

## A LIFE WORTH LIVING AN ADVENTURE JOURNAL

business and diplomacy. But Kargish priests never learn writing; and many Kargs still write every. Otter was reluctant to answer. He had to like Hound, but didn't have to trust him. "Shape-.we will wait there for the others of the Nine."..hunting for me through all the infors of this station-city..his head and trailed after him..Otter away..second day he was there, she told him to come with her and led him very far into the wood. They.thought to ask him if he might want a bath, which he did. They heated the water and filled the old.came cooler air. I turned. The stewardess was standing by the partition wall, not touching it with."Witchery," they said, "sacrilege, defilement."."She took bird form. Osprey, they said. Didn't expect that from a girl so young. Gone before they knew it."..this little scene? The other passengers paid no attention to her. For the hundredth time I was.Silence looked stricken. "Was he your friend?".The Patterner never came to her much before noon, so she had the mornings free. She was used to solitude, but still she missed Rose and Daisy and Coney, and the chickens and the cows and ewes, and the rowdy, foolish dogs, and all the work she did at home trying to keep Old Iria together and put food on the table. So she worked away unhurriedly every morning till she saw the mage come out from the trees with his sunlight-coloured hair shining in the sunlight..this man, yet if any did better than he in any thing, he found it hard to bear. It frightened him.,Rose was very dark-skinned, with a cloud of crinkled hair, a thin mouth, an intent, serious face..shoes walking round Andanden on the cruel roads of black lava. The soles were worn right through.,When she finished in the dairy and went to the house, the new fellow, Hawk, was squatting on the hearth, skillfully making up the fire. The curer was in his room asleep. She looked in, and closed the door..THE HARDIC LANDS.They crossed a courtyard with a well in it. She knocked at a side door, and a girl opened it..The deeds and lays that tell of raids by dragons and counterforays by wizards portray the dragons."Dragons have been seen flying above the Inmost Sea. Roke has no Archmage, and the islands no true-.execution, in Losen's name, for the crime of conspiracy against the King. There had perhaps not.say; and if they are lying, does that not prove that what they say is true?.asked around a bit. The father, a longshoreman, had died in the big earthquake, when Silence would.sparks, no, fireflies, swarms of burning moths. The chaos of lights extinguished the stars. When I.where the man was he betook himself there very quickly, on eagle's wings; for Early was a great."Tern," he said; and so he was called..had equipped him with every kind of magic that could be needed in Iria of Westpool on Way.

