

## **AVERTISSEMENT AU ROY TRES CHRESTIEN**

years...". "Irian," he said, "do you hear the leaves?".submitted to her absolutely. When she said, "Move your foot!" the mare moved her foot. The woman."Of course you do! What does it matter what Tarry thinks? You already play the harp about nine times better than he ever did."."Well, well, well," he said to his wife, frequently, "all rosy again, eh? Got the apple of your.the distance several people were walking; I was not sure, however, that they were not dolls, and.so, without a word, on his nameday night, to go off with the witch-girl, leaving all the honest.He was angry then, very angry, a hungry man whose food is snatched from his hand. He summoned the.king. Roke ruled in the kings' stead."."If you wish."."Away from the lanterns of the party it was dark, but she knew the way in the dark. He was there. The willows had grown, these two years. There was only a little space to sit among the green shoots and the long, falling leaves..failed he had to stop and sit down and sleep. The sleep was never death, as he thought it was. He.he said this. It was not what he had meant to say..every child's education are taught and learned aloud, passed on down the years from living voice.He asked Birch about the place. "That's Iria," Birch said - "Old Iria, I mean to say. I own the.She had never seen where he lived. He slept wherever he chose to, she imagined, in these warm summer nights, She asked him where the food they ate came from; what the School did not supply for itself, he said, the farmers round about provided, considering themselves well recompensed by the protections the Masters set on their flocks and fields and orchards. That made sense to her. On Way, "a wizard without his porridge" meant something unprecedented, unheard-of. But she was no wizard, and so, thinking to earn her porridge, she did her best to repair the Otter's House, borrowing tools from a farmer and buying nails and plaster in Thwil Town, for she still had half the cheese money.. "Shall we go?" he said to the cowboy, who set off at once with a wave to Gift and a snort from his.lions. . .gagged, but wind and sunlight were mighty blessings. And he could breathe deep and doze without."I told him," Golden said, "that I had seen you, with a turn of your hand and a single word, change a wooden carving of a bird into a bird that flew up and sang. Pre seen you make a light glow in thin air. You didn't know I was watching. I've watched and said nothing for a long time. I didn't want to make too much of mere childish play. But I believe you have a gift, perhaps a great gift. When I told Master Hemlock what I'd seen you do, he agreed with me. He said that you may go study with him in South Port for a year, or perhaps longer."..immediately fell asleep in the artificial light of the windowless room, for what I had at first taken."What's up?" said Kurremkarmerruk. "I've been reading about dragons. Not paying attention. But all.one. Where'd he come from, anyhow? Answer me that.."Thank you," I said, "not for me. . .". "Mistress," said Hawk, "may I tell you a story?".careful hand. Her eyes, amber brown like the water of the Thwilburn in shadow, had looked at.rhythm..No matter how this adventure was going to end, I had found myself a guide, and I thought -- this.stories, I became (somewhat) more systematic and methodical, and put my knowledge of the peoples."Ah." Presently he said, "The Master Summoner is not old." And she got a sidelong look from those narrow, ice-coloured eyes..Akbe and the heroes before him, the Eagle Queen, Heru, Akambar who drove the Kargs into the east..A century and a half after Morred's death, King Akambar, a prince of Shelieth on Way, moved the court to Havnor and made Havnor Great Port the capital of the kingdom. More central than Enlad, Havnor was better placed for trade and for sending out fleets to protect the Hardic islands against Kargish raids and forays..though it is made of horn and framed in dragons tooth and carved with the Thousand-Leaved Tree,,anything lost, a dropped nail, a mislaid tool, as soon as he understood the word for it. And as a.She looked westward over the reed beds and willows and the farther hills. The whole western sky.to take. "This way," he said, falling into step beside her, and after a while, "This way," and so.boy Otter, except Otter's mother and father and sister, if they were still alive. And surely there.hatch. The mites were bothering her, and she looked scruffy and jaded. He said a few words against.been a hundred years ago. He came back unsuccessful and embittered and spent his age drinking the."She?".nights. He thought of his mother, or of sunny rooms and hot food, or a tune would come into his.rest of the winter, except the cattle dying. "Besides," Tawny said, "my man's never averse to."There was no place for him among the Masters, since a new Master Summoner had been chosen, a.A curved corridor with an inclined floor, as sometimes in the theater; from its walls,.Because they were smaller than men and could move more easily in narrow places, or because they.was less to her than the mother she had not known..walk with you, like this... And I wish you wouldn't go north."..and when his son was born, the mother said, "We could call him Chestnut, or Oak, maybe?" But the.appropriate, and that Ged, whom many call the greatest of the arch-mages, may have been the last..It was far more convenient to him that Losen should be king than that he himself should rule Havnor openly. Men of arms didn't trust men of craft and didn't like to serve them. No matter what a mage's powers, unless he was as mighty as the Enemy of Morred, he couldn't hold armies and fleets together if the soldiers and sailors chose not to obey. People were in the habit of fearing and obeying Losen, an old habit now, and well learned. They credited him with the powers he had had of bold strategy, firm leadership, and utter cruelty; and they credited him with powers he had never had, such as mastery over the wizards who served him..side, on the sand, a female dancer. She appeared to be naked, but the whiteness of her body was.afoot, then?" "So far as we can see, they are. And no new sickenings." "He's a true sorcerer,."Come up to the house," the Patterner said, and he set out water and food for the Namer..They are five against us," said the Herbal..He had forced them to boil any water they used. Now he said, "If you eat that meat, in a year.human voice. A terrible thing.. "If you need to read the Mountain," his teacher had told him, "go to the Dark Pond at the top of.The Patterner never came to her much before noon, so she had the mornings free. She was used to.back, penitent, to school..watching, listening; and she knew how tricky the paths were, and that the Grove was, as the."Magic won't die on Roke," said Veil. "On Roke all spells are strong. So said Ath himself. And you have walked under the trees... Our job must be to keep

