

## THE MAN WITHOUT

You are no child. You have no name." came to him he could cure. He laid his hands on them, on the stiff-haired, hot flanks and neck, Slaves were wearisome with their weakness and trickery and their ugly, sick bodies. Of course entered the tower. curious promenade went on; in the dark passages, the headless silhouettes of women: the fluff. leaves say is change, change... Everything will change but them." He looked up into the trees. The Song of the Young King, sung annually at Sunreturn, the festival of the winter solstice, tells. strange-looking, having pale reddish skin, long pale hair, and narrow eyes the colour of ice. His. work for us they'll kill you," he said. "Losen can't have fellows like you on the loose. You'd. The winter passed by, and the cold early spring, and with the warm late spring came a letter from. formed the mouth of the cave, no bigger than a man or a badger needed to crawl through. He crawled. name? Or a creeping traitorous sorcerous servant of those upstart landgrabbers who stole Westpool. Now, as otter, he was thinking only that he would like to stay otter, be otter, in the sweet brown. 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. Indeed Otter was unsure whether the wizard meant the pirate or the quicksilver, but he risked a guess and made one quick gesture toward the stone tower. The Old Speech, or Language of the Making, with which Segoy created the islands of Earthsea at the beginning of time, is presumably an infinite language, as it names all things. But as he went back up the streets of South Port he lost her. He swore to keep her with him, to think of her, to think of her that night, but she faded away. By the time he opened the door of Master Hemlock's house he was reciting lists of names, or wondering what would be for dinner, for he was hungry most of the time. Not till he could take an hour and run back down to the docks could he think of her. the use of talking about the balance of things? There's no profit in it," they say. No profit! ". which all of them did. "Take your shoes off," she said, "they're soaking. Come in then." She stood aside and said, "Come. continuously by hundreds of feet on the floor above; the all-embracing roar now swelled, now. "Only the Master can open the door. Only the King has the key." "Oh, there," cried the girl, "the rast on the vuk, your rast, you can make it, hurry!". black machines. I took these for cars. But when the two nearest me emerged and, before I had. "He drinks because he drinks," she said. "With some, that's all it is. I'll be in the dairy, now. They came ashore in Ilien for water and food. Setting a host of many hundreds of men on its way so. Brushwood formed a black circle around the lake. I could hear the rustling of rushes and. she flew up the steps and ran clean through the singer -- then hurried on; the one who was. far end of the old workings. There he nodded downward and stamped his foot. hm. They know I love him. As for the ships, some had come back, with the men aboard saying they. Rose.... It doesn't work that way. Things don't mix." system of gigantic hotel lobbies -- teller windows, nickel pipes along the walls, recesses with. life. But this gift, this undeniable gift t the rock hovering, the unblown fife -- Well, it would. Priestkings, In the year 840 of the Archipelagan count, one of the two Priest-kings poisoned the. face bowed down, and she thought how slight and light he looked, how quiet and sorrowful. There. the cheese money. Licky came back to the barracks with them. Gelluk bade Otter goodnight in his soft voice. Licky. He looked at the dark water. It reflected nothing. spreading and wandering, making a marsh of it, a big, desolate, waterland with a far horizon, few. the hill towards him through the long grass. She followed no path, and walked easily, without. looked at the pages. Long, long lists of names and numbers, debts and credits, profits and losses. Morred's people against him. Crying out that their king had betrayed them, the villagers of Enlad. against the house wall, and Azver on the doorstep. man of power is celibate." The four Kargad islands are mostly arid in climate but fertile when watered and cultivated. The Kargs have maintained a society that appears to be little influenced, except negatively, by their far more numerous neighbors to the south and west. "Have you anything to tell me?" Dulse asked them. "We couldn't hide the wrestle we'd had with him, though we said as little about it as we could. And many there said good riddance, for he'd always been half mad, and now was mad entirely. Tawny," Gift said, very earnest. "I know it." "That's the trouble, love," said Tawny. "And you. She nodded shortly, frowning her black brows. girl, my initiation, her fear, the bluish cliff of the Terminal above the black lake, the singer, the. could enchant whole populations, bringing all who heard him under his control. So he turned. masthead, taking in sail at the hint of a west wind. But the wind held steady from the north. A. "You have told me," Veil said. "So. . . how old are you, really?" The Namer nodded. "Once I was on the high slopes," Mead said, "and a spring snowstorm came on me, and I lost my way. She put her hand on his knee. It was the first time she had ever touched him. He endured it, the. another and work together that she was honored as a wise woman on Ark, and now on Roke. She had to be a gift?" would, swum as the otter would swim. But only in his own form could he think as a man, hide. do it, he denied his death. So he denies life." last century of the period, assaults from the Kargs in the east and the dragons in the west became. Wathort. Maybe that man, too, had thought he could do no harm. apart from and often in enmity towards the Archipelagans for two or three millennia. damn; but this was something else. I

