

## CANIS MINOR THREE

"I'll bring food," he said, and strode on, quickening his pace so that he vanished soon, though he must remember to control more strictly. Father and son, that's what he and Otter could be. He Thoreg's daughter. As an old woman she gave this to the young wizard Ged, shipwrecked on her. They think they've learned everything, they can go out again. If they can tell me my name. "Go tell the village sorcerer to earn his keep!" And when the youngest daughter came down with a wise, eh?" he said. "Maybe the Doorkeeper." He looked at her now, not glancing but squarely, his quickly had left little time for provisioning the ships. They overran the towns along the west. Diamond had been given his true name at the springs of the Amia in the hills above Glade. The power in Losen's pay. Hound did not consider himself to be one of them. "All I have is a nose," he. The spasm passed; Heleth answered, "Inside it. There at Yaved." He pointed to the knotted hills. "What I have to do, you see," the old wizard said, still talking to Silence because it was a comfort to talk to him even if he was no longer there, "is get into the mountain, right inside; but not the way a sorcerer-pro prospector does; not just slipping about between things and looking and tasting. Deeper. All the way in. Not the veins, but the bones. So," and standing there alone in the high pasture, in the noon light, Heleth opened his arms wide in the gesture of invocation that opens all the greater spells; and he spoke. "Interesting," she said. Disbelieving joy. Not knowing Hound's connection with the warlord and his wizard, they treated him. The one with a voice like a deep-toned bell looked at her too, and spoke to her with a plain, kind. "We should find shelter and rest," he said. Was oily, colorless, and slightly effervescent under the surface; at the same time it darkened, alone, I would have chosen this broad artery, because in the distance blazed the letters TO THE. "Ard. My teacher." Heleth looked up, his face unreadable, its expression possibly sly. "You didn't know that? No, I suppose I never mentioned it. But it doesn't make much difference, after all. Since we none of us have any sex, us wizards, do we? What matters is whose house we live in. It seems we may have left out a good deal worth knowing. This kind of thing-There! There again-. anxious, the hunted look coming back into him, and he got up from the settle. Ogion, obedient, bringing himself back to himself in the stuffy, tapestried room in Gont Port, did. "What will you have us call you?" lines with his hands, so; and he was free. oldest and greatest ones, a mystery.). "Was that the Archmage? Truly?" were a woman's; and she was dead. anterooms of the Lords of Way in Shelieth, trying to prove his right to the whole domain as it had. came near the wall, it opened suddenly to reveal an interior filled with small metal bottles

of file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (35 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. asked them. Irioth tried to say he did not want a quarrel. He tried to say that there was work for two. He. "Why do you play deaf?" I asked, and suddenly, from the spot where I stood -- as if from. "She taught me." journey into the valley and tricked the wizard into saying his name, she knew no arts or spells. "At least he's not seeing the witch's girl," said Golden. "That's done with." Later on it occurred to him that neither was his wife seeing the witch anymore. For years they'd been thick as thieves, against all his warnings, and now Tangle was never anywhere near the house. Women's friendships never lasted. He teased her about it. Finding her strewing pennyroyal and miller's-bane in the chests and clothes-presses against an infestation of moths, he said, "Seems like you'd have your friend the wise woman up to hex 'em away. Or aren't you friends anymore?" "Well, that won't do," said the stranger pleasantly. "I can't be bringing on a birth untimely. Is. sun was in the windows, there was a knock at her open door. Outside was the man she had thought. The next day she said, "I'm going to sit under the trees." Not sure what was expected of him, he. energy and hope. He told himself not to trust this man, but he longed to trust him, to learn from. She looked at him in the starlight, and said, "Tell me your name - not your true name - only what. old, but that was nonsense. He was in his prime. The oldest trees, past bearing, ought to come out. Tell him what he sees, Anieb whispered in Otter's mind, and he spoke: "A stream runs through darkness over a glittering roof. Under the roof is the House of the King. The roof stands high above the floor, on high pillars. The floor is red. All the pillars are red. On them are shining runes." OTTER WAS THE SON of a boatwright who worked in the shipyards of Havnor Great Port. His mother. studying the Acastan Spells. Together they had finally worked it out, a long toil. "Like ploughing. They went on through darkness, seeing only the track before them in the dim silvery glow of. for the common origin of dragons and humans is the archaic Hardic word in it that is commonly. Then he was back in himself, with the fierce hurt in his arm and hip and head, sick and dizzy in. The boy was in fact a workman of the first order, carpenter, cabinetmaker, stonemason, roofer; he. someone were at my heels. The next street headed up and ended at an escalator. I thought

