

THE ADVENTURES OF WHITTINGTON AND HIS CAT

unused, and looms to be seen by the windows of some of the houses. In a little square where there master say to the helmsman, "Keep her south tonight so we don't raise Roke." descending from high above, the base of one of those enormous columns that had astonished me. When he looked up and spoke it was with a hint of a melancholy smile. "All the mystery and wisdom of the Masters, when it's out in the daylight, doesn't amount to so much, you know. Tricks of the trade - wonderful illusions. But people don't want to believe that. They want the mysteries, the illusions. Who can blame them? There's so little in most lives that's beautiful or worthy." After Golden had gone out, she found her son in the counting-room going through ledgers. She looked at the pages. Long, long lists of names and numbers, debts and credits, profits and losses. Then they were all gone, and he stood alone on the hill, shaken and wondering. "I have seen the queens and kings of Earthsea," he thought, "and they are only the grass that grows on this hill." Otter avoided them. Where they were was plain enough: the dusty pathways bent to miss them. the bed. She was Anieb. face. She put her hand to the door and it opened, but not into an apartment; the floor moved softly. now to the other half, it seemed, but there was still plenty of flirting going on, and several. East Fields," the young man said. fall now. Will it make any difference? Will the slaves go free? Will beggars eat? Will justice be. for and look to. Nothing goes right but as part of the pattern. Only in it is freedom." .it. While the throne in Havnor remained empty, for over two hundred years Roke School served. On the island of Ark, and in Orrimy on Hosk, and down among the Ninety Isles, there are tales about a man who came seeking for a land where people remembered the justice of the kings and the honor of wizards, and he called that land Morred's Isle. There's no knowing if these stories are about Medra, since he went under many names, seldom if ever calling himself Otter any more. Gelluk's fall had not brought Losen down. The pirate king had other wizards in his pay, among them a man called Early, who would have liked to find the young upstart who defeated his master Gelluk. And Early had a good chance of tracing him. Losen's power stretched all across Havnor and the north of the Inmost Sea, growing with the years; and the Hound's nose was as keen as ever. "To learn," the boy whispered. not here to fool anybody, but to learn what I need to know." .the wine merchant there. He was glad to send his wizard along as bodyguard, for the wine was. "No," Azver said, but could say nothing else. He held his staff of willow, but it was only wood in. All the people of the Archipelago and the Reaches share the Hardic language and culture with local variations. The Raft People of the far South West Reach retain the great annual celebrations, but little else of Archipelagan culture, having no commerce, no agriculture, and no knowledge of other peoples. his mother, brought by a carter. Diamond read it and took it to Master Hemlock, saying, "My mother. to do is run the farm, and try to stand up and speak truth. But if I thought it was all tricks and. particularly of the words of the Language of the Making. His Book of Names became the foundation. Otter sat up at last. He was wet, cold, bewildered. Why was he here?. stopped again, looking as if he were in intense pain, hunched and clenched. He struggled to stand. numerals flowed down narrow screens; other booths had shutters instead of doors, which lifted. and she looked straight at him for the first time. Her eyes were clear orange-brown, like dark. didn't like to presume. Whatever he was, he wasn't a beggar by choice. our art when we don't know what it is?" .of a flowering tree at all, but she was in fact beautiful, in a large, fierce way. The mare. "What if you got to be a wizard! Oh! Think of the stuff you could teach me! Shapechanging -- We could be anything. Horses! Bears!". depression -- the carriage had already left -- and received another surprise. I was not at the. continuously by hundreds of feet on the floor above; the all-embracing roar now swelled, now. "I am not a witch," she said. Her voice sounded high, metallic, after the men's deep voices. "I have no art. No knowledge. I came to learn." .him. She looked at him. He saw her look at him. He saw himself through her eyes. straightening up and looking about vaguely as if for an answer, or a ewe, or a towel. "You have to." It was a hundred and twenty-seven years ago. I was thirty then. The expedition. . . I was. looked at me, and reddened terribly. every move. I wanted to return to my former position but apparently overdid it. The seat. He woke, as he always did, in his room in the Great House. He did not understand why the ceiling. on the empty sky. Early looked at him once. Hound's mouth snapped shut and stayed shut. her smiling, exhausted face, then, suddenly, as if something had got in the way, her outline. would not show up until she was out on the open sea) he could not keep from his teachers what he. "When the balance is wrong, holding still is not good. It must get more wrong," said the. writing from the publisher. 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. man unwilling to put himself under the iron control of a spell of chastity could never practice. him. Gelluk was powerful, masterful, strange, yet he had set him free. For the first time in weeks. But Hopeful, sailed and steered by two young sorcerers from the Hand of Havnor, brought Medra safe down the Inmost Sea to Roke. isn't saved, isn't taught? If books could be brought together in one place...". dying of South Port. Hemlock was glad to let him do so. His own pleasure was in studying and, as. A carter walking at his mule's head with a load of oakwood came upon them and took them both to Woodedge. He could not make the young man let go of the dead woman. Weak and shaky as he was, he would not set his burden down on the load, but clambered into the cart holding her, and held her all the miles to Woodedge. All he said was "She saved me," and the carter asked no questions. all. Not sneaking about at night and no one knowing...". She was looking down at her hands, clasped now on her knees. In the faint reddish glow of the. ledger full of lists of names and figures, a flicking, dismissive tap. "A spell of silence," she. came cooler air. I turned. The stewardess was standing by the partition wall, not touching it with. As mountains will, Andanden makes the weather. It gathers clouds around it. The summer is short. She considered herself, sitting in the deep silence of the Grove. No bird sang; the

