

UNDER A MATING MOON

He had been through a long hard trial and had taken a great chance against a great power. His bodily strength came back soon, for he was young, but his mind was slow to find itself. He had lost something, lost it forever, lost it as he found it. He tried to remember how to make light. Anieb said to him, plaintively, "Can't you make the could see the silver drops pooling on his tongue before he swallowed." "I told him," Golden said, "that I had seen you, with a turn of your hand and a single word. He knew now, from Elehal and others on Roke, what that wall was. It lay between the living and the dead. And in that vision, Anieb had walked on this side of it, not on the side that went down into the dark." "My Lord Patterner, will you defy our Rule and our community, that has been one so long, upholding order against the forces of ruin? Will it be you, of all men, who breaks the pattern?" He had been through a long hard trial and had taken a great chance against a great power. His. After Golden had gone out, she found her son in the counting-room going through ledgers. She looked at the pages. Long, long lists of names and numbers, debts and credits, profits and losses. As if to illustrate what he was saying, he had picked up a bit of brick from the broken pavement, threateners. Heru, the Queen Mother, gave the emissary the arm ring Morred gave Elfarran; her consort Aimal had given it to her when they married. It had come down through the generations of the descendants of Serriadh, and was their most precious possession. On it was carved a figure written nowhere else, the Bond Rune or Rune of Peace, believed to be a guarantee of peaceful and righteous rule. "Let the Kargish king wear Morred's ring," the Queen Mother said. So, bringing it as the most generous of gifts and in pledge of peaceful intent, Erreth-Akbe went alone to the City of the Kings on Karego-At. "But you'll fly again?" A good sign, thunder, Dulse thought. It would stop raining soon. He pulled up his hood and went. Roke, itself the center of the Old Powers in all Earthsea, the profoundest manifestations of those. and met the witch's hand. They put their arms round each other in a fierce, long embrace. Then. To Otter this conversation was, again, like walking forward in a vast darkness with a small lamp. Anieb's understanding was that lamp. Each step revealed the next step he must take, but he could never see the place where he was. He did not know what was coming next, and did not understand what he saw. But he saw it, and went forward, word by word. of the Great House. And that's where the Archmage would be, if he was there...". lifted at his side. There was a long pause. In the years since I began to write about Earthsea I've changed, of course, and so have the people. "Why do we quarrel?" he said rather despondently. everybody wanted him at once, and sent a sending to the Dark Pond in Semere's cow pasture up on. one against the other in duels and combats of sorcery, careless of the evils they did, or worse. "It's up to me too if he stays or goes, and he goes. You haven't got all the sayso. All the people say he ought to go. He's not canny." "Acknowledged." throat and choked him, bound his hands, pressed on his lungs. He crouched, gasping. He could not. little valley called Trimmer's Dell, the true name of which in the language of the Making was. confused. Hemlock dismissed that with a flick of his hand. "I am talking of the True Art," he said. "Now I. the room; her lips moved, she was speaking, and gems as big as shields covered her ears, glittered. Archmage. He had been the Master Patterner and the kindest of all Dulse's teachers at the School. a pen, a cage. How could any of them keep their balance in a place like that?. liquid -- not beer, with its virulent, greenish glint -- and young people, boys and girls, arms. island of Solea. Elfarran knew this, as she knew the moment of Morred's death. She bade her people. "Nothing. I returned." the greater spell of hopelessness. The existence of magic as a recognized, effective power wielded by certain individuals, but not by all, shapes and influences all the institutions of the Hardic peoples, so that, much as ordinary life in the Archipelago seems to resemble that of nonindustrial peoples elsewhere, there are almost immeasurable differences. One of these differences may be, or may be indicated by, the lack of any kind of institutionalised religion. Superstition is as common as it is anywhere, but there are no gods, no cults, no formal worship of any kind. Ritual occurs only in traditional offerings at the sites of the Old Powers, in the great, universally celebrated annual festivals such as Sunreturn and the Long Dance, in the speaking and singing of the traditional songs and epics at these festivals, and, perhaps, in the performance of spells of magic.. important, I already know something; I spent four days at Adapt, on Luna. But that was a drop in. heart beating long after they are dead. Though it seemed terrible to bury a breathing body, yet he. "I swear that. . ." and he ceased to think of anything at all. They dumped him into a mule-cart like a sack of oats. fairy tale. It had been a kind of profanation. I walked, and her voice pursued me. I made a turn, www.harcourt.com "Darkrose and Diamond" first appeared in The Magazine of Fantasy and Science. shape-changer, so fearless that he would take even dragon form. There Medra walked with Elehal, on the white pavement, before there were any walls built round it. Requests for permission to make copies of any part of the work should be mailed to the following. DRAGONS. "If I went away -" She saw him shake his head. "I could go to the Namer -". file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (45 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. sailed out of the east to lay the land waste and spit innocent babes on their lances, and the. "Best come away," said the Master Windkey, his face set and sombre, his keen eyes troubled. He set off back to the School, and they straggled after him, arguing and debating in frustration and anger. are expert mathematicians, using base twelve; but only since the Godkings came to power have they. After a while, deliberately, he re-entered the trap of spell-bonds, went back to his old place. If written down, spells are written in the True Runes, sometimes with some admixture of the Hardic runes. To write in the True Runes, as to speak the Old Speech, is to guarantee the truth of what one says-if one is human. Human beings cannot lie in that language. Dragons can; or so the dragons say; and if they are lying, does that not prove that what they say is true?. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...20%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (8 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. the bent grass to straighten it. He got to his feet at last, went for a drink of the clear brown. "What, to send them back into death?" the Namer

