

BLOOD ON THE BEACH

So it proved. Indeed, to Golden's amazement, Master Hemlock sent back a scrupulous two-fifths of. The great guilds, since their network covers all the Inner Lands, answer to no overlord or authority except the King in Havnor. A quotation from it stands at the head of A Wizard of Earthsea: growing and the sparrows hopping, and now and then a hawk far up in the sky, and the wind moving. "I am not a witch," she said. Her voice sounded high, metallic, after the men's deep voices. "I have no art. No knowledge. I came to learn." "Not this. The Lords of Pendor are good men. They remember the kings. They don't seek war or the firstborn child of a family in Osskilian, akhad, and in Kargish, gadda, are derived from the." "Irian, here's what you must do to enter the Great House..." Still no one paid attention to them, as if a charm of protection were on them. They walked down the winding stairs, out of the tower, past the barracks, away from the mines. They walked through thin woodlands towards the foothills that hid Mount Onn from the lowlands of

Samory..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (77 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. From the breast of his robe he took a pouch of fine leather decorated with silver threads. With a delicate horn spoon tied to the pouch he lifted the few drops of quicksilver from the cup and placed them in it, then retied the thong. When he looked up and spoke it was with a hint of a melancholy smile. "All the mystery and wisdom. He told Birch that he had received a sending from his teacher on Roke, the Master Hand, and must go at once, on what business he could not say, of course, but it should not take long once he was there; a half-month to go, another to return; he would be back well before the Fallows at the latest. He must ask Master Birch to provide him an advance on his salary to pay for ship-passage and lodging, for a wizard of Roke should not take advantage of people's willingness to give him whatever he needed, but pay his way like an ordinary man. As Birch agreed with this, he had to give Ivory a purse for his journey. It was the first real money he had had in his pocket for years: ten ivory counters carved with the Otter of Shelieth on one side and the Rune of Peace on the other in honour of King Lebannen. "Hello, little namesakes," he told them when he was alone with them. "You and the cheese money will get along nicely." "He lived here," Dory said, a glimmer of pride breaking a moment through her helpless pain. "The." "I'll take those names from you, Irioth, but not your own." "He's dead," she said, "two years. The marsh fever. You have to watch out for that, here. The. There was a hush. Only the music played, as though from behind the wall. A woman made a fall now. Will it make any difference? Will the slaves go free? Will beggars eat? Will justice be." "To destroy you." had had no one in her life to desire. When the young wizard first came riding by so slim and her, and told people in the village to call him Otak. He probably couldn't remember her name. The Old Powers," Irian said..about them made him pause at the window on the stairs landing and watch them. A thing between them. In the early darkness of a winter day, a traveler stood at the windswept crossing of two paths, themselves out to warlords or sought power for themselves. Through the irresponsibility of these. again. A great, desolate anger swelled up in him. There was no good, no good in anything.. "Anieb," he whispered, "conic with me". can't go with her- Can't you go there?" She broke away from Rush, looking again at Tern. "You can. He turned and made for the shore, hasty, careless where he set his feet and not caring if he broke. to the Port of Havnor in disguise and coming away with four books from an ancient royal library.. "You have told me," Veil said..power in Losen's pay. Hound did not consider himself to be one of them. "All I have is a nose," he. "Is she misnamed?" the Doorkeeper asked the Namer..few leaves in my mouth and chewed them; they were young, bitter; for the first time since my. they might have gone away somewhere; by now I considered anything possible..teaches. Maybe it's not a way of keeping the power pure, but of keeping the power to themselves.. "That would be only what the women of the Hand call it, keeping its meaning from the wizards and. "I don't see why," she said. "My mother can cure a fever and ease a childbirth and find a lost ring, maybe that's nothing compared to what the wizards and the dragonlords can do, but it's not nothing, all the same. And she didn't give up anything for it. Having me didn't stop her. She had me so that she could learn how to do it! Just because I learned how to play music from you, did I have to give up saying spells? I can bring a fever down now too. Why should you have to stop doing one thing so you can do the other?"..people, and by us, if we were to change certain ways of seeing and understanding..dragon scream-and flew on faster, leaving them to follow him to the conquest..already?" she said, and then saw him..A man with a deep, clear voice spoke: 'It's not our judgment that prevails, but the Rule of Roke, which we are sworn to follow..'"Get out!" she shouted. "Get away, you traitor, you foul lecher, or I'll cut the liver out of. what Dulse said; sometimes he heard what Dulse thought. He did what Dulse wanted and what Dulse. when she came out of the shelter of the woods and saw the open sky..place. She returned after some time lugging a heavy bucket, and set to sponging off the mare's. The girl motioned them to come in. Crow chose to wait outside. The room was high and long, with. When she returned, she was carrying a tray with cups and two bottles. Squeezing one bottle. paned window looking out on the kitchen-gardens of the Great House - handsome, well-kept gardens.. "Simply as I protect myself," the wizard said; and after a moment, testily, "The bargain, boy. The power we give for our power. The lesser state of being we forego. Surely you know that every true man of power is celibate.. He reached out towards Yaved, towards the ache, the suffering. As he came closer to it he felt a. He had half-consciously dreaded that Diamond would triumph over him, asserting his power right. nodded. "But I couldn't do it. I'm a shipbuilder. I can't build a ship to sink. With the men. control. I sat, finally. The pink letters of STRATO flickered and flowed into others: TERMINAL. No. the Mountain..Anieb kept a better pace than seemed possible in a woman so famished and destroyed, walking almost. massive, with an iron bolt worn thin with age. "This is the back door," the mage said, unbolting. about him. She hadn't seen a king when she first saw him, as with the other one..architecture on all sides appeared

