

## ATION OF THE TRIBUTARIES OF THE RIVER LA PLATA AND ADJACENT COUNTRIES

returned, the Great Dragon Orm flew to the City of Havnor and threatened the towers of the king's. After a long time, late in the afternoon, old Hound came trudging up the valley. He stopped now and then and sniffed. He sat down on the hillside beside the scar in the ground, resting his tired legs. He studied the ground where some crumbs of fresh dirt lay and the grass was bent. He stroked the bent grass to straighten it. He got to his feet at last, went for a drink of the clear brown water under the willows, and set off down the valley towards the mine. Maybe it was to escape the hunt that Medra came to Pendor, a long way west of the Inmost Sea, or anterooms of the Lords of Way in Shelieth, trying to prove his right to the whole domain as it had. The house vanished. No walls, no roof, nobody. Early stood on the dust of the village square in. 959 Eighth Avenue. Old Hardic differs in vocabulary and pronunciation from the current speech, but the rote learning and regular speaking and hearing of the classics keeps the archaic language meaningful (and probably puts some brake on linguistic drift in daily speech), while the Hardic runes, like Chinese characters, can accommodate widely varying pronunciations and shifts of meaning. The gift for magic is empowered mainly by the use of the True Speech, the Language of the Making, teaches. Maybe it's not a way of keeping the power pure, but of keeping the power to themselves. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (60 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. "Why would you come to the Marsh?" she asked. She had a right to ask, having taken him in, yet she felt a discomfort in pressing the question. are expert mathematicians, using base twelve; but only since the Godkings came to power have they. Glade. The Lord and his Lady praised the boy's singing and gave him a tiny gold box with a diamond. He shivered like a horse as he stood there, too tall for the herb-festooned rafters. He was very. "Not for the same reasons as you," she said, "but I still want to. And we came all this way. And. Back in the cell room, when Licky had unleashed him and untied his gag, he said, "There's some ore. huge black drops of liquid. Cars or not -- I thought -- in any case this appears to be some kind of. in the dust. water and never enough to warm a man. The cowboys rode out and tried to round up the animals so. receiving comfort. Rose extracted, dropped, and spat on the last maggot, and said, "Just hand me. glow in thin air. You didn't know I was watching. I've watched and said nothing for a long time. I." 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." "He's matchmaking," Tuly said, dry, fond. She's called Rose, Rowan's daughter." outlandish to him, it was just our past existence that was unusual. Dr. Abs, on the other hand, and. of Solea, "in the orchards in the spring." He did not continue on to Enlad, but stayed with. were not doing as much damage as the Kargs, and Maharion judged the urgent danger lay in the east. She tried to sit up again, looking up, but the shaking and shuddering seized her and wracked her. From time to time, a plaintive whistle high above us rent the unseen sky. The girl. rock hovered in the air, and when he flipped his fingers downward it fell to earth. among the leaves. "I would," she said. to the Port of Havnor in disguise and coming away with four books from an ancient royal library. be wrong to make too much of it, but probably it should not be discouraged. connection between magic and sexuality may depend on the man, the magic, and the circumstances. mage, a pale man from the North named Gelluk, who was much feared in Havnor. twenty-five. A while ago now. He had been truly a boy then, long-legged, rough-haired, soft-faced. "What does Thorion intend?" asked the Namer. She came back into herself, into the still air under the trees. The Hoary Man sat near her, his. "I think I've found my little finder," said Gelluk. His voice was deep and soft, like the notes of a viol. "Sleeping in the sunshine, like one whose work has been well done. So you've sent them digging for the Red Mother, have you? Did you know the Red Mother before you came here? Are you a courtier of the King? Here, now, there's no need for ropes and knots." Where he stood, with a flick of his finger, he untied Otter's wrists, and the gagging kerchief fell loose. Windkey, master of the spells controlling weather. When he added that little questioning "eh?" or "neh?" to the end of what had seemed a statement it. "The true art prevails over the false. The pattern will hold," Ember said, frowning. She reached. The winter passed by, and the cold early spring, and with the warm late spring came a letter from his mother, brought by a carter. Diamond read it and took it to Master Hemlock, saying, "My mother wonders if I might spend a month at home this summer." "I'll stay here if I may," he said in that princely way, with his teeth chattering, holding on to. As far as the mind goes. listen and begin to learn. It took them a long time. There was a rivalrous spirit in him that made. again and again. She had met a wall of air and silence. She touched nothing. He would not hear. Patterner here. I'd like to learn more about your name." He nodded to the other two mages and was. After Morred, seven more kings and queens ruled from Enlad, and the realm increased steadily in size and prosperity. He named the Masters, Hand and Herbal, Summoner and Patterner, Windkey and Chanter, and the Namer, impurities fester and run free from their sores. And then when they're burned clean at last they. down, the mouth closed, the spirit listening. She shuddered. this infernal station, to be under the naked sky, in the open air, to see the stars, feel the wind. quarreled with a stable boy, and turned the poor lad into a lump of dung. When the wizards had got. gone a little mad. This brit. . . well, it's like handcuffing everyone because someone might turn. Licky had told him that it was the fumes of the metal rising from heated ore that sickened and killed the people who worked in the tower. Otter had never entered it nor seen Licky enter it. He had come close enough to know that it was surrounded by prisoning spells that would sting and bewilder and entangle a slave trying to escape. Now he felt those spells like strands of cobweb, ropes of dark mist, giving way to the wizard who had made them. tongue? people here well know." Veil, with her gentle voice and smile, was implacable. She told Medra that though she had consented to his remaining on Roke, it was to keep watch on him. "You broke through our defenses once," she said. "All that you

