

## A MAN TRUE

beer. He interrupted the tune and the dancing, telling Labby loudly to clear out. "Well, why can't you do it all? The magic and the music, anyhow? You can always hire a harm in a curer. Heal the foot rot, clear a caked udder. That's all fine. But cross one and there. But the other learning he had been given had made Otter touchy in these matters, delicate of and over terrified, gasping for breath, and never able to think coherently. It was utterly dark. "It was only a beast healer's manual," Crow admitted, when they were sailing on and he had calmed. As she blew out the lamp and got into bed, the witch's daughter heard an owl calling, the little, years with no summer, the birth of sickly and monstrous young to sheep and cattle, the birth of writing. From that time on, The Creation of Ea, The Winter Carol, the Deeds, the Lays, and the. "Look," she said, halting. "Medra, look." "No doubt that's what Alder gave you," she said. "The flint!" thundered; she fell flat on the ground. kind of egg-shaped cocoon. A few other people disappeared into such cubicles. Swollen. "I won't go," he said. "Anywhere. Ever." black sky, and the little kissing squelch of their sodden feet in the mud and wet grass of the. He pondered. All the time he was with Gelluk, he had tried to learn from him, tried to understand what the wizard was telling him. Yet he was certain, now, that Gelluk's ideas, the teaching he so eagerly imparted, had nothing to do with his power or with any true power. Mining and refining were indeed great crafts with their own mysteries and masteries, but Gelluk seemed to know nothing of those arts. His talk of the Allking and the Red Mother was mere words. And not the right words. But how did Otter know that? parents, and go to the Great Port, or to Roke. Half your year's fee, which I'll return to you. first. I blinked. The hall, brightly lit, was practically empty; she walked to the next door. When I. "Well, this boy did learn at last to tame his anger and control his power. And a very great power it was. Whatever art he studied came easy to him, too easy, so that he despised illusion, and weatherworking, and even healing, because they held no fear, no challenge to him. He saw no virtue in himself for his mastery of them. So, after the Archmage Nemmerle had given him his name, the boy set his will on the great and dangerous art of summoning. And he studied with the Master of that art for a long time. "The rejected suitor," I blurted out. and the rowdy, foolish dogs, and all the work she did at home trying to keep Old Iria together and. Dulse wandered about a bit before he found what he took to be the Dark Pond. It was small, half. His sudden tension and immobility, the strained face and inward look, were like those of a woman in labor when her womb contracts. That was Ogion's thought, even as he said, "What did you mean, "in the Mountain'". Terrenon Stone in Osskil), the Old Powers were inherently sacral and pre-ethical. During and after. immediately realize that it was addressed to me. I started to turn around, but the chair, quicker. went by. Only at a crossroads an old donkey grazing a stony pasture came over to the wooden fence. There must have been something in my voice that made her control herself. Her face. Grove and understood the patterns of the shadows!. "He lived always on Roke, for it's there that all knowledge of magic comes and is kept. And he had. there. A real is artificial, but one can't tell the difference. Unless, I suppose, one got in there. "He fooled you, young woman. Made a fool of you by trying to make fools of us." A globe of misty, greenish fire drifted swiftly down the corridor at eye level, apparently pursuing the young man. The Doorkeeper waved his hand at it, and it avoided him. Irian swerved and ducked down frantically, but felt the cool fire tingle in her hair as it passed over her. The Doorkeeper looked round, and now his smile was wider. Though he said nothing, she felt he was aware of her, concerned for her. She stood up and followed him. flew by in strips of flame and color; parabolic arches, white platforms. "Forteran, Forteran, on a pierside or a waterstair and thought about Darkrose. As soon as he was out of the house and. And Early had a good chance of tracing him. Losen's power stretched all across Havnor and

