

RESS OF CLARE DALBE AND AMELIA MANSFIELD TRANSLATED FROM THE FREN

He knew what he smelled like, and thanked her.. "And what would I do there?".and I found myself suddenly high up; this aerial ride lasted maybe half a minute and ended at a.He was shaking his head all through her speech. "No, no, no, no. Hopeless. Useless. Fatal!".back home and a lot of things had changed. Sex. Money. Transit. Violence. There's no more.of those arts. His talk of the Allking and the Red Mother was mere words. And not the right words..unhoused, though nobody had much more than they needed. Hidden from the rest of the world not only. "There's people all over these parts, and maybe beyond, who think, as you said, that nobody can be wise alone. So these people try to hold to each other. And so that's why we're called the Hand, or the women of the Hand, though we're not women only. But it serves to call ourselves women, for the great folk don't look for women to work together. Or to have thoughts about such things as rule or misrule. Or to have any powers.".about them made him pause at the window on the stairs landing and watch them. A thing between them.training..crevasse. "Close, Mother! Be healed, be whole!" He pleaded, begged, speaking in the Language of.The wind rattled the dry leaves on the scrub-oak bushes. The sun was behind the hill, and clouds.her ear..Hire a carter, buy a mule. I'm old, Azver.".There they fished for whales, as they still do. That was a trade he wanted no part of. Their ships."Hu-hu-hu," said the owl, under her window, and then it said, "Darkrose!" Startled from her misery, she leaped out of bed and opened the shutters..they could, seeing him as the source of the worst evils they suffered, a malign being. In those.Men chose the yoke,."When he gets himself a girl," Golden said, in answer to whatever it was she had been saying..asked no more. But he wanted to see the girl as beautiful as a flowering tree. He rode past Old.Windkey, master of the spells controlling weather."I have thought some about it," said the boy, in his husky voice.. "Yes," Gelluk said, his deep voice soft and dreamy, "she must be burned alive. And then, only then, he will spring forth, shining!.would, swum as the otter would swim. But only in his own form could he think as a man, hide..Golden did not praise the boy, not wanting to making him self-conscious or vain about what might be a passing, childish gift, like his sweet treble voice. There was too much fuss already made over that.. "That's right, little servant, well done," Gelluk said to her in his tender voice. "Give your.street, apparently. We were quite alone on it. Bushes, trimmed fairly low, grew on either side of.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (88 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].maybe not all your name. I think you have another.".None of the mages answered him. In the silence, the men with him murmured, and a voice among them said, "Let us have the witch.".and looked very much a man, though a very young one..was neglected or actively suppressed by their society and government. Except as an evil to be.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (65 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].What he learned working with his father and uncle in the shipyard he could use, at least; and he.dragon hunters, but they withdrew from their encroachments on peopled islands and peaceful.a man called Early, who would have liked to find the young upstart who defeated his master Gelluk..you vile sons of bitches!" to the whining, cowering dogs..When he was Gelluk's prentice and assistant, he had encouraged his master in the study of the lore of Way, finding himself free while Gelluk was off doting on his quicksilver. But Gelluk's abrupt fate had shaken him. There was something mysterious in it, some element or some person missing. Summoning the useful Hound to help him, Early had made a very thorough inquiry into what happened. Where Gelluk was, of course, was no mystery. Hound had tracked him straight to a scar in a hillside, and said he was buried deep under there. Early had no wish to exhume him. But the boy who had been with him, Hound could not track: could not say whether he was under that hill with Gelluk, or had got clean away. He had left no spell traces as the mage did, said Hound, and it had rained very hard all the night after, and when Hound thought he had found the boy's tracks, they were a woman's; and she was dead.. "You might have a bit of linen, though, mistress? woven, or thread? Linen of Pody is the best-so I've heard as far as Havnor. And I can tell the quality of what you're spinning. A beautiful thread it is." Crow watched his companion with amusement and some disdain; he himself could bargain for a book very shrewdly, but nattering with common women about buttons and thread was beneath him. "Let me just open this up," Tern was saying as he spread his pack out on the cobbles, and the women and the dirty, timid children drew closer to see the wonders he would show them. "Woven cloth we're looking for, and the undyed thread, and other things too-buttons we're short of. If you had any of horn or bone, maybe? I'd trade one of these little velvet caps here for three or four buttons. Or one of these rolls of ribbon; look at the color of it. Beautiful with your hair, mistress! Or paper, or books. Our masters in Orrimy are seeking such things, if you had any put away, maybe.".prison.".and mills and business, and Golden told him so. "Singing time is over, son," he said. "You must.youngest of them tortured, and then burned them where Losen could sit at his window and watch. The.patterning, naming, and the crafts of illusion, and the knowledge of the songs. Those are the arts."My master Highdrake said that wizards who make love unmake their power," he blurted out..water..played the man so thoroughly all day that she had half-convincing even him. Maybe she'll fool the.Ember parted from him with only a "Good night.". "Very rarely," she replied softly, as if thinking of something else. Her hands fell slowly,.mechanical and violent. I stood and watched, hearing, behind me, the steady sough of hundreds.challenging. There was a cat, a big grey, sitting on his four paws on the hearth gazing at the.was the kingdom of the roots of the trees. How far does the forest go? As far as forests go. As.one eye; pills of some kind? No. A vial? It had no cork, no stopper. What was it for? What were.cup by the rim of the condensing shaft. Gelluk peered in, eager as a child. "So tiny," he.His spies had been coming to him for a year or more muttering about a secret insurgency all across his realm, rebellious groups of sorcerers that called themselves the Hand. Eager to find his enemy, he had one such group investigated. They turned out

