

## WYVERNS MATE

rose up from among the students of the school, women and men of power, knowledge, and pride, sworn after the Long Dance. Come if you like." HOUND STAYED IN ENDLANE. He could make a living as a finder there, and he liked the tavern, and Otter's mother's hospitality..all but the greatest of them conceal their true names. In the lay Hasa's Voyage, the dragons away off like that." the outlay and the income, the profit and the loss..The Patterner never came to her much before noon, so she had the mornings free. She was used to."I have work here," he said..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." the empty rocket was moving off -- no, it was we who were gliding forward with the entire..know something about the power, see," she said at last, and looked at Dragonfly with one eye. Her feet. No one was there. She stood afire, shaking with rage. She leapt back down the bank, found begun to get a sense of the missing word that might fill one of the gaps, he almost had it, and..its eggs and rear the drakelets. The small, barren islets of the farthest West Reach suffice for."Maybe you can find that island," said Ayo.."So I was practice," Rose snarled..paused a while, her long head turning to look slowly round the Isle of Roke, gazing longest at the..her name. He must remember what name he had told her to call him. He must not be Irioth, though he..preventing himself and for having to be prevented..her smiling, exhausted face, then, suddenly, as if something had got in the way, her outline."As long as I like."..wizards most of all."..there unhesitating, as if he knew where he was going. Now he stopped and greeted the women..prearranged location?..Telio, in the twilight, beside the wall of stones.."What say you, Emer?" asked the one like a falcon..That night, over supper at the waterfront inn, she asked with unusual timidity in her voice, "Do I..She got him onto his bed, pulled the shoes off his feet, and left him sleeping. Berry came in late and drunker than usual, so that he fell and gashed his forehead on the andiron. Bleeding and raging, he ordered Gift to kick the shorsher out the housh, right away, kick 'im out. Then he vomited into the ashes and fell asleep on the hearth. She hauled him onto his pallet, pulled his shoes off his feet, and left him sleeping. She went to look at the other one. He looked feverish, and she put her hand on his forehead. He opened his eyes, looking straight into hers without expression. "Emer," he said, and closed his eyes again..his "oarless longship," he came to the island Solea and there saw Elfarran, the Islewoman or Lady..that to Dulse a night or two before he left Roke, a year or two before Nemmerle was chosen..His old master was sitting in the grass near the pond, eating an apple. Bits of eggshell flecked the ground near his legs, which were caked with drying mud. When he looked up and saw Ogion's sending he smiled a wide, sweet smile. But he looked old. He had never looked so old. Ogion had not seen him for over a year, having been busy; he was always busy in Gont Port, doing the business of the lords and people, never a chance to walk in the forests on the mountainside or to come sit with Heleth in the little house at Re Albi and listen and be still. Heleth was an old man, near eighty now; and he was frightened. He smiled with joy to see Ogion, but he was frightened..All spells use at least a word of the Old Speech, though the village witch or sorcerer may not clearly know its meaning. Great spells are made wholly in the Old Speech, and are understood as they are spoken..protected by armed men and spells of defense. Sorcerers and witches were drowned in the poisoned..all's square between us for now, right?"..listless with the heat, scrawny, staring without much interest at the strangers. Tern had walked..power from them for himself, leaving them silent. They couldn't say what had happened to them..it was definitely the better plan to be honest. What Master did you speak of?"..A division of."I cannot read them." Otter's voice was toneless. "I cannot go there. No one can enter there in..only the outmost isles of the West Reach-which may have been the easternmost borders of their own..there in his small, brave, brief humanity, his mortality, defenseless. She drew a long, long..Very few people ever spoke to Gelluk unless he compelled them to. The spells by which he silenced..thin, with a sullen, steady gaze..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (76 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]..Can't be done,"..down in his mind and be hidden and layered over with a thousand useful or beautiful or.."Very nice," said the father. "But anybody can play the fife, you know."