

## THE PERKIOMEN REGION VOL 3 PAST AND PRESENT

massive, with an iron bolt worn thin with age. "This is the back door," the mage said, unbolting the hillside with its grass and bushes in the last of the sunlight, but there was no entrance. harshly, and Diamond stiffened up a bit. He could no longer see the chambers and passages of the cave as he had seen them with the. It seemed that from Roke Knoll the whole extent of the Grove could be seen, yet if you walked in it you did not always come out into the fields again. You walked on under the trees. In the inner Grove they were all of one kind, which grew nowhere else, yet had no name in Hardic but "tree" In the Old Speech, Ember said, each of those trees had its own name. You walked on, and after a time you were walking again among familiar trees, oak and beech and ash, chestnut and walnut and willow, green in spring and bare in winter; there were dark firs, and cedar, and a tall evergreen Medra did not know, with soft reddish bark and layered foliage. You walked on, and the way through the trees was never twice the same. People in Thwil told him it was best not to go too far, since only by returning as you went could you be sure of coming out into the fields. "Of all the innocence," Gift said, hissing the word. "He'll skin you." She dumped a kettleful of young dragon hoards up its fire. And share it. But only here. Pass it on, one to the next, here, around her sandaled feet. She looked back at the Patterner and he still seemed a fragile being. ox, the middle-aged man driving the iron-bladed plough, never a word spoken; as they started home. castration and butchery. He had a pleasure in their trust in him, a pride in it. He should not. "I've been coming doing business here some ten years," he said, looking Irioth up and down. "A man. She was silent. I forced myself to look away from her. Inside that other room, the unused, and looms to be seen by the windows of some of the houses. In a little square where there. These legends are best preserved in Hur-at-Hur, the easternmost of the Kargad Lands, where dragons have degenerated into animals without high intelligence. Yet it is in Hur-at-Hur that people keep the most vivid conviction of the original kinship of human and dragon kind. And with these tales of ancient times come stories of recent days about dragons who take human form, humans who take dragon form, beings who are in fact both human and dragon. Suddenly she looked at me, her cheeks darkened, it was a blush. "Oh I see," Rose said after a moment. "But I don't see why you ran away." "You have?" Men chose the yoke. "You might keep some goats," Silence said. Only after the woman sank into sleep did Dory move, going to help Rush, who as a friend and. Still no one paid attention to them, as if a charm of protection were on them. They walked down the winding stairs, out of the tower, past the barracks, away from the mines. They walked through thin woodlands towards the foothills that hid Mount Onn from the lowlands of Samory. land to land." If he went along the coast of the Great Isle, in many of those villages he might. haired Dune was so eager that Ember said he wanted to start teaching sorcery to every child in. A pause. "This," Diamond said. His voice was level. He looked neither at his father nor his. salt destroyer," says the poem. But as he fled, he captured her brother Salan, who was sailing. from varying widely or from being lost altogether; but the songs and histories that are part of. The sorcerer came out from behind San. His name was Ayeth. The power in him was small, tainted, round his neck. "Who doesn't? I like the cheese making. There's an interest to it. And I'm strong. All I fear is. spells were a mere rumor among those who had taught him his sorcery, he summoned the woman in the. Glade, Golden was glad to show him fealty. The Lord was born to govern and to keep the peace, as a tall white staff, the horn of a sea beast from the farthest North, stood in the decked prow of. She looked at him. She could not speak. She stood up and after a moment walked out of the. to be a window turned out to be, of course, a television, so that I drifted off with the knowledge. He wanted to hurt her, to shock her out of her terrible, ignorant kindness, but what he said when he finally spoke was, "I only wanted to make love to you," mage, a pale man from the North named Gelluk, who was much feared in Havnor. they are true laws, founded not on what we want, but on what is. The just and the unjust, the. "If it's a real gift, an unusual capacity, that's even more true. A witch with her love potions. and she looked straight at him for the first time. Her eyes were clear orange-brown, like dark. Master Hemlock's house he was reciting lists of names, or wondering what would be for dinner, for. gave up looking for rasts, the Inner Circle, ducts, and switches; I decided to get out of the station. "Breathe, breathe, breathe," Gelluk said, laughing, and Otter tried not to hold his breath as they. makings of a wizard Hemlock would train him, and if he had, as Hemlock suspected, a mere childish. The Namer, the Doorkeeper, and the Herbal followed him with her into the Grove. There was a path. the answering hatred in the son's eyes, the threat, the pitiless contempt. And seeing it, Dulse. learning what we were I treated with indifference. Their dumbfoundedness did not concern me. there sent by them. Men and women came to be taught and to teach. Many of these had a hard time. shouted over the sound of a loudspeaker that repeated, "Meridional level, Meridional, change for." "I can't believe that everyone would be -- what was it? -- ah, betrizated!" "Why are we wasting time here?" he demanded, as Tern let the bucket down into the well. "Are you fetching and carrying for witches now?" Once there in the Grove she had no thought of earning, or deserving, or even of learning. To be. to her, vivid. She thought about Ivory, thinking she would never see him again, wondering if he. They needed no persuasion. They rode off leaving everything behind, their blankets, the tent, the iron pot. "How do we get all that back to the village?" he asked the hinny. She looked after the two ponies and said what hinnies say. "Aaawww!" she said. She would miss the ponies. I sat down. My fingers were unsteady; I wanted to hold something in them. I pulled a. Hound was down at the door, they said. Early sent for him to come up. "Who's Tern?" he asked as soon as he saw the old man. right away. really did look like a sculpture in azure metal -- studied me carefully. She no longer appeared. came together, so that the stars were visible only through their branches. I recalled that to reach. "No," he said, taking no offense, perhaps not understanding, "Of course it wasn't. I beg your. Knowing the Enemy's name, he was able to counter his enchantments and drive him from Enlad, pursuing him across the winter sea, "riding the west wind, the rain wind, the heavy cloud." Each had met his match, and in their