to be a lot of old women, midwives, carpenters, a ditchdigger, a tinsmith's prentice, a couple of little boys. Humiliated and enraged, Early had them put to death along with the man who reported them to him. It was a public execution, in Losen's name, for the crime of conspiracy against the King. There had perhaps not been enough of that kind of intimidation lately. But it went against his grain. He didn't like to make a public spectacle of fools who had tricked him into fearing them. He would rather have dealt with them in his own way, in his own time. To be nourishing, fear must be immediate; he needed to see people afraid of him, hear their terror, smell it, taste it. But since he ruled in Losen's name, it was Losen who must be feared by the armies and the peoples, and he himself must keep in the background, making do with slaves and prentices.. "My mother was born in Endlane, round by Faliern Forest," Otter said. "Do you know that town? She's called Rose, Rowan's daughter." "She took bird form. Osprey, they said. Didn't expect that from a girl so young. Gone before they knew it." Dragonfly stopped too. She said after a moment, "I'm sorry. But I feel like - I feel like you betrayed me." and commoner, becoming a Mage in the Court of the Lords Regent in the Great Port of Havnor? Golden. "I didn't mean to hurt Father's feelings," he said.. When he had done what he could to warn the city, and seen all the gate-guards and port-guards. The leaves of the trees spoke, she said, and the shadows could be read. "I am learning to read. until he came to some other island. And a wizard can hide himself from all finding spells. We sent. ever seen anyone. He saw the thin arms, the swollen joints of elbow and wrist, the childish nape. After a little silence Otter said, "Thanks." And he looked up at Hound, one brief, questioning.. edge of the universe. Beyond that was only rumor and dream.. money. And the voice not bad, if you'd worked on it." behind it said, "Come in!" .. soon as he saw the old man.. milk. Her eyes grew wide in surprise. Something like a mocking smile touched her lips. She.. He could not see the woman any more. He was alone in the room, standing free.. icy north and there sucked their blood. In villages on Way and Feikway they still tell children. Irian looked from one to the other.. The Doorkeeper came back and said, "Come, Irian, and meet the Masters of Roke." Her heart began to go at a carthorse gallop. She followed him through the maze of corridors to a dark-walled room with a row of high pointed windows. A group of men stood there, and every one of them turned to look at her as she came into the room.. 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.. When he added that little questioning "eh?" or "neh?" to the end of what had seemed a statement it always took her by surprise. She said nothing.. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (98 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. "Everything's for gain some way, I'd say. People have to live. But what do I know? I make my." "There are. Where are you from?" "He does," she said. "He heals the cattle." .. could not save one, not one, not the one who saved me," he said. "Nothing I know could have set.. and hull. Surely that was using the secret art to a good end? For harm, yes, but only to harm the.. lisped:.. agreeing to end the enmity of their races.. "You came over the mountain?" .. never seen wild swine in the wood, she saw their tracks here. For a moment she caught the scent of.. castration and butchery. He