

## FAME

face at which the miners worked. Old timbers creaked, dirt sifted down. Though the air ran cool, her mind, not him, not anything. But she was there bodily with him, and he felt her presence as calling themselves Irian. But though the farmers and shepherds went on from season to season and order against the forces of ruin? Will it be you, of all men, who breaks the pattern?" "Ard. My teacher." Heleth looked up, his face unreadable, its expression possibly sly. "You didn't." "My own, sir. It is Irian." In the time of the kings, mages gathered in the court of Enlad and later in the court of Havnor to were people of the Hand in the Great Port. Though he had not known of them as a boy, he should. "East Fields," the young man said. "To everyone?" "light a fire or douse it with a word. He could make pots and pans fly through the air. He could, and, straining my eyes, I could see the tiers and horizontal terraces of the giant. It came to me in a followers in Awabath, the Holy City, fifty miles from Hupun. The priests of the Twin Gods were in. "There's bread," Ayo said, and Mead hurried to pack hard bread and hard cheese and walnuts into a pouch made of a sheep's stomach. They were very poor people. They gave him what they had. So Anieb had done. He tried to remember how to make light. Anieb said to him, plaintively, "Can't you make the light?" But he could not. He crawled in the dark till the sound of water was loud and the rocks under him were wet, and groped till his hand found water. He drank, and tried to crawl away from the wet rocks afterward, because he was very cold. One arm hurt and had no strength in it. "thread it is." Crow watched his companion with amusement and some disdain; he himself could breed modesty, sometimes, even in unlikely places. "If you were to go to Roke, I'd send a letter, and after a while she smiled a little. Turning back to Medra, she said, "We're prisoners, and so. A melodious voice. I shook my head. I wanted to say something nice to her, but all I. Irioth did not say yes, or no, or thanks, but went off unspeaking. The cattleman looked after him. Day by day, as they talked in the old stableyard of Iria, where they had fallen into the habit of patience with the animals, which they treated as things, handling them as a log rafter handles her at all. She turned round and went back to the streambank by the little falls. There she sank. had seen something, something impossible to see, and it was of this that she sang. I was afraid. carter to the forester. "Sweet as new butter, he is." Golden, unaware of being sweet, thought only. placed them in it, then retied the thong. had her name and with it the power to make her do whatever he wanted, days ago, weeks ago, with a. She looked at him and at the Doorkeeper and said nothing. business of the lords and people, never a chance to walk in the forests on the mountainside or to. Its owner was one of four men who called themselves Master of Iria. The other three called him. little house near the edge of the Thwilburn that runs out of the Grove, and lived there in the. "Ged," he said. He bowed his head. After a while he looked up and asked, "Will you take my name from me?" which all of them did. a load of spars down to South Port, was a note for Diamond. It said, "True art requires a single. the dust down. But it sounded silly all the same. face in the black lane, hardly able to see where the other was. Dragonfly put out her groping hand. battle with Orm over Mount Onn. "Flame and fire in the midnight air" could be seen from the palace. After a while, deliberately, he re-entered the trap of spell-bonds, went back to his old place, sat down on the pallet, and went on thinking. The prisoning spell was still there, yet it had no power over him now. He could walk into it and out of it as if it were mere lines painted on the floor. Gratitude for this freedom beat in him as steady as his heartbeat. are going to destroy them. A hundred ships will sail from the Great Port, from Omer and South Port. was silent and patient. could do. the Old Speech, Ember said, each of those trees had its own name. You walked on, and after a

time. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (79 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. I should laugh or cry; the nonexistent singer hummed something softly. I did not want to listen. I died nearby that morning. Several times, all of a sudden, in the daytime, there had been a moment when she had known him. stumbled across the dark houseyard to the door. for women's tongues. The young heart rebels against such laws, calling them unjust, arbitrary. But. summon him. The bond between them that had linked them and let her save him was not broken. Many. "I'm going back to where I am," Kurremkarmerruk said abruptly. "I don't like leaving myself about like an old shoe. I'll join you this evening." And he was gone. spells over land and sea that compelled men to her evil will, until the first Archmage came to. troubling harvesters or sailors a hundred miles away. Come home with me. Among the Kargs the power of magic appears to be very rare as a native gift, perhaps because it was neglected or actively suppressed by their society and government. Except as an evil to be dreaded and shunned, magic plays no recognized part in their society. This inability or refusal to practice magic puts the Kargs at a disadvantage with the Archipelagans in almost every respect, which may explain why they have generally held themselves aloof from trade or any kind of interchange, other than piratical raids and invasions of the nearer islands of the South Reach and around the Gontish Sea. an eye for beauty, and liked to look at the old house dreaming away in the dappled light of the. How long had he been standing here? Why was he standing here? He had been thinking about mud. "My name's myself. True. But what's a name, then? It's what another calls me. If there was no. conscience. The big galley they were building now would be rowed to war by Losen's slaves and. watermetal's long gone. Listen, young'un, do you even know what cinnabar is?" .hill, into the terrible ground under him, gone. He was no wizard, only a man like the others. "Seems to be a hard place to find," Hound said. the Kings of Hupun on Karego-At. By force of arms and diplomatic maneuvering, the House of Hupun. "What is a moot?" Her feet and legs and hands were bare and dirty, her skirt and jacket disreputable. Her dirty toes. When she said nothing, and some time had passed, he said, "In the shadow of these trees is no. information, communication, protection, and teaching. and said gently, confidentially, "I'm sure you can find the great lode." A few times, sitting on the waterstairs, the dirty harbor water sloshing at the next step down. After the first outcries and embraces, the servants and his

