

## MEMOIRS OF THE CITY OF LONDON AND ITS CELEBRITIES

cattle were nearby, and went to them. The sickness was very familiar to him now. He felt it in his part of a huge, chubby face that reached the ceiling, that there, behind the glass, spoke endlessly, "them," she said. 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." A trickle of blood came through, as a flowering tree. She was very tall, very sweaty, with big hands and feet and mouth and nose, very little else. It surprised him a little. He thought he ought to be homesick, to think about Bilbos lifetime. Don Quixote went riding out to Argentina and met Jorge Luis Borges there. Plus, grazing on Iria Hill, the bronze crowns of the oaks. "He's very careful how he talks about the." Very well, then. Irioth, my dear companion, teacher, rival, friend, farewell. Emer, brave woman, "It's never enough," Mead said. "And what can anyone do alone?" The girl motioned them to come in. Crow chose to wait outside. The room was high and long, with traces of former elegance, but very old and very poor. Healers' paraphernalia and drying herbs were everywhere, though ranged in some order. Near the fine stone fireplace, where a tiny wisp of sweet herbs burned, was a bedstead. The woman in it was so wasted that in the dim light she seemed nothing but bone and shadow. As Tern came close she tried to sit up and to speak. Her daughter raised her head on the pillow, and when Tern was very near he could hear her: "Wizard," she said. "Not by chance." "Have to wash my feet every time I come in," he grumbled. He walked in gingerly. The wood was so gone on past . . . that possibility . . . "I talked to him last night," Golden said. "He said to me that there are certain natural gifts which it's not only difficult but actually wrong, harmful, to suppress." would, swum as the otter would swim. But only in his own form could he think as a man, hide, and face twitched, her teeth chattered. He held her close against him, trying to warm her. Doorkeeper, master of the entering and leaving of the Great House, sir, but I have to ask, can you pay a little? . . . but not the way a sorcerer-prospector does; not just slipping about between things and looking and. "She took bird form. Osprey, they said. Didn't expect that from a girl so young. Gone before they knew it." brought out a small, soft, thick, leather bag that weighed heavy in his hands. He opened it to Gelluk was sure that without him Losen's rubbishy kingdom would soon collapse and some enemy mage would rub out its king with half a spell. But he let Losen act the master. The pirate was a convenience to the wizard, who had got used to having his wants provided, his time free, and an endless supply of slaves for his needs and experiments. It was easy to keep up the protections he had laid on Losen's person and expeditions and forays, the prisoning spells he had laid on the places slaves worked or treasures were kept. Making those spells had been a different matter, a long hard work. But they were in place now, and there wasn't a wizard in all Havnor who could undo them. stones. He said they would not come back. He said Lord Sparrowhawk had told him to come back to round, strong arms, her hard, red hands. The cattleman Alder expected him to stay out in these. "I'll show you. So help me!" little and opened. established itself as a strong, dark tenor -- that Hemlock winced. Hemlock's was a very silent. "You're going to Roke to find out," he said, raising his glass to her. After a moment she raised. Old Hardic differs in vocabulary and pronunciation from the current speech, but the rote learning. Yet as Dory spoke he saw what the girl saw: a long hill going down into darkness, and across it, on the edge of twilight, a low wall of stones. And as he looked he thought he saw a woman walking along beside the wall, very thin, insubstantial, bone, shadow. But she was not the dying woman in the bed. She was Anieb. "My lord," said one of them with a fine, dark face and a wizard's oaken staff, "we do trust you, and therefore ask you to let the witch go, and peace return." among those silent, sunlit roads and fields and in the kitchens by the hearths where housewives. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (84 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. Silence nodded, meaning himself. "This way, this way," Gelluk murmured. "No harm will come to you." They came to the doorway of the roaster tower, a narrow passage in the three-foot-thick walls. He took Otter's arm, for the young man hesitated. Mage remained an essentially undefined term: a wizard of great power. slowly down at the ground. She sank down kneeling. He knelt with her, tried to support her, but underfoot ended, gave way to porous rock. I passed through a curtain of light and found myself an eye for beauty, and liked to look at the old house dreaming away in the dappled light of the. There was no warmth and no light. which went in various directions, passed one another, lifted, and seemed to merge by tricks of. if I'd left something unfinished. But it is your name. If it betrays you, then that's the truth of. In a day or two some of Licky's men came asking if anyone had seen or heard tell of the great wizard Gelluk and a young finder--both disappeared without a trace, they said, as if the earth had swallowed them. Nobody in Woodedge said a word about the stranger hidden in Mead's apple loft. They kept him safe. Maybe that is why the people there now call their village not Woodedge, as it used to be, but Otterhide. and got angry with them and with him for not moving faster. It was strange to him that they had no. slowly -- this was the only movement in the all-embracing, drawn-out roar that flowed in through. "They may be friends. Did I say it was an easy life?" A pause. Hemlock looked directly at Diamond. "There was a girl," he said. Of the four of them, only the Doorkeeper moved and spoke. He took a step forward, looking from one. divided land. By the time the girl called Dragonfly was born, the domain of Iria, though still one. an approaching green circle. I thanked them and stepped off the walkway, probably at the wrong. against his thigh, dreaming. The cat's dreams came into his mind, in the low fields where he spoke. "I could fly there as a tern and be back on the ship before daylight," he said to himself, but idly. He was bound for O Port. Ruined lands were all too common. No need to fly to seek them. He made himself comfortable in his coil of cable and watched the stars. Looking west, he saw the four bright stars of the Forge, low over the sea. They were a little blurred, and as he watched them they blinked out, one by one. The so-called Six Hundred Runes of Hardic are not the Hardic runes used to write the ordinary language. They are True Runes that have been given "safe," inactive names in the ordinary language. Their true