said, and the Patterner, "Who is to say what is the law?" Rose watched her. She knew she did not know who Man was or what she might be. A big, strong, awkward, ignorant, innocent, angry woman, yes. But ever since she was a child Rose had seen something more in her, something beyond what she was. And when Irian looked away from the world like that, she seemed to enter that place or time or being beyond herself, utterly beyond Rose's knowledge. Then Rose feared her, and feared for her..tale, the mounted figures that walked through bright mist across the vague dun of the winter.never seen wild swine in the wood, she saw their tracks here. For a moment she caught the scent of.brave. Or brave, they said around the tavern table, in the wrong way, or the wrong place, d'you. ever more names, but using their knowledge for nothing. Others hide their ambition under the grey.to the right of the hearth, and took up her mending. "Get warm through, and then I'll show you.The Herbal, and I too, judged the Summoner dead. We thought the breath he breathed was left from.warmth and weight of her touch that he had wasted so much time wanting..where was old Early and had the fleet been to Roke and come back and all. Early, they said, nobody.The tall woman smiled a little. "My sister has never taught a man before" she said. She glanced at him, and gazed away, over the summery fields. "She's never looked at a man before," she said..again. A great, desolate anger swelled up in him. There was no good, no good in anything..different colors; above them, faces, illuminated from below, therefore somewhat eerie, full of.she could not answer him..In these four great islands to the northeast of the main Archipelago, the predominant skin color.you vowed to keep. She has no place here nor ever will. She can bring only confusion, dissension,.personally, was not one she could keep in mind. She tried to be respectful, but it was impossible..And the boy must have a staff. Why had Nemmerle let him leave Roke without one, empty-handed as a prentice or a witch? Power like that shouldn't go wandering about unchannelled and unsignalled.. "You'd understand if I told you. Betritization, you see, isn't done by brit. With the brit, it's." "Didn't know you were after him. I've been after him a long time. He fooled me." Hound spoke without rancor..wizard Gelluk and a young finder-both disappeared without a trace, they said, as if the earth had.from varying widely or from being lost altogether; but the songs and histories that are part of.Diamond sat upright and still. He had been getting some of his father's height and girth lately, and looked very much a man, though a very young one..power if I cannot use it? So he began to call the living to him, those at Roke whom he feared..Golden stared, then filled his plate and sat down. "Left," he said..Ember and to whom the memory was much clearer, told it to him fully. Ember sat with them.. "What is it - what is it like - on Roke?" .should come, he could not land on Roke," .the door wide open behind him. She could see bookshelves and books, a table piled with more books.They walked a half-mile or so. The Knoll rose up full in the western sun on their right. Behind.steady magewind that bore them straight for Roke. Sometimes Early in his white silk robe, holding.Through love, respect, and trust, Dragonfly would never disregard a warning from Rose; but she was." "Go to Roke," the wizard said. The boy wore shoes and a good leather vest. He could afford or earn.study with him in South Port for a year, or perhaps longer." .He had forced them to boil any water they used. Now he said, "If you eat that meat, in a year you'll begin to get dizzy. You'll end with the blind staggers and die as they do." .From Sesesry on the east coast of Ark where he left his passengers, having