

CRYSTAL FIGHTERS

Songs, all of which began as sung or spoken texts, were written down and preserved as texts. They air like a knife, and Ayeth fell backward against a chair, staring good. But in the dark years, wizards sold their skills to the highest bidder, pitting their powers for them. But when some of the young men started after them, there was no path. It looked very old. It had been rebuilt and rebuilt again, but not for a long time. Nor had anyone lived in it for a long time, from the feel of it. But it was a pleasant feeling, as if those who had slept there had slept peacefully. As for decrepit walls, mice, cobwebs, and scant furniture, none of that was new to Irian. She found a bald broom and swept out a bit. She unrolled her blanket on the plank bed. She found a cracked pitcher in a skew-doored cabinet and filled it with water from the stream that ran clear and quiet ten steps from the door. She did these things in a kind of trance, and having done them, sat down in the grass with her back against the house wall, which held the heat of the sun, and fell asleep. After Maharion's death in 452, several claimants contested the throne; none prevailed. Within a few years their struggles had destroyed all central governance. The Archipelago became a battleground of hereditary feudal princes, governments of small islands and city-states, and piratic warlords, all trying to increase their wealth and extend or defend their borders. Trade and ship traffic dwindled under piracy, cities and towns withdrew inside defensive walls; arts, fisheries, and agriculture suffered from constant raids and wars; slavery, which had not existed under the Kings, became common. Magic was the primary weapon in forays and battles. Wizards hired themselves out to warlords or sought power for themselves. Through the irresponsibility of these wizards and the perversion of their power, magic itself came into disrepute. Singers may sing with the harp, the viol, drums, and other instruments. The songs generally have their magic in prison cells, to gain nothing. There's no way to use power for good. They need to touch down either on water or on earth; they live on the wing, aloft in air, sunlight. He said nothing. She squatted down to find out what was in the basket. "Peaches!" she said, and smiled. When I closed the gate behind me, it was all I could do to keep from running. My knees. He was half asleep, sitting on the ground in the shade by the barracks, the smell of the logs. He made the sign; she looked at him for a moment. "That's easy," she said softly, and made the sign. She never went into the Grove without him, and it was many days before he left her alone within. THIS IS THE FIRST PAGE of the Book of the Dark, written some six hundred years ago in Berila, on you drunken, crawling traitor! You foul, shameless lecher! "How strange you are! It's altogether as though you weren't. . ." She broke off. "them," she said. . . of them and among a dozen other people, picked up speed. Between surfaces of smoke-white. "Don't you understand?" he said, exasperated with her for not understanding, because he had not fought. . . payment for the safe delivery of a son to Golden's head forester. Tangle herself wore armfuls of. . . about the floor, about Silence. Had he been out walking on the path above the Overfell? No, that. Hound told his master that they had the hexer in a safe place, and Losen said, "Who was he working. powerless. . . Roke as a strong centralising, normalising, pacific element in Archipelagan society, the archmages. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (46 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. Roke, as she had said, he must serve her. He did so willingly. She had walked with him in the. . . seemed to be approaching living quarters of some kind, as the area took on the quality of a. . . the letters, on either side, were not visible because of their magnitude. Noiselessly I was carried. "I couldn't. They'd know. I couldn't even get in. There's the Doorkeeper, you said. I don't know the word to say to him." his eyes on that seed of light. "I don't even know what it means. Nais. . . girl, what's the matter with you?" "How do I get out of here?" I asked, none too brightly. . . Though he seldom left the city, Early prided himself on his knowledge of all the Archipelago. . . brother, go wash out that cut, and change your shirt. You stink of the pothouse." And she went. "Maybe I ought to go now?" I asked. I still held my untouched drink. . . What do I want? she asked herself, and the answer came not in words but throughout her whole body. Maharion, who made peace both with the dragons and the Kargs, but at great cost. And after the. His dreams of her were never of her yielding to him, but of himself yielding to a fierce. . . he finally spoke was, "I only wanted to make love to you," garden door, plain oak with an iron bolt. But there is no front door. . . without a spell or two. A village hut with a palace floor. Well, it'll be a sight, come winter, to. . . without tasting it. She roamed restlessly back down the streambank to the water. It was very still. The wind had come up again. They were both shivering, their teeth chattering. They stood face to face in the black lane, hardly able to see where the other was. Dragonfly put out her groping hand and met the witch's hand. They put their arms round each other in a fierce, long embrace. Then they hurried on, the witch to her hut near the village, the heiress of Iria up the hill to her ruinous house, where all the dogs, who had let her go without much fuss, received her back with a clamour and racket of barking that woke everybody for a half-mile round except the Master, sodden drunk by his cold hearth. Hound told me that you're a lad of promise and might go far with a proper guide. If you'd like to. "Irian," said Azver the Patterner, "will you come back to us?" but had not understood that he loved her beyond anyone and anything. When he was with her, even. . . of a flowering tree at all, but she was in fact beautiful, in a large, fierce way. The mare. hands, like a man's. . . throat and choked him, bound his hands, pressed on his lungs. He crouched, gasping. He could not. "I'll be going to Easthill with Sul's mules." . . learning what we were I treated with indifference. Their dumbfoundedness did not concern me. South of Andanden lies a land where the ashes fell a hundred feet deep when last the volcano spoke. Rivers and streams cut their way seaward through that high plain, winding and pooling, spreading and wandering, making a marsh of it, a big, desolate, waterland with a far horizon, few trees, not many people. The ashy soil grows a rich, bright grass, and the people there keep cattle, fattening beef for the populous southern coast, letting the animals stray for miles across the plain, the rivers serving as fences. . . looked at the pages. Long, long lists of names and numbers, debts and credits, profits and losses. . . strong in her fear and willful in her vileness. She holds him back and hides him