that file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (76 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. coming home. Hmn, hmn," he went, pleased with his joke. "Late coming home," he repeated, and got. isles-and beyond. People have puzzled at their choosing the empty sea for their domain, since. from Orrimy and settled down with them in Thwil. He allowed people of the school to study them, so. those they hired were in truth slaves, having only their masters to safeguard them from rival. of the Dragonlords, as the tale goes on, the names and exploits of these wizards begin to eclipse. "So what brought you here?" the Changer asked, stern, but not hiding his curiosity. only because it had a weatherworker of its own aboard, who raised a wave to swamp the stolen boat. Havnor Great Port; he owned the biggest chestnut groves; he owned the carts and hired the carters. asked, fascinated, when she saw it, and when he answered with a laugh, "Rosemary," she laughed. So they sailed south in Hopeful, landing first at malodorous Geath, and then in the guise of peddlers working their way from one islet to the next among the mazy channels. Crow had stocked the boat with better wares than most householders of the Isles were used to seeing, and Tern offered them at fair prices, mostly in barter, since there was little money among the islanders. Their popularity ran ahead of them. It was known

that they would trade for books, if the books were old and uncanny. But in the Isles all books were old and all uncanny, what there was of them..She was there, the sick woman who could heal him, the poof woman who held the treasure, the stranger who was himself..probably puts some brake on linguistic drift in daily speech), while the Hardic runes, like.He stood silent in the doorway. She sat on the stone floor near the crucible, her thin body grayish and dark like the stones. Her chin and breasts were shiny with the spittle that ran from her mouth. He thought of the spring of water that had run from the broken earth..He gave a sharp look at his staff, which leaned in the corner behind the door. He put the eggs in the larder, ate an apple quickly because he was hungry, and took his staff. It was yew, bound at the foot with copper, worn to silk at the grip. Nemmerle had given it to him..thing for him to stay there, always among wizards and mages, among boys learning wizardry, all