danced the Long Dance there, he sailed up the Ebavnor Straits, intending to head west along the south shores of Omer. He kept the illusion spell about his boat. In the brilliant clarity of midsummer, with a north wind blowing, he saw, high and far above the blue strait and the vaguer blue-brown of the land, the long ridges and the weightless dome of Mount Onn..always with him. "Real power goes to waste. Every wizard uses his arts against the others, serving." "I know where it is," Anieb said..the men of greed. What good can any art be used that way? It's wasted. It goes wrong, or it's.to the fire," and had him sit down in Bren's settle close to the hearth. "Stir the fire up a bit," . "You might have a bit of linen, though, mistress? woven, or thread? Linen of Pody is the best-so.rock hovered in the air, and when he flipped his fingers downward it fell to earth..The Changer stared openly at her. He was not as tall as she was. He stared at the Doorkeeper, and.the plain, the rivers serving as fences..Tenar of the Ring is there," said Azver..father's carters, along with Master Hemlock. As a rule, people do what wizards advise them to do..squeeze their way. In places the ceilings had collapsed. Ladders were shaky. The mine was a." "You could have taught me! You never would!" .am. . . I was a pilot. The last time I was here. . . don't be frightened!" .of magery. When he was a little boy, Golden himself had been able to make his own shadow shine and." "No need," he said in that distant way, as if he hardly knew what she was talking about; but then he said, "You work very hard." .He nodded. "Left myself halfway," he said. He looked up; the Patterner was coming towards them, wide awake now..likely to be sung again. There old men at the tavern talk of Morred as if they had known him when.I will unmake the islands, the white waves will whelm all.. "If you ask me to, I'll talk," the young man said, so earnest, so willing to deny his whole nature at Dulse's request that the wizard had to laugh..mended their nets. There was a hearth there, and they would light the fire. People came even from.Golden did not praise the boy, not wanting to making him self-conscious or vain about what might be a passing, childish gift, like his sweet treble voice. There was too much fuss already made over that..She blushed a little..year to year and generation to generation as solid and steady as the oaks, the family that owned.we can tell it as a story? And for events in times or places outside our own experience, we have." "Oh, they'll come for the glory," said the harper, a lean, long-jawed, wall-eyed fellow of forty..Trusting the messenger, Morred entered the trap. He barely escaped with his life. The Enemy." "What will you have us call you?" .different poses. These were not exactly displays, for everything stood and lay in the street, on.Gelluk's white face had gone whiter; his jaw trembled a little. He stood up, suddenly, as he always did. "Take me there," he said, trying to control himself, but so violently compelling Otter to get up and walk that the young man lurched to his feet and stumbled several steps, almost falling. Then he walked forward, stiff and awkward, trying not to resist the coercive, passionate will that hurried his steps..teach me how to make stones into diamonds? Can you give me a sword that will kill a dragon? What's.He sat up, sat still..long ridges and the weightless dome of Mount Onn..It cost him a great effort to

speaking..shifting depths of the forest..came here first-I could not save the one who saved me."..and eyes, and a head of wild dusty hair. She was yelling, "Down! Back to the house, you carrion..and several have asked me or the Doorkeeper if they may go. And we'd let them go. But there's no

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