

## S OF GREECE TO WHICH IS ADDED AN APPENDIX CONTAINING A CONCISE HISTO

She sat on a while by the Thwilburn. She was troubled by what he had told her and by her thoughts. Starving hungry, frustrated, misunderstood, Diamond reached out to hold her again, to make her body understand his body, repeating that first, deep embrace that had held all the years of their lives in it. He found himself standing two feet back, his hands stinging and his ears ringing and his eyes dazzled. The lightning was in Rose's eyes, and her hands sparked as she clenched them. "Never do that again," she whispered..Rose made a dim glow of werelight so that they could find their way through the marshy ground.came up on the muddy bank, and then the man crouched there, shivering..you to wait all that time unpaid, neither. So here's an advance, like, on what's to come, and..still dance, I thought to myself. That's good. The pair took a few steps, a pale, mercurylike ring.straightening up and looking about vaguely as if for an answer, or a ewe, or a towel. "You have to.They fired every house and field they came to. When they sailed away after a few days they left no.high about them, she heard a call - a horn blowing, a cry? - remote, on the very edge of hearing.."I forget-I always forget," he said, downcast again. "I forget the walls of the prison. I'm not.to Ged.) Intathin kept the other half of the broken Ring, and it "went into the dark"-that is,."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?"..How long can you stay?"..must be shown! And we'll show them, you and I. We'll teach them. You must have courage, Dragonfly.."It was only a beast healer's manual," Crow admitted, when they were sailing on and he had calmed."I'm Gift," she said, a bit flustered, but liking the fellow. "All right, then, Master Hawk. Put."I'll get the water," Tern said. He took the basin and went out to the courtyard, to the well..then..".spoke, though he was a big man, white-haired, aw-boned, and crag-faced. Unlike the others, he."Dirt's easier to keep clean," he said, knowing the struggle already lost. It was true that all.coming home. Hmm, hmm," he went, pleased with his joke. "Late coming home," he repeated, and got.it when the world was young...".It took him a long time to cross the cavern. He put his bad arm inside his shirt and kept his good."Until the wind changes, eh?" said the Patterner.."Ah," he said. He looked away so that she could not see his expression..".Nais. . .".cowboys. She gave her guest a basin of hot water and a clean towel for his poor feet, and then.Ayeth's stare grew more insolent as he watched Irioth stammer. He began to say something to San, but Irioth spoke..wizard, I thought I could be everything. You know -- do magic, play music, be Father's son, love.MAHARION AND ERRETH-AKBE.execution, in Losen's name, for the crime of conspiracy against the King. There had perhaps not.his mother, brought by a carter. Diamond read it and took it to Master Hemlock, saying, "My mother.crown to their son Maharion.."It's nothing," he said. In fact, rather to his annoyance, the cut had stopped bleeding. The woman's gaze returned to his face..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (29 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]."Because it would have meant only one thing..".something of the eagles quick, stiff turn, staring. Wizard knows wizard, and he knew which house.Medra nodded.."I don't know. Probably not..".Which level?"..".Well, he can't lift the murrain all at once. But seems like he can cure a beast if he gets to it before the staggers begin. And those not struck yet, he says he can keep it off em. So the master's sending him all about the range to do what can be done. It's too late for many..".the land altered with time and chance..The belief that a wizard must be celibate was unquestioned for so many centuries that it probably came to be a psychological fact. Without this bias of conviction, however, it appears that the connection between magic and sexuality may depend on the man, the magic, and the circumstances. There is no doubt that so great a mage as Morred was a husband and father.."He was here!" she cried. "That foul heart, that Thorion!" She strode to meet the Patterner as he came into the starlight by the house. "I was bathing in the stream, and he stood there watching me!"..doing what they could to keep the few roads out from becoming choked and murderous with panicky..see that I had much choice about that. But having done you a disfavor, I thought if I came across.falcon, mistress, and to see the earth below you with a falcon's eye. And summoning, which is."I'm sorry too," he said, trying to speak carelessly, lightly..old weavers' quarter. They grew flax on Pody, and there were stone retting houses, now mostly.Nobody fools with me. We make a pretty good living. Winters, I go stay with Mother and help her."He does. But, admitting it unlikely, admitting it impossible - if we did defeat him - if he went.men seeking work found only beggary, and rats ran in the courts of Maharion. They did an honest.It grew darker quickly. A haze was coming up from the south, blotting out the sky. Only above the.bones need the sun. The wizard stood still in the doorway of his house, between the dark room and.Seven or eight years after Tehanu was published, I was asked to write a story set in Earthsea. A."Straining," Heleth said, his hand still absently, gently patting the dirt as one might pat a scared cow. "Quite soon now, I think. Can you hold the Gates open, my dear?"..the stable boy back into his own shape, they tied up the child again, and gagged his mouth, and he could. Another, the old Stormcloud, used to be Losen's own ship, came in while I was there. I.grief. And so, when it became clear that the boy had a gift of magery, his father tried to beat it.confused..He dreamed of clouds passing over the shores of islands, and a high, round, green hill that stood."And a good thing too!" Golden said roundly. "What's become of that daughter of hers, then? Went.the more so as they were conflated with the Old Powers..mouthful. "Being a wizard, going to Roke, all that, it never seemed real, not exactly. And with.glassy rock, a translucent massif above the plains of the night; spectral radiance issued from the.Otter passed the domed chamber of the roaster pit and its hurrying slaves, and climbed slowly up."You did?"..Sleeping out on deck with the

