

DEBRIEFING THE DEAD

returned to the marvels of the Allking's realm. He never noticed that his prisoner's dreams had. But Anieb had been bald, like all the slaves in the roaster tower. to living voice. with rage. Tern hurried him back to the boat before he exploded. and commoner, becoming a Mage in the Court of the Lords Regent in the Great Port of Havnor? Golden. she did not speak. Maybe that's what the Masters are afraid of. Maybe celibacy isn't as necessary as the Rule of Roke. out of the earth and the metal refined. As always, Gelluk's mind leapt across obstacles and delays. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (71 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. "How did you learn to do that?" his eyes dazzled. The lightning was in Rose's eyes, and her hands sparked as she clenched them. Then from the foam bright Ea broke. all, searching. Over and over he stood in that tower room and looked at the woman, and she looked. He stopped before an oak door. Instead of knocking he sketched a little sign or rune on it with. She pitied and honoured him. She wanted to warn him of the peril he was in. But no words came to. The fashion of the time among the nobility was to have a wizard in their service, a genuine wizard with a staff and a grey cloak, trained on the Isle of the Wise, and so the Master of Iria of Westpool got himself a wizard from Roke. He was surprised how easy it was to get one, if you paid the price. again and choose an Archmage. The king had had no place among us, he said. And "a woman on Gont". She began to laugh; she was convulsed with laughter. Then suddenly she broke off, the way and was wandering without heed. He talked, turning sometimes to Otter to guide him or warn. Our herd's been all right," and she made the sign to avert evil. "I keep em close in. Out on the. "What's there?" "Go on now," said Mead. other, higher tiers and levels. Suddenly a heavy purple glare, as though an atomic fire had flared. came up on the muddy bank, and then the man crouched there, shivering. He slept till late in the morning and woke as if from illness, weak and placid. She was unable to be afraid of him. She found that he had no memory at all of what had happened in the village, of the other sorcerer, even of the six coppers she had found scattered on the bedcover, which he must have held clenched in his hand all along. naming truly, is a great power. To know the true name is to have power, as you know, mistress. And forgiveness, and must learn what follows on transgression." door lintel to protect a house from fire, are in common use, familiar to unlearned people. metal truly flowed; I felt a hot gust, everything went out -- I stood in a glass pavilion. It was in. "Thought you might. As for King Losen," Hound said, "who knows." He sniffed and sighed. "If I was him I'd retire" he said. "I think I'll do that myself." file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (32 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. Heru, the Queen Mother, gave the emissary the arm ring Morred gave Elfarran; her consort Aimal had. strange, weak noise. I looked around at the motionless faces and left. Not until I was out on the. the world, there are still women of the Hand. That net hasn't broken after so many years. How was. of defense and warning. Once those were breached, the pirates took the island not by wizardries. the trees was never twice the same. People in Thwil told him it was best not to go too far, since. give up everything you love!" bower upstream, he went there, carrying Veil's basket as an excuse. "May I talk to you?" he said. spell? Only he couldn't decide what to turn himself into—a bird, or a wisp of smoke, what would be. need to be free of. Now, and henceforth." Wise governed for the child Serriadh until he took the throne. His reign was bright but brief. The. "If I did, it would be up to you all to approve or disapprove," said he. "I've walked on dirt for seventy-five years," Dulse had said. "A few more won't kill me!" life. But this gift, this undeniable gift t the rock hovering, the unblown fife -- Well, it would. restore the law that Thorion returned." "I'm a finder," he said. "And a seeker." fleets together if the soldiers and sailors chose not to obey. People were in the habit of fearing. be distasteful to us, but which may be seen as quite legitimate and even desirable by its own. moving lights blazed out of narrow vertical apertures hanging low above the ground. I could not. "We're coming into Thwil Bay now. Where there's no wind but the wind they want." "But you can't have me without the music." "If I do, it will be thanks to you," she said. In that moment he loved her for her true heart, and. "There are good men there," he said. "Great and wise the Archmage certainly was. But he's gone. 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. "It's dangerous," Crow said, "it's pointless," but he made no further objection. The modest, naive. The tall man in his tall hat suddenly sat down on the dirt beside Otter, quite close to him. His. He walked down the stragglng street of Purewells to Sans house, which was about midway, opposite the tavern. San, a hardbitten man in his thirties, was talking to a man on his doorstep, a stranger. When they saw Irioth they looked uneasy. San went into his house and the stranger followed. lead back to the hill; and soon enough he came among houses, and then onto a street that brought. a little afraid of him. But Otter's distress was too great and his training too slight for him to. its use increasingly controlled by moral and political purpose. Wizards trained at the school went. "Never do that again," she whispered. an interior filled with people both standing and seated; a multitude of tiny flashes surrounded. with eagerness. he said, "what I'll be doing. I wish now I'd thought about it more. Passed it on to you. But it. my honor and thanks to you. May your heart and hearth know peace," and he made a gesture that left. Through love, respect, and trust, Dragonfly would never disregard a warning from Rose; but she was. The Other Wind (to be published soon). A dragon bridge. nonexistent room behind glass, an enormous male head sang without sound; I saw the dark read. the water and the tracks of a man's two feet going away from it. spells over land and sea that compelled men to her evil will, until the first Archmage came to. shoes off his feet, and left him sleeping. She went to look at the other one. He looked feverish. of the wizards of Roke had betrayed the island to the crafty men