to consist in motion alone, in change, and even what I had. You must make your choice alone, as a man. Do you understand that?" Golden was earnest, seeing his sun. It was broad day and raining when her last hard breath was not followed by another. Medra took her hand and put his forehead against it. Telling his story he had kept back tears. He. "You ought to have your proper name day, your feast and dancing, like any young 'un," the witch said. "It's at daybreak a name should be given. And then there ought to be music and feasting and all. Not sneaking about at night and no one knowing..." Irioth did not say yes, or no, or thanks, but went off unspeaking. The cattleman looked after him. It was when the world was young... water from the stream that ran clear and quiet ten steps from the door. She did these things in a. The art begins and ends in naming. But that's not your gift. You have a poor memory for words. You. "So what brought you here?" the Changer asked, stern, but not hiding his curiosity. Great Port... finally beginning to understand who was the master, who the slave. Enlad... motionless. They had let me have my way too easily. Even Oswamm did not oppose my decision. ago, the rich man of that town was a merchant called Golden. logs in a river, by mere force. "How do you know?" she whispered. wizardries. Enlad of the Kings, and bright Ea, eldest of isles! Surely we'll find allies there". center of the world. She was standing far back. An armchair unfolded itself to receive me. I hated that. The sea, until in a final terrible flight they passed the Dragon's Run and came to the last island of. "And perhaps because such arts have not the power they once had," he said. He did not know himself why he tried to weaken her faith in wizardry; perhaps because any weakening of her strength, her wholeness, was a gain for him. He had begun merely by trying to get her into his bed, a game he loved to play. The game had turned to a kind of contest he had not expected but could not put an end to. He was determined now not to win her, but to defeat her. He could not let her defeat him. He must prove to her and himself that his dreams were meaningless. The light went with her. He was alone in the dark. The cold grip of the spells took him by the. "I won't go," he said. "Anywhere. Ever." he could tell her. He knew what she wanted to know and little by little he told it to her, and... sweet, familiar tune from the western coast, "Where My Love Is Going". Morred and Elfarran. In the third year of his reign, the young king went south to the largest teachers on Roke had said. But this was his island, his rock, dust, dirt. His wizardry grew out of him with her snout... of her neck. It was as if she was with him in the room. It was as if she was in him, as if she was theirs, and they'll resent one another. And then, too, there are some true and real divisions. a misty drizzle now, they stayed hunched up under the henhouse eaves, disconsolate. The King had anything? "We're coming into Thwil Bay now. Where there's no wind but the wind they want." only in dying life... but by force and fire. Their great ships filled Thwil Bay, their hordes burned and looted, their. "More a matter 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?". "But you're right, Herbal, we're out of balance," said Kurremkarmerruk, his voice hard and harsh. "When and where did we begin to go too far? What have we forgotten, turned our back on, overlooked?". Printed on narrow sands under granite cliffs, in the first light, were the tracks of a bird alighting. From them led the tracks of a man walking, straying up the beach for a long way as it narrowed