

## GY AND BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES OF JOHN PARKER OF LEXINGTON AND HIS DESC

yes! This is the way." Yet he was following Otter. His touch and his spells pushed him, rushed, deceived him; but a few days later, he saw the child float up the stairs, just a finger gliding, the burning day. Golden chewed very slowly, his eyes on the table. Diamond had seen his father look like this when a forester reported an infestation in the chestnut groves, and when he found a mule-dealer had cheated him. "The Cavuta?" she corrected me. "It's. . . a sort of school, plasting; nothing great in itself." "I do not know my other name," she said. She spoke as he had spoken, as she had spoken to the Summoner, in the Language of the Making, the tongue the dragons speak. "My mother was born in Endlane, round by Faliern Forest," Otter said. "Do you know that town? itself, and yet again in the vile place he waits for me to come and take him up and cleanse him as. The witch shook her iron-grey head once. "I can't tell you." Her 'can't' did not mean 'won't'. While Morred sought to free his people from these spells and to confront his enemy, Elfarran. "My Lord Patterner, will you defy our Rule and our community, that has been one so long, upholding order against the forces of ruin? Will it be you, of all men, who breaks the pattern?" novels. Each is a story in its own right, but they will profit by being read after, not before. Her eyes were shining and attentive. Telio, in the twilight, beside the wall of stones. Irian looked down at the ground. After a long time she said, clearing her throat, not looking up. Where he went then, the songs don't tell. They say only that he wandered, "he wandered long from land to land." If he went along the coast of the Great Isle, in many of those villages he might have found a midwife or a wise woman or a sorcerer who knew the sign of the Hand and would help him; but with Hound on his track, most likely he left Havnor as soon as he could, shipping as a crewman on a fishing boat of the Ebavnor Straits or a trader of the Inmost Sea. Gift was in the dairy, having finished the evening milking. She was straining the milk and setting, bruised, swollen, sodden. She wanted to tell him to put them right to the fire's warmth, but he drank a mug of beer down in one draft, and the girls with him watched the muscles in his strong throat as he swallowed, and they laughed and chattered, and he shivered all over like a cart horse stung by flies. He said, "Oh! I can't --!" He bolted off into the dusk beyond the lanterns hanging around the brewer's booth. "Where's he going?" said one, and another, "He'll be back," and they laughed and chattered. Licky had left Otter outside sitting in the sun rather than in the room in the barracks. "Mages can do more than that," the girl said. The ocean, however, is older than the islands; so say the songs. "He knows that, sister," Mead told her. "Didn't he tell us he was a ship carpenter? But it's a wizard's friends? No more than they have wives, or sons, some would say. . . . Once he said to me that, return, I felt that I no longer desired, was looking for, was in need of a single thing; it was enough. the rocket straight from the forest. I was furious for a moment, but I calmed down; it was not, the witch "the wisewoman," but a witch was a witch and her daughter was no fit companion for. Its owner was one of four men who called themselves Master of Iria. The other three called him. at me. Her eyes froze. But to that I had grown accustomed. I asked where the Inner Circle was. The deeds and lays that tell of raids by dragons and counterforays by wizards portray the dragons. He made the sign; she looked at him for a moment. "That's easy," she said softly, and made the. "Master Ivory said I could pass for a man. Though I thought I should say who I was. I will be as celibate as anyone, sir." From Sesesy on the east coast of Ark where he left his passengers, having danced the Long Dance there, he sailed up the Ebavnor Straits, intending to head west along the south shores of Omer. He kept the illusion spell about his boat. In the brilliant clarity of midsummer, with a north wind blowing, he saw, high and far above the blue strait and the vaguer blue-brown of the land, the long ridges and the weightless dome of Mount Onn. deceiving his parents, he couldn't resist this knowledge, and the kindness and praise of his poor. "Sit down," she said. He sat down, but he sat fretting. wizard might put a spell of increase on the pears this year or maybe charm the black rot off the. escaped him. refuge at the Springs of Ensa, where, with her knowledge of the Old Powers of the place, she could. He had been stowed in a storeroom of one of the old palaces that Losen had appropriated. It had no. but was defeated at last, at the cost of the forests and cities of Ilien, which he set afire as he. Book of Earthsea." the limited habitable land available to them. Famine is unknown and poverty seldom acute. 959 Eighth Avenue. blanket on the plank bed. She found a cracked pitcher in a skew-doored cabinet and filled it with. "I was told there's a murrain among the cattle here." Now that he wasn't all locked up with cold. "If I do, it will be thanks to you," she said. In that moment he loved her for her true heart, and. better! But drink your soup first, and let me sit down to hear. . . . battleground of hereditary feudal princes, governments of small islands and city-states, and. spells to try to defend her husband and brothers, who would not hide but fought the raiders. They. window, its door was cross-grained oak barred with iron, and spells had been laid on that door. Two long curves appeared on the Doorkeeper's cheeks, enclosing the slow upturn of his smile. The Changer's face remained stern, but he blinked, and after a little thought said, "I'm sure - yes - it was definitely the better plan to be honest. What Master did you speak of?" danced on the crimson pillars. But Otter could not read the book or the runes. He had never. in his bluish eyes was like the soft, crazy shift of quicksilver. "The womb?" He sailed up the broad straits till Mount Onn was hidden by the headlands at the mouth of the Bay of Havnor. He would not see it again unless he went through that narrow passage. Then he would see the mountain, all the sweep and cresting of it, over the calm waters where he used to try to raise up the magewind when he was twelve; and sailing on he would see the towers rise up from the water, dim at first, mere dots and lines, then lifting up their bright banners, the white city at the center of the world. carter to the forester. "Sweet as new butter, he is." Golden, unaware of being sweet, thought only. "The father and the witch-girl," said Darkrose. "Ride back," he said. "Leave me here. There's enough food for one man for three or four days more. The hinny will bring me back." "Master Hand," said the Doorkeeper, "she asked to enter as a student, and I saw no reason to deny. She started to say something, and did not say it. directions; beyond them darkness and small letters, moving along the floor:

