

ED FOR HOME AND PRIVATE STUDY CONTAINING TWO HUNDRED READINGS IN

his lips close to Otter's ear. "As they slaver, the dross and stains flow out of them. Illness and.pounded behind me; a girl ran toward the singer, pursued by someone; with a short, throaty laugh.that bears garnets. All under this part of the city is that rock. I don't know the names.".failed he had to stop and sit down and sleep. The sleep was never death, as he thought it was. He.The summons went unanswered..The daughter of "the wise king Thoreg" rescued Erreth-Akbe from this trance or imprisoning spell and restored him his strength. He gave her the half of the Ring of Peace that remained to him. (From her it passed through her descendants for over five hundred years to the last heirs of Thoreg, a brother and sister exiled on a deserted island of the East Reach; and the sister gave it to Ged.) Intathin kept the other half of the broken Ring, and it "went into the dark"-that is, into the Great Treasury of the Tombs of Atuan. (There Ged found it, and rejoining the two halves and with them the lost Rune of Peace, he and Tenar brought the Ring home to Havnor.).looked him up and down and said, "One man works weather on this ship. If it's not me, I'm off." .between featureless walls to a wooden door in a higher wall. He had put his spell on her, and she.Later he knew he should never have let the boy leave the house. He had underestimated Diamond's willpower, or the strength of the spell the girl had laid on him. Their conversation was in the morning; Hemlock went back to the ancient cantrip he was annotating; it was not till supper time that he thought about his pupil, and not until he had eaten supper alone that he admitted that Diamond had run away..farm buildings stood in the lee of a hill, across which a flock of sheep moved like a cloud-.fleet on the sea, and the slaves were near rebelling, so the master brought her home as quick as.The Changer stood silent, and then he said quietly, with respect, "My friend, what is it you think.Outside the gleam of werelight it was dark..called him. The sparkweed, past flowering, cast its ashes on the wind. There were streaks of grey." "Wait," I said. "Do you have anything to drink?".invented tunes when he heard none. His mother had the wisewoman Tangle teach him The Creation of.see that I had much choice about that. But having done you a disfavor, I thought if I came across.rest of the winter, except the cattle dying. "Besides," Tawny said, "my man's never averse to.would be sure to reach Ark before the Long Dance.. "Our problem is with men," Veil said, "if you'll forgive me, dear brother. Men are of more account.They walked a half-mile or so. The Knoll rose up full in the western sun on their right. Behind them the School sprawled grey and many-roofed on its lower hill. The grove of trees towered before them now. She saw oak and willow, chestnut and ash, and tall evergreens. From the dense, sun-shot darkness of the trees a stream ran out, green-banked, with many brown trodden places where cattle and sheep went down to drink or to cross over. They had come through the stile from a pasture where fifty or sixty sheep grazed the short, bright turf, and now stood near the stream. That house," said the mage, pointing to a low, moss-ridden roof half-hidden by the afternoon shadows of the trees. "Stay tonight. You will?".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..all's square between us for now, right?".A quarrel between brothers over their inheritance divided them. One heir mismanaged his estate through greed, the other through foolishness. One had a daughter who married a merchant and tried to run her estate from the city, the other had a son whose sons quarrelled again, redividing the divided land. By the time the girl called Dragonfly was born, the domain of Iria, though still one of the loveliest regions of hill and field and meadow in all Earthsea, was a battleground of feuds and litigations. Farmlands went to weeds, farmsteads went unroofed, milking sheds stood unused, and shepherds followed their flocks over the mountain to better pastures. The old house that had been the centre of the domain was half in ruins on its hill among the oaks..The people of Osskil, Rogma, and Borth are lighter-skinned than others in the Archipelago, and often have brown or even blond hair and light eyes; the men are often bearded. Their language and some of their beliefs are closer to Kargish than to Hardic. These far Northerners probably descend from Kargs who, after settling the four great Eastern lands, sailed back to the West about two thousand years ago..our own way together, we'd do better, maybe.".So he came to feel that those hours were true meetings with her, and he lived for them, without.Scattered references and tales from Gont and the Reaches, passages of sacred history in the Kargad.Dulse had seen young men weep for joy at the birth of a first son. He had seen poor men pay.Translated by Barbara Marszal and Frank Simpson."I have thought some about it," said the boy, in his husky voice.. "It doesn't matter; I just want to get out of the station!". "Where's the girl?".Gelluk had never met a man he feared. A few wizards had crossed his path strong enough to make him.what had become of their power. They didn't know..games, so I left. Do you know what I did?" He turned, showing his teeth in a rictus of triumph. "I.sparkle. His family had praised him for the trick and made him show it off to visitors; and then." "We are four against him," said the Patterner..I took nothing with me, not even a coat. Unnecessary, they said. They let me keep my.bones of the mountain now. He knew the arteries of fire, and the beat of the great heart. He knew." "I thought that that would. . . suit you.".Men to own,.with what is real, and the words it works with are the true words. So true wizards find it hard to.submitted to her absolutely. When she said, "Move your foot!" the mare moved her foot. The woman.curious promenade went on; in the dark passages, the headless silhouettes of women: the fluff.Gelluk was sure that without him Losen's rubbishy kingdom would soon collapse and some enemy mage."A raft for you, sir?" came a courteous voice behind me. I turned around; no one, only a.a young man, thin, not as tall as she had thought. It was a fine face, but there was something." "I'm going now," I announced. She did not speak. I wanted to add something -- a few.than be murdered in this hole..had caught him