deep, fearing to. When he saw it, faint and green above the misty sea, he cried out—the men in the ships heard the dragon scream—and flew on faster, leaving them to follow him to the conquest..another shining objects, were inflating something -- but I did not even look in their direction. In ground groaned and moved, drawing together, healing itself..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (15 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].not here to fool anybody, but to learn what I need to know.".The tall woman smiled a little. "My sister has never taught a man before" she said. She glanced at him, and gazed away, over the summery fields. "She's never looked at a man before," she said..faced the wizard again he would be destroyed. And Roke with him. Roke and its children, and Elehal.perfume, sharp yet at the same time mild; a young couple passed; the girl turned to the man; her.kind of egg-shaped cocoon. A few other people disappeared into such cubicles. Swollen.of the Masters, when it's out in the daylight, doesn't amount to so much, you know. Tricks of the.Gelluk pressed close beside him, often taking his arm. "This way," he said several times. "Yes,.moment before they fell back to earth as pebbles. Diamond and Rose had worked out several such.the words this night in his room in the barracks, he discerned another possible meaning in them..Of all the innocence," Gift said, hissing the word. "He'll skin you." She dumped a kettleful of."Get out!" she shouted. "Get away, you traitor, you foul lecher, or I'll cut the liver out of.It may be that Segoy is or was one of the Old Powers of the Earth. It may be that Segoy is a name for the Earth itself. Some think all dragons, or certain dragons, or certain people, are manifestations of Segoy. All that is certain is that the name Segoy is an ancient respectful nominative formed from the Old Hardic verb seoge, "make, shape, come intentionally to be." From the same root comes the noun esege, "creative force, breath, poetry.". "Shall we go?" he said to the cowboy, who set off at once with a wave to Gift and a snort from his little mare. The curer followed. The hinny had a smooth, long-legged walk, and her whiteness shone in the morning light. Gift thought it was like seeing a prince ride oft, like something out of a tale, the mounted figures that walked through bright mist across the vague dun of the winter fields, and faded into the light, and were gone..He stopped in front of her. She felt herself blush, her face and throat burning, dizzy, her ears ringing. She sought words, anything to say, to turn his attention away from her, and could find nothing at all. He sat down near her. She looked down, as if studying the skeleton of a last-year's leaf by her hand..The people of Osskil, Rogma, and Borth are lighter-skinned than others in the Archipelago, and."Get the sail down," Medra said, peremptory. The master yawned and cursed and began to shout."That?" I pointed at the glass wall..The existence of magic as a recognized, effective power wielded by certain individuals, but not by.He had always remembered that. He remembered it now, when he looked across the hearth, winter evenings, at the dark face bent above a lore-book or a shirt that needed mending. The eyes cast down, the mouth closed, the spirit listening..He was shaking his head all through her speech. "No, no, no, no. Hopeless. Useless. Fatal!".and the lay of the land on Semel, and the mountain whose name is Andanden. So I came to the High.me; a flat tabletop had begun to descend, making a kind of desk, but it was a bed that I wanted. I."I will," he said, to comfort her..When she woke, the Master Patterner was sitting nearby, and a basket was on the grass between them..clucking and pecking around the dusty dooryard, a red, a brown, a white; a grey hen was setting.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..Taken back to Omer, one of the boys broke down and blubbered about joining the Hand. Hearing that.sea, until in a final terrible flight they passed the Dragon's Run and came to the last island of.In Veil's words he saw, all at once, the other side of Ember's impatience, her fierceness, her.Brown Bucca, his favorite, shook herself and said her name a few times. The others said nothing..followed the goat-tracks, growling when his foot slipped in the mud and he wrenched his ankle to.the impression you wanted to ask about something else. . . ?".Tern left late that year on his journey. He had with him a boy of fifteen, Mote, a promising."Another?" I asked, when she had finished hers. She smiled, shaking her head. On the."Listen. . .".Masters.".There they fished for whales, as they still do. That was a trade he wanted no part of. Their ships stank and their town stank. He disliked going aboard a slave ship, but the only vessel going out of Geath to the east was a galley carrying whale oil to O Port. He had heard talk of the Closed Sea, south and east of O, where there were rich isles, little known, that had no commerce with the lands of the Inmost Sea. What he sought might be there. So he went as a weatherworker on the galley, which was rowed by forty slaves..south road on a good horse and asking at the tavern for lodging. They sent him to Sans house, but.behind existed now only in my memory..Hound came in on her heels. "Well," he said, "in the first place, when I got to the city, I go up.indignant before, about my bringing home strangers?".yourself.". "But we met, we sat, and we could not choose. We said this and said that, but no name was spoken. And then I..." He paused a while. There came on me what my people call the eduevanu, the other breath. Words came to me and I spoke them. I said, Hama Gondun! And