TERMINAL PARK.high-pitched and rough..them, I have the courage, if you do!"..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (29 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].Serriadh, and was their most precious possession. On it was carved a figure written nowhere else.,out of the mines, or the shipwrights' that forbade women to watch a keel laid. So both men and.He looked about, curious and wary. All over the hill spark-weed was in flower, its long petals blazing yellow in the grass. Children on Havnor knew that flower. They called it sparks from the burning of Ilien, when the Firelord attacked the islands, and Erreth-Akbe fought with him and defeated him. Tales and songs of the heroes rose up in Medra's memory as he stood there: Erreth-Akbe and the heroes before him, the Eagle Queen, Heru, Akambar who drove the Kargs into the east, and Serriadh the peacemaker, and Elfarran of Solea, and Morred, the White Enchanter, the beloved king. The brave and the wise, they came before him as if summoned, as if he had called them to him, though he had not called. He saw them. They stood among the tall grasses, among the flame-shaped flowers nodding in the wind of morning..Once there in the Grove she had no thought of earning, or deserving, or even of learning. To be there was enough, was all..still depths, a colorless, vast emptiness like the clear sky before sunrise..You can know anything you like. I need have no secrets from you. Nor you from me," and he laughed..There were other people on the hill, he saw now, many others, men and women, children, living and spirits of the dead; many, many of them. He was terrified of them and cowered, trying to make a spell that would hide him from them

all..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (83 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].continue to exist in both forms. The many written copies of the ancient texts serve to keep them.of meaningless words, and the vision he had described-a vast, red-walled palace where silver runes."At home," Otter said. It wasn't a lie. He did have a pouch at home. He kept his fine-work tools.She said, "I know.."to his conscience. He had waked from his dream with the name Roke in his mind. Why had he never."The young men come to me and they say, "What good is it? Can you find gold?" they say. "Can you.fields, and faded into the light, and were gone.."You never saw a shirt? Sort of, well, clothing. Made of nylon."..But after ten days or so, Licky said, "Master Gelluk's coming here. If there's no ore for him.,the wizard, driven by his visions, forgot to guard himself-and if Otter could learn his name..falcon, mistress, and to see the earth below you with a falcon's eye. And summoning, which is.connections among those arts clear. There was-as the wise men of Roke would say later-no science.say he ought to go. He's not canny."..a glimmering track behind it a moment in the air above the hearth stone. "Now I'm off to the cow."You ought to go, Di," she said. "Just to find out."..ones..then stood with my clothes in my hands, since there were no hangers; there was instead a small.They walked a half-mile or so. The Knoll rose up full in the western sun on their right. Behind.The white-haired man looked at the two women. Other people had come forward, and there was some quiet talk among them..grew immensely wealthy..spreading and wandering, making a marsh of it, a big, desolate, waterland with a far horizon, few.you know my name."..After a bit Otter nodded left, away from the grey stone tower. They walked on towards a long..Away from the lanterns of the party it was dark, but she knew the way in the dark. He was there. The willows had grown, these two years. There was only a little space to sit among the green shoots and the long, falling leaves..with a set mouth and clear eyes. "What do you want?" the wizard had asked, knowing what he wanted.,worth?".The town at the bay's head, Thwil, shared something of the uncanniness of the Knoll and the Grove, for though the raiders had run through it seeking slaves and plunder and setting fires, the fires had gone out and the narrow streets had sent the marauders astray. Most of the islanders who survived were wise women and their children, who had hidden themselves in the town or in the Immanent Grove. The men now on Roke were those spared children, grown, and a few men now grown old. There was no government but that of the women of the Hand, for it was their spells that had protected Roke so long and protected it far more closely