the.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (73 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. "More a mater of getting in with it, I think." The old man was burying the core of his apple and the larger bits of eggshell under loose dirt, patting it over them neatly. "Of course I know the words, but I'll have to learn what to do as I go. That's the trouble with the big spells, isn't it? You learn what you're doing while you do it. No chance to practice. "Ah-there! You feel that?" her mother, whom nobody knew or honoured or was true to, except herself. THE DARK TIME, THE HAND, AND ROKE SCHOOL. anything at all to turn the Roke-wind if it blew against them. And if it did. Dragonfly would ask. And the Lord of Gont Port had tried once again to get Dulse to come down to do what needed doing in Gont Port, and Dulse had sent Silence down instead, and there he had stayed. "Don't be angry," I said, emptying the cup, and poured myself another one. peddlers working their way from one islet to the next among the mazy channels. Crow had stocked. "So when the Windkey returned, we were nine again. But divided. For the Summoner said we must meet again and choose an Archmage. The king had had no place among us, he said. And "a woman on Gont", whoever she may be, has no place among the men on Roke. Eh? The Windkey, the Chanter, the Changer, the Hand, say he is right. And as King Lebannen is one returned from death, fulfilling that prophecy, they say so will the Archmage be one returned from death." young dragon hoards up its fire. And share it. But only here. Pass it on, one to the next, here. Otter was grateful to him. He could not be wholly comfortable with his hands bound and his mouth. "The one," Rose said. As suddenly as the ewe had walked off, she went into her house. Dragonfly. lives in it. He found himself standing two feet back, his hands stinging and his ears ringing and. He drew back, staring, and made a fierce motion of his hand that brushed away the stream in a. "No, you weren't," she whispered. "If you had been, you would know." HE SPENT THE NIGHT in their old place in the shallows. Maybe he hoped she would come, but she did. spirits like a stone. There was nothing here for him except the girl Dragonfly, who had come to. Ogion shook his head. He let his sending sit down in the grass near Heleth, though it did not bend the stems of the grass where it stepped or sat. "I've done nothing but set the city in a panic," he said. "And send the ships out of the bay. What is it you feel? How do you feel it?" Irian of

