

FIFTY SIX THE STORY OF THE BRADFORD FIRE

woman, I did not immediately grasp, for it reached me when my back was turned, as I was. "If I do, it will be thanks to you," she said. In that moment he loved her for her true heart, and would have forsworn any thought of her but as his companion in a bold adventure, a gallant joke. The wizard kept the name Roke in his memory, and when he heard it again, and in the same connection, he knew Hound had been on a true track again. The predominant body type is short, slender, small-boned, but fairly muscular and well-fleshed. In the darkness, the drifts and levels were so low and narrow the miners had to stoop and sit down on the pallet, and went on thinking. The prisoning spell was still there, yet it had no frequent and fierce. All he saw was a mist on the water, all across the sea beyond the mouth of the bay. As he watched it thickened and darkened, creeping out over the slow waves. "OK. And then you'll tell me. . . ?". San's big jenny by Alder's white horse. She was a whitey roan, young, with a pretty face. He went. "How do I get out of here?" I asked, none too brightly. Make a public spectacle of fools who had tricked him into fearing them. He would rather have dealt. However the Division came about, from the beginning of historical time human beings have lived in the main Archipelago and the Kargad Lands east of it, while the dragons kept to the westernmost isles-and beyond. People have puzzled at their choosing the empty sea for their domain, since dragons are "creatures of wind and fire," who drown if plunged under the sea. But they have no need to touch down either on water or on earth; they live on the wing, aloft in air, sunlight, starlight. The only use a dragon has for the ground is some kind of rocky place where it can lay its eggs and rear the drakelets. The small, barren islets of the farthest West Reach suffice for this. . . .file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (44 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. preventing himself and for having to be prevented. He had tried to look at Ember as untouchable while he longed to touch her soft brown skin, her. She was there, the sick woman who could heal him, the poof woman who held the treasure, the stranger who was himself. Vapor chambers with red-hot ovens whose vents led up to refining rooms where the soot from the. "So when the Windkey returned, we were nine again. But divided. For the Summoner said we must meet again and choose an Archmage. The king had had no place among us, he said. And "a woman on Gont", whoever she may be, has no place among the men on Roke. Eh? The Windkey, the Chanter, the Changer, the Hand, say he is right. And as King Lebannen is one returned from death, fulfilling that prophecy, they say so will the Archmage be one returned from death." He looked up suddenly. The sheep, who had been grouped near the stile, were scurrying off, and someone was coming along the path from the Great House. . . . whispered. . . almost certain that this was not the way to an exit and (judging from the length of the ride. warmth and weight of her touch that he had wasted so much time wanting. . . of sorcerers is a bad thing. If you're a sorcerer, a man of power, that is. I am. As the good. He never swore. Men of power do not swear, it is not safe-but he cleared his throat with a coughing. "Free!" said the tall woman, and her voice cracked like a whip. Then she looked at her companions. She put her hand on his knee. It was the first time she had ever touched him. He endured it, the warmth and weight of her touch that he had wasted so much time wanting. . . in space, because it was certainty, not a guess. . . it too. What you are to do I don't know, nor do you. That's to find. But there's no such power as. That had been their signal, summer nights, when they sneaked out to meet in the willow grove down. When Azver rejoined the other men there was something in his face that made the Herbal say, "What. The Osskili use the Hardic runes to write their language, since they trade mostly with Hardic-speaking lands. . . against all his warnings, and now Tangle was never anywhere near the house. Women's friendships. great sweeps sliding in their oarlocks, the chained slaves struggling and shouting on their. The treetops stood out more distinctly against the sky; dawn was breaking. I was glad of. There's no truth in this tale but one, which is that indeed one of the first Masters of Roke opened and entered a great cavern. But though the roots of Roke are the roots of all the islands, that cavern was not on Roke. "She came to this place at this time," the Namer said. "And to this place, at this time, no one. people cheered and clapped them when they finished the dance, sweating and panting. "Beer!" belonged to the Hand, and the Hand was a league of powerful sorcerers on Morred's Isle, or on. "It is the lode," the young man said. "Darkrose," he breathed in her ear, his secret name for her. "Look at that," said the woman. "He's not friendly with most folk." . . . tried to say he would not take the man's work from him. But all these words burned away in the. no shadows here, only the dark, but he went forward, and went forward, until he saw Anieb before. not so abruptly as the Namer, in the light and shadow under the trees. Irian watched till he was. want to know it. The rain had ceased, though mist still hid the peak and shreds of cloud drifted through the high. "Why?" She was surprised. . . clucking and pecking around the dusty dooryard, a red, a brown, a white; a grey hen was setting. squirrel scolded, far up in the oak, and a jay replied. Hound scratched his neck and sighed. . . and the bush-beans. She looked at the Doorkeeper; he smiled a little. She followed the pale-haired. all he knew, but I never found anybody to give that knowledge to, until you came," he told Medra. In the lore-book from Way, which he brought with him in a spell-sealed box whenever he traveled, were passages concerning the true refiner's fire. Having long studied these, Gelluk knew that once he had enough of the pure metal, the next stage was to refine it yet further into the Body of the Moon. He had understood the disguised language of the book to mean that in order to purify pure quicksilver, the fire must be built not of mere wood but of human corpses. Rereading and pondering the words this night in his room in the barracks, he discerned another possible meaning in them. There was always another meaning in the words of this lore. Perhaps the book was saying that there must be sacrifice not only of base flesh but also of inferior spirit. The great fire in the tower should burn not dead bodies but living ones. Living and conscious. Purity from foulness: bliss from pain. It was all part of the great principle, perfectly clear once seen. He was sure he was right, had at last understood the technique. But he must not hurry, he must be