To.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (104 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM].going to do in town, in Oraby, when they got paid off. He heard a good deal about the whores in."A group of young men," said the Herbal, breathless, as he came to them. "Thorion's army. Coming here. To take the girl. To send her away." He stood and drew breath. "The Doorkeeper was speaking with them when I left. I think -".The so-called Six Hundred Runes of Hardic are not the Hardic runes used to write the ordinary language. They are True Runes that have been given "safe," inactive names in the ordinary language. Their true names in the Old Speech must be memorised in silence. The ambitious student of wizardry will go on to learn the "Further Runes," the "Runes of Ea," and many others. If the Old Speech is endless, so are the runes.."What's that all about?" Golden said to his wife, a rhetorical question. She looked at him and.At first he had thought Diamond had a knack such as many children had and then lost, a stray spark of magery. When he was a little boy, Golden himself had been able to make his own shadow shine and sparkle. His family had praised him for the trick and made him show it off to visitors; and then when he was seven or eight he had lost the hang of it and never could do it again..what to do. It was in no tongue of man that he said, "Be quiet, be easy. There now, there. Hold.knelt by the loud-running water, but an otter slipped into it and was gone..That night, over supper at the waterfront inn, she asked with unusual timidity in her voice, "Do I.in the darkness of the earth. She was utterly content to be there. Yet always, without discontent.bedsheet, had it done and hung out one sunny day before she knew what he was doing. "You needn't.of Ard's was no son of his, had nursed his rage and died unforgiving..and looked at me. I stopped in front of him. The smile froze on his half-open mouth. I stood still.."Where am I, donkey?" he said to it. "How do I get to the town I saw?". "Even if I argued for you. They won't listen. The Rule of Roke forbids women to be taught any high.South of Andanden lies a land where the ashes fell a hundred feet deep when last the volcano spoke. Rivers and streams cut their way seaward through that high plain, winding and pooling, spreading and wandering, making a marsh of it, a big, desolate, waterland with a far horizon, few trees, not many people. The ashy soil grows a rich, bright grass, and the people there keep cattle, fattening beef for the populous southern coast, letting the animals stray for miles across the plain, the rivers serving as fences..against invaders from the Kargad Lands and drove them back into the East. But still they sent.In Endlane and the villages round the foot of Onn on Havnor, women spinning and weaving sing a riddle song of which the last line has to do, maybe, with the man who was Medra, and Otter, and Tern..cabin lantern her lashes cast very delicate, long shadows on her cheeks. She looked up, straight.Early never disregarded any triviality Hound mentioned, because so many of them had proved not to be trivial. He disliked the old man for that, and because he was unshakable. He never praised Hound, and used him as seldom as possible, but Hound was too useful not to use..to the Port of Havnor in disguise and coming away with four books from an ancient royal library..been his secret..He stood in the locked room in the dark and knew he would go free, because he was already free. A.What he found on Roke..was both less and more than the hope and rumor he had sought so long. Roke Island was, they told him, the heart of Earthsea. The first land Segoy raised from the waters in the beginning of time was bright Ea of the northern sea, and the second was Roke. That green hill, Roke Knoll, was founded deeper than all the islands. The trees he had seen, which seemed sometimes to be in one place on the isle and sometimes in another, were the oldest trees in

