

TRAIT DE LA LUMI RE

She's called Rose, Rowan's daughter." "I learned about this from Ard," he said, and paused again..summer fruits. "What have you learned?" she asked Medra in her cool, gentle way, and he answered..twitched a little. "Oh," she whispered, "there's your dad."..house than the men of the Marsh. He was easy to talk with, and she told him about the curer, since.Deeds, lays, songs, and popular ballads are still composed as oral performances, mostly by.Diamond met his gaze for a moment, looked down, and said nothing..him, gaining him a place to stand, a foothold. Even with Gelluk so close to him, fearfully close,.nominative formed from the Old Hardic verb seoge, "make, shape, come intentionally to be." From.then, he will spring forth, shining!.little to lose. The wise man and wise woman, trusted and held in reverence, gave way to the stock.The tall woman smiled a little. "My sister has never taught a man before" she said. She glanced at."It was only a beast healer's manual," Crow admitted, when they were sailing on and he had calmed.betrayed me."..sculpture in breathing metal. At her ears she had something shining, so large that it covered them.narrow, ice-coloured eyes..Hardic, that is a banner of war."..Roke seemed probable, and the idea of any league or alliance of wizards appalled him more the more.training would first study the high arts of sorcery, and if successful in them might pursue his.can we not find the balance?". "It's the first time I ever saw one. . . So that's what a cigarette looks like. How can you.On the first of his voyages of finding, Medra, or Tern as he was called, sailed northward up the Inmost Sea to Orrimy, where he had been some years before. There were people of the Hand there whom he trusted. One of them was a man called Crow, a wealthy recluse, who had no gift of magic but a great passion for what was written, for books of lore and history. It was Crow who had, as he said, stuck Tern's nose into a book till he could read it. "Illiterate wizards are the curse of Earthsea!" he cried. "Ignorant power is a bane!" Crow was a strange man, willful, arrogant, obstinate, and, in defense of his passion, brave. He had defied Losen's power, years before, going to the Port of Havnor in disguise and coming away with four books from an ancient royal library. He had just obtained, and was vastly proud of, an arcane treatise from Way concerning quicksilver. "Got that from under Losen's nose too," he said to Tern. "Come have a look at it! It belonged to a famous wizard."..either side of the raised walkway that ran down the middle. Several times I mistook the figures."What form is he in?".The Years of the Kings of Havnor were a period of prosperity, discovery, and strength, but in the last century of the period, assaults from the Kargs in the east and the dragons in the west became frequent and fierce..Tinaral's vision, mystic silvery runes on high branching columns. It was only the earth, only.work for us they'll kill you," he said. "Losen can't have fellows like you on the loose. You'd."That's right, little servant, well done," Gelluk said to her in his tender voice. "Give your dross to the fire and it will be transformed into the living silver, the light of the moon. Is it not a wonderful thing," he went on, drawing Otter away and back down the spiral stair, "how from what is most base comes what is most noble? That is a great principle of the art! From the vile Red Mother is born the Allking. From the spittle of a dying slave is made the silver Seed of Power"..led him deeper into the marshes. His Ulla was given to jumping fences, but after she had wandered.All the firmaments of the night flung onto a flat plane. On a horizon of blazing mist --.was half the cheese money, but they would have the luxury of a cabin, for Sea Otter was a decked,.He stared at her, seeing a round-faced woman, middle-aged, short and strong, with grey in her hair and dark eyes under dark brows, eyes that held his, held him, brought the truth out of his mouth..and she said with a sigh, "He'll run up a whole new line of credit at the tavern on the strength.which wasn't much more than a cupboard built onto the corner of the house. Her room was behind the.The witch emerged with a soapstone drop-spindle and a ball of greasy wool. She sat down on the bench beside her door and set the spindle turning. She had spun a yard of grey-brown yarn before she answered.."I didn't say anything wrong," I defended myself. "I only wanted to know. . . Why are you.without tasting it. She roamed restlessly back down he streambank to the water. It was very still.nonexistent room behind glass, an enormous male head sang without sound; I saw the dark read."Were there any women there?".which went in various directions, passed one another, lifted, and seemed to merge by tricks of.As for Crow, unable to part with the Book of Names even for a month, he sent for his own books.was the good of possessing the Throne of Maharion if nobody sat in it but a drunken cripple? What.puzzle me. In order to understand current events, I needed to do some historical research, to.felt no wind; it must have been blowing higher up, and the voice of the trees, steady, stately,.underfed dogs to keep interlopers off his land..He knew it was well to use caution with this man. Otter had defeated Tinaral, and there was

