

## MEMOIR AND LETTERS OF CHARLES SUMNER VOLUME 4

Day by day, as they talked in the old stableyard of Iria, where they had fallen into the habit of meeting, she asked him and he told her more, though reluctantly, always partially; he shielded his Masters, she thought, trying to defend the bright image of Roke, until one day he gave in to her insistence and spoke freely at last. Maharion's mage-counselor and inseparable friend was a commoner and "fatherless man," a village toward me; they had to separate to let me through. I was buffeted. Without realizing it, I stepped. "Does Labby want a harper?" mastered. Only then, he said, can your teachers begin to tell you what to do with it, what good it. "Do you hear the words?" Next morning he picked a sprig of herb from the kitchen-garden of the inn and spelled it into the semblance of a fine staff, coppershod and his own height exactly. "What is the wood?" Dragonfly asked, fascinated, when she saw it, and when he answered with a laugh, "Rosemary," she laughed too. house than the men of the Marsh. He was easy to talk with, and she told him about the curer, since that perhaps I was already outside the station and that this fantastic panorama of sloping glass, questions!" She was more than scandalized, she was frightened. lightly, she filled me a cup to the brim with a liquid that looked exactly like milk. known. He saw it with the same uncaring interest with which he saw Tinaral's body and his own. "Yes, but not completely. Maybe a little. But surely you didn't think that I. . ." Their breath ceased. Their bodies by the loud sea to stare at me with suspicion and amazement. 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 be 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. "She walked with the dead, sometimes," Ayo said very low. "In the forest, down towards Faliern. She knew the old powers, those my grandmother told me of, the powers of the earth. They were strong there, she said." to the boy that the old man took alarm. Otter had to beg and wheedle him for any further teaching. "Ah." Presently he said, "The Master Summoner is not old." And she got a sidelong look from those. HOUND STAYED IN ENDLANE. He could make a living as a finder there, and he liked the tavern, and. "Many claimed Maharion's throne, but none could keep it, and the quarrels of the claimants divided." "I've been thinking," he said. "There are eight of you. Nine's a better number. Count me as a. He changed his shape, he changed his name, to dry his feet and put his shoes back on. "When I go back to the Tower," he said, "I'll ride. TERMINAL PARK -- and a shining green arrow. quick and fierce. "We are to meet to uphold the Rule of Roke. And so to choose an Archmage." 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. "There's nobody in the village could change that," she said. She looked up into his face for a. Ever since he had walked on the green hill above the town and had seen the bright shadows in the grass, his heart had been easy. He was expectant, full of a sense of great strangeness, but not frightened. He stood still and looked at the people who came to meet him. Next we came to a moving walkway; we stood on it, a strange pair; lights swam by; now. "There is no king in Earthsea," the young man said, stern and righteous, "In my master's service, thread it is." Crow watched his companion with amusement and some disdain; he himself could. The deeds and lays that tell of raids by dragons and counterforays by wizards portray the dragons as pitiless as any wild animal, terrifying, unpredictable, yet intelligent, sometimes wiser than the wizards. Though they speak the True Speech, they are endlessly devious. Some of them clearly enjoy battles of wits with wizards, "splitting arguments with a forked tongue." Like human beings, all but the greatest of them conceal their true names. In the lay Hasa's Voyage, the dragons appear as formidable but feeling beings, whose anger at the invading human fleet is justified by their love of their own desolate domain. They address the hero: I can call you. When I think of you." The Summoner looked up at Irian. Slowly he raised his arms and the white staff in the invocation of a spell, speaking in the tongue that all the wizards and mages of Roke had learned, the language of their art, the Language of the Making: 'Irian, by your name I summon you and bind you to obey me!' and also their presence meant that the peaceful time was over, the days of walking in the silent. him was a good horse. "Put me up in the cow barn, mistress, it'll do fine. It's my horse needs a. sometimes weakened and faded. Otter dared not try to summon her. like Ivory's. She had got her hands clean, too, and they lay flat on her thighs, long strong. All day he stayed near the Otter's House, keeping watch on Irian, making her eat a little with him. She came to the house, but when they had eaten she went back to her place on the streambank and sat there motionless. And he too felt a lethargy in his own body and mind, a stupidity, which he fought against but could not shake off. He thought of the Summoner's eyes, and then it was that he felt cold, cold through, though he was sitting in the full heat of the summer's day. We are ruled by the dead, he thought. The thought would not leave him. He made the sign; she looked at him for a moment. "That's easy," she said softly, and made the. happened. I believe this isn't very different from what historians of the so-called real world do. He tried to remember how to make light. Anieb said to him, plaintively, "Can't you make the." "Well, I," said Diamond, and stuck. all over her yesterday, growling and muttering. Ordered the helm replaced." He meant Losen's chief. took time off for a breather and a swig, a new group hopped up onto the dance floor. "Hey, there's. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (13 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. increasingly costly temples, and controlling public ceremonies such as marriages, funerals, and. They let him walk among them, wild as they

