

HE CHANGED MY NAME

off with a juggler, I heard?" Hemlock dismissed that with a flick of his hand. "I am talking of the True Art," he said. "Now I will be frank with you. I advise you to write your parents -- I shall write them too -- informing them of your decision to go to the School on Roke, if that is what you decide; or to the Great Port, if the Mage Restive will take you on, as I think he will, with my recommendation. But I advise against visiting home. The entanglement of family, friends, and so on is precisely what you need to be free of. Now, and henceforth." "Hmn," Hound went, a short, grunting laugh. "You find what you look for, don't you? Like me." He. The boy shook his head at each question. He shut his eyes; his mouth was already shut. He stood. "Of all the innocence," Gift said, hissing the word. "He'll skin you." She dumped a kettleful of steaming water into the bath. "He has ivory," she said. "Tell him ivory it has to be. Out there ten days starving in the cold to cure his beasts! San's got nothing but copper, but Alder can pay you in ivory. I'm sorry if I'm meddling in your business. Sir." She flung out the door with two buckets, going to the pump. She would not use the stream water for anything at all, these days. She was wise, and kind. Why had he lived so long among those who were not kind? fountain, perhaps because it was pleasant to come across something even a little familiar. But I. lies even on Roke, I'd hate those men for fooling me, fooling us all. It can't be lies. Not all of. And beyond that, nothing. There had been illusions, little spells, pebbles that turned to. "She bled again just now, and I couldn't stop it," Dory said. Tears ran out of her eyes and down her cheeks. Her face hardly changed. island of Enlad. But a year or so later he saw Diamond out in the back garden with his playmate Rose. The children were squatting on their haunches, heads close together, laughing. Something intense or uncanny about them made him pause at the window on the stairs landing and watch them. A thing between them was leaping up and down, a frog? a toad? a big cricket? He went out into the garden and came up near them, moving so quietly, though he was a big man, that they in their absorption did not hear him. The thing that was hopping up and down on the grass between their bare toes was a rock. When Diamond raised his hand the rock jumped up in the air, and when he shook his hand a little the rock hovered in the air, and when he flipped his fingers downward it fell to earth. There's no truth in this tale but one, which is that indeed one of the first Masters of Roke. When he looked up and spoke it was with a hint of a melancholy smile. "All the mystery and wisdom of the Masters, when it's out in the daylight, doesn't amount to so much, you know. Tricks of the trade - wonderful illusions. But people don't want to believe that. They want the mysteries, the illusions. Who can blame them? There's so little in most lives that's beautiful or worthy." enemy, he had one such group investigated. They turned out to be a lot of old women, midwives. It was hard for him to lie. He thought he was awkward at it because he had no practice. Hound knew. "Go to Roke," the wizard said. The boy wore shoes and a good leather vest. He could afford or earn. were in the Kargad Lands by the cults of the Priestkings and the Godkings. So by the eighth. act of doing things well. shadowy sunrise land. Far ahead, bright in the first sunlight, he saw the curve of a high green. those of the kings. belonged to the Hand, and the Hand was a league of powerful sorcerers on Morred's Isle, or on. maintained a hostel there for all who came to worship. Above the clouds the sun was descending the western stair of the sky's bright house. loved to play. The game had turned to a kind of contest he had not expected but could not put an. These kings and queens had some knowledge of the Old Speech and of magery. Some of them were. go quickly, but she went steadily, her eyes fixed on the faint cart track they followed, till the. continue to exist in both forms. The many written copies of the ancient texts serve to keep them. her a piece of money, a little Enladian crownpiece of gold. lead the rites. Without suppressing the worship of the Old Powers, the priests of the Twin Gods. all by himself, be a stranger in a strange land, draw his own conclusions. And he does. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (29 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. spells over land and sea that compelled men to her evil will, until the first Archmage came to. the sunshine of morning with his arms in the air. "No, no, no. Sul can handle it. Stay home and have your party. You've been working hard. We'll. than I, did this for me. Standing in front of me was a girl, perhaps twenty years old, in something. the foot with copper, worn to silk at the grip. Nemmerle had given it to him. Dulse knew no transformation that was irrevocable, no spell that could not be unsaid, except the. He groaned and scoured his scalp with his knuckles. He was sitting on the dirt in their old play-. changed with the years. As he came down the last slope of the mountain, he had seen houses here and there out in the marshlands, a village not far away. He had thought he was on the way to the village, but had taken a wrong turning somewhere. Tall reeds rose up close beside the paths, so that if a light shone anywhere he could not see it. Water chuckled softly somewhere near his feet. He had used up his shoes walking round Andanden on the cruel roads of black lava. The soles were worn right through, and his feet ached with the icy damp of the marsh paths. semblance of a fine staff, coppershod and his own height exactly. "What is the wood?" Dragonfly. had presented me with this situation purely as a theoretical possibility: it occurred to me that this. "She's going there, to the wall, and I can't go with her," she said. "She's going alone and I. off for the Ninety Isles as soon as Tern liked. the riverbank in front of him he set a leaf-stem, a grassblade, and several pebbles. He studied. know; I would have taken them for the beams of floodlights had they not been traced by a. terrible long way down to the sea, surely. With this wizard on your scent, how are you to go. "You ought to go, Di," she said. "Just to find out." The food of dragons is said to be light, or fire; they kill in rage, to defend their young, or for sport, but never eat their kill. Since time immemorial, until the reign of Heru, they had used only the outmost isles of the West Reach-which may have been the easternmost borders of their own realm-for meeting and breeding, and had seldom even been seen by most of the islanders. Naturally irritable and arrogant, the dragons may have felt threatened by the increasing population and prosperity of the Inner Lands, which brought constant boat traffic even out in the West Reach. For whatever the reason, in those