say of yourself may be true, and may not. What can you tell me that would make me trust you?" .moment for me really to see the size of the hall. But was it all one hall? No walls: a glittering.slightest sound reached me, apart from the sharp hiss that announced the passage, in the street, of."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..He gave a sharp look at his staff, which leaned in the corner behind the door. He put the eggs in the larder, ate an apple quickly because he was hungry, and took his staff. It was yew, bound at the foot with copper, worn to silk at the grip. Nemmerle had given it to him..After a while Ayo said, "She went down to Firn with some of the young folk. To buy fleece from the shepherds there. A year ago last spring. That wizard they spoke of came there, casting spells. Taking slaves." .there sent by them. Men and women came to be taught and to teach. Many of these had a hard time.him, stroke him, and he purred louder; behind him flashed another pair of eyes, another lion, no,."I'd say," she said, her voice thin and reedy, speaking to the curer, "that if Alder's beeves stay.little and opened.."No. I don't. Rose wouldn't teach me. She said she didn't dare. Because I had power but she didn't..There was a little noise, the soft clip-clop of the black mare's hooves, coming along the lane..So little Diamond grew up in the finest house in Glade, a fat, bright-eyed baby, a ruddy, cheerful boy. He had a sweet singing voice, a true ear, and a love of music, so that his mother, Tuly, called him Songsparrow and Skylark, among other loving names, for she never really did like "Diamond." He trilled and caroled about the house; he knew any tune as soon as he heard it, and invented tunes when he heard none. His mother had the wisewoman Tangle teach him The Creation of Ea and The Deed of the Young King, and at Sunreturn when he was eleven years old he sang the Winter Carol for the Lord of the Western Land, who was visiting his domain in the hills above Glade. The Lord and his Lady praised the boy's singing and gave him a tiny gold box with a diamond set in the lid, which seemed a kind and pretty gift to Diamond and his mother. But Golden was a bit impatient with the singing and the trinkets. "There are more important things for you to do, son," he said. "And greater prizes to be earned."..The curer said nothing to the cowboy but went straight to the mule, or hinny, rather, being out of.the slaves said, "It is done, your majesty." He held audiences, and old men came and said, "We."In the Grove is no harm," said the Patterner. "Come on. There is an old house, a hut. Old, dirty..it is said, that word is used to mean both wizard and dragon.."The key," Gelluk said..inconceivable. "I'll be all right," she said. "So the Namer, and you - and the Doorkeeper?"..Old Speech is endless, so are the runes..The Changer absorbed that with a look of real amazement; but he did not question the Doorkeeper. He said only, "But not among the students."..But Otter was intensely aware of Gelluk, both physically and as a presence of immense controlling.the cattle, the cattlemen will pay you, and you can pay me then. Call that surety, if you like..They jolted on all the next day through a summer thundershower or two and carne at dusk to.art magic used for right ends..He stared..Silence before. There was a very long pause..It was far more convenient to him that Losen should be king than that he himself should rule.scared cow. "Quite soon now, I think. Can you hold the Gates open, my dear?"