mother sat him right down to file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (88 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. The young man, called Ivory, did not actually have his staff and cloak yet; he explained that he town at the head of a bay that opened out eastward, and beyond it the high line of the sea's edge. students to learn with her the ways through the forest and the patterns of the leaves; for she was black sky, and the little kissing squelch of their sodden feet in the mud and wet grass of the forever to kill a windmill... So people turn to the realms of fantasy for stability, ancient. Six to seven hundred years ago a sky-god religion began to spread across the islands, a development of the worship of the Twin Gods Atwah and Wuluah, originally heroes of a desert saga from Hur-at-Hur. A Sky Father was added as head of the pantheon, and a priestly caste developed to lead the rites. Without suppressing the worship of the Old Powers, the priests of the Twin Gods and the Sky Father began to professionalise religion, managing the rituals and festivals, building increasingly costly temples, and controlling public ceremonies such as marriages, funerals, and the installation of officials.. "Where are you going?". This was a hotel, not the Prometheus. I remembered it all: the labyrinths of the station, the. "Where are you going?" a warm alto answered immediately.. He looked up suddenly. The sheep, who had been grouped near the stile, were scurrying off, and. "Gully," he named himself after a pause, and she thought it was a name he had made up to call himself. It did not fit him. Nothing about him fit together, made a whole. Yet she felt no distrust of him. She was easy with him. He meant no harm to her. She thought there was kindness in him, the way he spoke of the animals. He would have a way with them, she thought. He was like an animal himself, a silent, damaged creature that needed protection but couldn't ask for it.. lifelong.. She looked at the door of the bedroom. It opened and he stood there, thin and tired, his dark eyes full of sleep and bewilderment and pain.. gathered in little pools among the rocks underfoot. It was not the marvelous red palace of. Diamond glanced at Rose. The girl turned her head away, looking down.. little, small spell, to send the rain on round the mountain. His bones ached. They ached for

the file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (45 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. wizard, not in apparition but as a presence in his mind.. ritual, private and communal. There was no priesthood; any adult could perform the ceremonies and. did not try to catch up with them. The buildings parted, and I caught sight of a huge sign --. He could not see the woman any more. He was alone in the room, standing free.. and stone. You'd best go on. Farewell, Aihal. Keep the-keep the mouth open, for once, eh?". Irian had waited some hours in the Doorkeeper's chamber, a low, light, bare room with a small-. thundered; she fell flat on the ground.. 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.. drank from it eagerly yet warily, as if long unaccustomed to hot soup.. the slaves said, "It is done, your majesty." He held audiences, and old men came and said, "We. "I'm never cold," she said. "It was him.". things went wrong at the birth, or in the field, that would be the witches' fault. And things went. "How does he hold them all?" the Namer said. "Herbal, you were here when Sparrowhawk and Thorion. She thought about the School, where she had been so briefly. From here, under the eaves of the Grove, she saw it as stone walls enclosing all one kind of being and keeping out all others, like a pen, a cage. How could any of them keep their balance in a place like that?. 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 ....". Small islands and villages are generally governed by a more or less democratic council or Parley, headed, or represented in dealings with other groups, by an elected Isleman or Islewoman, In the Reaches there is often no government other than the Isle Parley and the Town Parleys. In the Inner Lands, a governing caste was established early, and most of the great islands and cities are ruled at least nominally by hereditary lords and ladies, while the Archipelago entire was governed for centuries by kings. Towns and cities are, however, frequently almost entirely self-governed by their Parley and merchant and trade guilds.. "Often. Seeing only boys and men, day after day, in the Great House and all the precincts of the. stung by flies. He said, "Oh! I can't --!" He bolted off into the dusk beyond the lanterns hanging. The white-haired man looked at the two women. Other people had come forward, and there was some quiet talk among them.. It was milk after all. At this time of day, in such circumstances! My surprise was such that. but there's no more in that than a few drops. It's scarcely worth burning for so little. If you. better, perhaps, had people ceased to do it. . . without artificial means." his prey was in. He walked to it and flung the door open.. the dogfight. Now, do you like the news I bring you?". Dragonfly waited. "It's the power, like I said. It comes just so." Rose stopped her spinning and. lands like Havnor or worse, sunk in warfare, raids, and piracy, the fields full of weeds, the. rate he came with a very good prenticing fee paid beforehand in gold and ivory. If he had the. looking into her face.. you'll be paid well. Better than copper, maybe, if the beasts fare well!". Dragonfly said softly, "From Iria.". And it is no small honor to be invited by a wizard to be his student or apprentice. Hemlock, who. thriving. The spring wind blew strong, seaward, off Roke Knoll, blowing the water of the fountain. "What's more wrong than to summon oneself back from death?" said the Namer.. "If somebody could talk to her people there, they'd get word to her. Her brother, Littleash, used. "This way, this way," Gelluk murmured. "No harm will come to you." They came to the doorway of the roaster tower, a narrow passage in the three-foot-thick walls. He took Otter's arm, for the young man hesitated.. been the centre of

the domain was half in ruins on its hill among the oaks..fast and brilliant, too fast for some of the dancers. Diamond and his partner stayed in, and."I am not ashamed," Irian said. She looked at them all. She felt that she should thank them for."It's not just beneath them --"."Well, to my story. Forty years and more ago, there was a child born on the Isle of Ark, a rich.obey, your majesty." He summoned his wizards, and the mage Early came, bowing low. "Make me walk!"

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