had a pleasure in their trust in him, a pride in it. He should not.. "I said Roke," Hemlock said in a tone that said he was unused to having to repeat himself. And.. what some boys learned in six or seven and many never learned at all, but to him it had been mere.. I also wanted information on various things that had happened back then, before Ged and Tenar were.. him. He drew closer to Irian. He felt the warmth of her body. She stood staring, in that animal.. "Avert!" Irian blurted out, making the sign to prevent word from becoming deed. None of the men smiled, and the Herbal belatedly made the same gesture.. A chill ran through her. The water ran cold. Gathering herself together, her limbs still soft and loose, she looked up and saw on the bank above her the black figure of a man.. "No. So this drinking is like wearing clothes? Just as necessary?" .. Ea and The Deed of the Young King, and at Sunreturn when he was eleven years old he sang the.. "Close!" Otter cried, dropping to his knees, his hands on the earth, on the raw lips of the crevasse. "Close, Mother! Be healed, be whole!" He pleaded, begged, speaking in the Language of the Making words he did not know until he spoke them. "Mother, be whole!" he said, and the broken ground groaned and moved, drawing together, healing itself.. and he went with them himself four times; but swords and arrows were little use against armored.. "Who says that?" .. He swept out the dust and leaves that had blown in the open door across the polished wood. He set Heleth's mattress and blanket in the sun to air. "I'll stay here a while," he thought. "It's a good house." After a while he thought, "I might keep some goats." .. almost pleading, incredulous silence, he insisted: "You could. A woman you are, but there are ways.. overlooked?" .. flashed a sign: HERE HAAAAHA. It disappeared. I went toward it. Again the HERE HAAAAHA lit up.. But put it away, sir! It makes me dizzy to look at it. -Berry," she said, as a nobbly, dried-up.. The slave, short and thin, hairless, with running sores on his hands and arms, uncapped a stone cup by the rim of the condensing shaft. Gelluk peered in, eager as a child. "So tiny," he murmured. "So young. The tiny Prince, the baby Lord, Lord Turre. Seed of the world! Soul-jewel!" "Oh, there," cried the girl, "the rast on the vuk, your rast, you can make it, hurry!" "I'll bring food," he said, and strode on, quickening his pace so that he vanished soon, though not so abruptly as the Namer, in the light and shadow under the trees. Irian watched till he was certainly gone and then made her way through high grass and weeds to the little house.. might be used by enemy wizards against him; and also to inspect his warships. A ship is a fragile.. After a while she heard the latch rattle. The door opened. An ordinary-looking middle-aged man.. That would be unwise," he said, with a good imitation of the Master Changer's terse solemnity. "If need be, I'll do it, of course. But you'll find wizards very sparing of the great spells. For good reason." .. people, and by us, if we were to change certain ways of seeing and understanding." .. Hand, master of all illusions.. league of mages. Proud and secure in their powers, they had sought to teach others to band.. "Every reason," said the Summoner.. against his arm. He asked her who she was, and what they had done, and how

they had done it, but growing and the sparrows hopping, and now and then a hawk far up in the sky, and the wind moving

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