that strength. Hide it, yes. Hoard it, as a young dragon hoards up its fire. And share it. But only here. Pass it on, one to the next, here, where it's safe, and where the great robbers and killers would least look for it, since no one here is of any account. And one day the dragon will come into its strength. If it takes a thousand years..."Of all the innocence," Gift said, hissing the word. "He'll skin you." She dumped a kettleful of. The sense of huge strength was draining out of her. She turned her head a little and looked down, surprised to see her own brown arm, her rolled-up sleeve, the grass springing cool and green around her sandaled feet. She looked back at the Patterner and he still seemed a fragile being. She pitied and honoured him. She wanted to warn him of the peril he was in. But no words came to her at all. She turned round and went back to the streambank by the little falls. There she sank down on her haunches and hid her face in her arms, shutting him out, shutting the world out..South of Andanden lies a land where the ashes fell a hundred feet deep when last the volcano.your risk in this venture?".shoulders and clung to them elastically. I knew already that furniture accommodated every.occasionally the blur of a face shone, once I even brushed by someone. The crowns of the trees.knelt by the loud-running water, but an otter slipped into it and was gone..He turned and made for the shore, hasty, careless where he set his feet and not caring if he broke the silence by splashing and breathing hard. He slogged back up the path through the reeds till he reached dry ground and coarse grass, and heard the buzz of midges and crickets. He sat down then on the ground, rather hard, for his legs were shaking.."Then why did you drink?" she asked..bitch!".Earth in her turning to the sun makes the days and nights, but within her there are no days. Medra walked through the night. He was very lame, and could not always keep up the werelight. When it failed he had to stop and sit down and sleep. The sleep was never death, as he thought it was. He woke, always cold, always in pain, always thirsty, and when he could make a glimmer of the light he got to his feet and went on. He never saw Anieb but he knew she was there. He followed her. Sometimes there were great rooms. Sometimes there were pools of motionless water. It was hard to break the stillness of their surface, but he drank from them. He thought he had gone down deeper and deeper for a long time, till he reached the longest of those pools, and after that the way went up again. Sometimes now Anieb followed him. He could say her name, though she did not answer. He could not say the other name, but he could think of the trees; of the roots of the trees. This was the kingdom of the roots of the trees. How far does the forest go? As far as forests go. As long as the lives, as deep as the roots of the trees. As long as leaves cast shadows. There were no shadows here, only the dark, but he went forward, and went forward, until he saw Anieb before him. He saw the flash of her eyes, the cloud of her curling hair. She looked back at him for a moment, and then turned aside and ran lightly down a long, steep slope into darkness..thrown away. Like slaves' lives. Nobody can be free alone. Not even a mage. All of them working."Keep an eye on him then, master," said the carter..more distracted by whatever it was he sensed in the earth or air, and through him Ogion felt that.whiskered, prosperous cat. And at last, coming down the steep little street, which here was.When the city was in order again, and the ships had all come back, and the walls were being rebuilt, Ogion escaped from praise and went up into the hills above Gont Port. He found the queer little valley called Trimmer's Dell, the true name of which in the language of the Making was Yaved, as Ogion's true name was Aihal. He walked about there all one day, as if seeking something. In the evening he lay down on the ground and talked to it. "You should have told me, I could have said goodbye," he said. He wept once, and his tears fell on the dry dirt among the grass-stems and made little spots of mud, little sticky spots..She put her hand on his knee. It was the first time she had ever touched him. He endured it, the.Her father's ancestors had owned a wide, rich domain on the wide, rich island of Way. Claiming no."We must give what we have to give," said Medra. "If all but us are slaves, what's our freedom.to his conscience. He had waked from his dream with the name Roke in his mind. Why had he never.Otter's mother's hospitality.."What's there?". "Yes," she said uncertainly..mage, a pale man from the North named Gelluk, who was much feared in Havnor..the Changer and the pale man both watching her intently.."It's never enough," Mead said. "And what can anyone do alone?".file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (7 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].silent and went sidling back to the house with their tails down.."Come with me to the Grove," she said..He wanted to hurt her, to shock her out of her terrible, ignorant kindness, but what he said when he finally spoke was, "I only wanted to make love to you,.".That's all he really told me, yet," said Dragonfly, coming back to the mild, overcast spring day.soft thrilling. There was no fault, only the great innocence. No need for words. They would not.numerals flowed down narrow screens; other booths had shutters instead of doors, which lifted."It always seemed to me they're sort of alike," he said, "magic and music. Spells and tunes. For one thing, you have to get them just exactly right.".behind them emerged majestically slow, huge surfaces filled with people, like flying stations,..Summoning the useful Hound to help him, Early had made a very thorough inquiry into what happened..That is not what the otter was thinking as it swam fast down the Yennava. It was not thinking anything much but speed and direction and the sweet taste of river water and the sweet power of swimming. But something like that is what Medra had been thinking as he sat at the table in his grandmother's house in End-lane, talking with his mother and sister, just before the door was flung open and the terrible shining figure stood there.."What's up?" said Kurremkarmerruk. "I've been reading about dragons. Not paying attention. But all the boys I had studying at the Tower left.".wouldn't have left the greatest of all the lore-books among boors who'd make thatch of it! Take us.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (92 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]."I've been thinking," he said. "There are eight of you. Nine's a better number. Count me as a master again, if you will.".before, in the spell-locked barracks room at the mines of Samory..of some white substance that foamed, turned brown, and hardened; meanwhile the plate itself.against the blaze shoveled and reshoveled ore onto logs kept in a roaring blaze by great bellows,.the Dark Time, however, they were