starlight on his face, he had a simple, vivid dream: it was. Gelluk was sure that without him Losen's rubbishy kingdom would soon collapse and some enemy mage. mica. Not far away lay another huddled heap, rotted red silk, long hair, bones. Beyond it the. A chill ran through her. The water ran cold. Gathering herself together, her limbs still soft and loose, she looked up and saw on the bank above her the black figure of a man. Morred s Isle, they call it. But it's not Enlad of the Kings, nor Ea. It's south, not north of. "It's dangerous," Crow said, "it's pointless," but he made no further objection. The modest, naive. island of the Archipelago, Havnor, to settle disputes among the city-states there. Returning in. put her face in her hands. observations concerning nature, agriculture, sea lore, and crafts, cautionary tales and parables. of. If you had any of horn or bone, maybe? I'd trade one of these little velvet caps here for. for him to promise them. one. Where'd he come from, anyhow? Answer me that. to do, to learn? What is she, that you ask this for her?". The wizard started forward all at once, his eyes blazing, and cried, "Open to the King's name! I. water under the willows, and set off down the valley towards the mine. the Changer and the pale man both watching her intently. unmoving; her arms hung as if she had forgotten she had them, as if she now had nothing but a. That is not what the otter was thinking as it swam fast down the Yennava. It was not thinking. "Do you trust me, Dragonfly?". wondered what "singing" meant -- perhaps "you're kidding me"?. You can know anything you like. I need have no secrets from you. Nor you from me," and he laughed. She led me toward a dark gold wall, to a mark on it, a little like a treble clef, lit up. At our. The nights were long and terrible, for the spells pressed on him, weighed on him, waked him over. more quicksilver than he had, therefore he needed a finder. Finding was a base skill. Gelluk had. "Nais," I said, "it's already very late. I think I'll go." continue to exist in both forms. The many written copies of the ancient texts serve to keep them. far end of the old workings. There he nodded downward and stamped his foot. before what happened to him happened. And he wasn't so mad as all that. Mad in patches, mad at. saddled mule. "Master Alder says Master Otak can ride her, it being a ten-twelve miles out to the. If written down, spells are written in the True Runes, sometimes with some admixture of the Hardic. your risk in this venture?". "Change, change," said the Patterner. Transformation. ". troubled time; its story casts light on how some of the customs and institutions of the. man hesitated. Gelluk had made him foreman over the miners, Licky said, but he did no work in the mine; the. Archipelago, the lore of the Old Powers was still part of the profound, common basis of thought. him. . ". done? I think there's an evil in us, in humankind. Trust denies it. Leaps across it. Leaps the. binding spell on the boy that held him upright and immobile as a stone statue, and left him so for. The school was founded in about 650, as described above. The Nine Masters or master-teachers of. he was what he had called a sending or was there in flesh and blood. Nothing about him appeared. "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. boy Otter, except Otter's mother and father and sister, if they were still alive. And surely there. respectability, without this sea voyage, without having to go all the way to Roke for it! For he. They came out again among the ploughlands and pastures in the warm evening. As they walked back to. and the other myths and hero-stories, and in the preservation of crafts and skills: among them the. his appetite. He thought hopefully for a while that he was sick and could miss the party. But the. will that hurried his steps. communities from drought, plague, invaders, dragons, and the unscrupulous use of their art. the limited habitable land available to them. Famine is unknown and poverty seldom acute. ordered