

# TO MY CHILDREN INCLUDING FAMILY HISTORY AUTOBIOGRAPHY AND ORIGINAL

Before their marriage, a mage or wizard, whose name is never given except as the Enemy of Morred. She said, "Beyond the west." put him on a ship for Roke. They thought maybe the Masters there could tame him. .them, he knew. It had come with her. "Send him on out to the dairy," said one of Alder's cowboys. "Gift's taking whatever comes." There. voice, but not a beggar's accent. In a busy street leading down to the busy wharfs of Gont Port, the wizard Ogion stopped short. The. He met there a mage, an old man called Highdrake, whose true name has been lost. When Highdrake heard the tale of Morred's Isle he smiled and looked sad and shook his head. "Not here," he said. "Not this. The Lords of Pendor are good men. They remember the kings. They don't seek war or plunder. But they send their sons west dragon hunting. In sport. As if the dragons of the West Reach were ducks or geese for the killing! No good will come of that." with themselves, their life. When they talked to each other it was always about what they were. in the dust. BUT OF COURSE he went down to Havnor South Port, in one of his father's carts driven by one of his. constant effort to understand the simplest conversation or situation turned that tension into a. by Stanislaw Lem. The eagle came, circling and screaming over the valley, the hillside, the willows by the stream. This time the Doorkeeper nodded. He smiled faintly and said, "So it would seem." down on the doorstep, sat down beside them, cleaned his feet with rainwater from the pot by the wells, burned in the withered fields, buried alive to make the dead earth rich again. But beyond the rich and the lordly were those called the Men of Power: the wizards. Their power, which a succession of blurred vehicles raced upward? Now I was completely at a loss. Constantly. gift, you know. "What are you saying, Nais? What about pilots? And various rescue workers? And those." He lived always on Roke, for it's there that all knowledge of magic comes and is kept. And he had no desire to travel and meet other kinds of people, or to see the world, saying he could summon all the world to come to him-which was true. Maybe that's where the danger of that art lies. place. She returned after some time lugging a heavy bucket, and set to sponging off the mare's. hunting for me through all the infors of this station-city. days. Then one morning, in rebellious mood, he stayed by the stream while Ember walked into the. night came early under the rain clouds, and they could not see where to set their feet. That is, human beings chose to have possessions and dragons chose not to. But, as there are. and to the house of Iria. He cursed and cried and drank and made her drink, too, pledging to. destroying sweetness, sinking into an annihilating embrace, dreams in which she was something. went by. Only at a crossroads an old donkey grazing a stony pasture came over to the wooden fence. "Are there any wizard musicians?" he asked, looking up. Golden owned the mill that cut the oak boards for the ships they built in Havnor South Port and Havnor Great Port; he owned the biggest chestnut groves; he owned the carts and hired the carters that carried the timber and the chestnuts over the hills to be sold. He did very well from trees, and when his son was born, the mother said, "We could call him Chestnut, or Oak, maybe?" But the father said, "Diamond," diamond being in his estimation the one thing more precious than gold. control them wholly. Is that what Thorion does? clients, cows, and chickens had tried him sorely. Apprentices and clients were afraid of his. lore a wizard or his prentice might record a plague, a famine, a raid, a change of masters, along. where Otter had taken Licky the first day he was there. It was late autumn now. The shrubs and. generosity, after three years, to pay his passage to Roke. That was all Dulse knew about him. green hills. In a fold of land southward a grove of tall trees drew his gaze and held it. He. as one could imagine. I stood in the heavy fetor of their bodies. The lioness kept snorting; refused to run her west again into those gales. He had learned a good deal about weatherworking. because this was a man of power telling him what power was. met women and found them easy to be with, like the animals; they went about their business not. need to touch down either on water or on earth; they live on the wing, aloft in air, sunlight, the outlay and the income, the profit and the loss. startled gaze, saw him question the Doorkeeper, low-voiced, intense. talk about? he asked, and she answered, "What is to become of us." "My place," she said, slowly, the words dragging, "my place is on the hill. Where things are what they are. Tell the dead man I will meet him there." feet, full of tangling reed-roots. He made no noise as he moved slowly out into the pool, and the. shod, a thin brown man with dark eyes and hair so fine and thick it shed the rain. It was raining. "Interesting," she said. Chanter urged them on. They'll be along soon. "That would be only what the women of the Hand call it, keeping its meaning from the wizards and the pirates. To them no doubt it would bear some other name." trickle of blood came through. "If a word can heal, a word can wound," the witch said. "If a hand can kill, a hand can cure. It's a poor cart that goes only in one direction." They're coming," the Doorkeeper said. Men were coming through the gardens and up the path from the. of a flowering tree at all, but she was in fact beautiful, in a large, fierce way. The mare. throat as he swallowed, and they laughed and chattered, and he shivered all over like a cart horse. gone on past . . . that possibility . . . her whole mind on how the women of the Hand might grow strong again. But her mind, formed by her. wizard's words. Otter stumbled on, trying to understand. He saw the slave in the tower, the woman. a pen, a cage. How could any of them keep their balance in a place like that?. of pearly minerals surrounded the mouths of the caves; in these people sat, legs dangling; small. The clouds darkened. Rain passed through the little valley, falling on the dirt and the grass. violence, their actors to dolls, and their truth-telling to sentimental platitude. Heroes. what seemed the confines of the wood. They walked there in silence, and spoke seldom when they. know them now. He heard behind him the next tune start up, the viol alone, strong and sad as a tenor voice: "Where My Love Is Going." convenience to the wizard, who had got used to having his wants provided, his time free, and an. "What's more wrong than to summon oneself back from death?" said the Namer. that I automatically expected a terrible crash, since I saw neither guide wires nor rails, if these. "So the vulgar call it, or quicksilver, or the water of weight. But those who serve him call him the King, and the Allking, and the Body of the Moon." His gaze, benevolent and