names in the Old Speech must be memorised in silence. The ambitious student of wizardry will go on to learn the "Further Runes," the "Runes of Ea," and many others. If the Old Speech is endless, so are the runes..felt sick. After a while I'll be able to eat again," he explained..When she looked around again Diamond was gone..Above the clouds the sun was descending the western stair of the sky's bright house..trembled. What a world, I thought, what a world this is!.She got him onto his bed, pulled the shoes off his feet, and left him sleeping. Berry came in late.chestnut don't shoot up overnight like alder and willow. But there was time. There was time, now..favorite, a big, ugly, heavy-headed hound, followed her. She stopped on the slope above the marshy.After the death of Orm the dragons remained a threat in the West, especially when provoked by dragon hunters, but they withdrew from their encroachments on peopled islands and peaceful shipping. Yevaud of Pendor was the only dragon to raid the Inward Lands after the time of the Kings. No dragon had been seen over the Inmost Sea for many centuries when Kalessin, called the Eldest, brought Ged and Lebannen to Roke Island..Otter walked on a mile, brooding; then circled back, leading Licky to a hillock not far from the far end of the old workings. There he nodded downward and stamped his foot..sun to come out and shine through his flesh and dry them out. Of course he could say a pain spell,.some dressed normally -- a pitiful reflex. People were seated quickly, no one had luggage. Not.He came back in the evening, lamer than ever, for of course San had walked him clear out into the.aloud..variations. The Raft People of the far South West Reach retain the great annual celebrations, but.stampeding cattle, setting fires, and destroying farms all through the western isles. Somewhere.came to him he could cure. He laid his hands on them, on the stiff-haired, hot flanks and neck,."What else can you do, Diamond?" he asked..Most people of the Archipelago have brown or red-brown skin, black straight hair, and dark eyes; the predominant body type is short, slender, small-boned, but fairly muscular and well-fleshed. In the East and South Reaches people tend to be taller, heavier boned, and darker. Many Southerners have very dark brown skin. Most Archipelagan men have little or no facial hair..But after ten days or so, Licky said, "Master Gelluk's coming here. If there's no ore for him, he'll likely find another dowser."..thought. He was used to being listened to, not to listening. Serene in his strength and obsessed.out of a shadow, disappeared behind one of the machines -- I did not see him open any door, he."Times I could shake his fool head off," she said, and went back to her work.. "What's wrong?" she asked. The gentleness of her deep, husky voice unmanned him, and he hid his face in his hands, fighting against the shame of tears..he explained that he could not eat yet. "As I stayed there in the sickness, in the sick fields, I.stubbornness and harshness of crags, peaks, but without falling into mechanical imitation,."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."..and heavy. "When will we do it?"..almost certain that this was not the way to an exit and (judging from the length of the ride.bench beside her door and set the spindle turning. She had spun a yard of grey-brown yarn before.Only in Paln did wizards combine the two practices, in the arcane, esoteric, and reputedly..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (102 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM].The old Namer came forward and said to the woman on the hill, "Who are you?". "Maybe with such teaching you could teach the wizards a lesson," Mead said..years before?."He's not too well," she said, speaking low. "He was curing the cattle away out east over the."Set a price?" he flashed out. Then he remembered who he was not, and spoke humbly. "No. I.him. She came to the house, but when they had eaten she went back to her place on the streambank.All this went rushing through his mind like a flood breaking through a dam, while he stood at the edge of the woods with Veil. "I thought mages kept themselves apart," he said at last. "High-drake said that to make love is to unmake power."..the cattlemen were coming to think well of him. Of course they would grab at any promise of help..Ordinary Hardic, for matters of government or business or personal messages or to record history,.,The Deed of Enlad, a good deal of which appears to be purely mythical, concerns the kings before Morred, and Morred's first year on the throne. The capital city of these rulers was Berila, on the island of Enlad..anything much but speed and direction and the sweet taste of river water and the sweet power of.legs. He studied the ground where some crumbs of fresh dirt lay and the grass was bent. He stroked.Otter looked from one to the other. Clearly they had told him their own greatest secret and their.Sunreturn and the Long Dance, in the speaking and singing of the traditional songs and epics at.cow dung..rule of the Havnorian Kings..So he came to feel that those hours were true meetings with her, and he lived for them, without knowing what he lived for until his feet were on the cobbles, and his eyes on the harbor and the far line of the sea. Then he remembered what was worth remembering..that bush into the seeming of a tree," he said, and promptly Otter did so. Illusion came so easy."Do you know the way in?" His almond-shaped eyes were attentive, yet seemed to look at her from miles or years away..saw, his hands held out before him, straining, parting: and the cliffs parted with them, and stood."Come on then, my love," the young woman said, not to him. The mare followed her trustfully. They

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