Kurremkarmerruk told them this in Hardic: "A woman on Gont." But when I came back to my own wits, I could not tell them what that meant. And so we parted with no Archmage chosen..Where to now? Why had he come here?."Oh no, that's vision. . .". "Better stay here.".out to be a thief. I mean, there ought to be a little trust.". "You take care," the witch said, grim. "Everything's perilous, right enough, and meddling with.Gelluk was almost wholly absorbed in his own vision, but since Otter's mind and his were.Next morning he picked a sprig of herb from the kitchen-garden of the inn and spelled it into the semblance of a fine staff, coppershod and his own height exactly. "What is the wood?" Dragonfly asked, fascinated, when she saw it, and when he answered with a laugh, "Rosemary," she laughed too..swallowed them. He gasped, as if coming up from drowning..It was hard for him to lie. He thought he was awkward at it because he had no practice. Hound knew.fifty or sixty years earlier.. "It isn't right. It isn't my true name! I thought my name would make me be me. But this makes it worse. You got it wrong. You're only a witch. You did it wrong. It's his name. He can have it. He's so proud of it, his stupid domain, his stupid grandfather. I don't want it. I won't have it. It isn't me. I still don't know who I am. I'm not Irian!" She fell silent abruptly, having spoken the name.. "She's called Dragonfly, and she does all the work, and I saw her once last year. She's tall, and.Doorkeeper was done. "A woman," he said.. "Decent?" I suggested. Her eyelids fluttered. Did she have a metallic film on them as.to do it, making the spell very carefully. It was the reversal of a finding charm: a losing charm..She was there, the sick woman who could heal him, the poof woman who held the treasure, the.Hardic. Kargish has diverged most widely in vocabulary and syntax from the Old Speech. Most of its.destroyed. And if a wizard let down his guard among the common folk, they too might destroy him if.plans of training him in the business, and having him help in expanding the carting route to a."I dislike goat cheese," Dulse said.. "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?"". "Why do we quarrel?" he said rather despondently..Whether performed or read silently, all such poems and songs are consciously valued for their.almost immeasurable differences. One of these differences may be, or may be indicated by, the lack."I know nothing," Irian said. She stepped forward again, facing the mage directly. Tell me who I am..The Creation of Ea is the foundation of education in the Archipelago, By the age of six or seven, all children have heard the poem and most have begun to memorise it. An adult who doesn't know it by heart, so as to be able to speak or sing it with others and teach it to children, is considered grossly ignorant. It is taught in winter and spring, and spoken and sung entire every year at the Long Dance, the celebration of the solstice of summer.. "If you need to read the Mountain," his teacher had told him, "go to the Dark Pond at the top of Semere's cow pasture. You can see the ways from there. You need to find the center. See where to go in..".drift of cloud, the long ridge of the mountain glimmered red..own mind..frozen gold fire. In recesses along the walls were hundreds of booths; people ran into these, burst."He lived always on Roke, for it's there that all knowledge of magic comes and is kept. And he had."First we must settle the matter that divides us," said the Windkey.. "Thank you," I said, "not for me. . .".not symbols only, but reifactors: they can be used to bring a thing or condition into being or."You have told me," Veil said..photocopy, recording, or any information storage and retrieval system, without permission in.freedom was. Without her, he could attain it only when he was hearing and singing and playing.The tune ended. "Darkrose," he said, behind her in the dark. She turned her head and looked at him. Their heads were on a level, she sitting crosslegged up on the dance platform, he kneeling on the grass..the vine "right down to the life in it"; and Rose, her Etaudis, whispering charms to ease the pain.his own clean comfortable home, even more different from the cold austerity of the wizard's house..This language is innate to dragons, not to humans, as said above. There are exceptions. A few human beings with a powerful gift of magic, or through the ancient kinship of humans and dragons, know some words of the Old Speech innately. But the very great majority of people must learn the Old Speech. Hardic practitioners of the art magic learn it from their teachers. Sorcerers and witches learn a few words of it; wizards learn many, and some come to speak it almost as fluently as the dragons do..shifting depths of the forest..To love power and to share it is the royal way. Look. Watch what I do." Gelluk held up the pouch

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