the world, and the source and center of magic..very little else. It surprised him a little. He thought he ought to be homesick, to think about.Return From The Stars.Diamond met his gaze for a moment, looked down, and said nothing..Thoreg, a brother and sister exiled on a deserted island of the East Reach; and the sister gave it.want her, I wanted only to say, "But you're afraid," and for her to say that she was not. Nothing.house and an old plum tree was a wash line, the clothes pinned on it flapping in the sunny breeze..East Fields," the young man said..court to Havnor and made Havnor Great Port the capital of the kingdom. More central than Enlad,.to conic to the city every year or two..altogether. . . I was just going when you sat down..Then Losen cursed and cried, and his slaves brought him wine, and the mage went out, bowing, and checking as he went to be sure that the spell of paralysis was holding..the cattle-speed the work! He's given us surety of payment. So you'll sleep in the chimney corner,.followers in Awabath, the Holy City, fifty miles from Hupun. The priests of the Twin Gods were in.watched something just out of sight, around the corner, elsewhere..should take..Stand!" he said to it in its language, and let go of it. It stood as if he had driven it into a socket..Destroy us? Destroy this hill? The trees there?" She looked down to a grove of trees not far from the hill. "Maybe Segoy who made them could unmake them. Maybe the earth will destroy herself. Maybe she'll destroy herself through our hands, in the end. But not through yours. False king, false dragon, false man, don't come to Roke Knoll until you know the ground you stand on." She made one gesture of her hand, downward to the earth..We could find no trace of him. No doubt he changed himself to a bird or a fish when he left Roke, until he came to some other island. And a wizard can hide himself from all finding spells. We sent out inquiries, in the ways we have of doing so, but nothing and nobody replied. So we set off looking for him, the Summoner to the eastern isles and I to the west. For when I thought about this man, I had begun to see in my mind's eye a great mountain, a broken cone, with a long, green land beneath it reaching to the south. I remembered my geography lessons when I was a boy at Roke, and the lay of the land on Semel, and the mountain whose name is Andanden. So I came to the High Marsh. I think I came the right way..Good-bye. . .".since have been given to the masteries: finding, weather-working, changing, healing, summoning..It was hard work out in the pastures. "Who doesn't do hard work?" Emer had asked, showing her.sung spells..center of pilgrimage from the earliest recorded times, and the kings of Atuan and later of Hupun.Thwil. Dragonfly had gradually become silent and sullen. She ceased asking her endless questions.on. But she wanted to come, and came, and I let a rope ladder out the window, and she climbed it..Roke lives on its great past, defended by a thousand spells against the present day. And inside.together for years, each supporting and increasing the other's power, each in the belief that the.dissent within his kingdom. It was widely said that since the Ring of Peace was lost there could.let out again last year, as you may recall..I turned and left. The outer door yielded when I pushed it; the large corridor was almost.think anybody can..dark under the waters all islands touched and were one. So his teacher Ard had said, and so his.His voice was the voice of the slave in the stone tower. It was she who knew the true name of.He sat up, sat still..He let that sink in for a while, and then continued softly, "And to work the spell of semblance on.The witch emerged with a soapstone drop-spindle and a ball of greasy wool. She sat down on the.encompassed me in an invisible arch. For the first time I felt alone, but not as in a crowd, for the.put food on the table. So she worked away unhurriedly every morning till she saw the mage come out.Thirty years before, the pirate lords of Wathort had sent a fleet to conquer Roke, not for its.Her mother Ayo and her mothers sister Mead were wise women. They healed Otter as best they could.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..and sat there motionless. And he too felt a lethargy in his own body and mind, a stupidity, which."I'd like to walk under your trees a bit, Azver," the Herbal said, with a long sigh..He followed him down one of the principal streets and from it into a district of small houses, the old weavers' quarter. They grew flax on Pody, and there were stone retting houses, now mostly unused, and looms to be seen by the windows of some of the houses. In a little square where there was shade from the hot sun four or five women sat spinning by a well. Children played nearby, listless with the heat, scrawny, staring without much interest at the strangers. Tern had walked there unhesitating, as if he knew where he was going. Now he stopped and greeted the women..more. Her eyes were closed, but suddenly the whites shone from underneath her lashes; I bent.The staff swayed, was still, shivered again..boy one of his dearest pleasures had been to go alone out into the countryside and wander along.Making. "Come along, then, Ulla," he said, and the heifer came a step or two towards him, towards.new clothes, a shirt or skirt or shift for every child, which was an old custom in the West of.of us having a lodger. Not that it's your fault..it was warm, despite the coolness of the night..were often those already outcast, crippled, deranged, without family, old-women and men who had."On Havnor," he said," far from Roke, in a village on Mount Onn, among people who know nothing of.The first time I had seen an infor was on Luna, and I had taken it to be an artificial flower..know them now..them, yes. We can send to them a voice or a presentment, a seeming, of ourself. But we do not.Staggering wildly the wizard tried to turn, lost his footing on the crumbling edge, and plunged down into the dark, his scarlet cloak billowing up, the werelight round him like a falling star..the hearths in Thwil Town. They listened to the wind blow and the rain beat or the silence of the.No wind. No birdcall. No distant lowing or bleating or call of voice. As if all the island had gone still. Not a fly buzzed..So the vulgar call it, or quicksilver, or the water of weight. But those who serve him call him."Some old women down by the docks. An old sorcerer. His

sister."sun was in the windows, there was a knock at her open door. Outside was the man she had thought."Too high and mighty these days to stop and talk," said Tarry, "though I taught him all he knows of harping. But what's that to a rich man?". "Free!" said the tall woman, and her voice cracked like a whip. Then she looked at her companions, child, and she has no name. So then you wait. You open your mind up, like. Like opening the doors.far as Diamond could see, doing no magic at all. "Keep the Equilibrium, it's all in that," Hemlock.the topmost room. Gelluk said to the single slave crouching at the rim of the shaft, "Show me the.desire..nonexistent room behind glass, an enormous male head sang without sound; I saw the dark read.We entered a small bright room. Instead of a ceiling it had long rows of tiny flames, like."Gully," he named himself after a pause, and she thought it was a name he had made up to call himself. It did not fit him. Nothing about him fit together, made a whole. Yet she felt no distrust of him. She was easy with him. He meant no harm to her. She thought there was kindness in him, the way he spoke of the animals. He would have a way with them, she thought. He was like an animal himself, a silent, damaged creature that needed protection but couldn't ask for it.

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