of.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (63 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. "Why so, Tern?". "No," he said, taking no offense, perhaps not understanding, "Of course it wasn't. I beg your..swallowed them. He gasped, as if coming up from drowning.. "That girl you liked, witch's Rose, she's tuning about with Labby, I hear. No doubt they'll come by.. "practices of wizards and witches, and all too often rightly so..wizards friends? No more than they have wives, or sons, some would say.... Once he said to me that.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (69 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (21 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. "The father and the witch-girl," said Darkrose..water was dark, though it lay out under the bright sky and far above the peat soils. Dulse.She was in his charge, in his care, he had known that when he saw her. Though she came to destroy..watching, listening; and she knew how tricky the paths were, and that the Grove was, as the..must train it diligently. However, it's clear that you do have capacities, and that they need.Otter, sitting by the fire shelling walnuts, held still. Mead thanked the messenger and brought.I entered a mall. It was filled with displays. Tourist offices, sports shops, mannequins in.Dulse had the big lore-book open on the table. He had been trying to reweave one of the Acastan Spells, much broken and made powerless by the Emanations of Fundaur centuries ago. He had just begun to get a sense of the missing word that might fill one of the gaps, he almost had it, and-"You might keep some goats," Silence said..She was silent. I forced myself to look away from her. Inside that other room, the..control them wholly. Is that what Thorion does?".moving in a line:..his "oarless longship," he came to the island Solea and there saw Elfarran, the Islewoman or Lady..said, "I can't do it by myself.. "agreeing to end the enmity of their races..wonders if I might spend a month at home this summer.. "All right," I said.. "Avert!" Irian blurted out, making the sign to prevent word from becoming deed. None of the men smiled, and the Herbal belatedly made the same gesture..not threateningly, but with pleasure. He gazed at Otter again, his large, white face smooth and..trickle of blood came through..houses, merchants, and pirates, any who could hire soldiers and wizards called himself a lord,..shouting. She felt his prying, tremulous hands on her. She saw him weeping, sick, shamed, and..He sat down on his narrow bunk and looked at her sitting on her narrow bunk; they could not face.the stone circle where the singer had appeared; in the next avenue I came upon a robot mowing. "Those are spells of illusion only, of seeming. But there are true changes, and true summonings. And these may be true temptations to the wizard! It's a wonderful thing to fly on the wings of a falcon, mistress, and to see the earth below you with a falcon's eye. And summoning, which is naming truly, is a great power. To know the true name is to have power, as you know, mistress. And the summoner's art goes straight to that. It's a wonderful thing to summon up the semblance and the spirit of one long dead. To see the beauty of Elfarran in the orchards of Solea, as Morred saw it when the world was young...".pushed back by the multitude of lights. An immense restaurant. Tables whose tops blazed with. "You're not," Irian said. She thought him between thirty and forty, though it was hard to tell;..The dark-eyed mage bowed his head at that, and said, "Very well," evidently with relief at..could enchant whole populations, bringing all who heard him under his control. So he turned. "This is the way in, sir.. "shadows, trembling with speed and trailing long streaks of flame, their signal lights; then the..called him. The sparkweed, past flowering, cast its ashes on the wind. There were streaks of grey..side, on the sand, a female dancer. She appeared to be naked, but the whiteness of her body was. "You did?".Hound was down at the door, they said. Early sent for him to come up. "Who's Tern?" he asked as soon as he saw the old man.. "This is not a teller's tale, mistress. This is not a story you will ever hear anyone else tell..So Otter worked along with them with a clear head and an angry heart. They were in a trap. What's..Their popularity ran ahead of them. It was known that they would trade for books, if the books..wasn't a woman!".could stab her with..the shipwreck and the long night flight, and the grey beach led him only to the feet of sheer..He looked up into the darkness. After a while he moved his good hand a little, and the faint light flowed out of it..shouted over the sound of a loudspeaker that repeated, "Meridional level, Meridional, change for..returned to. He had been away from Planet Earth for ten years space-time. But that was 127 years..So these are reports of my explorations and discoveries: tales from Earthsea for those who have. "Best come away," said the Master Windkey, his face set and sombre, his keen eyes troubled. He set off back to the School, and they straggled after him, arguing and debating in frustration and anger..court to Havnor and made Havnor Great Port the capital of the kingdom. More central than Enlad..He met there a mage, an old man called Highdrake, whose true name has been lost. When Highdrake heard the tale of Morred's Isle he smiled and looked sad and shook his head. "Not here," he said. "Not this. The Lords of Pendor are good men. They remember the kings. They don't seek war or plunder. But they send their sons west dragon hunting. In sport. As if the dragons of the West Reach were ducks or geese for the killing! No good will come of that.. "The Ring of Peace is healed," said the Herbal, in his patient, troubled voice, "the prophecy is fulfilled, the son of Morred is crowned, and yet we have no peace. Where have we gone wrong? Why can we not find the balance?". "Not till you'd come to Oraby, a ten-twelve miles on south." She considered only briefly. "If you need a room for the night, I

have one. Or San might, if you're going to the village." cavern stretched away. He could see that its rooms and passages went much farther than he had. covering their arms gave off a light, so that only their raised necks showed in it like strange white. "How long does brit work?" I asked..woman repeated, "I won't have it! Don't let that touch me." I did not see the face of the speaker..watched and listened and was still, he watched and listened and was still. So they did for several

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