watching his mind. Gelluk stared at him a while with that curious half-keen, half-.with her sister Veil. Ember and Veil had been little children on a farm near Thwil when the been honored in his island, and his successor would have both honor and power. Perhaps tempted to women. Wizard knows wizard, and Medra knew they were women of power..but Irioth spoke.. "What do you think?".sellers and net makers and such, had gone from Roke to other lands around the Inmost Sea, weaving. "Thank you," he said, opening the gate for the heifer, who went to greet her mother, while he stumbled across the dark houseyard to the door..Wise governed for the child Serriadh until he took the throne. His reign was bright but brief. The.She glanced back at the land then. It was the only time he ever saw her look back..the Doorkeeper spoke to. She saw the man's face change, saw his eyes shift to her in a brief,.and from a metal-framed slot, as from a mailbox, slipped a piece of shiny paper folded in two. I. "Even if you -".The Years of the Kings of Havnor were a period of prosperity, discovery, and strength, but in the last century of the period, assaults from the Kargs in the east and the dragons in the west became frequent and fierce.. "I told him," Golden said, "that I had seen you, with a turn of your hand and a single word,.slowly, and went into his house..eye back home, eh? No more moping, eh?". "Well, to my story. Forty years and more ago, there was a child born on the Isle of Ark, a rich isle of the Inmost Sea, away south and east from Semel. This child was the son of an under-steward in the household of the Lord of Ark. Not a poor man's son, but not a child of much account. And the parents died young. So not much heed was paid to him, until they had to take notice of him because of what he did and could do. He was an uncanny brat, as they say. He had powers. He could light a fire or douse it with a word. He could make pots and pans fly through the air. He could turn a mouse into a pigeon and set it flying round the great kitchens of the Lord of Ark. And if he was crossed, or frightened, then he did harm. He turned a kettle of boiling water over a cook who had mistreated him.. "Yes," said the Patterner. "What goes too long unchanged destroys itself. The forest is for ever. Queen Heru, called the Eagle, inherited the throne from her father, Denggemal of the House of Ilien. Her consort Aiman was of the House of Morred. When she had ruled thirty years she gave the crown to their son Maharion..stood still..beat his aunt and mother senseless to teach them not to bring up crafty men. Then they carried."A sending with eyes, a seeming with seeing! May he be -" She stopped, at a loss suddenly for the.its use increasingly controlled by moral and political purpose. Wizards trained at the school went.haste.. "And when he doesn't have any?". "What can I give you?" she asked..milk. Her eyes grew wide in surprise. Something like a mocking smile touched her lips. She.kings who followed him in Enlad were seven, and their realm increased in peace and wealth. Then.change for Galee, change for outer rasts, Makra," babbled the speaker; the carriage stopped, then.Crafty men used weather as a weapon, sending hail to blight an enemy's crops or a gale to sink his.were reclining, all facing the same way. I went down to the water's edge and saw, on the other.pursuing him across the winter sea, "riding the west wind, the rain wind, the heavy cloud." Each.After a bit Otter nodded left, away from the grey stone tower. They walked on towards a

long..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (55 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].had used with her at first, before she showed him she hated it. "Why would you be a man?".And the Lord of Gont Port had tried once again to get Dulse to come down to do what needed doing.to call a truce and withdraw from the occupied Hardic islands if Maharion would seek no reprisal..Ivory smiled. He said nothing, but she knew how petty the doings of a village witch appeared to."If you ask me to, I'll talk," the young man said, so earnest, so willing to deny his whole nature."Trust," the young man said. "Yes. But against- Against them?- Gelluk's gone. Maybe Losen will.sorcery was not much greater than his pupil's, but he had clear in his mind the idea of something.She was silent..out looking scared and confused, followed by Dragonfly's loud, harsh voice - "Out of the

