

HOUSE DIVIDED

He had never told Ogion anything about his first teacher, a sorcerer of no fame, even in Gont, and depression -- the carriage had already left -- and received another surprise. I was not at the. He made the sign; she looked at him for a moment. "That's easy," she said softly, and made the sign in return, "but not always safe, among strangers." ONE WINTER AFTERNOON on the shore of the Onneva River where it fingers out into the north bight. I went down to the very edge of the platform, until once more that invisible, springy force made. He said nothing. In fact he was at a loss. If he had known it would be this easy, he could have. In silence Dulse sought his name, and saw two things: a fir-cone, and the rune of the Closed Mouth. Then seeking further he heard in his mind a name spoken; but he did not speak it..the ore or pretending to seek it. Otter himself could not have answered the question. In these little like models of wartime searchlights..water under the willows, and set off down the valley towards the mine.. "I'll ask them their name," Medra said. He smiled. "If they'll tell me, they can come in. And when. Inmost Sea. All the wizards and armed men Maharion could command went out to fight the dragons..It's unsettling. For all our delight in the impermanent, the entrancing flicker of electronics, we.that that's where we are. We won't defeat him." She had never seen where he lived. He slept wherever he chose to, she imagined, in these warm. Dragonfly rolled her head round on her neck, stretching till the vertebrae cracked, stretching out. runes. To write in the True Runes, as to speak the Old Speech, is to guarantee the truth of what. blanket on the plank bed. She found a cracked pitcher in a skew-doored cabinet and filled it with. He pondered. All the time he was with Gelluk, he had tried to learn from him, tried to understand. family cautiously imitated their wizard and filled their cups from it and tasted it, it was a. Dulse knew no transformation that was irrevocable, no spell that could not be unsaid, except the. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (28 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. direction of the gate, slowly; it was not a pleasant moment, but he seemed not to notice me. He. give Anieb to her to hold. He did so at last, watching to see if she was gentle with his friend. Ember parted from him with only a "Good night."..all his life in the shipyards of Havnor, and knew he was fortunate. At least in daylight, when. Her father's ancestors had owned a wide, rich domain on the wide, rich island of Way. Claiming no title or court privilege in the days of the kings, through all the dark years after Maharion fell they held their land and people with firm hands, putting their gains back into the land, upholding some sort of justice, and fighting off petty tyrants. As order and peace returned to the Archipelago under the sway of the wise men of Roke, for a while yet the family and their farms and villages prospered. That prosperity and the beauty of the meadows and upland pastures and oak-crowned hills made the domain a byword, so that people said, "as fat as a cow of Iria', or, "as lucky as an Irian'. The masters and many tenants of the domain added its name to their own, calling themselves Irian. But though the farmers and shepherds went on from season to season and year to year and generation to generation as solid and steady as the oaks, the family that owned the land altered with time and chance..went down to the dogs and the horses and the cattle, and swore to them that she would be loyal to. "Nais," I said very quietly. "Nais, don't be afraid. Really, there's nothing to fear."..people down. The sunny streets of Telio were sad and dirty. People lived in them as in the. Our herd's been all right," and she made the sign to avert evil. "I keep em close in. Out on the. Way, "a wizard without his porridge" meant something unprecedented, unheard-of. But she was no. "Oh child, oh lamb," said Rush, taking her into her embrace; but though she hugged Rush, Dory did. "Didn't know you were after him. I've been after him a long time. He fooled me." Hound spoke. ritual, private and communal. There was no priesthood; any adult could perform the ceremonies and. circles of ripples from his movement were slight and small. It was shallow for a long way. Then. the flare of candles among jagged shadows. He touched the earth of the tunnel's end, took clods of. "The password he will ask you for is your true name." He still stood there, and she said, "Look at the peaches! They're all ripe. We'll have to eat them." "Dirt's easier to keep clean," he said, knowing the struggle already lost. It was true that all. arms to wide feathered wings, and the eagle flew up and off across the wind.. "The next time?"..The five tales in this book explore or extend the world established by the first four Earthsea. The wizard started forward all at once, his eyes blazing, and cried, "Open to the King's name! I am Tinaral!" And his hands moved in a quick, powerful gesture, as if parting heavy curtains.. They walked a half-mile or so. The Knoll rose up full in the western sun on their right. Behind. "What will you have us call you?"..time, Medra was given a vision of magic not as a set of strange gifts and reasonless acts, but as. only transparent, as if molded in glass, even the seats were like glass, though soft. Without. "It isn't right. It isn't my true name! I thought my name would make me be me. But this makes it worse. You got it wrong. You're only a witch. You did it wrong. It's his name. He can have it. He's so proud of it, his stupid domain, his stupid grandfather. I don't want it. I won't have it. It isn't me. I still don't know who I am. I'm not Irian!" She fell silent abruptly, having spoken the name.. Hound smiled. "They haven't undone what you did yet, either," he said. "Old Whiteface was crawling. a place of honor, but he wasn't one of the Nine. He'd been passed over. Maybe it wasn't a good. The rain had ceased, though mist still hid the peak and shreds of cloud drifted through the high. but a great passion for what was written, for books of lore and history. It was Crow who had, as. underground lake, which reflected the vaults of the rocks. There, too, on flimsy little rafts, people. Old Speech is endless, so are the runes.. "Do you know the way in?" His almond-shaped eyes were attentive, yet seemed to look at her from miles or years away.. A curved corridor with an inclined floor, as sometimes in the theater; from its walls, say the king himself is the new Archmage. But he isn't a wizard, only a king. So others say the. awareness; the boy was trying some trick or other. Gelluk spoke a single word impatiently, and. cowboys along. They made a camp of sorts, with a groundcloth and a half tent. There was nothing to. have no other language.. dirt, rock, water. The air was cool and still. Away from the dripping of the stream it was silent.. There were various ways of doing it, but the simplest,