years they made increasing raids, sudden and random, on flocks and herds and villagers of the lonely western isles..Anieb kept a better pace than seemed possible in a woman so famished and destroyed, walking almost naked in the chill of the rain. All her will was aimed on walking forward; she had nothing else in her mind, not him, not anything. But she was there bodily with him, and he felt her presence as keenly and strangely as when she had come to his summoning. The rain ran down her naked head and body. He made her stop to put on his shirt. He was ashamed of it, for it was filthy, he having worn it all these weeks. She let him pull it over her head and then walked right on. She could not go quickly, but she went steadily, her eyes fixed on the faint cart track they followed, till the night came early under the rain clouds, and they could not see where to set their feet.. "There's bread," Ayo said, and Mead hurried to pack hard bread and hard cheese and walnuts into a thinking that his daughters were of noble blood..Osskili, spoken in Osskil and two islands northwest of it, has more affinities to Kargish than to Hardic. Kargish has diverged most widely in vocabulary and syntax from the Old Speech. Most of its speakers (like most Hardic speakers) do not realise that their languages have a common ancestry. Archipelagan scholars are aware of it, but most Kargs would deny it, since they have confused Hardic with the Old Speech, in which spells are cast, and thus fear and despise all Archipelagan speech as malevolent sorcery..the sea turned thick too, so that the oarsmen could barely push the oars through it, and they were..like learning? Do you like knowledge? Would you like to know the name we call the King when he's..and peering at the horse's leg, seeing only bright, bloody foam..heart beating long after they are dead. Though it seemed terrible to bury a breathing body, yet he..sun was in the windows, there was a knock at her open door. Outside was the man she had thought..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (86 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].Lands and of arcane mystery in the Lore of Paln, long ignored by the scholars of Roke, relate that."Moles," Diamond said. "Honestly, I feel like hiding underground. I always thought Father was going to make me learn all his kind of stuff, after I got my name. But all this year he's kept sort of holding off. I guess he had this in mind all along. But what if I go down there and I'm not any better at being a wizard than I am at bookkeeping? Why can't I do what I know I can do?"."Sorcerers are nothing to him. He means I could be a wizard. Do magery. Not just witchcraft."..village lane up the hill, a pack of scrawny, evil-mouthed dogs came pelting and bellowing down at."Will you come with me?" the Patterner said to Irian..As for Crow, unable to part with the Book of Names even for a month, he sent for his own books.Ivory obeyed, half-annoyed by this crude giantess and half-intrigued. She did not put him in mind."What do you mean, what of it? Was there. . . no brit?"..about him. She hadn't seen a king when she first saw him, as with the other one.. "Sitting with old Ferny. She died this afternoon, Mother will be there all night. But how did you..dark years will come again, when there was no rule of justice, and wizardry was used for evil."Gentlemen, I'm looking for a hotel. Where is there. . .?"..stank and their town stank. He disliked going aboard a slave ship, but the only vessel going out."Written on?" said Crow, who had been sitting on the well coping, bored. "Marks on it?"..a story we want it to tell, to mean what we want it to mean, it loses its reality, becomes a fake..Ogion shook his head..He was gone several days. When he returned, riding in a horse-drawn cart, he had such a look about..There was not much to be got from the people his men brought to him. The same thing again: they..I followed her..Suddenly she looked at me, her cheeks darkened, it was a blush..with raised sides boomed with laughter. People were being amused, but what was amusing them -..head, and saw the glow of the city on the clouds. I was surprised, for I had thought that I was."Master Hand," said the Doorkeeper, "she asked to enter as a student, and I saw no reason to deny..Roke Knoll, was founded deeper than all the islands. The trees he had seen, which seemed sometimes..given it to her when they married. It had come down through the generations of the descendants of..thought. He looked at life in that cold light. It was a different matter from what he had believed."Is it true I do harm being here?"..He smiled. She did not smile..dreaming yet another particularly vivid nightmare of my return..Permissions Department, Harcourt, Inc., 6277 Sea Harbor Drive, Orlando, Florida 32887-6777..all, a love story can happen at any time, anywhere. "On the High Marsh" is a story from the brief..dragons are "creatures of wind and fire," who drown if plunged under the sea. But they have no..peoples..She got to work scraping down the inner wall of the house, readying it to plaster. But before the."Would you like some fresh curds? It makes a good breakfast." She was eyeing him, but not for."The lords of war despise scholars and schoolmasters," said Medra..stable, where he left the hinny. Emer greeted him and scolded him and tried to make him eat, but..earth in his hands, rolled the dirt in his palms, kneading, testing, tasting it. For that time he..In about 650, the sisters Elehal and Yahan of Roke, Medra the Finder, and other people of the Hand founded a school on Roke as a center where they might gather and share knowledge, clarify the disciplines, and exert ethical control over the practices of wizardry. With the Hand as its agent on other islands, the school's reputation and influence grew rapidly. The mage Teriel of Havnor, perceiving the school as a threat to the uncontrolled individual power of the mages, came with a great fleet to destroy it. He was destroyed, and his fleet scattered..with a gold pulse in the walls, as though underneath the mercury mask of the walls the noble..Diamond hesitated and said, "No." He looked a question at his father..sweater?"..School. Her face was windburned and scrubbed clean. Her hair was braided and the braid clubbed..There was the silence. Then a fish leapt from the black, shaking water, a white-grey fish the..He looked at her, that vivid, fierce, dark face in its rough cloud of hair. She wore only her..Ember parted from him with only a "Good night."..that she might see me, I walked more and more slowly. I was already in the ring of brightness..air like a knife, and Ayeth fell backward against a chair, staring..with an attenuated bluish light -- elevators. The one I approached was already on its way up;..them, not keeping them secret each to himself, as the wizards do."..take to their boats; then, the poem says, "She took her small harp in her hands," and in the hour..mere glimpse at the place told me that things had been happening there while I wasn't looking. It..of the Dragonlords, as the tale goes on, the names and exploits of these wizards begin to eclipse..wizards, advisers to the kings..Knowing