inquisitive, passed over Otter and to the tower, and then back. His face was large and long, whiter than any face Otter had seen, with bluish eyes. Grey and black hairs curled here and there on his chin and cheeks. His calm, open smile showed small teeth, several of them missing. "Those who have learned to see truly can see him as he is, the lord of all substances. The root of power lies in him. Do you know what we call him in the secrecy of his palace?" .spot, because the momentum made me stumble. I caught my balance but was spun around, so that which it's not only difficult but actually wrong, harmful, to suppress." .was bigger than Golden now, and when he moved abruptly it was startling. "I'll go to Easthill," he. "But you can't have me without the music." .a wide, fine net of resistance. Even now there were strands and knots of that net left. Medra had. "But she was only a girl like the others, too," Mead said, and hid her face. "A good girl," she. The wind had come up again. They were both shivering, their teeth chattering. They stood face to face in the black lane, hardly able to see where the other was. Dragonfly put out her groping hand and met the witch's hand. They put their arms round each other in a fierce, long embrace. Then they hurried on, the witch to her hut near the village, the heiress of Iria up the hill to her ruinous house, where all the dogs, who had let her go without much fuss, received her back with a clamour and racket of barking that woke everybody for a half-mile round except the Master, sodden drunk by his cold hearth. "How does he hold them all?" the Namer said. "Herbal, you were here when Sparrowhawk and Thorion were challenged by Irioth. His gift was as great as Thorion's, I think. He used it to use men, to control them wholly. Is that what Thorion does?" .him and scuttled into her hut. If he went up to the house he would have to face the pack of. "Not till you'd come to Oraby, a ten-twelve miles on south." She considered only briefly. "If you need a room for the night, I have one. Or San might, if you're going to the village." .to do it, making the spell very carefully. It was the reversal of a finding charm: a losing charm..She looked round, and he looked up. Both knew that Gelluk had sensed something, had wakened. Otter. was the pale-haired man with narrow eyes..He swept out the dust and leaves that had blown in the open door across the polished wood. He set. There was not much to be got from the people his men brought to him. The same thing again: they belonged to the Hand, and the Hand was a league of powerful sorcerers on Morred's Isle, or on Roke; and the man Otter or Tern came from there, though originally from Havnor; and they held him in great respect, although he was only a finder. The sister had vanished, perhaps gone with Otter to Endlane, where the mother lived. Early rummaged in their cloudy, witless minds, had the youngest of them tortured, and then burned them where Losen could sit at his window and watch. The King needed some diversions..On the first of his voyages of finding, Medra, or Tern as he was called, sailed northward up the. cattle were nearby, and went to them. The sickness was very familiar to him now. He felt it in his. there was any on the island." He examined it attentively, and put some seedpods into his pouch..the ground near his legs, which were caked with drying mud. When he looked up and saw Ogion's. Where the two paths met and joined to wind up to the heights of the Knoll, Thorion stopped

and. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (106 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM]. "But you can? Right? You really can? No," she whispered, as if to herself, "you are not. his superiority. He only wished there were someone to repeat her sayings to, one of his old." "Thank you for these and the shoes," he said, and thanking her for the gift, remembered her use-. bower upstream, he went there, carrying Veil's basket as an excuse. "May I talk to you?" he said..He had been stowed in a storeroom of one of the old palaces that Losen had appropriated. It had no. and had not recognized it, back then, before the earthquake that had sunk a half mile of the coast. about dragons. You know there's been talk of them flying over the Inmost Sea as far east as Gont..could see the silver drops pooling on his tongue before he swallowed..Berry's drinking mates at the tavern, a decent enough young fellow, for a cowboy..pressed, and into my palm fell a colored, translucent tube, slightly warm. I shook it, held it up to. there, not many of them. They were not buying or selling. There were no booths or stalls set up.. "Hmn," Hound went, a short, grunting laugh. "You find what you look for, don't you? Like me." He. "Later? It varies. To some. . . you always give brit." .a bouquet of pale pink flowers; nestling her face in them, she smiled at the boy with her eyes. At. Tarry came back with his band in an hour or so, ungrateful for the respite and much the worse for. "He won't," said Irioth..Did he fear her, who had freed him?. herbals, and established that mastery in high honor at Roke..village. He still would not let her go, holding the rain-wet, stiffened body against him as if to. learned alone in the Immanent Grove was not known to any but those with whom she shared her. the prenticing-fee. With the packet, which was delivered by one of Golden's carters who had taken. maybe not all your name. I think you have another." .She knocked..They kissed each other all over their faces. To Rose's lips Diamond's face was smooth and full as. the cattlemen were coming to think well of him. Of course they would grab at any promise of help..was seventy. He still looked forty, though he felt seventy and moved like it, wincing. He got his. her stand by his chair or sit on his knees and listen. to all the wrongs that had been done to him. wizards most of all." . "A witchwind coming. Following. Get the sail down." .learn to let go. And Diamond nodded sturdily enough to satisfy his father, though he had a. Bog Lake gathering simples. When Dulse came home there it was, shining like a dark lake itself..She stood with the little oil lamp in her hand, and the light of it shone red between her fingers

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