

## **ANIMACROSTICS VOLUME 1 CURIOUS CRITTERS**

when she came out of the shelter of the woods and saw the open sky..pursuing him across the winter sea, "riding the west wind, the rain wind, the heavy cloud." Each stank and their town stank. He disliked going aboard a slave ship, but the only vessel going out.House as a student. Master Doorkeeper?" Irioth's head drooped as if in utter weariness. All tension and passion had gone out of his body. But he looked up, not at Ged but at Gift, silent in the hearth corner..The wizard's spells still bound their minds together. Otter pressed rashly forward into Gelluk's mind, seeking his true name. But he did not know where to look or how to look. A finder who did not know his craft, all he could see clearly in Gelluk's thoughts were pages of a lore-book full of meaningless words, and the vision he had described-a vast, red-walled palace where silver runes danced on the crimson pillars. But Otter could not read the book or the runes. He had never learned to read..Medra had been thinking, once again, and still unavailingly, how he could leave Havnor at once and unnoticed, when the wizard came..was put into the bank in my name -- I don't even know how much there is. I don't know a thing..have anyone. It's strange. . ."Oh, it's no good, I know it's no good. Nothing's any good with a drunkard," she said. She wiped.which yielded elastically. In flight, I must have had a none-too-intelligent expression on my face."I'll bring food," he said, and strode on, quickening his pace so that he vanished soon, though.students to learn with her the ways through the forest and the patterns of the leaves; for she was."I think he will not walk in the Grove. Nor on Roke Knoll. On the Knoll, what is, is so,".courteously by their titles..Cinnabar, that's what you're to nod for. The King's wizard says it's still here somewhere about.If the young sorcerer was seeking experience, he did not get much at Westpool. Whenever Birch had guests from Kembermouth or from neighboring domains, the herd of deer, the swans, and the fountain of golden wine made their appearance. He also worked up some very pretty fireworks for warm spring evenings. But if the managers of the orchards and vineyards came to the Master to ask if his wizard might put a spell of increase on the pears this year or maybe charm the black rot off the Fanian vines on the south hill, Birch said, "A wizard of Roke doesn't lower himself to such stuff. Go tell the village sorcerer to earn his keep!" And when the youngest daughter came down with a wasting cough, Birch's wife dared not trouble the wise young man about it, but sent humbly to Rose of Old Iria, asking her to come in by the back door and maybe make a poultice or sing a chant to bring the girl back to health..When she did so, Alder's wife Tawny and several other people agreed with her that a squabble."Of course you do! What does it matter what Tarry thinks? You already play the harp about nine.days. Then one morning, in rebellious mood, he stayed by the stream while Ember walked into the."Wait," she said. "It seems that you don't understand a thing. After all, I gave you brit." "You and Broom trade spells."At that Dulse looked him over again. No cloak, no staff."She gave me freedom," he said. "And I still feel that all I do is done through her and for her..first taught Ged, and shows that it takes more than one mage to stop an earthquake. "Darkrose and.style of a hundred years ago; I didn't want to. I had to admit, however, that she was right; brit was.starlight. The only use a dragon has for the ground is some kind of rocky place where it can lay."There's not much worth much in my life," she said, gazing down at the pavement. "All I know how."You want me to stay?"."Have you anything to tell me?" Dulse asked them..asked no more. But he wanted to see the girl as beautiful as a flowering tree. He rode past Old.got to his feet and shuffled, lame and unsteady, back down the valley..The hierarchic and centralising tendency of this religion lent support at first to the ambition of the Kings of Hupun on Karego-At. By force of arms and diplomatic maneuvering, the House of Hupun within a century or so conquered or absorbed most of the other Kargad kingdoms, of which there had been more than two hundred..body. He made her stop to put on his shirt. He was ashamed of it, for it was filthy, he having.remembering her father, but the motion of the leaves and shadows drew it on. She saw him drunk,.The Changer absorbed that with a look of real amazement; but he did not question the Doorkeeper..The man named Ged went to him and took his hands, which were half stretched out, pleading.."You have told me," Veil said..mild sunlight of late spring. They made good way from Geath. Late in the afternoon he heard the."And you?" she asked..art, any word of the Language of the Making. It's always been so. They will not listen. So they.Hand, master of all illusions.was years ago, years ago, in the sunlight. It was raining. He had fed the chickens, and come back.carefully and looked around at the others. "But I don't know if he can keep a lid on the ant-.be no true king of Earthsea. Mortally wounded in battle against the rebel lord Gehis of the.said nothing, a non-rhetorical answer..They were waiting for him..sign that was rising, bordered by a lemon haze. Exit? A way out?.hands..have held clenched in his hand all along.."Good-bye. . ."You're going to Roke to find out," he said, raising his glass to her. After a moment she raised hers and smiled at him, a smile so tender and radiant that he said spontaneously, "And may what you find be all you seek!".two ponies and said what hinnies say. "Aaawww!" she said. She would miss the ponies..man cowered away, shrinking down, shriveling, crying out in a thin, high wail. It is wrong, wrong,.within it. Then Otter could call to Anieb. At once she came into his mind and being, and was there.after her. Then she plodded gently on. He pressed against her flank and clung to her, for the.long ago. But I chose not to use those arts. I wanted you to trust me enough to tell me your name."I have a favor to ask you," I said as calmly as I could. "You must explain to me. . ."For Golden looked on the Art Magic with genuine humility as something quite beyond him -- not a.They call this the Otter's House," he said. "Very old. As old as the Great House. Everything is old, here. We are old - the Masters."Under the huddle of the grey cloak his hands found only a huddle of clothes and dry bones and a broken staff..to be in one place on the isle and sometimes in another, were the oldest trees in the world, and.suddenly came a reflection, surprising in that I myself would never have expected it if someone.island of Solea. Elfarran knew this, as she knew the moment of Morred's death. She bade her people."What is that?".Dulse had been unable to answer at all for a while. Then, stammering, guilty at his ingratitude.Hemlock dismissed that with

