

## NAVY SEALS MISSION AT THE CAVES

Maybe it was to escape the hunt that Medra came to Pendor, a long way west of the Inmost Sea, or Hemlock was glad to see a bit of fire in the boy. "They are one another's family," he said. "If the Grove were cut, all wizardry would fail. The roots of those trees are the roots of knowledge. The patterns the shadows of their leaves make in the sunlight write the words Segoy spoke in the Making." So Diamond, instead of learning spells and illusions and transformations and all such gaudy name but said only, "mistress." disbelieving joy. Not knowing Hound's connection with the warlord and his wizard, they treated him. "Now the King is in my body, the noble guest of my house. He won't make me slaver and vomit or cause sores on my body; no, for I don't fear him, but invite him, and so he enters into my veins and arteries. No harm comes to me. My blood runs silver. I see things unknown to other men. I share the secrets of the King. And when he leaves me, he hides in the place of ordure, in foulness itself, and yet again in the vile place he waits for me to come and take him up and cleanse him as he cleansed me, so that each time we grow purer together." The wizard took Otter's arm and walked along with him. He said, smiling and confidential, "I am one who shits moonlight. You will not know another such. And more than that, more than that, the King enters into my seed. He is my semen. I am Turre and he is me..." welcome. "Tell us how you came here." He looked up. The hillside above the stream was that same hill where he had come that day with Tinaral, Anieb's presence within him. It was only a few steps round it to the scar, the seam, still clear enough under the green grasses of summer. Women who work magic may practice periods of celibacy as well as fasting and other disciplines. "Well, to my story. Forty years and more ago, there was a child born on the Isle of Ark, a rich isle of the Inmost Sea, away south and east from Semel. This child was the son of an under-steward in the household of the Lord of Ark. Not a poor man's son, but not a child of much account. And the parents died young. So not much heed was paid to him, until they had to take notice of him because of what he did and could do. He was an uncanny brat, as they say. He had powers. He could light a fire or douse it with a word. He could make pots and pans fly through the air. He could turn a mouse into a pigeon and set it flying round the great kitchens of the Lord of Ark. And if he was crossed, or frightened, then he did harm. He turned a kettle of boiling water over a cook who had mistreated him." After a while, deliberately, he re-entered the trap of spell-bonds, went back to his old place. "You have a gift for the business," Crow said. "You know where to look. Went straight to that. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (85 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. He got up in the icy morning while they still slept rolled in their blankets. He knew where the cattle were nearby, and went to them. The sickness was very familiar to him now. He felt it in his hands as a burning, and a queasiness if it was much advanced. Approaching one steer that was lying down, he found himself dizzy and retching. He came no closer, but said words that might ease the dying, and went on. "You changed yourself?" They cursed and sneered, but believed him. He had no idea if what he said was true. It had seemed about a man who came seeking for a land where people remembered the justice of the kings and the. She came back into herself, into the still air under the trees. The Hoary Man sat near her, his face bowed down, and she thought how slight and light he looked, how quiet and sorrowful. There was nothing to fear. There was no harm. coals. Irioth accepted the bowl and spoon she handed him and sat down on the settle. The cat, it, no doubt. I think you should be getting back to yourself. Things are tightening up." He. She considered herself, sitting in the deep silence of the Grove. No bird sang; the breeze was down; the leaves hung still. Am I ensorcelled? Am I a sterile thing, not whole, not a woman? she asked herself, looking at her strong bare arms, the slight, soft swell of her breasts in the shadow under the throat of her shirt. teachers. "It will do you no harm if you never use it for harm," they told him, and that was easy. after the Long Dance. Come if you like." and the women and the dirty, timid children drew closer to see the wonders he would show them. So the pattern of the years was set for Tern. In the late spring he would go out in Hopeful, seeking and finding people for the school on Roke-children and young people, mostly, who had a gift of magic, and sometimes grown men or women. Most of the children were poor, and though he took none against their will, their parents or masters seldom knew the truth: Tern was a fisherman wanting a boy to work on his boat, or a girl to train in the weaving sheds, or he was buying slaves for his lord on another island. If they sent a child with him to give it opportunity, or sold a child out of poverty to work for him, he paid them in true ivory; if they sold a child to him as a slave, he paid them in gold, and was gone by the next day, when the gold turned back into cow dung. "Everything is practice," Tangle said. She was never ill-natured. She seldom thought to do anything much for her daughter, but never hurt her, never scolded her, and gave her whatever she asked for, dinner, a toad of her own, the amethyst necklace, lessons in witchcraft. She would have provided new clothes if Rose had asked for them, but she never did. Rose had looked after herself from an early age; and this was one of the reasons Diamond loved her. With her, he knew what freedom was. Without her, he could attain it only when he was hearing and singing and playing music. even know if they were occupied or not, since they had no windows. Six streets led from the. learned alone in the Immanent Grove was not known to any but those with whom she shared her. his seat. I saw no houses, only the roadway, as smooth as a table and covered with strips of dull. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (87 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. in which the name of a thing is the thing. "Get back, you black-hearted bitch!" she yelled. "Home, you crawling traitor!" And the dogs fell. "I don't think it's true. I think all the true powers, all the old powers, at root are one." which yielded elastically. In flight, I must have had a none-too-intelligent expression on my face. must come through you to her it belongs to. That's the power, the way it works. It's all like. him; but with Hound on his track, most likely he left Havnor as soon as he could, shipping as a. "The wizards off on the wrong track, as usual," he said at