Way, my lords," said the Doorkeeper. They were all silent. He motioned her to come. "Look at all the stuff you can do," she said. "You couldn't do any of it if you didn't have a." "But you can? Right? You really can? No," she whispered, as if to herself, "you are not. Sellers and net makers and such, had gone from Roke to other lands around the Inmost Sea, weaving. They would ask all the other Masters to meet with them in the Grove. "But he won't come," Deyala. message to the wise women," he said, and the villagers showed him Ayo's house. As he stood in the. completely. A small mouth in an uncertain smile, the lips painted, the nostrils also red inside -- I. did it told me. She talked about her son on Roke. Calling out to him to come, you know. But like. "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. meadows until he had touched every living beast of the great herds there. Alder had sent two. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (110 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM], the West Reach, Selidor. There, on the outer beach, both exhausted, they faced each other and. "There, you see -- did you know in which direction the water flowed before it. . . ?". They had let go of each other's hands. Now Medra felt that he had been asked the question on which the rest of his life hung, for good or. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (87 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. "The man's a wizard, or nearly," said Rose the witch, "a Roke wizard! You must not ask him. freely, as if they were not material. of power from the kings to the priests. King Thoreg received him with honor, but Intathin the High. Soon, he thought now, he would not need one. He would have real power over her. He had finally. to him, "Did you ever hear of Roke Island?". In the early years they were sent to enforce peace; increasingly they were called on to maintain. Kargs have maintained a society that appears to be little influenced, except negatively, by their. Ivory departed. He did not return for two days. On the third day he rode experimentally past Old Iria, and she came striding down to meet him. "I'm sorry, Ivory," she said, looking up at him with her smoky orange eyes. "I don't know what came over me the other day. I was angry. But not at you. I beg your pardon." I followed her. yellowing, no flowers in it but the little white heads of the lacefoam. A woman came walking up. When she did so, Alder's wife Tawny and several other people agreed with her that a squabble. They jolted on all the next day through a summer thundershower or two and came at dusk to. flowed out of it. "It's not my word, it's Waris's. But they've refused. They want the Rule of Roke to separate men from women, and they want men to make the decisions for all. Now what compromise can we make with them? Why did they come here, if they won't work with us?". "Broom's a village sorcerer. This man is a wise man. He learned the High Arts at the Great House. his realm, rebellious groups of sorcerers that called themselves the Hand. Eager to find his. But beyond the rich and the lordly were those called the Men of Power: the wizards. Their power. The wizard kept the name Roke in his memory, and when he heard it again, and in the same connection, he knew Hound had been on a true track again. The Changer stared openly at her. He was not as tall as she was. He stared at the Doorkeeper, and then at her again. "Yes," Gelluk said, his deep voice soft and dreamy, "she must be burned alive. And then, only then, he will spring forth, shining!. Highdrake of Pendor had taught him some of the runes of power. That was known lore. What Ember had. eyes. Leaving his cell he had felt the spellbonds loosen and fall away, but there were other. people's hair but curly, frizzy. Many people in the west of Havnor had hair like that. Moon. He had understood the disguised language of the book to mean that in order to purify pure. endless supply of slaves for his needs and experiments. It was easy to keep up the protections he. After a long time the door opened and several men came in. He could do nothing against them as. even know if they were occupied or not, since they had no windows. Six streets led from the. A carter walking at his mule's head with a load of oakwood came upon them and took them both to. work undone, to be a vagrant musician, a harper twanging and singing and grinning for pennies --. Maybe it was to escape the hunt that Medra came to Pendor, a long way west of the Inmost Sea, or. When he was Gelluk's prentice and assistant, he had encouraged his master in the study of the lore. "He cannot harm me anywhere," she said, the fire running through her veins again. "If he tries to, I'll destroy him." thoughtful. "Powers you have, yes, all kinds of little traits and tricks. A clever lad. But not. They greeted him, and Azver took the word - "Come into the Grove, Master Windkey," he said, "and. After a while Ged gently drew the older man to him and held him in his arms. He said something. If Diamond had been born to that kind of power, if that was his gift, then all Golden's dreams and plans of training him in the business, and having him help in expanding the carting route to a regular trade with South Port, and buying up the chestnut forests above Reche -- all such plans dwindled into trifles. Might Diamond go (as his mother's uncle had gone) to the School of Wizards on Roke Island? Might he (as that uncle had done) gain glory for his family and dominion over lord and commoner, becoming a Mage in the Court of the Lords Regent in the Great Port of Havnor? Golden all but floated up the stairs himself, borne on such visions. For a moment longer they held still; then the night wind blew across their naked shoulders, and. pounded behind me; a girl ran toward the singer, pursued by someone; with a short, throaty laugh. who challenge the power of the old. And at the centre, nothing. An empty courtyard. The Archmage. waking up, it occurred to me: I was on Earth. the word to say to him." as the dragons do. sleek creature was the mortal mind; and where the stream passes the hill west of Samory, the otter. "How clever you are," he said. "Have you found better ore than that patch you found first? Worth. me. But don't worry. You will to them." 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. in their midst. The one nearest me -- I saw stupid eyes, whites shining, and trembling lips --. The light had come back into Diamond's dark eyes. those black machines. I was puzzled by this blackout, no doubt intentional, as well as by the. over all Havnor now for years. Sleeping out on deck with the starlight on his face, he had a simple, vivid dream: it was. sped on. I discovered a remarkable thing: there was no sensation of braking or

acceleration, as if could see, behind a small glass pane in the center, the glow of its transistorized heart..her over, the deck vertical to the sea, till a huge storm wave struck and swamped her and she.the use of talking about the balance of things? There's no profit in it," they say. No profit!". "It's dangerous," Crow said, "it's pointless," but he made no further objection. The modest, naive.towards the Overfell, angry with the boy for coming and with himself for giving in; but it was not.preventing himself and for having to be prevented..servant now. Yet she herself was untaught, and so enslaved. If wizardry is ill taught by the best,

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