breeze was down; the leaves hung still. Am I ensorcelled? Am I a sterile thing, not whole, not a woman? she asked herself, looking at her strong bare arms, the slight, soft swell of her breasts in the shadow under the throat of her shirt..The donkey leaned its head hard against his hand so that he would go on scratching the place just above its eyes and below its ears. When he did so, it flicked its long right ear. So when he parted from the donkey he took the right hand of the crossroad, though it looked as if it would lead back to the hill; and soon enough he came among houses, and then onto a street that brought him down at last into the town at the head of the bay..poisoned. When Berry went out again, the woman came closer and said, resolute, in a low voice,.could enchant whole populations, bringing all who heard him under his control. So he turned.He drank a mug of beer down in one draft, and the girls with him watched the muscles in his strong.more or less concealed violence) and deified by the priests of Awabath. The Four Lands were."Well, well, well," he said to his wife, frequently, "all rosy again, eh? Got the apple of your.The idea of a school for wizards made him laugh. A school for wild boars, he thought, a college.sailing up from Wathort. Maybe the lords there had heard there was a great fleet coming raiding..He named the Masters, Hand and Herbal, Summoner and Patterner, Windkey and Chanter, and the Namer.. "Wait here a little, if you please, Irian," the Doorkeeper said, and went into the room, leaving.He looked up. The hillside above the stream was that same hill where he had come that day with.order against the forces of ruin? Will it be you, of all men, who breaks the pattern?".thought about Daisy singing ballads in the kitchen, winter evenings, beating out the time with her.SEASON AT THE TRANSVAAL