looked at her and felt anger growing in me. To grab those.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (58 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].She followed the Doorkeeper down a stone passageway. Only at the end of it did she think to turn back to see the light shine through the thousand leaves of the tree carved in the high door in its bone-white frame..himself. It did not fit him. Nothing about him fit together, made a whole. Yet she felt no.answer his questions about the Grove. But she said nothing, and he was shy and cautious, fearing.One of the gifts of power is to know power. Wizard knows wizard, unless the concealment is very.streamlined table strutting on comically bowed legs; it moved forward, glasses of sparkling."Of me?".accepting their judgment over his own. "Thorion has been much with the other Masters, and with the."What else can you do, Diamond?" he asked..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..He could no longer see the chambers and passages of the cave as he had seen them with the uncaring, disembodied eye. He could see only what the flicker of werelight showed just around him and before him. As when he had gone through the night with Anieb to her death, each step into the dark..There's an old pallet in the woodhouse. Air it. Don't bring mice in with it." And he stalked off.smiled..and peering at the horse's leg, seeing only bright, bloody foam..his own clean comfortable home, even more different from the cold austerity of the wizard's house..he would be the one true king. Alone among men he would speak the words of making and unmaking. He."Worms," said the helmsman, the master's brother. "Catch fish anywhere near Roke, you'll find em.biologist can explain it to you..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...20%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (9 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].fought against the will that would destroy us."..island of Enlad..widely ignored, it led in the long run to a profound, long-lasting loss of knowledge and power.Tuly shared it with him for a long time, since she could see her son only by lying to her husband,.mind. No one, no matter how strong or wise or great, can rightly own and use another.. "She bled again just now, and I couldn't stop it," Dory said. Tears ran out of her eyes and down."Worms," said the helmsman, the master's brother. "Catch fish anywhere near Roke, you'll find em thick with worms as a dead dog on a dunghill."..Her companion pulled at her arm, was saying something to calm her. What was the meaning of.are going to destroy them. A hundred ships will sail from the Great Port, from Omer and South Port.But he quieted down again presently, stroking the grey cat..insistence and spoke freely at last..her smoky orange eyes. "I don't know what came over me the other day. I was angry. But not at you..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (24 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].puffed-out cheeks, playing a flute. It did this so well that I had the impulse to call out to it..Diamond cried, and was carried off in a swirl of young men and women, all laughing and chattering..from me?". "That I don't have. . ." "I think, if you stayed, Heleth, we could talk."..clear moment here and there, though all between those moments is darkness. They are like glimpses.He had given her a little warmth when she was cold. He had nothing else to give her. Where she."To Roke?".declared to be the Empire of the Sky and the Godkings official title was All-Emperor..returned. . . The Prometheus -- my ship -- remained on Luna. I came from there today. That's all." "I don't know exactly. But everyone is betriated. At birth."..the oval openings and brought to mind the open sea. "Don't let that touch me!" Suddenly I found."Why should I do that?".broken staff..Still no one paid attention to them, as if a charm of protection were on them. They walked down.She had no wish to explore for herself. The peacefulness of the place called for stillness.. "He won't," said Irioth..Ayeth's stare grew more insolent as he watched Irioth stammer. He began to say something to San, but Irioth spoke..gift of magic, and sometimes grown men or women. Most of the children were poor, and though he.I took nothing with me, not even a coat. Unnecessary, they said. They let me keep my."No!".They met in the lane under Iria Hill in the dark of night, long after sunset, long before dawn. Rose made a dim glow of werelight so that they could find their way through the marshy ground around the spring without falling in a sinkhole among the reeds. In the cold darkness under a few stars and the black curve of the hill, they stripped and waded into the shallow water, their feet sinking deep in velvet mud. The witch touched the girl's hand, saying, "I take your name, child. You are no child. You have no name."..That's all he really told me, yet," said Dragonfly, coming back to the mild, overcast spring day and the infinite familiarity of the village lane, Rose's front yard, her own seven milch ewes grazing on Iria Hill, the bronze crowns of the oaks. "He's very careful how he talks about the Masters."..Ivory said, "but the only city in the world is Havnor."..balm's just pig fat, I'd swear. Well, so, he says to Otak, you're taking my business. And maybe."Well. . . yes, in a sense, yes. I don't design, I only make. . ." "Imagine that you are doing what I said to you."..This speech, innate to dragons, can be learned by human beings. Some few people are born with an untaught knowledge of at least some words of the Language of the Making. The teaching of it is the heart of the teaching of magic.. "If I told you my name," he said, "my true name-".house. "Let him crawl home to his mother."..pardon," she said..spells to try to defend her husband and brothers, who would not hide but fought the raiders. They."Get the sail down," Medra said, peremptory. The master yawned and cursed and began to shout.and tossed it up in the air, and as he spoke it fluttered about their heads on delicate blue.water was dark, though it lay out under the bright sky and far above the peat soils. Dulse.Six to seven hundred years ago a sky-god religion began to spread across the islands, a.The weather was fair for once: a following wind, a blue sky lively with little white clouds, the mild sunlight of late spring. They made good way from Geath. Late in the afternoon he heard the master say to the helmsman, "Keep her south tonight so we don't raise Roke."..more distracted by whatever it was he sensed in the earth or air, and through him Ogion felt that

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