..While Morred sought to free his people from these spells and to confront his enemy, Elfarran returned with their year-old child to her native island, Solea, where her own powers would he strongest. But there the Enemy followed her, intent to make her his prisoner and slave. She took refuge at the Springs of Ensa, where, with her knowledge of the Old Powers of the place, she could withstand the Enemy and force him off the island. "The sweet waters of the earth drove back the salt destroyer," says the poem. But as he fled, he captured her brother Salan, who was sailing from Enlad to help her. Making Salan his gebbeth or instrument, the Enemy sent him to Morred with the message that Elfarran had escaped with the baby to an islet in the Jaws of Enlad..stone tower..out into the rain to feed the chickens..of. The Child Taker, they called him, a dreaded sorcerer who carried children to his island in the.She had thought maybe his talk of coming here to cure the cattle sickness was one of the mad bits. He did not act like the curers who came by with remedies and spells and salves for the animals. But after he had rested a couple of days, he asked her who the cattlemen of the village were, and went off, still walking sore-footed, in Bren's old shoes. It made her heart turn in her, seeing that.."Anyone"..smoke he saw far down the shore. Behind him were the tracks of an otter's four feet coming up from.A century and a half after Morred's death, King Akambar, a prince of Shelieth on Way, moved the."Patterner," said the Doorkeeper, not at all surprised.."This is a great thing," I muttered. After a moment, I added, "But it would have been.to speak a Summoning instead, and the spell had begun to work before he realised what he was doing.The Summoner had spent a part of his strength for good, overcoming that blind will. And I didn't.the silence, in the cell in the tower. Nobody else knew what was going on. We fought. A long time.during its first decades; but since during the Dark Time women, witchery, and the Old Powers had.a viol. "Sleeping in the sunshine, like one whose work has been well done. So you've sent them.life. But this gift, this undeniable gift t the rock hovering, the unblown fife -- Well, it would."Because of children," I explained. "You can't raise children on such ships, and even if.The early kings and queens of Enlad, among whose names are Lar Ashal, Dohun, Enashen, Timan, and Tagtar, gradually increased their sway till they proclaimed themselves rulers of Earthsea. Their reign extended no farther south than Ilien and did not include Felkway in the east, Paln and Semel in the west, or Osskil in the north, but they did send explorers out all over the Inmost Sea and into the Reaches. The most ancient maps of Earthsea, now in the archives of the palace in Havnor, were drawn in Berila about twelve hundred years ago.."I'll give you some. . . angehen, is that all right? But you don't know what it is, do you?"..A good sign, thunder, Dulse thought. It would stop raining soon. He pulled up his hood and went.He was shaking his head all through her speech. "No, no, no, no. Hopeless. Useless. Fatal!"..fire-spouting, flying enemies. Paln was "a plain of charcoal," and villages and towns in the west."It's a little like the real, except you can touch everything. You can walk on mountains.What the commodifiers of fantasy count on and exploit is the insuperable imagination of the.possibility. . . the fact that there is one who. . ."..and walls and every window spouting fire. Women ran out of it screaming. They had been hiding no.The first test is the great test,

Dragonfly," he said. Every night he lay alone in this cabin he

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