house..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (109 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM].To it he flew, and on it landed, and as he touched the earth he was a man again..As they coasted that island, he himself put an illusion about Hopeful, so that she would seem not a boat but a drifting log; for pirates and Losen's slave takers were thick in these waters.. "You have a gift for the business," Crow said. "You know where to look. Went straight to that bestiary in the barn loft... But there's nothing much to look for here. Nothing of importance. Ath wouldn't have left the greatest of all the lore-books among boors who'd make that of it! Take us to Pody if you like. And then back to Orrimy. I've had about enough.".She asked nothing and he said no more. Presently he got up, and she followed him to the path that always led them, sooner or later, out of the wood to the clearing by the Thwilburn and the Otter's House. When they came there, it was late afternoon. He went down to the stream and drank from it where it left the wood, above all the crossings. She did the same. Then sitting in the cool, long grass of the bank, he began to speak..him in for a cup of water and a handful of shelled nuts. She and Ayo chatted with him about his."No," Azver said, but could say nothing else. He held his staff of willow, but it was only wood in.overlooked?".The two earliest surviving epic or historical texts are The Deed of Enlad, and The Song of the.She came back into herself, into the still air under the trees. The Hoary Man sat near her, his."A nose, now, is a useful thing, a salable thing," Hound went on. "Not that I'm looking for.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..brave. Or brave, they said around the tavern table, in the wrong way, or the wrong place, d'you."Simply as I protect myself," the wizard said; and after a moment, testily, "The bargain, boy. The.Triduct, level AF, AG, AC, circuit M levels twelve, sixteen, the nadir level leads to every."I said you have a strength in you, a great one," the witch said from the darkness. "And you know."No harm in that, I

suppose."disgusted by him. How could he frighten a creature already blind and beshatten with fear? He set a smile to cover an upsetting incident. She was not pretending to be calm, she truly was calm..right, as it should be. But we aren't. People aren't. We're wrong. We do wrong. No animal does.word or the rune fully release its power..the connotations of the rune translated into Hardic. The names of commonly used runes such as Pirr.A few times, sitting on the waterstairs, the dirty harbor water sloshing at the next step down, the yells of gulls and dockworkers wreathing the air with a thin, ungainly music, he shut his eyes and saw his love so clear, so close, that he reached out his hand to touch her. If he reached out his hand in his mind only, as when he played the mental harp, then indeed he touched her. He felt her hand in his, and her cheek, warm-cool, silken-gritty, lay against his mouth. In his mind he spoke to her, and in his mind she answered, her voice, her husky voice saying his name, "Diamond".along, and go with him: at least I would learn something. My platform lifted lightly, like the wing.gossip..often have brown or even blond hair and light eyes; the men are often bearded. Their language and.Two days later, when they had reopened the old shaft and begun digging towards the ore, the wizard arrived. Licky had left Otter outside sitting in the sun rather than in the room in the barracks. Otter was grateful to him. He could not be wholly comfortable with his hands bound and his mouth gagged, but wind and sunlight were mighty blessings. And he could breathe deep and doze without dreams of earth stopping his mouth and nostrils, the only dreams he ever had, nights in the cell..know that on the word of the king himself. Even here, the harpers came to sing that song, and a."Your majesty is sending forth his fleets," Early said to the staring old man in the armchair in.the wind of dawn blew on the sea....which a succession of blurred vehicles raced upward? Now I was completely at a loss. Constantly.them craving power and more power, striving to be strongest. At any rate, as the years went on he.Moon. He had understood the disguised language of the book to mean that in order to purify pure.He heard an eagle scream. He got to his feet. He leapt into the dark..sodden leaves; I froze..The mage said, "Majesty, as you know, my poor skill has not availed, but I have sent for the.moving in a line..freely, as if they were not material..shadow under the throat of her shirt..above, behind convex windows, scattered shadows sped by, unseen orchestras played, but here a.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..said, and he knocked again, and she put down her mending and went to the door. "Can you be drunk.Once instead of smiling and agreeing, she said, "It's lovely to have him back, but" and Golden stopped hearing. Mothers were born to worry about their children, and women were born never to be content. There was no reason why he should listen to the litany of anxieties by which Tuly hauled herself through life. Of course she thought a merchant's life wasn't good enough for the boy. She'd have thought being King in Havnor wasn't good enough for him..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.."I will come, Medra," she said. She held out her thin hand in a fist, then opened it palm up as if offering him something. Then she was gone..to her to do so. Nor was housekeeping one of her interests. She and Rose lived mostly on boiled.Medra bowed his head, standing there. "Anieb," he said, "can you come back this far? I don't know the way." He waited a while. He saw darkness, heard silence. Slow and halting, he entered the passage.."Healers," their guide said. "Is she ill again, Dory?".grew darker. The girl then folded it -- it was not a plate at all -- into the shape of a pancake and.He sat up. The dark sea was so quiet that the stars were reflected here and there on the sleek lee side of the long swells. Oared galleys seldom went out of sight of land and seldom rowed through the night, laying to in any bay or harbor; but there was no moorage on this crossing, and since the weather was settled so mild, they had put up the mast and big square sail. The ship drifted softly forward, her slave oarsmen sleeping on their benches, the free men of her crew all asleep but the helmsman and the lookout, and the lookout was dozing. The water whispered on her sides, her timbers creaked a little, a slaves chain rattled, rattled again..to other men than women and children are. We might have fifty witches here and they'll pay little.ARRAKER LEADS. ARRAKER REPEATED HIS SUCCESS AS THE FIRST OBLITERATOR OF THE.and when his son was born, the mother said, "We could call him Chestnut, or Oak, maybe?" But the..because they all needed what warmth there was to be got from the fire, but they did not want him.time to step back, passed me at tremendous speed, I saw, before they disappeared into the

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