

THERE WAS A TIME A NOVEL

file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (101 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM]. Mostly the pupil was supposed to be with the Master, or studying the lists of names in the room where the lorebooks and wordbooks were, or asleep. Hemlock was a stickler for early abed and early afoot. But now and then Diamond had an hour or two free. He always went down to the docks and sat on a pier or a waterstair and thought about Darkrose. As soon as he was out of the house and away from Master Hemlock, he began to think about Darkrose, and went on thinking about her and very little else. It surprised him a little. He thought he ought to be homesick, to think about his mother. He did think about his mother quite often, and often was homesick, lying on his cot in his bare and narrow little room after a scanty supper of cold pea-porridge -- for this wizard, at least, did not live in such luxury as Golden had imagined. Diamond never thought about Darkrose, nights. He thought of his mother, or of sunny rooms and hot food, or a tune would come into his head and he would practice it mentally on the harp in his mind, and so drift off to sleep. Darkrose would come to his mind only when he was down at the docks, staring out at the water of the harbor, the piers, the fishing boats, only when he was outdoors and away from Hemlock and his house. During the voyage, however, he talked several times with Dragonfly, which made Ivory a bit uneasy. "why did you come back here?" but, hanging in the air, it turned to the music. I walked among the tables. The soft plastic. the greater spell of hopelessness. continue to exist in both forms. The many written copies of the ancient texts serve to keep them. he said, and let her go. She walked up the street and stood before the door. She looked back then. He said nothing. She squatted down to find out what was in the basket. "Peaches!" she said, and. 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. ".getting old, when I can't lift the buckets and the molds." She showed him her round, muscular arm, strange-looking, having pale reddish skin, long pale hair, and narrow eyes the colour of ice. His. protected by armed men and spells of defense. Sorcerers and witches were drowned in the poisoned. know that the Moon is the Earth's father? Yes, yes; and he lay with her, as is the father's right. The spasm passed; Heleth answered, "Inside it. There at Yaved." He pointed to the knotted hills below them. "I'll go in, try to keep things from sliding around, eh? I'll find out when I'm doing it, no doubt. I think you should be getting back to yourself. Things are tightening up." He stopped again, looking as if he were in intense pain, hunched and clenched. He struggled to stand up. Unthinking, Ogion held out his hand to help him. her hand in his, and her cheek, warm-cool, silken-gritty, lay against his mouth. In his mind he. "Speed the work," he said gravely. "They're coming," the Doorkeeper said. Men were coming through the gardens and up the path from the. Doorkeeper looked round, and now his smile was wider. Though he said nothing, she felt he was. "My place, then. It isn't worth taking a gleeder. It's nearby." troubled times, the boatwright and his family were anxious not to come to notice lest they come to. "Practice," Rose said, rather sourly. "I know." She flicked a pebble at Diamond. It turned into a. "Can I know the secret?" he asked after a while. Leave to our wings the long winds of the west, from me?" Maharion's mage-counselor and inseparable friend was a commoner and "fatherless man," a village witch's son from inland Havnor. The most beloved hero of the Archipelago, his story is told in The Deed of Erreth-Akbe, which bards sing at the Long Dance of midsummer. Her thin voice was hidden by the many-voiced rain sweeping over the hills and through the trees. he'll likely find another dowser." teaches. Maybe it's not a way of keeping the power pure, but of keeping the power to themselves. East Fields," the young man said. In Endlane and the villages round the foot of Onn on Havnor, women spinning and weaving sing a. streets: a creeping, a peristalsis with necklaces of light, and over this, in the perpendicular, GOLDEN ordered the beer and food and fireworks, but Diamond saw to hiring the musicians. they are. Tell the dead man I will meet him there." They would ask all the other Masters to meet with them in the Grove. "But he won't come," Deyala. There was a long pause. She asked nothing and he said no more. Presently he got up, and she followed him to the path that always led them, sooner or later, out of the wood to the clearing by the Thwilburn and the Otter's House. When they came there, it was late afternoon. He went down to the stream and drank from it where it left the wood, above all the crossings. She did the same. Then sitting in the cool, long grass of the bank, he began to speak. "Can you teach her?" Money was a problem. The girl thought, of course, that he as a great wizard would snap his fingers and waft them over the sea in a magic boat flying before the magewind. But when he told her they'd have to hire passage on a ship, she said simply, "I have the cheese money." expression. For a moment I contemplated my own face -- what was this, three-dimensional. "I have no master." "The carters go down to Endlane, summers." father's carters, along with Master Hemlock. As a rule, people do what wizards advise them to do. sank. All the shouting and screaming of men's voices was suddenly silent. There was no noise but. Otter felt as if he were being brought back to vivid life from interminable, dreary, dazed half. came to be a psychological fact. Without this bias of conviction, however, it appears that the. have a good time, go to the real, dance, play tereo, do sports, swim, fly -- whatever one wants." up on quick, laboring wings to the top of the cliffs. Then, possessed by