feminised and demonised in the Hardic lands by wizards, as they.of?". "If I told you my name," he said, "my true name-".there was no room for two sorcerers in one village and he'd be back, maybe, when that man, or.the dragons came to raid among the western lands, and wizards went out in vain against them. King.established itself as a strong, dark tenor -- that Hemlock winced. Hemlock's was a very silent.of his colleagues, no subsequent archmage seriously misused his power to weaken others or."Don't you understand?" he said, exasperated with her for not understanding, because he had not understood. "A wizard can't have anything to do with women. With witches. With all that.".Roke, he had worn shoes. But he had come back home to Gont, to Re Albi, with his wizard's staff,.with her sister Veil. Ember and Veil had been little children on a farm near Thwil when the.He was so distraught that when he made up his mind to call Silence he could not think of the.that of finishing the last bite of a perfectly ripe pear..A reddish seam remained, a scar through the dirt and gravel and uprooted grass..escaped him..They paid no attention to me, as if I did not exist. I got furious. Without a word I stepped.The first Archmage, Halkel, abolished the title of Finder, replacing it with Chanter. The.long ago. But I chose not to use those arts. I wanted you to trust me enough to tell me your name.he had transformed brick into butterfly. She could not dance with him, she could not play with."No," he said. "I don't know the way.". "Said he thought he'd better keep the doors," said the Herbal. He closed is many-pocketed pouch

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