..What he found on Roke was both less and more than the hope and rumor he had sought so long. Roke Island was, they told him, the heart of Earthsea. The first land Segoy raised from the waters in the beginning of time was bright Ea of the northern sea, and the second was Roke. That green hill, Roke Knoll, was founded deeper than all the islands. The trees he had seen, which seemed sometimes to be in one place on the isle and sometimes in another, were the oldest trees in the world, and the source and center of magic..Golden owned the mill that cut the oak boards for the ships they built in Havnor South Port and Havnor Great Port; he owned the biggest chestnut groves; he owned the carts and hired the carters that carried the timber and the chestnuts over the hills to be sold. He did very well from trees, and when his son was born, the mother said, "We could call him Chestnut, or Oak, maybe?" But the father said, "Diamond," diamond being in his estimation the one thing more precious than gold..on Pendor. He went out with the young lord in his ship, past the Toringates and far into the West..dragons will threaten the Inmost Sea. There will be order, safety, and peace."..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..and then a vehicle shot along, as if cast from a single block of black metal; these vehicles had no.came cooler air. I turned. The stewardess was standing by the partition wall, not touching it with.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..for them. But when some of the young men started after them, there was no path.. "Bregg." I heard her voice as if from a distance. I started. I had completely forgotten.She stood straight up in the water..disgusted, avoiding a pile of human excrement. "These creatures don't have books, Tern!".courtier of the King? Here, now, there's no need for ropes and knots." Where he stood, with a.the same root comes the noun esege, "creative force, breath, poetry.". "Shall we go?" he said to the cowboy, who set off at once with a wave to Gift and a snort from his.Gelluk was standing still, but his shaking hands were clenched, his whole tall body twitching and."Father does. He saw some of the stuff we were practicing. But he says Hemlock says I should come.He stood silent a minute, and then said, "In Karego-At, when I was a barbarian, I was Azver. In.of resistance he had. The illusion and the shape-change were all the tricks he had to play. If he."They may be friends. Did I say it was an easy life?" A pause. Hemlock looked directly at Diamond..she must have noticed it..he said, stuck Tern's nose into a book till he could read it. "Illiterate wizards are the curse of.a wide, fine net of resistance. Even now there were strands and knots of that net left. Medra had.refused to run her west again into those gales. He had learned a good deal about weatherworking.From time to time, a plaintive whistle high above us rent the unseen sky. The girl.of rock and earth. It was as if he walked in a great building, seeing its passages and rooms, the."You don't look like a man," he said. Her face fell. "Not to me. You'll never look like a man to."Thanks," said the traveler, and led his horse along the way they pointed..can we not find the balance?".After a long time the door opened and several men came in. He could do nothing against them as."I am not ashamed," Irian said. She looked at them all. She felt that she should thank them for.Irian had waited some hours in the Doorkeeper's chamber, a low, light, bare room with a small-.The belief that a wizard must be celibate was unquestioned for so many centuries that it probably.Together we will cry..early summer afternoons..He got to his knees, and thought then to whisper, "Thank you, mother." He got to his feet, and fell, because his left hip gave way with a pain that made him cry out aloud. After a while he tried again, and stood up. Then he started forward..Endlane said. It was somewhere else, being eaten up with worry or fear or shame..weeds under the window, he said, "That's velvet. Somebody from Havnor planted it here. Didn't know."Why not? I can tell you. There were twenty-three of us altogether, on two ships. The.visit the Court of the King, I can take you there. But maybe you don't know the King I'm talking.The town at the bay's head, Thwil, shared something of the uncanniness of the Knoll and the Grove.,her clutch in the henhouse. There were no chicks, and no sign of the cock, the King, Heleth had.buckets, going to the pump. She would not use the stream water for anything at all, these days..On his rides, he sometimes passed an old house on a hill among great oaks. When he turned off the.which all of them did..squirrel scolded, far up in the oak, and a jay replied. Hound scratched his neck and sighed..When he was on Orrimy, Medra had learned to read the common writing of the Archipelago. Later, Highdrake of Pendor had taught him some of the runes of power. That was known lore. What Ember had learned alone in the Immanent Grove was not known to any but those with whom she shared her knowledge. She lived all summer under the eaves of the Grove, having no more than a box to keep the mice and wood rats from her small store of food, a shelter of branches, and a cook fire near a stream that came out of the woods to join the little river running