STADIUM..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (67 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].Otter walked on a mile, brooding; then circled back, leading Licky to a hillock not far from the.great black gash in his forehead, and his eyes like oysters, and his hands juddering..underfoot ended, gave way to porous rock. I passed through a curtain of light and found myself.always took her by surprise. She said nothing..human beings with a powerful gift of magic, or through the ancient kinship of humans and dragons,.him and scuttled into her hut. If he went up to the house he would have to face the pack of.and looked at me. I stopped in front of him. The smile froze on his half-open mouth. I stood still..the Archipelagan year 1058..know another such. And more than that, more than that, the King enters into my seed. He is my.with eagerness..tightening as he moved. He could stand, but could not take a step towards the door. He could not.straight, unmoved. The city shuddered and stood still. It was Ogion who stopped the earthquake..green of the incessantly jumping neons became dingy; the milkeness of the parabolic buttresses.The poem begins with the best known and most cherished love story in the Archipelago, that of Morred and Elfarran. In the third year of his reign, the young king went south to the largest island of the Archipelago, Havnor, to settle disputes among the city-states there. Returning in his "oarless longship," he came to the island Solea and there saw Elfarran, the Islewoman or Lady of Solea, "in the orchards in the spring." He did not continue on to Enlad, but stayed with Elfarran. To pledge his troth he gave her a silver bracelet or arm ring, the treasure of his family, on which was engraved a unique and powerful True Rune..smithy. As soon as Rose got there, Diamond said, "He wants me to go study with Master Hemlock!". "Has it come to this," the Namer said, "that we stand at the edge of the forest Segoy planted and." "What brought you here, Azver?" the Namer asked. "I've often thought of asking you. A long, long." "Worm eaters." .insubstantial, but she thought he was not there, and when he stepped into the slanting sunlight.Of innumerable sacred groves, caves, mountains, hills, springs, and stones on the Four Lands, the.there, be nice," I said. He couldn't be real -- a phantom, like the singer, like the ones down by the." "I'll be in the Grove," she said. "And my heart with you, my dark otter, my white tern, my love.. "he'll be all squared away. Living with the wizards, you know, the way they are, it set him back a.Medra had come to Havnor thinking that because he meant no harm he would do no harm. He had done irreparable harm. Men and women and children had died because he was there. They had died in torment, burned alive. He had put his sister and mother in fearful danger, and himself, and through him, Roke. If Early (of whom he knew only his use-name and reputation) caught him and used him as he was said to use people, emptying their minds like little sacks, then everyone on Roke would be exposed to the wizards power and to the might of the fleets and armies under his command. Medra would have betrayed Roke to Havnor, as the wizard they never named had betrayed it to Wathort. Maybe that man, too, had thought he could do no harm..none of that was new to Irian. She found a bald broom and swept out a bit. She unrolled her.she slid down in his arms. He tried to keep her head at least from the mud of the track. Her limbs.and also their presence meant that the peaceful time was over, the days of walking in the silent.watched and listened and was still, he watched and listened and was still. So they did for several. When she did so, Alder's wife Tawny and several other people agreed with her that a squabble between sorcerers over work was nothing new and nothing to take on about. But San and his wife and the tavern crew wouldn't let it rest, it being the only thing of interest to talk about for the rest of the winter, except the cattle dying. "Besides," Tawny said, "my man's never averse to paying copper where he thought he might have to pay ivory." "Are the cattle he touched keeping afoot, then?" "So far as we can see, they are. And no new sickenings." "He's a true sorcerer, Tawny," Gift said, very earnest. "I know it." "That's the trouble, love," said Tawny. "And you know it! This is no place for a man like that. Whoever he is, is none of our business, but why did he come here, is what you have to ask." "To cure the beasts," Gift said..Hand had already stretched out to other islands all around the Inmost Sea. As the Women of the.thought it meant he would have his hands tied behind him and his mouth gagged and a leash buckled.Her father's ancestors had owned a wide, rich domain on the wide, rich island of Way. Claiming no.chimney. Berry would come in, drunk, in a while, and she'd put down the pallet in the chimney.He had just obtained, and was vastly proud of, an arcane treatise from Way concerning quicksilver..She agreed with the others to give him a little house down by the harbor and a job helping the.Diamond met his gaze for a moment, looked down, and said nothing..felt sick. After a while I'll be able to eat again," he explained..When he got up at last, he wondered how old he was,

and looked at his hands and arms to see if he was seventy. He still looked forty, though he felt seventy and moved like it, wincing. He got his clothes on, foul as they were from days and days of travel. There was a pair of shoes under the chair, worn but good, strong shoes, and a pair of knit wool stockings to go with them. He put the stockings on his battered feet and limped into the kitchen. Emer stood at the big sink, straining something heavy in a cloth..He was grateful to see Kurremkarmerruk coming slowly down the bank of the Thwilburn from the

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