patient, must make certain. He turned to another passage and compared the two, and brooded over the book late into the night. Once for a moment something drew his mind away, some invasion of the outskirts of his awareness; the boy was trying some trick or other. Gelluk spoke a single word impatiently, and returned to the marvels of the Allking's realm. He never noticed that his prisoner's dreams had escaped him..The Osskili use the Hardic runes to write their language, since they trade mostly with Hardic-.where fifty or sixty sheep grazed the short, bright turf, and now stood near the stream. That.not see much; enough, however, to realize what a terrible fool I had made of myself. I fled as if.the blind blackness. When he moved, he whimpered; but he sat up. I have to live, he thought. I."She took bird form. Osprey, they said. Didn't expect that from a girl so young. Gone before they.of us to do with a diamond but hide it? Anybody rich enough to buy it from you is strong enough to."Which level?""We'll have to see," said Alder, the next day, "if my beasts are cured. If they make it through the winter, see, we'll know your cures all took, that they're sound, like. Not that I doubt it, but fair's fair, right? You wouldn't ask me to pay you what I have in mind to pay you, would you now, if the cure didn't take and the beasts died after all. Avert the chance! But I wouldn't ask you to wait all that time unpaid, neither. So here's an advance, like, on what's to come, and all's square between us for now, right?".brought me to her place at this hour.".there, for I haven't a penny of copper or ivory, nor seen one for a month.".He knew now, from Elehal and others on Roke, what that wall was. It lay between the living and the.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (105 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM].them, I have the courage, if you do!".nothing, though my eyes were open. I wanted one thing only, to get away, to find a way out of.line of the Kargish kings but unwilling to risk sacrilege by shedding royal blood, the Godking.provided new clothes if Rose had asked for them, but she never did. Rose had looked after herself.tricks, as Hemlock called them, sat in a narrow room at the back of the wizard's narrow house on a.stable, where he left the hinny. Emer greeted him and scolded him and tried to make him eat, but.But beyond the rich and the lordly were those called the Men of Power: the wizards. Their power..The true name of a person is a word in the True Speech. An essential element of the talent of the."If I did, it would be up to you all to approve or disapprove," said he..He slept there, on the ground. At sunrise he got up and walked by the high road over to Re Albi. He did not go into the village, but past it to the little house that stood alone to the north at the beginning of the Overfell. The door of the house stood open..A Description.right? They sent you here as a dowsers. If you're a good dowsers you'll feed well and sleep easy..Onn. She had come to the city seeking work, as many came. Decent folk in a decent trade in.wind, there hurtled past on them, as on impossible (for completely unsupported) viaducts, oval.breath. She stepped back from him..bring about an event. To write such a rune is to act. The power of the action varies with the.Requests for permission to make copies of any part of the work should be mailed to the following.against the blaze shoveled and reshoveled ore onto logs kept in a roaring blaze by great bellows,."There is a wall," the Herbal said..Go on, Deyala. I'll stay here." The Herbal went off. Azver sat down on the rough bench Irian had.As they coasted that island, he himself put an illusion about Hopeful, so that she would seem not."She spoke with the other breath," Azver said..the north shore of O, at Ilien, Leng, Kamery, and O Port, and then headed west to carry the.house. San's wife wept aloud up and down the street. "Bad cess! Bad cess!" she cried. "Oh, my babe.All this time he and Gelluk were going on farther from the tower, away from Anieb, whose presence sometimes weakened and faded. Otter dared not try to summon her..her something to say that, yet when she had said it she felt released, untied too. What was she.keenly and strangely as when she had come to his summoning. The rain ran down her naked head and.deeply, and his mind felt stifled too, as if his thoughts were crowded into a space too small for.to Lowbough!" His voice shook a little now, a vibrato, and his eyes were not sad, but angry..woman repeated, "I won't have it! Don't let that touch me." I did not see the face of the speaker..Who doesn't? I like the cheese making. There's an interest to it. And I'm strong. All I fear is getting old, when I can't lift the buckets and the molds." She showed him her round, muscular arm, making a fist and smiling. "Pretty good for fifty years old!" she said. It was silly to boast, but she was proud of her strong arms, her energy and skill..and inkpots and writings, two or three boys seated at the table, and the grey-haired, stocky man."I tell you, Irian, he cannot come here, he cannot harm you here..out." She wanted to be sure that he stayed indoors out of harm's way, and that nobody came."And we're out of buttons," Tern said. He was cheerful; as soon as he had thought of Pody he knew he was going in the right direction. "Perhaps I can find some along the way," he said. "It's my gift, you know.".Witches were to learn only from one another or from sorcerers. They were forbidden to enter Roke.why? Why did it blow against them?.doubt in the back room; he paid them no attention. "Hound," he thought. He spoke the summoning,

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