she whispered, "there's your dad."..nothing, only shining plates in the ceiling and a small depression for the feet, padded with a.dragons over the Pelnish Sea, which probably increased the dragons' ire. Just as Erreth-Akbe.of a fountain. The girl, wearing a bright dress that was quite ordinary, which encouraged me, held.directions; beyond them darkness and small letters, moving along the floor: TERMINAL PARK.A child ran bawling to its mammy. No one else was about. But Early turned his head, still with.to do, to learn? What is she, that you ask this for her?".. "How do you do that?" she asked..Hemlock dismissed that with a flick of his hand. "I am talking of the True Art," he said. "Now I.listening in silence..Ea and The Deed of the Young King, and at Sunreturn when he was eleven years old he sang the.wooden clogs; and old Coney in the vineyards with his razor-edge knife, showing her how to prune.Printed on narrow sands under granite cliffs, in the first light, were the tracks of a bird.I did exactly as she. The bons tasted like nothing I had ever eaten. It crackled between the.his arm and hip and head. Then the darkness came around him, and then nothing..Indeed Otter was unsure whether the wizard meant the pirate or the quicksilver, but he risked a guess and made one quick gesture toward the stone tower..thick with worms as a dead dog on a dunghill."..This was a hotel, not the Prometheus. I remembered it all: the labyrinths of the station, the.But her boat-cradle of willow wood, floating free, bore their child Serriadh to safety, wearing.sung spells..Six to seven hundred years ago a sky-god religion began to spread across the islands, a.Medra stayed three years with Highdrake, and when the old mage died, the Lord of Pendor asked.Azver frowned. "The Doorkeeper admitted you because you asked," he said. "I brought you to the Grove because the leaves of the trees spoke your name to me before you ever came here. Irian, they said, Irian. Why you came I don't know, but not by chance. The Summoner too

knows that." she had come of her own will; he didn't know how she had spoken the word of the Old Tongue to him.along beside the wall, very thin, insubstantial, bone, shadow. But she was not the dying woman in.training would first study the high arts of sorcery, and if successful in them might pursue his.as if his body became the body of earth, and he knew its arteries and organs and muscles as his."But the Summoner fought him both in body and spirit, and called to me, and I came. Together we fought against the will that would destroy us." "Even if I argued for you. They won't listen. The Rule of Roke forbids women to be taught any high.learned to read.."What's that all about?" Golden said to his wife, a rhetorical question. She looked at him and.him, then going on, talking on..Through love, respect, and trust, Dragonfly would never disregard a warning from Rose; but she was unable to see Ivory as perilous. She didn't understand him, but the idea of fearing him, him personally, was not one she could keep in mind. She tried to be respectful, but it was impossible. She thought he was clever and quite handsome, but she didn't think much about him, except for what he could tell her. He knew what she wanted to know and little by little he told it to her, and then it was not really what she had wanted to know, but she wanted to know more. He was patient with her, and she was grateful to him for his patience, knowing he was much quicker than she. Sometimes he smiled at her ignorance, but he never sneered at it or reproved it. Like the witch, he liked to answer a question with a question; but the answers to Rose's questions were always something she'd always known, while the answers to his questions were things she had never imagined and found startling, unwelcome, even painful, altering all her beliefs..birth-easing, and selling spells of finding, love-potions, and sleeping-drafts. She could afford.herbals, and established that mastery in high honor at Roke.."I'd always counted on your going into the family business," Golden said. His tone was neutral, and Diamond said nothing. "Have you had any ideas of what you want to do?" "Get them here. Take my men."..the ore or pretending to seek it. Otter himself could not have answered the question. In these.great fleet to destroy it. He was destroyed, and his fleet scattered..circles of ripples from his movement were slight and small. It was shallow for a long way. Then.The roof of the cavern was far above him. The trickle of water dripping from the mica ledge glittered in short dashes in the werelight..Doorkeeper..boy Otter, except Otter's mother and father and sister, if they were still alive. And surely there.Mage remained an essentially undefined term: a wizard of great power..But the other learning he had been given had made Otter touchy in these matters, delicate of."And cast wide!" He looked from one to the other again. "I wasn't well taught, in the City of Havnor," he said. "My teachers told me not to use magic to bad ends, but they lived in fear and had no strength against the strong. They gave me all they had to give, but it was little. It was by mere luck I didn't go wrong. And by Anieb's gift of strength to me. But for her I'd be Gelluk's servant now. Yet she herself was untaught, and so enslaved. If wizardry is ill taught by the best, and used for evil ends by the mighty, how will our strength here ever grow? What will the young dragon feed on?"

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