flight, he flew on over a. "Are you hurt too?" "Nobody loves a sorcerer," said the Archmage. "Well, Irioth! Did I come all this way for you in the dead of winter, and must go back alone?" "died, eh?" "Just for the food and the fire, you know, the peat costs so much now," she was saying, and then looked at what he offered her. All the teachers of the art magic on Roke were women. There were no men of power, few men at all, on the island. arms to wide feathered wings, and the eagle flew up and off across the wind. If Elfarran be not my own, I will unsay Segoy's word, controlling spells that wove a darkness round him. But when Otter could do so, then it was not so. Medra bowed his head, standing there. "Anieb," he said, "can you come back this far? I don't know the way." He waited a while. He saw darkness, heard silence. Slow and halting, he entered the passage. like all women, she was inclined to babble and gossip, and indiscriminate in her friendships. The people, and by us, if we were to change certain ways of seeing and understanding. ".file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (79 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].awareness; the boy was trying some trick or other. Gelluk spoke a single word impatiently, and "Di," she said, and he looked up. His face was still round and a bit peachy, though the bones were. Three of them came forward: an old man, big and broad-chested, with bright white hair, and two women. Wizard knows wizard, and Medra knew they were women of power. the day he returned to the Great House, agreeing to come back with the Doorkeeper in the morning. Away from the lanterns of the party it was dark, but she knew the way in the dark. He was there. She stopped looking about and strode along in thought for a while. She was beautiful in movement. San's wife screeched when she heard there was a stranger at the door, crying that if San let the sea turned thick too, so that the oarsmen could barely push the oars through it, and they were. IN THE YEARS after Diamond left home, Golden made more money than he had ever done before. All his. "I think we might go south again," Tern said, steering for the open channel. "Towards Pody." He was still shaken, appalled, by the ease with which Gelluk had forced him to say his name, which. "Memory, memory," Hemlock said. "Talent's no good without memory!" He was not harsh, but he was unyielding. Diamond had no idea what opinion Hemlock had of him, and guessed it to be pretty low. The wizard sometimes had him come with him to his work, mostly laying spells of safety on ships and houses, purifying wells, and sitting on the councils of the city, seldom speaking but always listening. Another wizard, not Roke-trained but with the healer's gift, looked after the sick and dying of South Port. Hemlock was glad to let him do so. His own pleasure was in studying and, as far as Diamond could see, doing no magic at all. "Keep the Equilibrium, it's all in that," Hemlock said, and "Knowledge, order, and control." Those words he said so often that they made a tune in Diamond's head and sang themselves over and over: knowledge, or-der, and contro-----shoes off his feet, and left him sleeping. She went to look at the other one. He looked feverish, the Archipelagan year 1058. rooted to the spot, but the other person, a stout individual in orange, fell down, and something. When in 730 the first Archmage of Roke, Halkel of Way, excluded women from the school, among his Nine Masters only the Patterner and the Doorkeeper protested; they were overruled. For more than three centuries, no woman taught or studied at the school on Roke. During those centuries, wizardry was an honored art, conferring status and power, while witchery was an unclean and ignorant superstition, practiced by women, paid for by peasants. could not find one and did not even attempt to look. I lay down on the foamy carpet and. "Why can't I give myself my own true name?" Dragonfly asked, while Rose washed the knife and her. "From a distance, you seemed so. ." She was unable to find the word. "I know nothing," Irian said. She stepped forward again, facing the mage directly. Tell me who I. When he came to himself, sick and weak from the poison and with an aching skull, he was in a room. died in childbirth there in the city. Berry ducked his head and muttered. His eyes were dull. It seemed to Irioth that the man had been poisoned. When Berry went out again, the woman came closer and said, resolute, in a low voice, "There's no harm in him but the drink, but there's not much left of him but the drink. It's eaten up most of his mind, and most of what we have. So, do you see, put up your money where he won't see it, if you don't mind, sir. He won't come looking for it. But if he saw it, he'd take it. He often doesn't know what he's doing, do you see." The boy shook his head at each question. He shut his eyes; his mouth was already shut. He stood. Terrenon Stone in Osskil, the Old Powers were inherently sacral and pre-ethical. During and after. there?". Copyright ? 1961 by Stanislaw Lem. Iria fell into a screaming rage. "A village witch? A hex-hag to give Irian's daughter her true. No wind. No birdcall. No distant lowing or bleating or call of voice. As if all the island had back against the immense trunk of the oak, and stared into the forest for a while. It was late. "The key is the King's name." That night, over supper at the waterfront inn, she asked with unusual timidity in her voice, "Do I. The one with a voice like a deep-toned bell looked at her too, and spoke to her with a plain, kind severity. "As I see it, the man who brought you here meant to do harm, but you do not. Yet being here, Irian, you do us and yourself harm. Everything not in its own place does harm. A note sung, however well sung, wrecks the tune it isn't part of. Women teach women. Witches learn their craft from other witches and from sorcerers, not from wizards. What we teach here is in a language not for women's tongues. The young heart rebels against such laws, calling them unjust, arbitrary. But they are true laws, founded not on what we want, but on what is. The just and the unjust, the foolish and the wise, all must obey them, or waste life and come to grief." So little Diamond grew up in the finest house in Glade, a fat, bright-eyed baby, a ruddy, cheerful. name but said only, "mistress." could he think of her. I should laugh or cry; the nonexistent singer hummed something softly. I did not want to listen. I. gone on past . . . that possibility . . . ". increasingly on wizards to fend off dragons and Kargish fleets. In the Havnorian Lay and The Deed. "Are you there, my dear?" said the traveler. He spoke in the Old Speech, the Language of the Summoner, master of the spells that call the spirits of the living and the dead. dwindled into trifles. Might Diamond go (as his mother's uncle had gone) to the School of Wizards. people, Morred withdrew. Dulse considered himself a wordy, impatient man with a short temper. The necessity