a flick of his hand. "I am talking of the True Art," he said. "Now I." "To keep you." Hound sniffed, sighed, and followed, trudging along unwillingly, while behind him in the village. "Not hiding at all. Went about the city, talking to people. Went to see his mother in Endlane, round the mountain. He's there now." One morning one of Alder's cowboys turned up in the front yard riding a horse and leading a saddled mule. "Master Alder says Master Otak can ride her, it being a ten-twelve miles out to the East Fields," the young man said. "Thus." And Ard's long arms had stretched out and upward in the invocation of what Dulse would know later was a great spell of Transforming. Ard spoke the words of the spell awry, as teachers of wizardry must do lest the spell operate. Dulse knew the trick of hearing them aright and remembering them. At the end he repeated them in his mind in silence, sketching the strange, awkward gestures that were part of them. All at once his hand stopped. even reach his hand out. It was a horrible sensation, as if his muscles were not his own. He sat. Dulse had seen young men weep for joy at the birth of a first son. He had seen poor men pay. clamour and racket of barking that woke everybody for a half-mile round except the Master, sodden. behind it said, "Come in!" .file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (64 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. quick woman, with a round face and clear eyes, and a mass of dark hair, not straight like most. me. Gontish oak, from the hands of a Gontish wizard. Well, if he earns it I'll make him one. If he. School. Her face was windburned and scrubbed clean. Her hair was braided and the braid clubbed, had said it last night to a heifer or a woman. He knew his true name but it was no good here, without front walls. Approaching them, I found low, dimly lit cubicles, in which stood rows of. "She came to this place at this time," the Namer said. "And to this place, at this time, no one comes by chance. All any of us knows is how it seems to us. There are names behind names, my Lord Healer." Morred s Isle, they call it. But it's not Enlad of the Kings, nor Ea. It's south, not north of. reproduced or transmitted in any form or by any means, electronic or mechanical, including. with you drawing you to the particular attention of the Master Summoner." yourself." The curer said nothing to the cowboy but went straight to the mule, or hinny, rather, being out of. His voice was the voice of the slave in the stone tower. It was she who knew the true name of quicksilver and spoke it through him. After a long time, she came back to the sunlight and the stableyard and her thoughts and puzzles. "But even if he's gone," she said, "surely some of the Masters are truly wise?" To Otter this conversation was, again, like walking forward in a vast darkness with a small lamp. Anieb's understanding was that lamp. Each step revealed the next step he must take, but he could never see the place where he was. He did not know what was coming next, and did not understand what he saw. But he saw it, and went forward, word by word. "Dragons have been seen flying above the Inmost Sea. Roke has no Archmage, and the islands no true-crowned king. There is real work to do," the Summoner said, and his voice too was like stone, cold and heavy. "When will we do it?" can keep his mouth closed. And I'll leave him my lore-books. If he can clean out a henhouse, and. He let that sink in for a while, and then continued softly, "And to work the spell of semblance on you, to make it so complete and deep that the Masters of Roke will see you as a man and nothing else, to do that, I too must know your name." He paused again. As he talked it seemed to him that everything he said was true, and his voice was moved and gentle as he said, "I could have known it long ago. But I chose not to use those arts. I wanted you to trust me enough to tell me your name yourself." said, turning suddenly. The big, white-haired man, Kurremkarmerruk the Namer, was standing just. She held up her first finger; raised the other fingers, and clenched them together into a fist; his true name, by which he is remembered in islands far from Havnor. him away. I thought him insignificant, and so harmless. But he lied to you and beguiled you. You. Old Hardic differs in vocabulary and pronunciation from the current speech, but the rote learning. you know what we call him in the secrecy of his palace?" He told her, as well as he could. "We were strangers. Yet she gave me her name," he said. "And I gave her mine." He spoke haltingly, with long pauses. "It was I that walked with the wizard, compelled by him, but she was with me, and she was free. And so together we could turn his power against him, so that he destroyed himself." He thought for a long time, and said, "She gave me her power." spells woven about other buildings of the place, especially around a tall stone tower, filling the. talked to some men off her. They said there was nothing but fog and reefs all round where Roke was. connection, he knew Hound had been on a true track again. That was unusual, though perhaps not so unusual among the wealthy as among common folk. At any. was a gardener, the Master Herbal, looking solid and stolid, like a brown ox, beside the gaunt, singly or several at a time from their metal lairs and speeding away, always in the same direction. "To destroy you." I looked at her. She was quite serious. Well, yes, how was she to know? I shrugged. But after he had rested a couple of days, he asked her who the cattlemen of the village were, and. encompassed me in an invisible arch. For the first time I felt alone, but not as in a crowd, for the. survived were wise women and their children, who had hidden themselves in the town or in the. the fountain. Roke, as she had said, he must serve her. He did so willingly. She had walked with him in the. bruised, swollen, sodden. She wanted to tell him to put them right to the fire's warmth, but. suitably trained. Have no fear, my son. I know why you led my servants only to the little lode. The Changer stared openly at her. He was not as tall as she was. He stared at the Doorkeeper, and then at her again. and she put her hand on his forehead. He opened his eyes, looking straight into hers without. "To come here," he said. He was beginning to tremble less. His bare feet were a sad sight. He tried to remember how to make light. Anieb said to him, plaintively, "Can't you make the. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (106 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM]

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