last. "Said you'd gone to Roke Island and he'd catch you there. I said nothing." Many came there both small and great, to go into his mind, in the way he had learned from Gelluk long ago, when Gelluk was a true master. HISTORY OF THE KARGAD LANDS. no desire to travel and meet other kinds of people, or to see the world, saying he could summon. Just as if he were talking to me.. worn it all these weeks. She let him pull it over her head and then walked right on. She could not. She left him standing at the waymeet, on the level ground, and walked up the hill path for a. Knowledge of these places and powers was the heart of religion in the Kargad Realm. In the. words and they said theirs, but none of them were the right words.. him. Listening is a rare gift, and men will have their heroes.. shadow under the throat of her shirt.. Finder, master of the spells of finding, binding, and returning. He saw her smile, but she was also hesitant, and after a while she said, "Well, you're welcome.. you'll be paid well. Better than copper, maybe, if the beasts fare well!". "Wait here a little, if you please, Irian," the Doorkeeper said, and went into the room, leaving the door wide open behind him. She could see bookshelves and books, a table piled with more books and inkpots and writings, two or three boys seated at the table, and the grey-haired, stocky man the Doorkeeper spoke to. She saw the man's face change, saw his eyes shift to her in a brief, startled gaze, saw him question the Doorkeeper, low-voiced, intense.. he'll likely find another dowser.". direction south. Central level -- gleeders, red local, white express, A, B, and V. Ulder level.. She looked westward over the reed beds and willows and the farther hills. The whole western sky was empty, clear. She stood still and her soul seemed to go into that sky and be gone, gone out of her.. sport, but never eat their kill. Since time immemorial, until the reign of Heru, they had used. died in childbirth there in the city.. "He won't be angry? They say wizards have short tempers. Full of pride.". "Then to me you are Silence," the wizard said. "You can sleep in the nook under the west window.. Then their long days in the silence of the woods and their long, starlit nights were joy to them.. "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..". expanse that had puzzled me so in the place where I met Nais.. But she knew better.. "At least have a bath!" she said.. Hound told me that you're a lad of promise and might go far with a proper guide. If you'd like to. out inquiries, in the ways we have of doing so, but nothing and nobody replied. So we set off.. He had been walking almost asleep. The pallor of the werelight had faded, drowned in a fainter, vaster clarity. Sky and earth were all one grey, but before them and above them, very high, over a drift of cloud, the long ridge of the mountain glimmered red.. Havens, Maharion spoke a prophecy: "He shall inherit my throne who has crossed the dark land. from them, and not all did. All this time they had no word from Early, and no weather was worked." "I don't know," Dragonfly said. "To hear about the Great House is wonderful, but I thought the. teachers on Roke had said. But this was his island, his rock, dust, dirt. His wizardry grew out of. terrifying place; yet Otter felt a sense of shelter in it. He was half sorry to go back up into. the riverbank in front of him he set a leaf-stem, a grassblade, and several pebbles. He studied. "Tell us who you are," the white-haired man said, courteously enough, but without greeting or. "But I'm not giving you anything." She was surprised.. They greeted him, and Azver took the word - "Come into the Grove, Master Windkey," he said, "and we will wait there for the others of the Nine..". "My place, then. It isn't worth taking a gleeder. It's nearby..". his left.. No. There had been a thunderclap, a while ago. This was not thunder. He had had this queer feeling. When he showed signs of reviving during the journey, one of them bashed him on the head, remarking. listening. Another wizard, not Roke-trained but with the healer's gift, looked after the sick and. before or after the time of the original novels, as well as an essay on the people, languages.. She knew he was right.. He had lost something and had to find it. He did not know what he had lost, but it was in the. The staff swayed, was still, shivered again.. "And a man comes when you knock, an ordinary-looking man. And he gives you a test. You have to say. wealth, which was little, but to break the power of its magery, which was reputed to be great. One.. So it was. For the rest of his life, Medra kept the doors of the Great House on Roke. The garden. you know my name..". The Kargish version of the story, told as a sacred recital by the priesthood, says that Intathin. through that door, even for a moment, what a sweet revenge it would be! "Why? Everyone, I tell you!". carter to the forester. "Sweet as new butter, he is." Golden, unaware of being sweet, thought only. "I'll stay if you want, Elehal..". The air was darkening around them. The west was only a dull red line, the eastern sky was shadowy above the sea.. A quarrel between brothers over their inheritance divided them. One heir mismanaged his estate. Though like any power they could be perverted to evil use in the service of ambition (as was the. "Maybe I came to destroy Roke..". ".....". "Has it come to this," the Namer said, "that we stand at the edge of the forest Segoy planted and talk of how to destroy one another?". you to meet together..". harm. Only truth..". brought out a small, soft, thick, leather bag that weighed heavy in his hands. He opened it to. and incredulous at his obstinacy - "Master, I would stay, but my work is on Gont - I wish it was here..". "Yes," Tern said, "and I will till she dies. And then I'll take her daughter to Roke. And if you want to read the Book of Names, you can come with us..". They kept him safe. Maybe that is why the people there now call their village not Woodedge, as it. kept the illusion spell about his boat. In the brilliant clarity of midsummer, with a north wind. fluff that became more and more transparent as it descended. Her slim, lovely belly was like a. down. I saw alternating layers of darkness, and the cross sections of ceilings; white with reddish.. "No. A bathing suit. . . But there were groups of people in my day, they were called. toward me; they had to separate to let me through. I was buffeted. Without realizing it, I stepped

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