now..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (15 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].know later was a great spell of Transforming. Ard spoke the words of the spell awry, as teachers.A pause. "This," Diamond said. His voice was level. He looked neither at his father nor his.then, a girl couldn't let a man into her

room?".file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (56 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].will that hurried his steps.."You might keep some goats," Silence said..He went on to the foot of the street. It opened into a small market square. People were gathered."There's the King," Licky said, in a tone that might have been reverence or hatred.."Pure?".They walked without light except for the faint werelight Gelluk sent before them. They went through long-disused levels, yet the wizard seemed to know every step, or perhaps he did not know the way and was wandering without heed. He talked, turning sometimes to Otter to guide him or warn him, then going on, talking on..There were no inns on this road through what had once all been the Domain of Iria. As the sun neared the western plains, they stopped at a farmhouse that offered stabling for the horses, a shed for the cart, and straw in the stable loft for the carters. The loft was dark and stuffy and the straw musty. Ivory felt no lust at all, though Dragonfly lay not three feet from him. She had played the man so thoroughly all day that she had half-convinced even him. Maybe she'll fool the old men after all! he thought, and grinned at the thought, and slept..the Changer spoke against it at first, and then agreed.."he'll be all squared away. Living with the wizards, you know, the way they are, it set him back a.fulfilled, the son of Morred is crowned, and yet we have no peace. Where have we gone wrong? Why.a collateral line of the House of Enlad, inheriting the throne from a cousin; his forebears were.They met in the lane under Iria Hill in the dark of night, long after sunset, long before dawn.."It isn't the same kind of thing."..He knew now, from Elehal and others on Roke, what that wall was. It lay between the living and the.her at all. She turned round and went back to the streambank by the little falls. There she sank."I am not ashamed," Irian said. She looked at them all. She felt that she should thank them

for their courtesy but the words would not come. She nodded stiffly to them, turned round, and strode out of the room..Woodedge. He could not make the young man let go of the dead woman. Weak and shaky as he was, he."What are you?" he said to her at last.. "I heard -" she said, and could not say what she had heard..but sometimes one can get into the reals. . .".scholar by the age of twelve. About that time the midwife who had helped his mother at his birth."My son, there is no reason," she said, suddenly passionate, "there is no reason why you should."Just for the food and the fire, you know, the peat costs so much now," she was saying, and then looked at what he offered her..HE SPENT THE NIGHT in their old place in the shallows. Maybe he hoped she would come, but she did not come, and he soon slept in sheer weariness. He woke in the first, cold light. He sat up and thought. He looked at life in that cold light. It was a different matter from what he had believed it. He went down to the stream in which he had been named. He drank, washed his hands and face, made himself look as decent as he could, and went up through the town to the fine house at the high end, his father's house..He followed him down one of the principal streets and from it into a district of small houses, the old weavers' quarter. They grew flax on Pody, and there were stone retting houses, now mostly unused, and looms to be seen by the windows of some of the houses. In a little square where there was shade from the hot sun four or five women sat spinning by a well. Children played nearby, listless with the heat, scrawny, staring without much interest at the strangers. Tern had walked there unhesitating, as if he knew where he was going. Now he stopped and greeted the women..As they were talking with her master a wagon drew up on the dock and began to unload six familiar halftun barrels. That's ours," Ivory said, and the ship's master said, "Bound for Hort Town," and Dragonfly said softly, "From Iria.".The boy's drop-jawed stare irritated Hemlock, though he knew it shouldn't. Wizards are used to."But surely you can't tell?".Again he paused. All at once he looked straight at Otter, who froze in terror thinking the wizard

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