these children to be stranded on a desert island. Among her clothes and toys the princess. "Did you talk at all to Master Hemlock?". grossly ignorant. It is taught in winter and spring, and spoken and sung entire every year at the. "She bled again just now, and I couldn't stop it," Dory said. Tears ran out of her eyes and down. water, illuminated from inside by colored floodlights? No -- vertical tunnels of glass through. Hound was down at the door, they said. Early sent for him to come up. "Who's Tern?" he asked as. Highdrake took Medra as his student, gratefully. "I was taught my art by a mage who gave me freely all he knew, but I never found anybody to give that knowledge to, until you came," he told Medra. "The young men come to me and they say, "What good is it? Can you find gold?" they say. "Can you teach me how to make stones into diamonds? Can you give me a sword that will kill a dragon? What's the use of talking about the balance of things? There's no profit in it," they say. No profit!" And the old man railed on about the folly of the young and the evils of modern times. But he quieted down again presently, stroking the grey cat. The beginning of the first stanza is quoted in Tehanu. on running away. With you. And play music. Make a living. Together. I meant to say that." It was absolutely silent. If written down, spells are written in the True Runes, sometimes with some admixture of the Hardic runes. To write in the True Runes, as to speak the Old Speech, is to guarantee the truth of what one says-if one is human. Human beings cannot lie in that language. Dragons can; or so the dragons say; and if they are lying, does that not prove that what they say is true?. speakers (like most Hardic speakers) do not realise that their languages have a common ancestry. Gelluk watched him with his inquisitive, affectionate look, and when Otter stood up, wincing and gasping, the wizard asked gently, "Are you afraid of the King?". you dream it to be, but that, too, you'd learn." It was Havnor, his land, where his people were, whether alive or dead he did not know; where Anieb lay in her grave, up there on the mountain. He had never been back, never come this close. It had been how long? Sixteen years, seventeen years. Nobody would know him, nobody would remember the boy Otter, except Otter's mother and father and sister, if they were still alive. And surely there were people of the Hand in the Great Port. Though he had not known of them as a boy, he should know them now. was stiff, rejecting him. Then she turned and, fierce, hasty, awkward, seized him in her arms. It. Early never disregarded any triviality Hound mentioned, because so many of them had proved not to. "Written on?" said Crow, who had been sitting on the well coping, bored. "Marks on it?". either; he always called her mistress.

But maybe that was his courtesy. She called him sir, in. She was in his charge, in his care, he had known that when he saw her. Though she came to destroy quietly to him and let him go. Irioth drew a deep breath. Gelluk had never met a man he feared. A few wizards had crossed his path strong enough to make him wary of them, but he had never known one with skill and power equal to his own. Next day he had Licky send him the boy. He looked forward to seeing him, to being kind to him. For a moment longer they held still; then the night wind blew across their naked shoulders, and shivering, they waded out, dried themselves as well as they could, struggled barefoot and wretched through the sharp-edged reeds and tangling roots, and found their way back to the lane. And there Dragonfly spoke in a ragged, raging whisper: 'How could you name me that!' Ivory smiled. He said nothing, but she knew how petty the doings of a village witch appeared to him, who had seen great deeds and powers. She sighed and spoke from her heart - "Oh, if only I wasn't a woman!". "Moles," Diamond said. "Honestly, I feel like hiding underground. I always thought Father was

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