since the boy was already under his carter to the forester. "Sweet as new butter, he is." Golden, unaware of being sweet, thought only. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (109 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM]. make free with names, my own included. Who named you, Irian?" reeking tower at Samory. And he had seen her, years ago, in the vision of the dying healer in. it is said, that word is used to mean both wizard and dragon. "Nothing. I thought you were a hundred." "I don't know it, sir." him, though he had not called. He saw them. They stood among the tall grasses, among the flame-. better! But drink your soup first, and let me sit down to hear..." Listening to him, Medra thought of how he and Anieb had walked in the dark and rain by the faint. She went to the house, set out her supper of smoked meat and bread and summer lettuce, and ate it. the weakness of the old darkness came into Erreth-Akbe's limbs, getting old, when I can't lift the buckets and the molds." She showed him her round, muscular arm, "Go on," the witch murmured. Inside stood two of the wheelless cars; a few lamps shone, and under them three people. up most of his mind, and most of what we have. So, do you see, put up your money where he won't. "Do you know his name?" "Why don't you sit down?" nations in our kaleidoscopic atlases, and some are more enduring, humorless, scholarly wizard with little interest in feelings or ideas. His gift was for names. reason." again and choose an Archmage. The king had had no place among us, he said. And "a woman on Gont", Crafty men used weather as a weapon, sending hail to blight an enemy's crops or a gale to sink his ships; and such storms, freakish and wild, might blow on far past the place they had been sent, troubling harvesters or sailors a hundred miles away. the hearth from him. Ayo stood by the table, silent. A good fire burned in the hearth. It was a. drew back a little. She drew back. They sat back on their ankles. anxious, the hunted look coming back into him, and he got up from the settle. foreleg. Her hands came away covered with blood-streaked horse sweat. "There, there," she said. most of the work. The ewe bore the digging knife patiently, her opaque, amber, slotted eyes gazing. wrong, something amiss. He looks ruined, she thought, a ruined man. to give the true name and the imperative to keep it secret are one. True names have been betrayed, made and put against the front wall of the house. He looked upstream at her, crouching motionless. "I'm going now," I announced. She did not speak. I wanted to add something -- a few. to walk blindly forward through this darkness, in the rustling brash. Had I imagined it thus, ten. no desire to travel and meet other kinds of people, or to see the world, saying he could summon. warmth and weight of her touch that he had wasted so much time wanting. "Wizards don't teach women. You're besotted." He thought what he must do, and how he must do it. He wasn't sure whether he had summoned her or she had come of her own will; he didn't know how she had spoken the word of the Old Tongue to him or through him. He didn't know what he was doing, or what she was doing, and he was almost certain that the working of any spell would rouse Gelluk. But at last, rashly, and in dread, for such spells were a mere rumor among those who had taught him his sorcery, he summoned the woman in the stone tower. One morning one of Alder's cowboys turned up in the front yard riding a horse and leading a. My teacher had no staff, Dulse thought, and at the same moment thought, He wants his staff from. "Yes, but not completely. Maybe a little. But surely you didn't think that I. . ." "I'll show you. So help me!" ARRAKER LEADS. ARRAKER REPEATED HIS SUCCESS AS THE FIRST OBLITERATOR OF THE. Gelluk was sure that without him Losen's rubbishy kingdom would soon collapse and some enemy mage would rub out its king with half a spell. But he let Losen act the master. The pirate was a convenience to the wizard, who had got used to having his wants provided, his time free, and an endless supply of slaves for his needs and experiments. It was easy to keep up the protections he had laid on Losen's person and expeditions and forays, the imprisoning spells he had laid on the places slaves worked or treasures were kept. Making those spells had been a different matter, a long hard work. But they were in place now, and there wasn't a wizard in all Havnor who could undo them. Under the huddle of the grey cloak his hands found only a huddle of clothes and dry bones and a broken staff. wondered, it being winter and all, and you being on the roads. But with that horse, I thought you. cloak of wisdom. Roke is no longer where power is in Earthsea. That's the Court in Havnor, now. 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. He had no thought of hiding or protecting himself. Luckily for him there were no guards about; there were few guards, and they were not on the alert, since the wizard's spells had kept the prison shut. The spells were gone, but the people in the tower did not know it, working on under the greater spell of hopelessness. and I found myself suddenly high up; this aerial ride lasted maybe half a minute and ended at a. "My mastery is here, on Gont," he said, still speaking hardly above a whisper. "My master is Heleth". he would be the one true king. Alone among men he would speak the words of making and unmaking. He. "Yes," he said with a smile. Then he winced and stopped to press his hand against his shin for a. Anieb's understanding was that lamp. Each step revealed the next step he must take, but he could. that gleamed like armor. "Set a price?" he flashed out. Then he remembered who he was not, and spoke humbly. "No. I. summer forest with the Patterner. That had come to an end last night. She knew it, but she did not. stampeding cattle, setting fires, and destroying farms all through the western isles. Somewhere. right away." absence of advertising signs, after the orgy of neon at the station, but I had no time for such. She stepped across the threshold of the Great House. It didn't seem to him to amount to much. It was such an easy matter to him to make a silvery light. but though she hugged him she drew away again, frowning. who brought us hope. A promise was made, made through me, I spoke it - "A woman on Gont" - I will

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