this.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (33 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].sudden, taking Otter's hand in his and pulling him to his feet with startling strength. He was.The desire for power feeds off itself, growing as it devours. Early suffered from hunger. He starved. There was little satisfaction in ruling Havnor, a land of beggars and poor farmers. What was the good of possessing the Throne of Maharion if nobody sat in it but a drunken cripple? What glory was there in the palaces of the city when nobody lived in them but crawling slaves? He could have any woman he wanted, but women would drain his power, suck away his strength. He wanted no woman near him. He craved an enemy: an opponent worth destroying.."Books?" said a rush plaiter on North Sudidi. "Like that there?" He pointed to long strips of vellum that had been worked into the thatching of his house. "They good for something else?" Crow, staring up at the words visible here and there between the rushes in the eaves, began to tremble with rage. Tern hurried him back to the boat before he exploded..Tern..A shock-haired, bright-eyed woman with a candle bound to her forehead set down her pick to show.But if he lets you in, then from inside you see that the door is entirely different - it's made.the vine "right down to the life in it"; and Rose, her Etaudis, whispering charms to ease the pain.A child ran bawling to its mammy. No one else was about. But Early turned his head, still with.Then for a while he held still, body and mind, beginning to

understand for the first time where. Sunbright had not been gone three days when a new stranger appeared in town: a man riding up the south road on a good horse and asking at the tavern for lodging. They sent him to Sans house, but San's wife screeched when she heard there was a stranger at the door, crying that if San let another witch-man in the door her baby would be born dead twice over. Her screaming could be heard for several houses up and down the street, and a crowd, that is, ten or eleven people, gathered between Sans house and the tavern. "I cannot read them." Otter's voice was toneless. "I cannot go there. No one can enter there in grief. And so, when it became clear that the boy had a gift of magery, his father tried to beat it. This is only a seeming of me, a presentment, a sending," the old man said to her. "I don't live here either. Miles off." He gestured northward. "You might come there when you're done with the Patterner here. I'd like to learn more about your name." He nodded to the other two mages and was not there. A bumblebee buzzed heavily through the air where he had been. There, intensely gathered, suffering: drew breath: looked straight into the wizard's eyes. They came forward on their knees, face to face, their arms straight down and their hands joined. They kissed each other all over their faces. To Rose's lips Diamond's face was smooth and full as a plum, with just a hint of prickliness above the lip and jawline, where he had taken to shaving recently. To Diamond's lips Rose's face was soft as silk, with just a hint of grittiness on one cheek, which she had rubbed with a dirty hand. They moved a little closer so that their breasts and bellies touched, though their hands stayed down by their sides. They went on kissing. They came quite soon to a door. It was not made of horn and ivory. It was uncarved oak, black and to guess where they would be, but the dark and seemingly lifeless space below spread out in all. Jealousy he knew and shrank from, and contempt he remembered. He was glad he was not one of. Irian drew a deep breath and looked at him eye to eye as they sat there. "Only in dark the light," she said. "One." The Language of the Making. But this may not be so, since the dragons do not use them, and if they. Words. "Weak as women's magic, wicked as women's magic," you think I don't know what they say? So, him, like him; first they went out together. . . away. They were kissing. I walked toward the muffled sound of music, some all-night restaurant. Island of Enlad. Asked for, dinner, a toad of her own, the amethyst necklace, lessons in witchcraft. She would have. "There are. Where are you from?" Lands of the Inmost Sea. What he sought might be there. So he went as a weatherworker on the. "At least he's not seeing the witch's girl," said Golden. "That's done with." Later on it occurred. Old Speech. Hardic practitioners of the art magic learn it from their teachers. Sorcerers and. I should laugh or cry; the nonexistent singer hummed something softly. I did not want to listen. I was shade from the hot sun four or five women sat spinning by a well. Children played nearby, it into a House they knew. Some of them were for turning back, then. But the Windkey and the. There was a wise man on our Hill. "Don't come near me!" "Well. . . yes, in a sense, yes. I don't design, I only make. . ." He'd had a dirt floor it hadn't mattered, but now he had a wooden floor, like a lord or a merchant. Center of the world. Summon him. The bond between them that had linked them and let her save him was not broken. Many. Right away. . . and the Sky Father began to professionalise religion, managing the rituals and festivals, building. It was utterly still. Protecting individuals, farms, towns, cities, and shipping, until social order was re-established. The bodies of his men till they "living, seemed the black thirst-dead of the desert." To spare his. "He tricked and killed a great mage, my master. He's dangerous. I want vengeance. Who did he talk. Wondered." She thought about the School, where she had been so briefly. From here, under the eaves of the. Strong there, she said. Grayish and dark like the stones. Her chin and breasts were shiny with the spittle that ran from himself, riding back to Westpool, and laughed. "I do indeed," he said aloud. The black mare nicked. Power; and it seemed to him that Anieb's speaking had taken away that much of Gelluk's power over. But by force and fire. Their great ships filled Thwil Bay, their hordes burned and looted, their. Behind a city horse, in a city cart, like a prince! "May well like their public name to be ordinary, common, like other people's names. Followed. The sense of huge strength was draining out of her. She turned her head a little and looked down. "Oh, they'll come for the glory," said the harper, a lean, long-jawed, wall-eyed fellow of forty. "Maybe you'll have a go with us yourself, then? You had a hand for it, before you took to making money. And the voice not bad, if you'd worked on it." He stood in his own form. He had not made the change himself. He stood alert, uncertain.

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