of not swearing had been a burden to him in his youth, and for thirty years the imbecility of apprentices, clients, cows, and chickens had tried him sorely. Apprentices and clients were afraid of his tongue, though cows and chickens paid no attention to his outbursts. He had never been angry at Silence before. There was a very long pause..back to the seacoast, where Maharion's army awaited them. No ship of the fleet returned to Karego..and peering at the horse's leg, seeing only bright, bloody foam..his mother. He did think about his mother quite often, and often was homesick, lying on his cot in.the wind of dawn blew on the sea....it. "My mastery is here," the boy had said, but it went deeper than mastery. That, perhaps, was.glassy rock, a translucent massif above the plains of the night; spectral radiance issued from the.screamed as green wood screams in the fire..unused, and looms to be seen by the windows of some of the houses. In a little square where there.witches a year's earnings for the promise of a healthy boy, and a rich man touch his gold-."Everything is practice," Tangle said. She was never ill-natured. She seldom thought to do anything much for her daughter, but never hurt her, never scolded her, and gave her whatever she asked for, dinner, a toad of her own, the amethyst necklace, lessons in witchcraft. She would have provided new clothes if Rose had asked for them, but she never did. Rose had looked after herself from an early age; and this was one of the reasons Diamond loved her. With her, he knew what freedom was. Without her, he could attain it only when he was hearing and singing and playing music.."Yes," Tern said, "and I will till she dies. And then I'll take her daughter to Roke. And if you.name? Or a creeping traitorous sorcerous servant of those upstart landgrabbers who stole Westpool.Inmost Sea to Orrimy, where he had been some years before. There were people of the Hand

there.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (43 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].the room; her lips moved, she was speaking, and gems as big as shields covered her ears, glittered."Do you hear the words?".this time wounded the mage so that he had to come down to earth and take his own form. He came,.more. Her eyes were closed, but suddenly the whites shone from underneath her lashes; I bent.stems, and the scattered glow in their hair -- a luminescent powder? A narrow passage led me to a."I talked to him last night," Golden said. "He said to me that there are certain natural gifts which it's not only difficult but actually wrong, harmful, to suppress..".Ah," said one of the women, the taller of the two, and she laughed. But she did not answer the gesture..there and he did not want to be there with them. In them he knew was a vague fear of him as a.curious promenade went on; in the dark passages, the headless silhouettes of women: the fluff."I say to..".It may be that Segoy is or was one of the Old Powers of the Earth. It may be that Segoy is a name for the Earth itself. Some think all dragons, or certain dragons, or certain people, are manifestations of Segoy. All that is certain is that the name Segoy is an ancient respectful nominative formed from the Old Hardic verb seoge, "make, shape, come intentionally to be." From the same root comes the noun esego, "creative force, breath, poetry..".Havnor," he said. "My teachers told me not to use magic to bad ends, but they lived in fear and.but eventful six years that Ged was Archmage of Earthsea. And the last story, "Dragonfly," which.strange country under his feet: empty shafts and rooms of dark air in the dark earth, a vertical

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