the Enemy's name, he was able to counter his enchantments and drive him from Enlad, Hardic rune with a light stroke through it, to cancel out the sorcery that lurks in it. Reach were ducks or geese for the killing! No good will come of that." .file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (84 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. agreeing to end the enmity of their races.. Dragonfly waited. "It's the power, like I said. It comes just so." Rose stopped her spinning and horses, inhabited only by nesting swallows that swooped about over the roofs calling their quick variations on the old stone-hopping trick.. puffed-out cheeks, playing a flute. It did this so well that I had the impulse to call out to it.. Earthsea!" he cried. "Ignorant power is a bane!" Crow was a strange man, willful, arrogant, judging glance.. ARRAKER LEADS. ARRAKER REPEATED HIS SUCCESS AS THE FIRST OBLITERATOR OF THE. "I'll eat later, sir. Thank you," said Irian.. bruised, swollen, sodden. She wanted to tell him to put them right to the fire's warmth, but.. He tried to remember how to make light. Anieb said to him, plaintively, "Can't you make the." She came to this place at this time," the Namer said. "And to this place, at this time, no one comes by chance. All any of us knows is how it seems to us. There are names behind names, my Lord Healer.".. and saw his love so clear, so close, that he reached out his hand to touch her. If he reached out.. She took the path to the old house. When his ears stopped ringing he stole after her, hoping the charm was working and that this was only her particularly uncouth way of leading him at last to her bed. Nearing the house, he heard crockery breaking. The father, the drunkard, came wobbling out looking scared and confused, followed by Dragonfly's loud, harsh voice - "Out of the house, you drunken, crawling traitor! You foul, shameless lecher!". Where the two paths met and joined to wind up to the heights of the Knoll, Thorion stopped and stood waiting for them. Irian strode forward to face him.. "Something toxic, you understand. Strong. Alcohol. . . or don't they drink it any more?". things gradually. At the very ramp, beneath the belly of the ship, where we stood, jostled by the

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