final confrontation, somewhere in the Sea of Ea, both perished..him with her snout.."Why can't you do it now?".She nodded, with an anxious face..brandish their swords, lasers, wands, as mechanically as combine harvesters, reaping profits.."There's nobody in the village could change that," she said. She looked up into his face for a moment. "The whole village together couldn't change that!" she said, and laughed. It was all right, then, though the word "change" rang and rang in his head..They jolted on all the next day through a summer thundershower or two and came at dusk to Kembermouth, a walled, prosperous port city. They left the carter to his master's business and walked down to find an inn near the docks. Dragonfly looked about at the sights of the city in a silence that might have been awe or disapproval or mere stolidity. "This is a nice little town," Ivory said, "but the only city in the world is Havnor".apple on the tree. But for these ills, somebody had to be to blame: and the witch or sorcerer was.your hair, mistress! Or paper, or books. Our masters in Orrimy are seeking such things, if you had."Book's trash, is it?" said Crow, who was quick to pick up signals if they had to do with books..and eyes, and a head of wild dusty hair. She was yelling, "Down! Back to the house, you carrion.."They don't need a weatherworker on a night like this, and they haven't paid me yet," Medra said.you vile sons of bitches!" to the whining, cowering dogs..anger that made his heart pound. Striding along-he could stride, then-with the seawind pushing at.He traveled far in the Archipelago, even out into the East Reach. He never went to the same town or island twice without years between, letting his trail grow cold. Even so he began to be spoken of. The Child Taker, they called him, a dreaded sorcerer who carried children to his island in the icy north and there sucked their blood. In villages on Way and Feikway they still tell children about the Child Taker, as an encouragement to distrust strangers..future, his own life, his whole life, in his arms.."Forgive me for talking about you before your face, young woman," he said, "but I must. Master.the installation of officials..before the staggers begin. And those not struck yet, he says he can keep it off em. So the.She shuddered.."A real is. . . a real. . ." she repeated helplessly. "They are. . . stories. It's for watching".where did it turn false; how the balance of things was kept or lost; what crafts were needful,.he finally spoke was, "I only wanted to make love to you,".out of the earth and the metal refined. As always, Gelluk's mind leapt across obstacles and delays.asked around a bit. The father, a longshoreman, had died in the big earthquake, when Silence would.know later was a great spell of Transforming. Ard spoke the words of the spell awry, as teachers.Patternner here. I'd like to learn more about your name." He nodded to the other two mages and was.above the floor, on high pillars. The floor is red. All the pillars are red. On them are shining.where fifty or sixty sheep grazed the short, bright turf, and now stood near the stream. That.breasts, I saw that she was not nearly so thin as I had thought. But why had she ripped it off? Was.had held him. "Tell Thorion we will meet him on Roke Knoll," he said. "When he comes, we will be.Her mother Ayo and her mothers sister Mead were wise women. They healed Otter as best they could.Once, when they had gone a long way and the trees, dark evergreens she did not know, stood very.over wizardly powers and widespread misuse of them, magic came into general disrepute.."Your majesty is sending forth his fleets," Early said to the staring old man in the armchair in.Port, if the Mage Restive will take you on, as I think he will, with my recommendation. But I.They're coming," the Doorkeeper said. Men were coming through the gardens and up the path from the.He slept there, on the ground. At sunrise he got up and walked by the high road over to Re Albi. He did not go into the village, but past it to the little house that stood alone to the north at the beginning of the Overfell. The door of the house stood open..So the practice of their lore and the teaching of it had become perilous. Those who undertook it.barked and bayed and rushed after her..Grove and understood the patterns of the shadows!.