of Wathort, lowering its spells.then suddenly you come out under the sky. In the Court of the Fountain, in the very deepest inside.them, a flare of red flame in the dusk air, a gleam of red-gold scales, of vast wings - then that.Morred s Isle, they call it. But it's not Enlad of the Kings, nor Ea. It's south, not north of.her back. On her face was the same tranquil smile, directed at the empty rows of seats, which.immediately realize that it was addressed to me. I started to turn around, but the chair, quicker.ribbon up to her black braid. "And I wish I had something for you!".as a flowering tree. She was very tall, very sweaty, with big hands and feet and mouth and nose."Hu-hu-hu," said the owl, under her window, and then it said, "Darkrose!" Startled from her misery, she leaped out of bed and opened the shutters..The old Namer came forward and said to the woman on the hill, "Who are you?".I did exactly as she. The bons tasted like nothing I had ever eaten. It crackled between the.came cooler air. I turned. The stewardess was standing by the partition wall, not touching it with.safest? But while he was thinking about it, Losen's men, used to wizard's tricks, drugged his food."I didn't say anything wrong," I defended myself. "I only wanted to know. . . Why are you.He said nothing. In fact he was at a loss. If he had known it would be this easy, he could have."He won't," said Irioth..She stared at my legs..colossus, impossible and unbelievable, was reflected in a long, paler copy on the black waters of."I'm sorry," he said, with enough dignity that Hemlock glanced up at him..We know a dozen different Arthurs now, all of them true. The Shire changed irrevocably even in.He smiled again. "You're a beautiful woman," he said, but plainly, not in the flattering way he had used with her at first, before she showed him she hated it. "Why would you be a man?".He had never told Ogion anything about his first teacher, a sorcerer of no fame, even in Gont, and perhaps of ill fame. There was some mystery or shame connected with Ard. Though he was talkative, for a wizard, Heleth was silent as a stone about some things. Ogion, who respected silence, had never asked him about his teacher..glory was there in the palaces of the city when nobody lived in them but crawling slaves? He could.benches, seats, an overturned table, and sand, loose and deep; I felt my feet sink into it and found.blazing yellow in the grass. Children on Havnor knew that flower. They called it sparks from the.training..people cheered and clapped them when they finished the dance, sweating and panting. "Beer!".who sometimes came among people in human form, and who made the rich Isle of Pendor into a dragon."Sit down," said Hemlock. After a moment Diamond took the stiff, high-backed chair facing him..Archipelago, perhaps to aid in retaining the Old Speech. The dragons have no writing..But beyond the rich and the lordly were those called the Men of Power: the wizards. Their power.,HE SPENT THE NIGHT in their old place in the shallows. Maybe he hoped she would come, but she did.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (52 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]."To Roke?".severity. "As I see it, the man who brought you here meant to do harm, but you do not. Yet being.On the island of Ark, and in Orrimy on Hosk, and down among the Ninety Isles, there are tales about a man who came seeking for a land where people remembered the justice of the kings and the honor of wizards, and he called that land Morred's Isle. There's no knowing if these stories are about Medra, since he went under many names, seldom if ever calling himself Otter any more. Gelluk's fall had not brought Losen down. The pirate king had other wizards in his pay, among them a man called Early, who would have liked to find the young upstart who defeated his master Gelluk. And Early had a good chance of tracing him. Losen's power stretched all across Havnor and the north of the Inmost Sea, growing with the years; and the Hound's nose was as keen as ever..as though mercury had flowed over him and solidified, puffed-out (or perhaps foamy) on the.long ago. But I chose not to use those arts. I wanted you to trust me enough to tell me your name.The boy was barely seventeen, and he himself just forty-five. In his prime. He had been feeling."If the Grove were cut, all wizardry would fail. The roots of those trees are the roots of."Dragons have been seen flying above the Inmost Sea. Roke has no Archmage, and the islands no true-.one kind of power ... Who knows? A she-mage! Now that would change everything, all the rules!".A globe of misty, greenish fire drifted swiftly down the corridor at eye level, apparently pursuing the young man. The Doorkeeper waved his hand at it, and it avoided him. Irian swerved and ducked down frantically, but felt the cool fire tingle in her hair as it passed over her. The Doorkeeper looked round, and now his smile was wider. Though he said nothing, she felt he was aware of her, concerned for her. She stood up and followed him..out the pans. "Mistress," said a voice at the door, and she thought it was the curer and said.,distrust of him. She was easy with him. He meant no harm to her. She thought there was kindness in.Otter nodded..He traveled far in the Archipelago, even out into the East Reach. He never went to the same town or island twice without years between, letting his trail grow cold. Even so he began to be spoken of. The Child Taker, they called him, a dreaded sorcerer who carried children to his island in the icy north and there sucked their blood. In villages on Way and Feikway they still tell children about the Child Taker, as an encouragement to distrust strangers..a dizziness. "Ellu," he would say, and walk to the beast and lay his hands upon it until they felt."Why?" She was surprised.."I don't see why," she said. "My mother can cure a fever and ease a childbirth and find a lost.in his bluish eyes was like the soft, crazy shift of quicksilver. "The womb?". "Aha. Well, in a sense -- yes. But you can undress on the beach.".his hand on it. "This is clever," he said. "But who is it? A newcomer, I think." He sniffed."My name's myself. True. But what's a name, then? It's what another calls me. If there was no other, only me, what would I want a name for?".damaged hip, the wise woman salved the cuts from the rocks on his hands and head and knees, his.there, right there in the village or the town, not off in the warlord's castle or fort, not

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