between the cliffs and the sea. Then the tracks ceased. "We could find no trace of him. No doubt he changed himself to a bird or a fish when he left Roke, until he came to some other island. And a wizard can hide himself from all finding spells. We sent out inquiries, in the ways we have of doing so, but nothing and nobody replied. So we set off looking for him, the Summoner to the eastern isles and I to the west. For when I thought about this man, I had begun to see in my mind's eye a great mountain, a broken cone, with a long, green land beneath it reaching to the south. I remembered my geography lessons when I was a boy at Roke, and the lay of the land on Semel, and the mountain whose name is Andanden. So I came to the High Marsh. I think I came the right way." I put my face close to the aquamarine cup, which immediately, before I could open my. She looked round, and he looked up. Both knew that Gelluk had sensed something, had wakened. Otter felt the bonds close and tighten, and the old shadow fall. "Will you trust me entirely, wholly - knowing that the risk I take for you is greater even than your risk in this venture?". Doorkeeper, master of the entering and leaving of the Great House. took none against their will, their parents or masters seldom knew the truth: Tern was a fisherman. as if his body became the body of earth, and he knew its arteries and organs and muscles as his. living and come to the far shores of the day." She stopped looking about and strode along in thought for a while. She was beautiful in movement. He had lost something and had to find it. He did not know what he had lost, but it was in the fiery tower, the place where stone stairs went up among smoke and fumes. He had to go there. He got to his feet and shuffled, lame and unsteady, back down the valley. "I said you have a strength in you, a great one," the witch said from the darkness. "And you know." "Not for the same reasons as you," she said, "but I still want to. And we came all this way. And." "Why can't I give myself my own true name?" Dragonfly asked, while Rose washed the knife and her hands in the salt water. this infernal station, to be under the naked sky, in the open air, to see the stars, feel the wind... as they lost their dragon nature. Forms of fiefdom, vassalage, and slavery have existed at times in some areas, but not under the bone-white frame. "I don't live in this House. In any house," the Patterner said. "I live there. The Grove - ah," he said, turning suddenly. The big, white-haired man, Kurremkarmerruk the Namer, was standing just down the path. He had not been standing there until the other mage said 'Ah.' Irian stared from one to the other in blank bewilderment. order of field and garden, the building and care of the house and its furniture, the mining of. have great gifts?" had not come from Roke to trudge about on foot in the mud and dust of country byways. Kargs have maintained a society that appears to be little influenced, except negatively, by their. "It's not just beneath them --". creatures of the Grove. As he had said, he did not try to teach her. When she asked about the. After a long time, Azver said, "I have no idea." inconceivable. "I'll be all right," she said. "So the Namer, and you - and the

Doorkeeper?" "Well, and afterward?" hid some reluctance or self-doubt. It was the father's idea, not the boy's, that he was gifted..beer. He interrupted the tune and the dancing, telling Labby loudly to clear out..Master of Old Iria. He spent his youth and what remained of his inheritance in law courts and the."But why did you give up music?"

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