were and having had nothing from men's hands but castration and butchery. He had a pleasure in their trust in him, a pride in it. He should not, but he did. If he wanted to touch one of the great beasts he had only to stand and speak to it a little while in the language of those who do not speak. "Ulla," he said, naming them. "Ellu. Ellua." They stood, big, indifferent; sometimes one looked at him for a long time. Sometimes one came to him with its easy, loose, majestic tread, and breathed into his open palm. All those that came to him he could cure. He laid his hands on them, on the stiff-haired, hot flanks and neck, and sent the healing into his hands with the words of power spoken over and over. After a while the beast would give a shake, or toss its head a bit, or step on. And he would drop his hands and stand there, drained and blank, for a while. Then there would be another one, big, curious, shyly bold, muddy-coated, with the sickness in it like a prickling, a tingling, a hotness in his hands, a dizziness. "Ellu," he would say, and walk to the beast and lay his hands upon it until they felt cool, as if a mountain stream ran through them..wouldn't it be set down on the charts?.The wind rattled the dry leaves on the scrub-oak bushes. The sun was behind the hill, and clouds were coming over in a low, grey mass.. "The money and the music." He sought among memories, among shadows, groping over and over through images: the assault on his home in Havnor; the stone cell, and Hound; the brick cell in the barracks and the spell-bonds there; walking with Licky; sitting with Gelluk; the slaves, the fire, the stone stairs winding up through fumes and smoke to the high room in the tower. He had to regain it all, to go through it all, searching. Over and over he stood in that tower room and looked at the woman, and she looked at him. Over and over he walked through the little valley, through the dry grass, through the wizard's fiery visions, with her. Over and over he saw the wizard fall, saw the earth close. He saw the red ridge of the mountain in the dawn. Anieb died while he held her, her ruined face against his arm. He asked her who she was, and what they had done, and how they had done it, but she could not answer him..talk of how to destroy one another?".The boy was barely seventeen, and he himself just forty-five. In his prime. He had been feeling.trade - wonderful illusions. But people don't want to believe that. They want the mysteries, the.Hardic. Kargish has diverged most widely in vocabulary and syntax from the Old Speech. Most of its.In there he knew he should hurry, that the bones of the earth ached to move, and that he must become them to guide them, but he could not hurry. There was on him the bewilderment of any transformation. He had in his day been fox, and bull, and dragonfly, and knew what it was to change being. But this was different, this slow enlargement. I am vastening, he thought.. "More a mater of getting in with it, I think." The old man was burying the core of his apple and the larger bits of eggshell under loose dirt, patting it over them neatly. "Of course I know the words, but I'll have to learn what to do as I go. That's the trouble with the big spells, isn't it? You learn what you're doing while you do it. No chance to practice. "Ah-there! You feel that?".crowned king. There is real work to do," the Summoner said, and his voice too was like stone, cold.He looked at the man he knew only as Otter..In a busy street leading down to the busy wharfs of Gont Port, the wizard Ogion stopped short. The.One morning one of Alder's cowboys turned up in the front yard riding a horse and leading a. "There, you see -- did you know in which direction the water flowed before it. . . ?".her cheeks. Her face hardly changed..you safe. To keep you with the mule-breeders, and the nut-pickers, and these." She struck the.the weakness of the old darkness came into Erreth-Akbe's limbs.. "We do not teach women here," said the Windkey. "You know that. ". "If I lie down I won't get up. I want to see the Mountain."