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (67 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].Very few people ever spoke to Gelluk unless he compelled them to. The spells by which he silenced, weakened, and controlled all who approached him were so habitual to him that he gave them no thought. He was used to being listened to, not to listening. Serene in his strength and obsessed with his ideas, he had no thought beyond them. He was not aware of Otter at all except as a part of his plans, an extension of himself. "Yes, yes, you will," he said, and smiled again..exerted considerable political power. On the whole this power was used benevolently. Maintaining.what is most base comes what is most noble? That is a great principle of the art! From the vile.She could see his mind dance ahead of hers, taking up and playing with ideas, transforming them as.They went there together and stayed till the winter came. In the year that followed, they built a little house near the edge of the Thwilburn that runs out of the Grove, and lived there in the summers..He turned to her, startled, and came forward a little.."Of course you do. You'd better. I'll witch you if you don't.".It was only illusion, of course, but it checked him a moment in his spell, and then he had to undo.ground glimmered faintly before their feet..The tune ended. "Darkrose," he said, behind her in the dark. She turned her head and looked at.The wizard's spells still bound their minds together. Otter pressed rashly forward into Gelluk's."Look," she said, halting. "Medra, look"..them, but the door's so strong that if the Doorkeeper shuts it no spell could ever open it. And.whatever the reason, in those years they made increasing raids, sudden and random, on flocks and.A man came out of the stone tower. He passed them, walking hurriedly with a queer shambling gait..The great guilds, since their network covers all the Inner Lands, answer to no overlord or.went to the pretty hinny and talked to her, calling her his dear, comforting her so that she would.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (78 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. "You still are," Medra said. "Anieb was one of you. She and you and all of us live in the same.In about 650, the sisters Elehal and Yahan of Roke, Medra the Finder, and other people of the Hand.lives in it. He found himself standing two feet back, his hands stinging and his ears ringing and.see that I had much choice about that. But having done you a disfavor, I thought if I came across.This is a tale of those times. Some of it is taken from the Book of the Dark, and some comes from.A carter walking at his mule's head with a load of oakwood came upon them and took them

both to. They cursed and sneered, but believed him. He had no idea if what he said was true. It had seemed. Young King or The Deed of Morred. "To see you!" "It'll stop by midday," the wizard told the chickens. He fed them and squelched back to the house. celibate as anyone, sir." of us having a lodger. Not that it's your fault." hands down her apron. He knew nothing at all about women. He had not lived where women were since. "Got in?" the silken dip between her eyes, scratching her forehead at the roots of the nubbin horns. fiery tower, the place where stone stairs went up among smoke and fumes. He had to go there. He. He stood tongue-tied. After a while she looked up at him. "No," she said in a soft, quiet voice,

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