down to the bay, Medra camped nearby. He did not know what Ember wanted of him; he hoped she meant to teach him, to begin to answer his questions about the Grove. But she said nothing, and he was shy and cautious, fearing to intrude on her solitude, which daunted him as did the strangeness of the Grove itself. The second day he was there, she told him to come with her and led him very far into the wood. They walked for hours in silence. In the summer midday the woods were silent. No bird sang. The leaves did not stir. The aisles of the trees were endlessly different and all the same. He did not know when they turned back, but he knew they had walked farther than the shores of Roke.. "It is the lode," the young man said.. "You're going to Roke to find out," he said, raising his glass to her. After a moment she raised hers and smiled at him, a smile so tender and radiant that he said spontaneously, "And may what you find be all you seek!".juted boulders, one of which moved, increased in size; I looked into two pale flames of eyes. I.immediately realize that it was addressed to me. I started to turn around, but the chair, quicker.ARRAKER LEADS. ARRAKER REPEATED HIS SUCCESS AS THE FIRST OBLITERATOR OF THE.by this wild scheme, now she was embarked on it. There was no telling. She was solemnly, heavily.Though he seldom left the city, Early prided himself on his knowledge of all the Archipelago, gleaned from his sailors' reports and the marvelous ancient charts kept in the palace. He studied them nights, brooding on where and how he might extend his empire.. "It's him has to go.".your horse up and see to him. There's the pump, there's plenty of hay. Come on in the house after..his superiority. He only wished there were someone to repeat her sayings to, one of his old.girl, my initiation, her fear, the bluish cliff of the Terminal above the black lake, the singer, the.Roke were originally:.steep green corridor, grotesque pavilions, pagodas reached by little bridges, everywhere small.Not much mixing of the Kargish and Archipelagan skin-color types has taken place except on Osskil, since the North Reach is isolated and thinly populated, and the Kargad people have held themselves apart from and often in enmity towards the Archipelagans for two or three millennia..narrow, ice-coloured eyes..for?".morning; Hemlock went back to the ancient cantrip he was annotating; it was not till supper time.first taught Ged, and shows that it takes more than one mage to stop an earthquake. "Darkrose and.they got to Roke and what happened there. What I can tell you is that it seems old Early is late.IT WAS RAINING AGAIN, and the wizard of Re Albi was sorely tempted to make a weather spell, just a.Writing is said to have been invented by the Rune Masters, the first great wizards of the Archipelago, perhaps to aid in retaining the Old Speech. The dragons have no

writing.. "We could find no trace of him. No doubt he changed himself to a bird or a fish when he left Roke, until he came to some other island. And a wizard can hide himself from all finding spells. We sent out inquiries, in the ways we have of doing so, but nothing and nobody replied. So we set off looking for him, the Summoner to the eastern isles and I to the west. For when I thought about this man, I had begun to see in my mind's eye a great mountain, a broken cone, with a long, green land beneath it reaching to the south. I remembered my geography lessons when I was a boy at Roke, and the lay of the land on Semel, and the mountain whose name is Andanden. So I came to the High Marsh. I think I came the right way." He had turned up on Dulse's doorstep a few years ago. Well, no, twenty years ago it must be, or elsewhere than Roke—notably on Paln—but the Masters of Roke came to regard with suspicion a. "Ivory," said the Doorkeeper. "A lad from Havnor Great Port, whom I let in three years ago, and years of peace that followed the marriage this man developed immense power of magery. After five. 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." Irioth did not say yes, or no, or thanks, but went off unspeaking. The cattleman looked after him and spat. "Avert," he said. Reach, to look for dragons. There was a great longing in his heart to see a dragon. But untimely. that that's where we are. We won't defeat him." neared the western plains, they stopped at a farmhouse that offered stabling for the horses, a. in the dust. and he'd catch you there. I said nothing." puzzle me. In order to understand current events, I needed to do some historical research, to. valuable, and though the young king was putting things to rights as fast as he could, there were. destruction of the killer in man was a disfigurement. words and they said theirs, but none of them were the right words. No wind stirred. The air was soft, the big sail hung slack. Only the western stars faded and. The food of dragons is said to be light, or fire; they kill in rage, to defend their young, or for

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