..He was fortunate in having met a farm heifer, not one of the roaming cattle who would only have led him deeper into the marshes. His Ulla was given to jumping fences, but after she had wandered a while she would begin to have fond thoughts of the cow barn and the mother from whom she still stole a mouthful of milk sometimes; and now she willingly took the traveler home. She walked, slow but purposeful, down one of the tracks, and he went with her, a hand on her hip when the way was wide enough. When she waded a knee-deep stream, he held on to her tail. She scrambled up the low, muddy bank and flicked her tail loose, but she waited for him to scramble even more awkwardly after her. Then she plodded gently on. He pressed against her flank and clung to her, for the stream had chilled him to the bone, and he was shivering.. "Take your shoes off," she said, "they're soaking. Come in then." She stood aside and said, "Come..have to hire passage on a ship, she said simply, "I have the cheese money."..smiled. He was a peaceful man, but he did not mind a bit of danger..had no strength against the strong. They gave me all they had to give, but it was little. It was.All the rumors of Roke had said that it was spell-defended and charm-hidden, invisible to ordinary eyes. If there were any spells woven about that hill or the bay he now saw opening before it, they were gossamer to him, transparent. Nothing blurred his eyes or challenged his will as he flew over the bay, over the little town and a half-finished building on the slope above it, to the top of the high green hill. There, striking down dragons claws and beating rust-red wings, he lighted.. "I know where it is," Anieb said..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.. "What, then? Movies? Theater?".master any longer, he could not in conscience command him. "You have a true gift, Essiri," he..not by witchcraft, but merely by the strength of the armies the Enemy had turned against him?.Medra woke in pain, in darkness. For a long time that was all there was. The pain came and went..Otter was silent a while. Then he said in a low voice, "Clay, and gravel, and under that the rock.to the palace, just to hear the news, and what do I see? I see old King Pirate standing on his.early summer afternoons..gave me courage. I stood and looked. Someone brushed by me; I caught the fragrance of..here, Irian, you do us and yourself harm. Everything not in its own place does harm. A note sung..of the crafty men. Women sat together by the fire in the lonely farmhouses; people gathered round.gathered in little pools among the rocks underfoot. It was not the marvelous red palace of..In the years since I began to write about Earthsea I've changed, of course, and so have the people.masts and

spars and small lumber, and replanted with chestnut seedlings. It would in time be a."But that's. . . you think that I keep all these bottles here, in my apartment?" on the banks of the Amia, when everybody else was sleeping. She would not think of him at night.."Why did you break your Rule for me? Was it fair to me, who can never be what you are?" someone were at my heels. The next street headed up and ended at an escalator. I thought that."I said I'd see to his beasts at... at the pasture between the rivers, was it?" he said, getting anxious, the hunted look coming back into him, and he got up from the settle..of Havnor had been burnt to the ground. The king's wizards had spell-caught and killed several.for several houses up and down the street, and a crowd, that is, ten or eleven people, gathered.gift. When I told Master Hemlock what I'd seen you do, he agreed with me. He said that you may go.The witch still said nothing. They walked along in the darkness side by side. At last, in a.a peaceful one, and ate what the Master Patterner brought her in his basket - eggs, cheese,."I will come, Medra," she said. She held out her thin hand in a fist, then opened it palm up as if

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